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Prof. Taylor has been a Professor of Plant Pathology with 26 years of research, teaching, and leadership experience in the Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Melbourne. Prior to joining the University, he was a Research officer with the Queensland sugar industry involved in Plant Pathology and Biotechnology research for sugarcane crop improvement. Prof Taylor played significant leadership in the Faculty and University in international collaboration and engagement, particularly for south-eastern countries when he served as Associate Dean International. In 2017 he was awarded a World Class Professor fellowship by the Indonesian government in recognition of his collaborations with Indonesian Universities.

Prof. Taylor's research has been in the areas of Plant Soil Health, Plant Biosecurity, Fungal Pathogen Genomics and Plant Biotechnology. He has successfully supervised to completion 12 Masters and 40 PhD students (27 PhD as Principal supervisor) as well co supervising postgraduate students in Thai and Malaysian Universities. Has active research collaborations with colleagues in the Westerdijk Fungal Biodiversity Centre - an Institute of the Royal Dutch Academy of Arts and Sciences, Netherlands; Hong Kong University; University of Philippines, Los Banos; Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia; and Chiang Mai University and Kasetsart University in Thailand. His research has produced 153 peer-reviewed journal papers and 21 book chapters and been cited over 5,600 times with an H-Index of 42 (Scopus).

Prof. Taylor is a member of the International Sub commission on *Colletotrichum* Taxonomy and has published many papers on taxonomy, biology and pathogenicity of *Colletotrichum* species, particularly in capsicum (chili) and citrus. Current research involves the impact of endemic *Colletotrichum* spp from native Australian plants on agricultural crops; and the incidence and severity of *Pythium* spp and *Fusarium oxysporum* on processing tomatoes and pyrethrum.