



Flour Millers' Council of Australia

GEOFF WISE MEMORIAL AWARD CITATION

Francis Frederick Adamson

Francis Frederick Adamson has an association with the Flour Milling Industry extending over 50 years. This commenced in 1953 when at the age of 15 he became an apprentice Flour Miller with Defiance Milling Company Pty Ltd now known as Allied Mills Pty Ltd.

Always on the look out for ways to improve, he undertook night classes to achieve matriculation and then successfully completed the City and Guilds Correspondence Course in Flour Milling Technology and Science achieving several distinctions and international recognition. In 1960, he was awarded a Full Technological Certificate.

Having responsibility for operating the company's plants, he embarked on a process of improving the production output and efficiency by applying what was then radical operational processes which involved the manufacture of some equipment himself. Frank was very involved in the early days of the "Chorleywood Bread Process" in Australia, via design of high speed mixers and the development of bread premixes.

In 1971 he was International Guest Speaker at the Association of Operative Millers Annual Convention in Buffalo, New York. Later he was encouraged to write a thesis on the "The Design and Operation of Short Surface Milling Units", for an Insignia Award given by the City and Guilds of London.

Frank defended this thesis in front of his peer group in London, and the Award was made in 1975, one of only two Australians to have received the award at that time.

This was subsequently re-evaluated as a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering (Flour Milling), and he was made a Member of the City and Guilds, M.C.G.I.

Frank is a Professional Member of the Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology. From 1981 until his retirement in 2001, Frank maintained an association with the Flour Milling Industry while conducting his own consultancy to the food industry.

Frank has contributed much to the industry and has shared his knowledge and expertise with both his peers and students. From time to time, he has been a part-time lecturer in cereals at what is now the Gatton Campus of the University of Queensland.

This Award is in recognition and appreciation of Frank's 30-year involvement with the education and training of Flour Mill Operatives, which began in 1972 when he joined the small group of tutors administering the Correspondence Course in Flour Milling Technology and Science, conducted by the Flour Millers Council of Australia in Association with the National Association of British and Irish Millers of London. Examinations were conducted by the City and Guilds of London. For a number of years Frank was an examiner for the New Zealand Mill Operatives.

Over the period, Frank advocated many changes to course content. The present modular system with its practical modules is an example of significant improvement over time.

For significant contribution to the education of Mill Operatives in Australia and New Zealand Frank Adamson is a worthy recipient of the Geoff Wise Memorial Award.

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