



Australian Technical
Millers Association

GEOFF WISE MEMORIAL AWARD CITATION

Graeme Arthur Lukey

Graeme Lukey joined the cereal processing industry in 1969 after graduating in Applied Chemistry. He joined the milling and feed laboratories of Robert Hutchinson Ltd as a chemist and in 1971 was promoted to the position of laboratory supervisor.

In 1973 he was appointed Assistant Chief Chemist at John Darling and Sons prior to being appointed Chief Chemist at Bunge Ballarat Mills in 1974. This began a long and successful career with Bunge which continued until 1998 when he established Graeme Lukey and Associates to consult to the food industry. In July 2002 Graeme was appointed to the position of Executive Director of the Flour Millers Council of Australia (FMCA), the peak national employer association for the Australian flour milling industry, a position he held until the closure of the Council in 2010.

At Bunge Australia Graeme held many senior positions in quality assurance, technical development, scientific and regulatory affairs and research and development and an involvement in flour milling and cereal chemistry extended into the starch & gluten, frozen pastry and bakery divisions of the company. During this time Graeme was the Bunge representative at Flour Millers Council of Victoria (FMCV) and various State Wheat committee meetings. This foreshadowed his taking a leadership role in the broader grains industry through representation on a comprehensive list of industry committees, serving as Chairman on a number of these.

Graeme's involvement developed to include national policy & strategic industry issues across the broader grains industry. As inaugural chairman of the FMCA Wheat Committee the millers developed an effective collaboration that enabled communication with the wheat breeders to influence quality and processing requirements to meet the domestic industry needs. Graeme has served on a number of national policy review committees commissioned by the Grains Research & Development Commission and has been a member of the Southern Panel of GRDC.

During the period he was Executive Director of FMCA Graeme was also Executive Officer of the Stock Feed Manufacturers Association of Victoria (SFMAV) in what was a period of growth in member companies and meeting attendance. An Australian Technical Millers Association member for 31 years, Graeme has also provided the Secretariat role for the Victorian Division from 2002, successfully transitioning the Association into a national body in 2010. Not even diagnosis of bone cancer in January 2011 would slow Graeme in a massive undertaking to build a brand new website as a resource for those engaged in the broader cereal processing industry. This strategic direction was taken with the aim of strengthening the Association for decades to come.

Event management has become a particular talent of Graeme's with his attention to detail evident to his staff and all who served on committees with him. Graeme provided the Secretariat and Management role of the biennial Australasian Milling Conference from 2004 to 2010 increasing the events popularity and success with each conference held. The conference is the major joint industry function for the Australian flour milling and stockfeed industries. Once again, along with each organizing committee, Graeme's tireless efforts were with the aim of educating and informing industry participants of the latest technology and information available for the betterment of industry.

Initially through FMCA and currently through the ATMA Graeme co-ordinates the nabim (previously City & Guilds) Flour Milling Correspondence Course to serve over 90 students each year in Australia, New Zealand & the Pacific Isles. In addition he has played an active role in industry initiatives to establish competency based milling modules as part of the Food Industry Training Package.

Graeme is a recipient of a Founders Award from the Royal Australian Chemical Institute Cereal Chemistry Division for his contribution to the Cereal industry. In 1991 he qualified for the Graduate Diploma in Business from Monash University.

Graeme's extensive wheat and milling industry experience has spanned across all aspects of the industry value chain from raw material to technical servicing of users of milled products. His achievements have been many and varied with identified strengths being an ability to build and lead teams, to integrate technical disciplines with management & marketing requirements and to work across functional boundaries to encourage best outcomes.

Working long hours is a way of life for Graeme and his dedication to this industry we share has been "*second to none*". With Graeme's retirement it is therefore timely that his life's work and his "tireless dedication" to the Australian flour milling industry be recognized by presentation of the Geoff Wise Memorial Award.

From all in the industry we thank and congratulate you.

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