



# ASSCT

Australian Society of Sugar Cane Technologists

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## Life Member

### Dr Bill McWHINNEY



Bill McWhinney joined Sugar Research Institute in 1965 as an applications engineer following seven years at the University of Queensland (UQ) where many visits to the Queensland sugar industry and working with colleagues on sugar projects at UQ seduced him into the sugar industry and he was invited to Mackay.

For almost 29 years, Bill's employment with the Sugar Research Institute (SRI) provided him with wide experience in R&D, consulting and many operational aspects of the Australian raw-sugar industry and several overseas cane-sugar industries. His activities included cane harvesting and transport, factory operations, process modelling, process control and industrial computer applications. Bill "retired" from SRI in 1992 and established a small specialised engineering consultancy in Mackay where he continues to advise domestic and overseas sugar mills.

Bill has been involved with QSSCT and ASSCT conferences since 1966 and became Honorary General Secretary for the Society in 2004. He served in that position for eight years until 2011. He continues to sustain his interest in aspects of sugar milling with interesting projects in cane transport and mechanical engineering.

An interest in coal mining equipment - particularly modelling mechanical items and estimating how those items managed to be spectacularly broken in service has now assumed an increasing proportion of his time. Miners are much rougher than sugar millers.