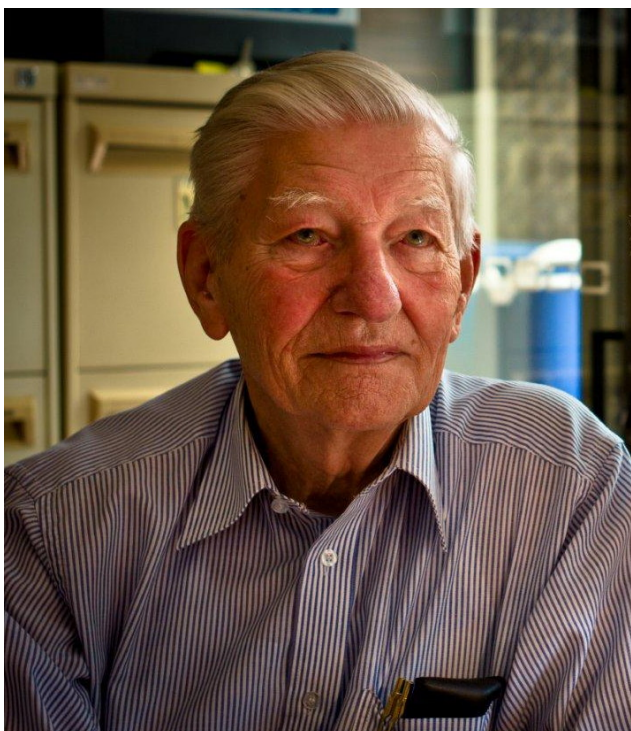


## Life Member

### Johannes Petrus KOMEN



Born: 1930 in Tasikmalaya, West Java, Indonesia. (then Dutch East Indies)  
Retired to New Farm, Brisbane in 2002.

Grew up on tea- and rubber plantations in Java, did primary education at home and subsequently also at school in Sukabumi, West Java. Was in Japanese concentration camps on Java for about 2 ½ years during World War II, mostly with my younger brother. As a result of continuing insecurity and lack of schooling in Indonesia repatriated to Holland in April 1946.

Completed Lyceum, Higher Technical School (Mechanical Engineering), Sugar College (Amsterdam).  
Married Johanna Maria Warmerdam in February 1955.

Sailed on the MV "Oranje" to Indonesia where we stayed for some time before flying to Brisbane via Sydney, arriving 24<sup>th</sup> April 1955.

On arrival I immediately consulted with Mr. Lloyd Woods, Secretary of the Australian Sugar Producers Association for work in the sugar industry. In the meantime I found employment as a draughtsman with Carrier Air-conditioning in Queen Street, Brisbane. A position of Shift Chemist was offered by Mossman Central Mill within 1 week and we travelled to Mossman by Sunlander and White Car Bus service.

We became Australian citizens at the earliest possible date in April 1960.

Attended my first QCCST Meeting in Bundaberg in 1956 (Chairman was Earl Duus) and attended very many conferences since that one.

The following is a summary of movements after arrival in Australia:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Position</b>
Mossman Central Mill Co. Ltd	1955	Shift Chemist
Mossman Central Mill Co. Ltd	1956 – 19 62	Technical Officer, Senior Technical Officer
Dorr-Oliver – Chemical Engineers, Sydney	1962 - 1968	Sales Engineer, later Manager Sugar Division Other industries covered included, fertilizer, sulphuric and phosphoric acid manufacture, water and waste treatment including sewage treatment Visited all sugar mills on a regular basis.
Hawaiian Agronomics Int'l, Honolulu, Hawaii	1968 – 1971	Seconded as Chief Chemist to the Amarah Cane Sugar Project, Iraq. Involved in construction phase and training of Iraqi engineers, chemists, sugar boilers and maintenance personnel, including 3 months as Manager of an Iraqi training mission to Egypt.
Bookers Agriculture International, London	1971 – 1974	Seconded as Factory Manager to Nigerian Sugar Co. Ltd., Bacita, Nigeria
Sugar Consultants Consortium, Sydney	1974 – 1975	Technical Manager for rehabilitation of 6 sugar mills in Indonesia, funded by IBRD
Hawaiian Agronomics Int'l, Honolulu	1975	Seconded to HCPC, Big Island, Hawaii as Factory Superintendent
Hawaiian Agronomics Int'l, Honolulu	1975 – 1979	Seconded as Factory Manager Advisor to Haft Tappeh Agro-Technical Project, Iran.
Bookers Agriculture International, London	1979 – 1982	Seconded as Factory Manager to Juba Cane Sugar Project, Somalia
Bookers Agriculture International, London	1982 – 1985	Seconded as General Manager of Chemelil Sugar Co. Ltd, Kenya
Bookers Agriculture International, London	1985 – 1986	Seconded as general Manager to South Nyanza Sugar Co. Ltd., Kenya
Caboolture, Queensland	1987	Consulting work, seconded to Pakistan for 3 months in 1987
Santika Pramesti, Jakarta, Indonesia	1987 – 1989	Factory Manager, establishment of a Sugar Refinery at Cilegon, Banten, Indonesia.
Booker-Tate Ltd (previously Bookers Agriculture International)	1990 – 1991	Seconded as Senior Company Representative and Chief Advising Engineer to Fiji Sugar Corporation Ltd. Fiji. Management Contract expired in 1991.
Fiji Sugar Corporation Ltd.	1991 – 2001	Chief Advising Engineer, Group General Manager Production, Croup General Manager Cogeneration.
Australian Business Volunteer (ABV, which is part of AUSAID)	2005, 2006, 2007	Assigned to a Sodium Silicate manufacturer in Indonesia for 3 months annually to assist in factory operations, energy conservation, planned maintenance procedures, boiler operations, etc. etc..

#### Past Directorships

Booker Agricultural International  
Kenya Sugar Manufacturers Association  
Rarawai Cogeneration Company Ltd.

Professional Memberships:

Life Member, ASSCT	
Fellow Institution of Engineers Australia	Current
Member American Institution of Chemical Engineers	Past
Member Institute of Company Directors	Past
Member Australian Cogeneration Society	Past

We have two daughters:

- Jeannette, a Sugar Technologist, married Bill Walker who is well known in the Queensland and NSW sugar industry. Bill retired in 2012 and Jeannette continues to work at Broadwater Mill.
- Irene, who resides in Sydney. (2012)

New Farm

1<sup>st</sup> October, 2012