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Australian Society of Sugar Cane Technologists

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## **Life Member**

### **Vincent Bernard EGLINGTON**

One of the sugar manufacturing industry's most experienced and respected sugar chemists, Vincent (Vince) Bernard Eglington, passed away on 27 May 2001 at age 81 in Nambour Hospital.

Mr Eglington worked for fifty-one years at the Moreton Central Sugar Mill in Nambour. He had continued the Eglington family involvement with the Moreton Mill, as his father, Thomas Richard (Tom) Eglington, was the Chief Cane Inspector at Moreton Mill for many years. Between 1937 and 1941 Vince obtained a Diploma in Sugar Technology by attending the Brisbane Central Technical College during the Mill's off-seasons. He was initially employed in 1934 as a laboratory assistant, before being appointed Chemist Overseer in 1939, Assistant Chemist in 1943, and Chief chemist in 1951. Mr Eglington was Chief Chemist for thirty-four years.

Mr Eglington was a foundation member of the southeast Queensland Institute of Sugar Chemists when it was formed in 1953, and he served as President in 1961, 1970 and 1978. In 1978 he was awarded life membership in recognition of his long association with the organization, his keen interest in his work, and the ready assistance he always gave to others in the industry. Until that time the Institute had reserved life membership for retired members, but Mr Eglington's record of service was considered deserving of recognition while he was still in service.

Mr Eglington was a student and associate of the Queensland and Australian Society of Sugar Cane Technologists since 1937, becoming a member in 1939 and a full member in 1951 as Chief Chemist. He attended every annual QSSCT/ASSCT conference except 1978 when he was travelling overseas. Following retirement in 1985, Mr Eglington continued his interest and involvement in the sugar industry, attending every annual ASSCT conference, including the May 2001 Conference in Mackay.

Mr Eglington was appointed President of the ASSCT in 1985, and then Senior Vice-President on the ASSCT executive in 1986. In that year he was a delegate at the International Society of Sugar Cane Technologists in Jakarta, Indonesia. Mr Eglington was made a Life Member in 2000 in recognition of his services to the sugar industry.

Mr Eglington was the designer of the ASSCT's logo, which was created and first used in about 1985. The logo is a stylised representation of a spoonful of sugar on a background of a map of Australia.

Mr Eglington is survived by his wife Margaret Isabel (Bonnie), their children Wendy, John, Wayne and Glenn, their families, including nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and his younger sister Norma Brett.

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