

Honorary Member

Gordon Purss



Gordon has been recognized because of his contributions to the Society in the areas below: -

- He is a Foundation Member of APPS and was President of our Society in the early 1970s.
- He also compiled an important historical account of the beginnings of our Society and its first Presidents.
- Gordon (now over 80) was very passionate about the discipline of plant pathology in his working career and the contribution it could make to humanity.
- He was a very effective researcher himself, making lasting contributions, particularly in Phytophthora-incited diseases of field crops and wheat crown rot.
- He mentored many plant pathologists including Ken Pegg, Joe Kochman and John Irwin - who are all Fellows of APPS.
- Gordon also contributed significantly to the agricultural industries of Queensland through the senior administrative roles he held in DPI over a 20 year period.