

## **APPS Honorary Member**

Dr Dorothy Shaw



Dr Dorothy Shaw, foundation and honorary member of the APPS, passed away on Monday 27 August 2007.

Dr Dorothy Shaw, former Government Plant Pathologist in Papua New Guinea 1953-1976, had been from 1976, until April 2007, visiting scientist at the Queensland Department of Primary Industries at Indooroopilly. In her time at Indooroopilly, Dorothy continued not only her interest in plant pathology, but also maintained an extensive correspondence with colleagues around the world. She also pursued interests in Aroids (flowering and pollination and Aroids on stamps), and the collection of fungal spores, particularly those of *Neurospora* spp, by bees, and her memories and stories of the people and places from her career were phenomenal. In her time at Indooroopilly, Dorothy was a familiar figure - arriving in her Volkswagen before 7.30 am and leaving by 3 - PNG hours - and being greeted by magpies, for whom she would bring food and cheerful greeting. Despite the encouragement of younger colleagues, Dorothy never changed over to computers or the internet. Her communication was almost always typewritten, sometimes with carefully applied white-out to correct mistakes, and invariably received within a few days of the previous letter, book loan or lunch-time discussion.

An inspiration to many, Dorothy will be sadly missed by her numerous colleagues and associates.

Dr Gretna Weste