

A life of service to genetic science

**CHARLES HOANI SCOTT
DOLLING, OAM**

Agricultural scientist

Born: Oct 11, 1925, Adelaide

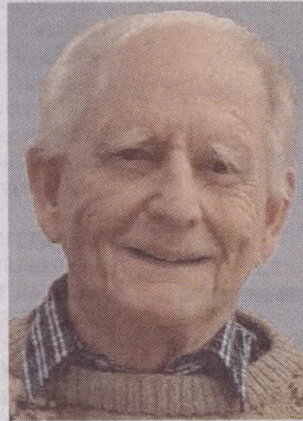
Died: Sept 27, 2018, Adelaide

SCOTT Dolling was a leading player in sheep genetics in Australia.

He was born to Charles and Dorothy (nee Clarke). Charles was a state cricketer but after graduating as a medico had less time to play.

He was later a Test selector and Scott spent some time with his father in the UK in 1934 when he was there as a selector while taking further medical studies.

After his father died of a



heart attack while performing surgery in 1936, the young Scott was raised by his mother.

He enlisted when he turned 18 and trained as an artillery

gunner before joining the 1st Australian Naval Bombardment Group and seeing action at Morotai.

He spent much of World War II on US Navy destroyers liaising on bombardment for Australian infantry landings.

At war's end he was on *HMAS Hobart*, possibly the youngest AIF member at the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay.

Scott completed a diploma at Roseworthy Agricultural College before taking his agricultural science degree at the University of Adelaide.

In 1951 he married New Zealander Alwyn (nee Gow) and began work with the CSIRO, based at Cunnamulla

in southwest Queensland.

He became director of the unit and worked on wool selection and sheep genetics there. In 1959 he was awarded his Masters in Agricultural Science.

In Cunnamulla he was active in Aboriginal welfare and co-founded the Cunnamulla Australian Native Welfare Association.

When the station closed in 1967, Scott moved back to Adelaide to become principal livestock research officer with the Department of Agriculture.

There, he helped develop the large-scale recording systems for sheep genetic characters, eventually known as Woolplan and Lambplan.

His scientific work had many practical uses and he became closely involved with sheep breed societies, while at the science level he was fellow of the Australian Society of Animal Production and the Australian Association of Animal Breeding and Genetics.

He remained active in retirement as president of an international group working on the genetics of sheep, goats and cattle.

He was a life member and former president of the Epileptic Society in SA, which he helped found in 1976.

He is survived by Alwyn and children Honi, Rod, Renata and Mareeta and their families.