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1927-1990

Born in Nottingham, England, Alan Meeklah moved to New Zealand in 1956 to take up a position at Invermay Research Station. That started a career in weed science which spanned 30 years. Some of his early work in New Zealand was on the effect of phenoxy herbicides on pastures. Over the years his work and knowledge of weeds expanded and he became an acknowledged expert on chemical weed control in agriculture in New Zealand. Otago and Southland was his 'patch' and he put down many a trial in Central Otago, an area he particularly loved.

His association with the New Zealand Weed and Pest Control Society began soon after his arrival in New Zealand. He published his first paper in the Proceedings in 1957 on the effect of phenoxybutyrics. During his career he presented another 44 papers to Weed and Pest Control conferences, mostly on chemical weed control. Alan also served on the committee at various times. In recognition of his contribution to weed control in New Zealand Alan was elected a life member of the Society upon his retirement in 1987.

Alan will be remembered by many, not the least for his firm and forthright views. Annual general meetings were always lively when he was present. He was also friendly and helpful to all he met — a true character.