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Notices

JOHN THOMAS HUTTON

John Hutton graduated in Chemistry from the University of Adelaide, with additional qualifications in Industrial Chemistry from the South Australian School of Mines, just before the Second World War. His first employment was in Australian munitions production. After the war he joined the Soil Division of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (afterwards the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, CSIRO). He began as chemist in charge of soil surveys and then as chemist in soil mineralogy. With Norrish, he developed the use of XRF for elemental analysis of soils and plants. After taking early retirement from CSIRO, he was persuaded, without too much urging, to join the Physical Archaeometry Research group in the Physics Department at the University of Adelaide where he was appointed a visiting Research Fellow. At CSIRO he had been unique in his insistence on taking part in the field work associated with his chemical analyses. This proved particularly valuable to the Adelaide Archaeometry group because when we began work on a new site, he had either been there before or knew someone who had. John Hutton may not have been well known personally to northern hemisphere workers in luminescence dating but his name will be familiar as co-author on most of the publications of the Adelaide group in the last ten years. In addition, he published in his own right on the application of chemistry to archaeology. He died on 13 December aged 72, after the return of cancer for which he was treated several years ago. He will be sorely missed.

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