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Sir Allan Callaghan 1966

As Commercial Counsellor, Allan honed his diplomatic skills as he focussed on gathering market information that facilitated exports of Australian produce; he was also often the most senior Australian representative at FAO and other international meetings of significance. Sadly, his wife Zillah died during this period after a long battle with cancer and he subsequently married his former personal, loyal assistant, Doreen Draper.

Allan returned to Australia as Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board in 1965, a position he held until 1971. Once again, he showed great leadership in the management of the AWB, and his market intelligence and diplomatic skills enabled the board to sell huge quantities of wheat at times of world surpluses. Furthermore, his intimate knowledge of wheat itself facilitated his introduction of a revised system of wheat classification that enabled the board to sell to special markets as well as providing growers with a fair price for their grain.

Allan was awarded the ROCA Award of Merit in 1966 for his tremendous contribution to Australian agriculture through education, research, extension, administration and marketing. He was subsequently knimer persot, loylla