

## Frank Joseph Scott Wise



**Date of Birth:** 30 May 1897

**Place of Birth:** Ipswich Queensland

**Parents:** Charles E Wise

**Education:** Queensland State School  
Gatton Agricultural College

**Spouse:** Married Elsie (née Hunter)  
12 June 1922 (deceased)  
1 son, 2 daughters  
Married Patricia (née McCormick)  
11 November 1944  
1 son, 3 daughters

**Employment History:** Farmhand Roma State Farm 1918-1920  
Field Officer Queensland 1920-1922  
Assistant Agricultural Instructor Queensland 1922-1923  
WA Agricultural Advisor 1923-1929  
Commonwealth Agricultural Advisor WA 1929  
Advisor Tropical Agriculture WA Agriculture Dept 1929-1933  
ALP Member for Gascoyne WA Legislative Assembly 1933-1951  
Minister for Agriculture, Education, Police  
and the North West 1935-1939  
Minister for Lands and Agriculture 1939-1945  
Premier and Treasurer of WA 1945-1947  
Chairman Federal Commission Post-War Rural Reconstruction  
Australian Representative British Empire Conference 1948  
Appointed Administrator of the Northern Territory  
1 July 1951 and Chief of Police  
Resigned with effect from 30 June 1956 due to ill-health

**Subsequent Career:** Member for North Province WA Legislative Council 1956-1967  
Minister for Industrial Development, Local Government and  
Town Planning 1958-1959  
Leader of the Opposition 1963-1966. Retired 1971  
Date of death: unknown

**Honours and Awards:** Officer of the Order of Australia in General Division (AO) 1979

**Memorials:** Frank Wise Institute Tropical Agriculture Research Kununurra