

Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



Stanley Klose

Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture - 1932

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 1936

Stanley Klose was elected to Honorary Life Membership of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at the Association's 1936 Annual General Meeting.

Whilst there was no published citation when Klose's Honorary Life Membership was awarded, it can be assumed the award was made for:

- Service to ROCA as Secretary and Treasurer from 1934 to 1937, during which time the Association was heavily involved in events at the College to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the commencement of the College. The Association was particularly active with a significant revision of its Constitution, the introduction of an Association blazer and the awarding of an Association medal.



Klose was the first graduate to be awarded Honorary Life Member, four years after graduation. The resolution to award Klose with Honorary Life Membership was moved by the then Principal, Dr Alan Callagan.

Klose was born at Nairne on 5 October 1909 and after attending Mount Barker High School, he commenced studies at the College in 1929, graduating with a Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture in March 1932. In November of that year Klose was engaged by the College as a Cereal Cadet, being promoted to be a Field Officer in September 1933, a position he held until 1937.

In reporting on staff movements, the Vol. 33 No. 1 edition of *The Student*, published in December 1937 recorded: *"Mr. S R Klose also departed from these fields early in the year to branch out on his own land. With that nice little property near Lobethal, a keen business sense and good practical experience, we will not be surprised if Mr. Klose grows into a big landholder and bloated capitalist, though I doubt if the last adjective will ever be used literally."*

That edition of *The Student* also recorded that Klose's property (Part of Section 6094 and Part of Section 6375 in Hundred of Talunga at Cudlee Creek) was acquired by him with funding provided through the Graduates Land Settlement Act, an Act passed in the South Australian Parliament on 21 December 1922 to *Encourage and Assist the Settlement on the Land of persons who have been awarded the Diploma of the Roseworthy Agricultural College, and for other purposes.*

The Act specified that to be successful in making an application for support under the Act, an applicant was required to satisfy the Principal of the College of sufficient experience to enable a reasonable likelihood of success. In 1951, Stanley Klose moved to Queensland to take up a position with the Department of Primary Production at Toowoomba, working primarily in weed control and certified sorghum seed production.

Stanley Klose died on 10th June 1999.