

Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



Harold Pritchard

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 1940

Harold Pritchard was elected an Honorary Life Membership of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at the Association's 1940 Annual General Meeting.

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

- His role as ROCA Auditor from 1911 to 1942.

Harold Pritchard was born in Adelaide on 1 December 1880 and educated at Christian Brothers College. In 1897 he joined the Department of Agriculture, working in the Department's Adelaide office. With Roseworthy Agricultural College being administered by the Department of Agriculture, in March 1908 Harold Pritchard transferred to the College, initially as Secretary and Accountant.



Apart from a period between May 1917 and January 1919 when Harold Pritchard served with the Sea Transport Staff, he worked at the College for 17 years. For twelve of those years, in addition to his Secretary and Accountant roles, he was Lecturer in Book-keeping (from 1910) and House Master (from 1915). For the two years of 1924 and 1925 following the appointment of the then Principal W.J. Colebatch to the South Eastern Drainage Commission followed by Chairmanship of the Rural Settlement Commission, Harold Pritchard was nominally in charge of the College.

In July 1927 he left the College to take up the role of General Secretary of the Agricultural Bureau and Editor of the S.A. Journal of Agriculture. At the establishment of a College Governing Council in 1932, Harold Pritchard became the Secretary for the Council, a position he held until the Governing Council was replaced by an Advisory Council in 1939.

Whilst still employed by the Department of Agriculture, Harold Pritchard died in Adelaide on 1st January 1943. Reporting on his death, the Vol. 39 No. 1 edition of The Student, published in December 1943, stated:

"For many years, Mr. Pritchard held the position of Honorary Auditor to the Old Collegians Association and his never-failing good humour and helpful criticism will be remembered by not a few secretaries. The loss to the agricultural world of South Australia will be very great indeed and he will be sadly missed from one end of the State to the other."

"He was respected by all students who passed through his hands, and holding the confidence of those he contacted to an extent attained by few men, his passing will leave a gap in the lives of his intimates and a feeling of deep regret in that of his associates."