

Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



Ralph Jones

Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture - 1934

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 1942

Ralph Jones was elected an Honorary Life Membership of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at the Association's 1942 Annual General Meeting.

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

- **ROCA Secretary and Treasurer from 1937 to 1941**

Ralph Jones, born in March 1915, graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College with a Diploma in Agriculture in 1934.



Following graduation Ralph Jones was employed at the College, initially as a Cadet and then Field Officer in the plant breeding section. In 1938 he became the College Farm Superintendent, a position he held until 1947 when he was appointed to the position of Farm Manager at the then Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Glenthorne Field Station south of Adelaide.

The Glenthorne Field Station, within the Division of Biochemistry and General Nutrition and later the Division of Human Nutrition, made significant contributions to scientific knowledge and to the economy of South Australia.

The focus of research in the first few decades at Glenthorne was on animal and plant nutrition, including trace element research relating to coast disease, Phalaris Staggers and trace element deficiencies in the Ninety-Mile Desert in the South-East area of South Australia.

Glenthorne also became a working model for land management techniques, including innovative contour ploughing. At Glenthorne, Ralph Jones not only managed the farm, but also contributed technically to the varied and valuable studies with experimental animals, the results of which had practical application and immense benefits in the animal industries in Australia and overseas.

Because of the value which he placed on his Roseworthy Agricultural College training, Ralph Jones was, from time to time, instrumental in having Roseworthy graduates appointed as technical officers at Glenthorne.

As well as being a competent professional agriculturalist, Ralph Jones gave his time to various committees during his career, both at the College and in the community.

Ralph Jones, also the recipient of the Association's Award of Merit in 1983, died in Adelaide on 4 April 2007. In some circles, he was also known by his full name, Ralph Hewett Jones.