

Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



Douglas Mellor

Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture - 1937

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 1949

Douglas Mellor was elected to Honorary Life Membership of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at the Association's 1949 Annual General Meeting.

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

- **ROCA Committee member from 1939 to 1943, holding the positions of Secretary and Treasurer from 1944 to 1947 and Vice President in 1948 and 1949.**



Douglas Mellor subsequently became ROCA President in 1950 and continued as a ROCA Committee member from 1951 to 1954.

Douglas Mellor was born in Adelaide on 11th January 1916 and graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College with a Diploma in Agriculture in 1937. He came from a very well known family dynasty of farm machinery manufacturers, with its roots stretching back to the 1850s, the earliest days of the South Australian colony.

Following graduation from Roseworthy Agricultural College, Douglas Mellor was employed at the College, initially in the position of Field Officer. In 1943 he also held the position of Acting House Master.

In 1946 Douglas Mellor held the position of Lecturer in Farm Engineering and Surveying, whilst in 1947 he was also the Acting Farm Superintendent. In 1948 and 1949, in addition to his Lecturing position he occupied the Farm Superintendent position.

In 1950 Douglas Mellor reverted back to the single position of Lecturer, a position he held unto 1957 when he left to take up the position of Sales Manager at the South Australian Tractor Company. This company was quite substantial, being based at Enfield with regional branches being strategically located across the State at Kadina, Port Lincoln and Naracoorte. In 1967 he became the South Australian Sales Manager with John Deere.

Douglas Mellor passed away in Adelaide on 7th August 1994, aged 78.