

Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



David Suter

Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture - 1943

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 1955

David Suter was elected an Honorary Life Membership of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at the Association's 1955 Annual General Meeting.

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

- Service to the Association as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, President and Committee member throughout the period from 1950 to 1976, including having a prominent role in bringing about the construction of the College Chapel.



David Suter was born at Renmark on 6th May 1922 and educated at Kadina High School from where he obtained a scholarship to Roseworthy Agricultural College.

He graduated with a Diploma in Agriculture in 1943 and immediately following graduation, enlisted and served as an air gunner in the Royal Australian Air Force in Lancaster bombers in Britain. Following David Suter's discharge in October 1945, for a short time he joined the Soils Division of the then Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

In 1947, he then took up the Assistant Farm Superintendent position at Roseworthy Agricultural College, a position he held until 1950 when he was promoted to Farm Superintendent.

In 1958, David Suter left the College to join the Lands Department in the position of Supervisor of Land Development, first in the South-East and then at Parndana on Kangaroo Island. Once development was completed on Kangaroo Island, he transferred to the Department of Land's Head Office in Adelaide and worked on a survey of the deep sand region out from Pinnaroo. This involved much travel in country which at that time had few roads.

In 1977, David Suter became the Superintendent of Dry Lands and retired from the Department as Assistant Regional Manager.

Also the recipient of the Association's Award of Merit in 1984, David Suter died in Adelaide on 19th December 2013.