Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Colonel David Fulton CBE CMG MiD

Service to ROCA and Roseworthy Agricultural College's Military Unit

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 1957

Colonel David Fulton was elected an Honorary Life Membership of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at the Association's 1957 Annual General Meeting.

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

- **Service to the Association as Vice-President, President and Committee member from 1932 to 1937 and from 1953 to 1958.**

David Fulton was born in Adelaide on 1 August 1882. At the age of 15, following his father's death, he went to Scotland with his family, completing his secondary education at Edinburgh and spent two years at the University of Edinburgh, but did not graduate. Following the death of his mother in 1902, David Fulton returned to Australia and enrolled at Roseworthy Agricultural College, but only spent eight months as a student.

In the decade prior to WW1 David Fulton was a member of the militia and on 19 August 1914 he enlisted with the rank of Major and 2IC of the newly formed 3rd Light Horse Regiment (3LHR). The 3 LHR arrived at Gallipoli on 12th May 1915 and on 14th September David Fulton was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and commander of the 3 LHR.

Following the evacuation of Gallipoli, the 3LHR moved to Egypt where David Fulton was assigned to the Australian Headquarters, which he subsequently commanded to the end of the war. Before returning to Australia in August 1920, David Fulton was appointed to the Egyptian War Cemeteries Executive Committee and Assistant Director General Demobilisation.

In 1919, David Fulton was appointed Companion of the Order of St Michael & St George (CMG) for services rendered in connection with Military Operations in Egypt. He was Mentioned in Dispatches on two occasions. In 1954 David Fulton was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for his command of the 3LHR.

In 1924 David Fulton purchased part of the old 1856 Woodley Vineyard at Glen Osmond and with a partner formed Woodley Wine in 1926. He became the wine maker.

On 27 February 1929, his only son, also David, a student at Roseworthy Agricultural College was killed in a car accident just north of Clare. Following the death of his son, and although only having been a Roseworthy student for eight months himself, David Fulton was drawn to the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association.

In 1945 David Fulton retired from the wine business and moved to a dairy farm at Currency Creek. Following its sale in 1947 he took up a 3000-acre sheep grazing property at Sherwood which he worked for over ten years before retiring to Aldgate and then Fullarton. Colonel David Fulton died in a vehicle accident near his home in Fullarton on 8th July 1965.