

Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



Rowland Hill OBE

Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture - 1912

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 1957

Rowland Hill OBE was elected to Honorary Life Membership of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at the Association's 1957 Annual General Meeting.

Whilst there was no published citation when Hill'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 throughout the period from 1925 to 1948, including having a prominent role in bringing about the construction of the College Chapel.



Rowland Hill was born in Adelaide in August 1889 and graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College with a Diploma in Agriculture in 1912. Following graduation, Rowland Hill worked briefly at the College undertaking experimental work before taking up auctioneering at Clare. He then joined the Department of Agriculture working at the Minnipa Experimental Farm.

Rowland Hill served in World War I with the 14th Light Horse Regiment, enlisting on 16th December 1915, and was discharged on 2nd September 1919 with the rank of Sergeant.

Following his discharge, Rowland Hill initially returned to the Department of Agriculture in the position of Field Officer, then Inspector of Soldier Settlements and then Manager of the Minnipa Experimental Farm. In 1924 Rowland Hill was appointed as the Department's first agricultural adviser. Subsequently, Rowland Hill became a member of the Land Board and then Chief Executive Officer of the Land Development Executive responsible for planning much of the development of Upper Eyre Peninsula, the South East and Kangaroo Island.

Rowland Hill received the Coronation Medal in 1953 and in 1955 was awarded The Order of the British Empire - Officer (Civil) for service as Chief Executive of the Land Development Executive of South Australia. The Rowland Hill Highway on Kangaroo Island commemorates Rowland Hill's contribution to the development of agriculture on the Island.

Rowland Hill was the recipient of the Association's inaugural ROCA Award of Merit in 1961. He died in Adelaide on 15th September 1968.