

Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



(Malcolm) Rex Krause

Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture - 1944

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 1959

Rex Krause was elected an Honorary Life Membership of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at the Association's 1959 Annual General Meeting.

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

- Service to the Association as Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, President and Committee member throughout the period from 1947 to 1957, including having a prominent role in bringing about the construction of the College Chapel.



Rex Krause was born on 25 April 1924 and was raised on the family farm on the Murray Plains between Palmer and Mannum. Following secondary education at Birdwood High School, Rex Krause was awarded a scholarship to attend Roseworthy Agricultural College.

He graduated from Roseworthy in 1944 with a Diploma in Agriculture (First Class), the Gold Medal for the highest aggregate in all Diploma subjects and the Ridley Memorial Scholarship. This enabled attendance at the University of Adelaide, from which he graduated with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science in 1947. Rex Krause then took up the position of Assistant Biologist at Roseworthy Agricultural College.

In 1950 Rex Krause was appointed to the position of Plant Breeder and in that position he was largely responsible for the development of many wheat varieties grown in South Australia, including Sabre, Claymore, Glaive and Halberd. It was estimated that Halberd accounted for more than 50% of the wheat sown in South Australia in the 1970s as it had a yield advantage of about 15% over other varieties grown commercially in South Australia.

In 1964 and 1965 Rex Krause was the Farrer Memorial Scholar, enabling the study of wheat breeding and allied subjects at the Washington State University in the United States. During that period Rex Krause obtained a Master of Science Degree. On return to Australia in 1966, he also became the Vice-Principal of Roseworthy Agricultural College.

Rex Krause left the College in August 1972 to take up a Principal Research Officer position with the South Australian Department of Agriculture. In 1986 and until his retirement in 1987 Rex Krause worked part time for SAGRIC International which was focused on selling and exporting South Australian agricultural technology to the wider world, mainly the Middle East.

Rex Krause, also a recipient of the Association's Award of Merit in 1972, died in Adelaide on 7 September 2021.