

Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



Burleigh (BC) Philp

Long time ROCA Auditor

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 1959

Burleigh Philp 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 Burleigh Philp's Honorary Life Membership was awarded, it can be assumed the award was made for:

- Auditing the Association's financial reports from 1943 through to 1983.



Burleigh Philp was born at Nairne on 1 June 1901.

He first worked in the Department of Agriculture as a junior clerk, before transferring to Roseworthy Agricultural College in March 1927. In 1930, Burleigh Philp was appointed Assistant Secretary in the College Administration section and in 1934 became the College Secretary and Accountant, a position he held until his retirement in May 1966.

On 17 April 1942, Burleigh Philp enlisted in the 10th (SA) Battalion of the Volunteer Defence Corps, attaining the rank of Corporal. He was discharged on 20th October 1945.

Speaking of Burleigh Philp's retirement, then College Principal Bob Herriot said: *"The affection with which he is regarded stems from his willingness to assist the Principal, staff and students alike. Roseworthy won't be the same without 'Philpy'."*

On his retirement, Burleigh Philp commented that the College was a good place for training in citizenship and that one of his greatest pleasures is knowing so many people who have been through the College and are now famous in their fields of work.

It was noted on his retirement that a good deal of his time was spent keeping students and sports clubs from becoming bankrupt by overspending and that he has had plenty to do with the increasingly "healthy position of the College" which was frequently mentioned at Speech Days.

During Burleigh Philp's time at the College, he served under five Principals. Student numbers had increased from 40 to 110, along with a marked improvement in student accommodation. He died in Adelaide on 21st November 1990.