

Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



Clifford Hooper

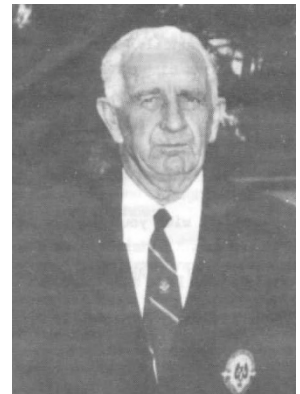
Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture, 1928

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 1969

Known as "Cliff" to all, Clifford Hooper was elected to Honorary Life Membership of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at the Association's 1969 Annual General Meeting.

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

- Service to the Association as member of the Committee from 1951, including Secretary from 1955 to 1957, Vice-President in 1960 and 1961, President in 1962, and Treasurer from 1964 to 1970;
- Having a prominent role in bringing about the construction of the College Chapel.



Cliff Hooper was born at Hawthorn in Adelaide on 16 October 1908. Raised on a mixed farming property near Moonta on Yorke Peninsula, he attended Moonta High School, from where he received a scholarship to attend Roseworthy Agricultural College, graduating with a Diploma in Agriculture in 1928.

After graduation, Cliff Hooper returned to the farm but poor economic conditions and the death of his father in 1930 lead to the sale of the property. After gaining a wool classing qualification at the School of Mines, Cliff Hooper worked for the next six years as a shearer and wool classer, including a period wool classing with South Australian wool processing company, Michell.

Cliff Hooper then worked for four years in the dairy industry, herd-testing in the Adelaide Hills.

After the outbreak of WW11, he enlisted in the Army on 4 June 1940, serving in the Middle East and South East Asia, being discharged on 21st April 1944 having attained the rank of Sergeant.

Following his discharge, Cliff Hooper was appointed Chairman of the Barossa War Agricultural Committee, responsible for fair distribution of agricultural aids in short supply, equipment, goods and manpower.

At the end of the War Cliff Hooper joined the Department of Agriculture, initially as a Field Officer working from Adelaide, followed by a role in 1947 as Project Officer and then Assistant Manager at the Kybybolite Research Centre.

In 1950, Cliff Hooper was appointed Instructor in Sheep Husbandry at Roseworthy Agricultural College, a position he held until his retirement in 1973.

Cliff Hooper was the recipient of the Association's ROCA Award of Merit in 1980 and died at Gawler on 6 March 1998.