

Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



Ray Norton

Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture 1947

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member -

Ray Norton was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at the Association's 1971 Annual General Meeting.

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

- Outstanding service to the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association as a member of the Committee from 1964 to 1971, including Vice President and President.

Ray Norton was born in Adelaide on 26th March 1927 and developed an interest in agriculture from school holiday visits to a relative's farm at Tarlee. This led to secondary education at Urrbrae Agricultural High School, from where he received a scholarship to attend Roseworthy Agricultural College.



Ray Norton graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College with a Diploma in Agriculture in 1947. Following graduation, he was briefly employed at the College before taking up a Technical Officer position initially with the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and then the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) from 1949 at Armidale in Northern New South Wales.

Returning to South Australia, Ray Norton worked on several farms, including on Yorke Peninsula before taking up the Assistant Farm Superintendent position at Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1952. In 1957, he was appointed Poultry Superintendent and in 1960 was appointed Farm Superintendent, a position he held until 1973. From 1958 until 1970, Ray Norton managed the student committee that produced the annual "The Student" publication.

In 1973 he was appointed Farm Manager at the Waite Agricultural Research Institute. With the title Farm and Rural Estates Manager, Ray Norton subsequently became, in addition to his Waite position, the manager of the University of Adelaide's bequest farming properties at Strathalbyn, Mintaro (Martindale) and Spalding (Munduney) in the Mid North, plus the Moralana Station near Hawker in the Flinders Ranges.

Ray Norton was the recipient of Roseworthy Old Collegians Association's *ROCA Award of Merit* in 1989. He died in Adelaide on 21st April 2016.