

Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



(William) Andrew 'Andy' Michelmores

Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture 1940

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 1992

William Andrew 'Andy' Michelmores was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at ROCA's 1992 Annual General Meeting.

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

- Service to the Association from 1965 as the Eyre Peninsula representative on the Committee, a Committee Member from 1970 to 1976, Vice President from 1976 to 1978 and President from 1978 to 1980. For an extended period, he was Editor of the ROCA Digest.



Andrew Michelmores, born at Strathalbyn on 16th March 1919 and was raised on the family farm near Strathalbyn and attended Strathalbyn High School, where in 1937 he received a scholarship to attend Roseworthy Agricultural College. Following graduation from Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1940, Andy Michelmores joined the Army, serving with the 4 Australian Veterinary Hospital with the rank of Corporal until 21st March 1944 when he transferred to the Royal Australian Air Force to train as a pilot. When discharged from the RAAF on 10th September 1945, Andy Michelmores was stationed at Port Pirie.

Following discharge from the RAAF, Andy Michelmores returned to the family farm to help with the harvest and was briefly employed at Roseworthy Agricultural College as a Cadet Plant Breeder. In 1946 he joined the Department of Agriculture in Adelaide as a Field Officer, then in 1950 was appointed Project Officer at Minnipa Research Centre. In October 1953, Andrew Michelmores accepted the position of Agricultural Adviser, Crops and Pastures at Streaky Bay.

In 1955 during the opening up of the Ninety Mile Desert, Andy Michelmores moved to Keith as Agricultural Advisor. In 1961 he joined the Commonwealth Development Bank as an Adelaide based Rural Officer, before in 1963 rejoining the Department of Agriculture at Minnipa in the role of Agronomist. In 1965 he moved to Nuriootpa as Agronomist and Senior District Officer.

In 1980 Andy Michelmores was appointed to the Roseworthy Agricultural College Council and in 1984 retired from the SA Department of Agriculture. He was administratively active in scouting, a member of the Coolabah Club and Lions. He received the Melvin Jones Award, which is Lions highest award for service to the community. Additionally, Andy Michelmores and his wife were guides at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens, working most Mondays at the State Herbarium.

Andy Michelmores, the recipient of the Association's Award of Merit in 1981, died in Adelaide on 11 June 2000. Andy Michelmores's wife, Elizabeth Michelmores was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Association at ROCA's Annual General Meeting in 2000.