

Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



Dr Barrie Thistlethwayte

Roseworthy Agricultural College Director 1981-1991

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 1992

Dr Barrie Thistlethwayte 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 Dr Thistlethwayte's Honorary Life Membership was awarded, it can be assumed the award was made for:

- Support of the Association between 1981 and 1991 during his period as Director of Roseworthy Agricultural College, a College of Advanced Education.



Barrie Thistlethwayte, born at Paddington in New South Wales on 4th November 1937 prior to moving to Tasmania and attending Hobart High School. After he was awarded a bonded scholarship, Barrie Thistlethwayte commenced a Bachelor of Agricultural Science at the University of Melbourne in 1955. In the first-year he undertook science subjects at the University of Tasmania, in the second year he studied agriculture at Dookie Agricultural College, prior to undertaking the final two years of his degree course at the University of Melbourne. He graduated in 1959.

From 1959 to 1965, Barrie Thistlethwayte worked as a horticulturalist and then plant pathologist with the Tasmanian Department of Agriculture, during which time, by part-time study, he obtained a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Tasmania, graduating in 1965. From 1965 to 1969, Barrie Thistlethwayte attended Cornell University in New York USA, obtaining his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), majoring in Plant Pathology. On return to Australia, he briefly resumed his role of Plant Pathologist with the Tasmanian Department of Agriculture, before in 1970 taking up the position of Lecturer in Biology at the Capricornia Institute of Technology at Rockhampton in Queensland.

From 1971 to 1981, Dr Thistlethwayte worked at the Riverina College of Advanced Education at Wagga Wagga, initially as Senior Lecturer in Biology, then Special Assistant to the Principal. He then progressed to the positions of Dean of Agriculture and Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs.

Prior to his appointment as Director of Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1981, Roseworthy's Governing Council had engaged the South Australia Institute of Technology to recommend functional arrangements for the College's academic and management structures. Consequently, in consolidating the College's relationship with the Tertiary Education Authority of South Australia and the College's broader community, Dr Thistlethwayte attended many Association Committee meetings and attended several meetings of ROCA's Eyre Peninsula Branch.

In 1985, as the representative of the Association of Directors and Principals in Advanced Education (ACDP), Dr Thistlethwayte was appointed to the executive committee of Australian Higher Education Industrial Association. In 1989 he was the Chairman of ACDP. Dr Thistlethwayte's period as Director concluded on the merging of Roseworthy Agricultural College and the University of Adelaide in 1991.