

Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



Professor Harold Woolhouse

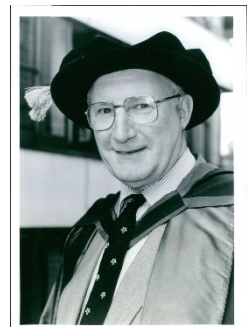
Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Natural Resources

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 1995

Professor Harold Woolhouse was elected as an Honorary Life Member of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at the Association's 1995 Annual General Meeting. As Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Natural Resources, he was an Ex Officio member of the ROCA Committee for four years between 1990 and 1994.

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

- His impact as Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, encompassing the Waite and the Roseworthy Campuses of the University of Adelaide, and his recognition of the importance of a strong Old Collegians Association as part of the Roseworthy Campus.



Harold Woolhouse was born on 12th July 1932 at Sheffield in Yorkshire. After schooling, he worked for a year as a market gardener before enrolling at Reading University to study Horticultural Botany. Obtaining his Bachelor of Science (Hons) in 1955, Harold Woolhouse became an Australian Research Centre (ARC) / Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) Scholar, enabling him to study nitrogen metabolism at the University of Adelaide's Waite Agricultural Research Institute, leading to the awarding of a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in 1959.

Dr Woolhouse returned to England in 1960 and until 1969 held a number of positions at the University of Sheffield, including Senior Lecturer. In 1967, he spent six months at the University of California studying plant senescence and from 1969 to 1980 he was Professor of Botany at the University of Leeds. In 1980, Professor Woolhouse became Director of the John Innes Institute and Professor of Biology at the University of East Anglia.

From 1987 to 1990, he was the Director of the Research, Agriculture and Food Research Council (AFRC) Institute of Plant Science Research and on the Management Board of the AFRC. Returning to Adelaide in 1990 as Director of the Waite Agricultural Research Institute, Professor Woolhouse had a vision for the Waite Campus as an agricultural science park where all of the institutions on Campus co-operated and staff worked together in an integrated manner.

When Roseworthy College of Advanced Education merged with the University of Adelaide in 1991, Professor Woolhouse, as the Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Natural Resources extended the vision to the Roseworthy Campus. This resulted in the strengths of both to flourish and attract substantial external funding from both rural industries and the ARC.

Professor Woolhouse was extremely humble and apologetic about his ability to have an almost photographic memory. He died in England on 19th June 1996.