

Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



Raymond Taylor

Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 2006

Raymond Taylor was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at ROCA's 2006 Annual General Meeting.

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

- Outstanding commitment to the Association from 1999 to 2015, including whilst a Member of the Roseworthy Agricultural College Council from 1974 to 1986, and Chair of the Co-Patrons of the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund from 2010 to 2016.



Born on 21st October 1931, Ray Taylor graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College with a Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture (RDA) with second Class Honors in 1952. Following graduation, he joined the South Australian Department of Agriculture and at the age of 23 was promoted to District Agricultural Adviser at Murray Bridge, advising on dryland and irrigated agriculture. In 1955, Ray Taylor transferred to Adelaide as Agricultural Adviser for the Central District.

In 1961 Ray Taylor joined the newly established Commonwealth Development Bank where he assessed the economic viability of proposed land development projects. Whilst employed by the Bank, Ray Taylor obtained valuation qualifications and in 1972 formed his own company to assist clients in all Australian States and the Northern Territory, particularly in the pastoral and viticultural industries.

The company also became involved in assessing compensation claims by landowners whose properties were compulsorily acquired or affected by natural disasters such as bushfires. This often led to Ray Taylor providing expert testimony in Court. He contributed a number of papers to conferences and directed the First International Dryland Farming Conference held in Adelaide in 1982, with delegates from 42 countries.

In 1994 Ray Taylor sold his interest in the company to a partner. He was a member of the Roseworthy Agricultural College Council from 1974 to 1986 and Chair of the Co-Patrons of the Roseworthy Student and Campus Fund from 2010 to 2016.

He was inaugural State President and subsequently Federal President and Life Member of the former Agricultural Technologists Association, an Emeritus Member of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology, Fellow of the Australian Property Institute and Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Ray Taylor was the recipient of the Association's 2011 ROCA Award of Merit and died in Adelaide on 22nd May 2016.