

Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

**HONORARY LIFE MEMBER**



## Dr David Cooper

**Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture, 1967**

**Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 2009**

Dr David Cooper was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at the Association's 2009 Annual General Meeting.

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

- Exceptional service to the Association and to the Campus as a member of the ROCA Committee from 1994 to 2009, including Vice President, President, and Treasurer.



David Cooper entered Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1964 and graduated with a Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture (RDA) in 1967. He then commenced study at the University of Adelaide in 1968, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in 1975, followed in 1980 by a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) with the thesis "*The Pathogens of Heliothis punctigera Wallengren*".

Dr David Cooper was then a postdoctoral fellow in entomology at the Waite Agricultural Research Institute from 1979 until 1991, remaining employed at the Waite Campus from 1991 to 1993 when the Campus became the University of Adelaide's Faculty of Agricultural and Natural Resources.

In association with Professor Dudley Pinnock, Dr David Cooper established Microbial Products and later established similar businesses that were affiliated with the University over the years via tenancy on Campus and grants to undertake research.

The Autumn 1996 edition of the ROCA Digest indicated Dr Cooper's work address was the Insect Pathology Laboratory at the Waite Campus, although his principal research program centred on a microbial digester located in a Norwood warehouse to generate increased numbers of beneficial bacteria used in his research to biologically control the sheep blowfly.

However, he also had his large working biological incubation unit to produce beneficial blowfly-control bacteria located in a Norwood warehouse.

Dr David Cooper was born in Adelaide on 27th January 1947 and died as a result of a farm accident on his Kangaroo Island property on 11th August 2010.

A large number of his Roseworthy Agricultural College RDA 1967 Year Group peers and various ROCA members made their way across Investigator Strait by aircraft and ferry to attend his funeral and burial in Penneshaw.