Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM

Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture 1947

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 2009

Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at ROCA's 2009 Annual General Meeting.

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

- **Support of the Association though multiple roles over many decades, including whilst a Member and President of the Roseworthy Agricultural College Council from 1982 to 1991, in addition to being initial Chair of the Co-Patrons of the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund.**

Born in Adelaide on 25th October 1927, Bruce Eastick received his secondary education at Urrbrae Agricultural High School prior to entering Roseworthy Agricultural College, graduating with a Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture (RDA) with First Class Honours in 1947.

He was awarded the State Scholarship in Veterinary Science, enabling him to study at the University of Sydney for five years, graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science with Second Class Honours in 1952. He then commenced a Gawler-based rural veterinary practice. In 1961, veterinarian Dr Bruce Eastick became the State President of the Australian Veterinary Association and was the Federal President in 1966, being appointed a Fellow in 1972.

Dr Eastick was elected to the Gawler Council in 1963 and was Mayor from 1968 to 1972. Following retirement from a career in State Parliament, he once again became Mayor of Gawler from 1993 to 2000. As a member for the Liberal Country League (LCL), Dr Eastick was elected as State Member for Light in 1970, served as the Leader of the Opposition from 1972 to 1975, prior to becoming Speaker of the House of Assembly from 1979 to 1982.

Appointed to the Roseworthy Agricultural College Council in 1982, Dr Bruce Eastick became the President of the Council the following year, a position he held in 1991 when negotiating the merger of Roseworthy Agricultural College with the University of Adelaide. Dr Eastick was an active member of numerous community organisations in Gawler and in the State. Dr Eastick was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 1996 in recognition of service to the South Australian Parliament, local government and the community, and in 2001was a recipient of the Centenary Medal, commemorating the centenary of the Federation of Australia and to recognise people who contributed to Australian society or government.

Dr Eastick received the Association's 1985 ROCA Award of Merit. In 2017 he was again recognised by the Association with the bestowal of the esteemed title of *"Icon of Roseworthy",* the only person to have ever been honoured by ROCA with this status.