*Roseworthy Campus Association Inc* - ROCA

**HONORARY LIFE MEMBER**

# (Kenneth Wilfred) Wilf Bowen OAM

## Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture 1950

**Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 2010**

**Wilf Bowen was elected to Honorary Life Membership of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at ROCA's 2010 Annual General Meeting.**

**Whilst there was no published citation when Wilf Bowen'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 1998 to 2008, including Vice President, President, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, his role in the establishment of the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund, his representation of the Association on the University of Adelaide Alumni Advisory Council and his volunteer work in with the University's Archives section.**

**Born on 26th August 1930, Wilf Bowen obtained his secondary education at the Mount Barker High School, obtaining a scholarship to attend Roseworthy Agricultural College where he graduated with Second Class Honours in 1950. Following graduation, Wilf Bowen worked briefly on a dairy property near Mount Compass and in 1952 joined the Department of Agriculture as a Field Officer.**

**In 1954, Wilf Bowen commenced managing a property near Gawler and in 1956 he re-joined the Department in the position of District Dairy Adviser for the Mid North, based at Jamestown. Transferring to the District Dairy Adviser position for the Lower South-East in 1968, Wilf Bowen then attended Hawkesbury Agricultural College to obtain a Diploma in Rural Extension in 1972.**

**Returning to the Lower South East, Wilf Bowen encouraged teamwork within the Mount Gambier office of the Department, motivating staff to take an integrated holistic approach to extension. In 1973, he was appointed Senior Dairy Adviser at Mount Gambier, whilst concurrently lecturing part-time in the Rural Studies section of the South East College of Technical and Further Education (TAFE).**

**In 1976, Wilf Bowen transferred to the South-East College of TAFE as Campus Manager of the Rural Studies section. He then became the Deputy Head of the School of Rural and Timber Studies, serving on numerous industry, training and education committees. He attended the Australian Society of Dairy Technology Federal Conferences from 1980 to 1990.**

**In 1984, Wilf Bowen transferred to Noarlunga College of TAFE as Deputy Principal and Deputy Head of the School of General Studies, remaining in those positions until retirement.**

**He was the recipient of the Association's 2007 Award of Merit, is an Alumni Fellow of the University of Adelaide and in 2022 was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the community through a range of organisations.**