

THE ROCA DIGEST

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

BY DAVID COYNER



Welcome to the Spring edition of the ROCA digest. It has been a busy time for ROCA and over this edition of the digest you will see the excellent work ROCA has been doing in promoting Roseworthy across a broad audience.

Our inaugural Alumni sponsored social media campaign via Facebook marked the 25th year of the amalgamation of Roseworthy Agricultural College and the University of Adelaide. This campaign featured 25 Roseworthy graduates and highlighted their personal and career achievements since their time at Roseworthy College / Campus. As a Committee, we were thrilled with the results of the campaign, which was largely aimed at increasing ROCA membership.



At the time of writing we had increased our membership numbers by 107, and engaged and reconnected fellow graduates from across the globe. We consider the campaign a huge success and thank Wright Social for their hard work in designing and implementing the campaign.

We are continuing to work with the Alumni on what we hope will be our next social media campaign and we will keep you posted on the progress. If you are a Facebook follower, please like us at **Roseworthy Old Collegians Association**.

ROCA is continuing to work with the current students studying at the Campus and the committee has reengaged with RACSUC and other student bodies.

This is to promote the great work ROCA does as an alumni group and to make sure the current students are aware they can join ROCA. Please refer to the contributions inside this edition to see some of the great things going on around Campus.

Our thanks go out to our National Sponsors Piper Alderman Lawyers for their ongoing financial support and William Buck Accountants and Advisors for their Auditing support of ROCA. This support along with our "Plonky's Pick" wines goes a long way to keep ROCA growing and allows ROCA to support new scholarships and Roseworthy Campus improvements. I encourage you to continue support ROCA through purchasing some of these high-quality Clare Valley wines.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual ROCA dinner on 20th October 2017.

Best regards,
David Coyner
President, ROCA Inc.

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ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS UPDATE

2017 has been another busy year at the Roseworthy Campus with plenty of activities to bring Roseworthy campus to life and enhance the student experience. We have a fantastic and talented group of students who study together and support one another to achieve their academic goals.

University Open Day in August was again successful and we continue to have significant inquiry from prospective students showing interest in studying our programs of animal and veterinary science at Roseworthy. The campus certainly has a bright future, here are a few highlights of our 2017.

Campus Sports

Contribution and involvement in college sports have been really pleasing. The netball and basketball clubs have been strong, competing in Gawler and Tanunda and we held our own campus mixed netball competition during term III followed by a cocktail night to celebrate the season.

During the year the college has played a couple of "friendly" soccer matches – one against students from city accommodation (Village) and another against the Adelaide medical students. The Roseworthy team emerged victorious on both occasions.

This year also marked the 40th year anniversary of the Barossa Rams, who were originally the Roseworthy Rams. To mark this special occasion, the club (currently based at Lyndoch) returned to where it all began and played their home matches on the weekend of 21 & 22 May at the Roseworthy Campus Oval. It was a great weekend of rugby and an opportunity for past players to reminisce about the good old days.

Student Mental Health and Wellbeing

The campus recognises the significant challenges and pressures that our current students face and provides education, awareness and training to support general wellbeing. This term the college held a "mental health night" assembling a panel of staff, students and ambassadors from Beyond Blue to discuss the important topic of managing stress, anxiety and depression. The Roseworthy Student Services team with the assistance of student leaders also heavily promoted RUOK day in September, a national awareness campaign in suicide prevention which involves students starting conversations and staying connected with each other.

The students also held an art exhibition in Roseworthy College Hall in August called "Artworthy" showcasing the enormous talents and extra curricula skills that our students possess. We had over 80 items to exhibit including categories of photography and art and we had some expert judges (a few local Gawler artists) to award prizes to the winners.



Barossa Rams 40th Year Anniversary - Playing at Roseworthy Campus



Roseworthy v Village Soccer Match - RW 2, Village 1



Students and Pet Ambassadors - RUOK Day



Student Art Competition

Social Events

Each term the college holds a “formal” dinner, a chance for students to unwind and socialise together as a family. These dinners are usually themed, providing an opportunity for students to dress up, let their hair down and have some fun. Our dinners for this year included a “back to school” theme and a “pyjama party” theme, with suitable games for such an occasion e.g. paper plane throwing, bubble gum blowing, blindfolded make-overs and pillow fight competitions! These dinners are very much looked forward to by the students who are involved in the planning and organising of the night's activities.



Students Enjoying Back to School Dinner



Back to School Dinner - Bubble Gum Contest



Students Enjoying Pyjama Party



Pyjama Party Pillow Fight Contest

Campus Staff Changes

On a more serious note, a recent professional restructure has resulted in some changes to our infrastructure team at Roseworthy with a couple of long-term staff members seeking new opportunities. I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Jason Beck (28 years) and David Forwood (10 years) for their respective service in maintaining and improving the Roseworthy campus facilities and wish them well for the future.

A couple of events to look forward to towards the end of the year include the annual Waite vs Roseworthy football and netball competition and our end of year prize and awards formal dinner before the students knuckle down for their final exams.

DAVID PURDIE

MANAGER, STUDENT SERVICES & HEAD OF COLLEGE (ROSEWORTHY)



ALUMNI NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY



It once again gives me great pleasure to contribute to the ROCA Digest and in doing so provide an update on the latest alumni news from the University.

It has been over 25 years since the Roseworthy Agricultural College joined the University of Adelaide, and to celebrate this milestone the 'Social Media 25 Campaign' was launched late last year.

To support this initiative the University of Adelaide made funds available through the Alumni Funding Scheme. As well as featuring weekly profiles of our alumni through our social media platforms, a further 107 contact details were located. The initiative was a great success and we remain committed to supporting the work of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association.

It has been a pleasure to work with President David Coyner, past President Mark Rodda and Alumni Council member Dale Manson.

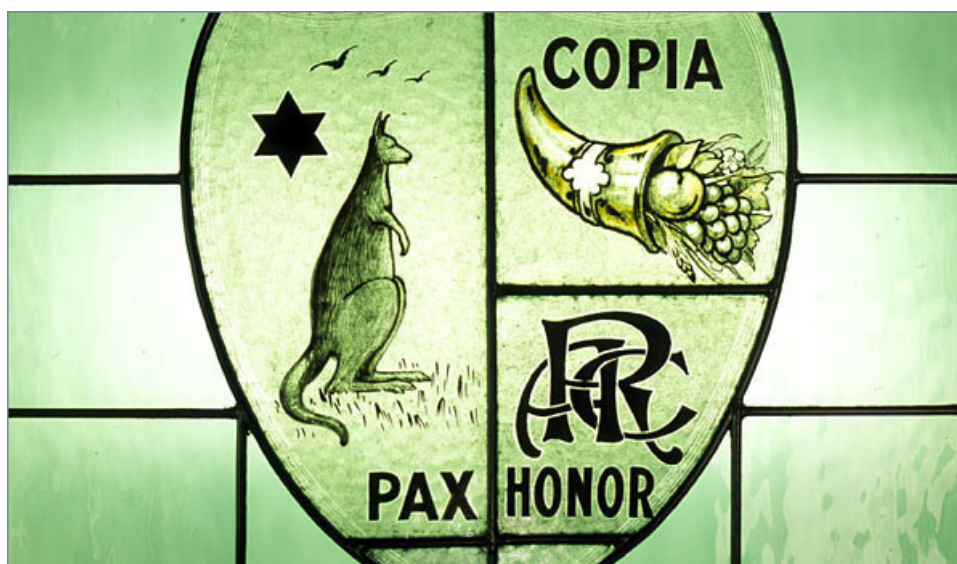
Next month we look forward to participating in the Roseworthy Old Collegians Reunion Dinner at the Glenelg Golf Club.

The University of Adelaide is home to more than 15 alumni-led associations, chapters and networks that help our community stay in touch.

No matter where you are in the world, you can stay connected to the University, and old friends, through our global network of alumni groups. It is a great way to contribute to the life of the University and the wider community.

Remember to stay in touch and keep up to date with what's going on through this publication, our alumni magazine Lumen, email newsletter Alumni e-news, Linked In, Facebook and website or contact us on alumni@adelaide.edu.au.

Kind regards
Lisa Taplin
Manager, Alumni Relations



UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE ALUMNI COUNCIL

Roseworthy and Waite Campuses continue to be highlighted as the “jewels in the crown” of Adelaide University through the election of a person to represent graduates of both Campuses on the University’s Alumni Council. Former ROCA President, Dale Manson is the person currently representing Roseworthy and Waite graduates on Alumni Council.

With over 27,000 students enrolled at Adelaide University, around 1,500 are undertaking courses based at Roseworthy and Waite Campuses.



During the past year, the Alumni Council has been busy working through strategies to further engage graduates in the affairs of the University. The resulting programs will be rolled out over the coming period.

Currently two specialist Alumni Networks, the Roseworthy focused ROCA Network and the Waite oenology focused Wine Network service graduates of both Campuses. Into the future, investigations will proceed into the feasibility of establishing a further two Waite and Roseworthy focused specialist Networks to enrich the Alumni experience for graduates of the School of Veterinary & Animal Sciences and the School of Agriculture, Food & Wine.

The Alumni model caters for graduates to identify with more than one Alumni Network. From a ROCA perspective, this provides scope for the Association to service both recent and longer-term Roseworthy graduates in addition to current students, while a new Veterinary & Animal Science Network would fill a specialist role in a similar manner to the current relationship that exists between ROCA and the Wine Network.

Recognising that people’s employment and personal circumstances change over their lifetime, one of the biggest challenges facing any centralised Alumni system is maintaining ongoing contact with graduates over the decades. The tight-knit nature of ROCA highlights that the biggest opportunity to detect and record changes in people’s contact details often rests with their alignment to a specialist Alumni Network. While ROCA is relatively unique in the personal manner in which it relates to its members, other Alumni Networks associated with the University of Adelaide are looking to also serve the same role.

Alumni Council is also examining the concept of regular year or peer group reunions as mechanisms to further develop relationships with Alumni members. Having staged annual reunions for the past 119 years, ROCA is somewhat of a shining example of how successful this can be.

Dale Manson
Member, Alumni Council
University of Adelaide



AGROFORESTRY RESEARCH IN NEPAL

A collaborative project led by Dr Ian Nuberg from the School AFW, and funded by The Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR), is seeking to improve the livelihoods and food security of people in the Middle Hills of Nepal through better agroforestry systems both at the individual household farm and community forestry levels.

The project is also concerned with finding practical and profitable alternatives for land that is being underutilised. This project has implemented demonstration trials of different silvicultural options to better match forest management to community needs. One option is to open up plantations and plant fodder trees and high-value crops such as cardamom.

The work also involves market research for best commodities to introduce into existing agroforestry systems, participatory action research to establish these systems on 300 participant farms, and training in business skills so that farmers and community forest user groups can make the most out of the new commercial opportunities opening up to them.

A key impact of the project to date is the enthusiastic acceptance by government officers at all levels for the silvicultural regimes demonstrated. Government forest policy and institutions are highly conservative and complex which makes it very difficult for rural people to improve their livelihoods through commercial (as opposed to just subsistence) use of forests.



Ian and the project team have succeeded in demonstrating the value and relative ease of improved silvicultural management to forest users and government officials alike.

As a consequence they have been invited by the Ministry of Forests to scale-up activities to whole-forest management rather than plot level demonstration. Such silvicultural promotion and training, as well as developing equitable small-scale forest entrepreneurship models, will be the focus of a follow-on project beginning in 2018.

Watch the ABC Landline report: Growing Hope: Australian agricultural aid empowering farmers in Nepal at: www.abc.net/news/2017-07-29/growinghope-australian-agricultural-aid/8756796

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VALE - PASSING OF ROCA MEMBERS

It is with our sympathy and condolences to their families, colleagues and friends that ROCA notes the passing of the following members:

HOLMES, Nick (Student in late 1960's)

KERRISON, John James (RDA 1945)

McDONALD, Alexander David (RDA 1975, RDAT 1976)

McWHINNIE, Kenneth Alexander (RDA 1950)

PEDERSON, Robert Noel (RDA 1964, GradDipAg 1988)



ROSEWORTHY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE: TALES FROM THE HONOUR ROLL



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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ERIC STODDEN WEST RDA

Eric almost did not survive his war. In April 1917, during the battle of Bullecourt he was wounded three times in the space of several hours. In a letter to his father he said, "After getting about a chain, I was shot through the thigh Our first line was along the railway embankment. By the time I reached it, I could hardly drag one foot after the other. I made my way to the dressing station and had my thigh bandaged". Stretcher-bearers took Private West to another dressing station. Here our Doctor looked at my wounds and gave me my ticket and I was left outside for some time on a stretcher". It began to snow.

Eric survived the war and went on to do a Master of Science degree at the University of California and then became the officer in-charge of the Commonwealth (later CSIRO) Research Station, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area 1927 – 1939

We know all this detail as Erica wrote often to his father in Adelaide and parts of these letters are quoted in Les Carlyon's epic book "The Great War". This book won the Prime Minister's Prize for Australian History in 2008. In preparing to write his book, Les travelled the battle field around NW France with Eric's two sons, who showed him the letters.

From our Roseworthy archives it can be seen Eric West attended RAC 1914 to 1915. He had enlisted at the age of 19 in May 1915 and on his Attestation form he listed his trade/ calling as "farmer". He had spent 3 years as a cadet, 79th Battalion, a militia battalion in Adelaide. A digital copy of his service records can be found by visiting the National Archives of Australia web site and search Private ES West with the service number 2262.

Not much mention is made of Eric West in our archives, notably in the "Student Magazines" 1914 -1918. At Roseworthy he was one of a small group of third year students who in mid 1916 had already enlisted. Their principal, Dr W J Colebatch allowed them to sit for their final exams early. Eric came from Rose Park, living in Hewitt Avenue and listed his mother Emily West as his next of kin. He embarked with the 4th Reinforcement company of the newly formed 48th Battalion AIF, on the HMAT A70 Ballarat at Outer Harbour on 12th August 1916, arriving in England 30/9/1917, joining the 12th Training Battalion at Godford near Birmingham.

He spent a total of 1 year 227 days overseas, of which only 103 were spent in France. 61 of these days were "on strength" with the 48th Battalion AIF, a famous South Australian WW1 battalion formed in 1916 from two other SA Battalions 10th and 27th. They were part of the new 5th AIF Division, formed from a mixture of fresh reinforcements and older hands from these two Gallipoli battalions. Eric had spent a lot of time in training in England and France, but was wounded in his first engagement with the enemy.

The battle of Bullecourt in the spring of 1917 soon after the winter thaw was a continuation of the strategy General Haigh had employed to disastrous effect in 1916. Then he launched the first British offensive in the Somme River Valley on 1 July 1916, which in less than half an hour had degenerated into chaos. The main dictum of British battle tactics of the time was always to attack. Perhaps this is why the British and Commonwealth forces never constructed the hugely impressive defensive structures that the Germans did, epitomised by the Hindenburg Line, with its concrete bunkers and five lines of defensive structures. Perhaps the British thought that as they were always to be on the offensive, building such structures was a waste of time and resources.

At 5.15 am on 11 April Eric found himself and the rest of his 48th Battalion heading for the Hindenburg Line, near the village of Bullecourt. Most of the promised British tanks had failed to arrive. This was the first time tanks had been employed in battle and they became part of the bloody fiasco that the Battle of Bullecourt turned out to be. The 4th Division AIF suffered more than 3000 casualties, including 1170 taken prisoner. Eric made the first line of German trenches, when he was hit by a hot metal fragment, causing a burning pain in his stomach. Soon afterward he was hit in his left arm. A fellow soldier pulled him into a sap between the German first and second lines of trenches, where he lay for an hour with his helmet on his face protecting him from the flying mud from the mortars shells and rifle grenades. As his comrades started to fall back he feared being left behind so staggered the almost 1.0 Km to his own lines. After about 20 metres he was shot through the thigh. It was a miracle he survived. On 25th May he was sent back to England from France and admitted to the 1st Southern General Hospital where he spent 142 days recovering from his wounds.

He returned to Adelaide on 24 October 1917 and was discharged at Keswick on 27 December, with a £1/10/- pension, with his papers marked "permanently unfit for general and home service. On his "Non Effective Statement" discharge form to the Chief Paymaster" the sections in the form entitled "Forfeitures, Crimes, VD etc. and Promotions Promotion, Appointments, Reversions were both marked NIL. This indicated to the pay master he neither had to add or deduct Eric any pay on discharge and he had committed no major crimes or sins during his service with the AIF nor had he risen in the ranks. A typical but sad epitaph to his 1 year and 227 days of service to Australia. However Eric, as many of his fellow soldiers did in those days, moved on. For him an even greater period of service to his country ensued, in citrus and irrigation research at Griffith as OIC Commonwealth Research Station, Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area. His letters to his father stand as a far more worthy testament to his war service, than his rather "matter of fact" service records held by the Australian National Archives. Eric's story in Les Carlyon's book is only one of many personal accounts contained amongst the facts, figures, strategies adopted by the leaders that conducted that terrible war.

1917 was the worst year for the AIF in terms of casualties. Recruiting was slowing after Fromelles and Pozieres during the summer offensives of 1916. As a result, the Prime Minister Billy Hughes held the first conscription referendum on 28 Oct 1916, in which Australia voted NO (National 1,087,557 NO (48.4%) and 1,160,033 YES – with South Australia voting 119,236 NO (56.6%) and 87924 YES. A second referendum failed by an even larger number on 20 December 1917. In both referendums the troops in the field voted for conscription by a significant amount. There were very keen for more help from home.

According to an AWM key events article in 1917 following Bullencourt the Australians fought costly but successful actions at Mennin Road (20 September), Polygon Wood (26 September) and Broodseinde Ridge (4 October), all of which were well supported by Artillery in concert with the attaching infantry. This was further developed by General Monash in 1918 as the commander of the Anzac Corps. However 1917 ended in disaster for the Australians and all British and Commonwealth forces in the Battle for Passchendaele (Third Battle of Ypres) which commenced in the mud of Flanders fields on 12 October. Australian efforts to capture Passchendaele failed dismally with over 38,000 casualties, overall allied casualties being 275,000 including 70,000 killed.

I will be attending a commemorative service this year in NW France on 26th September to mark these tragic events, which saw many of our Roseworthy students of a hundred years ago lose their lives or return home as casualties. In many ways we are all casualties of war. I hope to walk the fields where Eric and his fellow Roseworthians fought.

Dick (RK) Turnbull RDA 1966-1968

Adelaide

29 August 2017

NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

2017 has seen the completion of a new home for the University of Adelaide's Archive collection, including records from Roseworthy. The shift saw 7 km of shelving space set up on the bottom floor of the Waite Campus Library. The Roseworthy archive was largely undisturbed for over 100 years before the amalgamation of RAC and U of A in 1991. This material is now better placed with more order and accessibility.

These days Student Academic results are kept forever but other individual student records are only kept for 7 years after graduation. Academic staff appointments are kept for 100 years.

The Roseworthy files are considered "special" and are kept intact, and have been subjected to less sorting and culling. The size of the overall archive will not grow exponentially over time as much of the new material is now in digital format making it easier to store, access and study - this is the way of the future!

If you are interested in accessing your student record/file you can contact the University Archives and Record Keeping office on +61 8 83135334 or email records.services@adelaide.edu.au.

One of the staff (Sue, Helen or Andrew) will contact you to make arrangements. It is advisable to forward plan if you want to access files on a particular day when you are visiting Adelaide. The older files probably have more hard copy material and the more recent files may be more digital. The files are confidential and can only be accessed by former students. Families of deceased former students can also make arrangements to gain access.

Despite a new home and wall-to-wall compactus shelving, the sorting, culling, digitizing, filing etc continues. Presently on site at Waite is Richard Campbell ('65), one of the Roseworthy archive volunteers who is sorting Roseworthy photographs and general University architectural drawings. The original plans of campus buildings were in a state of disarray but with Richard's discerning skills they will be indexed and logically filed so that future research will be more straightforward. For instance when architects and civil engineers are doing renovations and additions to old buildings the original drawings and calculations are invaluable, saving a lot of additional testing and analysis.

From time to time graduates and/or their descendants come forward with material that may be of interest to the Archives. So please consider what you are about to discard as it may be of value. Letters, programs, newsletters, old digests, Farmer Day information, good photographs (ideally with names and location) are all part of the jigsaw that brings some understanding of the past. As the past determines the future we can all gain by knowing a little more about it.



Sue Coppin (Collection Archivist) with David Spencer and Richard Campbell (Archive Volunteers)



By the way, if you are interested in perpetuating your own past you may consider acquiring a Vehicle Number plate with the prefix of RDA or RAC. Many of the R plates are available for re-use at a cost of around \$80. If you received your diploma before Warren Hack 1963 (Dip No 1000), you could use your Diploma No. eg RDA 999. Interested? Go to ezyplates.sa.gov.au.

Richard Campbell holding an old renovation plan for the Principal's house at Roseworthy (House on the Hill)

INTRODUCING MELISSA REBBECK



After our 25 year reunion last year, I joined the ROCA committee. I did this for many reasons including that it provides an opportunity to give back to current Roseworthy students and support and promote ROCA, a place I received enormous benefit.

I came to Roseworthy in 1988 where I studied a Bachelor of Applied Science in Natural Resource Management. I graduated in 1991 and went on to study a Graduate Diploma in Agriculture majoring in communications and Ag extension. I made some of the best friends of my life at Roseworthy as fellow students and friends shared my passion for animals, plants, soil health, great outdoors and sports.

I enjoyed many extra-curricular activities at Roseworthy including Netball. I was president of the Pink Bats Netball club when we amalgamated with the football club to follow the footy.

We had some great fun times on the footy bus such as singing Roseworthy songs on the road home. The girls and I would play many a game when the Rugby players joined some of the footy players to cheer us on. At one point we were reprimanded by the Football and Netball association for being so loud and we were not allowed to play in the finals games due to our misconduct.

I was also part of the Muddle Wirra CFS for my 4 years on campus, I joined the local sky diving club at Lower Light and along with other students, tried to start up a motorcycle club for dirt bike riding. We actually got approval to use a paddock at Roseworthy, but we didn't take it any further.

Since Roseworthy, I worked at the South Australian Research and Development Institute as a Senior Research officer in Climate and Agriculture for 16 years and prior to and after I worked for the University of Adelaide in soils and livestock related projects.

It was also no surprise to many of my close friends at Roseworthy that I found another part time job as a stunt person. Someone who knew me well, told me to attend a training to become a stunt person. At the training I found out that to become a stunt person you need a years' experience, in 5 disciplines including martial arts, motor sports, high falls (skydiving), animals and water. Due to my many extracurricular activities, and farming background I found it relatively easy to gain my accreditation and enjoyed some work mostly on McLeod's Daughters (while I was also working at SARDI). I appeared in many episodes.

At this point in my life, I am settling down, and I enjoy a relatively quiet life with my husband and daughter on our 90 acres where we trade Angus Cattle and I direct my company Climate & Agricultural Support. The company conducts a range of projects relating to soil health, frost in cereals, farm collaboration and communications. I have also been supporting the development of a local farming systems group called the Fleurieu Forward Farming Group.

I do look forward to this year's reunion, where I will attend as part of the ROCA committee but also hope to connect with those that I haven't seen a while, especially the 1992 group, when I graduated from by Grad Dip in Ag.



Benefits of Discretionary Family Trusts

We have recently seen some negativity around the use of trusts in family owned businesses.

Discretionary family trusts are a little more complicated than a partnership or company however the benefits of trusts quite often outweigh the complication and/or additional costs. They are therefore a very useful tool when it comes to tax minimisation for family owned businesses.

A trust is an entity that holds assets for the benefit of its beneficiaries.

There are three important roles within any trust:

- 1. Appointor** – has ultimate control of the trust and can remove the trustee at any point in time
- 2. Trustee** – controls the day to day activities and is to act in the best interest of the beneficiaries of the trust. Is the legal owner of any assets.
- 3. Beneficiaries** – receive distributions of income and capital at the discretion of the trustee

Due to the discretionary power given to the trustees, distributions of income and capital can vary in both amounts and beneficiaries from year to year. This becomes a very useful tool in minimising the tax payable by a family group.

Some of the benefits and costs associated with operating a farm/business through a trust are as follows:

- Asset protection – If a person is not the appointor and is only a beneficiary of a trust, the person is only entitled to the share of undrawn income or capital they have been distributed in the current and prior years (e.g. if the trustee has declared a \$50,000 distribution and \$20,000 has been taken in cash from the business, \$30,000 is the only amount owing to that person)
- Flexibility – can change the amount of income and capital distributions from year to year and between beneficiaries
- Succession planning easier – a simple change of appointor can allow control of the assets to pass between generations. No capital gains tax (CGT) nor stamp duty payable if there is a mere change in appointorship
- Can access Small Business tax concessions (if certain eligibility criteria are met)
- Can access Small Business CGT concessions (if certain eligibility criteria are met)
- Farming land can possibly be transferred from family members into a trust stamp duty free in South Australia (intergenerational transfer concessions)
- Allow beneficiaries to use Farm Management Deposits (FMD's) to offset against trust income as distributions of income from a trust maintains its character (e.g. primary production income flows through to the individuals personal tax return and they then have the ability to deduct FMD's)

Costs

- Yearly compliance – slightly more complicated than a partnership and therefore compliance costs slightly more
- Cannot use FMD's as interest offsets on business loans (as you can with partnerships)
- Cannot use losses to offset other income (losses are quarantined in the trust for recoupment in later years)

For further information

If you wish to discuss the use of discretionary family trusts in your business circumstances, please contact Ben Trengove, Agribusiness Specialist at William Buck on (08) 8409 4333 or ben.trengove@williambuck.com

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AGRI UPDATE

Piper Alderman has positioned itself as a leading Australian law firm advising clients operating and investing in the agribusiness sector, from the establishment of commercial agriculture in the 1800s until the present day.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO:

Since the last ROCA Digest we have been busy serving our agribusiness clients in rural and regional Australia. Here's a snapshot of what we have been up to.

Simon Venus attended the opening of the new Almondco hulling and shelling facility at Griffith in NSW opened by the Premier of NSW The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP. Piper Alderman was pleased to advise Almondco from the inception of the project.

The new facility will provide added processing capacity for almond growers in the Riverina and surrounding regions.



We were also pleased to advise Archstone Investment Co. on the acquisition of a majority interest in the Bindaree Beef Group. Bindaree Beef Group, based in Inverell NSW, is the fifth largest meat processor in Australia.

The group operates a vertically integrated supply chain business including feedlots, an export listed processing facility, sales and distribution channels as well as consumer facing brands and a retail store.

David Xie, Deal Team Lead, said:

"The experience with Simon and the team of Piper Alderman have been splendid. The expertise and sense of responsibility the team exhibited are totally impressive."

We are proud of our continuing involvement in 2017 with the "Women Influencing Agribusiness and Regions" strategy being implemented by PIRSA.

Our recent Innovation in Export masterclass was another success. With increasing global demand for Australian food and other agricultural products, there is enormous export potential in both domestic and global markets. Our interactive panel discussion focussed on industry experience and attendees heard about our panellists' learnings and strategies for success.

Save the date for our SA Food and Wine Showcase on Wednesday 25 October 2017.



Since the last Digest we also proudly celebrated the appointment of Bianca Battistella as a partner of the firm. This was a great recognition for Bianca's experience in advising clients both inside the farm gate and those operating in post farm gate value chains.

Please contact Simon or Bianca for more information or for an obligation free chat about any legal issues.



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ROCA PRIZES SUPPORT ROSEWORTHY STUDENTS



All prize recipients present at the School of Animal & Veterinary Sciences' recognition evening held at Roseworthy earlier this year

A core role of ROCA is to provide support for students studying at Roseworthy Campus, through the ongoing provision of prizes and scholarships.

During 2017, four continuing or graduating students benefited from ROCA's financial commitment to Roseworthy. ROCA is honoured to provide the "Gold Medal" Prizes for each of the three courses conducted at Roseworthy - Bachelor of Science (Animal Science), Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) and the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Prize is named in honour of an icon of Roseworthy, Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM. Dr Eastick graduated from Roseworthy with an RDA in 1947 prior to completing his veterinary studies. He became the first veterinarian to establish a practice in South Australia north of Gawler and has been a staunch supporter of Roseworthy for over seven decades, including being Chairman of Roseworthy College's Governing Council.

Roseworthy Campus & Student Fund Scholarship

Recipient: Mikaela White - Second Year BSc (Animal Science) student

ROCA Prize in Animal Science

For the most academically outstanding student completing the Bachelor of Science (Animal Science) in the 2016 year.

Recipient: Peta Groves

ROCA Prize in Veterinary Bioscience

For the most academically outstanding student completing the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) in the 2016 year.

Recipient: Lauren Williams

Hon Dr Bruce Eastick Prize in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

For the most academically outstanding student completing the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in the 2016 year.

Recipient: Sheree Heading

Dale Manson



Recipient of ROCA's Prize in Animal Science, Peta Groves with ROCA's Dale Manson



Recipient of ROCA's Prize in Veterinary Bioscience, Lauren Williams with ROCA's Dale Manson

WINEMAKING AT WAITE AND THE ROSEWORTHY LEGACY



Peter Godden in the Hickenbotham
Roseworthy Wine Science Laboratory

Peter Godden is the Manager of Industry Engagement and Application at the Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI), based at the Waite Campus. Peter was one of the first group of students to graduate in winemaking under the University of Adelaide, following the merger with Roseworthy Agricultural College on the 1st of January 1991, and won three of the four prizes for his year.

In his twenty years at the Waite, Peter has been involved in wine research, teaching and industry education, as well as his own small-scale winemaking business. He is ideally placed to provide a perspective on the changes in winemaking teaching which resulted from the Roseworthy merger, the subsequent move to the Waite Campus, and what is required to ensure that our graduates remain suitably equipped to steward the future success of the Australian wine industry.

The twenty years I've been working on the Waite Campus, has been thoroughly stimulating and rewarding. Roseworthy College was a very collegiate environment where you made friends for life. I was lucky to be associated with the other students at college, many of whom have gone on to do fine things for our industry. However, at that time there was a rationalisation of tertiary education institutions nationally. Roseworthy could no longer stand alone, and a merger occurred with the University of Adelaide.

This happened during our second year, so our third and final year was taught under the University. As the final year cohort, we were not happy. Many of our concerns were with the loss of the Roseworthy name, which had great meaning for us. I had direct experience of this in 1990, when I made a cold-call at Domaine Armand Rousseau in Burgundy on a Sunday afternoon. I met the great Charles Rousseau, and in my broken French explained that I was a winemaking student from Australia. He asked if I was from Roseworthy, and that name alone was a ticket to a fabulous tasting and great hospitality. After all, how many winemakers in Burgundy, or elsewhere in the world, had ever heard of Adelaide?

We were bussed down to the AWRI where the then Director, Terry Lee, told us about the Waite Campus, its synergies with Roseworthy, the benefits of co-location with the AWRI, and the new winemaking facility being planned. We were still not convinced, but Terry was right, as was Professor Harold Woolhouse who came to spend a day with us at Roseworthy. He was a lovely insightful person, and listened to our concerns, and acted promptly on the things he could change.

My time at Roseworthy went quickly, and when I graduated in 1991 I chose the old-style Roseworthy parchment as promised by Harold Woolhouse, Conferred by the authority of the Council of the University of Adelaide' – the best of both worlds. I believe that the inclusion of the word 'Roseworthy' in the official name of the new Waite winery (Hickinbotham Roseworthy Wine Science Laboratory) was also due to Harold.

The following year, the Managing Director of the AWRI also became the Chair of Oenology within the University's Department of Horticulture, Viticulture and Oenology, with the AWRI having made a substantial contribution to the University for endowment of the Chair,

and to construct the winery. This model was in place until 2008 and worked well, with graduates from that era quickly rising to leadership roles within the industry during a period of unprecedented industry growth.

I became the extension and technical services manager at the AWRI in 1997 and regularly lectured to the winemaking students. I have spent many hours in the Waite winery with students over the years.

Working with students with their one-tonne batches of fruit, listening to their ideas, and trying to give them some guidance, was very rewarding. The look on students' faces when they press their first red wine is something every winemaker can empathise with – it is a priceless moment.

There is no doubt that the University and the incorporated Roseworthy College have a proud tradition of creating graduates who have largely built the modern Australian wine industry, which despite its ups and downs, has cemented a prominent place and reputation in the wine world.

The past twenty years have been a period of rapid technological change, which has largely been driven by the industry's investment in research at the AWRI, the University, and other providers.

There can be no doubt that moving winemaking from Roseworthy to the Waite Campus, and co-locating winemaking teaching with the AWRI, and later other Waite Campus partners in the Wine Innovation Cluster (WIC) was visionary, and has been a success.

The WIC comprises nearly 70% of Australia's grape and wine research capacity, and the benefits of linking viticultural and winemaking teaching to that capability are obvious.

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WJ COLEBATCH MEMORIAL PRIZE

FIRST PRESENTED IN 1961

Walter John Colebatch (WJC) was born in Kempley, Gloucestershire in 1877. Within 12 months his family had emigrated and settled in Adelaide. His father Thomas became the Director of Stores for the South Australian Government, and young WJC was sent to Prince Alfred College for his primary and secondary schooling.

In 1895, after a gap year as a jackeroo, he entered Roseworthy on a Government scholarship, valued at 90 Pounds. He won a number of class prizes, the Angas gold and silver medals, and was recognised as Dux of the College, with what was acclaimed as the best academic record of any Roseworthy student up to that time.

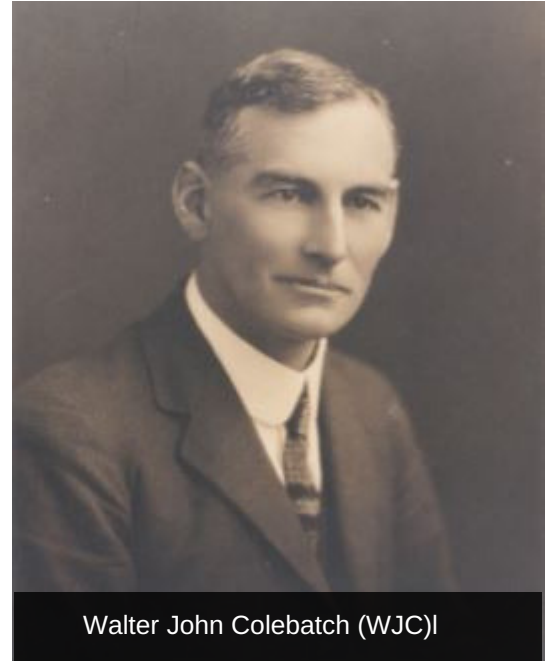
With no suitable avenues in Australia, he sailed to Edinburgh, where for four years he studied for the degree of BSc in Agriculture whilst simultaneously undertaking the full course of veterinary studies at the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College. He taught at Oxford for a year before being appointed lecturer at the agricultural college in New Zealand's South Island, Lincoln College (now Lincoln University), near Canterbury.

While at Lincoln, and just 27 years old, WJC accepted the offer to return to Roseworthy in 1904 as Principal of the college. As the New Zealand Government insisted he complete his three-year contract with Lincoln, he had to decline. On completion of his contract in New Zealand he accepted the position of dual posts with the University of Melbourne and the Victorian Department of Agriculture.

WJC returned to Roseworthy in 1911 as acting Principal while Professor Perkins undertook a year's sabbatical. After the year at Roseworthy he spent the next three years as Director of the agricultural research station at Kybybolite, near Naracoorte. He was appointed Principal of Roseworthy in 1914. After the Federal Government prevented his enlistment in 1916 to the AIF, he remained Principal for a further 11 years, 13 years in total.

WJC had a greater interest in livestock, no doubt as a consequence of his training as a veterinarian, than any of his predecessors at Roseworthy, and this interest was a reflection of the kinds of research work undertaken at the college. However, the Centenary publication records; "WJC, Principal from 1914, still concluded that he was surprised by the 2inch depth plots, expecting deep ploughing to be better than it was. Throughout 1905 – 1933, the permanent experiment field was maintained."

WJC was particularly interested in the facilities for students. During the construction of the new oval he "rode the sleeper"; dragged by horses to ensure the level he required was achieved. A pavilion and grass tennis courts were completed and electric light and hot water services installed. The Tassie Memorial Library was constructed, with funds donated by the family of former student John Tassie. John Tassie of the 43rd Battalion was killed in action on April 25th 1918 near Amien's France, aged 33.



Walter John Colebatch (WJC)

The following information is drawn from "Roseworthy Agricultural College 1883 – 1983" {noted with #}, produced as part of the college's Centenary celebration, and other documents and recollections held by the family.



The four children on their way from the College to the Kangaroo Flat School.

It was also at this time that Roseworthy acquired its first car. As the blacksmith would be responsible for maintaining the car, WJC involved him in the purchase.

He was active in the agricultural and stock organizations which were concerned with improvements in the quality of the state's rural enterprises. He served on the Advisory Board of Agriculture, Central Agriculture Bureau, Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Dairy Cattle Improvement Committee and societies dealing with breeds of sheep, pig breeding and Clydesdale horses. He chaired the Royal Commission in Rural Settlement in 1926-27 and the Royal Commission on South-Eastern Drainage.

During 1927, with his wife gravely ill with cancer, WJC resigned from the college and the family returned to Adelaide. He was succeeded as Principal by W.R. Birks, also a former student of Prince Alfred College and dux of Roseworthy.

WJC became deputy director of the Department of Lands, and served simultaneously in several other posts until he retired in 1937.

Relocating to Olinda in the Dandenong Ranges near Melbourne, he turned plain paddocks into what the grandchildren described as a magical garden. He died in 1958. The locality of Colebatch, between the Coorong and the Dukes Highway, is named after him in recognition of his contribution to agriculture in South Australia.

The W.J. Colebatch Memorial Prize

In March 1959, the four children of WJC, his daughter in law Betty and stepson, Dr. WR Lane offered the Principal, Dr. R.N. McCulloch a prize at Roseworthy in his honour, in the form of a book to the value of 5 Pounds. The children were John, Gordon, Walter Kempley (always referred to as Kemp) and Mary (Duffy). They had lived in the "House on the Hill" and the family has many photographs of their happy times there.

They knew that their father had understood that for Roseworthy to be a good place to learn, it had to be a good place to live, and that he as Principal should be actively pursuing this. They knew too, that it was important that students should be active in building and nurturing community activities and a collegial spirit at Roseworthy.

They decided that the prize in their father's honour should go to the student showing 'all-round promise', including not only academic and practical work, but effort and leadership within the college community.

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All the original donors have now passed on. Their descendants, in early 2010, reviewed the fund, and in consultation with the University of Adelaide staff, the prize was returned Roseworthy.



Near the newly completed tennis court. Mary, John, Gordon & Kemp.



Taken about 1930. Standing: Kemp and Gordon. Seated: Mary and John.



January 1995, the last time the four were together. Gordon, Mary, John and Kemp.

April 2011

The following spoken history recalled by Rene Colebatch who was married to Kemp, and told to her by Florence Dobbie (sister of WJC)

Thomas Colebatch emigrated to SA (possibly this was when he worked for the Water Board as Head Storeman), where he met and married Anne Appleton Bee of Harrowgate (an Adelaide suburb). He took her back to England where WJC was born. Anne contracted arthritis so they returned to SA for the warmer climate. In her later years this condition became severe.

WJC's siblings, Madge (Jolly)(1), Florence (Dobbie) and Jasper Clyatt were born in SA. The name Jasper comes from Anne's brother Jasper Bee, who incidentally loaned Thomas 10 Pounds when he returned to England with Anne.

(1) The family tree records Madge as Mary but was always called Madge. She married Norman Jolly who was twice, Dux of Prince Alfred College and South Australia's first Rhodes Scholar.

Rene remembers going with Kemp just before they were married to visit a very stout elderly lady who was "Aunt Polly Bee". Rene notes; "was she Jasper's widow"? The Colebatch family tree doesn't tell us either way.

WJC's gap year as recorded at the beginning of this document differs somewhat from conversations that Rene had with Florence. Florence had commented on more than one occasion, that he took a year deciding what he wanted to do, idling around the home and tormenting her with tricks and teasing her and the cat. He didn't change.

He went to Edinburgh committed to Hazel Mary Richardson and married her on his return to SA. Walter Kempley was born at Kybybolite. WJC took Hazels sister Maude Richardson in the buggy whilst he registered the new baby at the nearest Post office. He returned to the buggy smiling widely and announced that as he wanted Walter Kempley and Hazel wanted Walter Frederick (for her brother), he had settled it by giving the unfortunate child all of these, thus embarrassing him for the rest of his life.

The photograph below is from an album titled "Canterbury Agricultural College." Notes on the edges record WJC as the Coach and his brother Clyatt, always called Cly as the wicket Keeper.



THE FUTURE OF THE ROCA DIGEST

As ROCA Members know, we produce the ROCA Digest twice a year - the Autumn and Spring editions - and distribute both in hard copy and an electronic version. The electronic version is emailed to around 1,800 members at effectively no cost. However, we still print, pack and post 670 hard copies at a cost of around \$10 each.

Thus, the hard copies of the Digest are the single largest expense for ROCA at just over \$13,000 per annum and naturally, we have to raise funds through wine sales, sponsorships of donations to cover this and the other expenses of ROCA, which are principally our various scholarships and prizes for students.

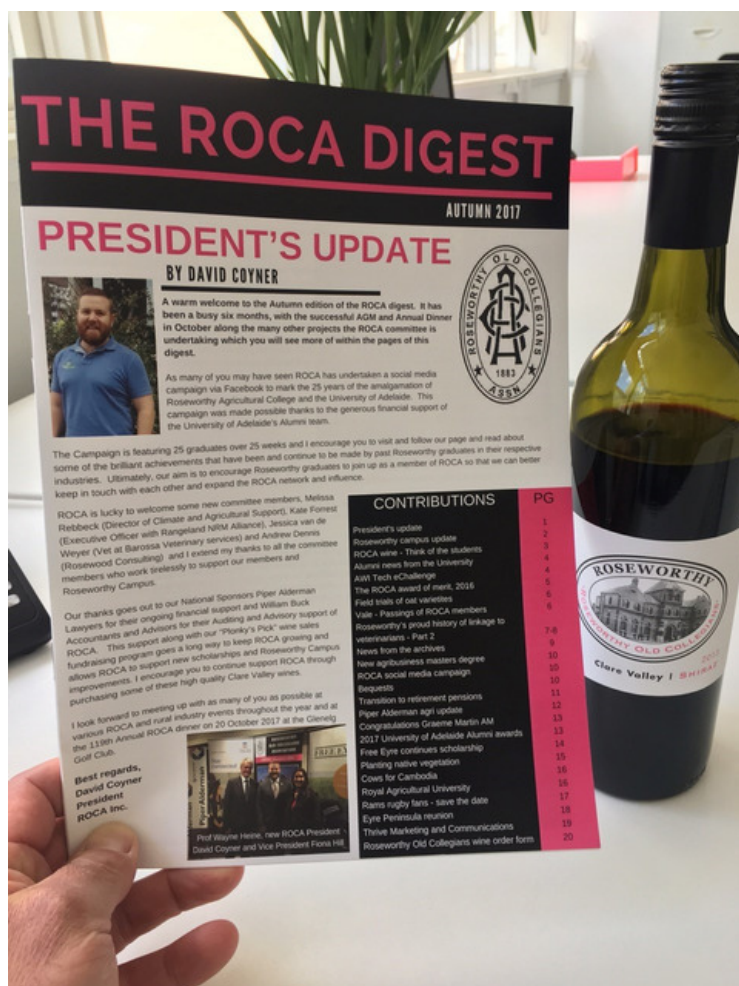
The ROCA Committee is very conscious that a number of our older members may not use electronic means of communication and the last thing we want to do is to not engage with this important group of members through moving the distribution of the Digest to 'electronic only'. We also know that a good many receivers of the hard copy of the Digest, could receive it electronically.



So the moral of this story is that we would ask all members to consider the format in which they receive the Digest, make a donation to cover the printing of future editions of the Digest or do what all wise and savvy ROCA members should do and purchase our Plonky's Pick (where you will receive outstanding Oleary Walker wine and be contributing valuable profits to the ROCA bottom line)

We would be interested in your feedback....
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Best Regards,
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\$4.4 MILLION FOR INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION TRAINING CENTRE FOR INNOVATIVE WINE PRODUCTION

In June, the Australian Government announced \$4,459,672 over five years in continued funding for the Training Centre for Innovative Wine Production (TC-IWP) here at Waite, under the Australian Research Council (ARC) Industrial Transformation Research Program.

Established under funding in the first round of the scheme in 2013, the TC-IWP will build on the training and collaborative excellence of the past four years to mount a program of new industry-led projects to deliver outcomes to boost Australia's competitiveness as a supplier of sustainably-produced premium branded wine to the world.

Australia's grape and wine industry directly employs over 68,000 people, largely in regional areas, generates \$4 billion in sales, \$2 billion in exports and underpins a \$9 billion wine tourism industry. Yet challenges to vineyards due to extreme weather events, soil salinity and diseases, inefficient practices, a low level of technological innovation and high input costs contribute to low profitability in some areas.

With this continued funding, the TC-IWP will roll out new projects that will yield outcomes to aid the industry by responding to these challenges. Centre Director, Professor Vladimir Jiranek, welcomed the funding from the ARC which, with an additional \$4 million in cash and in-kind contributions from project partners and Wine Australia, highlights the substantial support given to wine research from government, partner institutions and the Australian wine industry.



"This funding will enable us to establish 16 new Higher Degree by Research and four postdoctoral research projects aimed at improving the productivity and profitability of Australian wine production," he said.

"We will continue to collaborate with partners from the current Centre and to build the relationship with our new partners while working on new and age-old challenges to wine production through innovative, multi-disciplinary research with a view to increasing the distinctiveness of quality Australian wines".

ARC Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ms Leanne Harvey, said the funding will foster collaborative research, bringing researchers and industry together to transform Australian industries.

"The Training Centres also strengthen Australia's research capability and future workforce, by establishing pathways for early-career researchers, including learning opportunities within industry."

Administered by the University of Adelaide, the TC-IWP collaborating partners include AGRF, AWRI, CSIRO, Charles Sturt University, the NSW Department of Primary Industries, Pernod Ricard Winemakers, VA Filtration (SA), Coonawarra Grape and Wine, Chalmers Wines Australia, E&J Gallo Winery, Wine Australia, Availer and Lallemend Australia.

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