

THE ROCA DIGEST

AUTUMN 2018

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

BY DAVID COYNER



Welcome to the Autumn edition of the ROCA digest for 2018.

The ROCA committee has several projects that are underway for the year, along with a number of regional reunions and planning for the AGM and Annual Dinner in October.

The University has a new Vice-Chancellor and ROCA continues to have a strong relationship with the University. We welcome Professor Peter Rathjen and look forward to strengthening this relationship as we work together.



ROCA has secured some Alumni funding grant money that will be used to continue ROCA's social media presence. The 25 year campaign that was run last year was fantastic and ROCA gained a significant amount of new followers to our page. ROCA has again engaged Wright Social to manage this years content and we look forward to seeing some Roseworthy graduate profiles over the coming months.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those committee members who have left and welcome those that have recently joined. We have had the honour of some of our past members being awarded with 2017 Alumni Fellow Award. Congratulations to Ross Dawkins, Peter Fairbrother, Alistair McFarlane and David Spencer for receiving this award and I thank you for your contribution to ROCA.

When meeting Roseworthy graduates all over the country working in various fields, it is always great to have that connection to the campus and I am often surprised that many of these graduates are not members of ROCA. We are hoping that with some encouragement that you will keep ROCA in mind when you meet Roseworthy graduates and that we will continue to increase our membership numbers.

This year we are working towards a new vintage of "Plonky's Pick" wines. While we wait in anticipation for this release please be reminded that this fundraising goes a long way to keep ROCA growing and allows ROCA to support new scholarships and Roseworthy Campus improvements.

I encourage you to continue supporting ROCA through purchasing some of these high quality Clare Valley wines supplied by the wonderful O'Leary Walker Wines.

Best regards,
David Coyner
President, ROCA Inc.

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ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS UPDATE

Roseworthy entering another growth phase

This year marks ten years since the commencement of the veterinary science program at Roseworthy. Over that time, the Campus has been transformed into a high quality provider of education, research and veterinary clinical services and is poised for further significant growth.

In round numbers, 745 students are enrolled currently in programs based on the Roseworthy Campus. This includes 490 undergraduates studying animal science or veterinary bioscience and 170 students enrolled in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program. Another 85 students are completing an Honours course or pursuing a higher degree by research, mainly the PhD.

While this provides a very sound basis to activities at Roseworthy, student numbers are set to grow further. A new three year undergraduate program in animal behaviour, designed to attract both domestic and international students, will commence in July this year.

Recruitment campaigns aimed at attracting 20 additional international students into the veterinary science program each year have also commenced.

Collectively, the two initiatives already underway will increase total student numbers at Roseworthy to around 1000 within 4-5 years.

Additional educational packages including sub-bachelor programs such as Diplomas and Associate Degrees, Master degrees by coursework and continuing professional development modules are under active assessment.

Fields of education under consideration include veterinary nursing, veterinary technology, aquaculture, equine husbandry and science and farm management.

If feasible and sustainable, these will be progressively added to the digest of educational products delivered from the Roseworthy Campus over the years ahead, resulting in further expansion in student numbers.



Research activity at the campus expanded significantly in the past 18 months. Following their formal endorsement by the University, the JS Davies Research Centre and the Australian Centre for Antimicrobial Resistance Ecology, under firm and dedicated leadership, have attracted a critical mass of excellent researchers, established strong collaborative links and are attracting increasing levels of research funds.

In 2017, the amalgamated value of grants awarded to researchers at Roseworthy exceeded \$6M for the first time. This sets a firm foundation for further expansion in research.

Several large research bids are currently under consideration by a variety of funding agencies, external companies and peak industry bodies. If one or more of these were to be successful as 2018 unfolds, the scope and scale of research activity at Roseworthy will take another leap upwards.

The scale of clinical services delivered through the Veterinary Health Centre at Roseworthy also hit new heights in terms of caseload and revenue during 2017. The Veterinary Health Centre provides outstanding primary opinion and specialist referral clinical services to the companion animal, equine and production animal sectors.

Targeted investments in student facilities and other physical resources on the Campus are also underway and these will improve the built environment with flow-on benefits to the student experience and quality of education and research. While the future can never be predicted with absolute certainty, one thing is sure, there will be some exciting times ahead as the Roseworthy Campus grows and expands.

PROFESSOR WAYNE HEIN
HEAD OF SCHOOL OF ANIMAL AND VETERINARY SCIENCES,
DEAN OF ROSEWORTHY



ROCA HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

ROCA President David Coyner was delighted to present the ROCA Honorary Life Membership Award to David Spencer at the 2017 Annual Dinner.

David joined the ROCA Committee in 2009 and served for a period of seven years. During this time, David made an enormous contribution to ROCA and the University including acting as ROCA President for two years.

David continues to make a significant contribution to maintaining the University of Adelaide Archives' Roseworthy Collection, ensuring that the vast volumes of Roseworthy archives are preserved for the future.

His professional career was as an Agriculture Teacher in secondary schools, in addition to roles within TAFE. We thank David of his wonderful service to ROCA and congratulate him on receiving the Honorary Life Membership of ROCA award.

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.

Each year the University recognises alumni who have made a significant contribution to the University's Alumni Relations program. The 2017 Alumni Fellow recipients were awarded last month and included four Roseworthy Old Collegians, Ross Dawkins, Peter Fairbrother, Alistair McFarlane and David Spencer. Our thanks and congratulations.

The University of Adelaide sees thousands of graduates pass through its doors every year. Thanks to a thriving reunions program, we are delighted to see some of these alumni return, if only for a day. Reunion events invite all alumni - students and staff alike - to revisit the people and the places that made their time at the University of Adelaide unique.

Whether compelled by nostalgia or curiosity, attending a reunion is a chance to renew old friendships, make new ones and discover the changes that have taken place both in yourself and your university.

This year, the University celebrates the agriculture classes of 1994-98. This Agriculture Reunion will be held on 2 June at the National Wine Centre. For further details please contact Alumni Relations Officer, Carolyn McLean on carolyn.mclean@adelaide.edu.au or class champion, Mark Rodda.

The University of Adelaide are home to more than 15 alumni-led associations, chapters and networks that help our community stay in touch. We also work with student associations to advise them of our alumni program as well as keep up to date on their annual events. . In the Faculty of Sciences our first meeting was with the Adelaide University Agriculture Students Association.

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

Lisa Taplin
Manager, Alumni Relations



UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE ALUMNI COUNCIL

For the past 26 years, Roseworthy has formed an integral part of the University of Adelaide's structure. In many minds, Roseworthy is a genuine "Jewel in the Crown" of the University, primarily due to the presence of the highly renowned School of Animal & Veterinary Sciences on Campus.

ROCA forms one of the 12 Networks that support the University's Alumni initiative. Providing the University with advice on matters related to Alumni is the influential Alumni Council.



As part of the wider University family, ROCA is currently fortunate to have three of its members on the eleven-person Alumni Council. Chairperson of Alumni Council is appointed member Louisa Rose (B.App.Sc-WineSc 1993). Ms Rose is currently Chief Winemaker at Yalumba.

Elected Alumni Council member representing the Faculty of Sciences is Associate Professor Paul Grbin (Grad.Dip Wine 1990). Professor Grbin is an oenologist and educator in wine sciences based at the Waite Campus' "Hickinbotham Roseworthy Winery".

Elected Alumni Council member representing Roseworthy and Waite Campuses is Dale Manson (RDA 1976). Joining the ROCA Committee in 1978, he holds a 40-year long membership of the Committee and a lengthy association with the University Alumni. While ROCA President from 1988-1990, Dale steered ROCA through crucial merger negotiations with the University's Alumni group.

The premier role of Alumni Council is to represent the interests of Alumni within the vast and multi-faceted University system. One of the keys to achieving this is through the highlighting of prominent Alumni via presentation of Distinguished Alumni Awards and induction of Alumni Fellows.

In 2018, one ROCA member received the highly prestigious Distinguished Alumni Award, while four were inducted as Alumni Fellows.

Congratulations to John Crosby, Peter Fairbrother, David Spencer, Bardy McFarlane and Ross Dawkins.

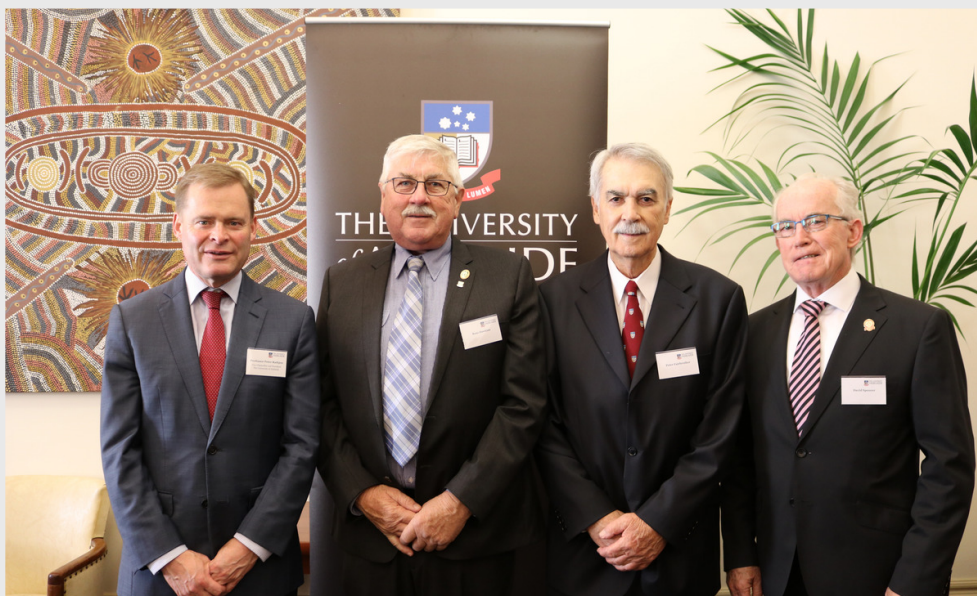
With a strong family background in SA grains industry research and development of new cereal varieties, recently appointed Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Peter Rathjen is highly focused on ensuring current students of Roseworthy and its past graduates benefit from everything the University has to offer.

Through Alumni Council, Roseworthy and ROCA maintain a profile of energy, enthusiasm and professionalism.



FOUR ROCA MEMBERS HONoured AS ALUMNI FELLOWS

Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Adelaide, Professor Peter Rathjen recently honoured four long standing ROCA members as Alumni Fellows in recognition of their outstanding contribution to ROCA and the University's Alumni group.



L-R Prof Peter Rathjen, Ross Dawkins, Peter Fairbrother, David Spencer

Mr Peter Donald Fairbrother (RDA 1961, GradDipAg 1981)

Peter Fairbrother served on the ROCA Committee for a period of 18 years from 1979 until 1997. During this time, he was Secretary for two years and served as Treasurer for nine years.

He has also made an extremely large contribution to the Adelaide University Archives' Roseworthy Collection. The Roseworthy Archives were previously based on Campus at Roseworthy and consisted of little more than disorganised boxes of untitled photographs and documents.

Due to the efforts of Peter Fairbrother and his fellow archive volunteers, the histories, records and culture of all Roseworthy graduates spanning back 135 years have been preserved in a manner that is easily accessible to all.

Mr Ross Maynard Gordon Dawkins (RDA 1968)

Ross Dawkins served on the ROCA Committee for a period of eight years, including one year as Vice President and two as President in 1976/77 & 1977/78.

During his time on the ROCA Committee he made an enormous contribution to developing solid linkages with the student body at Roseworthy Agricultural College and was responsible for bringing ROCA through some tough times affecting the agricultural sector.

Due to the extremely close relationship between Roseworthy students, welfare of the general farming sector and ROCA during the period of Ross Dawkins' time at the helm of ROCA, anything that negatively impacted one of these also affected the others.

For the first time in nearly a century, Roseworthy was admitting women as students and the first of these graduated during the period that Ross Dawkins was ROCA President. By today's standards, this was not unusual, however in the 1970's it caused extreme ill feeling amongst the exclusively male ROCA membership.

Mr David Colin Spencer (RDA 1971, RDAT 1972)

David Spencer completed an RDA in 1971 and an RDAT in 1972. Following his graduation from Roseworthy Agricultural College, his professional career was as an Agriculture Teacher in secondary schools, followed by various student focused roles within TAFE.

David joined the ROCA Committee in 2009 and served for a period of seven years, with two one-year terms as ROCA President. He has made a significant contribution to maintaining the University of Adelaide Archives' Roseworthy Collection, both while serving on the ROCA Committee and since his retirement.

David Spencer played an instrumental role in digitising, identifying and cataloguing historical photographs, cataloguing all student records spanning back to 1883 and sorting documents.

One of his most significant contributions to the Adelaide University Archives Roseworthy Collection has been the addition of new materials through the sound recording of Old Collegians' oral histories and the transcription of these interviews to text. Through this, David ensured that much of the previously unrecorded Roseworthy history that was solely held in the minds of graduates did not disappear with the eventual passing of the people involved. He also did much to grow the archives collection, rather than simply preserve what was already present.

Outside of his roles with ROCA and the University Archives Roseworthy Collection, David Spencer has been extremely active in assisting the fellows in his Roseworthy student peer group (RDA 1971) to maintain close continuing collegiate links through the conduct of regular group reunions, generation of yearly newsletters and the publication of a glossy hardcover book.

Mr Alistair Gordon (Bardy) McFarlane (RDA 1972, followed by Adel Uni Law Degree)

Bardy McFarlane served on the ROCA Committee for 15 years, including two years as President, two years as Vice President, two years as Secretary and three years as editor of the ROCA Digest. Following study at Roseworthy, he qualified as a lawyer through studies at the University of Adelaide. His in-depth knowledge of the law provided the ROCA Committee with a much needed added dimension to its suite of skills.

In addition to his service on the ROCA Committee, Bardy McFarlane served as ROCA's Public Officer for seven years. Of great significance is the fact that Bardy McFarlane personally redrafted the ROCA Constitution and drew up the ROCA Rules to Establish a Scholarship Fund.

For over two decades, Bardy McFarlane worked intensively on ROCA matters and today still serves as a legal resource-person for the Association.

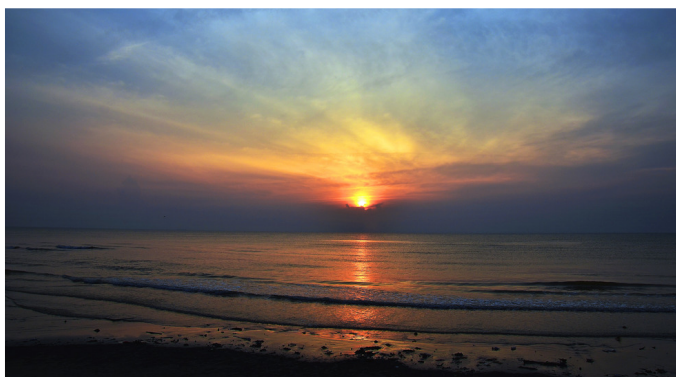
VALE - PASSING OF ROCA MEMBERS

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

HICKINBOTHAM, Ian Laurie OAM (RDO 1950)
(ROCA Award of Merit 2009)

POCOCK, Donald James (RDA 1948)
(ROCA Award of Merit 1997)

ROSS, Ian Campbell (student in the late 1940's)



A HISTORY OF ROSEWORTHY: COLLEGE AND CAMPUS



Roseworthy has deep roots starting as a seed in 1883, growing and developing its shape and form to fit the demands of the many decades of its history over the past 135 years.

For an Institution to survive it must serve the needs of Individuals, Industry and Government. Roseworthy has met those needs for 135 years evolving and responding to a changing world.

The Roseworthy story began as an idea emanating from the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society to promote Agricultural Education and research in a time when Agriculture was the main industry in South Australia. Through an Act of Parliament the Roseworthy Agricultural College was established in 1883 with the first Diploma Graduates in 1886, unique in Australia at this time.

Over the next century Roseworthy produced graduates who mostly found their place in applied Agriculture but also in a wide range of other occupations. Many students credit Roseworthy with playing a large part in their education and career path. Early in the 1900s the Oenology Diploma emerged to finally stand on its own, the only wine making course in the Southern Hemisphere.

The University of Adelaide began its long association with Roseworthy as Agricultural Science undergraduates began to do some subjects and practical work on site and later spent up to a year at Roseworthy as part of their 4-year degree course. This arrangement remained in place until after the 1950s.

Post Second World War saw a boom in Agriculture and a subsequent expansion of student numbers and course offerings.

In the 1970s Roseworthy became a College of Advanced Education with another major expansion of student numbers and courses. As the 1990s approached a formal amalgamation with the University of Adelaide occurred adding Roseworthy as its new campus. Students were now graduating with a degree in Applied Science in various fields but the long established Oenology course was relocated to the Waite Campus.

As the new century turned the corner a major reorganization occurred at Roseworthy with the campus concentrating on Animal Science and Doctor of Veterinary Science. This major change of direction required a considerable investment by the University. The applied nature of the past Roseworthy courses was no longer viable and the Waite campus emerged as the only campus with Agricultural Science undergraduates.

While the course offerings were evolving and responding to the changing Primary Production industry over 135 years, Roseworthy remained an important participant in Agricultural research. Superphosphate trials in the early days, plant breeding, technology innovation, sheep and wool research were among the raft of influences on primary production. The annual Farmers Day was one of the many ways Roseworthy helped to transfer innovations into practical applications.

There are many interesting historical facts related to Roseworthy that it would be worthwhile to explore and reflect on. To that end it is time to engage a professional author to write A Brief History of Roseworthy, College and Campus.

A project of this magnitude needs considerable resources; a professional writer will probably take about two years to produce the first draft.

The many years of archive work that the Roseworthy group have completed will now be of great benefit to a researcher and, combined with the many records and items of the University of Adelaide Archives and Collections, will provide a sound basis for an accurate and informative project. The history draft will be edited and polished by the University of Adelaide Publications ready for printing and your eventual perusal.

While the University is quite supportive there is an opportunity for Industry and Individuals to make a financial contribution to the project. We may need up to \$200,000 to produce a quality book that will take pride of place on many bookshelves.

David Spencer

HON DR BRUCE EASTICK AM (RDA 1947) INDUCTED AS ROSEWORTHY ICON



In a unique honour bestowed on no other person in the 120-year history of ROCA, Old Collegian Bruce Eastick was inducted at the 2017 AGM to the esteemed status of 'Roseworthy Icon'.

Of all the people associated with Roseworthy Agricultural College and Campus over its long history, no-one made a greater contribution than Bruce Eastick. He is considered by all to be a true icon of Roseworthy.

Without reward or kudos, Bruce Eastick has embraced the spirit of Roseworthy over a period spanning in excess of 75 years. He initially attended high school at Urrbrae, prior to entering Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1944.

Initially wanting to be a “cocky”, early mentoring from College veterinarian Dr Phil Schinckel caused Bruce to then refine his career focus towards the veterinary aspects of farming. He distinguished himself academically and on the football field at Roseworthy Agricultural College, graduating with a First Class Honours RDA in 1947.

As the local veterinarian for the Roseworthy area, he also took on the role of mentor for Roseworthy's livestock staff, its consultant on animal health matters and occasional instructor for students. His relationship with Roseworthy was cemented as being lifelong, demonstrated by the extremely high level of voluntary time and resources inputted over the years.

Bruce joined Roseworthy College's Governing Council in 1982, becoming President of the College Council during the turbulent and emotive times when Roseworthy was being compelled to select a University with which it had to merge in the late 1980's and early 1990's. Without Bruce Eastick's leadership, Roseworthy Campus and its surrounding farm would not have survived, the land potentially being sold and teaching facilities transitioned away from rural endeavour.

Bruce Eastick provided particular voluntary service to ROCA as head of its Campus & Student Scholarship Fund. He was honoured by ROCA with an Award of Merit in 1985 and Honorary Life Membership in 2009, with the University of Adelaide also bestowing the honour of Alumni Fellow on him.

The Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund honoured Dr Eastick by naming the Gold Media prize awarded for Dux of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine course after him, while the Eastick Library Building on Roseworthy Campus is named in his honour.

The Honourable Dr Bruce Eastick AM has been the recipient of the Order of Australia for services to the community.

It is fitting that Bruce Eastick's status as an “Icon of Roseworthy” is a status no other person could lay claim to.

THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

In December 2017, Mr John Crosby, RDA 1970 was awarded one of the University of Adelaide's highest awards – The Distinguished Alumni Award.

Few people have advocated and contributed to the success and prosperity of Australian Agriculture as John Crosby. From grass-roots farming to representing his fellows in farming to ensuring the safety of our farm food, John has a long and prestigious history at the most senior levels.

John grew up on his family farm around Alford on South Australia's northern York Peninsula. After attending Kadina High School and Roseworthy Agricultural College, he moved to the family property at Naracoorte in SA's south east, where he farmed with brother Doug. He then moved to Moree in northern NSW, where the family cleared and developed a 5000Ha grazing property into a farming property, growing wheat, chick peas, sorghum, safflower and other crops, as well as cattle and sheep.

Beginning in the early 1980s, John began his decade or so advocating for farmers through both the NSW Farmers Association and the National Farmers Federation (NFF), serving as a senior office-bearer for more than half that period.

In 1994 and in his capacity as NFF Senior Vice President, John led the National Farmers Federation-backed float of Elders. After serving two years or so on the Elders Board, then Elders Chairman, Alan Newman, asked John to move to Adelaide to join the Elders senior management team. For several years in that capacity, John acquired, developed and managed a diverse array of agribusinesses on behalf of Elders shareholders, farming clients across Australia and customers of Australian produce around the globe.

John's senior roles span livestock, grain, dairy, finance, technology and agribusiness advocacy. Having served in three senior food safety roles spanning 20 years, John's passion for and knowledge about food safety is sought-after and has helped to protect and promote the safety and value of Australia's agricultural produce. His proactive, thorough and balanced approach has assisted and continues to assist a broad range of agricultural sectors and agribusinesses to navigate their way through the challenges of domestic and international hurdles to increase the value and reach of their world class products.



**ROCA friends and family at John Crosby's Award ceremony,
L-R Paul Grbin, Dale Manson, Mike Wake, Mary Jo Fisher,
John Crosby, Mark Rodda, Dick Turnbull, David Spencer**

John continues to be actively involved with the University's program to increase the importance of agricultural sciences, specifically with the University of Adelaide's Agricultural Education Fund, the Peter Waite Centenary Scholarship and as Chairman of the Agribusiness Advisory Board.

Throughout his lengthy professional career, John is unique in that he has continued to be an innovative farmer as well as an extremely active mentor for many aspiring producers, researchers and agribusiness people and has inspired many to achieve exceptional personal results.

ROCA MEMBERS RECEIVE AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Two ROCA members involved in the wine industry were recipients of 2018 Australia Day Honours.



Mr Victor John Patrick OAM (RDA 1963) - Flaxman Valley SA

"Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division for service to the wine industry in South Australia"

Mr Patrick's previous honours and recognition include:

- Recipient, Honorary Life Membership, South Australia Wine Industry Association, 2013.
- Recipient, Award of Merit, Roseworthy Old Collegians Association, 2012 for contribution to primary industry and the community'.



Mr Colin Bruce Campbell OAM (RDOen 1968) - Rutherglen Vic

"Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division for service to the winemaking industry"

Mr Campbell's previous honours and recognition include:

- Recipient, Life Membership of the Australian Wine Industry, College of Patrons, Winemakers' Federation of Australia, 2016.
- Named the inaugural 'Victorian Legend of the Vine', Wine Communicators of Australia, 2014.
- Co-Recipient, Distinguished Services Award, Victorian Wine Industry Association, 1995.

ROCA congratulates Vic Patrick OAM and Colin Campbell OAM on this national recognition.

2018 ROCA RIVERLAND & MALLEE REUNION DINNER

The 2018 ROCA Riverland & Mallee Reunion Dinner will be held on Friday 22nd June at the Mallee Fowl Restaurant, Berri. While details are still being finalised to register for the Dinner, the cost has been set at \$53.00/head. The Dinner will commence at 6.30pm for 7.00pm and partners guests and friends will be extremely welcome to attend.

Guest speaker will be Mr John Chappel (RDA 1971 / RDA 1972). John has had a diversity of experiences since graduating from Roseworthy, including managing the famous Chowilla Station, heading the SA Pastoral Board and operating a unique silica mining venture in the Riverland.

Further information and registration details for the ROCA Riverland Reunion Dinner will be e-mailed direct to all members. In the meantime, enquiries can be directed to Dale Manson at 0418 811 233 / manson.daga@bigpond.com

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

After many years of working on the Roseworthy Archives at the University of Adelaide Andrew Brown, Richard Thomas and Wilf Bowen have retired as volunteers.

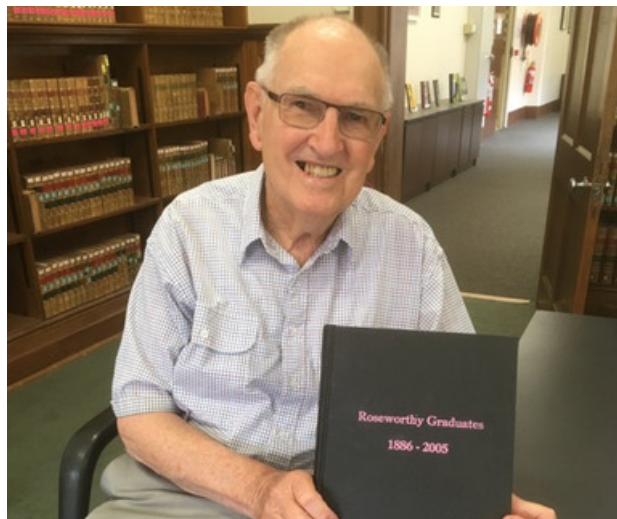
Collectively they have helped to amass a huge amount of material that will prove invaluable to future researchers and individual requests. Digital records should ensure that history does not drift off the truth line that could happen if we just rely on memory and hearsay.

Wilf Bowen was one of the group responsible for the collation of the Roseworthy Graduate List in the Big Black Book! This book is a unique publication listing all the Roseworthy Graduates, ten of these books were bound for reference use but a digital copy is available for the public at the ROCA web page.

Both an alphabetic and chronological list is available to help you search for past graduates of Roseworthy! We like to think it is 99.9% accurate so if you find an error or omission we would like to know about it.



L-R Andrew Brown, Richard Thomas and Wilf Bowen



Wilf Bowen

SAVE THE DATES



**ROCA RIVERLAND branch
Biennial REUNION DINNER**

Friday 22nd June

Mallee Fowl Restaurant, Berri SA

All welcome, more details to follow

AGRICULTURE REUNION for classes of 1994-1998

Saturday 2nd June

National Wine Centre

Further information contact Alumni Relations Officer

Carolyn McLean on 08 8313 5800



**120th ROCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
and Reunion Dinner**

Friday 19th October

Intercontinental Hotel

North Terrace, Adelaide

RDA 1978 GRADUATION REUNION

It is the 40 year reunion for the motley RDA crew who graduated from RAC in March 1978 (even though the College honour board lists it as 1977).

Over the past few years some of us have managed a get together in Adelaide (as seen in the attached photo) but it would be good to get the remainder of the group together as we have unfortunately lost a few graduates over the years.

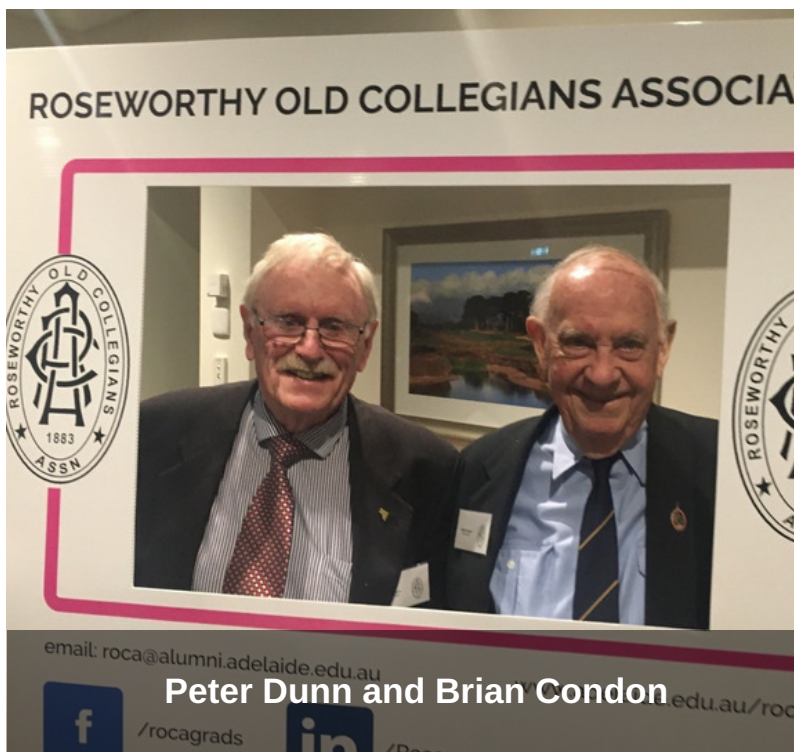
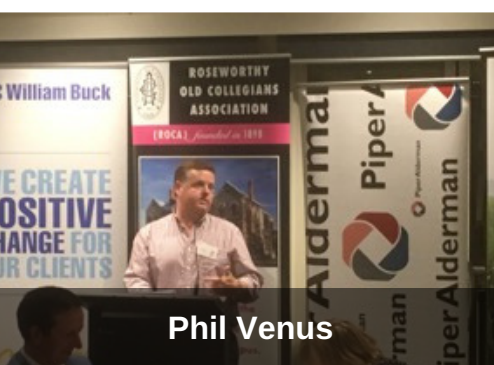
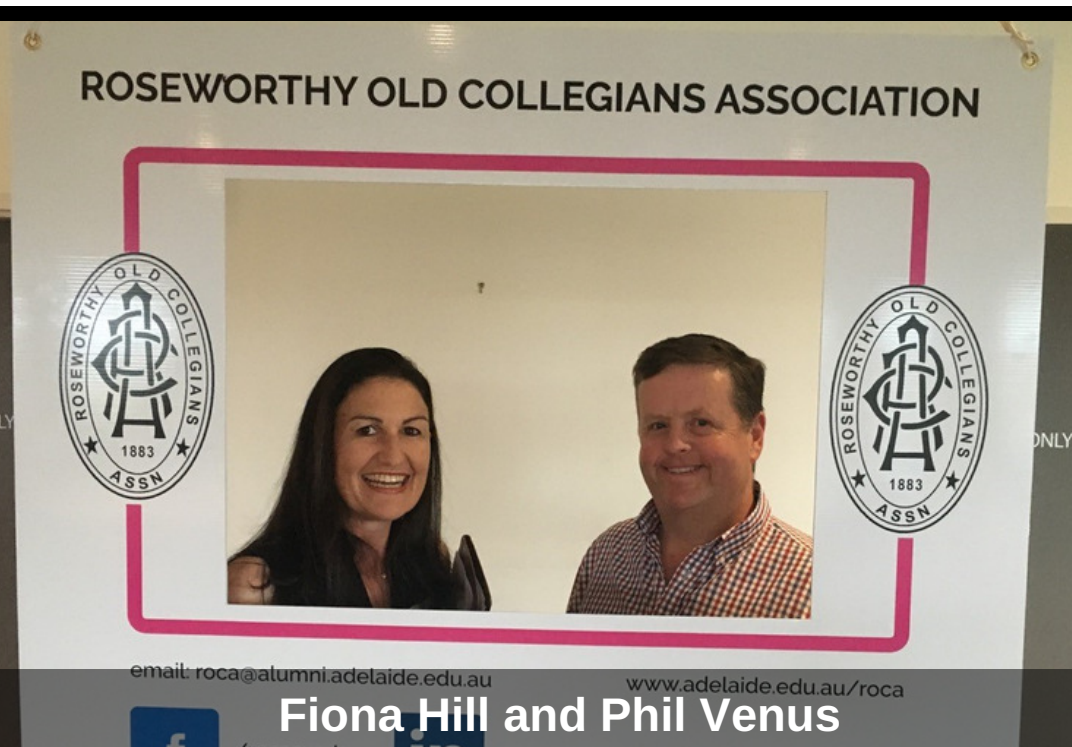
We don't have an official coordinator, but a few of us have been in contact to get things rolling – Peter Smith, Martyn Wilkinson. Peter Filsell, Mark & Julie Langman, Bob Peake, Phil Cleary and Mark Stanley.

It is our intention that we attend the ROCA Dinner and then descend on the Roseworthy Campus on the day following the dinner.

If you have missed out on getting any information via email about our last few gatherings, you can contact Peter Filsell via email pfilsell@westnet.com.au or mobile 0427 534 095.



Images from the 119th ROCA Annual Reunion Dinner, 20 October 2017, Glenelg Golf Club



THE ROCA AWARD OF MERIT



The ROCA Award of Merit is bestowed upon a member of ROCA who has made a meritorious contribution in any field of agricultural activity, including association affairs. This award is regarded as the highest honour ROCA can bestow on one of its members.

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In its history, no other graduate of Roseworthy has made a greater contribution establishing sustainable and practical agricultural training to the disadvantaged communities of the world than Brian Polkinghorne.

Since graduating with an RDA from in 1969, Brian Polkinghorne has selflessly served others, often at great sacrifice to himself and his family. He has devoted his life and agricultural skills to promoting sustainable Agricultural practices, not only locally but into some of the most disadvantaged areas of the world.

His work extends across the globe, where along with his wife Jill and young family, became an Agricultural missionary in Tanzania, East Africa. They went to serve for 3-4 years and ended up spending 26 of the next 46 years in Tanzania.

Not only has the influence of Brian been of enormous benefit to disadvantaged individuals internationally, it has also resulted in significant community work across the globe and within Australia.

Despite being quite modest about his enormous contribution to agricultural projects internationally, Brian Polkinghorne has been widely recognised by others, and I believe he has just published a book.

Brian's recent ventures to combine faith and sustainable agricultural practice as a real and lasting approach to enable third world tribal communities to become self-reliant for food, water and enabling people to find their ways out of poverty, reflects his ability as a leader and innovator.

Brian is an extremely worthy recipient of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association "Award of Merit" for 2017.

Nominations open!

Nominations are now open for the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association (ROCA) Award of Merit 2018.

The Award of Merit is bestowed upon a member of ROCA who has made a meritorious contribution in any field of agricultural activity, including Association affairs.

The ROCA Award of Merit is regarded as the highest honor ROCA can bestow on one of its members.

Nominators are to provide details of their nominee's career since leaving Roseworthy plus details of their service to industry, the community and ROCA. As this background detail may take some time to collate, I urge nominators to start this important process as soon as possible.

Nominations close on 17 August 2018 and must be received at either PO Box 503, KENT TOWN, 5071, South Australia or roca@alumni.adelaide.edu.au.

The 2018 Award of Merit will be presented at the ROCA Annual Dinner in October.

Nomination forms are available on the ROCA website.

Please don't hesitate to call ROCA President David Coyner on 0429423241 or email roca@alumni.adelaide.edu.au for further information or assistance in this nomination process.

Past recipients

The Award of Merit is regarded as the highest honour ROCA can bestow on one of its members.

1961 Roland Hill OBE †
 1963 Len Cook †
 1965 Frank Pearson †
 1967 Bob Herriot OBE †
 1969 Jack Reddin OAM †
 1971 Prof Rex Butterfield †
 1973 Rex Kuchel †
 1975 Ken Pike †
 1977 Des Habel †
 1979 Dr Mark Hutton †
 1981 Andrew Michelmores †
 1983 Ralph Hewett Jones †
 1985 Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM
 1987 Robin Steed
 1989 Ray Norton †
 1991 Scott Dolling OAM
 1993 Bob Baker †
 1995 Grant Mayfield
 1997 James Pocock †
 1999 Don Moyle
 2001 Brian Jefferies AM †
 2003 Philip Laffer AM
 2005 Ronald Mertin AM †
 2007 Kenneth Wilfred Bowen
 2009 Ian Hickenbotham OAM †
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