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GREETINGS FROM THE ROCA PRESIDENT

**Dale Manson (RDA 1976)
ROCA President 2023/2024**

The year 1898 heralded the start of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association's long journey supporting Roseworthy Agricultural College graduates. With 125 years now under its belt, ROCA is looking brighter and more stimulating than ever.

The ROCA Committee is looking well into the future to ensure sustainability in terms of not only servicing existing members, many of whom studied agriculture, horse management, oenology or natural resources management, but also in terms of retaining relevance for its more recent members whose studies at Roseworthy predominantly focused on animal and veterinary sciences.

Whatever the primary area of study at Roseworthy may have been over the past 140 years and into the future, former students and graduates all share commonality in acquiring skills in community engagement, communication, technical knowledge and scientific practice. Most importantly of all though, everyone who had the privilege of studying at Roseworthy gained the critical ability to discern true scientific and technical merit amongst the plethora of sometimes questionable opinions and concepts they may encounter throughout life.

In recent years, ROCA has been very fortunate to have had the full support and often hands-on assistance of the senior staff of Roseworthy Campus. Former Head of the School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences at Roseworthy, Professor Wayne Hein was 100% behind ROCA's efforts, as is the current Head of School, Professor Rob Woodgate.

ROCA is indebted to Head of the Roseworthy Residential College and Manager of Roseworthy's Student Services, David Purdie for the enormous amount of hands-on assistance he has provided, in addition to his ability to steer ROCA through much of the red-tape associated with University process.

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GREETINGS FROM THE ROCA PRESIDENT CONTINUED

I highlight these three leaders of Roseworthy Campus, as even with the enormous day-to-day pressure of running Roseworthy, they have each found the time to think about ROCA and meaningfully contribute to our Association in their own way.

The commemoration of ROCA's 125th Anniversary Year was conducted at Roseworthy last October and it can only be described as a sensational occasion. Thank you to everyone who attended and to last year's ROCA Committee under the presidential leadership of Dick Turnbull.

Into the future, ROCA has President-Elect Andrew Eastick busily working behind the scenes and ready to take the reins of the Association once my term as President has been completed. Having initially joined the ROCA Committee in 1978, over the subsequent 45 years I have been privileged to participate in the various phases of Roseworthy's life. Currently, I see nothing to indicate either ROCA or Roseworthy Campus are in for anything other than a wonderful future.

Dale Manson
President
Roseworthy Old Collegians Association

"LOST" MEMBER EMAIL UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who responded to ROCA's plea for assistance to track down the email addresses of our "lost" members.

As ROCA now only communicates with members via email rather than hard-copy post, when we lose the current email address of a member, it means they are completely cut-off from the Association and the affected member often feels abandoned.

Further requests for your assistance to track down "lost" members' email contact details will be made on a regular basis. As a result of the recent assistance provided by members, ROCA was able to make contact with quite a number of "lost" members, in addition to being made aware of some who had passed away.

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BESTOWAL OF ROCA 125TH ANNIVERSARY HONOURS

In its 125th Anniversary year of 2023, Roseworthy Old Collegians Association bestowed honoured status on the three most influential living graduates who have 'Beneficially Impacted and Influenced World Society and International Community Change'.

The three esteemed Old Collegians honoured by ROCA and venerated by communities across the world were Peter Clark (RDA 1970), Hon John Dawkins AO (RDA 1968) and Dr Graham Mitchell AO (RDA 1961).

In 2023 as ROCA commemorated its first 125 years and Roseworthy marked a milestone of 140 years, the overarching ethos of peaceful coexistence with others, mutual respect for all and provision of abundance through the gaining of wisdom remained paramount.

All graduates from Roseworthy are potentially equipped with a unique ability to maintain this ethos by changing the world for the peaceful benefit of mankind, whether it is social, scientific, cultural, technological, environmental or economic.

While many have gone before them and now passed, ROCA honoured the three living Roseworthy graduates whose life work above all others, had imparted massive and beneficial change across the globe for the benefit of all.

Using their Roseworthy training as a launch-pad, all three had in fact changed humanity and the world for the better.

Much can be written about these esteemed and venerated Old Collegians, however space in this ROCA Digest only permits brief summations of their individual contributions to the world and international society.



Peter Clark (RDA 1973)

Peter Clark (RDA 1973) has been honoured by ROCA for changing the world in a positive and significant manner for the benefit of international humanity, conservation, social benefit and economic welfare.

Peter Clark spent 30 years in New Guinea where he saw the unique native rainforest being rapidly cleared to provide more land for the hard-pressed local indigenous communities to scrape meagre subsistence from impoverished farms.

He created commercial conservation enterprises for these communities, in order to provide them with a worthwhile income source, personal empowerment, social worth and a mechanism to remove the reason for clearing the valuable native vegetation.

Peter Clark's life has been vested in valuable conservation efforts across the world, ensuring social equity and economic stability.

Currently he is Director of Zoos SA's Monarto Safari Park, the world's largest safari park outside of Africa, where he is the unwavering protector of some of the rarest, most endangered and precious animals in the world.

Internationally, Peter Clark has been elevated and recognised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation with a very rarely awarded honour – the bestowal of a UNESCO Achievement Award for his conservation career. *Continued Page 4.*

BESTOWAL OF ROCA 125TH ANNIVERSARY HONOURS CONTINUED



Dr Graham Mitchell AO (RDA 1961)

Graham Mitchell (RDA 1961) has been honoured by ROCA for changing the world in a positive and significant manner for the benefit of international humanity, conservation, social benefit and economic welfare.

As one of Australia's leading biological scientists in the fields of human and animal health, Dr Graham Mitchell spent a lifetime devoted to worldwide change in a positive and significant manner for international humanity, social benefit, economic welfare and conservation.

After gaining his Roseworthy qualification in agriculture followed by a veterinary science degree, Graham Mitchell made world-leading discoveries in cellular immunology, establishing a new program in the immunology of parasitism that became the major component of global efforts to develop new tools for the control of parasitic diseases and the 'biotechnology revolution'.

Instrumental in establishing the long-term program to deal with the disease, schistosomiasis in the Philippines, he was also instrumental in work involving a new family of chemicals at the time, the Ivermectin family, revolutionising internal parasite control in livestock and humans internationally.

As former Director of the prestigious Royal Melbourne Zoological Gardens, he introduced a number of new initiatives in local and international conservation

Graham Mitchell was honoured by the Australian Government in 1993 with investiture as an Officer of the Order of Australia and by ROCA in 2002 with a ROCA Award of Merit.



Hon John Dawkins AO

John Dawkins (RDA 1968) has been honoured by ROCA for changing the Australian nation and the wider world in a positive and significant manner for the advancement of the community, social benefit, economic welfare and international relations.

As the Federal Treasurer, Federal Minister for Trade and Federal Minister for Employment Education & Training in the Government of Australia, John Dawkins personally reconfigured the national higher education sector in order to ensure the economic survival of tertiary education and the major provider institutions across Australia.

Internationally, John Dawkins personally revolutionised the world trade system by ensuring that agriculture was encompassed within The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and subsequently the World Trade Organisation.

He was the founder of the CAIRNS Group (Cairns Group of Fair Trading Nations), an interest group of nineteen agricultural exporting countries, creating an international environment requiring peace, equity and open communication, negating the trend towards international isolationism.

John Dawkins was honoured by the Australian Government in 2000 with investiture as an Officer of the Order of Australia.

UPDATES ON SPRING 2023 ROCA DIGEST ARTICLES FEATURING TOM GEPP AND DR ALF HUMBLE

The Spring 2023 ROCA Digest featured two articles outlining the history of two ROCA agriculture graduates who studied at Roseworthy Agricultural College in the 1930s, Mr Thomas Leslie Wyburn Gepp (RDA 1939) and Dr Alfred Ernest Humble (RDA 1940).

ROCA was looking for feedback from ROCA members who may have further background information on these two prominent Roseworthy graduates.

Tom Gepp:

Prior to his passing in 2018 aged nearly 101 years, Tom Gepp donated the "Thomas Gepp Prize in Veterinary Pathology", awarded to a student studying in Roseworthy's School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences.

This Prize was in honour of his Great Grandfather, also Thomas Gepp (1809-1894), South Australia's first-ever Veterinary Surgeon who came out on the same ship as architect of many of SA's towns, Colonel William Light.

The history of Roseworthy trained Tom Gepp was sourced by Andrew Eastick (RDA 1976) after scouring the archive collection of Roseworthy Student magazines.

A few years after his 1939 Roseworthy graduation and 1946 discharge from the Australian Army, Tom Gepp joined the staff of Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1948 as an Animal Production Technician. He worked at Roseworthy beside the well known and often notorious AP Lab Technician Mr Rex Brady.

The December 1948 issue of Roseworthy's '*The Student*' magazine quotes:
"Mr. Gepp is no longer known as "Texas", but white-coated, hard-working and demure. He is a technician at the A.P. Laboratory.

Although Mr. Gepp had wool and stock experience, with practical work on Kangaroo Island and the South-East before joining the army, his experience in the Pathology Department at Daws Road with the army and later with the Repatriation Commission, has fitted him admirably for his work at College."

The December 1954 issue of Roseworthy's '*The Student*' magazine quotes:
"Mr. Gepp, after about six years in the A.P. Lab. has transferred to the Engineering and Water Supply Dept. as an Analyst. His work at the moment is a combination of laboratory and field work. Now that he can see the lights of Adelaide, he is very happy with his lot."

Dr Alf Humble:

As ROCA's oldest member aged in his 104th year, Dr Alf Humble was an inspiration to many in the veterinary profession. He graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1940, prior to joining the RAAF as a bomber pilot during World War II.

Sadly, but not unexpectedly, Dr Humble passed away in September 2023.

After returning from the war, he utilised a scholarship gained at Roseworthy prior to the war to study Veterinary Medicine at Sydney University.

He then worked for the SA Government as a District Veterinary Officer, in addition to being the principal of numerous private veterinary practices.

Dr Humble purchased numerous aircraft to conduct his veterinary services and became renowned as being Australia's first 'Flying Vet', including considerable air miles in pastoral NT, SA, WA and Queensland.



2024 ROCA Award of Merit recipient, Neil Pontifex with ROCA Past President, Dick Turnbull

2023 ROCA AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENT

Neil Pontifex (RDA 1973)

Neil Pontifex was recently honoured by the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association with the 2023 ROCA Award of Merit due to his inspiring leadership, entrepreneurship and innovation in dryland farming.

He is an exemplary South Australian rural community member and leader, a highly successful marketer of Kangaroo Island grain and a strong supporter of South Australian Agricultural Education.

Neil attended Roseworthy Agricultural College from 1970 to 1972, graduating with an RDA in March 1973. His professional farming career commenced after graduation when he returned to the 800 hectare family farm at Paskeville. Within his local community, Neil soon assumed leadership roles in various local sporting clubs and organisations.

In the 1980s, Neil quickly recognised the huge farming potential of GPS technology and became heavily involved with Precision Farming Australia (PFA). After an initial role developing the interpretation of data from header yield monitors to produce yield maps, he pioneered the development of the first boom spray GPS guidance systems.

An early adopter of Continuous Cropping that he made sustainable by including lentils in his Paskeville crop rotation, Neil's success influenced other local farmers to adopt these practices which contributed significantly to the profitability of Yorke Peninsula farming.

In 2001 Neil and wife Rosemary purchased 400 hectares of 26-inch/635 mm rainfall grazing land at Vivonne Bay on Kangaroo Island with the intention of turning it into reliable cropping country. However the challenge of managing properties at Paskeville and Vivonne Bay soon became apparent, and the 7 hours travelling time between the two properties became unsustainable. To address this issue, Neil qualified for a pilot's licence in only 6 weeks and then purchased his own plane.

Although the Vivonne Bay expansion initiative initially proved to be unprofitable due to the crippling cost of shipping grain from Kangaroo Island to the mainland and the high rainfall that resulted in waterlogged crops and frequently bogged machinery. As the traditional methods of controlling waterlogging in his farm's soil did not work, Neil adopted the then innovative practice of delving his soil to a depth of one metre. While this broke up the impermeable clay subsoil and dramatically improved the waterlogging problem, it also ruined trafficability, with the boom spray constantly getting bogged in paddocks that had been delved.

To address this problem Neil resorted to aerial spraying and before long he purchased his own spray plane and employed a pilot. This initiative was so successful that the use of the plane took over his seeding, fertilising and all aspects of weed, pest and disease control.

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2023 ROCA AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENT CONTINUED

In 2004 Neil and two other Kangaroo Island growers formed the Kangaroo Island Canola Company (KICC) to directly supply a Japanese oil crusher with non-genetically modified canola. The premium prices that KICC was able to negotiate effectively addressed the freight cost issue.

This was followed by Neil establishing Kangaroo Island Pure Grain (KIPG) with three other KI farmers to provide premium returns for Kangaroo Island grain growers and offset the exorbitant freight cost that KI farmers faced when sending their grain to the mainland. His initiative resulted in the halving of freight rates paid by local farmers.

The next farming innovation introduced to the area by Neil was the inclusion of waterlogging tolerant broad beans in a three-year cropping rotation system with Canola and Biscuit Wheat. His initiative also created excellent SE Asian markets for broad beans, leading to the establishment of a sizing, processing and packing plant at Osborne to export KI and SE broad beans.

Neil has been a leader in the non-GM crop field, resulting in Kangaroo Island now being the only part of South Australia that has been declared a GM-free region. During his time on Kangaroo Island, Neil's landholdings have grown from the initial 400 hectares to over 4,400 hectares.

Neil is a member of a group of leading farmers who fund the Agribusiness Leaders Scholarship. Established five years ago, this group of leading farmers sponsor scholarships for agricultural students studying at the University of Adelaide. He also serves as an Adelaide University Mentor with the Sciences Alumni Network Mentoring Program.

DIARY DATE: 2024 ROCA REUNION DINNER

Friday 18th October, 2024

Featured Reunion Groups will be:

- 40 Year Reunion Group (1984)
- 50 Year Reunion Group (1974)

ROCA would also welcome any other Reunion Groups that may wish to formally convene. In past years, we have had groups such as:

- 10 Year Reunion Group (2014 grads in 2024)
- 25 Year Reunion Group (1999 grads in 2024)



ROSEWORTHY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE 125TH ANNIVERSARY 2008

ROCA HONOURS PRESENTED FOR Outstanding Contribution to the Benefit of World Humanity

In Roseworthy Agricultural College's 125th Anniversary year of 2008, Roseworthy Old Collegians Association honoured the five most outstanding living graduates who contributed to the benefit of World Humanity.

David Lithgow Lewis OAM (RDA 1976; RDA 1977)

Anthony Francis John Petch (Grad.Cert.Agron.Farm.Sys. 1997)

Reverend Brian Trevor Polkinghorne (RDA 1970)

Paul Anthony Kevin Symonds (RDA 1973)

Richard Keep Turnbull (RDA 1969)

ROSEWORTHY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE 125TH ANNIVERSARY 2023

ROCA HONOURS PRESENTED FOR Beneficial Impact and Influence on World Society and International Community Change

In its 125th Anniversary year of 2023, Roseworthy Old Collegians Association honoured the three most influential living graduates who beneficially impacted and influenced world society and international community change.

Peter Barnett Clark (RDA 1973)

Hon. John Sydney Dawkins AO (RDA 1968)

Dr Graham Frank Mitchell AO (RDA 1961)

ROCA MEMBERS HONoured BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

As a network within the University of Adelaide Alumni since 1991, the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association has had a number of its members honoured by the University through the bestowal of Distinguished Alumni Awards and appointment as Alumni Fellows.

Bestowal of Distinguished Alumni Awards recognises extraordinary contribution to the wider community by individuals, while appointment as Alumni Fellows recognises outstanding contribution to the University of Adelaide Alumni and its networks.

ROCA Members who have been honoured with Distinguished Alumni Awards

1997: Mr John James Messenger (RDA 1957)

In recognition of his distinguished service as an alumnus to the students, staff and graduates of the University and to the extended community through his Chairmanship of Unibooks.

2011: Dr Arthur Ray Beckwith OAM (RDA 1932, D Univ 2004)

In recognition of his highly significant contribution to the field of Oenology and to the wine industry in Australia and internationally.

2014: Mr Philip Laffer AM (RDA 1961, RDOen 1963)

In recognition of his outstanding leadership and contribution to the Global Wine Industry.

2017: Mr John Crosby (RDA 1971)

In recognition of his advocacy for farmers and the Australian farming industry.

ROCA Members who have been honoured as Alumni Fellows

A/Prof Wayne Boardman (Roseworthy Staff)

Mr Kenneth (Wilf) Bowen OAM (RDA 1950)

Mr Martin Cochrane (RDA 1968)

Mr Ross Dawkins (RDA 1968)

Hon Henry (Peter) Dunn (RDA 1956)

Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM (RDA 1947)

Mr Peter Fairbrother (RDA 1961, GradDip Ag 1981)

A/Prof Paul Grbin (GradDip Wine 1990)

Prof Simon Maddocks (Roseworthy Staff)

Mr Dale Manson (RDA 1976, RDAT 1977, MAppSc Ag 1998)

Mr Alistair (Bardy) McFarlane (RDA 1972)

Mr Mark Rodda (BAgBus 1996)

Mr Mark Seeliger (RDA 1961)

Mr David Spencer (RDA 1971, RDAT 1972)

Mr Milton Spurling (Roseworthy Staff)

Mr Harry Stephen (RDA 1948)

Mr Raymond Taylor (RDA 1952)

Mr Richard Turnbull (RDA 1969)



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1926 - GRANTING OF THE RIGHT TO USE RDA AFTER GRADUATES' NAMES

Despite Roseworthy Agricultural College issuing formal Diploma qualifications since 1886, it was not until 1926 that Roseworthy graduates could officially cite the abbreviation of their qualification beside their names.

ROCA Vice President, Andrew Eastick (RDA 1976) has done some intensive research into the use of the Roseworthy qualification and come up with a number of quite interesting historic references:

The Old Collegians' Association section of the Vol. 23 No. 2 edition of *The Student*, published in July 1924, reported:

'The question has arisen as to whether diploma-holders are entitled to any distinctive letters after their name similar to the Cirencester Agricultural College diploma-holders (England), who are entitled to add the letters M.R.A.C. Inquiries are now being made as to what steps would be necessary in order to secure permission for the diploma-holders to use some specified designation. For several years now it has been customary for graduates to designate themselves R.A.C. Dip. when applying for public positions.'



Diploma awarded to the first RAC graduates in 1886

Subsequently, the Old Collegians Association section in the Vol. 24 No. 1 edition, published in July 1925, reported: 'Some little time ago the question whether Diploma-holders of the College were entitled to use any distinctive letters after their names, engaged the attention of the Committee, and the matter was left in the hands of the Principal (Mr. Colebatch) to make inquiries. No doubt there is some regulation debarring individuals from the use of such letters as commonly denote a University degree, and therefore the matter is at present before the Crown Solicitor for a considered opinion. Diploma-holders of the Cirencester Agricultural College (England) add the letters M.R.A.C., whilst, I understand, Hawkesbury Diploma-holders also adopt a similar practice, and in our next issue of these Notes we hope to be able to state our position.'

The Vol. 24 No. 2 Edition, published in January 1926, duly reported:

'With reference to the question as to whether the holders of the College Diploma were entitled to use any letters after their names in the same way as Diploma-holders of the Agricultural Colleges throughout Australia adopt some distinguishing letters, notice has now been received from the Crown Solicitor that authority has been given for Diploma-holders of the Roseworthy Agricultural College to use the short title R.D.A. (Roseworthy Diploma Agriculture) to indicate that they hold the College Diploma. Those who hold Diplomas of the first class may in addition use the word 'honours' (in brackets) after such short title. It is gratifying to have such authority, if only to bring us in line with similar institutions in the Commonwealth.'

Little time was lost in the use of R.D.A.. The staff list of the same edition of *The Student* identified those College staff who were Roseworthy Diploma-holders.

- D .G. Quinn R.D.A. Lecturer on Viticulture, Fruitculture and Oenology
- R. Baker R.D.A. Lecturer in Dairying and Superintendent of Dairy
- R. C. Scott R.D.A. (Honours) Experimentalist and Demonstrator in Agriculture
- W. V. Ladbroke R.D.A. (Honours) Cerealists
- J. L. Williams R.D.A. Superintendent of Vineyard, Orchard, and Wine Cellars
- E. L. Orchard R.D.A. Superintendent of Farm and Livestock
- R. J. Wilson R.D.A. (Honours) Assistant Farm Superintendent

ROSEWORTHY MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The College's Memorial Chapel was constructed in 1955 after a competition for the design of a non-denominational Memorial Chapel to commemorate students who served and died during the Boer War and the two World Wars.

A public appeal for the donation of funds began in 1945, with the foundation stone being laid on 11 March 1955 by Sir Robert George, Governor of South Australia.

The Appeal Committee was Chaired by prominent Adelaide businessman at the time, Mr F.W. Cornell and comprised 27 prominent community leaders with surnames such as Angas, Parsons, Brookman, Horwood, Buring, Seppelt, Winser and Melrose.

Hon. Secretary of the Appeal Committee was Roseworthy staffer, BC. (Burleigh) Philp, with much of the funding raised from Roseworthy Old Collegian donations.

The Chapel's design was the winner of a competition held in 1947, with Dean Berry and Gilbert being the winning architects.

The competition stipulated that the design should be nondenominational in character, serving to crystallise the spirit of fellowship and esprit de corps which had for so long been a feature of College life.

A simple design in Waikerie limestone from the SA Mallee was deemed appropriate for the walls, with the roof being of red terracotta and the quoining of dressed concrete.

Above the Chapel's northern entrance was placed a Waikerie limestone sculpture by John Dowie depicting a young warrior discarding his uniform in readiness to return to the land.

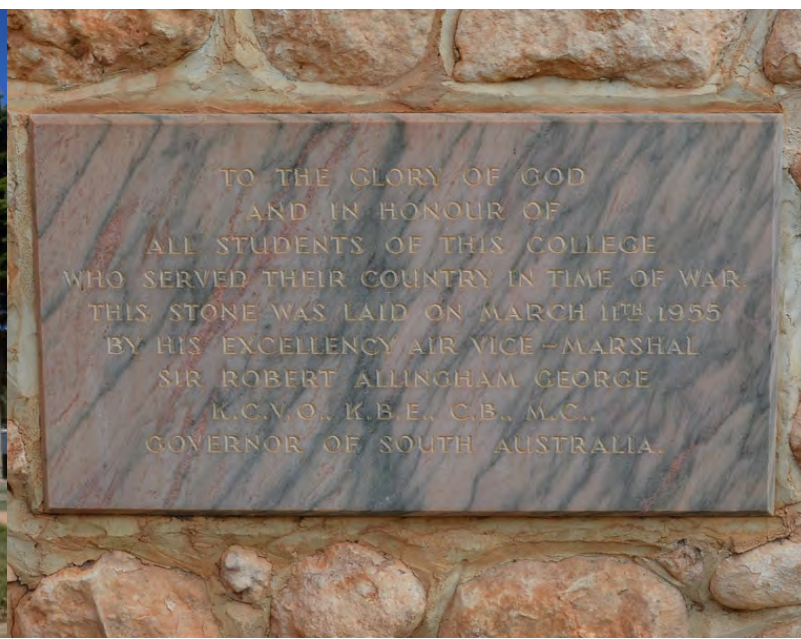
This splendid piece of work depicted an Australian soldier in the battle-dress of Tobruk boots, socks, anklets, shorts, and basic pouches, bareheaded and carrying his steel helmet in his left hand.

He looked thoughtfully towards the door of the main building.

The figure was deliberately given a somewhat rugged exterior to harmonise with the Chapel's rugged mallee limestone walls.

It was pointed out by sculptor John Dowie and architect Dean Berry that a more polished figure, as for example in the classical Greek mode, would have been quite inappropriate.

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ROSEWORTHY MEMORIAL CHAPEL CONTINUED

In 1945 the cost of the Memorial Chapel was set at between £5,000 and £7,500, however in 1954 the design was altered to accommodate rising building costs following the lifting of World War II building controls, with the length of the building being shortened to meet the sum available for construction.

At the rear of the Memorial Chapel mounted on a rear wall intended at the time to be only temporary, were placed brass honour rolls paying respect to those of the College who answered the call to defend humanity in the South African Boer War, WWI and WWII.

A service for the dedication of the Roseworthy Agricultural College Memorial Chapel marking the official completion date was conducted on Sunday 28th April 1957 in the presence of His Excellency the Governor of South Australia, Sir Robert George, K.C.V.O., C.B.E., C.B., M.C. and Lady George.

Mrs. R. J. Rudall presented an electronic reed organ to the Chapel in memory of her son Jake, who enlisted from College in 1940 and was killed in New Guinea in December, 1942. The organ was built in 1956.

Mrs. P. H. Andrews, mother of the late Bruce Andrew (a C.R.T.S. student during 1946 to 1949), presented a beautiful old family Bible for use in the Roseworthy Memorial Chapel.

The retiring Third Year students of 1956 subscribed 50 Pounds to provide a lectern.

In the 1980s, Mrs Cowley (mother of Keith Cowley DipAppSc Ag 1982) donated the two brass candlestick holders mounted on the Chapel's front Altar.

ALUMNI OFFICE STALWART, MATT BELL



Matt Bell accepting ROCA's token of gratitude from ROCA President, Dale Manson

The gruelling decision by the Roseworthy College Governing Council under the leadership of the Honourable Dr Bruce Eastick AM 32 years ago to become part of the University of Adelaide necessarily meant that ROCA became integrated into the University of Adelaide Alumni group.

In the three decades since that time, the fortunes of ROCA have largely been governed by the personalities of the people who headed the Alumni Office – some were open and inviting, while others were a bit unfriendly toward this independently-minded interloper group that merged with their institution.

Over the past year or two, ROCA has been extremely fortunate to be under the wing of Alumni Officer, Matt Bell.

Matt has pulled out all stops to assist ROCA, no matter what day of the week or time of day.

ROCA genuinely appreciated the personal and professional efforts of Matt Bell and without doubt he was unequalled by any other University Alumni Office staffer over the past three decades.

Unfortunately, Matt decided to adjust his career path by departing from employment with the University of Adelaide on the evening of ROCA's 125th Anniversary Reunion Dinner.

It was a measure of his dedication to assisting ROCA that Matt Bell put off his departure from the University role until he knew everything was prepared for a perfect ROCA 125th Anniversary Reunion commemoration.

As a gesture of ROCA's appreciation of Matt Bell, ROCA made a small presentation to him on the evening of the ROCA Dinner.

STORY BEHIND THE RDA DIPLOMA 'HONOUR ROLL' BOARDS IN THE ROSEWORTHY DINING ROOM

The Roseworthy Diploma of Agriculture (RDA) "Honour Roll" Boards lining the walls of the Main Dining Room at Roseworthy Campus haven't always been there, or a complete record.

As researched by ROCA Vice President, Andrew Eastick and President, Dale Manson (both RDA 1976), Roseworthy Old Collegians Association started the ball rolling in 1903, twenty years after the Roseworthy Main Building was completed and seventeen years after the RDA qualification was first conferred.

In 1903, the ROCA Secretary communicated with the Minister of Agriculture in relation to erecting or hanging on the walls of the College a list of those who had gained honours at that Institution. Following that approach, the ROCA Secretary with the assistance of the Council of Agriculture, obtained a promise from the Minister that the work would be carried out.

However, the Agriculture Council then felt a full listing of RDA recipients would be far too burdensome and the object of stimulating those who were working for their diploma examinations would be better gained by placing on that list only those special prize winners who obtained the Gold Medal, Silver Medal and the Old Students' Cup. This proposal was put formally to the Minister of Agriculture.

However to his credit, the Minister of Agriculture's response was that several months previously he had given instructions that the names of all those having secured diplomas should be placed on the Honour Rolls. The Minister then elaborated that he could see no reason for altering his earlier decision.

By November 1904, the Honour Rolls had been completed and erected in the College Dining Room. These Honour Rolls listed the names of all students who had obtained diplomas since Roseworthy Agricultural College was founded in 1883.

Over the following seventy years, the College Administration updated the RDA Honour Rolls on a yearly basis. However following the 1973 Roseworthy graduation ceremony, it was decided by the College Administration to cease listing RDA graduates on the Honour Rolls, opting instead to compile a listing in a paper-based book.

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STORY BEHIND THE RDA DIPLOMA 'HONOUR ROLL' BOARDS IN THE ROSEWORTHY DINING ROOM CONTINUED

For many years this move by the College Administration was a cause of concern to the ROCA Committee.

Prompted by the merger between Roseworthy Agricultural College and the University of Adelaide on January 1st 1991, ROCA decided to complete the listing of Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture course (RDA) graduates on the Honour Rolls at its expense.

It was decided by ROCA that the Honour Rolls should list all RDA graduates up to the cessation of that qualification being offered by Roseworthy, which was the graduating group of 1978. After that time and under the auspices of now being aligned with its new status as a College of Advanced Education, the Roseworthy based qualification in agriculture was changed to being a Diploma of Applied Science – Agriculture.

At great expense, ROCA funded the construction of new wooden Honour Rolls, painting, sign written gold lettering of names and elaborate header boards, including at the same time, ensuring the signwriter added two missing 1959 Roseworthy Diploma of Dairying (RDD) graduates, F.M. Timberlake and R.M. McMahon to the existing RDD Board.

Due to a mix-up of year definitions, an anomaly with the Honour Rolls placed by ROCA is the graduation year listing of the various graduation groups, which as listed is one year prior to the actual receipt of graduation parchments.

Listing of the final 152 RDA graduates outlines each group's last year of study at Roseworthy, rather than their year of graduation. For example, the RDA 1976 graduation group is currently listed on the RDA Honour Rolls as being 1975.



ROCA HONOURED BY SA GOVERNOR AND UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR

As mentioned elsewhere in this Digest, ROCA's Commemorative 125th Anniversary Reunion Dinner held at Roseworthy during October 2023 was attended by the SA Governor, Her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC and the University of Adelaide Chancellor, the Honourable Catherine Branson AC KC.

Considering the backgrounds and roles of these two highly eminent people, it was truly an honour for ROCA to have them present and accepting its invitation to address the invited guests.

ROCA would like to provide everyone with an outline of the backgrounds of these two eminent people who currently serve the State of South Australia with a such a high sense of duty and diligence.

Governor of South Australia

Her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and her husband, Mr Rod Bunten honoured ROCA by attending our 125th Anniversary Reunion Dinner at Roseworthy, where the Governor presented our 125th Anniversary Honours and addressed the guests.

Her Excellency has had an eminent career of service to public administration through the advancement of Australia's diplomatic, trade and cultural interests, particularly with the People's Republic of China and the Indo-Pacific region.

She has engaged at the highest level in innovative foreign policy development and executive program delivery.

Her Excellency has been honoured by many, including the Australian Government in 2021 with investiture as a Companion of the Order of Australia, and by the University of Adelaide with the bestowal of a Distinguished Alumni Award in 2014 and Honorary Doctorate in 2021.

As a mark of respect to the original Kaurna traditional first-nations owners of the land upon which Roseworthy Campus is now located, the first part of Her Excellency's address to guests was spoken in traditional Kaurna language.

A little later in the evening during the introduction of the featured 40-Year Reunion Group (Roseworthy graduates of 1983), spokesperson Brad Butler paid tribute to Her Excellency by commencing his address in traditional Ngarrindjeri, the language of the first-nations people of his home area at Victor Harbor.

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Her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia



Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, the Honourable Catherine Branson AC KC

ROCA HONoured BY SA GOVERNOR AND UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR CONTINUED

Chancellor of the University of Adelaide

ROCA was privileged to have the Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, the Honourable Catherine Branson AC KC and her partner, Dr Alan Down attend our 125th Reunion Dinner and respond to the toast proposed by this year's Award of Merit recipient.

The Chancellor is herself a graduate of the University in both Arts and Law.

Her career path included being Crown Solicitor of South Australia and CEO of the Attorney-General's Department, in addition to serving for more than fourteen years as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia and four years as President of the Australian Human Rights Commission.

In 2011, she received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Adelaide.

In 2018, Ms Branson was honoured by the Australian Government with the investiture as a Companion of the Order of Australia.

Ms Branson is the 17th Chancellor of the University of Adelaide and has held that honoured role since 2020.

OLD STUDENTS' CUP

On 24th October at Roseworthy Campus, ROCA President Dale Manson presented the "Old Students Cup" to two exceptional Doctor of Veterinary Medicine students from the Roseworthy Residential College.

The Old Students' Cup was first presented by ROCA to a final year agriculture student in 1900, with Henry Edward Laffer being the initial recipient.

Although criteria for selection of the recipient tended to vary throughout the subsequent 123 year period, the Old Students' Cup tradition continues to this day within the Roseworthy Residential College, with ROCA being the principal financial supporter.

Photo: LtoR Matilda Dent; ROCA President Dale Manson; Mitchell Starr

On the far right is Manager of Student Services at Roseworthy Residential College, David Purdie



LEAD-UP TO THE FIRST 33 YEARS OF ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS

(Dale Manson, ROCA President 1989/1991, 2008/2010 & 2023/2024)

Often referred to as being “the jewel in the crown” amongst all campuses of Adelaide University, Roseworthy’s long journey to becoming part of the University on 1st January 1991 followed a path that was not as straightforward as some imagine.

Quite a number of Old Collegians reflect fondly on their student days at Roseworthy Agricultural College during a time it was administered by the State Government under the guidance of the Department of Agriculture.

Reflecting back on the 33 years since Roseworthy first became part of Adelaide University, many may think the transition to what we now know as Roseworthy Campus was a direct leap from RAC to University.

However in reality, the journey from Agricultural College to University Campus was a far gentler transition over many decades in line with the changing face of tertiary education across Australia.

Roseworthy Agricultural College forewent that formal title in the mid-1970s when it was transformed into a College of Advanced Education, known as Roseworthy CAE. This was in line with the transition of other similar tertiary institutions such as Teachers' Colleges into the CAE system.

During the 1980s, Roseworthy graduate Hon John Dawkins AO (RDA 1968) became the Federal Minister for Education, Employment and Training in the Hawke Labor Government.

Driven by the economic realities of the day, John Dawkins was convinced that transitioning the nation’s tertiary education sector from a binary system of research-oriented universities and teaching-oriented Colleges of Advanced Education, to a unitary system of Universities encompassing all aspects would be of benefit to stakeholders, including the Government funders.

His series of reforms of the higher education sector, known as the Dawkins Revolution included expansion of Australian universities, the forced mergers of Universities and Colleges of Advanced Education, plus the re-introduction of university fees in the form of HECS.

To remain as a separate autonomous institution was not an option for Roseworthy CAE. This would have meant economic starvation through disenfranchisement from essential Government funding sources and loss of academic accreditation for courses.

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Photo: The current Entrance Marker at the head of the Roseworthy Campus driveway



LEAD-UP TO THE FIRST 33 YEARS OF ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS CONTINUED

The only course open to Roseworthy CAE was to choose between merging with one of the two existing Universities of Adelaide and Flinders, or becoming part of a proposed third University to be named University of South Australia.

Able led by its Chairman Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM, the Roseworthy CAE Governing Council agonised at length over the final decision.

In the end, the Governing Council decided a merger with Adelaide University offered greater opportunity for Roseworthy to fulfil its core role of providing high quality tertiary education in natural resources management, oenology and agriculture.

However prior to this decision being made, ROCA felt a merger with the University of Adelaide was inevitable. In 1988, the Annual General Meeting of ROCA directed the Executive to investigate the future relevance of the Association and explore the various options open to it in light of the impending changes to Roseworthy CAE.

A sub-committee of Bardy McFarlane, Peter Lewis MP and Dale Manson published a discussion paper in September 1989, exploring three possible options: Retain the current structure and functioning of ROCA; Become a Chapter of the University of Adelaide Alumni Association; Absorb into the Agriculture Chapter of Adelaide University Alumni.

The 1989 discussion paper also examined the core rationale for the functioning of ROCA, potential alternative names for ROCA, criteria for ROCA membership and potential funding models for the Association.

ROCA opted to join the University of Adelaide Alumni Association as a separate Chapter, to be known as the "ROCA Chapter".

Following extensive discussions with Adelaide University Alumni Association executive officer Geoff Sauer and prominent Alumni advocate Prof Harry Medlin, ROCA was welcomed into that group as a fully-fledged Alumni Chapter in 1991.

Geoff Sauer and the University's Alumni Association provided enormous support for the new ROCA Chapter, including the production of Digest mailing labels and facilitating the printing of the ROCA Digest by the University's internal print group.

Throughout the subsequent 33 year period, ROCA continued to receive support from the University of Adelaide and its Alumni group. The highlight activity occurred in 2008, when University of Adelaide Vice Chancellor, Prof James McWha provided ROCA and the Alumni group with financial assistance and physical resources to stage a year-long celebration commemorating Roseworthy's 125th Anniversary.

Thirty three years down the track, ROCA and Roseworthy graduates not only protect the legacy of what occurred prior to the 1991 merger, but also actively work towards framing a positive future for the graduates yet to experience the unique collegiate environment of Roseworthy.

ROCA'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION DINNER

Commemorating 125 years since its formation in 1898, Roseworthy Old Collegians Association held a very special Reunion Dinner and walking tour at Roseworthy Campus during October 2023.

Over 140 people attended the Friday evening 125th Anniversary Reunion Dinner, the maximum capacity of the Main Building's dining room.

ROCA was privileged to host the Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC and University of Adelaide Chancellor, the Honourable Catherine Branson AC KC at the Reunion Dinner.

In this special year of commemoration for ROCA, three esteemed Old Collegians were bestowed with the honoured status of being the most influential living graduates who have *'Beneficially Impacted and Influenced World Society and International Community Change'*.

Venerated around the world for their work, the three Old Collegians conferred with this honoured status by the SA Governor on behalf of ROCA were Peter Clark (RDA 1973), Hon John Dawkins AO (RDA 1968) and Dr Graham Mitchell AO (RDA 1961).

The 2023 ROCA Award of Merit was bestowed on Neil Pontifex (RDA 1973), who now joins the sixty two other Old Collegians previously recognised in this way since the Award of Merit was initiated in 1961.

The SA Governor's speech to the Reunion Dinner was made even more special for many attendees when she commenced her address in the language of the first indigenous occupants of the Roseworthy area, the Kaurna people.

A particular sense of close personal comradery was quite evident amongst the 50-Year 'Golden Jubilee' Reunion group of 1973. A significant number of this group's surviving members and a number of the relatives of those who had passed made the effort to gather together at the Reunion Dinner, plus other private group functions over that weekend. Numbers for this group were further boosted by members of the 1973 RAC Premiership-winning Football Team reunion group.

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ROCA'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION DINNER CONTINUED

The 40-Year Reunion Group of 1983 was introduced by Old Collegian Brad Butler, who inspired by the Governor's address, commenced his presentation in the language of the first indigenous occupants of his area, the Ngarrindjeri people.

An excellent outline of the current activities on Roseworthy Campus was provided by the Head of the School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, Professor Rob Woodgate.

Complimentary wine was served to all Dinner guests, courtesy of kind donations from numerous Roseworthy-trained oenologists.

The wonderful meals were prepared by chefs in the Roseworthy Dining Room, with enormous organisational assistance given to ROCA by Head of Roseworthy Residential College and Student Services, David Purdie.

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The following day on Saturday morning, various members of the ROCA Committee assembled everyone in the College Chapel followed by a walking tour of the near precinct for in-depth presentations on the significant history of Roseworthy and the donations made over the years by ROCA and its members, resulting in construction of assets such as the Memorial Chapel, Claude Hay Swimming Pool, Jim Chewings BBQ area, Old Collegians Grandstand, John Ridley Bust, Tassie Library Building, Newland Clock & Time-Bell, Driveway Entrance Monument, Boer War Memorial and various Rolls of Honour.

This was followed by a Commemorative Service held in the College War Memorial Chapel, led by ROCA member Reverend Brian Polkinghorne (RDA 1970).

Following a BBQ luncheon in the College Dining Room, Head of the School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, Professor Rob Woodgate provided everyone with a guided tour of the magnificent Veterinary Clinic and Animal Science teaching facilities now present on Roseworthy Campus.



AN INTERESTING DEBATE RELATED TO 1890S ROSEWORTHY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

In the 1890s, debate seemed to rage in Parliament and elsewhere on the topic of Roseworthy Agricultural College.

In particular, Member for the seat of Albert in the South Australian House of Assembly, Andrew Dods Handyside MP was particularly critical of Roseworthy, albeit quite ill-informed. Unfortunately for Roseworthy, following his outburst in Parliament, he was made Commissioner of Public Works for a short period in 1892.

To the public defence of Roseworthy Agricultural College came student, Herbert Angas Parsons, a member of the influential Angas family. Herbert did not complete his course at RAC, but instead left to spend time working under his great-uncle John Howard Angas following pastoral and financial pursuits. He later studied law at the University of Adelaide (LL.B., 1897) and was articled to a member of Charles Kingston's firm.

Continuing the influential family line, Herbert Angas Parsons married Mary Elsie, daughter of (Sir) John Langdon Bonython, owner of the Advertiser, Member of the Australian Parliament for the Division of Barker and Chairman of the Roseworthy Agricultural College Council.

Former Roseworthy student, Herbert Angas Parsons became a Member of the SA Parliament, initially for the seat of Torrens, but later the seat of Murray prior to briefly becoming Attorney-General and Minister of Education. In legal circles, he was appointed a KC, Judge of the Supreme Court, Senior Puisne Judge, Acting Chief Justice, Deputy Governor. He was Knighted and later as Sir Herbert Angas Parsons, was appointed K.B.E.

Associated with the University of Adelaide, Herbert Angas Parsons became Warden of the University of Adelaide's Senate and later the University's Vice-Chancellor.

Not a bad track record for a former Roseworthy Agricultural College student and also a worthwhile suite of abilities in his younger student years to counter the arguments put forward by Andrew Dods Handyside MP.

Roseworthy College — 1890

Sir—In reading the Parliamentary reports today I noticed a speech by Mr. Handyside, in which that gentleman made the following reference to the Agricultural College:—

"He looked upon the College as one of the biggest failures in the colony. It was simply absurd to expect boys who attended the college from 14 to 16 years of age to be competent to manage farms or stations, or to start for themselves in agriculture. If they left the college at 20 years of age and then sought to acquire further instruction as to the highest class of farming, there might be some reason in the matter". As a student of the Agricultural College I strongly protest against such gross misrepresentation of facts in connection with that institution, and the gentleman in question is not the only one in Parliament who has made such a glaring display of ignorance on this subject. The objects of the institution as enunciated in the prospectus are two-fold—1. To train young men for the scientific practice of agriculture and rural economy. 2. To conduct experiments with a view to the advancement of agriculture. From my own personal experience these objects are filled to the very letter, and if students do not profit by the instruction given at the college the fault is with themselves and them alone.

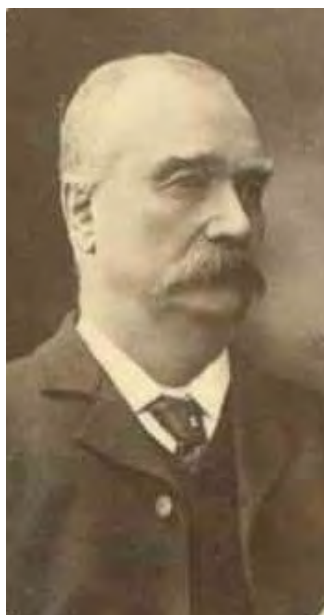
Mr. Handyside implies that boys between 14 and 16 are sent out of the college. This is entirely incorrect. There is not one of the 27 students now at the college under 16, and some are over 20, while the college diploma will not be granted to any

candidate who has not completed his 18th year. To obtain the diploma candidates must have studied at least two years at an agricultural college, and the latter of these at the Agricultural College of S.A., and must pass a satisfactory examination in the science and practice of agriculture, chemistry, field-engineering, and bookkeeping, and in any two subjects selected from the following:—

1. Anatomy and Physiology. 2. Botany and Geology. 3. Natural Philosophy and Mechanics. 4. Veterinary Science. The examinations are, where possible, conducted by outside examiners and surely when a student can satisfy examiners in such a wide range of subjects the institution has not proved itself a failure, but has done its duty and fulfilled its purpose. Agriculture as practised in South Australia is in most instances of a low quality, and in the bettering of its practice such a college as the one at Roseworthy can exercise a powerful influence. But while gentlemen of Mr. Handyside's position persistently depreciate its real merits in a manner so inconsistent with the truth it is indeed hard to expect it to exercise that influence which it otherwise would. The students as a body strongly protest against such misstatements and I personally, in the interest of the college, not only because it is a South Australian institution, but because it is an instructor in so important a body of science, have felt myself called upon to do likewise—I am, &c.

HERBERT A. PARSONS.
Agricultural College,
November 26, 1890.

*Roseworthy student,
Herbert Angas Parsons'
1890 response to criticism
put forward by
Parliamentarian, Andrew
Dods Handyside MP.*



*Andrew Dods Handyside
MP*



*Former Roseworthy
student, Sir Herbert Angas
Parsons KBE KC*

REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED BY STUDENTS.

(This is the original set of student regulations issued by the College, and is dated 18/9/84).

1. Students are to attend morning and evening prayers, and all services in the chapel.
2. Students are not to be absent from meals, and are to attend all lectures, classes and examinations from which they have not express permission to be absent.
3. Whenever a Professor is unable to deliver his lecture or attend his class the students are to devote the time thus left unoccupied to practical agriculture on the farm, no official order to the contrary being issued.
4. Students are required to be in the College when the doors are locked in the evening.
5. Students wishing to go beyond the boundaries of the farm, at any time not occupied by the engagements mentioned in No.1 and No.2, are to write their names in the Porter's book when they go out, with the hour of their departure, adding, when they return, the hour at which they come back.
6. Each student is required to keep a farm journal.
7. Order and quiet are to be observed in the College at all times.
8. No game of any sort is to be played during the hours allotted for lectures or classes.
9. All students are required to be in their own rooms at 10 p.m. Lights are not allowed after 10.30 p.m.
10. The introduction into the College or on the farm of wine, spirits, or fermented liquor, of playing cards, firearms, gunpowder, or explosive materials of any kind renders the offender liable to expulsion.
11. Students are not permitted to bring dogs or other animals to the College or farm.
12. The practice of smoking is discountenanced, and is prohibited in any building on the farm, the farm premises, and grounds, also during work hours.
13. Students excused from a portion of their duties on account of indisposition are not to go beyond the College paddock (No.9A) without permission.
14. Every student damaging any part of the College, the windows or furniture is required to report the same to the College Porter, that the value of the repairs may be charged to his account.
15. Visitors are to be received in the library, and are not, without permission, to be admitted to other parts of the building, nor received during lecture or class hours.
16. Each practical student must, every Monday, furnish a return of work performed by him during the previous week.
17. Work will be paid for as far as possible by piecework, but when a rate cannot be fixed payment will be made by the hour, at the following rates:-
1st class – 6d. per hour; 2nd class – 4d. per hour; 3rd class – 3d. per hour.
Payment will not be made unless the work be properly performed.
18. Hours for meals, etc.:-
First bell – 6 a.m.; Breakfast – 8 a.m.; Dinner – 12.30 p.m.; Tea – 6 p.m. Supper – 9 p.m.
19. Practice upon musical instruments will not be allowed during hours of lectures or classes, nor after 7 p.m., except on Saturdays.
20. Students are forbidden to enter any cottage or premises occupied by the persons employed on the farm.
21. Each student is required to perform the farm work for which he is appointed.
22. All tools used must be returned to the toolhouse when done with.
23. During the first session in each year students shall elect three of their number to form a Council. The students so elected shall hold office until their successors are appointed.

BUY YOUR ROCA WINE TODAY

While there are numerous people trying to sell you wine at the moment, none of these provide a feel-good factor like a ROCA wine purchase does.

All ROCA wine sales directly provide scholarships for students who need a helping hand to study at Roseworthy Campus.

Thinking back to when most of our Old Collegians were studying at Roseworthy, a scholarship would have been of great assistance at the time, removing some of the financial hassles and allowing students to concentrate just that little bit more on academic achievements.

ROCA is proud of the fact that it doesn't just present 'any old plonk' for sale. ROCA proudly uses its Old Collegian wine graduate network to source fine wine at a reasonable price. It is aimed at ROCA members who not only like wine, but are also happy to support a good cause.

ROCA's 2019 St John's Road Barossa Shiraz fits the bill perfectly.

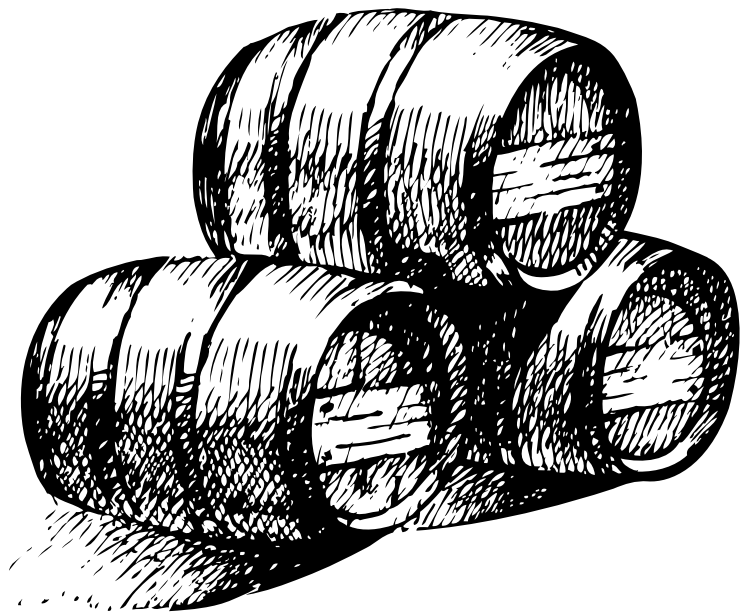
Icon of the wine industry, Baron of the Barossa and accredited Master of Wine, Andrew Caillard MW (Assoc.Dip.WineMark 1985) is a Roseworthy graduate who serves as a tasting panellist for Australia's Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine, Chairs Shanghai's Wine 100 competition and judges at the Japan Wine Challenge.

Andrew Caillard MW recently tasted ROCA's 2019 St John's Road Barossa Shiraz and allocated it a score of 91 points, which is very commendable for a sub-\$200 dozen case of wine that also assists many current Roseworthy students financially struggling to undertake their studies.

Please jump on the ROCA website or use the order form in this Digest to purchase a case or two of the 2019 St John's Road Barossa Shiraz while they last.

For your ROCA wine orders, please fill in the order form in this Digest and return to rocacomittee@gmail.com.au, or alternatively contact me directly on 0419 816 188 or ad@rosewoodwool.com.au

Andrew Dennis,
ROCA Committee chief wine fundraising manager.





Roseworthy Old Collegians Association

WINE ORDER FORM 2024

Please either E-mail this form to ROCA Committee Member, Andrew Dennis: ad@rosewoodwool.com.au or by phone 0419 816 188. Alternatively post this form to ROCA at PO Box 503, Kent Town SA 5071.

WINE

QUANTITY

Roseworthy Old Collegians 2019 Barossa Valley Shiraz

Full Dozen \$198 / box (\$16.50/bottle) carton/s

Half Dozen \$102 / box (\$17/bottle) carton/s

Value of wines purchased: \$

CONTACT DETAILS OF PERSON ORDERING THE WINE: Name:

Email: Phone Number:

DELIVERY METHOD

1. Australia POST (cost \$15 / dozen, \$10 / half dozen)

Total Postage cost: \$

(Posted monthly)

Postal delivery address:

..... Post Code

2. Where possible, a ROCA Committee member will attempt to deliver your wine within South Australia, or arrange collection from Adelaide. Please call Andrew Dennis (0419 816 188) to discuss logistics.

PAYMENT METHOD (CIRCLE and complete)

1. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) - Preferred method

Transfer money to: Roseworthy Old Collegians – Fund Raising Account (FRA)

BSB: 105146 Account number: 027009540

IMPORTANT: Kindly fill out the “receiver reference” on your bank transfer screen with:

wine & your surname so we know what the money is for and who it is from on our bank statement.

ALSO please E-mail Andrew Dennis: ad@rosewoodwool.com.au when you have completed the EFT

2. Cash / cheque – upon pick up or delivery by or to a ROCA Committee member

(Make cheques out to: Roseworthy Old Collegians Association - Wine Sales)



ROCA HONOUR ROLL

Honorary Life Members



1901 Lowrie, Professor William †
 1921 Custance, Professor John Daniel †
 1921 Perkins, Professor Arthur James †
 1921 Murray, A Jack †
 1921 Jeffrey, Mr G †
 1921 Tassie, John †
 1922 Weigall, Sir Archibald (posthumous) †
 1923 Towar, Professor John †
 1936 Klose, Stanley Raymond †
 1940 Pritchard, Mr Alexander George †
 1942 Hewett Jones, Ralph †
 1949 Mellor, Douglas H †
 1949 Callaghan, Dr Alan R †
 1955 Suter, David Driffield †
 1957 Hill, Roland †
 1957 Fulton, Colonel D †
 1959 Philp, Burley C †
 1959 Krause, Malcolm Rex †
 1961 McCulloch, Dr Robert N †
 1969 Stephen, Harry Vernon †
 1969 Hooper, Clifford Wade †

1970 Habel, John Desmond †
 1971 Ford, Ross James †
 1971 Norton, Raymond Sidney †
 1977 Jones, John Alan
 1983 Williams, Dr Don †
 1992 Michelmores, William Andrew †
 1992 Thistlethwayte, Dr Barrie
 1995 Woolhouse, Professor Harold †
 2000 Michelmores, Elizabeth †
 2001 Manson, Dale Ashley
 2003 Maddocks, Professor Simon
 2006 Taylor, Raymond John †
 2009 Seeliger, Mark Trevor
 2009 Eastick, Bruce Charles AM
 2009 Cooper, David John †
 2010 Bowen, Kenneth Wilfred OAM
 2014 Ashton, Brian
 2017 Spencer, David

(† Deceased)

VALE – OLD COLLEGIAN DEATHS

It is with our sympathy and condolences to their families, colleagues and friends that over the past year ROCA has received notification of the following ROCA Member, Roseworthy Graduate and former staff passing.

Grantley Barrington Baldwin (RDA 1956)
 Ashley John Barnes (RDA 1971, RDAT 1973)
 David Bruer (RAC Oenology Lecturer, 1970s)
 Donald Keith Chambers (RDA 1972)
 Nicolas Alexander Cooke (AssDipAppSc Ag Mech 1990)
 Alan Christopher Dawes (RDA 1953)
 Paul Albert Erkelenz (BAppSc Ag 1986)
 Janis Gesmanis (Grad.Dip. Ag 1985)
 Richard Gilbert Mungo Harvey (B.Ag.Sc. 1948)
 John James David Hood (RDA 1963)
 Alfred Ernest Humble (RDA 1940)
 Peter Innes Jones (RDA 1968)
 Peter Andrew Knights (BAppSc Ag 1991)
 Robert Kym Ludvigsen (GradDip Wine 1982, GradDip Ag 1990)

Graham Morris (RDA 1951)
 Ross James Mortimer (RDA 1949)
 Jock Develin Nickolls (RDA 1968)
 Gerold Benno Seppelt (RDA 1954)
 Richard James Stewart (RDA 1970)
 David Rutherford Spurling (RDA 1950)
 Anthony Gilbert Summers (RDA 1964) (1990 ROCA Award of Merit)
 Gregory Ian Symes (RDA 1973, RDAT 1974)
 Raymond Davison Teagle (RDA 1957)
 John Peter Treglown (RDA 1956)
 John Edwin Vickery OAM (RDA 1953, RDOen 1955) (2004 ROCA Award of Merit)
 Ross Lindsay Wishart (RDA 1948)
 Richard Arthur Trench Woodward (RDA 1962)
 George Randall Woolmer (RDA 1956)



ROCA AWARD OF MERIT Past recipients



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

1961 Roland Hill OBE †
 1962 Dr David Riceman †
 1963 Len Cook †
 1964 William Dawkins OBE †
 1965 Frank Pearson †
 1966 Sir Allan Callaghan CMG †
 1967 Bob Herriot OBE †
 1968 Denis Muirhead †
 1969 Jack Reddin OAM †
 1970 Ron Badman †
 1971 Prof Rex Butterfield †
 1972 Rex Krause †
 1973 Rex Kuchel †
 1974 Lex Walker AM †
 1975 Ken Pike †
 1976 Len Laffer †
 1977 Des Habel †
 1978 Henry Day AO †
 1979 Dr Mark Hutton †
 1980 Cliff Hooper †
 1981 Andrew Michelmore †
 1982 Milton Spurling †
 1983 Ralph Hewett Jones †
 1984 David Suter †
 1985 Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM
 1986 Dr John Obst †
 1987 Robin Steed †
 1988 Reg French †
 1989 Ray Norton †
 1990 Tony Summers †
 1991 Scott Dolling OAM †
 1992 Rex Anderson †
 1993 Bob Baker †
 1994 Brian Hannaford †

1995 Grant Mayfield
 1996 Robert Knappstein †
 1997 James Pocock †
 1998 Ian Young
 1999 Don Moyle †
 2000 Grant Paech †
 2001 Brian Jefferies AM †
 2002 Dr Graham Mitchell AO
 2003 Philip Laffer AM
 2004 John Vickery OAM †
 2005 Ronald Mertin AM †
 2006 Brian Wilson
 2007 Wilf Bowen OAM
 2008 Philip Young AM †
 2009 Ian Hickinbotham OAM †
 2010 Dr Ray Beckwith OAM †
 2011 Raymond Taylor †
 2012 Vic Patrick OAM
 2013 Alan Richardson
 2014 Hon. Peter Dunn
 2015 Richard Fewster
 2016 David Lewis OAM
 2017 Rev Brian Polkinghorne
 2018 John Crosby AM
 2019 Allan Piggott
 2020 Professor Wayne Hein
 2021 Louisa Rose
 2022 Graeme Pope
 2023 Neil Pontifex

(† Deceased)

1999: ROCA Centenary Medal - Harry Stephen †
2017: Icon of Roseworthy - Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM
2022: Honoured ROCA Fellow - Professor Wayne Hein



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If you have studied or worked at the Roseworthy Campus, complimentary membership of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association (ROCA) is offered to you. (An authorised Network of the University of Adelaide Alumni).

We warmly welcome new ROCA members. Current ROCA members are also invited to update their details by filling the form below.

There is no cost to join.

Personal details

- Full name:.....
- Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy).....
- Your name as a student:.....
(if different to above)
- Permanent mailing address:.....

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- Permanent Email address:
- Mobile Phone number:

Further details

- Were you a student or a staff member?: STUDENT / STAFF MEMBER (circle one)
- Start date of course / employment:.....
- End date of course / employment:
- If student, what course:
- If student, did you graduate: YES / NO (circle one)
- What year was the graduation parchment received:.....

Please scan and email this completed form to: roca.committee@gmail.com

Any queries, please contact ROCA President, Dale Manson (0418 811 233)

Alternatively, an online Membership Form can be found and lodged at:
<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/roca/join>