

THE ROCA DIGEST

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2023 RIVERLAND & MALLEE REGIONAL REUNION

Riverland & Mallee Reunion Dinner
guest speaker Peter Clark



This special event will be staged on the evening of Friday 23rd June 2023 at The Renmark Club.

As 2023 is the 125th Anniversary of ROCA's formation, we are looking to hold a number of regional reunion functions during the year, in addition to next October's central reunion activity.

Earlier this year ROCA staged a South East Reunion Dinner at Robe. Excitement is now building for the conduct of a regional ROCA Reunion Dinner in the Riverland & Mallee region of SA on the evening of Friday 23rd June.

Included in this ROCA Digest is a registration sheet containing further details of the event and an invitation for all members, partners and friends to attend.

To commemorate ROCA's "Quasquicentennial Year", special guest speaker at the Riverland & Mallee Regional Dinner will be Peter Clark (RDA 1973), Director of the Zoos SA Monarto Safari Park and international wildlife expert.

Peter Clark used his Roseworthy qualifications in agriculture to become a world leader in wildlife conservation, inspiring others across the world to review priorities in wildlife protection and conservation with species as small as insects and as large as the African rhinoceros.

Within South Australia, Peter Clark has instilled innovation into the Zoo sector, transforming the Monarto Zoo from an annex of the Adelaide-based zoological garden to become Australia's largest and most renowned Safari Parks.

In recognition of his long term career and excellence in the field of wildlife conservation, in 2021 the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) honoured Peter Clark by bestowing him with a UNESCO Achievement Award. On a worldwide basis, this award is very rarely bestowed.

ROCA looks forward to attendance at the reunion dinner by members, partners and guests not only from the Riverland & Mallee Region, but also from our wider membership.

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Richard Turnbull (RDA 1969)
ROCA President 2022/2023

On the first of April this year, a small but dedicated band of brothers with their wives gathered at Robe's Caledonia Inn. This was the first regional ROCA dinner to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of ROCA. We have 138 ROCA members with a SE postcode, so I was a little disappointed at the rollup.

However this was more than made up for by the quality of the attendees, with the likes of Elsdon, Inverarity, Jackson, Riley, Manson and Turnbull in attendance.

Although it was not exactly the feast of Crispain, we few, we happy few, we band of brothers (and sisters), did enjoy the evening and in the future will stand tip-toe when the day is named, at any futured ROCA dinner. These regional dinners are scheduled to occur between now and October, when the mother of all ROCA 125th Anniversary dinners will occur on Friday 20th October 2023, at Roseworthy Hall.

Precise details will be announced soon, so keep an eye on your ROCA emails. Details of this weekend event at Roseworthy will appear later in this Digest.



*A snapshot of the Robe Dinner at the Caledonian Inn
 Note the marked effect of Patrick Tocacui's (RDOen 1976) Joanna Shiraz on the members present. The President did finally get off the table!*

Sadly, Patrick Tocacui passed away a decade ago and his wine legacy is now carried on by his son, Luke and widow, Jenny.

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Recently I received my copy of the 2023 AIA Student Compendium. A one-stop-shop for information and pathways for those interested in taking up a career in agriculture or further developing their careers in this area. It has been produced by the SA Division of the Agricultural Institute of Australia (AIA), in partnership with the University of Adelaide's Agricultural Students Association (AUASA). I highly recommend this publication which can be easily found online through the AUASA website/student compendium.

We cannot let this anniversary go without celebration so your committee is busy planning things, the first of which will be our regional dinners. Stay tuned to your ROCA emails for further details.

This is a copy of the newspaper article from 125 years ago, reporting on the first ever ROCA Annual Dinner.

The text reads: "*Agricultural Old Collegians Association – First Annual Dinner. The first annual dinner of the newly formed Association of the Old Students of Roseworthy Agricultural College was held at the Old Exchange, Pirie Street on Friday evening.*

The president (Professor Lowrie) presided over a large number of old students, and had on his right the Minister of Education, the Chairman of the Agricultural Council (Sir Langdon Bonython), and on his left the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Mr J.F. Martin. Mr J. Miller MP and Mr H. Ketr were also present.

After the Loyal Toasts had been honoured, Mr Leo Buring proposed the toast of "The Ministry and Parliament". The Government had done a great deal for the interests of agriculture and viticulture..... "

AGRICULTURAL OLD COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION.

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VALE – OLD COLLEGIAN DEATHS

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

Paul Albert Erkelenz (B.App.Sc Ag 1986)

Peter Innes Jones (RDA 1968)

John James Messenger (RDA 1957)

Kevin Albert Pfeiffer (RDOen 1964)

Rodney Allen Prance (RDA 1975)

David Rutherford Spurling (RDA 1950)

Richard James Stewart (RDA 1970)

Ross Lindsay Wishart (RDA 1948)

PAST PRESIDENT, DALE MANSON'S BLAZER

Over the years, a number of members have enquired about the blazer that Past President, Dale Manson often wears at official ROCA functions.

While this is not an official ROCA blazer, it is indeed associated very closely with ROCA.

The story of the blazer began many decades ago when Past President, the late Brian Hannaford (RDD 1956) decided that ROCA members needed a distinctive blazer closely aligned with the historic Roseworthy Agricultural College student blazer of the 1930s to wear on formal occasions. To achieve this, he sourced from Britain a small quantity of very high quality Merino pure woollen cloth of a pattern consistent with the original brief.

Brian then asked whether any other ROCA committee members would be willing to join him in financing the individual tailoring of ROCA blazers for themselves. Two other committee members, the late Past President Hon Peter Lewis and Past President Dale Manson each volunteered to fund a tailored blazer.

As the original quantity of cloth acquired from Britain was only sufficient to produce three blazers, Brian Hannaford commissioned a tailor to measure the three gents and produce blazers. Six visits to the tailor by each person for final size adjustments were required.

However there were two aspects of the commission that the tailor was unable to undertake himself. They were the embroidered ROCA shield on the blazer's breast pocket and the manufacture of customised RAC buttons.

The trio approached expert Adelaide embroiderer, Val Travers to do the pocket logo, however she almost had a conniption when presented with the shield logo template being used at the time by Roseworthy. At some stage in history a graphic artist doing an update of the RAC shield logo had trouble fitting the kangaroo's tail within the shield's outer boundary and decided to put a kink in the tail design to swing it around the side of the animal. Val Travers laughed hysterically, declaring that the kangaroo in the Roseworthy shield logo looked more like a mouse and in any case, the tail of a kangaroo never ever has a sideways bend.

The assistance of ROCA member, media and graphics expert Richard Campbell (RDA 1965) was urgently called upon and a new ROCA shield logo template was designed to the satisfaction of Val Travers.



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Dale Manson wearing his ROCA Blazer

For the unique blazer buttons featuring the RAC shield, the trio went to long time manufacturer of customised Roseworthy logo items, Allan Olson and company at Forestville.

In the end, distinctive Merino wool ROCA themed blazers were tailored and worn by the three Past Presidents. Unfortunately two of the Past Presidents have now passed away and the only blazer of this type is worn by Dale Manson at official ROCA functions.

As a side story, while in the role of Speaker in the Lower House of SA Parliament, Hon Peter Lewis MP often wore his unique ROCA blazer into the Chamber during sittings, causing all sorts of comment from the media.



Close-up view of ROCA Blazer



ROCA MEMORABILIA DISPLAY CABINETS

The Roseworthy Old Collegians Association is quite fortunate to be the custodian of many items that reflect the proud one hundred and forty-year history of Roseworthy Agricultural College and Roseworthy Campus.

While long-term preservation of these items is crucial, ROCA feels it is also important that the wider community is provided with opportunity to view and appreciate this irreplaceable collection in an open manner.

This is the reason why ROCA has now placed many items of historic significance in open-fronted glass cabinets adjacent to the Diploma Boards within the main Roseworthy Dining Room.

Although space in these display cabinets is limited, the collection of historic archival items is occasionally rotated in an effort to reflect the diversity of Roseworthy's life over nearly a century and a half.

ROCA is keen to add to its Roseworthy archival collection and donations are always appreciated.

Top Left: Collection of Roseworthy sporting trophies on display

Bottom Left: Collection of Roseworthy wine over the years and assorted trophies



CELEBRATING ROCA'S 125 YEARS

ROCA is now well into one of its most significant years, celebrating the 125th Anniversary of our organisation, formally known as ROCA's "Quasquicentennial Year",

To commemorate this momentous occasion, ROCA has planned a number of events and activities throughout 2023.

Events:

- **South East Regional Reunion** (Held on Saturday 1st April at Robe)
- **Riverland/Mallee Regional Reunion** (Friday 23rd June at Loxton)
- **ROCA Annual Dinner & Reunion Weekend** (Friday/Saturday 20/21 October, Roseworthy Campus)

Further details of the ROCA Annual Dinner & Reunion Weekend at Roseworthy Campus will be forwarded direct to all members at a later date.

The AGM and Dinner will be held on the evening of Friday 20th October, while a more casual day and BBQ lunch at Roseworthy Campus will be held the next day on Saturday 21st October.

Honouring of exceptional people:

An important part of ROCA's special commemorative year will be the honouring of members whose lifetime efforts since graduation from Roseworthy have genuinely changed the world, either internationally or nationally.

It is anticipated this honour will be bestowed on only a few people.

ROCA members who are aware of fellow Roseworthy graduates who as individuals have significantly changed how the world operates are now invited to forward nominations and supporting details to ROCA at its email address (roca.committee@gmail.com).

The brief is very wide. For example, on an international or national front it could be disease breakthrough, humanitarian initiative, agricultural technology adoption, political change or environmental transformation.

This is much more than a local hero. ROCA is looking to honour the small group of people who have personally and genuinely made a difference to the world.



ROCA COMMITTEE

2023 ROCA Committee charged with the responsibility of taking the Association through its 125th year.

President:	Richard Turnbull
Vice President:	Dr Jessica van de Weyer
Immediate Past President:	Kate Forrest
Secretary:	Andrew Dennis
Treasurer:	Mark Rodda
Campus Director (Ex Officio):	Professor Rob Woodgate
Riverland Rep:	Dale Manson
Mid North Rep:	David Coyner
Committee Member:	Andrew Eastick

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William Buck: ROCA Auditor; Richard Turnbull: ROCA Public Officer.



PHOTO 1: ROCA Committee (LtoR) - Andrew Dennis, David Coyner, Dale Manson, Richard Turnbull, Mark Rodda, Kate Forrest, Dr Jess van de Weyer

PHOTO 2: Professor Rob Woodgate

PHOTO 3: Andrew Eastick

VERY RARE ROSEWORTHY OLD LIQUEUR BRANDY DONATION

A bottle of very rare 1978 Roseworthy Liqueur Brandy blend release was recently donated to ROCA for placement in its archival collection.

Donated by Mrs Michele Playfair, the bottle of Roseworthy brandy was originally a gift to her father, the late Dr Jack Cross by the last Director of Roseworthy Agricultural College, Dr Barrie Thistlethwaite.

Dr Cross was second in charge of what is now Charles Sturt University's Wagga Campus from 1977 until 1991. The gift of Roseworthy brandy by Dr Thistlethwaite marked the special relationship that existed at that time between Roseworthy and that institution.

It is interesting to note that the back label of the brandy bottle indicates that for many years since the Diploma in Oenology commenced at Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1936, the production of brandy was a necessary part of winemaking education at the College.

About once each decade, the Roseworthy Winery had accumulated sufficient quantities of brandy for release to the public.

Fine old Roseworthy brandies accumulated over the years were blended for a special 1978 release to commemorate the introduction of the Degree of Bachelor of Applied Science in Oenology at Roseworthy. Interestingly, the first graduates in that course received their parchments in 1979, meaning their final year of study at Roseworthy was in 1978.

Also of note on the label is the Roseworthy logo specifically designed to commemorate the 1983 Centenary year of Roseworthy Agricultural College (1883-1983), indicating this special brandy blend had another distinctive purpose.

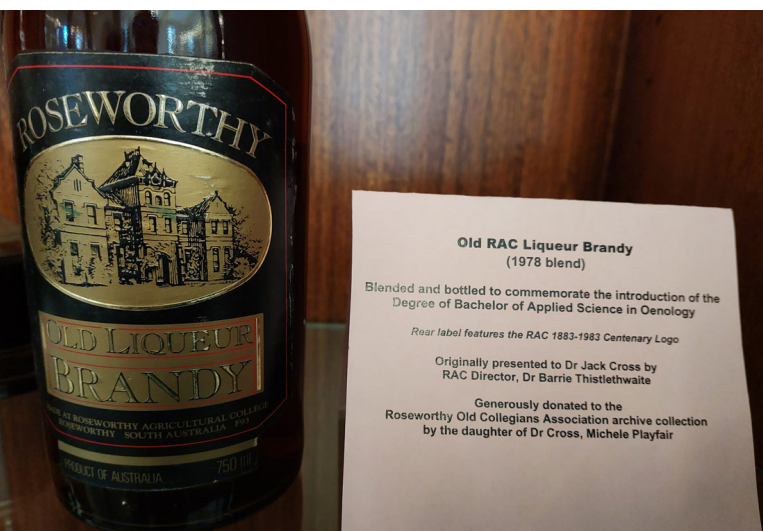
The specific provenance of this donated bottle of Roseworthy Brandy makes it quite unique and a worthy addition to the ROCA archive collection.



Above: Front label of the 1978 Roseworthy Brandy blend



Above: Rear label of the 1978 Roseworthy Brandy blend



As ROCA believes the history of Roseworthy should not be hidden away from the others in an isolated storeroom cupboard, it has placed this bottle of brandy on public display in a glass-fronted cabinet in the main Roseworthy Dining Room.

Left: The 1978 Roseworthy Brandy blend on display in the Roseworthy Dining Room

A SNAPSHOT IN TIME - RICHARDSON NOTES DONATION

ROCA is now the custodian of a “snapshot in the study life of a Roseworthy student” from half a century ago through a generous donation recently made by Alan Richardson (RDA 1972; RDAT 1973).

Alan Richardson commenced study at Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1969 and during the four years of his study fastidiously recorded and filed all his lecture notes in a filing cabinet.

At the end of his final year of study in 1972, Alan's cabinet containing a full set of four years' carefully filed lecture notes was locked for safekeeping and followed him around Australia in his various high-level broadcast and management roles with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.



Recently, Alan decided it was time to provide this valuable historic time capsule of Roseworthy study with a permanent home in the ROCA Archives Collection.

During his time as a student at Roseworthy Agricultural College, Alan Richardson excelled academically, on the sporting field, during outside work sessions and in leadership roles.

As a consequence, he was awarded the coveted “Gramp Hardy Smith Memorial Prize” by the College at the 1973 Graduation Day.

The criteria for this Prize was “The student showing the best all-round character and ability, taking into specific consideration his manliness, his leadership, his sportsmanship and his scholarship”

In 2012 Alan Richardson was inducted as a Rural Media Icon by Rural Media SA and in 2013 he was presented with the ROCA Award of Merit.

However the words of his wife Denise may have a bearing on Alan's donation: “After so many decades dusting it, I'm quite pleased to finally move that filing cabinet out of the house”.

Top right: Alan Richardson as a Roseworthy student in 1971

Bottom right: Alan Richardson's donated filing cabinet of student notes from 1969-1972



A MOMENT IN HISTORY

ROSEWORTHY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE TESTS FIRST DIESEL TRACTOR IN AUSTRALIA

In 1908, Roseworthy Agricultural College played an important role in field testing the first diesel tractor to be used in Australia.

That year, the South Australian Government decided to import the nation's first diesel agricultural motor for testing under local conditions.

The Government set aside £700 (\$1,400 dollars) to purchase a Model A Universal Diesel Motor Tractor and plough from H.P. Saunderson in Bedford UK.

The aim of the Government was to compare all costs associated with the new machine against the costs associated with conventional ploughing techniques.

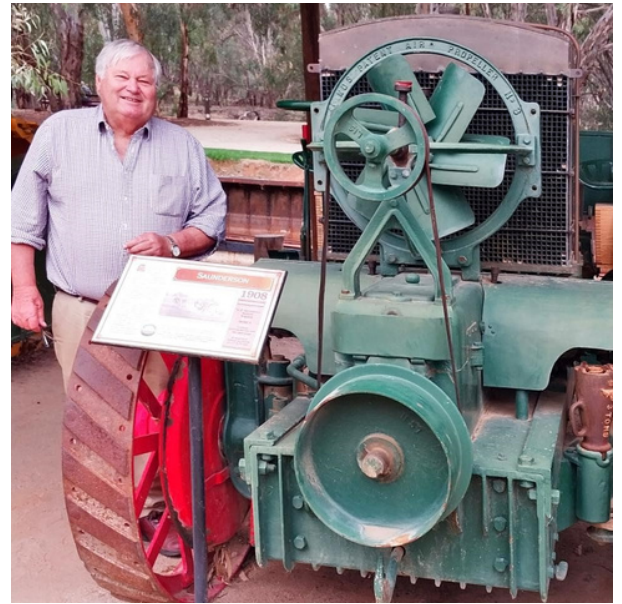
A local comparison trial was established at Roseworthy Agricultural College, the logical choice for the State's farming-related research and technology assessment.

At the end of the comparison trial, the SA Government published its assessment of the potential for such diesel-powered machines to undertake ploughing.

The report said: ".....the tractor as we have found it is not an implement the purchase of which we in any way can recommend to farmers".

It is interesting to note that Roseworthy Agricultural College itself retained the use of draft horses for some tasks on the farm until the early 1960s, particularly in the horticultural blocks.

Information on the Saunderson tractor and its link with Roseworthy Agricultural College was discovered by ROCA President Dick Turnbull and his wife Claire on a recent visit to Victoria's Swan Hill Historic Museum.



ROCA President Dick Turnbull beside the Saunderson Model A diesel tractor at the Swan Hill Historic Museum



Herbert Percy Saunderson was born in 1869 in Bedfordshire. After time spent in Canada he returned home to Bedfordshire and established himself as an agent for the Canadian Massey-Harris company.

In 1900, Saunderson opened the Elstow Works in Bedford and began to turn his attention to tractor design. After earlier experiments he produced the first Saunderson "Universal Motor".

Meanwhile in South Australia, the government decided to import an 'agricultural motor' to be thoroughly tested. A sum of £700 was forwarded to H.P. Saunderson of England to supply a Model A with plough for testing. Upon its arrival, the tractor was put immediately to work and all costs associated with that work were recorded for comparison.

SAUNDERSON



1908

SPECIFICATIONS

MANUFACTURER:
H. P. Saunderson
Bedford
England

MODEL:
Model A

ENGINE:
4 cylinder
overhead and side valve
twin spark plugs

TRANSMISSION:
all wheel drive
forward and reverse
2 1/4, 3 1/2 & 7 1/2 mph

Testing the Saunderson at Roseworthy Agricultural College 1908



The final South Australian government assessment report was recorded in parliamentary papers of the day:

"We can ... only state that the tractor as we have found it, is not an implement the purchase of which we can in any way be recommended to farmers"

The information sign adjacent to Australia's first Saunderson diesel tractor

ROCA SUPPORTS SCHOOL OF ANIMAL & VETERINARY SCIENCES AWARDS

During May ROCA was once again privileged to have an opportunity to sponsor four of the University of Adelaide School of Animal & Veterinary Sciences Prizes for graduates of 2023, plus a supporting role for a fifth Prize.

The ROCA Prizes were for Awards that in previous times were classified as Dux or Gold Medallist of the various Roseworthy-based courses.

ROCA Past President, Dale Manson attended the ceremony at Roseworthy Campus to present the ROCA Prizes.

The ROCA Prizes were:

- **ROCA Prize in Animal Behaviour – Recipient: Damien Hollow**

This Prize is awarded to the most academically outstanding student completing the Bachelor of Science (Animal Behaviour)

- **ROCA Prize in Animal Science – Recipient: Luke Seneca**

This Prize is awarded to the most academically outstanding student completing the Bachelor of Science (Animal Science)

- **ROCA Prize in Veterinary Bioscience – Recipient: Kelvin Chun Wai Ho**

This Prize is awarded to the most academically outstanding student completing the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience)

- **ROCA Prize in Veterinary Technology – Recipient: Leah Brown**

This Prize is awarded to the most academically outstanding student completing the Bachelor of Veterinary Technology

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ROCA Past President Dale Manson presenting the ROCA Prize in Veterinary Bioscience to recipient Kelvin Chun Wai Ho



ROCA Past President Dale Manson presenting the ROCA Prize in Animal Behaviour to recipient Damien Hollow

ROCA SUPPORTS SCHOOL OF ANIMAL & VETERINARY SCIENCES AWARDS CONT.

ROCA also supported a fifth prize through contribution by the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund. As the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine course involves six years full-time study, the prize is considered to be the most prestigious and highly esteemed of all.

- **Hon Dr Bruce Eastick Prize in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine:**

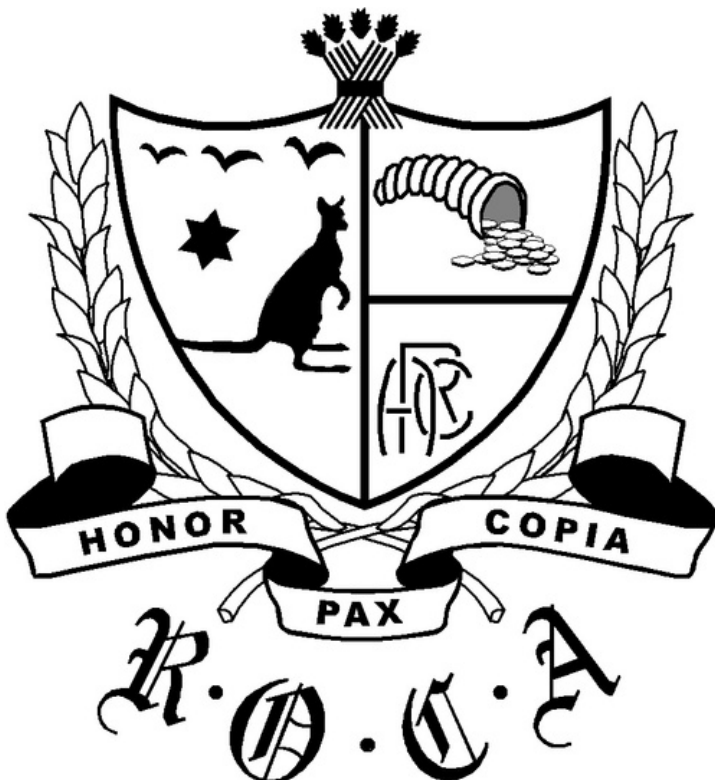
Recipient: Amy Dohrmann

Awarded to the most academically outstanding student completing the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

ROCA has made an ongoing commitment to financially support its four major Prizes, in addition to a fifth Prize presented on another occasion – The Old Students' Cup.

Of the Prizes awarded by the School of Animal & Veterinary Sciences, three are named in honour of Roseworthy graduates who then went on to study Veterinary Medicine and make a major contribution to the veterinary profession:

- W.J. Colebatch (RDA 1898; RAC Principal 1911 & 1914-1927);
- Dr Peter Irwin (RDA 1940);
- Hon Dr Bruce Eastick (RDA 1947)



BUY YOUR ROCA WINE TODAY

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

Think back to when you were there, and how much help a scholarship would have been to you at the time. Removing some of the financial hassles, and allowing you to concentrate just that little bit more on your academic achievements.

ROCA doesn't just want to sell you 'any old plonk'. We proudly use our ROCA network to source a fine wine, at a reasonable price, and sell it to members who not only like wine, but are happy to support a good cause.

The 2018 St John's Road Barossa Shiraz fits the bill perfectly. An Icon of the wine industry, Andrew Caillard MW, himself a Roseworthy graduate, recently tasted the 2019 bottling of this wine and allocated it a score of 91 points – not bad for a \$200 case of wine, which also helps out your fellow collegians.

So, please jump on the website, or use the order form in this digest and buy a case or two while they last.

For your ROCA Produce orders, please fill in the order form in this Digest, or visit:
www.adelaide.edu.au/roca/support/plonkyspickwine
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 2023

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 2018 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 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

(† 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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2023 ROCA Award of Merit Nomination Form

Nominees Information:

Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Period at Roseworthy:	
Qualification Gained:	

Proposed by:	Seconded by:
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
Phone No:	Phone No:
Period at Roseworthy:	Period at Roseworthy:
Signature:	Signature:

Please attach supporting data outlining the nominee's career since leaving Roseworthy, including details of major published papers, achievements, academic qualifications, awards & honours received and service to industry, community and ROCA.

Nominators and nominee must be current ROCA members.

Nominations should be sent by mail to: Roseworthy Old Collegians Association, P.O. Box 503, Kent Town SA 5071 or by email to: roca.committee@gmail.com Nominations must be received no later than 31st June 2023.

Rules governing the ROCA Award of Merit

- ROCA shall periodically award a medal to a ROCA member who has made a meritorious contribution to any field of agricultural activity and/or ROCA community affairs. For the purpose of these rules, "agricultural activity" shall be given the widest possible meaning and will include all aspects of animal, land and natural resource management.
- The award shall be considered annually and if, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no award shall be made.
- All nominees must be ROCA members and nominations shall be prepared and signed by two ROCA members. Nominations must be made on the Nomination Form and must include the information required thereon.
- Nominations should be accompanied by a resume detailing the nominee's career since leaving Roseworthy. This should also include details of major published papers, achievements, other qualifications, awards and honours received, and details of services to industry, community, government and ROCA focusing particularly on impact and outcomes. References from colleagues familiar with the nominee's career and achievements should be included.
- Nominations with the supporting data must reach the ROCA Secretary by the nominated due date. The Executive of ROCA shall review the nominations and has the right to reject any nomination deemed unsuitable before submitting the nominations to the Selection Committee.
- The Executive of ROCA may, at its discretion, include for consideration any candidates previously nominated.
- The Selection Committee shall consist of five members, one from each of the following fields:

Primary production research and/or extension	Public service	Primary production
Agricultural related industry	President of ROCA	
- The Executive of ROCA shall appoint to the Selection Committee such persons who are, in its opinion, of sufficient standing and experience to be competent to assess the merits of candidates from any field of agricultural activity. The Executive of ROCA will review membership of the Selection Committee each year.
- The President of ROCA shall be the convener of the Selection Committee and shall have only a casting vote. Three members of the Committee will constitute a quorum.
- In the event that a member of the Executive of ROCA or the Selection Committee is nominated for the Award, that person will stand down from all discussions and deliberations for that year.
- The Selection Committee shall make its recommendation to the Executive of ROCA at least four weeks prior to the date of presentation of the Award.
- Members of the Executive of ROCA and the Selection Committee are required to hold the names of all nominees in strict confidence.



Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.

INVITATION

2023 RIVERLAND & MALLEE REUNION DINNER

ROCA is celebrating its 125th Anniversary in 2023 and we are holding a special Reunion Dinner in the SA Riverland & Mallee region to mark our Quasquicentennial Year

DATE: Friday 23rd June 2023
VENUE: The Renmark Club, 160 Murray Avenue, Renmark
TIME: 6.30pm for 7.00 pm
DRESS: Smart Casual
COST: \$65.00 per person
MEAL: Main Course; Dessert; Tea & Coffee. (Special dietary needs catered for – please request in booking form)
DRINKS: Cash bar

Spouses, partners and guests are very welcome to attend.

Bookings and payments:

- Via electronic funds transfer (EFT) to ROCA Society Cheque Account BSB#105-009 A/c No 065 129 040 (include name in description); or
- Via cheque or money order mailed to the address below. This return slip needs to be included in the envelope with payment.

Everybody paying by EFT must complete the return slip below. Scan and e-mail to roca.committee@gmail.com without delay please, confirming name and other details.

General enquiries regarding the Reunion Dinner to Dale Manson (0418 811 233) or the ROCA email: roca.committee@gmail.com

RSVP: Friday 16th June, 2023.

Please complete the return slip below. If paying by EFT, scan and e-mail to roca.committee@gmail.com without delay please.

TO: roca.committee@gmail.com (if paying via EFT) or

Treasurer – ROCA (if paying by cheque)
PO Box 503,
KENT TOWN SA 5071

Please reserve seat(s) for the ROCA Riverland/Mallee Reunion Dinner on Friday 23rd June 2023 at The Renmark Club

Any special dietary needs:

TOTAL DINNER PAYMENT (\$65.00 per person): \$



Please circle your method of payment: cheque | money order | EFT (BSB#105-009 A/c No 065 129 040)

ATTENDEE DETAILS

NAME:

NAME of spouse/partner/guest:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE: EMAIL CONTACT: