

THE ROCA DIGEST

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RDAT 1974 "GOLDEN JUBILEE" 50-YEAR REUNION GROUP "THE SPIRIT OF ROSEWORTHY"



RDAT-1974 standing group: LtoR - Roger Haensel, Mark Biven, Terry Byrne, Graham Mitchell, Bruce Sawyer, Allan Alcock, David Bateman, Doug Clifford

The RDAT 1974 "Golden Jubilee" 50-Year Reunion Group has set the standard for all other Roseworthy graduation year-groups.

Leading up to the 2024 ROCA Dinner, the group formed itself into a cohesive unit, encouraging each other to attend with their Roseworthy peers from 50 years ago. The key to having such a close and united group appears to be great regular communication and someone willing to act as a nucleus to engender the spirit.

This very closely-knit group of former Roseworthy students displayed the true Collegiate Spirit so typical of Roseworthy Agricultural College.

In recognition of the close personal bonds formed within the RDAT 1974 group and their special gathering at the ROCA Reunion Dinner, the group members were presented with a surprise gift of unique and personalised caps. These were organised by key member of that group, Doug Clifford.

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Over the years, Doug Clifford has also been responsible for maintaining the warm and engaging communication flow between members of both the RDA 1973 and RDAT 1974 cohort. Reflecting back half a century to Doug Clifford's student days in the 1970s, he was just as engaged with keeping the flame alive amongst his student peers and as manager of the Student Canteen, displayed an entrepreneurial and vibrant spirit.



RDA-1973 & RDAT-1974 table group : LtoR - Dianne & Peter (RDA 1973) Clark, Roger (RDA 1973 & RDAT 1974) & Cathy Haensel, Bruce Sawyer (LDA 1973 & RDAT 1974), Mark Biven (RDA 1973 & RDAT 1974)

The other person vital to ensuring this group of former Roseworthy students maintain warm and welcoming bonds with each other is Helen Flavel, widow of the late Peter Flavel (RDA 1973, Grad.Dip.Ag. 1979). Peter was also a member of his group's Premiership winning Roseworthy Ag. College "A Grade" Football Team and often reflected at home on the wonderful times he enjoyed as a Roseworthy student.

It is a good sign that under the mentorship of Roseworthy staffer David Purdie, the current student cohort residing in the Roseworthy Residential College at Roseworthy Campus appears to be developing similar close and long-lasting personal bonds with each other.

OUR NEW ROCA PRESIDENT - ANDREW EASTICK



Andrew Eastick
2024-2025 ROCA President

ROCA welcomes its new President for the 2024-2025 year, Andrew Eastick.

Although Andrew first became involved with the administration of ROCA in 1976, this ROCA Digest provides opportunity to briefly introduce him and his extraordinary background to the ROCA membership.

Andrew graduated with a Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture in 1976 with Second Class Honours and was awarded ROCA's Old Students Cup.

Following graduation, he worked briefly on a farm at Coonalpyn before spending three years at Normanville managing a vocational rehabilitation farm operated by Bedford Industries.

Andrew was ROCA's Secretary from 1976 to 1979.

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OUR NEW ROCA PRESIDENT - ANDREW EASTICK (CONTINUED)

In mid-1979 Andrew commenced managing a family farm at Comaum, north of Penola in South Australia's Limestone Coast area, producing prime lambs and clover seed. Whilst farming at Comaum, Andrew was active in Local Government, in addition to a range of civic organisations such as the National Trust and Country Arts. He was an early pioneer of farm tourism.

For a period, Andrew Eastick was a member of the Advisory Committee of the CSIRO's Division of Animal Health and became Chairperson of the Committee during a period of considerable consolidation of the Division's locations in Eastern Australia.

After experiencing the boom of the wool industry in the 1980s and the bust in the 1990s, Andrew left farming in 1996 to commence a new career in Regional Development in the South Australian regions of Kangaroo Island and the Flinders area that encompassed a significant part of the Outback. He was also involved in Regional Development in Tasmania, based in Launceston.

In late 2007, Andrew's career took a further turn when he moved to Darwin to work for Eni, an Italian oil and gas company. His responsibility was community relations during the development of the onshore component of the Blacktip Gas Project. The Blacktip gas field in the Joseph Bonaparte Gulf is off the coast of the volatile Aboriginal community of Wadeye (Port Keats).

In mid-2010, Andrew moved to Perth to take up a senior economic development and marketing position with the City of Fremantle, before moving back to Darwin in 2013 for a stint as the Northern Territory Regional Manager with Santos.

Moving back to Perth in 2014, Andrew commenced a specialised Indigenous consultancy, supporting start-up and established Aboriginal Corporations in business development and business improvement. This work led to regular extensive travel in the Kimberley and Pilbara areas of Western Australia, plus the Central Australia, Darwin and East Arnhem Land areas of the Northern Territory.

Andrew initially retired in 2021, enabling regular walking with the Perth Bushwalkers and serving as a volunteer Senior Radio Operator with Marine Rescue Fremantle.

However as a result of successful Federal Court action taken against the Santos Barossa Project located off the coast of the Northern Territory by a Tiwi Islands traditional owner, Andrew was called back to consulting.

For the past two years Andrew has been advising and representing a number of offshore petroleum companies in relation to their consultation responsibilities with the Aboriginal peoples of traditional lands along the Western Australian Pilbara and Kimberley coast, plus the Northern Territory coast.

Fortunately the dust has now largely settled on that issue and Andrew is now making a second attempt at retirement.

Andrew's father is Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM, an Honorary Life Member of ROCA, University of Adelaide Alumni Fellow, recipient of the ROCA Award of Merit and the only person to have ever been inducted to the esteemed status of Roseworthy Icon.

Bruce Eastick graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College with an RDA in 1947, followed by qualifying as a Veterinary Surgeon at the University of Sydney. He was also the first person to establish a veterinary practice in South Australia north of the Adelaide metropolitan area.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is a great pleasure to have become your President at the Association's Annual General Meeting on Friday 18 October 2024.

I am very conscious that our out-going President, Dale Manson had just completed this fifth term as President, twice being two-year stints and lately a one-year term. In addition, Dale has been a continuous member of the ROCA Committee since 1978 and throughout that period has been the ROCA Digest Editor for many years.

This is an outstanding record. Well done Dale and thank you.

Over the next few years the Members of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association will need to consider and respond to several significant issues.

First, over the next twelve months Members will be asked to consider and then decide on substantial changes to the Association's Constitution, including changing the name to Roseworthy Campus Association, with ROCA becoming RoCA.

At the Association's 2024 Annual General Meeting, I addressed the need for Constitutional Change in this way:

Whilst the proposed changes to the Association's Constitution are significant it is not proposed to consider them in any detail at this Annual General Meeting.

The opportunity is being taken at this meeting to indicate why the changes are necessary, and why now.

The adoption of the first Rules of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association occurred at a General Meeting of Members on 9 September 1898.

Throughout the now 126 years since the Rules, now referred to as the Constitution, were adopted they have changed many times. Some were minor changes, and some were major changes. The changes were always to enable the Association to operate effectively as it evolved, and also as necessary to respond to external factors and influences.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

The steps your Committee has taken on this matter over the past twelve months are:

1. Consideration of a Discussion Paper titled Roseworthy – College to Campus – Implications for ROCA, where your Committee agreed in principle there was a case for change;
2. Consideration of a further Discussion Paper setting out the steps required to put the case for change and the required changes to Members. Those steps, guided by an understanding of the need to “hasten slowly” were:
 - a. Meet with and brief the University's Alumni Office on ROCA's consideration of the need for changes and the nature of the changes being considered;
 - b. Convene a Special Committee Meeting to workshop potential changes to Name, Objects and Purposes, and Committee Structure;
 - c. Prepare an initial advice to members on the need for changes and the nature of the changes to be considered;
 - d. Provide a preliminary advice at 2024 Annual General Meeting and provide a Report to the 2024 Annual Dinner;
 - e. Issue a Special Edition of the ROCA Digest in February 2025 and utilise an online survey instrument to obtain Member feedback;
 - f. Place before the 2025 Annual General Meeting recommended changes for formal consideration.

The changes proposed in response to the continuing evolution of the Association are:

1. There is now no membership fee;
2. The Association's focus is now on the past, current and future subjects delivered at the Roseworthy Campus;
3. The end of the Branch structure.

The changes due to external factors and influences are:

1. The broadening of courses delivered at the Roseworthy Campus, which actually started 40 years ago;
2. The University's Veterinary Alumni Network and Science Alumni Networks, both of which Roseworthy Campus graduates can also join;
3. The relatively small proportion of residential students;
4. By far the majority of recent graduates live and work in urban areas, including interstate and internationally.

The past strength of the Association and largely still its strength today are its residential Diploma in Agriculture and Diploma in Oenology graduates.

Speaking diplomatically for myself, that strength is on the point of waning and to sustain the Association, the conditions required for attracting new strength need to be set now.

Referring to the need for a Contemporary ROCA when addressing the Annual Dinner that followed the Annual General Meeting I also said:

What therefore will the proposed changes to the Constitution achieve and demonstrate.

In short, ROCA recognises its future lies with the recent, current and future graduates of the subjects delivered at the Roseworthy Campus.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

For that to occur, in addition to retaining importance to the Diploma of Agriculture and Diploma of Oenology graduates of the past, ROCA must become important to the past graduates with qualifications in agricultural mechanisation, rural enterprise management, wine marketing, natural resource management, horse husbandry and environmental management courses.

ROCA must ensure it is important to the animal and veterinary sciences courses of the recent past and today. Over time, ROCA needs to be important to the future graduates of the many new courses the Adelaide University will bring to the Campus.

The ROCA Committee has been carefully considering the need for a contemporary ROCA for the past twelve months, hastening slowly in doing so. A significant step in achieving a contemporary ROCA is changes to the Constitution.

Put another way, ROCA knows a lot about the traditions of College life during the College era. To be relevant and valued by recent, current and future graduates ROCA now needs to know about and celebrate the traditions that have been built up and continue to evolve at the Campus in the post-College era.

Parallel with placing the proposed changes to the Constitution before Members, your Committee is now considering a proposed change in the status of the Association within the University's Alumni structure.

On first consideration, this unexpected very recent development is a further external factor or influence, providing additional strength to the case for bringing the Association's Constitution up to meet the circumstances of today and tomorrow.

ROCA PRESENTS 125TH OLD STUDENTS' CUP

ROCA has been presenting the Old Students' Cup to worthy students at Roseworthy on an annual basis for the past 125 years.

Recently ROCA President Andrew Eastick and Immediate Past President Dale Manson attended the Roseworthy Residential College's Prize Night to present the Old Students' Cup to student, Jessica Stone-Wigg.

Jessica is currently undertaking a double degree in Bachelor of Science (Animal Science) and Bachelor of Science (Animal Behaviour).

As the physical Old Students' Cup is a perpetual trophy that needs to be returned to the College each year, ROCA also supplements the award with a sizeable cash bursary for the recipient.

ROCA is honoured to have been presenting the Old Students' Cup to Roseworthy College students each year since 1900.



LtoR: ROCA President, Andrew Eastick; Old Students' Cup recipient, Jessica Stone-Wigg; ROCA Immediate Past President, Dale Manson

ROCA COMMITTEE

The 2024-2025 ROCA Committee represents a considerable range of Roseworthy and ROCA experience, with a diversity of insights to expertly manage our Association's affairs.



President:

Andrew Eastick (RDA 1976)



Vice President:

Bruce McCallum (RDA 1976, RDAT 1977)



Immediate Past President:

Dale Manson (RDA 1976, RDAT 1977, M.App.Sc. Ag 1998)



Secretary:

Andrew Dennis (B.App.Sc. Ag. 1987)



Treasurer:

Mark Egarr (B.App.Sc. Ag. 1989)



Campus Director:

Prof. Rob Woodgate (Head of School of Animal & Veterinary Sciences)



ROCA Public Officer:

Richard Turnbull (RDA 1969)

Committee:



Vincent Fleming (B.App.Sc. Ag. 1988)



Prof. Graham Hall (RDA 1974)



Prof. Wayne Hein (RDA 1970)



Ian Oliver (RDA 1957)

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DAWES FAMILY DONATION OF HISTORIC 1950S PHOTOGRAPHS TO ROCA ARCHIVES

Recently ROCA member Sarah Dawes (Assoc.Dip F.M. 1979) made a significant donation to the ROCA Archives Collection of eight mounted early-1950s Roseworthy sporting photos featuring her late husband, William Lionel Dawes (RDA 1953).

Lionel as he preferred to be known, attended Roseworthy Agricultural College in the same year-group as his brother, Alan (AC) Dawes.

Of significance were two photos of the Roseworthy Agricultural College "A Grade" Football Premiership Teams, featuring many well known Old Collegians and staff, including Farm Management Lecturer, Ken Leske.

Sarah and Lionel were a bit spread in age, having graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College twenty-six years apart (1953 & 1979).

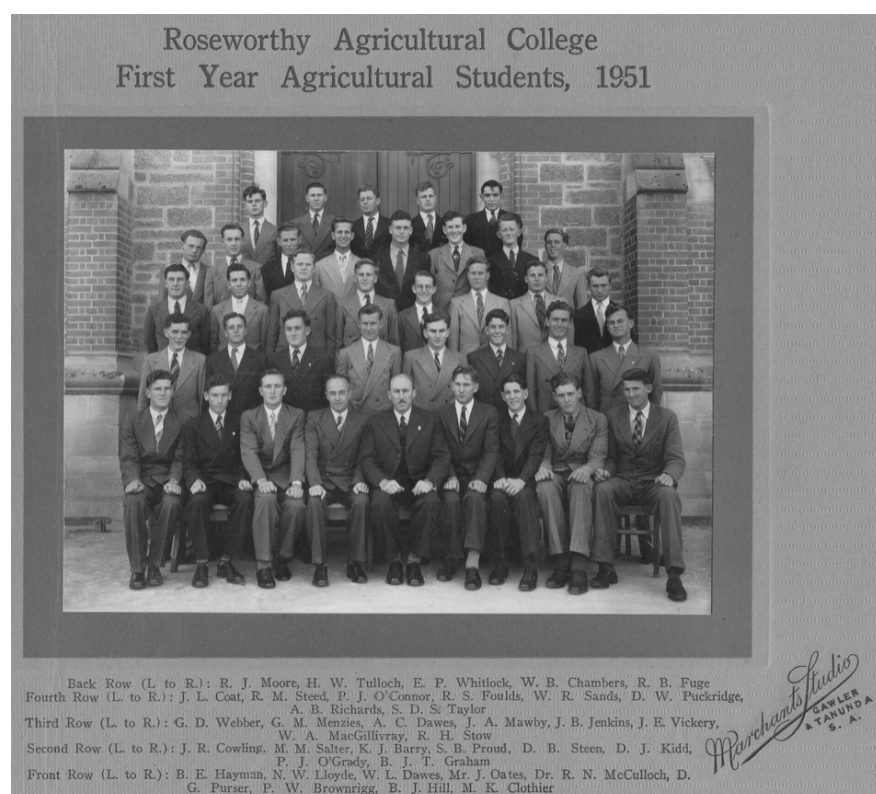
It actually stunned Sarah's Farm Management Lecturer, Ken Leske that as a staff member, he played RAC football with Lionel Dawes and was his Farm Management Lecturer in the early 1950s, only to also be Farm Management Lecturer to Lionel's wife in the late 1970s.

Over the years, Lionel Dawes regaled Sarah with his stories of happy and wonderful times as a Roseworthy Agricultural College student during the early 1950s.

Lionel passed away in 2021, aged 90.

Sarah herself was one of the initial two female students in Roseworthy's newly introduced Farm Management course in 1976.

The other girl was Josie Wheal from the State's South East. Josie then went on to marry fellow RAC student Jamie Jackson (RDA 1977) and has settled back into farming life in the South East of S.A.



Lionel Dawes' 1951 First Year group photo.

Lionel and many others in the photo were also in the 1950 Football Team Premiership photo. The RAC Student Magazine of the time lists this student group as the 1950-1951 First Years.

ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION 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)

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; RDAT 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)

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 AM (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 David Coyner (B.Ag. 2005)

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)



THE UNIVERSITY
of ADELAIDE

REMEMBERING RAC STAFF MEMBER KEN LESKE



Ken Leske, photo taken in 1983

Mr Ken Leske's almost unbroken association with Roseworthy of 42 years from 1948 to 1985 made him something of a legend in his own time, with literally thousands of students benefitting from his realistic and analytical approach to Farm Management.

His earlier work with farmers in the South-East and Mid-North of South Australia as a Rural Investigation Officer during the 1940s provided some of the first accurate farm management information ever collected in South Australia. It also ultimately led to the publication of the widely used "Roseworthy Farm Record. Book".

First appointed to the staff of Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1948, throughout the following 42 years of his role as a staff member Ken Leske championed the role of management training in courses at Roseworthy.

During the late 1940s and early 1950s, Ken Leske played football as an integral member of the RAC A-Grade Premiership Football Team, alongside the agricultural students he taught during the week

With Mr Bob Herriot, Principal of the College between 1962 and 1973, he developed the Roseworthy Diploma in Agricultural Technology, one of the first courses to emphasise agricultural extension techniques and farm management in Australia.

Toward the end of his career at Roseworthy Agricultural College, Ken Leske had a major hand in the introduction of the Associate Diplomas in Farm Management, Wine Marketing and Farm Secretarial studies.

Under his leadership, the Faculty of Agriculture replaced the Diploma in Agriculture with a three-year Degree course. He ultimately became Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture.

Outside of his professional role at Roseworthy Agricultural College, Ken Leske was a significant contributor to the organisation of the Lutheran Church in South Australia, becoming Secretary of the Board of the Lutheran Publishing House.

After forty-two years of loyal service to Roseworthy, Ken Leske retired in June 1985. He passed away in September 2013, aged 88 years.



**RAC Football "1951 A Grade"
Premiership Team**

Back: BE Hayman, BJT Graham, WL Dawes, BWJ Addison, AC Dawes, DW Gordon, RJ Taylor, RB Fuge.

Middle: EP Whitlock, MA Barry, PW Brownrigg, SB Proud, PJ O'Connor, CH Morris, JB Moffitt, Dr RN McCulloch.

Front : A. Goodchild, Mr KB Leske, RL Guy (Vice-Captain), GD Webber (Captain), Mr DRH Secomb, Mr MR Krause, AF Hayward.

ROCA DINNER 2024

An enthusiastic crowd of ROCA members, partners and guests set the scene for the 2024 Reunion Dinner and 126th ROCA AGM last October.

Held in the brand new Sturt Football Club Function Centre at Unley Oval, both the general ambience and elevated view of activities being carried out on the oval were stunning.

Highlight of the evening was the range of presentations from the principal reunion groups – RDA 1974, RDAT 1974, RDOen 1974 and representatives of the 1984 graduation courses.

ROCA was truly honoured to present the 2024 ROCA Award of Merit to Bardy McFarlane (RDA 1972), a person of enormous talent in the fields of law and agriculture, in addition to being a valued resource reference person for ROCA over many decades.

A special presentation was made to Mrs Helen Flavel for her backroom work over a period of four years to co-ordinate Roseworthy graduates and football players of the early 1970s to attend a range of ROCA reunion events.

Newly elected ROCA President, Andrew Eastick's outline of his plans for the Association over coming years was well received by all present.

Bottles of ROCA's wonderful 2019 St. John's Road Barossa Valley Shiraz were featured on all the guests' tables for tasting, with a few being sold over the bar for consumption later in the evening.

Everyone seemed to have a jolly good time at this year's ROCA Dinner and are looking forward to attending a similar event in 2025.



Alan Alcock (RDA 1973 & RDAT 1974) congratulating Helen Flavel



Newly elected 2024/2025 ROCA President Andrew Eastick outlining his program



ROCA Secretary and Master of ROCA's Wine, Andrew Dennis



ROCA President Dale Manson presenting a framed parchment and bouquet of flowers to Helen Flavel in appreciation for her outstanding efforts

ROSEWORTHY VS WAITE AGGIES FOOTBALL MATCH

The Roseworthy Campus Oval hosted the 2024 Roseworthy VCs Waite Aggies/Vitis Football Match last October.

Although the weather at Roseworthy Campus wasn't ideal for outdoor sport, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Waite team comprised students from both the Adelaide based Bachelor of Agricultural Science course and the Viticulture course, while the Roseworthy team comprised students representing the five livestock-oriented degree courses conducted on Roseworthy Campus.

Unfortunately, the netball was cancelled due to weather conditions, but thankfully the ladies were able to play a full game of footy with the Roseworthy team smashing Waite.

The poor weather caused the men's football match to be called-off during the third Quarter.

This year, Roseworthy student Sam Warrick was awarded Best On Ground Roseworthy Medallist in the men's football match.





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ROCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2023-2024 YEAR



The past year was marked by a lot of positives and achievements for ROCA, interspersed with several instances of difficulties presented by the University of Adelaide's city-based administration.

As an independently incorporated and managed organisation that works closely with the University of Adelaide and its Roseworthy Campus, ROCA has always operated in an environment of mutual trust, good faith and integrity. This was put to the test by the University during the 2023/2024 year.

ROCA is extremely fortunate that it enjoyed an excellent relationship with the Roseworthy Campus based University management.

Head of the School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences and Dean of Roseworthy Campus, Professor Rob Woodgate and Head of Roseworthy Residential College and Manager of Student Services, David Purdie both bend over backward to assist ROCA in every way possible. ROCA sincerely appreciated their unwavering support throughout the past year.

The worth of ROCA's 126 year history and the 141 year history of Roseworthy College itself came to the fore during the year.

One of ROCA's great benefits is its "Corporate Memory". With changes of ROCA personnel and those at Roseworthy and across the University of Adelaide over time, during the past year it proved beneficial to have people and an organisation such as ROCA who could put long-term context on decisions and values connected with the College/Campus.

Personally, my 46 years' experience as a member of the ROCA Committee and five terms as ROCA President proved beneficial when negotiating a few very difficult issues with the University of Adelaide administration.

During the year, ROCA Vice President Andrew Eastick's lengthy association with ROCA and high-level professional career involving community interaction proved invaluable as he led the lengthy process of developing a long-term strategy to ensure that ROCA continued to remain relevant for both members and the wider community.

ROCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2023-2024 YEAR (CONTINUED)

ROCA and Roseworthy Campus were invited to mount displays of historic and archival items as part of South Australia's History Month, a true reflection of the respect in which both bodies are viewed by the general community.

While ROCA continued to develop its collection of archive memorabilia during the year, considerable effort was also put into researching and recording the stories behind the myriad of historic happenings and artifacts associated with Roseworthy Agricultural College.

ROCA offered a total of five valuable Student Prizes for the "Dux or Gold Medallist" graduating from each of the Veterinary and Animal Science courses offered at Roseworthy Campus. Support for these Prizes came via the "Roseworthy Campus & Student Fund" established by ROCA two decades ago. ROCA also provided the Prize for Roseworthy Residential College's "Old Students' Cup", an award initiated by ROCA in the year 1900.

One of the contentious issues addressed by ROCA during the year in relation to the "Roseworthy Campus & Student Fund" was that despite being established and owned by ROCA, any donations received were channelled via the University of Adelaide system in a spirit of common good will to enable incoming funds to be considered as tax deductible for the donors.

However for reasons currently unknown to ROCA, at some stage the University of Adelaide took total control of the "Roseworthy Campus & Student Fund" and it became a University owned fund, with ROCA alienated.

During the year, ROCA discovered quite surprisingly that the University's Adelaide based bureaucracy had now imposed a range of extremely draconian and restrictive rulings on how ROCA could access monies from the Fund in order to offer Student Prizes at Roseworthy. Several of the Student Prizes planned to be offered by ROCA have been delayed for over six months waiting for the University's Adelaide bureaucracy to provide approvals.

In attempting to seek resolution to this issue, ROCA has been greatly assisted by the Roseworthy based University staff from the School of Animal & Veterinary Sciences and Roseworthy Residential College. Despite this, the overarching University Adelaide-based administrators' delays prevail.

Attempting to negotiate a way forward on several issues with the University of Adelaide administration tended to take ROCA's valuable time and focus away from core initiatives. When Roseworthy Agricultural College merged with the University of Adelaide in 1991, the University Alumni Office asked whether it could include ROCA's member contact database within its own system, on the proviso that ROCA continued to own the information and have continued access to it.

ROCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2023-2024 YEAR (CONTINUED)

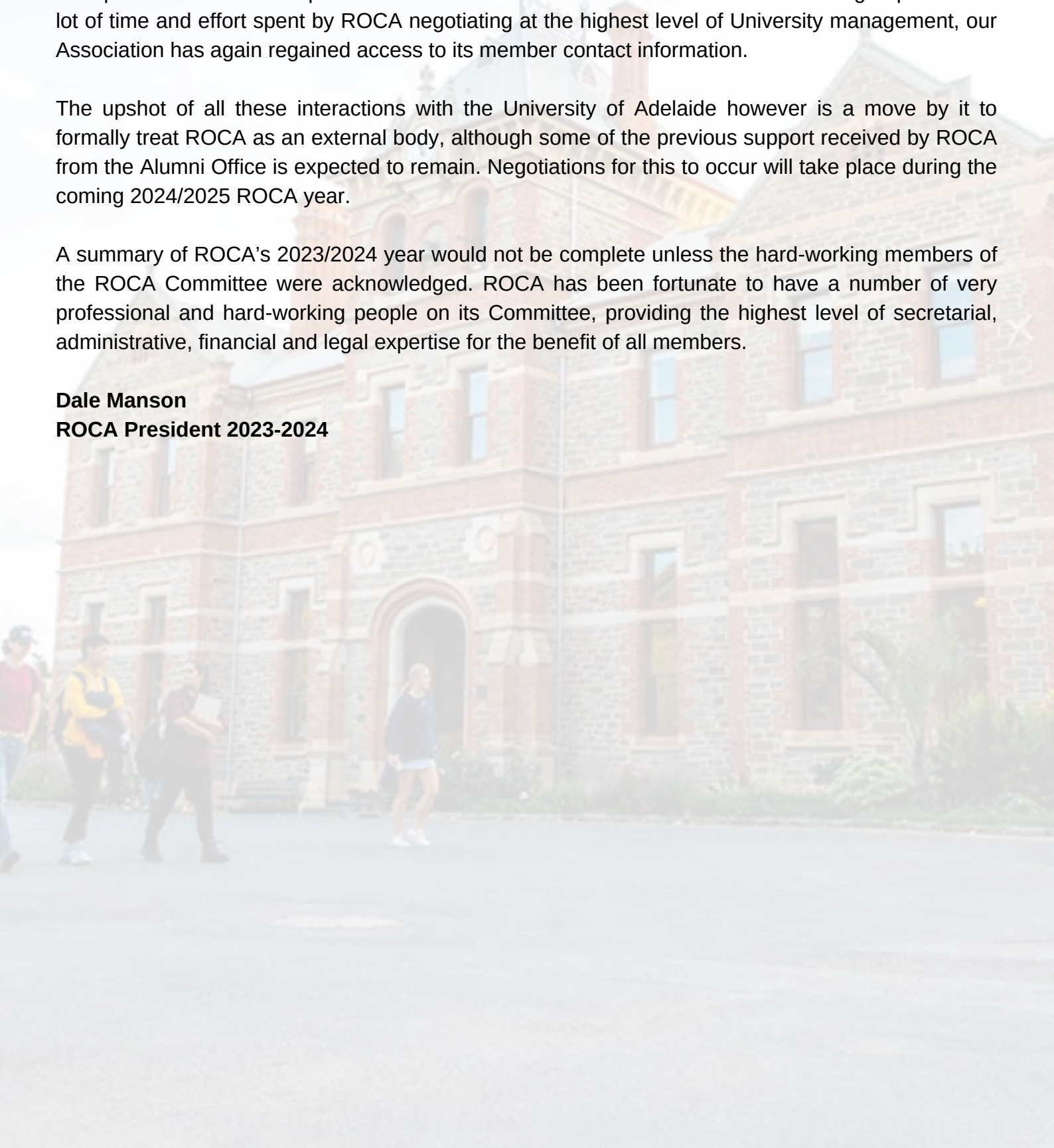
However during the past year the University decided to deny ROCA access to its own member information, breaching the spirit of good faith and mutual co-operation that ROCA felt had existed. This presented enormous problems with the co-ordination of 2024 ROCA Reunion groups. After a lot of time and effort spent by ROCA negotiating at the highest level of University management, our Association has again regained access to its member contact information.

The upshot of all these interactions with the University of Adelaide however is a move by it to formally treat ROCA as an external body, although some of the previous support received by ROCA from the Alumni Office is expected to remain. Negotiations for this to occur will take place during the coming 2024/2025 ROCA year.

A summary of ROCA's 2023/2024 year would not be complete unless the hard-working members of the ROCA Committee were acknowledged. ROCA has been fortunate to have a number of very professional and hard-working people on its Committee, providing the highest level of secretarial, administrative, financial and legal expertise for the benefit of all members.

Dale Manson

ROCA President 2023-2024



ROCA MINUTES ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM 1898 UNTIL THE PRESENT

ROCA Members can now freely access the Minutes of ROCA Meetings online.

The Roseworthy Old Collegians Association (ROCA) is significantly advantaged by the preservation of the minutes of its meetings from its beginnings in 1898, both Annual Meetings and Committee meetings, as well as many annual financial reports. A number of discussion papers that were produced in the pre- and post-merger period with the University of Adelaide have also been preserved.

ROCA's activities are also recorded and reported on in "The Student" magazine, first published in July 1897, the ROCA Digest, first published in August 1962, and numerous newspapers accessed through Trove.

"The Student" and ROCA Digests have been available on the University of Adelaide website via the ROCA web page for some time.

The Student - <https://connect.adelaide.edu.au/nodes/view/7311>

ROCA Digest - <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/roca/digest>

Trove - <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper>

The physical ROCA minutes are held in the University's Barr Smith Library's Special Collections area and until recently access to the minutes was by making a prior arrangement to attend the Special Collections reading room. The current reading room opening times are Tuesday through Friday afternoons from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Some time ago the University of Adelaide digitised the ROCA minutes. In March 2024 the University advised that a staff member was quality checking the digital documents and once the checking was complete and an access determination period was confirmed (the ROCA Committee indicated full open access) the digitised minutes would be progressively available via Adelaide Connect.

In September 2024 the University advised the minutes had been quality checked and they were now available on the University's online archives database. They will be uploaded to Adelaide Connect before the end of 2024.

Current access to the ROCA minutes is via the following web link:

<https://archives.adelaide.edu.au/#details=ecatalogue.1885>.

A few hints on sourcing ROCA Minutes etc from the above web link. After clicking on the link, a specific page from the University of Adelaide Archives will appear. Scroll down and a listing of years will become apparent.

For ROCA records from 2000-2022, links to individual years will be represented by a single line.

However for records from the years 1898-1999, there are five folders located halfway down the list:

- Volume 1: 1898-1927
- Volume 2: 1928-1938
- Volume 3: 1938-1959
- Volume 4: 1959-1988
- Volume 5: 1989-1999

ROCA MINUTES ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM 1898 UNTIL THE PRESENT (CONTINUED)

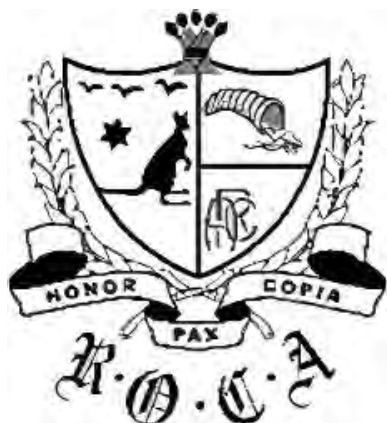
Once a web link in the master list has been clicked, another page will open, featuring a simple graphic icon of a sheet of paper with the corner turned. This is where you click to open the file. Clicking on any other link within this page may not result in the outcome you are after.

In each of the Volumes, all the Minutes etc are lined up end-to-end in chronological order from the start date to the end date within a single file.

Looking back to the original set of 1898 ROCA Minutes in Volume 1, it is fascinating to view images of the actual pen & nib ink handwriting of the ROCA founders. The founders of ROCA were some of the most influential people in the South Australian Colony and Colonial Government. It was only three years later that Queen Victoria proclaimed South Australia to be a State of the Commonwealth of Australia.

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CHANGE IN ROCA'S ALUMNI NETWORK ARRANGEMENT



The ROCA Committee has for some time been concerned that the existing relationship arrangement between the Association and the University of Adelaide, in the capacity of the Association as an Alumni Network of the University, has created difficulties for the Association and for the University.

As an Incorporated Association, ROCA is markedly different in structure from the University's other local Alumni Networks. One difficulty has been ROCA's access to the ROCA Member Database which has been held by the University.

As a result of a recent meeting of Dale Manson, in his capacity as then President, assisted by former President Bardy McFarlane, with the University's Professor John Williams and Professor Jessica Gallagher, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (External Engagement), the University has addressed the database issue.

However unexpectedly the University also put to ROCA for consideration an arrangement that would bring ROCA in line with some of the University's other Alumni Networks that are external and separately governed organisations.

These other Alumni Networks are often separately Incorporated Associations, in addition to being based overseas.

The University has indicated that the change will enable the University to better provide support to ROCA, noting that the arrangement provides complexities in a range of areas, including data sharing.

CHANGE IN ROCA'S ALUMNI NETWORK ARRANGEMENT (CONTINUED)

As a result of the change, the University will, following the University obtaining consent from the 108 University of Adelaide graduates / ROCA members who have updated their details from January 2022 (around the last time the database was shared) via the University's 'Update Your Details' webpage, provide ROCA with the ROCA Member Database in full.

The change will enable ROCA to be managed more effectively as an Alumni Network, including database management and communications.

ROCA will be promoted as an Alumni Network on the Alumni pages of the University website, through a link to a new external ROCA managed website and ROCA will remain eligible to apply for funding through the University's Alumni Funding Scheme.

The University will also continue to promote ROCA alongside other special interest Alumni Networks via its bi-annual Electronic Direct Mail communication and marketing activities. A link will direct to a ROCA membership form on ROCA's website, resulting in the information now being provided directly to ROCA, rather than the University of Adelaide's Alumni Office.

An Affiliation Agreement will outline the roles and respective responsibilities of the University and ROCA.

ROCA's responsibilities will be to, as they are now, manage its affairs whilst:

- Cooperating harmoniously with the University's staff, including the Alumni Relations Team, and the University's other Alumni Networks;
- Conducting those affairs lawfully, without discrimination or prejudice, and in compliance with the University's policies and procedures (including those relating to conduct and behaviour) to further its purposes and the purposes of the University of Adelaide and its Alumni;
- Nominating a member of the Network to act as a central point of communication with the University's Alumni Relations Team;
- Undertaking those activities and responsibilities set out in an Annexure to the Affiliation Agreement;
- Not doing anything that is likely to prejudice the University or bring the University into disrepute;
- Not use the Alumni Network and its relationship with the University for the purposes of promoting private enterprises or political views.
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ROCA is to also:

- Include the Alumni Relations Team in the circulation list for ROCA's announcements and newsletters circulated to members;
- Adhere to the University's Social Media usage guidelines when making posts that are affiliated with the University;
- Ensure marketing collateral meets with the University's Brand guidelines, if the University brand is to be utilized;

CHANGE IN ROCA'S ALUMNI NETWORK ARRANGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The University's responsibilities, through its Alumni Relations Team, are:

- Attend ROCA meetings if and when specifically requested;
- Provide ROCA with a dedicated web page on the University's website, which will link through to a ROCA website;
- Publicise ROCA's events on the University's Alumni website;
- Provide advance advice about plans for University events;
- Provide graphic design advice and support, and access to University branding materials, upon request;
- Undertake the activities and responsibilities set out in an Annexure to the Affiliation Agreement;
- Provide campus space, infrastructure and supplies for meetings and events, in its discretion and upon request, and in accordance with its policies and procedures.

In summary, the University of Adelaide has Alumni Networks that support the University's alumni community in continuing their connection and interaction with each other and with the University through a variety of activities, leading to personal and professional development, adding value to the communities the University's graduates live in and increasing the understanding of and support for the University, its needs and its future.

The ROCA is one of these Alumni Networks.

Whilst some of these Alumni Networks are within the University itself and are controlled and managed by the University, others are external organisations to the University that are externally governed and managed.

ROCA will become an external Alumni Network that is affiliated with the University.

An Affiliation Agreement will define the relationship between the University and ROCA as an external Alumni Network affiliated with the University and set out each parties' respective obligations.

A SPECIAL PIECE OF 1920S HISTORY R.A.C. OLD COLLEGIANS VS PRESENT STUDENTS FOOTBALL MATCH ON THE ADELAIDE OVAL

Recently discovered by ROCA President Andrew Eastick is the record of a historic 1924 football match played between Old Collegians of Roseworthy Agricultural College and Present Students.

Remarkably, this match was played on the hallowed turf of Adelaide Oval.

The following is an account of the football match, recorded in the December 1924 issue of RAC's "The Student" magazine:

"This match was played on the Adelaide Oval on September 11 and proved to be very enjoyable and exceedingly humorous. The rain however, had put the ground in a bad condition and it was only the practised skater who could maintain his equilibrium.

A SPECIAL PIECE OF 1920S HISTORY R.A.C. OLD COLLEGIANS VS PRESENT STUDENTS FOOTBALL MATCH ON THE ADELAIDE OVAL (CONTINUED)

Play started with the Old Students kicking with the wind, but at the first change over "Present" had an advantage. In the second quarter the latter still further widened the margin, but a splendid rally by the "Old-timers" equalized matters.

At Half-time "Present" had a decided lead. In the third term the play was very even and the "Old Boys" drew near the "Present's" score, but the latter was superior handball and good judgement and kicking, managed to retain the upper hand.

Excitement ranged high in the last quarter, for the Old Scholars were now outclassing the younger lads and brought the scores level. "Present" rallied well and whipped the leather to the forward line and three goals in quick succession gave them a substantial lead, which they kept to the end.

Final Scores. – Roseworthy Present, 7 goals 7 behinds; Old Scholars, 4 goals 7 behinds.

For the Old Scholars, Baker and Sobels dominated in the ruck, while Shepley was conspicuous on the wing and "Eb" Thomas proved a clever rover.

The "Present" forwards were too pacy for the opposing backs, this being demonstrated by the clever work of Curlewis, Sinclair and Bested. Scott at centre was very solid, while Wilson and Paxton in the back lines played wonderful games."

A PIECE OF HISTORY - ROSEWORTHY HONOUR BOARD UPDATE

A previous ROCA Digest contained a story of how the RDA Honour Boards came to be mounted on the wall of the College Dining Room. This article highlighted that against the wishes of ROCA Committees back in the early 1900s, the RDA Honour Boards eventually did include the names of all Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture holders.

Recent access to the early minutes of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association held in the University of Adelaide Archives by ROCA President Andrew Eastick has added further to the toing and froing between ROCA and the then Minister for Agriculture on the matter.

The Honour Boards were requested by ROCA following a suggestion at a Half Yearly Social held at Ware's Exchange Hotel in Hindley Street, Adelaide on 6 March 1903.

The minutes record that Mr. Heyne brought forward a suggestion there should be erected or hung on the walls of the College a list of those who had graduated at that institution.

Messrs. Pritchard, Yelland and Professor Perkins supported this and it was resolved that the ROCA Secretary write to the Minister of Agriculture, urging upon him the necessity of erecting a Roll of Honour at the College.

A PIECE OF HISTORY - ROSEWORTHY HONOUR BOARD UPDATE (CONTINUED)



RAC Diploma Honour Rolls in the Main College Dining Room

The minutes of the next Committee meeting held on 30 May 1903 record the following: "Roll of Honour – Resolved That it be a recommendation to the Superintendent of Public Buildings that the labels be on the same principle as those at P.A. College and that the list include only Gold & Silver Medallist and Old Students Cup winner."

The minutes on the next meeting of the ROCA Committee on 19 August 1903 record that the Honorary Secretary reported that he had interviewed the Secretary for Agriculture regarding the "Roll of Honour" and he had stated that the matter was practically fixed up and in the course of preparation by the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

It was resolved at that ROCA Committee Meeting that the Honorary Secretary interview the Superintendent of Public Buildings, Mr Owen Smythe with the object of delaying the work and have the matter reconsidered at the Annual Meeting of ROCA in September.

The Minutes of the ROCA Annual General Meeting held at the Old Exchange Dining Rooms in Pirie Street, Adelaide on 11th September 1903 record that in relation to the Roll of Honour it is resolved that the Minister of Agriculture be asked to insert only names of Gold and Silver medal winners, instead of all Diploma Students. This was Carried by a vote at the AGM.

The Minutes of the next ROCA Committee Meeting held on 9th October 1903 record in relation to the Roll of Honour that the ROCA Secretary had written to the Minister of Agriculture and the reply received was that the original motion as passed by the Association and submitted to him would be carried out.

A PIECE OF HISTORY - ROSEWORTHY HONOUR BOARD UPDATE (CONTINUED)

That original motion proposed by ROCA earlier in 1903 was that there should be erected or hung on the walls of the College a list of those who had graduated at that institution. ROCA later decided that there should only be the names of the Gold Medal, Silver Medal and Old Students Cup recipients listed on the Roll of Honour.

The Minutes of a ROCA Committee meeting held on 13th April 1904 record that in relation to the Roll of Honour, Mr Laffer indicated this was nearly completed and looked remarkably well.

Now proudly mounted on the walls of the Dining Room at Roseworthy College are Rolls of Honour that include the names of every person who graduated with a Diploma in Agriculture qualification from Roseworthy Agricultural College.

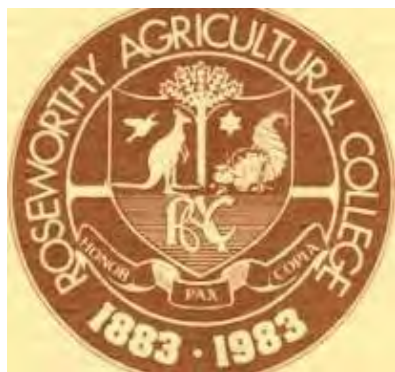
With ROCA not wanting every graduate's name to be listed and the Minister of Agriculture holding the opposite view, it could be said that the result of the match was: "Minister for Agriculture 1: ROCA 0."

DONATION OF RAC CENTENARY WINE FLUTES TO ROCA ARCHIVES

Recently Old Collegian, Ruth Miller (Assoc.Dip.App.Sc. A.P. 1982) generously donated a rare set of RAC Commemorative Centenary Wine Flutes to be included in the ROCA Archive Collection.

Roseworthy Agricultural College was established in 1883 and a hundred years later the College declared the entire year of 1983 as being a period of celebration and commemoration.

A range of high profile activities were conducted, including a Centenary Ball and special Centenary Oration.



The RAC logo specially developed to celebrate the College Centenary

Quite a number of framed "Illuminated and Illustrated Addresses" were also received by the College administration from associated institutions located around the world.

To mark this historic occasion, a range of commemorative merchandise was produced for sale, including the Centenary Wine Flutes.

ROCA will truly value this historic set of wine flutes and several will soon be housed in the Roseworthy College Dining Room glass-fronted display cabinets.



A commemorative RAC Centenary Wine Flute

ROCA'S LINKS WITH ROSEWORTHY'S HISTORIC BILLIARD TABLE

The historic Billiard Table currently being used by Roseworthy Campus students was donated by ROCA to Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1936.

Since the original ROCA donation nearly ninety years ago, many generations of Roseworthy students have played billiards on the table – in some cases the grandfather, father and son or daughter within a single family.

Here is the history of the Billiard Table:

The Old Collegians' Association section of Volume XXXII No. 1 edition of Roseworthy Agricultural College's publication, "The Student" published in December 1936, under the heading Presentation of Billiard Table, reported: "At the Jubilee Reunion the Old Collegians decided to make a commemoration gift to the College to mark the occasion of the College Jubilee."

The Committee, after considering numerous suggestions, decided on a billiard table as the most useful and practical gift. A good second-hand table was purchased and completely reconditioned.

RAC Principal, Dr. Callaghan had the old Common Room specially prepared as a Billiard Room. The intention was for this room to become an Honour Room in which photographs of successful sporting teams and prominent Old Collegians would be hung.

In October 1936 the table was installed and ready for play, with the ROCA Committee attending the official opening. At an informal dinner in the Dining Hall, the ROCA President, Colonel Fulton handed the billiard room key to Student Cotton, the Secretary of the Billiards Committee.

Mr. A. A. Hearnden and Mr. H. Goldsmith, two ex-Australian Amateur Billiards Champions attended and gave an excellent demonstration match. At the conclusion of this match, Mr. Hearnden gave the students an address on the care and maintenance of the table and also some helpful hints for beginners

In declaring the table open, Colonel Fulton representing the Old Collegians engaged in a billiards match ROCA Vs Students. He only saved the reputation of ROCA by a narrow margin.

The total cost of the billiard table was £57 11s 9d, including accessories and a special shade. At one stage, personal donations from Old Collegians reached £31.

The Volume XXXIII No. 1 edition of The Student, published in December 1937, under the heading Billiards Notes, reported: "Although some may level criticism at the Billiard Committee for not arranging more matches this year, the object of having a table - to add an extra facility where students may while away leisure hours - has been carried to its fullest extent, for it is very seldom that the that one can find the table not in use."

In 1937 it was noted that at just over twelve months old, the billiard table appeared to be slightly blemished in spots, but nevertheless was in good playing order. Earlier that year it was noticed that there was a slight irregularity due to movement on one side, resulting in the table being relaid and cushions overhauled.



The Roseworthy Billiard Table in 2024

ROCA'S LINKS WITH ROSEWORTHY'S HISTORIC BILLIARD TABLE (CONTINUED)

The 1944 edition of "The Student" reported that owing to one of those incidents that are so frequently made the subject of humorous sketches usually depicting a young thing saying, "Oh, bother" (meaning a rip in the fabric) and asking whether they now miss a turn or pay a forfeit, the billiards room was closed for most of the year.

Due to restrictions brought upon by the war, it was quite difficult to make repairs. The College had to wait authority to purchase a new cloth, which was eventually granted.

Before the 1944 damage was done, the billiards room proved to be one of the most popular forms of relaxation. With a new cloth and the table trued up, the students looked forward to the resumption of this popular form of entertainment in the new year.

The 1953 edition of "The Student" reported the billiard table was repaired and realigned free of charge by C.H. Martin, builders as a mark of appreciation for the use of the table. The table and cushions were recovered.



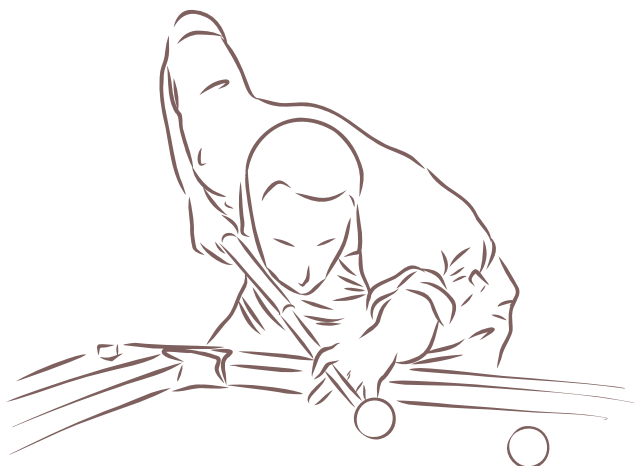
Exterior of RAC Billiard Room in 1939

The saloon was repainted and improvements by the committee in the way of notices and new clips on the cue rack were added. Staff member Mr. Ray Norton was appointed the new billiard room manager, elected in place of Mr. Suter who resigned at the beginning of 1952.

The 1963 edition of The Student reported that having purchased a new set of snooker balls and two new cues during the year, the billiard room became quite a popular place. However at that time, the table was in need of a new carpet, new pockets and re-aligning. To enable this work to be undertaken, the Sports Union was expected to contribute.

As a result from a tournament held in September 1963, the "plonkies" scooped the pool - perhaps they were thought by some to have more spare time than anyone else to practice. Eventual winners were: Singles K. Pfeiffer; doubles, K. Pfeiffer and C. Hancock.

It was hoped at that stage more tournaments could be conducted and that billiards may be added to the Sports Badge Awards.



MIDDLEBACK FIELD CENTRE REVISITED

KEITH COWLEY (DIP.APP.SC. AG 1982)



Don Nicolson (RDA 1952), member of RAC's 1950 Premiership "A Grade" Football Team

About ten years ago Dr. Des Coleman and I visited the Middleback Field Centre to once again take the forty photo points in Overland paddock. Many students had the pleasure of finding and photographing them as part of their Rangeland experience.

It was shortly after the Middleback and Roopena and other stations had been taken over by the Army to extend their land holdings for tank training. This meant that the pastoralists had moved off of the property and with no presence of landholders it was open to people to come in and help themselves to fencing materials, breaking into locked cupboards and taking equipment.

The main building of the Centre was also broken into with windows broken area vandalized and equipment stolen. It was a sad site that we had found after a long association with the site.

MIDDLEBACK FIELD CENTRE REVISITED

KEITH COWLEY (DIP.APP.SC. AG 1982)

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Recently I returned to the site to see how it was and try to retake the photo points near the Iron Knob Road. I found that the Army I presume, had completely cleared the site leaving only concrete foundations of Field Centre, Pastoralists house and the building which housed kitchen, dining room and bunkhouse.

I was unable to access the photo points as the area is fenced with signs every fifty metres saying "Danger Do not Enter". I can unfortunately understand the action of the Army as leaving the buildings just encouraged undesirables to attend the site to steal, damage or injure themselves.

For those who are not familiar with the Middleback Field Centre, this is a snapshot of the history.

Dr. Bob Lange was very keen supporter of the arid lands and with the support of the lessees, pastoral board, BHP, Woods and Forests Department and The University of Adelaide had a vision to build the Centre. The Centre included a main building which housed a flat (kitchen, dining, sleeping and shower/toilet) with a large lecture room and cellar for equipment storage. The second building "The Barn" was for storage of fencing materials, traps, hand tools and an area for stripping plant material.

The site also included two very large tanks collecting water from the roofs of the two buildings as a water supply for the site. As part of the building work, an addition to the existing kitchen/dining room was a bunk house to increase the number of beds available for students, as the only other accommodation was the shearers quarters. BHP also assisted by putting an eight bed room Atco on site.

Well, what happened on the site? For many years, Dr Bob Lange ran Rangeland Ecology, a 10-14 day subject each January for the University of Adelaide's Botany Department. Later, he also ran a seven-day camp for Roseworthy Natural Resource Management students during the September holidays.

Dr Megan Lewis ran a Community Ecology subject. Dr. Jose Facelli from the Botany Department took over the January slot for his Terrestrial Ecology subject. Dr Des Coleman then ran a Rangeland Management subject modelled on Lange's original course, including a 9-day camp for Roseworthy students in the mid-semester break.

In addition to the undergraduate teaching, it was also used as a base for research by PhD and honours students.

All these activities had the generous support of the Nicolson families of Middleback and Roopena homesteads. They contributed their time and all manner of practical help, as well as their expertise developed during nearly a century of sound, conservative station management. This added to the success of many undergraduate camps and postgraduate projects from the late 1960s until the resumption of their lease.

Don Nicolson from Roopena Station was a Roseworthy student himself, graduating with an RDA in 1952.

The Roseworthy students involved with the camps extend their appreciation to the late Don and Andrew Nicolson, who provided all means of support to ensure the camps were a success. The Nicolsons supplied sheep, all with the usual ethics approvals, plus pulled student vehicles out of the occasional bog.



NEW ROSEWORTHY TOWNSHIP OVAL

The State Government's Greater Adelaide plan is looking to rapidly expand population growth and industry based enterprises north of the capital city to Roseworthy.

Already the level of housing development and rural enterprise establishment has exploded around the Roseworthy township, with companies such as Elders shifting their merchandise outlet away from Gawler to Roseworthy. There is also the State's largest wine bottle manufacturing plant located adjacent to Roseworthy.

The rapidly expanding Roseworthy township precinct is about to establish a brand new oval, netball courts and clubs to play on them.

While the Roseworthy Campus Oval is home to many of our Old Collegians, the new Roseworthy township oval will be called St Ives.

Roseworthy once had a football club at the Agriculture College until 1996. There was also a Roseworthy 'Town' club, but the history of that is a little sketchy and intertwined with the history of the Wasleys Football Club.

Roseworthy Campus does muster football and netball sides for one-off event such as the annual Waite Aggies Vs Roseworthy game.

The new Roseworthy "township" football club based at the St Ives Oval is yet to be formed and receive an official name, colour strip and tradition.

However, it will no doubt lean on the former Roseworthy Agricultural College Football Club heritage for leadership guidance.

Roseworthy township is more or less becoming part of Adelaide, much like Mount Barker. However any new club may still be considered country for a few more years.

The images associated with this article are still in the concept stage, although the St Ives Oval has already been completed.



ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS COLOUR-RUN

AIDS SOPHIE'S LEGACY

Roseworthy Campus students put their hearts on their sleeves last October to participate in a Colour Run in aid of the charity, Sophie's Legacy.

Organised by the RAC Student Union Council, the valiant efforts of Roseworthy runners raised \$102 to assist the charity.

Dr. Sophie Putland was a beloved young veterinarian who tragically took her own life in September 2021. But more than just being a professional veterinarian, Sophie was a daughter, a sister and a treasured friend to many.

Sophie studied her six-year Doctor of Veterinary Medicine course at Roseworthy Campus, graduating with a DVM in 2013.

The pressure of the veterinary profession, including client abuse became overwhelming for Dr Sophie Putland. A particularly abusive client was the last straw for her.

On average, a veterinary surgeon dies by suicide approximately every 12 weeks.

Family and friends established Sophie's Legacy to honour her memory and advocate for change within the veterinary industry.

Everyone at Roseworthy Campus, staff and students associated with all courses and aspects of Campus life, hold a commitment and determination to ensure all veterinary staff thrive without being abused.

The Campus-wide ethos is "Happy Vets Equals Happy Pets."

The Sophie's Legacy cause has resonated worldwide, with evidence that it is already making a difference.

ROCA salutes the RACSUC, all staff and every student who supports Sophie's Legacy.



BARDY MCFARLANE – ROCA AWARD OF MERIT 2024



Agriculturalist and lawyer Bardy McFarlane (RDA 1972) has been recognised by the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association with the bestowal of its highest honour, the esteemed status of 2024 ROCA Award of Merit recipient.

The agricultural training and qualifications received by Bardy McFarlane at Roseworthy Agricultural College in addition to a lengthy career as a legal practitioner resulted in him making a significant difference to the world, with a lasting legacy of widespread change and benefit for others.

Joint owner of the historic Brinkley Station at Wellington East on the River Murray and possessing a family background in law, Bardy McFarlane commenced his career assisting the nation's rural and regional communities by initially graduating with a Diploma of Agriculture from Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1972.

Armed with this formal agricultural qualification, Bardy McFarlane then managed the family's 9,700 hectare Brinkley Station, transitioning the livestock management from a largely pastoral operation to a more intensive legume/grass pasture-based enterprise.

The initial stage of this enterprise transition involved clearing 1,600 hectares of the unpalatable tobacco bush and replanting the area with cover crops under-sown with lucerne or medics.

A shallow water table in the part of the property abutting Lake Alexandrina resulted in extremely healthy lucerne stands.

In the 1980s, Bardy McFarlane studied law as a mature age student at the University of Adelaide, graduating with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) in 1987, later boosted by the acquisition of a Master of Laws (Environmental) in 2000.

Following admission as a Practitioner in the Supreme Court of SA and the High Court of Australia, he became a partner in an Adelaide law firm specialising in Native Title and land access negotiations.

One of the major achievements of Bardy McFarlane was being instrumental in ensuring financial assistance provisions were included in the Native Vegetation Act, where Heritage Agreements placed on land meant large areas were locked up for conservation purposes.

He also acted for miners, oil & gas operators, pastoralists, local government & commercial fishers in all but one Native Title claim in SA.

With a passion for primary industries in the broadest sense, Bardy McFarlane worked with industry, government and environmental NGOs for a five year period to ensure the seafood industry's interests and sustainability objectives were incorporated in the new Fisheries Management & Marine Park Acts of 2007.

BARDY MCFARLANE – ROCA AWARD OF MERIT 2024 (CONTINUED)

As a full-time member of the Native Title Tribunal, he was a key mediator and principal facilitator in negotiations between parties to Native Title claims in SA, WA, NSW and Qld, resolving claims by identifying ways to reconcile conflicting interests in land.

Bardy McFarlane facilitated negotiations for agreement between the WA government and three native title claimants for a \$6 billion gas processing development on the Burrup Peninsula near Dampier, WA.

He also facilitated agreement between BHP and three native title claim groups for expansion of Olympic Dam mine site in SA, in addition to being invited by the WA government to Chair the Technical Taskforce to resolve backlog in mineral tenement applications, including negotiations that resulted in agreements between four of the five WA Native Title groups and mining industry bodies.

Despite the enormous workload of his legal career, Bardy McFarlane continued to contribute to local SA groups including NFP and community initiatives.

He established the operational basis and rules of the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund, a mechanism to enable the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association to offer prizes and financial support for students studying the University of Adelaide's Roseworthy Campus based courses.

Over past decades, Bardy McFarlane has also donated his time and expertise for a range of other organisations including serving as Honorary Solicitor for the Royal SA Yacht Squadron, member of the Lower Murray Water Allocation Advisory Board and Chairing the Board of Directors for Roseworthy College.

It cannot be disputed that Bardy McFarlane is a worthy recipient of the 2024 ROCA Award of Merit, having selflessly served Roseworthy Agricultural College, ROCA, the nation's indigenous communities, the agricultural sector and rural industry organisations.

PETER GRATTON (RDA 1958) PASSES

One of the few remaining RDA 1958 graduates and one of the small number of Roseworthy people to reside in W.A., Peter (Jack) Gratton passed away recently.

As a Roseworthy student during the late 1950s, Peter displayed a genuine talent on the football oval, being a member of the College First XVIII for all of his three undergraduate years.

Following graduation and armed with a Diploma in Agriculture, he spent a year share farming at Loxton prior to returning to Roseworthy in 1959 to fill the newly created position of Pure Seeds Officer in the Plant Breeding Section.

During that year, Peter also played for and coached the College A Grade Premiership Football Team.

Peter Gratton's diverse rural management career took him to various parts of Australia and overseas, including as Superintendent of the Amata Aboriginal Reserve and cattle station in the South Australian Musgrave Ranges.

He also served as Administration Superintendent of Shark Bay Salt at Useless Loop in Western Australia, prior to joining the WA Department of Agriculture's Advisory Team at Gafara Plains near Tripoli in Libya.

In 2004, Peter Gratton retired to Byford in Western Australia to build his dream retirement home. He passed away twenty years later in January 2024.

ROCA FUNDRAISING WINE STILL AVAILABLE

NOT JUST ANY WINE WILL DO -CHOOSE OUR 2019 ST JOHN'S ROAD BAROSSA SHIRAZ

It was a pretty tough year in 2019 for Barossa Valley vignerons, with low yields being the order of the day.

However 2019 also produced some of the best quality Barossa wine for decades.

As Louisa Rose, Head of Winemaking at Yalumba (and ROCA Award of Merit Recipient) noted in her 2019 Vintage Report, yields varied from vineyard to vineyard and variety to variety. Many experienced poor set due to the multiple influences of lack of moisture, cool temperatures during the growing season and then a decent frost.

Resulting yields were quite variable. In most vineyards yields were below average, with many being well below. Some reported the lowest yielding of the past decade.

The good news was that flavour, colour in reds and overall quality was exceptional for the 2019 vintage. Standout varieties included, but were not limited to Shiraz, Grenache and Cabernet.

ROCA is fortunate to have one of those standout wines available for members and others to purchase and enjoy. At the same time, sales of this wine support the work ROCA does at Roseworthy. 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 at that time. It would have removed some of the financial hassles, allowing you to concentrate just that little bit more on academic achievement.

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

An Icon of the wine industry and Roseworthy graduate, Andrew Caillard MW (A.Dip.WineMark 1985) recently tasted 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 to buy a case or two while they last.

It is a simple process to complete the order form contained in this Digest and return to rocacomittee@gmail.com.au. 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 2025

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 \$30 / dozen, \$20 / 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 ROCA notes the passing of the following members:

BROWN, Rodney Malcolm (Grad.Dip.Ag. 1988)

CHAMBERS, William Bruce OAM (RDOen 1954)

DONNELLAN, John Ramsay (RDA 1957)

FROMM, Geoffrey, Paul RDA 1960)

GRATTON, Peter Reginald (RDA 1958)

KRAUSE, Timothy Shane (Dip.App.Sc. Ag 1981)

LAMBELL, James Leighton (RDA 1959)

MILNE, William Edward (B.App.Sc. Ag. 1992)

ROBINSON, Timothy James Lynn (RDA 1958)

WRIGHT, Malcolm John (RDA 1955)

ROCA apologises if it has accidentally omitted someone who has passed during the period since the publication of our previous Digest. If you are aware of anyone, please contact ROCA.



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 †	1993 Bob Baker †
1962 Dr David Riceman †	1994 Brian Hannaford †
1963 Len Cook †	1995 Grant Mayfield
1964 William Dawkins OBE †	1996 Robert Knappstein †
1965 Frank Pearson †	1997 James Pocock †
1966 Sir Allan Callaghan CMG †	1998 Ian Young
1967 Bob Herriot OBE †	1999 Don Moyle †
1968 Denis Muirhead †	2000 Grant Paech †
1969 Jack Reddin OAM †	2001 Brian Jefferies AM †
1970 Ron Badman †	2002 Dr Graham Mitchell AO
1971 Prof Rex Butterfield †	2003 Philip Laffer AM
1972 Rex Krause †	2004 John Vickery OAM †
1973 Rex Kuchel †	2005 Ronald Mertin AM †
1974 Lex Walker AM †	2006 Brian Wilson
1975 Ken Pike †	2007 Wilf Bowen OAM
1976 Len Laffer †	2008 Philip Young AM †
1977 Des Habel †	2009 Ian Hickinbotham OAM †
1978 Henry Day AO †	2010 Dr Ray Beckwith OAM †
1979 Dr Mark Hutton †	2011 Raymond Taylor †
1980 Cliff Hooper †	2012 Vic Patrick OAM
1981 Andrew Michelmores †	2013 Alan Richardson
1982 Milton Spurling †	2014 Hon. Peter Dunn
1983 Ralph Hewett Jones †	2015 Richard Fewster
1984 David Suter †	2016 David Lewis OAM
1985 Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM	2017 Rev Brian Polkinghorne
1986 Dr John Obst †	2018 John Crosby AM
1987 Robin Steed †	2019 Allan Piggott
1988 Reg French †	2020 Professor Wayne Hein
1989 Ray Norton †	2021 Louisa Rose
1990 Tony Summers †	2022 Graeme Pope
1991 Scott Dolling OAM †	2023 Neil Pontifex
1992 Rex Anderson †	2024 Bardy McFarlane

(† 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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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 Committee Member
Dale Manson (0418 811 233)*

Please do not send this form to the University Alumni Office