Fact Sheet

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.

Roseworthy

University of Adelaide Alumni Fellow Honour

Ross Dawkins

(Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture 1968)

Ross Dawkins was part of the ROCA Committee for a seven year period between 1974 and 1981. During that time he served a term as Vice President in 1975/1976, plus two terms as ROCA President in 1976/1977 and 1977/1978.

Ross's time on the ROCA Committee and as President were marked by some rapid changes within Roseworthy, including the appointment of a new Principal in the footsteps of the previous long-term Principal, plus the introduction of female students to the all-male College after nearly a century of Roseworthy Agricultural College being reserved for male-only education.

His Presidential tenure encompassed the 1977 Roseworthy graduation ceremony when the first batch of female students graduated. This was a milestone time for ROCA, both in terms of admitting female graduates as members and the agricultural sector's reluctance to employ fully qualified female Roseworthy graduates.

Ross Dawkins steered ROCA into this new era, despite widespread prejudice against female Roseworthy graduates and opposition from many quarters.