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ROCA 125th Anniversary Commemoration

Honour for ‘Beneficially Impacting and Influencing World Society and International Community Change’

Dr Graham Mitchell AO

(Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture 1961)

In Roseworthy Old Collegians Association's 125th Anniversary year of 2023, ROCA honoured the most outstanding living graduates who had 'Beneficially Impacted and Influenced World Society and International Community Change'



Dr Graham Mitchell AO is recognised as one of Australia's leading biological scientists, with a lifetime devoted to benefiting international humanity in the fields of human and animal health.

At the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI) he made discoveries in cellular immunology, followed by post-doctoral experience in California (Stanford), England (National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill) and Switzerland (Basel Institute for Immunology).

Returning to Australia he established a new program in the immunology of parasitism at WEHI, becoming a major component of the global effort to develop new tools for the control of parasitic diseases, and of the 'biotechnology revolution'. He was instrumental in establishing the long-term program to deal with the disease, schistosomiasis, in the Philippines.

Graham's associates include Sir Gustav Nossal AC CBE, Professor David Penington AC and Dr John Stocker AO. He has also been Director of the prestigious Royal Melbourne Zoological Gardens where he introduced a number of new initiatives in local and regional conservation, and an advisor on innovation to the Victorian, Commonwealth, Tasmanian and Northern Territory Governments.