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ROSEWORTHY ICON AWARD 2017 – Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM

Of all the people associated with Roseworthy Agricultural College and Campus over its 133 year history, no-one made a greater contribution than Bruce Eastick. Without reward or kudos, he has embraced the spirit of Roseworthy over a period spanning in excess of 74 years.

Bruce Eastick attended high school at Urrbrae, then went on to Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1944. Initially wanting to be a "cocky", early mentoring from College veterinarian Dr Phil Schinckel caused Bruce to refine his career focus towards the veterinary aspects of farming. He distinguished himself academically and on the football field, graduating with a First Class Honours RDA in 1947.

Supported by a bonded scholarship from the Department of Agriculture to do a five-year veterinary course at the University of Sydney, Bruce established a pioneer veterinary practice in Willaston, the only veterinarian located between Gepps Cross and Darwin in the Northern Territory.

As the local veterinarian for the Roseworthy area, he also took on the role of mentor for Roseworthy's livestock staff, its consultant on animal health matters and occasional instructor for students.

His relationship with Roseworthy was cemented as being lifelong, demonstrated by the extremely high level of voluntary time and resources inputted over the years.

Bruce joined Roseworthy College's Governing Council in 1982, becoming President of the College Council during the turbulent and emotive times when Roseworthy was being compelled to select a University with which it had to merge in the late 1980's and early 1990's.

Without Bruce's leadership, Roseworthy Campus and its surrounding farm would not have survived, with the land potentially being sold and teaching facilities transitioned away from rural endeavour.

Bruce Eastick has provided particular voluntary service to ROCA as head of its Campus & Student Scholarship Fund and was honoured with an Award of Merit in 1985 and Honorary Life Membership in 2009. The University of Adelaide also bestowed him with the honour of Alumni Fellow.

The Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund named the prize awarded to Dux of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine course after him, while the Eastick Library Building on Roseworthy Campus is also named in his honour.

The Honourable Dr Bruce Eastick AM has been the recipient of the Order of Australia for services to the community.

Bruce Eastick's naming as an *"Icon of Roseworthy"* is a status no other person could lay claim to.