

Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



Professor William Lowrie

Principal of Roseworthy Agricultural College 1888 - 1901

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 1901

Professor William Lowrie, the second Principal of Roseworthy Agricultural College, was elected an Honorary Life Membership of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at the Association's Annual General Meeting on 13th September 1901.

As there were no rules for Honorary Life Membership when Lowrie was awarded an Honorary Life Member of the Association in 1901, he was reaffirmed as an Honorary Life Member when rules for bestowing Honorary Life Membership were adopted at the Association's 1921 Annual General Meeting.

Whilst there was no published citation when Lowrie's Honorary Life Membership and re-affirmed Honorary Life Membership were awarded, it can be assumed the award was made and reaffirmed for:

- Elected inaugural President of the Association in 1898, an important time when the Association was adopting its structure and working out relationships with other crucial stakeholders - the College, Government, rural industry and graduates;
- Continuing President until 1901;
- Support of the Association through the position of Vice President from 1911 to 1920; and
- Vice-Patron of the Association in 1920, as backup to the Patron, Governor of South Australia, Lieutenant Colonel Sir William Earnest George Archibald Weigall, KCMG.



Professor Lowrie was born in 1857 in Selkirkshire in Scotland and studied agriculture and related sciences at the University of Aberdeen, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in 1886.

He was appointed Professor of Agriculture and Principal at Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1888. Professor William Lowrie resigned as Principal in 1901 and for the next seven years was the director of Canterbury Agricultural College in New Zealand.

In 1908 he became the director of agriculture in Western Australia and from 1912 to 1914 was the Director of Agriculture in South Australia.

William Lowrie then took up farming and the breeding of Border Leicester sheep at Echunga in the Adelaide Hills. He died on 20 July 1933.