

Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



Alexander James “Alick” Murray

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 1921

Alexander James “Alick” Murray, also referred to as Alick J or A J Murray, was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at the Association’s 1921 Annual General Meeting.

Whilst there was no published citation when Murray’s Honorary Life Membership was awarded, it can be assumed the award was made for:

- Vice President from 1898 to 1918;
- Vice Patron from 1923 to 1928;
- Numerous donations of valuable livestock to the College;
- Regularly hosting student inspections at his Mount Crawford property;
- and
- Serving as a member of the Roseworthy College Council.



Preceding Murray’s award of Honorary Life Member, a report of the Association’s 1919 Annual General Meeting indicated: *“Advantage was taken of the presence of Mr. A. J. Murray by presenting to him a silver inkstand showing the College in relief, as a small token of the Association’s appreciation of his generous support to the College.”*

Mr. Murray, in acknowledging the presentation, referred to the pleasure he had derived from close association with the College in past years.

Alick Murray was born in 1858 at Murray Vale Estate at Mount Crawford and following his father’s death in 1886, he successfully took over the management of Murray Vale Estate. Sheep from Murray Vale Estate won the champion ribbon for the Merino ewe at the Royal Adelaide Show eight times, seven years in succession from 1897. Alick Murray was also a Jersey cattle breeder.

Alick Murray was a member of the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society, being President in 1907 and 1908. For many years he was the Chairman of the Mount Crawford District Council.

He was also a director of Elder Smith & Co Ltd and foundation director of Elders Trustee and Executor Co.

Alick Murray was also a noted breeder of polo ponies and in his early years one of Australia’s best polo players. He was a Life Member of the Adelaide Polo Club.

Alick Murray died on 18 April 1929.