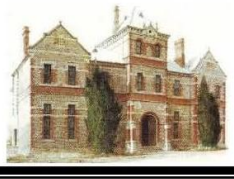
Roseworthy Campus Association Inc - ROCA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

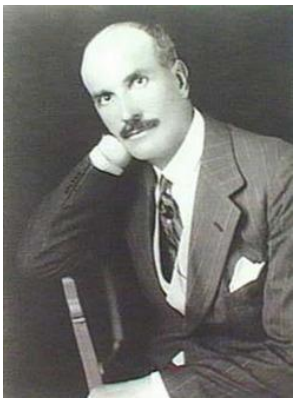


Sir William Ernest George Archibald Weigall KCMG

ROCA Patron and Supporter

Inducted as ROCA Honorary Life Member - 1922

Sir William Earnest George Archibald Weigall KCMG was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association at the Association's 1922 Annual General Meeting.



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

- **His role as Patron of ROCA in 1921and 1922; and**
- **Having a strong interest in agriculture, Roseworthy Agricultural College and ROCA due to himself being a graduate of the Royal Agricultural College at Cirencester in England.**

A report of the Association's 1921 Annual General Meeting, in the Vol. 20 No. 2 edition of The Student, published in December 1921, included: *"It is with pleasure that I have to inform members that His Excellency the Governor, Sir Archibald Weigall, has consented to become Patron to our Association. He has taken very close interest in agriculture generally, which brings him in contact with many Old Students, and it is felt that his patronage will stimulate Association matters."*

Born on 8 December 1874 and educated at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, Sir William Weigall served as Governor of South Australia from 9th June 1920 until 30 May 1922. He had a military career, serving during the Second Boer War, and in WWI, and was a Member of the British Parliament before his appointment as Governor of South Australia. Weigall was appointed Knight Commander of St Michael and St George (KCMG) in 1920.

Being only a few years after the end of WW1, many of the war memorials in country towns were opened by Weigall. He also opened the Memorial Drive tennis courts in Adelaide. Plympton's Weigall Oval and Weigall along the River Murray were named in his honour.

Weigall was appointed High Sheriff of Lincolnshire for 1926–27, created a Baronet, Weigall of Woodhall Spa in 1938, made King of Arms of the Order of St Michael and St George also in 1938 and appointed High Sheriff of Berkshire for 1944–45.

Sir William Ernest George Archibald Weigall KCMG died on 3 June 1952.