

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION
HELD IN THE S.A. POULTRY ASSOCIATION HALL, 15 HANSON STREET, ON
SATURDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1959.

PRESENT: Mr. J. V. Mertin (Pres.), Dr. R. N. McCulloch and 70 members.

APOLOGIES: Received from 80 members.

MINUTES: Had been distributed, were taken as read and confirmed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The 61st Annual Report of the activities of our Old Collegians Association.

Membership: Now standing at 698. Twentyeight new members were enrolled during the year but nine unfinancial members were struck off the roll. During the year we were saddened to learn of the passing of Messrs. W. C. Johnston, C. Heath, D. S. Mitton, A. R. Hickinbotham and Mrs. McCulloch.

To certain members we extend special congratulations on their achievements. They are Geoff Giles, newly elected Member for the Southern District in the Legislative Council; Bill Nankivell, newly elected Member for Albert in the House of Assembly; Milton Spurling, who has been awarded a scholarship to travel to South-East Asia; and Barry McGlasson, who goes to the United States of America, also on a scholarship.

Land Settlement: Since the last A.G.M., the sub committee, consisting of Messrs. L. H. Laffer, D. Fulton, L. J. Cooke and J. V. Mertin has made fairl substantial advances. It has been involved in some 25 meetings all of which it has initiated itself, in order to create interest in the need for civilian land settlement. These meetings have been held with various rural producer organisations, leading agricultural scientists, Members of Parliament and the Commonwealth Bank and a Rural Settlement Committee formed from producer organisations as a result.

R.O.C.A. is represented on this committee in Mr. Laffer as Secretary and myself as Chairman. Preliminary investigations have been completed and we anticipate that proposals will have been submitted to Parliament before the next A.G.M. The Committee is working on Amendments to the Advances to Settlers Act as there is no hope of gaining amendments desired by us to the Graduates Land Settlement Act.

I wish to thank Messrs. Laffer, Fulton and Cooke for their efforts on this project and also to thank the main R.O.C.A. committee for its continued support of the sub-committee. We were pleased to learn that Mr. W. F. Nankivell, in his Address in Reply Speech, referred at length to the need for a long term civilian land settlement scheme.

Scholarship: The holder of the scholarship in 1958 resigned from College just prior to the start of the first term in 1959. This left no time for widespread advertising and because the College enrolment book was full, the committee ultimately awarded the remaining two years to G. Woodroffe, a 1959 second year student.

Old Student's Cup: Won by H. J. M. Hole.

Branch Activities: Successful reunions were held by the South-East, Eyre Peninsula and River Murray Branches during the year.

During 1958 a Roseworthy Dairy Technologists Association was formed. It has 18 members and its first A.G.M. and Dinner was held in Adelaide in July, 1959. President is R. G. Mertin and Secretary D. Wilkins. I believe that the incoming R.O.C.A. committee could examine the overall framework of the main Association in relation to those of the branches and the R.D.T.A. It is possible that other specialised groups may wish to form an Association which includes the word "Roseworthy" in its title. Therefore it seems desirable for a full scale survey to be made of the functions of the R.O.C.A. branches and the R.D.T.A. in relation to the main Association.

Annual Sports Day: Was held on Monday, 13th October and provided a satisfying day for all.

A similar programme has been decided for Monday, 12th October, 1959, and the Committee would like to see the numbers of Old Collegians doubled. As the College is 75 years old this year, this is a worthy target. Parents of present students will be invited to attend.

Committee Meetings: The R.O.C.A. committee met in November, 1958, and in April and July, 1959. These meetings were well attended and items on the Agenda received adequate and thoughtful discussion. Our special thanks to the wives who kindly provided supper.

As retiring President, I wish to place on record the generous support and keen interest of a loyal committee, together with the co-operative assistance of the Principal and staff.

Treasurer's Report: Showed a nett loss of £23-8-5, mainly due to the increase cost of the Magazine.

General Working Fund stands at £153-9-7.

Investment in Commonwealth Govt. Bonds has risen to £2,600.

Mr. Stephens proposed and Mr. Purser seconded that the report be adopted. (Carried).

Mr. Norton, Magazine Manager, explained that the rise in costs had resulted from an attempt to change the magazine which necessitated extra printing blocks. Expenses could be reduced this year by keeping the magazine the same and using a lot of the same printing blocks.

Correspondence: A letter from Mr. D. D. Suter recommending Messrs. B. C. Philp and M. R. Krause for Honorary Life Membership was read. The President supported Mr. Suter's recommendation and said that the Committee was in favour of the move.

Proposed Mr. McKechnie, seconded Mr. Williams, that Honorary Life Membership be conferred upon Messrs. B. C. Philp and M. R. Krause. (Carried).

Report on Rural Settlement Committee: Mr. Laffer reported that as a result of the numerous meetings held during the year the sub-committee have a very large body of people organised. This body covers the major rural organisations and thus the majority of the rural population. The difficulty at present is to unite the various organisations into a pressure group.

Report on the H.E. Orchard Memorial: Mr. Hooper reported that because of the likelihood of similar appeals being launched the committee didn't feel they could launch an appeal for such a memorial, but that if any private donations were made these donations would be set aside for the purpose. Resolved, that no general appeal be launched, any donations would be accepted and placed in a fund for a Memorial.

Report on Proposed increase in Scholarship Value: Mr. Martin pointed out that in view of the loss of £23-8-5 made during the year; nothing could be done about raising the R.O.C.A. Scholarship value this year.

Alteration of R.O.C.A. Constitution: Mr. Stephen explained the alteration which was Clause 11 Subscriptions.

- (a) Subscriptions to the association shall be ten shillings per annum, payable yearly in advance on July 1st.

Clause 14 Life Membership.

- (a) An ordinary or Associate Member or any person entitled to be an ordinary or Associate member may become a Life Member or an Associate Life Member on the payment of ten pounds (£10) in full at the time of application for Life Membership.

He pointed out that subscriptions had stayed the same for years while costs and incomes had increased enormously and that an increase in subscriptions would permit the increase in value of the R.O.C.A. Scholarship.

Following a discussion the meeting voted in favour of the alteration.

Alteration of Scholarship Constitution. Mr. Hooper explained that the alteration to the R.O.C.A. Scholarship constitution would bring it into line with other scholarships. The alteration was -

Clause 6: Contingencies - to be added as a sub-clause - Where the Scholarship holder fails to pass his annual examination, the scholarship is automatically cancelled. (Carried).

Other Business: Mr. Gapp reported that he had heard that the College curriculum was to be altered and asked if the Principal would outline any proposed changes. In reply, Dr. McCulloch deferred the matter until the dinner.

Magazine Appeal: Mr. McKechnie pointed out the loss made during the year could be prevented by a fund to subsidize the magazine such as that operated prior to 1952.

Proposed by Mr. McKechnie, seconded Mr. Gilchrist that an appeal be made for one year to start a Magazine Fund. (Carried).

Award of Merit for R.O.C.A.: Mr. J. Martin suggested the possibility of the Association presenting annually an award of merit to an Old Collegian who has done outstanding work in practical agriculture or in the field of research. The presentation of such an award could be incorporated in the Annual Dinner and would provide added stimulus for Old Collegians.

Proposed Mr. R. Jones, seconded Mr. McKechnie that the Committee be empowered to investigate the matter and draw up a report for the next A.G.M. (Carried).

Roseworthy Dairy Technologists Association: Was discussed and Mr. J. M. McLaughlin proposed, Mr. G. Roe seconded, that the incoming committee be empowered to investigate the R.D.T.A. (Carried).

R.O.C.A. Scholarship: Proposed Mr. R. Jones, seconded Mr. R. Day that the Committee investigate the possibility of increasing the value of the Scholarship and report at the next A.G.M. (Carried).

Election of Office Bearers.

President	Mr. J. V. Martin	Proposed Mr. R. P. Day Seconded Mr. McKechnie (Elected)
Vice-President	Mr. R. P. Day	Proposed Mr. C. W. Hooper Seconded Mr. H. V. Stephen (Elected)
Secretary	Mr. I. R. Inglis	
Treasurer	Mr. H. V. Stephen	
Auditor	Mr. B. C. Philp	
Committee	Messrs. C. W. Hooper, R. J. Benyer, G. P. Roe, W. Gilchrist and J. Reddin	(Elected).