

ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION INC

DRAFT MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 6th November 2023 at 6:30pm

"RLS Office" & Zoom Video Conference Call

1. Welcome: President Dale Manson. Dale welcomed the new committee members Tif Yip and Graham Hall.

2. Apologies: I. Oliver, D. Coyner, J. Van de Weyer,

3. Present: D Manson, A Dennis, D Turnbull, A Eastick, K. Forrest, M. Rodda, W. Hein, T. Yip, G. Hall, R. Woodgate,

4. Confirmation of Minutes: Minutes of 25th September were confirmed by DT seconded by KF

5. Business arising from Minutes:

7: General Business:

Signatories to the bank accounts need to be updated as per normal protocol. New signatories will be Treasurer, Secretary and President and Vice President. Moved by DT seconded by MR.

DM asked MR to look into updating the database of recent graduates. RW will check with the University if this information will be made available to ROCA.

Date for 2024 Reunion Dinner – Friday 18th October – moved by AD, seconded DT

Next ROCA Digest will be published soon. Articles to DM asap please.

P&L of the recent annual dinner was in line with expectations, coming in at a loss of \$2,474.90. It was noted that this is the first time the dinner has sustained a loss, but it was expected and given the importance of the occasion agreed prior to the event.

AE addressed the meeting around the relationship between the Campus and the College, or ROCA.

The membership of ROCA is ageing and perhaps the constitution has become outdated requiring members of the younger age groups.

The previous experience of on campus living created stronger bonds and therefore a more collegiate group.

Missing members of more recent graduate groups has been increasing, but keeping ROCA relevant to cohorts such as Vets is difficult.

Not working against any other existing Alumni groups within the University is paramount.

WH pointed out that an Alumni group must either concentrate on Geography or Discipline, and suggested ROCA does not focus on either specification. Rather than looking back at historical statistics of agriculture, look forward and there

will be perhaps a very different approach to ROCA and what it does.
The students who study at Roseworthy Campus in the future may be vastly different from Agriculture or Natural Resources or even Vet.

TY commented that as a recent graduate she was not exposed at all to ROCA. O' Week or careers nights present an opportunity for this interaction.

GH mentioned that there are 3 distinct cohorts at Roseworthy depending on their residential status.

There will shortly be a fourth cohort when Uni Sa and Adelaide University's merge, and an opportunity exists for ROCA to take advantage of this upheaval to reinvent itself during this time.

The political history between Waite and Roseworthy still exists today.

A survey of membership may be the best way to find out what the current, and future needs of ROCA (or its new moniker) needs to provide in order to be relevant.

There is some degree of immediacy given that the MOU from the University is pending.

The challenge of an updated ROCA in the geographical sense does not necessarily depend on residency.

ROCA strategic plan will be created over time following this meeting and all committee members are encouraged to contribute. Please send any additional comments to AD for inclusion in the final copy of the minutes.

We must be mindful of making changes which could alienate existing members.

ROCA's independence is valuable, and not something which we ever want to lose.

RW offered to get a focus group of current students for ROCA to investigate their wants and needs for the future.

AE questioned whom in the University ROCA should discuss the issue with.

DM has compiled the current membership numbers which show that numbers are actually growing slowly with new members and 'found' old ones.

Meeting closed at 8:10pm

Next Meeting: Monday 5th February 2024 at 309 Carrington Street and Online