

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Tuesday 9 September 2025, commencing at 6.00 PM

- 1. Welcome by Andrew Eastick**
- 2. Present – Andrew Dennis (AD); Mark Egarr (ME); Andrew Eastick (AE), by T; Ian Oliver (IO); Dale Manson (DM)**

By Teams - Wayne Hein (WH), David Purdie (DP)

- 3. Apologies – Graham Hall (GH), Richard Turnbull (RT), Bruce McCallum (BMcC), Rob Woodgate (RW)**
- 4. Discussion with David Purdie, Manager of Student Service at Roseworthy Campus**
DP attend at the start of the meeting to provide information and enable discussion on the frequency and nature of formal and informal visits to the Roseworthy Campus by graduates of the past 25 years, the vast majority of whom have not become members of the Association.

DP indicated organised tours generally only occur on the Saturday after the Annual Dinner, and these groups are almost all College era graduating years. Some ad hoc graduate visits occur as retired graduates travel around the country, again mainly College era graduates, and they can usually be accommodated with a tour and possibly an organised lunch if a larger and pre-arranged group.

The meeting resolved to ensure Year Group Coordinators are aware of the opportunity to arrange Campus visits for their year group.

- 5. Confirmation of Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15 July 2025**

Moved: DM

Seconded: IO

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15 July 2025 be confirmed as true and correct.

Carried

- 6. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Committee Meeting on Tuesday 15 July 2025**

- a. Meeting with Kate Moskwa, Manager, Special Collections and Archives, Barr Smith Library, University of Adelaide**

AE meet with Kate Moskwa on Wednesday 16 July and:

1. Briefed on likely change of name from Roseworthy Old Collegians Association to Roseworthy Campus Association.

2. Discussed the ability of search engines to 'read' Association documents now on the new Association website (Not possible when the documents were on the ROCA site hosted by the University).
3. Noted that Diploma in Dairying graduates board and Ralph Baker Memorial Clock are likely lost and the Association is now looking at means of recognising the items and their significance.
4. Indicated the Association is seeking the location of the Gramp Hardy Smith Memorial Plaque and particularly the backing board with the small shields with the names of the winners since the commencement of the Prize in 1940, and considering how the names of the winners of the Prize when a Roseworthy prize can be exhibited at the Campus. (Indicated would be meeting on that matter with Associate Professor Paul Grbin at the Hickinbotham Roseworthy Wine Science Laboratory later that day).
5. Discussed the potential for recommencing the History of Roseworthy book project and the need to identify the location of all resources that can contribute to the writing of the book. Kate indicated the records of the College era (pre-1991) are held in State Records. This raised the issue of how much knowledge there is of the contents of the College-era records in State Records – David Spencer has indicated the ROCA volunteer archive group has not considered the records held in State Records.
6. Kate indicated the process by which archive projects are prioritised, noting that there is no ability for volunteers to work outside of University determined priorities. There is some limited capacity for the Association to influence the prioritisation of Roseworthy related projects, albeit the projects would need to be specifically prescribed.

b. Time Capsule – 23 February 1976 / 23 February 2026

Following agreement with the University for the opening of the Time Capsule on Saturday 17 October 2026, the day following the Association's 2026 Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner on Friday 16 October, AE and DM met with Rob Woodgate and David Purdie on Thursday 17 July to further discuss the project, noting that at present the University staff relevant to planning the event are pre-occupied with consideration of the merger between the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia.

c. 2025 Lunch 'n Learns

The arrangements of the 2025 Lunch n' Recruit initiative have now been finalised and the first Lunch 'n Learn was held on Wednesday 27 August with Graham Hall presenting by videoconference from Botswana.

The dates of the three remaining 2025 Lunch 'n Learns, and the presenters are:

- Wednesday 8 October – Peter Clark;
- Wednesday 29 October – Travis Tobin & Michael Boddington; and
- Thursday 20 November – Dr John Kohnke.

d. Ralph Baker Memorial Clock

Whilst efforts to locate the Ralph Baker Memorial Clock (and associated Plaque) are continuing, and a promising lead that the Clock (and Plaque) were sighted some time ago in the Museum at the site of the old Dairy was investigated but found to be incorrect, it appears to be increasingly unlikely the Clock and Plaque will be able to be located.

The account of the unveiling of the Clock and Plaque on Saturday 11 September 1948 by Ralph Baker's widow indicated: *The electric clock hangs just above the dining-room door, and immediately below it is a suitably-inscribed brass plate. The sounding device, automatically operated, is a type of siren, which replaces the old hand-operated bell system.*

Attached is a floor plan of the Main Building at the time of the unveiling, indicating the entrance to the dining room at that time was adjacent to the inner hall at the base of the stairs going up to the first floor.

The meeting agreed that a suitable means of recognising the Memorial to Ralph Baker in an area adjacent to the site in the Main Building where the Clock and Plaque was installed should occur with recognition to occur on Saturday 17 October 2026.

e. Professor Perkins Illuminated Address

The Professor Perkins Illuminated Address is located adjacent to the reception foyer at the Hickinbotham Roseworthy Wine Science Laboratory. Whilst there is some justification for the Illuminated Address to be located at the Laboratory, before Perkins became the Principal of Roseworthy Agricultural College he was for some years the Lecturer in Viticulture at the College, the presentation was made by the staff and students of the College on 25 January 1911 when Perkins was the Principal.

The meeting agreed that the Illuminated Address should be professionally photographed, mounted and framed, and displayed, with labelling describing the circumstances of the presentation and the location of the original, at a suitable location at the Roseworthy Campus, and unveiled on Saturday 17 October 2026.

f. Diploma in Dairying Graduate Board

Whilst efforts to locate the Diploma in Dairying Graduate Board are continuing and a promising lead that the Graduate Board was sighted some time ago in the Museum at the site of the old Dairy was investigated but found to be incorrect, it is increasingly unlikely the Graduate Board will be able to be located.

As a result of an appeal to members several photographs of the Graduate Board have been sent to the Committee. Also as a result of the appeal it has also been

indicated the Graduate Board was in place in its original location in the dining room of the Main Building less than a decade ago.

The meeting agreed that, if the graduate board is not able to located and re-installed in the dining room, a suitable means of recognising the Roseworthy Diploma in Dairying graduates by way of a mounted information board on that part of the wall in the dining room where the Board was displayed, comprising a photograph of the Graduate Board and a short history of the Diploma in Dairying, should occur and the information board be unveiled on Saturday 17 October 2026.

g. Gramp Hardy Smith Memorial Plaque and Prize

The Gramp Hardy Smith Memorial Plaque is displayed in the reception foyer of the Hickinbotham Roseworthy Wine Science Laboratory. The Plaque remains mounted on the timber mounting frame along with the small individual shields bearing the name of each recipient of the Gramp Hardy Smith Prize and the year awarded.

The names on each individual shield commence with the name of the first recipient, Gordon Scott Brown, in 1940, when the Plaque was unveiled at the College Speech-Day that year and the first Prize awarded, and continues to the name of the most recent recipient in 2024. The condition of the Plaque is good, but the condition of the individual shields is highly variable, with the names on a number of the shields almost illegible.

Research has indicated the Gramp Hardy Smith Memorial Prize was awarded to a Roseworthy Campus graduating student until 1998. In 1999 and 2000 the Prize was awarded to an agricultural graduating student at the Waite Campus and thereafter has been awarded to a viticulture and oenology graduating student at the Waite Campus.

The meeting agreed that the Plaque and the timber mounting frame with the with the small individual shields be professionally photographed, mounted and framed, and displayed, with a label describing the circumstances of the Plaque and Prize and the location of the original, at a suitable location at the Campus, and unveiled on Saturday 17 October 2026.

The meeting also agreed the illegible shields should be restored, or replaced as necessary, and the shields indicating the non-Roseworthy recipients of the Prize (post-1998) should be photoshopping out of the photograph, and that the label list the names of the recipients when a Roseworthy Prize.

j. 2025 Annual Dinner Year Groups

The Forty Year Group Coordinator, Richard Inwood, continues to demonstrate great enthusiasm in attracting those graduates to the Annual Dinner.

Arrangements for the 2025 Annual Dinner are well in hand. Jeff Schrapel, prior to the recent announcement that his winery had been sold, donated four dozen bottles of wine to be available to be sold over the bar at the Feathers Hotel for the cost of corkage only. The wine is now in the hands of the Association.

Consideration could be given recognising milestone graduates by progressively displaying the names of the 10, 20, 30 40, 50 and 60 Year Group and older surviving graduates on television screens in the venue during the course of the Dinner.

k. Award of Merit

A decision from the Selection Panel on the 2025 Award of Merit recipient is expected shortly.

The meeting agreed to discuss at the first Committee meeting following the Annual General Meeting the establishment of a Sub-Committee to identify potential future Award of Merit candidates, particularly from the cohort of graduates post the merger of the College and the University, and also give consideration to the Award of Merit criteria requiring membership of the Association, when from the early to mid-1980s there commenced to be a wide diversity of courses and programs offered, which corresponded also with only a small percentage of graduates from that time on taking up membership.

The meeting agreed to the request by DM that the name of the recipient be publicly announced prior to the Annual Dinner, thereby raising the profile of the Award and potentially increasing the number of Dinner attendees.

l. Proposed Changes to the Constitution

AE advised that Bardy McFarlane has conducted a further review of the proposed changes to the Constitution. Attached to the minutes is the Clause-by-Clause comparison of current Constitution and the final proposed changes as proposed by Bardy.

The current Constitution requires that the changes be circulated to Members at least 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, that is, by no later than 18 September 2025.

Moved: IO

Seconded: ME

The changes to the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Constitution, as set out in the attachment to these minutes be distributed to the Members of the Association with the recommendation of the Committee that they be adopted in their entirety at the Association's Annual General Meeting on Friday 17 October 2025.

m. Robert Ingpen Sketch of Main Building

At a meeting between AE, DM, Rob Woodgate and David Purdie at the Roseworthy Campus on Thursday 17 July it was agreed the Robert Ingpen sketch be mounted onto the wall of the meeting room on the upper level of the Eastick Building, with a label adjacent to the sketch indicating the origins of the sketch and that the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association purchased the framed sketch and donated it to Roseworthy Agricultural College to commemorate the College's role in the first 150 years of South Australia's history.

The sketch was mounted at that location on 8 August 2025.

n. History of Roseworthy

The meeting noted the minutes of the first meeting of the History of Roseworthy Sub-Committee.

7. Correspondence

Nil

8. Financial

a. Financial Report

Moved: AD

Seconded: WH

The Financial Report be adopted.

Carried

The meeting resolved to transfer \$2,000 from the Wine Account into the Rabobank At Call account, and convert the current funds held in the Rabobank At Call account (Target 100K Campaign donated funds - \$24,750) into a Rabobank six-month Term Deposit account.

The meeting resolved that at the first Committee meeting following the Annual General Meeting a funds management plan to quarantine the Target 100K Campaign be discussed and resolved.

b. Annual Financial Statement (1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025)

I. Inventory

Moved: AD

Seconded: IO

The Inventory of the Association at 30 June 2025 is \$609.

Carried

II. Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2025

Moved: ME

Seconded: AE

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee has determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements and is not a reporting entity.

In the opinion of the members of the Committee:

- 1. the financial report is set out on pages 3 to 6 presents fairly the financial position of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Incorporated as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and*
- 2. at the date of this declaration there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.*

Signed in accordance with the resolution of the Committee for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President

Treasurer

Dated this ninth day of September 2025.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your Committee members submit the financial report of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Committee Members

The names of the committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Andrew Eastick – President

Bruce McCallum – Vice-President

Dale Manson – Immediate Past President

Mark Egarr – Treasurer

Andrew Dennis – Secretary

Rob Woodgate – Roseworthy Campus Dean (Ex Officio)

Richard Turnbull General Member and Public Officer

Ian Oliver – General Member

Graham Hall - General Member

Wayne Hein - General Member

Principal Activities:

The principal activity of the Association during the year was an alumni network of the University of Adelaide.

Significant Changes:

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Results:

The operating loss of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2025 was \$143 (2024: loss \$9,905)

Statement by Members

In the opinion of the members of the Committee during the year ended 30 June 2025:

1. no Committee member or officer of the Association has received or became entitled receive during the financial year a benefit as a result of a contract made by the Association with a Committee member or officer of the Association, a firm of which the Committee member is a member or an entity in which a Committee member has a substantial financial interest, other than as is disclosed in the financial report.
2. no Committee member or officer of the Association has received any payment or other benefit of our pecuniary value from the Association during the financial period other than as is disclosed in the financial report.

Signed in accordance with the resolution of the Committee:

President

Treasurer

Dated this ninth day of September 2025.

Carried

c. Target 100K Campaign Report

The meeting noted the list of the current donors, the amounts donated, and the total amount donated.

9. Membership Report

The meeting noted the Membership Report.

10. eNewsletter, Facebook and Website Statistics

The meeting noted the eNewsletter, Facebook and Website Statistics Report.

The meeting agreed to the use of Survey Monkey to survey members about the Association's recent enhancements to communication with members, noting there is no cost if the number of questions is ten or less.

11. Summer 2025 ROCA Digest

The Committee discussed the objective of future Digests covering a balance of historical and contemporary topics. WH indicated he has spoken with the Campus Farm Manager, John Matheson, about a contemporary article about the Campus farm and is making enquiries about an article reviewing the Animal Behaviour degree since it was first offered to the present.

12. General Business

a. Roseworthy Student and Campus Fund

Continued questioning of the University about the operation of the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund between 2026 and 2022 has resulted in contact with the Development Manager of Advancement within the University's Division of External Engagement.

As a result of that contact the Association has been provided with a spreadsheet with the Fund's transactions from 2012 to the present. In addition to receiving the spreadsheet the Association has been advised the current capital held in the Fund is now \$204,800 and as a result the Association has available an annual allocation of \$10,000 for prizes etc.

The meeting agreed to, following the change of the Association's name to Roseworthy Campus Association which will open the way for proceeding with the agreed change to the Rules which will require consultation with the Association on any proposal by the University to alter the Rules, request the inclusion of a reporting protocol, comprising an internal protocol that regularly updates the nominated operator (the Head of the School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences), and an external protocol that annually updates the Association on the movements in the Fund, ie amount of donations received, income from interest etc, and outgoings.

b. Roseworthy Veterinary Alumni

The President of the Roseworthy Veterinary Alumni (RVA), Dr Chris Smith and his partner have been invited to be guests at the 2025 Annual Dinner and have accepted, the partner subject to her work roster at the time.

Chis has reciprocated by inviting AE to the RVA Social Evening on Saturday 13 September at the Hotel Richmond in Rundle Mall commencing at 6.30pm. AE indicated that as he will not be in Adelaide at that time will not be able to attend.

WH indicated that he will be attending the function in his capacity as former Dean of the Roseworthy Campus and Head of the School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences.

c. ROCA Roseworthy Residential College Bursary Awarded

Trinity Manning, a third year Animal Science student at the Roseworthy Campus was selected from six applicants as the recipient of the 2025 ROCA Roseworthy Residential College Bursary. The Selection Committee noted that Trinity has made a strong connection with industry and networks during her time at Roseworthy and is a worthy winner.

d. 2026 Regional South Australian Dinners and Luncheons

AE proposes to undertake two regional South Australian tours in 2026, in Autumn and in Spring, with a mix of opportunities for Roseworthy graduates (members and non-members) to meet at dinners and luncheons.

It is not proposed to have significant formality in arranging the dinners and luncheons, with graduates on each area advised of the opportunity to meet with other graduates and with the President of the Association over a meal.

Members commented on the opportunity to combine several of the proposed locations into a single location, and the need to avoid timing the events with peak seasonal activities.

e. Style Guide

BizBoost has been requested to add to the Style Guide for the website to include all of the Association's publications and documents, including certificates etc, ensuring the Association maintains consistent branding into the future.

f. Silent Auction of Remaining Wine Stock

The meeting noted the proposed bidding sheet for each lot in the Silent Auction at the Annual Dinner.

**h. Building Membership
Maximising Membership Take-up by Current and Future Graduates**

- a. Maintenance of awarding Prizes in the name of the Association.
Continuing practice.
- b. Schedule of lunchtime address to students by prominent members on topics relevant to and/or of potential interest to students (Lunch 'n Learn).
Initial Lunch 'n Learn event held on 27 August. Three further Lunch 'n Learns scheduled for remainder of 2025.
- c. Distribution of the Digest to all current students at the Campus at the time of publication.
Commenced with Spring 2025 Digest.
- d. Personal written invitation to each graduating student to join ROCA from the President of ROCA.

The meeting noted the President's proposed personal communication to each 2025 graduating student at the Campus, inviting membership of the Association.

Encouraging Past Graduates Not Members

Identifying email addresses for many past graduates not currently members.

Not yet commenced, requires resources.

The meeting noted the success of Maximising Membership Take-up by Current and Future Graduates will diminish the need for Encouraging Past Graduates Not Members.

Obtain Email Addresses for the Association's "lost" Members

Same process as for Encouraging Past Graduates Not Members.

Commenced but requires resources to achieve in a timely manner.

Maintaining Membership Interest

- a. Regular publication of engaging Digests.
Ongoing, and now supplemented by introduction of regular eNewsletters
- b. Frequently newsworthy Facebook posts.
Recently commenced.
- c. Successful well-attended Annual Dinners with a particular emphasis on, each year, attracting and recognising the twenty-five year graduates.
Discussion on the future approach to be taken with encouraging attendance by particular (25, 30, 40, 50) Year Group graduates will be discussed at the first Committee meeting following the Annual General Meeting.
- d. Schedule of Regional (South Australian) and interstate dinners.
Series of Regional South Australian Luncheons and Dinners during 2026 under consideration.
- e. Schedule of Back to Roseworthy events.
Desirable. David Purdie has attended meeting to provide information on past and current level of visitation to the Campus by post-College era graduates, the vast majority of whom have not joined the Association.

i. Recognition of T E Yelland

The meeting noted the proposed Rules for the T E Yelland Prize, to be awarded annually to the graduating student across all courses at the Campus demonstrating the best all-round character and ability, taking into specific consideration their leadership, scholarship and contribution to sport, essentially the same criteria as the Gramp Hardy Smith Memorial Prize when it ceased to be awarded at the Campus after 1998.

j. Cataloguing ROCA 's Archives

The Association has accumulated a significant amount of archival material which is stored in a space at the Campus dedicated for the exclusive use of the Association.

The meeting noted the report on the collection and the storage space.

13. Meeting Schedule for the Year

Friday 17 October (AGM)

14. Meeting Close

8:10pm