



A Roseworthy Agricultural College paddock being worked by a student in the 1930s using a team of the College's stud Clydesdale horses. Photo taken personally by the College Principal, Sir Allan Callaghan CMG. Sir Allan did much to improve the genetic quality of the College's Clydesdales during his tenure as Principal from 1932 to 1949. He also served as SA Director of Agriculture from 1949 to 1959, prior to becoming Commercial Counsellor at the Australian Embassy in Washington and Chairman of the Australian Wheat Board.

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

## ANDREW EASTICK



As the two-year period of my Presidency of our Association nears its end, I am pleased to reflect on some of the achievements of your Committee during that time.

Of course, the most momentous achievement would be, after a long period of consultation with members, the change of the name of our Association at the 2025 Annual General Meeting, from Roseworthy Old Collegians Association, the name adopted 127 years ago when our Association was established in 1898, to the Roseworthy Campus Association.

Associated with the change of name were significant changes to our Association's Constitution, elevated to reflect the reality of our Association today, representing the interests of Roseworthy Agricultural College graduates, and increasing numbers of graduates of the Roseworthy Campus of the University of Adelaide, and now Adelaide University.

Alumni Network of the University to an external Alumni Network in 2025 came extra fixed annual costs to our Association.

To address this, a year ago, with the objective of raising our Association's financial reserves to at least \$100,000, our Association launched the three-year Target 100K Campaign. With the funds our Association already to hand, \$30,000, our Association's current level of financial reserves now exceeds \$70,000. Factoring in the future second and third year payments from those members who have pledged to contribute \$100 each year for three years, our Association is now less than \$25,000 from reaching its Campaign target.

However, the support of more members is required if the Campaign is to reach its target over the next two years. If you can assist our Association to achieve the Campaign target, please donate now at: [www.roseworthy-roca.com.au/campaigns/roseworthy-old-collegians-association-target-100k-campaign](http://www.roseworthy-roca.com.au/campaigns/roseworthy-old-collegians-association-target-100k-campaign).

Whilst our Association's membership numbers have remained relatively static over the past twelve months, analysis reveals a significant increase in new members during the past twelve months, albeit the increase was offset as a result of the recent search for our Association's large number of 'lost' members, members for which our Association had no current email address.

That search revealed quite a few in the list were not members, and some in the list who were members had passed, some many years ago.

It is a fact, however, that a significant number of Roseworthy graduates of the past 30 years, in the thousands, have not joined our Association. The proposed method for identifying and inviting those non-members to join our Association, Operation Three Thousand, will require the participation of at least four or five volunteers to be successful, and attempts to date to attract volunteers have not been successful.

In the meantime, those strategies that were put in place in 2025 and achieved success in attracting new members will be maintained.

Those strategies are:

- allocating funds from the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund for Prizes for the top graduating student of each of the five programs currently delivered at the Campus, and the Old Students Cup and a Bursary for students living in the Residential College;
- an annual series of Lunch 'n Learn presentations presented by eminent members of our Association;
- distribution of the Digest to each student at the Campus;
- posting access to the Association's Newsletters on the Roseworthy Campus Facebook site;
- personal written invitations from the President to join the Association emailed to each graduating student;
- annual email to each of the non-member Roseworthy graduates from the University's Alumni Office encouraging membership of the Association;
- inclusion of a page the Roseworthy Veterinary Alumni annual journal, Newsworthy, encouraging membership of the Association; and
- joint publication and distribution of a Roseworthy Campus Association/Roseworthy Veterinary Alumni brochure to all graduating students at the Campus.

# FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONT.)

A reasonable initial target for the future should be that at least half of the students that graduate at the Roseworthy Campus each year join our Association on graduation.

Other important achievements of your Committee have been:

- locating the lost Roseworthy Diploma of Dairying graduate board, hiding in plain sight in the old Tavern, now reinstalled in the Dining Room;
- increasing the number of Digest published each year back to four;
- introducing regular emailed Newsletter to members;
- establishing a Members Facebook site; and
- on 17 October this year establishing a permanent recognition on the Campus of the Gramp Hardy Smith Memorial Prize, the principal Prize awarded at Roseworthy from 1940 to 1998.

An important initiative that will occupy our Association for the next four of five years will be the writing and publication of a History of Roseworthy. The History of Roseworthy initiative commenced in 2018 but lapsed for several years due to the impact of COVID and then the unexpected passing in 2022 of the proposed historian/writer, prominent South Australian Rob Linn. On the suggestion of Professor Wayne Hein, the Dean of Roseworthy and the Head of the School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences when the initiative first arose, and now a member of your Committee, your Committee, twelve months ago, established a Sub-Committee to take the initiative forward.

The Sub-Committee has established the \$27,100 raised for the initiative when first mooted is held by the University and remains available.

The stage has now been reached where a Prospectus for the History of Roseworthy has been prepared, including a budget and timeline that may see publication occurring in mid-2031, the 150-year anniversary of Professor John Custance's arrival in colonial South Australia to take up the position of Professor of Agriculture and the brief of establishing an experimental farm and an agricultural college.

Another important matter for your Committee will be focusing on the restoration of the Roseworthy Campus Oval Grandstand (incorporating change rooms) and maximising the use of the Oval to ensure its future in good playable condition. Your Committee has commenced engagement with the Adelaide University Sport and Fitness Alumni Network which has primary responsibility for the care and use of the Oval. With Campus teams no longer competing in local cricket and football competitions the justification for maintaining the Oval and Grandstand will likely need to come from their regular use by Gawler and district teams competing in local competitions.

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# ROSEWORTHY HISTORY FROM THE GRAVE

Imagine hearing the voices of a Roseworthy Agricultural College farmhand who commenced working at the College in 1914 during the time of Principal Arthur Perkins, or listen to a graduate who received his Roseworthy Diploma in 1928 from Principal Walter Birks.

ROCA members can now enjoy the unique experience of listening to the actual voices of long-departed and living Roseworthy graduates and staff thanks to an Oral History Project available on the ROCA website.

An integral part of Roseworthy's history over the past 143 years, the voices and stories of these people have been preserved for the benefit of future generations.

The Oral History interviews and written transcripts can be freely accessed at: <https://www.roseworthy-roca.com.au/graduates/oral-histories/>

The Oral History Project has been made possible due to the tireless efforts of ROCA member, David Spencer (RDA 1971 / RDAT 1972).

Oral History interviews have been recorded with:

- Jack Daly (RAC farmhand 1914 onwards)
- Cliff Hooper (RDA 1928)
- Frank Hilton (RDA 1942)
- Brian Condon OAM (RDA 1946)
- Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM (RDA 1947)
- Rex Krause (RDA 1948)
- Ian Pickett (RDA 1967)
- Hon John Dawkins AO (RDA 1968)
- Graham Brookman (RDA 1970)
- Alistair (Bardy) McFarlane (RDA 1972)
- Ruth Robinson, Christel Schrank, Jane Stapledon (RDA 1977)
- Derek Mitchell (PASRAC Aboriginal Unit 1980s)
- Mark Rodda (B.Ag.Bus. 1996)
- David Purdie (Roseworthy Residential College Head 2011 onward)
- Dr Frances Collett (DVM 2017)

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## ROSEWORTHY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE 125TH ANNIVERSARY 2008 ROCA HONOURS PRESENTED FOR

### Outstanding Contribution to the Benefit of World Humanity

*In Roseworthy Agricultural College's 125th Anniversary year of 2008, Roseworthy Campus Association honoured the five most outstanding living graduates who contributed to the benefit of World Humanity.*

**David Lithgow Lewis OAM** (RDA 1976; RDAT 1977)

**Anthony Francis John Petch** (Grad.Cert.Agron.Farm.Sys. 1997)

**Reverend Brian Trevor Polkinghorne** (RDA 1970)

**Paul Anthony Kevin Symonds** (RDA 1973)

**Richard Keep Turnbull** (RDA 1969)



# INVITATION



- Adelaide University -  
 - Roseworthy Campus School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences -  
 - Roseworthy Residential College -  
 - Roseworthy Campus Association Inc -

Dean of the Roseworthy Campus  
 School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences  
**Professor Rob Woodgate**

Would genuinely appreciate your warmth and company

To help celebrate the retrieval of the  
 Historic 50-year  
 Roseworthy Agricultural College

## 1976-2026 TIME CAPSULE

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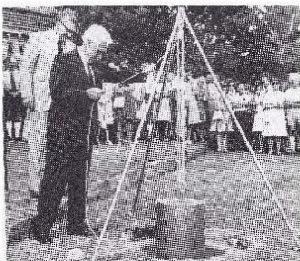
## 2026-2076 TIME CAPSULE

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**11.00 am**

***Roseworthy Campus***

***1454 Mudla Wirra Road  
 Roseworthy***



**Complimentary light finger-food lunch**  
 (Please notify us of any special dietary considerations)

**Tour of Roseworthy Campus**

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# ROCA COMMITTEE

The 2025-2026 ROCA Committee represents a considerable range of Roseworthy and ROCA experience, with a diversity of insights to expertly manage our Association's affairs.



**President:**  
Andrew Eastick (RDA 1976)



**Vice President:**  
Bruce McCallum (RDA 1976, RDAT 1977)



**Immediate Past President:**  
Dale Manson (RDA 1976, RDAT 1977, M.App.Sc. Ag 1998)



**Secretary:**  
Andrew Dennis (B.App.Sc. Ag. 1987)



**Treasurer:**  
Mark Egarr (B.App.Sc. Ag. 1989)



**Campus Director:**  
Prof. Rob Woodgate (Head of School of Animal & Veterinary Sciences)



**ROCA Public Officer:**  
Richard Turnbull (RDA 1969)

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Prof. Graham Hall (RDA 1974)



Prof. Wayne Hein (RDA 1970)



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# ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS ASSOCIATION'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY 2023

## ROCA HONOURS PRESENTED FOR

### Beneficial Impact and Influence on World Society and International Community Change

In its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of 2023, Roseworthy Campus Association honoured the three most influential living graduates who beneficially impacted and influenced world society and international community change

**Peter Barnett Clark(RDA 1973)**

**Hon. John Sydney Dawkins AO (RDA 1968)**

**Dr Graham Frank Mitchell AO (RDA 1961)**

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## ROSEWORTHY CLOCK & BELL

120 years after Roseworthy's Main Building was completed, a clock was installed in 2003 as originally planned in 1883 when the architects designed the main building for what was to be Australia's first agricultural college.

In 1883, the clock was to be a prominent feature of the newly erected Roseworthy Agricultural College Main Building.

However, the clock was never installed.

In 2003 a Swiss precision clock that adjusts automatically by a global positioning system connected to Greenwich Mean Time was installed after a donation was made by retired Naracoorte farmer and Roseworthy Old Collegian, Mr J.H. Newland (RDA 1935).

Two of Jim Newland's sons also studied at Roseworthy Agricultural College.

Vice-Chancellor Professor James McWha officially commissioned the new clock at a ceremony at Roseworthy Campus held on Wednesday 12th March 2003.

On display at his home, Jim had an art print of the Roseworthy building as a constant reminder of the absent clock.

Late in 2002, Jim Newland decided that he would make a gift of the clock to Roseworthy.

Unfortunately, Jim Newland was unable to personally attend the commissioning of the clock and bell due to ill-health.



**Roseworthy Main Building Clock and Bell**

# A BIT OF STUDENT HUMOUR ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS ENTRANCE MONUMENT

As a follow-up to the article on the Roseworthy Campus Entrance Monument contained in an earlier ROCA Digest, there is a humorous side to the donation of the feature by the 1968/1969 group of Roseworthy graduating students.

Following the construction of the feature in 1969, a view was established by the students of Roseworthy Agricultural College that the base of the main part of the feature could be likened to an upturned septic tank.

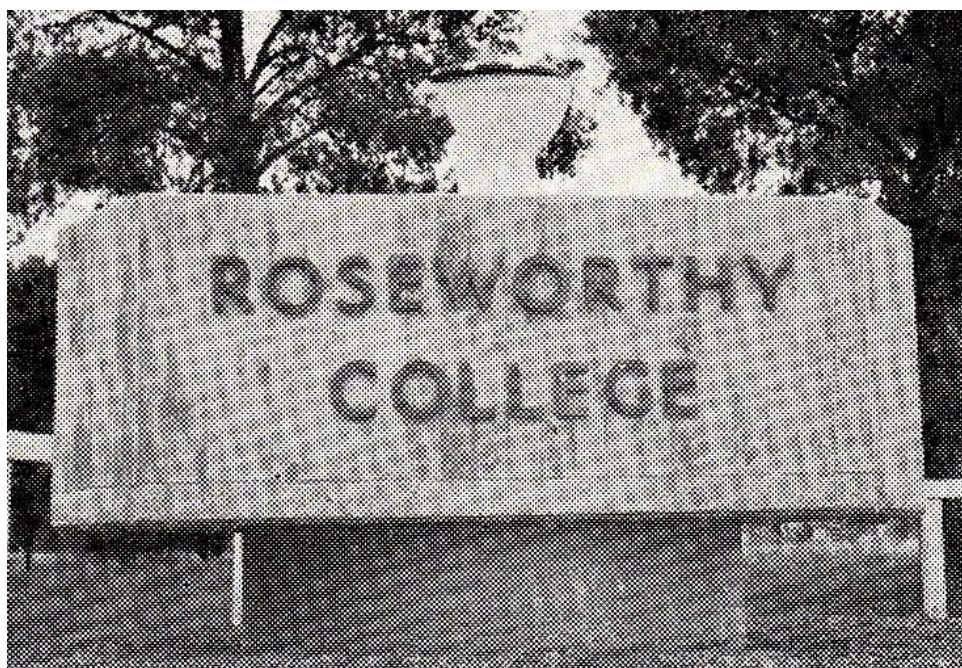
An article about the feature in the 1969 College magazine *The Student* titled "WE ACSEPTIC WITH TANKS", described the feature as "Do not be confused by the apparent lack of size. The monument is actually symmetrical about the ground level, with the ten ton solid genuine and fully imported concrete knob standing atop a five ton Norwegian designed and manufactured septic tank which in itself stands on a ten solid, genuine fully imported concrete knob.

It is therefore only half as ugly as it would have been if it had all been exhibited above ground. For this everyone is eternally grateful."

A student at the time, Graham Brookman (RDA 1970) has indicated that "Sir Richard Hawker, the Chairperson of the Roseworthy Agricultural College Council, accompanied by his wife and a range of other dignitaries was to 'open' it. However, the peculiarity of the feature attracted the attention of students and it was decided to conduct a mock opening.

The fact that the triangle sat on top of what appeared to be a septic tank gave the monument its name ('The septic tank'). As usual, the junior students were herded to the opening and some dry speeches made.

Ultimately 'Sir Richard (a student played his part) stepped forward and with flourish unveiled the monument. The gathering was surprised to see John Hill (RDA 1970) sitting on a lavatory pan atop the 'Septic Tank' with his pants down. With a shout of surprise, he leapt from the monument and rushed off into the bush."



Toilet bowl on top of the RAC Entrance Monument  
during its 'Official Student Opening' as the College's  
septic tank

## FORMER ROSEWORTHY STAFF MEMBER - BASIL BALDWIN



For many former Roseworthy students and staff during the 1970s and 1980s, Basil Baldwin was a true mentor, friend, professional and technical expert.

In a recent communication with ROCA, he expressed pleasant memories of working at Roseworthy Agricultural College, including some interesting challenges and opportunities. Initially working at the College as a lecturer in Agronomy prior to becoming the first Manager of Field Services, Basil particularly valued his many good colleagues.

**LEFT: Jean and Basil Baldwin (photo courtesy of Hazelnut Growers of Australia Inc)**

One of the opportunities he had while working at Roseworthy was travelling to Iraq, Syria, Libya, Tunisia and Algeria as a College representative during the time of the College's Graduate Diploma in Dryland Farming Systems.

As Manager of Field Services there were many challenges for Basil as he oversaw the College upgrade of facilities at the feedmill and piggery, in addition to improving the grounds and roads. He also tried to improve student opportunities in the farm work experience/studies for students, with so many staff supporting him in these endeavours.

Since moving to Orange in NSW, Basil has had the opportunity to do a PhD at Sydney University with a doctoral thesis titled 'The Growth and Productivity of Hazelnut Cultivars in Australia' and is an Adjunct Assoc Prof at Charles Sturt University (CSU). At the time of his PhD studies, the Orange Agricultural Campus was part of the University of Sydney, but subsequently became a campus of CSU. This really suited Basil as he was still able to be involved in its research programs.

Basil and his wife Jean also grow and process hazelnuts in a family partnership known as Fourjay Farms. They started planting hazelnuts in 1991, soon after moving to Orange.

In recognition of their immense contribution to the development of the hazelnut industry, the Baldwins were recently awarded Life Membership of Hazelnut Growers of Australia. They have been synonymous with Australian hazelnut production over the last fifty years and their orchard operations at Fourjay Farms continue as a centre of innovation and learning, with generations of growers and scientific researchers benefiting from the Baldwins' expertise.

Beyond horticulture, the Baldwins have been recognised by Sport NSW with a Distinguished Long Service Award for Orienteering. Unfortunately, Basil will not be able to attend the upcoming Time Capsule event at Roseworthy Campus, but still follows activities of Adelaide University with interest and wishes it well as the new expanded University.



# A PROFILE OF DR STEPHANIE WARWICK



*Dr Stephanie Warwick*

Stephanie Warwick was in the first cohort of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine graduates at the Roseworthy Campus in 2014 and as the top student in her graduating year, she was the inaugural recipient of the Hon Dr Bruce Eastick Prize in Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Born and raised on a family farming property at Back Valley on Fleurieu Peninsula, Stephanie's motivation for become a veterinarian can be traced to the animals on the farm and the influence of James Herriot.

As a teenager, Stephanie was somewhat daunted by the six years study required to become a veterinarian and had other thoughts of a career, however her thoughts returned to veterinary as she approached the end of secondary schooling.

On matriculation from Victor Harbour High School Stephanie applied for and was accepted into the veterinary program at Murdoch University in West Australia, but decided on a gap year travelling in the United States, including working at a kids summer camp in Texas, before moving to Perth.

During this gap year, the University of Adelaide announced the introduction of a veterinary program at its Roseworthy Campus. Concerned that spending six years away from family studying in Perth, with the possibility of becoming a permanent resident of that State following graduation, Stephanie was accepted into the Roseworthy program.

After attending the first year of the program at the University's North Terrace Campus, Stephanie spent the next three years in the Residential College at the Roseworthy Campus before living off-Campus for the final two years of the program.

Following graduation, Stephanie worked for three years in a mixed veterinary practice at Strathalbyn before spending a non-working six months in Zimbabwe in Africa.

On return to South Australia, Stephanie worked as a locum in a number of areas of the State before returning to the to a veterinary practice at Strathalbyn as the Veterinary Director. This was a learning experience, having never been trained in people management. While Stephanie appreciated the networking opportunities of this, her major interest was large animal work.

Along the way, Stephanie married fellow Roseworthy graduate, Justin Robertson (B Ag 2012). They and their two young boys now live on Stephanie's family farm property at Back Valley, which they leased and then purchased in 2020.

As the only veterinarian in a team of animal scientists and advisors, Stephanie is now employed by Elders at Strathalbyn providing livestock production advice to primary producers across Kangaroo Island, the Fleurieu Peninsula, the Adelaide Hills, the Murray Mallee and the Upper South East.

She feels this is her dream job as it's large animal, there are frequent rewards for good outcomes as a result advice given and followed, the high level of engagement with farmers and there are no out of hours call outs. Describing her career thus far as varied, challenging and fun, Stephanie's role also brings her in frequent contact with other Roseworthy graduates.

Stephanie's most vivid memory of her time studying at Roseworthy was struggling to attend Wednesday morning animal nutrition lectures, which she alleges was a result of frequently being led astray by Ag students in the Campus Tavern on Tuesday nights.

Stephanie says a valuable lesson from her career is the importance of effective communication, explaining and empowering decision makers, giving farmers the confidence to follow her advice when faced with a critical flock or herd health challenge.

Her advice to a younger person would be not to take life too seriously and to be open to opportunities. Favourite memories from her career thus far are participating in the 'community of veterinarians' and the positive outcomes coming from treatment advice given and acted on.

This is a summary of the original article. To read the full unabridged article, log onto the ROCA Website's document page at: <https://www.roseworthy-roca.com.au/archives/working-files/>.

# ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS AND STUDENT FUND (RCSF) ANNUAL UPDATE

The Roseworthy Campus Association now receives an Annual Report on the state of the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund (RCSF).

The Fund, initiated by the Association in 2001 with the seed donation from the Association of \$5000, now funds the \$1,000 prizes awarded to the top graduating student of each of the five programs currently delivered at the Roseworthy Campus.

Bachelor of Veterinary Technology  
Bachelor of Science majoring in Animal Science  
Bachelor of Science majoring in Animal Behaviour  
Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience)  
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

The Fund also provides the annual \$1,000 Old Students Cup Prize and the \$1,000 Bursary, both awarded to students living in the residential accommodation at the Campus.

The recently received report indicates the Fund currently holds \$206,211. During the past twelve months the Funds earned \$8,275 in interest and there was \$6,900 in disbursements.

The Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund remains an open fund, in that donations can still be made into the fund at: <https://adelaide.edu.au/partners-and-community/giving>, clicking on Making a donation, and selecting Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund in the drop-down menu.

The Roseworthy Campus Association encourages donations to the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund.

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## JOIN ROCA OR UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Any Roseworthy graduate or final-year Roseworthy Campus student can join ROCA free of charge by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.roseworthy-roca.com.au/join-roca/>

Existing members who would like to notify ROCA of a change in their contact details can also do this via the same link:

<https://www.roseworthy-roca.com.au/join-roca/>

As a reminder to everyone, without a current valid email address, a ROCA member becomes completely uncontactable by ROCA. It is crucial that ROCA has everyone's current email address on record.

This is particularly important where a ROCA member has used their employment email address for contact, then retires or leaves that employer.

## 2026 ROCA AGM & REUNION DINNER

The 2026 ROCA AGM and Reunion Dinner will be held at the Feathers Hotel, Burnside on the evening of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

The Feathers Hotel will once again be going all out to make the Reunion Dinner enjoyable, affordable and something to really remember.

Primary reunion groups will be the graduates and those who were part of the respective courses 50-Years ago (1976), 40-Years ago (1986) and 30-Years ago (1996).

A representative from each of the principal reunion groups will provide a snappy five minute summary of their fellows.

It is also hoped that as many 60+ year graduates will also attend the Reunion Dinner. These people are living gems of Roseworthy Agricultural College's history and their memories of time spent studying at RAC in the 1950s and 1960s will never be replaced.

An important aspect of the evening will be the presentation of the 2026 ROCA Award of Merit.

ROCA members and others associated with Roseworthy are warmly encouraged to be accompanied by their partners, companions, carers and friends.

Further information and a registration form can be found in this issue of the ROCA Digest. Reunion Dinner bookings can also be made online via the ROCA website:

<https://www.roseworthy-roca.com.au/events/>.

### Retrieval of the 50-Year Time Capsule

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2026, the day following the 2026 ROCA Reunion Dinner, there will be the retrieval of a Time Capsule that was entombed fifty years ago at Roseworthy Agricultural College on the same day as the 1976 Graduation Ceremony.

All will be welcome to attend and further details will be provided as planning for the day proceeds.

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## CHANGING EMAIL ADDRESS?..... PLEASE LET ROCA KNOW

As the Roseworthy Campus Association (ROCA) now primarily communicates with members via email, anyone without a current email address in our database is considered to be a 'Lost Member'.

ROCA is unable to communicate with 'Lost Members' and often these people remain disenfranchised from ROCA for the remainder of their lifetime.

If you change email contact address, please let ROCA know as soon as possible.

We do prefer members to use their ongoing private email addresses, as email addresses linked to members' employment often cease to work with job changes or retirement.

ROCA does maintain a listing of 'Lost Members' on its ROCA website (<https://www.roseworthy-roca.com.au/join-roca/lost-members/>) and it is always helpful when members check this list to discover 'lost' friends or year-group course peers.

The best way to communicate with ROCA is via email: [roca.committee@gmail.com](mailto:roca.committee@gmail.com)

# ROCA MEMBERS HONOURER BY ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

As a network within the Adelaide University Alumni since 1991, the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association has had a number of its members honoured by the University through the bestowal of Distinguished Alumni Awards and appointment as Alumni Fellows.

Bestowal of Distinguished Alumni Awards recognises extraordinary contribution to the wider community by individuals, while appointment as Alumni Fellows recognises outstanding contribution to the Adelaide University Alumni and its networks.

## **ROCA Members who have been honoured with Distinguished Alumni Awards**

### **1997: Mr John James Messenger (RDA 1957)**

In recognition of his distinguished service as an alumnus to the students, staff and graduates of the University and to the extended community through his Chairmanship of Unibooks.

### **2011: Dr Arthur Ray Beckwith OAM (RDA 1932, D Univ 2004)**

In recognition of his highly significant contribution to the field of Oenology and to the wine industry in Australia and internationally.

### **2014: Mr Philip Laffer AM (RDA 1961, RDOen 1963)**

In recognition of his outstanding leadership and contribution to the Global Wine Industry.

### **2017: Mr John Crosby AM (RDA 1971)**

In recognition of his advocacy for farmers and the Australian farming industry.

### **2024: Mr Peter Clark (RDA 1973)**

In recognition of his contribution to sustainable agricultural production in third world countries, conservation and environmental education.

### **2025: Mr David Lewis OAM (RDA 1976, RDA 1977)**

In recognition of his contribution as a globally respected leader in international development who has spent five decades working to alleviate poverty and advocate for those living with disability. From community-based programs in Africa to shaping Australia's disability-inclusive aid strategy, his compassionate leadership has transformed global health, informed inclusive aid, and helped to change lives.

## **ROCA Members who have been honoured as Alumni Fellows**

A/Prof Wayne Boardman (Roseworthy Staff)

Mr Kenneth (Wilf) Bowen OAM(RDA 1950)

Mr Martin Cochrane(RDA 1968)

Mr David Coyner (B.Ag. 2005)

Mr Ross Dawkins (RDA 1968)

Hon Henry (Peter) Dunn(RDA 1956)

Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM(RDA 1947)

Mr Peter Fairbrother(RDA 1961, GradDip Ag 1981)

A/Prof Paul Grbin(GradDip Wine 1990)

Prof Simon Maddocks(Roseworthy Staff)

Mr Dale Manson (RDA 1976, RDA 1977, Grad.Dip. Ed 1990, MAppSc Ag 1998)

Mr Alistair (Bardy) McFarlane (RDA 1972)

Mr Alan Richardson(RDA 1972, RDA 1973)

Mr Mark Rodda (BAGBus 1996)

Dr Louisa Rose (B.App.Sc.WineSc 1993, Dr.Univ. Honoris Causa 2024)

Mr Mark Seeliger (RDA 1961)

Mr David Spencer (RDA 1971, RDA 1972)

Mr Milton Spurling(Roseworthy Staff)

Mr Harry Stephen (RDA 1948)

Mr Raymond Taylor(RDA 1952)

Mr Richard Turnbull(RDA 1969)

# RECENT DONATIONS TO ROCA ARCHIVE COLLECTION

In recent times, the Roseworthy Campus Association has been very fortunate to receive collections of historic 1930s, 1940s and 1950s Roseworthy Agricultural College memorabilia from a ROCA member and the families of two late members.

Timed decades apart, these items will now form part of the ROCA Historic Archive Collection.

Son of the late Noel Burge (RDOen 1938), Rick Burge donated a range of 1930s oenology text books, photograph of the 1930s RAC Oenology Laboratory and Noel's original 1938 graduation parchment.

Noel Burge was raised in the grape growing area of Lyndoch where his father established Wilsford Winery. He commenced studying for the Roseworthy Diploma of Agriculture in 1934 and after successfully completing his second year was able to transfer into the first-ever intake of Roseworthy's oenology course in 1936.



*Jack Martin archive donation*



*Neil Wilkinson archive donation*

Following graduation with Second Class Honors in the RDOen course, Noel Burge was employed at the Berri Growers Co-op Winery and Distillery, where he stayed until 1950 before returning to the family farm to assist his father with winemaking at Wilsford.

Neil Wilkinson OAM (RDA 1954) donated historic photographs of the 1952 RAC 'A Grade' Football Team and a 1952 student group, in addition to a copy of his 1954 RDA graduation group's 'Golden Jubilee' booklet produced to commemorate their 50-Year reunion in 2004. His donation also included a copy of the 1952 Student Magazine and a copy of the program produced for the Roseworthy Campus 2015 Centenary Commemoration of the 1915 ANZAC Campaign.

A Baron of the Barossa and now aged in his 90s, Neil Wilkinson currently resides in Murray Bridge following a high-level professional career as National Vineyard Manager and Operational Director for Orlando Wines, plus leadership in a host of community benefit roles.

## RECENT DONATIONS TO ROCA ARCHIVE COLLECTION (CONT.)

The family of Jack Mertin (BAGSc 1944 / ROCA President 1958-1959 & 1959-1960) donated various RAC Football Team and Student photographs from the early 1940s, in addition to a photograph of the 1940-1941 6th RAC 6th Cavalry Mobile Veterinary Section and the Bronze Medal he received as Dux of Roseworthy's RDA First Year course in 1940-1941.

Jack Mertin received a scholarship to attend Roseworthy Agricultural College, but after becoming Dux of his first year RDA course, left to enrol in the Bachelor of Agricultural Science Course at the University of Adelaide. Following graduation with a BAGSc, he returned to Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1945 as Lecturer in Agriculture and Assistant Plant Breeder, prior to changing roles in 1948 to become Horticulturalist at RAC.

After many career changes that included Senior Research Officer in the Commonwealth Department of Health's Division of Plant Quarantine and three years with the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre in Mexico, he established a consultancy that took him to many developing countries.

A fourth set of donated archive items came from former Director of Roseworthy Agricultural College, Dr Barrie Thistlethwayte who now lives in retirement in NSW. Taking the reins of the College in 1981, Barrie was the last Director of Roseworthy Agricultural College prior to its merger with the University of Adelaide in 1991. His donation included a number of valuable historic books and a framed photograph of the final RAC Governing Council, plus two bottles of rare 1986 'Rkatziteli' wine made by the oenology staff and students at Roseworthy Agricultural College.

Over the years, the ROCA Archives has accepted donated items such as photos, paperwork, RAC blazers, trophies, bottles of RAC wine, football togs and medals.

ROCA would be pleased to receive further donations of historic items for its Archives and occasional public display. However, the logistics of getting the items to ROCA may need to be discussed if distance proves to be a problem for personal collection.



*Barrie Thistlethwayte archive donation*



*Noel Burge archive donation*

## ROCA AND THE RVA



***Dr Chris Smith, President of the RVA***

The Roseworthy Campus Association (ROCA), a location-focused alumni network for all Roseworthy graduates and the Roseworthy Veterinary Alumni (RVA), a profession-focused alumni network for Roseworthy Bachelor of Sciences (Veterinary Bioscience) and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) graduates, enjoy a close working relationship as complimentary Roseworthy Campus based alumni networks of Adelaide University.

At the end of 2025 ROCA and the RVA co-produced a brochure that was distributed to all graduating students at the Campus, resulting in a significant increase in the number of graduating students joining ROCA.

It is a fair bet a number of vets practicing today were motivated to enter the profession as a result of Harry's Practice (1997 to 2003).

As current president of the Roseworthy Veterinary Alumni (RVA), Dr Christopher Smith (DVM 2018) is one such vet.

Chris says from that early motivation from watching Harry's Practice, his focus on becoming a vet never wavered, and throughout his primary and secondary education he took every opportunity to interact with animals.

Following primary school education at Strathalbyn and secondary education at Cornerstone College at Mount Barker, Chris commenced his veterinary studies in 2013, initially studying science subjects at the North Terrace Campus, with one day each week at the Roseworthy Campus, before becoming a residential student at the Roseworthy Campus in 2014.

At Roseworthy Chris was awarded ROCA's 2015 Old Students Cup Prize. In 2017 he received Colebatch Prize, awarded to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine student who truly reflects the spirit of Roseworthy with regards to involvement in campus and community life as well as contribution towards aspects of the veterinary program. In 2018 he received the Australian Veterinary Association Small Animal Prize, awarded to the Roseworthy Campus student who shows the greatest aptitude in small animal clinical subjects.

Chris's most vivid memories of his time at Roseworthy were being subject to the Stud Auction, playing in the back pocket in victorious 2014 Roseworthy versus Waite football match and playing hallway golf!

Following graduation Chris went to Perth for 18 months and worked as an intern in several emergency veterinary care practices. On his return to South Australia, Chris worked at Berri in a mixed animal practice for two years before moving to Adelaide. For the past three and a half years he has worked at the Small Animal Specialist Hospital (SASH).

Advice that Chris would give a younger person is having the confidence to say when you don't know, knowing there's always going to be bad days, plus the importance of having interests outside of the veterinary field.

This is an edited version of the original article. To view the full article, visit the ROCA website at: <https://www.roseworthy-roca.com.au/archives/working-files/>.

# HISTORY - ROSEWORTHY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE STUDENT CANTEEN

For many years in the late 1960s and into the very early 1970's, the Canteen at Roseworthy Agricultural College was managed and operated by students under the direction of the Student Representative Council (SRC). The Canteen was initially located under the verandah of the Second Year (red brick) Accommodation Block and open several times each week after the evening meal, selling assorted necessities and deli lines.

In the early 1970's following the construction of a new Plant Breeding Centre, the Canteen relocated to the former 1940s Plant Breeding Shed on the western side of the alleyway between the two-story red brick and cream brick Accommodation Blocks.

Doug Clifford (RDA 1973: RDA 1974) became the Canteen Manager in 1972 and managed the adaption and the re-location of the Canteen to the Shed, taking advantage of the increased space and substantially increasing the lines stock the Canteen had available for purchase. Under Doug's leadership, the Canteen became a highly successful business on the College, patronised by both staff and students. Even the College Principal Bob Herriott became a customer, with Cherry Ripes being his favourite purchase. A Circular distributed at the beginning of the 1973 student year attested to the level of enterprise exhibited by Doug.

On home ground days during the football season the operation of the Canteen extended to the College Oval, with pies, pasties and sausage rolls heated in the College kitchen being transported to the Oval by tractor and trailer. The Canteen made significant profits on the annual College Open Days, selling to the large numbers of the public who attended, including prospective students and their parents. College Accountant Alan Footer, assisted by Admin Officer Gudren Hanke, supported the Canteen by maintaining the books.

It was Doug who instigated the sale of immensely popular milkshakes, made from the full cream milk of the College Jersey herd and for many students at the College the names 'Doug Clifford' and 'milkshake' were synonymous. Doug was also responsible for the Canteen acquiring a wholesale account with R M Williams. Doug says his subsequent career in the highly commercial field of agricultural supplies benefited significantly from both his education at the College and his experience as Canteen Manager.

Peter Turley (RDA 1976; RDOen 1978) briefly followed Doug Clifford as Manager before handing over to Geoff Page (RDA 1976: RDA 1977). Geoff Page's management lifted the profitability of the Canteen further by quickly picking up the intricacies of commercial business and reducing shrinkage by introducing of an arrangement for rewarding the student volunteers who staffed the Canteen.

Geoff, concerned at the level of shrinkage that was occurring, attributed this to the student volunteers staffing the shop. He then introduced a system of recorded in-kind payment so products taken by the volunteer staff were accounted for against an allowance. Peter Filsell (RDA 1978) followed Geoff Page as Canteen Manager.



*The old "Birdcage" Student Canteen*

# HISTORY - ROSEWORTHY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE STUDENT CANTEEN (CONT.)

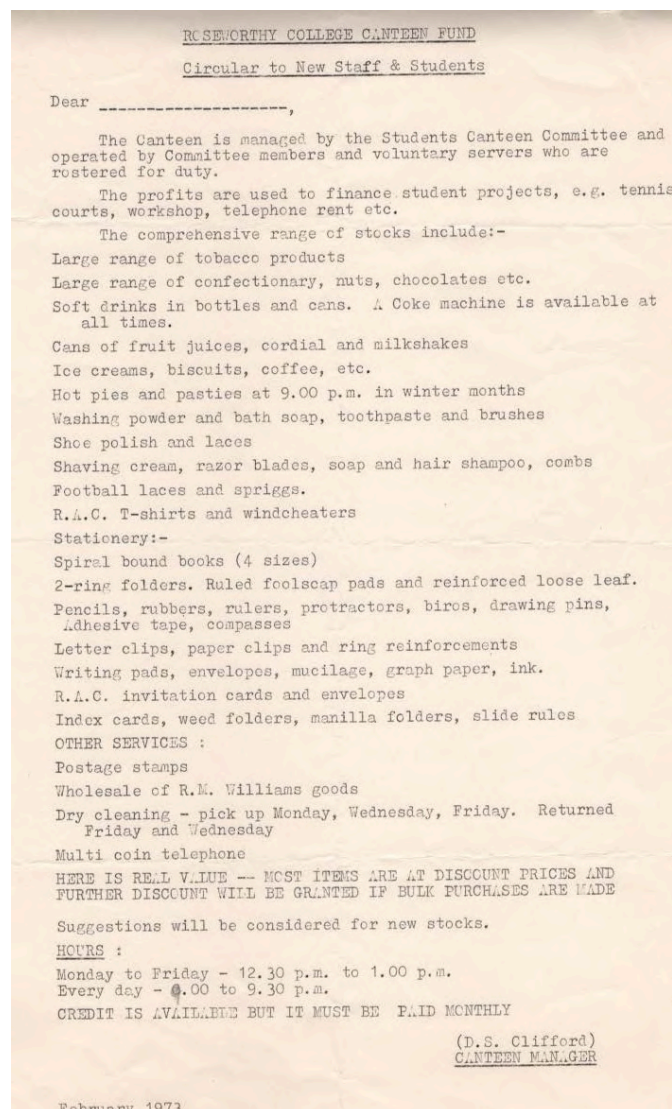
In the late 1970s, with the introduction of female students quickly progressing to a state of gender equilibrium at the College, the College Director Dr Don Williams and the Student Representative Council saw the need for improved student facilities. With the availability of significant funds at the time to build College infrastructure, discussion commenced on the construction of a multipurpose Student Centre. This included a giant leap at that time with the design of the building enabling beer kegs to be positioned in a bar area, turning the Student Centre into a Tavern.

With the opening of the Student Centre in July 1979, the Canteen function moved into the new Student Centre. To enable the Centre to be licenced, the Roseworthy Community Club was established with a Management Committee comprising students and College staff. Peter Darwin was employed as the initial Manager of the Community Club.

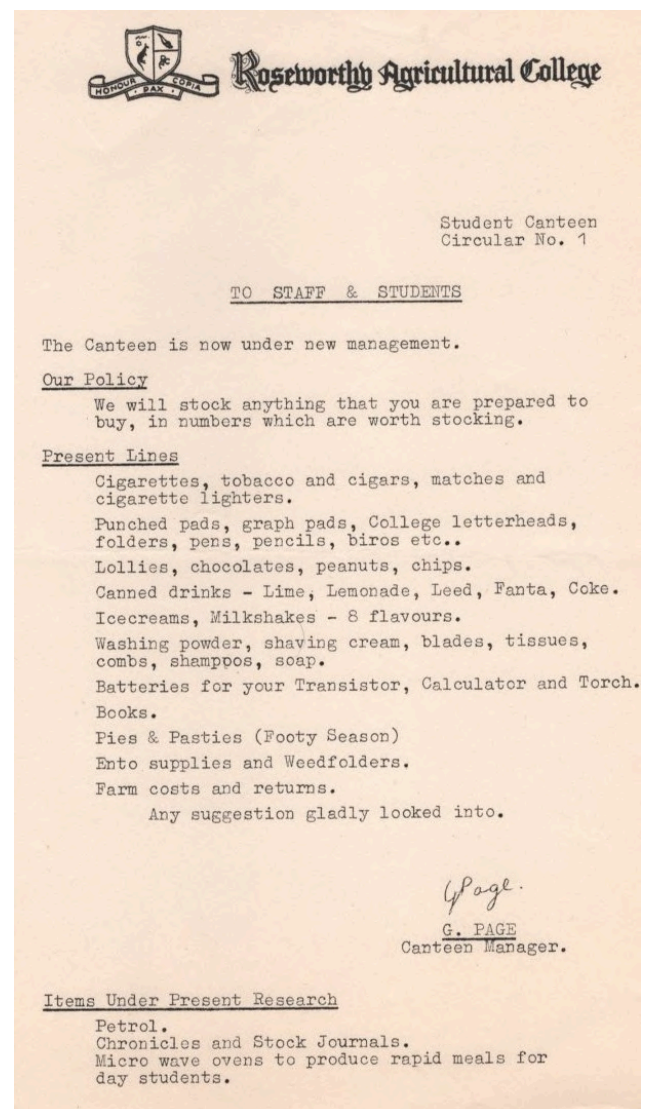
In addition to the Canteen and bar, the Centre provided food outside of the College Dining Room mealtimes. With the number of students at the College continuing to increase, within a few years the space allocated for the Canteen was doubled. In 1991 the Community Club hosted one of its largest events, an End of Era party to mark the merging of Roseworthy Agricultural College with the University of Adelaide.

In the 2000s, with catering in Roseworthy's Main Building Dining Room being privatised, the function of a Canteen was shifted from the Tavern into the Dining Room under private management. The Student Centre or Tavern was then converted into a Student Gym.

To read the full unabridged article on the Roseworthy Student Canteen, log onto the ROCA Website's archive page at: <https://www.roseworthy-roca.com.au/archives/historic-documents/>



1973 Student Canteen Manager Doug Clifford's memo to students



1974 Student Canteen Manager Geoff Page's memo to students

# ROCA MEMBERSHIP RECORDS NOT WITH UNIVERSITY ALUMNI OFFICE

ROCA members are reminded that any changes to their contact details should be sent direct to ROCA, rather than the Adelaide University Alumni Office

This is because the University now has a policy of not sharing ROCA member or Roseworthy graduate information with ROCA.

In 1991 as part of the merger between Roseworthy Agricultural College and the University of Adelaide, ROCA transferred all its member contact information to be managed within the University alumni database.

However, in recent times the University changed its policy in relation to ROCA and our Association was denied access to its member information.

ROCA has once again built up its own member contact database, however changes to ROCA member contact details notified to the University Alumni Office are not passed on to ROCA.

If members have any change in their contact details, they should be emailed direct to ROCA at: [roca.committee@gmail.com](mailto:roca.committee@gmail.com)

ROCA has also received feedback from some members that they are annoyed at receiving unwanted email and postal donation requests from the University Alumni Office.

Members who do not wish to receive donation solicitations from Adelaide University can request the Alumni Office to place them on a "no email/phone/mail contact" register. There is also opportunity to resign from membership of the Alumni.

This will not affect ROCA membership.

Contacts for the Adelaide University Alumni Office are: [alumni@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:alumni@adelaide.edu.au) or [sam.sturm@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:sam.sturm@adelaide.edu.au)

## VALE – OLD COLLEGIANS

It is with our sympathy and condolences to their families, colleagues and friends that ROCA notes the passing of the following members:

**BALDWIN, Grantley Barrington**  
**EVELY, John**  
**Le LACHEUR, Paul Robert**  
**SMART, Dr Richard**  
**WILTON, Peter**

**(RDA 1956)**  
**(Student in late 1990s & early 1970s)**  
**(AssocDipWineMkt 1987)**  
**(Oenology staff member 1970s)**  
**(RAC staff member 1977-1990s)**

*ROCA apologises if it has accidentally omitted someone who has passed during the period since the publication of our previous Digest. If you are aware of anyone, please contact ROCA.*

## PROGRAMS DELIVERED AT ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS

Most members of the Roseworthy Campus Association would be familiar with the many programs delivered at Roseworthy Agricultural College and Roseworthy Campus from the 1970s through to the early 2000s. These programs covered a diverse range of subjects and disciplines.

Today the Roseworthy Campus of Adelaide delivers five programs.

- Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience)
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
- Bachelor of Veterinary Technology
- Bachelor of Science specialising in Animal Behaviour
- Bachelor of Science specialising in Animal Science

To practise as a veterinarian, students are required to complete two three-year degrees at Roseworthy Campus, the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) and the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

### **Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience)**

The first year of the three-year Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) program includes foundational courses delivered at the University's North Terrace Campus as well as animal handling and husbandry, animal behaviour and welfare, and veterinary clinical skills delivered at the Roseworthy Campus. From second year, all courses are based at the Roseworthy Campus and include higher level foundational science courses, along with the commencement of veterinary science courses such as nutrition, anatomy and physiology, and veterinary professional skills, which includes further animal handling and clinical skills.

The third year continues courses in veterinary science, with microbiology, immunology, parasitology, epidemiology, and professional skills such as clinical examination of animals and client communication. Almost all Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) graduates continue into the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program.

### **Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)**

Entry into the three-year DVM requires the successful completion of the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience) program. The first two years of the DVM program aim to develop veterinary medicine and surgical skills, learning about the causes, diagnosis and treatment of diseases of domesticated animals. These include dogs, cats, horses, ruminants, camelids, pigs and poultry.

Public health, biosecurity, wildlife conservation medicine and research skills are also features. In the final year, advanced professional experience is gained through a structured internship program in veterinary clinical practice.

### **Bachelor of Veterinary Technology**

The Bachelor of Veterinary Technology is a three-year program. As part of the veterinary care team, veterinary technologists and veterinary nurses play a vital role in delivering modern animal healthcare, educating owners and providing high-level nursing care to veterinary patients in areas such as surgery and medicine, anaesthesia, emergency and critical care, dentistry, exotics, wildlife and more.

Students gain hands-on animal and clinical experience through work placements, providing valuable opportunities to learn and experience the diversity of veterinary nursing and technology practice. They study the complete spectrum of animal health, including pathology, pain management, animal nutrition, dentistry and pharmacology and gain knowledge and training in the use of veterinary anaesthetic, radiography and dental equipment.

# PROGRAMS DELIVERED AT ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS (CONT.)

Veterinary technology students learn from experienced veterinary nursing and technology academics, clinical veterinary nursing and technology staff and animal and veterinary scientists and academics. Graduates have extensive career options, providing nursing care to veterinary patients in a variety of settings, including; specialist veterinary care areas such as oncology, medicine, surgery, emergency and critical care and anaesthesia; small animal general practice clinics; large and production animal veterinary hospitals; exotic and wildlife specialist clinics; and community care and shelter medicine.

The 2026 commencing intake into the first year of the program was 60 students.

## **Bachelor of Science (Animal Behaviour)**

The Bachelor of Science specialising in Animal Behaviour is a three-year program. It explores the behaviour of companion and exotic animals, big and small – including cats, dogs, birds, horses, livestock, wildlife and zoo animals, providing insights into their behaviours by gaining knowledge of why animals act in certain ways, how to work with them, and how to protect their futures.

The program enables the opportunity to build practical skills through internship opportunities, field work and study tours, including by professional work experience placements at shelters, training facilities, zoological parks and farms. It covers animal husbandry, handling and training, animal behaviour, welfare and ethics, comparative animal anatomy physiology, applied behaviour analysis and animal management. The program also explores animal development, the biological drivers of behaviour and, through research projects and case studies, enables a comprehensive understanding

A career as an animal behaviour scientist can include a broad range of work settings, from farms to laboratories, zoos and wildlife parks. The first-year student intake in 2025 was 25 students and 94 students in total across the three years of the Program.

## **Bachelor of Science (Animal Science)**

Bachelor of Science specialising in Animal Science is a three-year program that teaches science-based fundamentals of how to interact with and manage animals, providing a comprehensive understanding of livestock, wildlife, and companion animal species, with a strong emphasis on gaining practical skills and developing independent decision-making abilities.

The first year of the program covers foundational courses, including biology and chemistry, and animal handling and husbandry, animal behaviour, welfare and ethics. Second and third year of the program enables the development of key skills for managing the productivity, health and welfare of a range of animal species, the study of animal physiology, genetics, health, management, nutrition, and production, practical, hands-on experiences. It also introduces areas such as nutrition, breeding and genetics of livestock, wildlife populations and companion animals, as well as ways to improve sustainability, food safety and reduce environmental impacts.

The program includes the requirement for professional work experience placements at various locations such as animal production facilities, farms, livestock consulting businesses, laboratories, wildlife organisations, nutrition companies, research facilities and companion animal care. Careers as an animal scientist span a wide range of work settings, including farms, laboratories, livestock industries, aquaculture systems, zoos, wildlife parks, research institutions, government agencies, and animal health and nutrition companies. The current annual intake into the first year of the program is 45 students.

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# A TRIBUTE TO MARY HOVERS – EQUESTRIAN COACH AT ROSEWORTHY

## Roseworthy Agricultural College

Mary was employed at Roseworthy Agricultural College from **1979** to **1996**, with the last intake of students in 1994 before the College transitioned to become part of the University of Adelaide



## Associate Diploma in Agriculture – Horse Husbandry & Management

The late Mary Hovers was the highly respected Equestrian Educator and Coach for students in Roseworthy's Associate Diploma in Horse Husbandry and Management. Born in the Netherlands and arriving in Australia in the late 1970s, her professional influence spread well beyond Roseworthy as she rapidly became a pivotal figure in the development of equestrian education and coach training across South Australia and beyond.

Sadly for her former Roseworthy students and the national equestrian world, Mary Hovers passed away in February 2026, aged 82.

One of her students, Heidi Moore Halliday (Assoc.Dip.App.Sc. Horse Mgt. 1985) recently delivered a tribute address to a national conference and much of this article is drawn from that.

Mary Hovers moved to Australia in 1979 to pursue a role at Roseworthy Agricultural College. The Associate Diploma course in Horse Husbandry & Management was launched in 1978 and run by Dr James Gallagher (Course designer), Peter Jones (Principal Demonstrator) and Mary Hovers (Instructor) and treated the horse as both an academic subject and a practical working responsibility.

Students in her Roseworthy course were not simply learning about horses. They were actively engaged in the handling, riding, training and caring for them. Practical instruction formed part of the course.

While a modern student may graduate with stronger knowledge of exercise physiology, genetics or research methods and have less intensive riding and stable-management instruction, Mary's influence on the Roseworthy course aimed to develop skills in horsemanship for practical horse industry professionals to work within the Racing & Harness Industry, Breeding Studs and Equestrian enterprises.

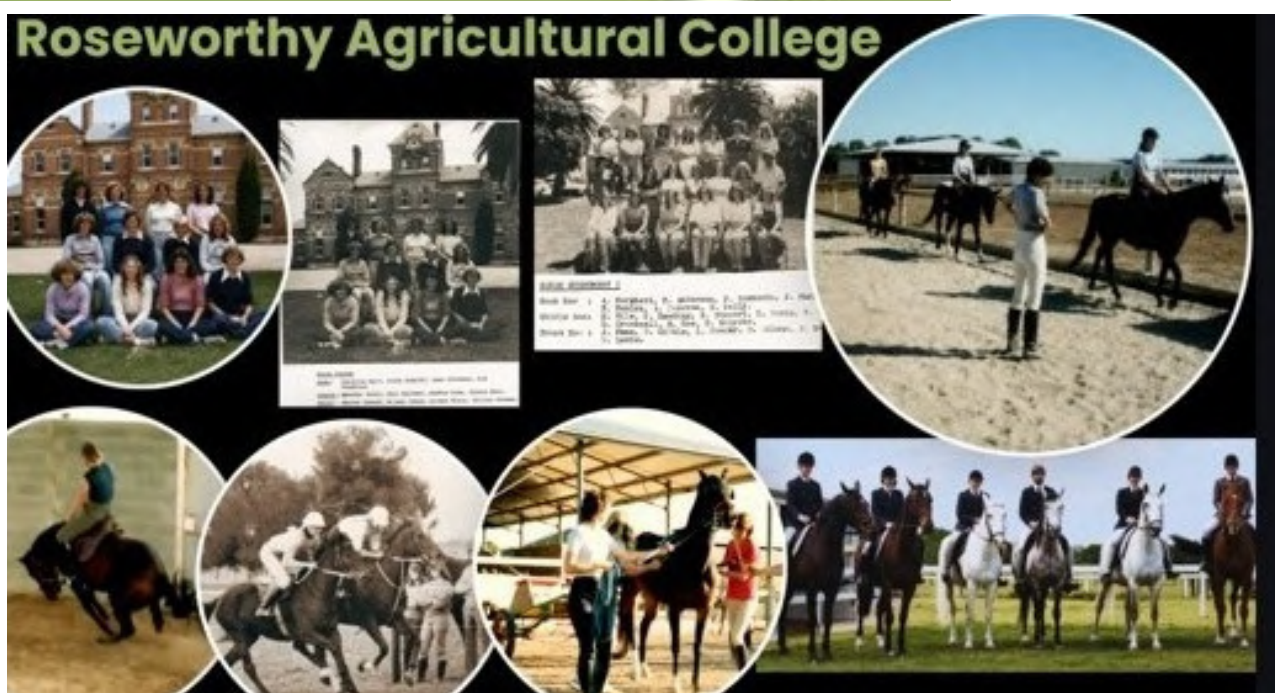
Mary also undertook Roseworthy's Associate Diploma in Applied Science (Horse Husbandry & Management) herself, graduating in 1990. Her quest to increase knowledge and skills academically was exemplary. Mary pursued her quest for learning and improving her horsemanship skills by training in the UK/Scotland and Ireland during the early 1970's prior to coming to Roseworthy. In fact, Mary achieved her BHS Assistant Instructor certification in July 1970 at Radnage House Stables in the UK and also worked at the Fulmer International School of Equitation in London.

# A TRIBUTE TO MARY HOVERS – EQUESTRIAN COACH AT ROSEWORTHY

In the early 1990s, Mary achieved her Australian A Level Dressage Judge accreditation and was also actively involved with the Australian Warmblood Horse Association as an honorary life member and mare classifier.

It would be fair to say that a course running at Roseworthy for 18 years from 1978 to 1996 would have educated a substantial proportion of Australia's professional horse managers, coaches, instructors, and equestrian administrators during that era. In many ways, Roseworthy was a pioneering tertiary equine education program long before equine studies became common elsewhere. Much of the success of the course was due to the contribution of Mary Hovers and her commitment to education of correct riding principles. Her work combining practical horsemanship, equine management and rider development earned her widespread respect throughout the industry.

Mary Hovers leaves behind an extraordinary legacy. Her influence can be seen in the countless riders she inspired, the coaches she mentored, the horses she nurtured, and the friendships she created across Australia. She made her students better horse people, better riders and better friends.



# THE FIRST ROSEWORTHY DIPLOMA IN OENOLOGY (RDOen) GRADUATES



*The first group of students to undertake the  
Roseworthy Diploma in Oenology in 1936  
Back - Walter Hackett, Noel Burge  
Front - Hector Allan, Dr Allan Callaghan (College  
Principal), Charles Kelly.*

The Roseworthy Diploma in Oenology course commenced on 4th May 1936, with the primary aim of providing a thorough theoretical and practical training in winemaking and allied arts.

Students entering the course each year was to be limited to six, they were to be 18 years before the first of April of the year of admission, plus hold an agriculture diploma or degree from an agricultural college or university, or be a student of Roseworthy Agricultural College having successfully completed the first two years of the ordinary (agriculture) diploma course and have convinced the Principal of being sufficiently well equipped to enter the advanced course in oenology.

At that time, the annual fee for the Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture course was £50, while the annual fee for the Roseworthy Diploma in Oenology course was £100. This reflected that Diploma in Agriculture students undertook work on the College farm, partially offsetting the cost of their attendance. Finding that the fee was limiting enrolments, the South Australian Wine Association provided a £100 Scholarship for each of the first three years of the course.

Four students commenced the first year of the course and they all graduated:

## **Charles Worthington Kelly**

Charles Worthington Kelly was 24 at the time of commencement of the course and had studied agricultural science at the University of Adelaide for one year before transferring to Roseworthy Agricultural College, graduating with a Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture (RDA) in 1933.

He was the son of John George Kelly who established the Lyndale Winery at Lyndoch and the grandson of Alexander Charles Kelly who jointly founded the Tintara Vineyard Co. at McLaren Vale in 1862.

Between his RDA graduation and commencing the oenology course Charles gained experience at various wineries before managing the winemaking operations at Lyndale, which was sold to Gramps in 1939. Following graduation as Dux of the course with First Class Honors in 1938, Charles was employed by Caldwells Wines, working at both the Company's Head Cellars in Sydney and their Corowa Cellars.

Following the outbreak of WWII, Charles resigned from Cardwell's and after a short period of employment with the South Australian Emu Wine Company enlisted to serve in Australia as a radar mechanic with the rank of Sergeant.

In 1946 Charles moved to Western Australia to manage the Emu Wine Company owned Valencia Vineyards at Caversham in the Swan Valley. The Emu Wine Company also bought Houghton Winery, which brought Charles into contact with Jack Mann and son, Dorham (RDOen 1964).

## **Noel Burge**

Noel Burge was 19 at the time of the commencement of the course. He was raised on a mixed farm at Lyndoch where grape growing and winemaking was initially just part of the farm mix. As winemaking started to be more prominent in the mix Noel's father, Percival, established Wilsford Winery.

Noel commenced studying for the Roseworthy Diploma of Agriculture in 1934 and, after successfully completing his second year, was able to move into the oenology course. He was the initial recipient of the £100 South Australian Wine Association Scholarship. Following graduation with Second Class Honors, Noel was employed at the Berri Growers Co-op Winery and Distillery, where he stayed until 1950 before returning to the family farm and assisted his father with winemaking.

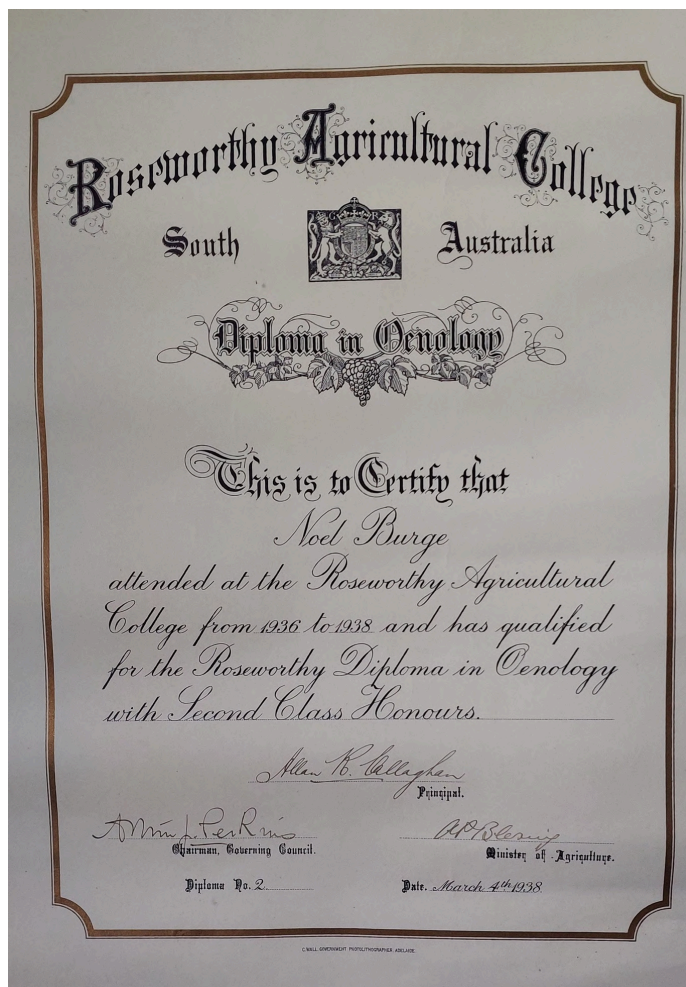
# THE FIRST ROSEWORTHY DIPLOMA IN OENOLOGY (RDOEN) GRADUATES (CONT.)

## Walter Maxwell Champion Hackett

Walter Maxwell Champion Hackett was 21 at the time of the commencement of the course. He commenced studying for the Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture in 1933, and on graduation in 1936 immediately commenced the oenology course, from which he graduated with Second Class Honours.

Following graduation, Walter commenced employment at the Renmark Growers Winery and Distillery but soon after commencing took four months leave to visit South Africa and study the wine growing practices in that country. During WWII, he served as a Bombardier, including in the Middle East.

In 1946 Walter was appointed Manager of the Tarac Manufacturing Company at Angaston, a position he subsequently held as Chief Executive Officer until 1975. From 1955 to 1987 he was also a Director of the Company.



**Noel Burge's RDOen Diploma – 1938**

## Hector Roy Malcolm Allan

Hector Roy Malcolm Allan, was 23 at the time of commencement of the course. He had graduated from Hawkesbury Agricultural College with a Hawkesbury Diploma in Agriculture in 1931. Following graduation from Hawkesbury and prior to entering Roseworthy, Hector worked at the Trangie Experimental Farm, a property at Gilgandra and then in Queensland.

Following graduation with a Roseworthy Diploma in Oenology with Second Class Honours, Hector worked for G. Sutherland Smith and Sons at Wahgunyah in Victoria. During WWII, he enlisted in the RAAF and served as Pilot Officer. Upon discharge, Hector worked briefly at Great Western in Victoria before managing the Florita Vineyard at Watervale near Clare.

In 1950, Hector took up employment with Woodley Wines at Coonawarra and in 1952 joined the South Australian Department of Agriculture in the role of District Horticultural Advisor for the Southern Hills. In 1956 he was appointed to the position of Senior Horticultural Advisor.

In 1957 Hector moved to Western Australia to take up the position of Principal of the Fairbridge Farm School at Pinjarra.

This is a summary of the original article. To read the full unabridged article on the first Roseworthy Diploma in Oenology graduates, log onto the ROCA Website's historic documents page at: <https://www.roseworthy-roca.com.au/archives/historic-documents/>

## ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS FARM

ROCA contributed to the University's review of the Roseworthy Campus Farm in 2003, with a key recommendation of that review being the formation of a Centre for Innovation in Agriculture at the Roseworthy Campus, with the Farm integral to the function of the Centre.

The students of the agricultural courses at the College and Campus from 1991 through to 2008 when studies in agriculture moved to the Waite Campus, contributed substantially to the farm workforce as part of their studies. Today, some Campus animal and veterinary science students elect to undertake their program work placement requirement with the livestock on the Farm. Agriculture students at the Waite Campus spend a day each week at the Farm on an ad hoc basis to monitor the progress of the annual cropping program and to view agronomy trial plots and plant breeding field trials.

The management of the Farm from soon after the first College graduations in 1886 has often been the responsibility of former students. Ray Norton (RDA 1947) was Farm Manager from 1958 until 1971 and was followed by Reg Hutchinson (RDA 1968; RDA 1973). He in turn was followed by Barry Sumner (RDA 1960) and Ian Rice (RDA 1957).

Farm Manager from 1981 until 1988 was Basil Baldwin, followed from early 1989 until 1996 by John Rothwell, holder of a Diploma in Farm Management from Marcus Oldham College and Graduate Diploma in Agribusiness from Monash University. Jeremy Challacombe, a graduate of Hawkesbury Agricultural College was Farm Manager from 1997 until 2000, followed by Andrew Polkinghorne. Andrew Polkinghorne had been the Chair of the panel that undertook the University's review of the Farm in 2003.

Mathew Bekker then briefly held the position until 2005 when John Matheson (RDA 1979: Grad Dip Ag 1993) was appointed the current Farm Manager. A major change occurred in 2005 when the management of the Farm was incorporated into the activities of Martindale Holdings Pty Ltd, the company established by the University to operate its farming properties of Martindale property at Mintaro, Munduney at Spalding, Moralana Station near Hawker and the former CSIRO Glenthorne property south of Adelaide. In his role as the General Manager of Martindale Holdings Pty Ltd, Ian Bitstrup (RDA 1965) had overall responsibility for the Campus Farm from 2005 until his retirement in 2011.

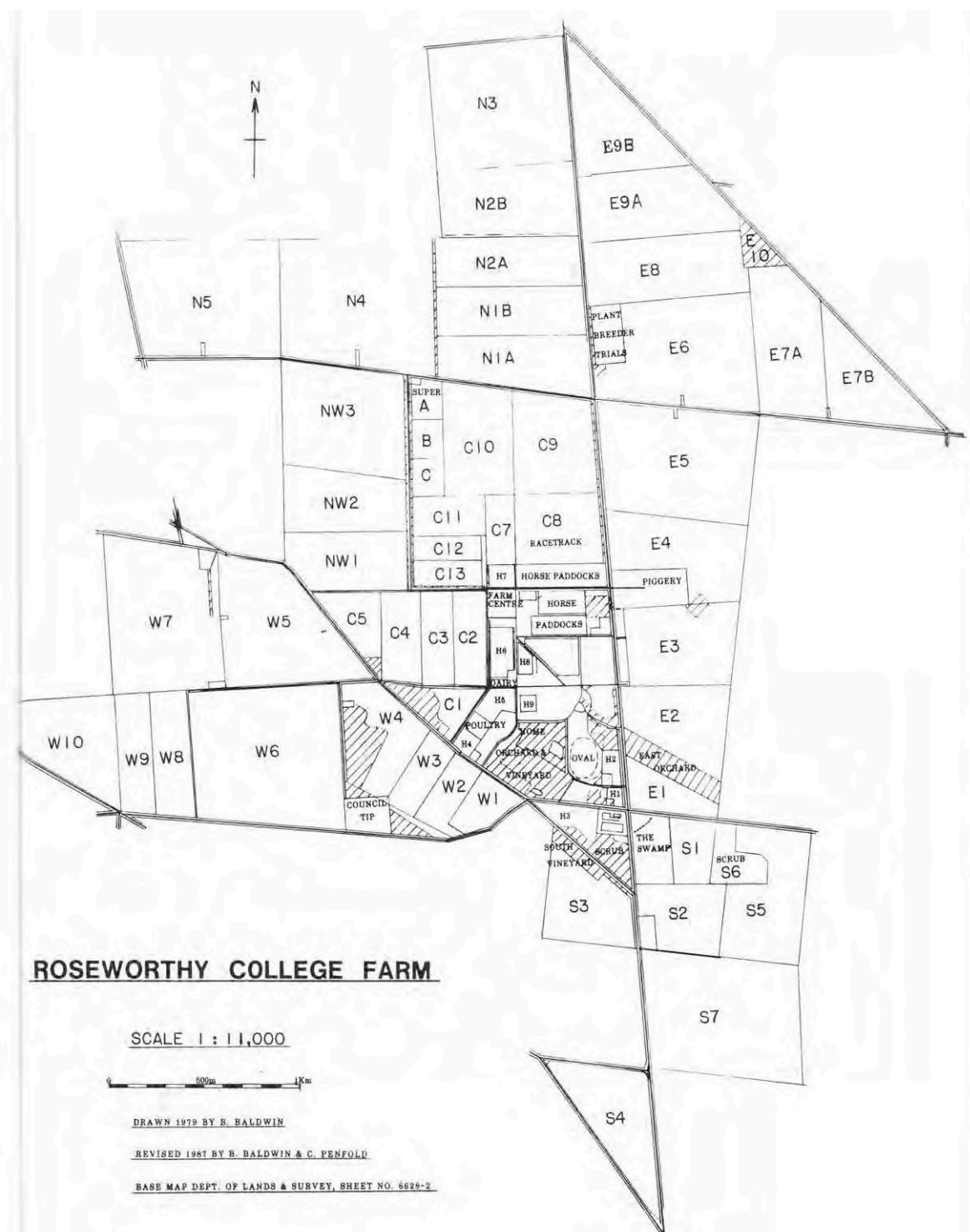
The University sales of its properties eventually led in 2021 to the ownership of the Farm changing to the more descriptive Roseworthy Campus Farm Pty Ltd. owned by the University with a Board of four Directors. Current Directors are prominent South Australian businesswomen Linda Bowes (Chairperson); Abhinay Katakam, the Director, People and Operations at Adelaide University; Jane Kellock, a farmer at Burra and John Matheson. There are now very high demands placed on the Campus Farm as in addition to maximising revenue for the University through an annual 1,200 hectare cropping program (wheat, lentils, canola, barley, beans), the Farm provides animals (300 cattle, 1,500 sheep) for teaching purposes of the animal science and veterinary science programs at the Campus, plus provides land for the plant breeding requirements of the part-Adelaide University owned plant breeding company Australian Grain Technologies (AGT) and land for the Waite Campus for agronomy trial plots.

Such is the current demand for land on the Farm that adjacent land was recently purchased. In addition to the introduction of a flock of shedding sheep to study climate resilience and wellbeing of sheep production systems, the Farm hosts a number of research activities including trials for biological wool harvesting, reduction in cattle methane emissions and increasing lambing percentages.

## ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS FARM (CONT.)

Whilst some adjoining paddocks have been combined into one, the original paddock names have been retained. Exceptions are the small dairy paddocks, W1, W2, W3 and W4 etc, some of which have been renamed Deer 1, Deer 2 etc. In addition to the Farm Manager, the Farm is operated by three full-time multi skilled farmhands and an assistant in the Farm Office two days a week.

The University's stated vision for the Farm is for a 'next generation' farm, creating and shaping the future, realised through a Research-engaged Action Laboratory (ReAL) Innovation Hub for agricultural practice. The expansion of metropolitan Adelaide and the likely future encroachment of housing from Roseworthy and Wasleys townships means discussion is continuing about the resultant opportunities and risks to the Farm.



## UPDATE ON SPARC HYDROGEN ADVANCED RESEARCH PILOT (SHARP) PLANT AT ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS

SPARC Hydrogen is undertaking world-leading photocatalysis research at Adelaide University's Roseworthy Campus and elevating it with a strong commercial focus.

Photocatalysis water splitting is a process that uses light energy to split water into hydrogen and oxygen, a process inspired by photosynthesis which converts water and carbon dioxide into oxygen and carbohydrates. In photocatalysis, light energy is absorbed by a photocatalyst material, which then splits water molecules into hydrogen and oxygen. This method is a renewable energy strategy for hydrogen fuel production, as it uses sunlight and water as the primary inputs.

Along with Adelaide University, it is a joint venture between Sparc Technologies and a subsidiary of Fortescue, MIH2. Occurring since 2022, this development of patented Photocatalytic Water Splitting (PWS) reactor technology has been named a Finalist in the Excellence in Collaborative Innovation category in the 2026 South Australian Science Excellence + Innovation Awards.

The selection of Sparc Hydrogen as an Awards Finalist recognises the design, construction and commissioning of the Sparc Hydrogen Advanced Research Pilot (SHARP) plant at the Roseworthy Campus. Building on years of laboratory and prototype testing, the plant is the world's first facility purpose-built to test photocatalytic water splitting under concentrated solar, producing hydrogen from sunlight and water, with no electrolyser and no grid electricity.

Although photocatalysis was discovered in the 1950s, Sparc Hydrogen is helping bring the technology closer to commercialisation. The SHARP plant has now progressed from commissioning to operational testing under concentrated solar conditions – a key step towards commercialising the technology and allow Sparc Hydrogen to independently and concurrently test different reactor designs and photocatalyst materials. For a start-up company, in less than four years Sparc Hydrogen has remarkably delivered a working prototype (2024) and progressed to a pilot plant (2025).

The current emphasis in the operation of the plant, which has now been operating continuously for more than six months, is stress-evaluating its performance. Over the six months the plant has achieved fully autonomous operations, including safe remote start-up and shut-down; sustained hydrogen production at maximum reactor design pressure and elevated temperatures; and maintenance of set-point temperature under naturally variable solar conditions, including through a harsh South Australian summer with ambient temperatures reaching 46°C.

Photocatalyst material performance and durability have been maintained for the six months of continuous testing, and solar-to-hydrogen efficiency measurements are being recorded and benchmarked against laboratory results. Winners of the 2026 South Australian Science Excellence + Innovation Awards will be announced at a Celebration Dinner in Adelaide on Thursday 12 November 2026.



*The SPARC Hydrogen Advanced Research Pilot (SHARP) Plant at Roseworthy Campus*

# THE FIRST ROCA MEDAL

The report of the Annual General Meeting of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association held on 7 November 1918 indicated the question of the old scholars medal was discussed and the Secretary was authorised to ascertain the views of the members.

It may not have been a coincidence that timing of consideration of striking an Association medal occurred at the conclusion of World War One, with a significant number of Association members having serviced overseas and many not returning.

Further consideration of ROCA striking a medal occurred at the Committee meeting in 1919 when it was agreed to adopt a medal in conformity with the practice of kindred associations, and the President (W J Colebatch, the College Principal) undertook to secure designs and samples.

It was resolved to obtain a block of the Old Students badge for stamping in colours - pink and black. Cost was not to exceed £3. By November 1922 the Association Medal had been struck and made available to members. At that stage, about one hundred and forty badges have been issued at 22/6 each uninscribed.'

In 1937 Medals were available in 9 ct. gold or in rolled gold at 24s. and 7s. 6d. respectively. Medals are available to financial members only.

A number of years ago David Spencer (RDA 1971: RDAT 1972) came across one of the first Association medals on display at the State Library of New South Wales. The medal had been purchased by Hermann Paul Leopold 'Leo' Buring (RDA 1896).

Leo Buring was born on 7 October 1876 at Friedrichswalde (Tarnma), South Australia and educated at Prince Alfred College from 1883 to 1894. After graduating from Roseworthy Agricultural College he went to Europe where he attended viticulture colleges at Geisenheim on the Rhine in 1896 and 1897 and Montpellier, France, in 1898.

Leo returned to South Australia to become cellarman at Spring Vale in June 1898, managed the Alex Prentice wine cellars at Rutherglen in Victoria in 1900, the Hans Irvine wine cellars at Great Western in Victoria in 1901, and the Minchinbury wine cellars at Rooty Hill in New South Wales from 1902 to 1919.

At Minchinbury Leo persuaded James Angus to embark on the production of sparkling wines, which were successfully launched on the market six years later.

From 1919 to 1923 Leo acted as technical adviser to various Australian wineries and from 1923 to 1930 was governing director of Lindeman Ltd.

Leo set up his own Leo Buring Pty Ltd business in 1931 and was a director of H. Buring & Sobels Ltd from 1934 to 1960. He died at Penrith in 1961.

This is an edited version of the original article. To view the full article, visit the ROCA website at: <https://www.roseworthy-roca.com.au/archives/historic-documents/>



*Leo Buring's Medal*

# TARGET 100 HONOUR ROLL

'Target-100' is a perpetual fund comprised of specific donations contributed by ROCA members and others. All donated funds are maintained permanently in a special account, with only the annual interest being withdrawn for use by ROCA.

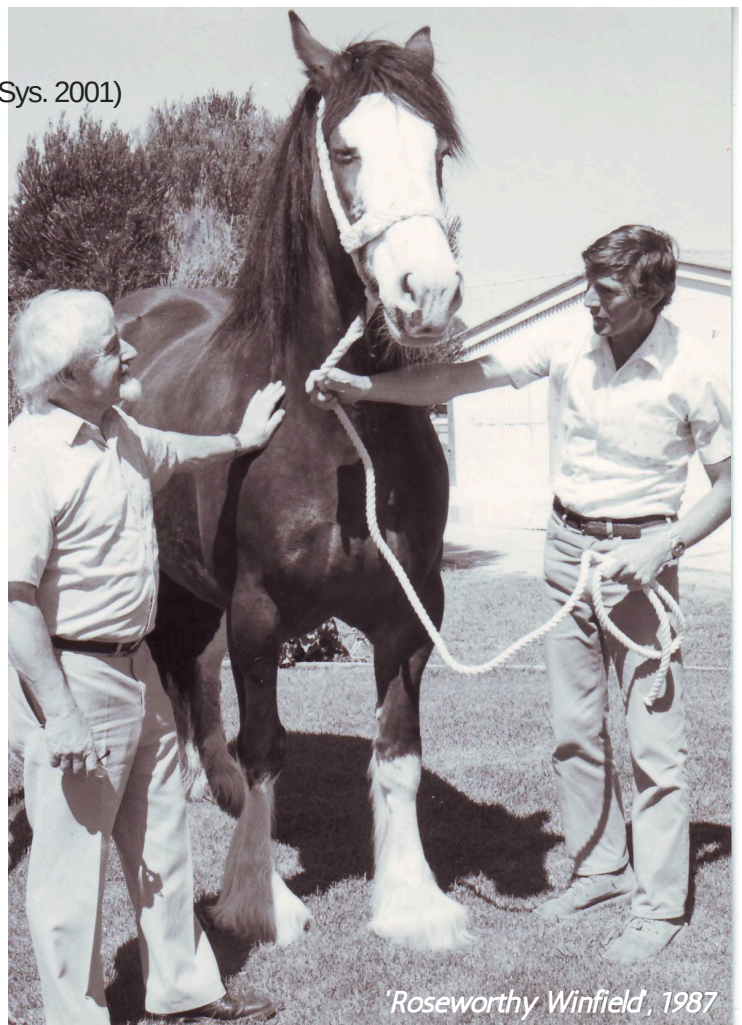
Anyone else wishing to donate to the 'Target-100' initiative can do it online at the following address on the ROCA website: <https://www.roseworthy-roca.com.au/campaigns/roseworthy-old-collegians-association-target-100k-campaign/>

**ROCA honours the following people who generously contributed to the TARGET 100 initiative to ensure the welfare and ongoing functioning of the Association:**

- Brian Ashton (RDA 1971; RDAT 1972)
- Dr Michael Aldridge (B.Ag.Sc. 2012; B.Sc. Hons. 2013; PhD Vet.Sc. 2018)
- Simon Ballinger (B.App.Sc. Ag 1991)
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- Bernard Hickin (RDOen 1976)
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- Richard Inwood (Dip.App.Sc. Ag 1985; B.App.Sc. Ag 1986; Grad.Dip. Ag 1986)

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- Tim Moyle (B.Ag. 2005)
- Anthony Murphy (RDOen 1978; B.App.Sc. Oen 1981)
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- Dr. Geoff Page (RDA 1976; RDAT 1977)
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'Roseworthy Winfield', 1987



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 2025 Turnbull, Richard

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***Students, Roseworthy Agricultural College, 1934***



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*The Award of Merit is regarded as the highest honour ROCA can bestow on one of its members.*

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# INVITATION

## 128<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and 2026 REUNION DINNER

*President Andrew Eastick and Committee cordially invite you and your partner/guest to attend the 128<sup>th</sup> AGM and 2026 Reunion Dinner of the Roseworthy Campus Association Inc.*

**DATE:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2026  
**AGM VENUE:** Doulton Room, Feathers Hotel, 516 Glynburn Road, Burnside SA  
**DINNER VENUE:** Greenhouse Restaurant, Feathers Hotel, 516 Glynburn Road, Burnside SA  
**TIME:** 6.30pm (sharp) Annual General Meeting  
 7.00pm ..... Pre-dinner Informal Gathering  
 7.30pm ..... Reunion Dinner  
**DRESS:** Jacket & Tie or Smart Casual for gents. Smart Casual or Eveningwear for ladies  
**COST:** \$90.00 per person  
**MEAL:** Marinated local olives & sea salt grissini on arrival  
 Entrée; Main Course; Black Forest Cake Dessert; Tea & Coffee. (refer below for dietary needs) Drinks - cash bar

### KEY GRADUATE REUNION GROUPS

- **50 Years** (1976) – Contact person: Dale Manson 0418 811 233 / manson.daga@bigpond.com
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- **30 Years** (1996) – Contact person: Mark Rodda 0417 414 123 / mark\_rodda@bigpond.com

General enquiries to Dale Manson 0418 811 233 (manson.daga@bigpond.com)

**RSVP: Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2026. (Bookings received after this date may not be accepted.) Seating is limited.**

### Bookings & Payment:

- Online via the ROCA Website:

<https://www.roseworthy-roca.com.au/128th-annual-general-meeting-and-2026-reunion-dinner/>

- Via electronic funds transfer (EFT) to ROCA Society Cheque Account BSB#105-146 A/c No 027 009 540 (include name in description);

- Via cheque mailed to the address below. This return slip needs to be included in the envelope with payment.

**Everybody not paying online must complete this return slip below. Mail or scan and e-mail to [roca.committee@gmail.com](mailto:roca.committee@gmail.com) without delay please, confirming name and other details.**

 Spouses, partners and guests are very welcome to attend.

**TO:** Treasurer – ROCA (if paying by cheque) or [roca.committee@gmail.com](mailto:roca.committee@gmail.com) (if paying via EFT)  
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Please reserve ..... seat(s) for the ROCA Reunion Dinner on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026 at the Feathers Hotel, Burnside

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(\*\* Graduation year: The year of Graduation Ceremony)

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