



Roseworthy Old Collegians Assoc. Inc.

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# R.O.C.A. Digest

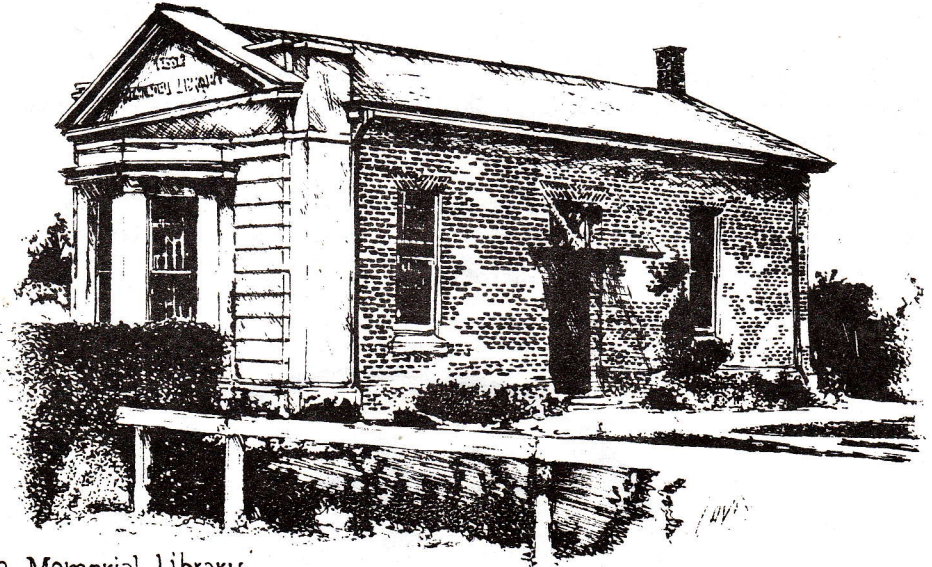
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Tassie Memorial Library

## TASSIE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

During W.J.Colebatch's term as Principal (1920's) the Tassie Memorial Library, donated by the Tassie family in memory of the late John Tassie, a former student of the College who died on service in World War 1, was built at the College to provide a welcome facility for both students and staff which was to last until the 1970's, when it was superceded by a new library complex.

A new wing to the Tassie Library, known as thw Lowrie Wing, was added by Mrs Alice Lowrie, widow of William Lowrie, in 1946.

After a few years serving as a staff lounge, the Tassie Library was converted to a Printing Section during 1977. Following nearly 10 years of withstanding the constant pounding and excessive weight of printing machinery and paper storage, the Tassie Library finally 'cracked' under the pressure. Urgent 'cosmetic surgery' was undertaken to hold the building together until the Graphic Communication Centre could be completed (nobody could know it was going to take as long as it has!).

Now, in 1986, the Tassie Memorial Library, still standing proud, (though somewhat looking the worse for wear), is to become a Student Union Dropin Centre, catering particularly for non-residential students and students wishing to partake in activities outside a 'licensed' area. Both Residential Services and Student Union will manage the centre as a 24 hour recreation area.

The Tassie Memorial Library has served the College well for the last 60 odd years, and with a bit of care by the new occupants, will continue to serve as a student facility.



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Barry Stephen is taking some well-earned leave in Queensland. Hence recourse to me to write a few pars.

Recently, the College - through the Director, Dr. Thistlethwaite and the staff posted a number of politicians on a tour of inspection of the various faculties and enterprises on campus. College Council Chairman, Dr. Bruce Eastick, himself an M.P., was also on hand all day. Those M.P.s. who attended were very impressed.

May be a result of this is the softening of attitudes of indifference from the Government (and U.F.S.) to our pleas to retain plant breeding at the College. A more enlightened view about

- . The need for an "on-farm" site for the selected locality for the work is an ordinary paddock which is due for a crop in the normal course of the management of the farm's rotation, ensuring "normal" pathology, etc.
- . The benefit of a large farm area to select from avoids the yield and other results of the trial plots being masked by an overlay on the pattern of previous plot cropping on the same land because of fertility variations.
- . The greater relevance, through greater similarity, of the RAC soil types and climate to more of the cereal belt of the State (and nation) - than the alternatives.
- . The benefits to students (future farmers, indeed all rural industry professionals) of "hands on" experience in and contact with a plant breeding programme on their campus. The scientific need (for statistical rigor) for a continuity of original site.

has resulted in another look at the decision to phase out plant breeding at RAC in favour of Northfield. More pressure now on the Minister of Agriculture or indeed politicians of any political colour (including the Independents and the Upper House Democrats) would help, I am sure.

The College Director has kindly arranged for ROCA to have access to the College's computer based records - which it is bringing up to date - of all old Collegians for our mailing purposes. This relieves past President Bruce Wigney of the onerous task. We are grateful to Bruce for that service and the use of his computer in the past. We look forward to your help in keeping the new RAC based records of the whereabouts of old Collegians up to date.

See you at the AGM, Reunion and Dinner.

PETER LEWIS



## 1986 A.G.M., REUNION & DINNER

This will again be held at the Renaissance Centre, in Rundle Mall. This central venue proved popular last year and we are pleased to advise that the Management have agreed to provide another excellent 4-course meal for the same price as last year - \$20.00. This will include soup, Entree, Main course, Sweets and Coffee. First drinks will be covered by the \$20.

This will again be a "mixed" Dinner, so wives, husbands or friends are welcome.

Several Parking stations in the area close at midnight, but a few stay open until 2.00am. Please check if you want to drive home.

The 'Richmond' will allow 10% discount on group bookings, so tell them R O C A sent you.

The 5, 10, 25 and 50 year groups will be featured.

I have not heard from the 1981 Grads. Please get in touch with Philip May as soon as possible.

Dale Manson has good response from the 10 year group, and Harry Nash has contacted the 25 group.

Max O'Neill would like news of any of his year like:-  
H.V. chamberlain, R.L. Robertson, J.C. Barbary, C.A. Stephens,  
K.K. Kain, L.L. Donohue, Rhys Roberts, A.E. Alcock, N. Burge,  
and any others you can think of, please. So far, Max O'N.  
and Max Hackett will be there.

If transport is a problem, let someone know, and we will organise it for you.

# R.O.C.A.

## SOUTH EAST BRANCH

J 150

Family Barbeque Lunch Sunday 24th August 1986  
 In Mike Milne's scrub, "Bimbi", Wild Dog Valley Road,  
 Naracoorte. (after all this time! Come along, and see  
 that it happens every year, not just every 150.)

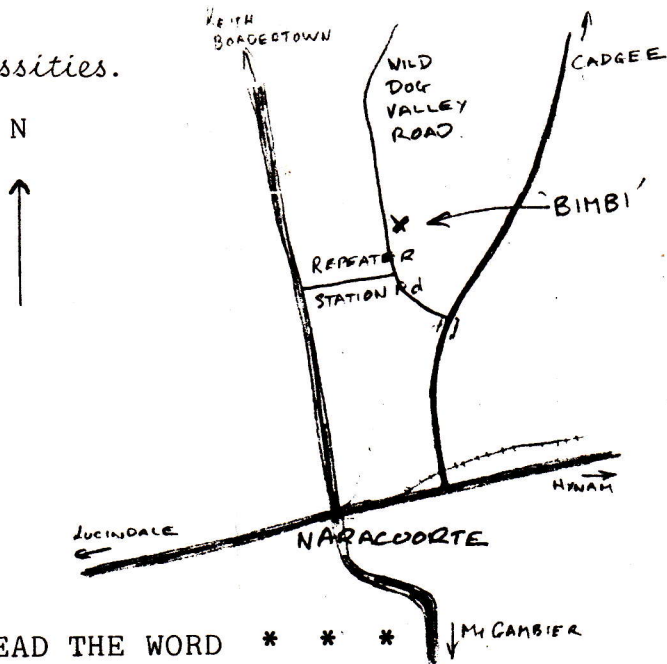
If you can come, please contact one of:-

Lewin Robertson	Naracoorte	62 1070	
Mike Milne	Naracoorte	62 1855	(AH) 62 2598
Chris Martin	Naracoorte	62 1855	(AH) 62 1105
Trevor Wagner	Lucindale	66 7072	
Rob Muggford	Mt Gambier	24 1519	(AH) 25 8501
Lionel Dawes	Keith	56 7022	

Barbeques Supplied

B. V. O. :-

- \* Family
- \* Friends
- \* Food
- \* Other Necessities.



PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD \* \* \*

WELCOME TO R. O. C. A.

To all graduating Students at Roseworthy

The Roseworthy Old Collegians Association extends to you free membership for your graduating year.

You will be kept in touch with the College and fellow Old Collegians by the R.O.C.A Digest which is printed four times a year.

We trust that, during the year, you will see the need to maintain contact with friends made during your studies at Roseworthy. Put \$40.00 from your first pay packet into Life Membership of R.O.C.A. , and please remember to tell us your new address!

The Association A.G.M. & Reunion Dinner will be on 12th September 1986 at the Renaissance Tower, Rundle Mall.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

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COURSE ATTENDED: .....

EAR GRADUATED: .....

OTHER BRANCHES

*If you want to organise a group meeting, let the Secretary know, and we can ask members in your area know to get in touch with you.*

## L O S T M E M B E R S

We find a few and we lose a few, but with your help, the list will be shorter next issue. If you know some of these members, **please**, tell them they are lost - they may not know!!

Brown R. W.	1968	Bartlam J. W.	1960
<del>Chewings Jim</del>	1975	Crocker P. F.	1966
Daniels R R	1957	<del>Eckert E.L.</del>	1950
<del>Eggington A.R.</del>	1975	Ellis J S	1969
Emery P J	1949	Eyre J L	1965
Farquar B D	1965	Findlay A D	1959
Glover J S	1984	Green S L	1984
Hall D J	1961	Harris S D	1978
Hayes J E	1961	Hein W R	1969
Hepworth B	1948	Inwood R J	1984
<del>Irwin C F P</del>	1940	Jenke R	1963
Johnson R	1984	Jones P L	1967
Klug T G	1964	Liney J R	1979
Lonie D M	1983	<del>Luscombe D J</del>	1982
MacGillivray N R	1980	Meznar P R	1982
Michael K	1972	Morris C H	1952
Mortimer R J	1949	Nillson G	1951
O'Byrne P	1980	O'Leary M B	1978
Paton D A G	1971	Pfeiffer G R	1967
Pickett I J	1967	Shannon Ian	
Sinclair J H	1961	Sluiter J D	1962
Stanley D C	1959	Story D F	1952
<del>Stow R H</del>	1953	Torr T H	1933
<del>Tuckwell K J</del>	1957	Watt I R	1965
Wyse S L	1984	Young M B	1979
<del>Tomlinson M H</del>		McGowan W J	
James Gary		<del>Milne M F</del>	

Thanks for finding some of these members. The rest must have some friends, so please let them know that they are 'lost' on our records. Most are Life members, so they are missing contact with the Association. Please contact:-  
Andrew Michelmores, 33 Greenknoll Ave., ROSTREVOR S.A. 5073

**COMMUNITY CLUB**



**IS GRAHAM BROOKMAN CEMENTING A  
BETTER FUTURE FOR HIS SON ?**

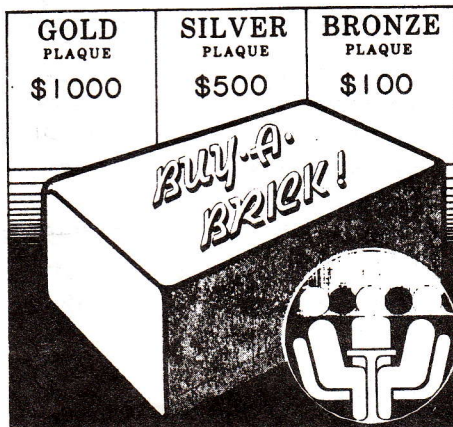
Graham, Anne-Marie and young Tom Brookman are the latest donors for the R.A.C. Building Fund - Community Club and Staff Amenities Development.

Maybe Tom, if he follows in his father's footsteps and attends Roseworthy as a student he will have much better facilities than his father and former students.

As you will see with workmen gradually appearing on the scene, the first stage is a reality this year.

Your donations whether as a group or as individuals will ensure a congenial pleasant atmosphere.

The brick is now in your court !



**SPECIAL  
EVENT  
1986**



**SUNDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER, 1986, is a Red letter Day for the SUC and College. On this day, thousands of visitors invade the College for our annual Open Day and Horse Show.**

The day is unique in South Australia and is the time when students provide a fun and educational day for the public in an exercise to raise funds and attract students for future years.

**student  
union**

**Open  
Day**



## WANTED TO BUY

Roseworthy College Blazer, in good condition, large size.  
Contact Stephen Ball, C/- Roseworthy College.

## NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Albert Chan has advised of his change of address to 15 Arlington Ave., Castle Hill, N.S.W. He is now the Managing Director of the Albert Chan & Associates Wine Advisory Service.

John Fuss and his wife Janice have not retired from the Bee industry, but they have taken over the B.P. Service Station in Tintinara.

Response to the Lost Members list has been quite good, but we win some and lose some. Another nine Digests were returned last issue. Please, let's know when you move.

We have been advised of the passing of Roger Stow (1953 Graduate). He had moved to Melbourne, from Hazlewood Park.

Thankyou for all the replies re changed addresses. Some were interesting. Like 'Please note that I have now married and my address is now.....(but who were you?)

Jim & Jane Chewings have moved about, from Naracoorte, to Wagga, Melbourne and now Toowoomba. Will all who gave me new addresses for Jim & Jane please note their latest - - 15 Arabian St., Toowoomba Qld. 4350.

## PLANT BREEDING UNIT

The Director, Dr. Barrie Thistlethwayte, has stressed that it is not too late to keep reminding all politicians of the need to keep the Plant Breeding Unit at Roseworthy where it can continue to serve the farmers of the state and the students of the College, as it has done for the past 50 years or more.

## *Rex Kuchel dies after long illness*

*R.O.C.A. members were saddened to hear of the death of their old friend on 13th July.*

*Members of R.O.C.A. extend sympathy to Nora and family. Rex endeared himself to fellow students during his student years, and during the time he administered the Oenology course at Roseworthy, many more felt the warmth of his friendship.*

*In 1973, R.O.C.A. recognised his service with the Award of Merit.*

Extract from 'The Advertiser', 15 July 1986:-

## **Rex Kuchel dies after long illness**

**A former assistant director of the Adelaide Botanic Garden, Mr Rex Kuchel, died on Sunday morning after a long illness.**

Mr Kuchel, 68, was noted for his work at the garden, in the field of forensic sciences and as a councillor of the Royal Zoological Society.

His forensic work included evidence on bird seed in the Splatt murder trial and controversial evidence on the baby's matinee jacket in the Chamberlain case.

He graduated with honors in science from Adelaide University in 1942 after completing a diploma in oenology at Roseworthy Agricultural College. In 1950 he was appointed senior oenologist and biologist for the administration of the Roseworthy oenology course and in 1962 was appointed botanist at the herbarium at the Botanic Garden.

At that time he began introductory forensic work with the SA Police which led to positions of secretary, vice-president and president of the Forensic Sciences Society of SA.

He was made superintendent of the Botanic Garden in 1965 and assistant director in 1972 and became a councillor of the Royal Zoological Society in 1966.

In 1973 he was awarded a Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Award of Merit for a "meritorious contribution to the field of agriculture".

He was probably better known publicly for his television gardening programs and garden advice segments on radio.

Mr Kuchel, who died of cancer, will be cremated at the W.A. Norman Crematorium at 11 a.m. today. He is survived by his widow and four children.

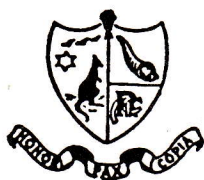
## R. O. C. A. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Elections are essential part of an Annual General Meeting, and R.O.C.A. Constitution states that nominations can be received at the meeting only if no nominations are received in writing prior to the meeting. It also allows the President to hold office for up to years. Please return your nominations to the Secretary, C/- R.A.C., ROSEWORTHY.

### 1985-86 Officers

### 1986-87 Nominations

President	Harry Stephen	.....
Vice President	Peter Lewis	.....
Immediate Past Pres.	Ian Rice	.....
Secretary	Philip May	.....
Treasurer	Peter Fairbrother	.....
Graduating Year	Greg Mitchell	.....
1 - 10 years	Bob Mitchell	.....
Ordinary Members	Andrew Michelmore	.....
	Dale Manson	.....
	Frank Chapman	.....
	Bardy McFarlane	.....
Eyre Peninsula Reps	Ken Hayman	Ken Hayman
	Jack Richards	Jack Richards
Auditor	Jack Messenger	Jack Messenger



1986 A. G. M. and REUMION

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN NOW

R.S.V.P. 8th September to R.O.C.A. Secretary,  
C/- Roseworthy College, ROSEWORTHY S.A. 5371.  
(or phone Philip May :- 085 24 3157 (bus.)  
08 254 6736 (after hours)

I will/will not be attending the A.G.M. & Reunion on  
Friday 12th September, 1986.

I enclose cheque for \$..., being payment for..., @ \$20.00each

NAME.....Year Graduated.....

ADDRESS.....

Spouse/Friend.....

**APPLICATION FOR R.O.C.A. MEMBERSHIP**

I wish to join Roseworthy Old Collegians Association;

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

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COURSE ATTENDED:.....

YEAR GRADUATED:.....

Cheque enclosed for LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$40.00  
ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP \$ 5.00

SIGNATURE:.....

**PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN NOW.**