



Roseworthy Old Collegians Assoc. Inc.

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# R.O.C.A. Digest

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## 1 9 9 0 G R A D U A T E S

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association welcomes you as a new Graduate from Roseworthy College. The Association offers you free membership for one year, and we hope that we can keep you in contact with the College and your many friends gained during your course at Roseworthy.

We trust that you will soon get employment in the field of your choice.

Please advise us of any change of address so we can keep you posted with information from Roseworthy.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### THE FUTURE OF R.O.C.A.

Since my last report prior to Christmas, negotiations aimed at reinforcing the place of ROCA in the new amalgamated University structure, have been proceeding steadily.

While final details are not yet ready for release, I feel members will be pleased with the direction the Committee has decided to follow in talks with the Adelaide University Alumni.

### AWARD OF MERIT HONOUR BOARD

This year will see the 30th occasion on which the ROCA Award of Merit has been presented to honour members who have given outstanding service to agriculture.

To commemorate this milestone, and in order to ensure the achievements of these people are recognised by generations to come, the Association is having a special brass honour board cast.

We are currently holding discussions with the College for the honour board to be mounted in a prominent position within the main building.

### 1990 REUNION

As mentioned in the last issue of the Digest, your Committee have made the bold decision to shift the AGM and annual reunion dinner to a new date and venue.

In past years, the dinner clashed with the long string of Royal Show social activities, country football finals and the rush to move stud livestock exhibits out of the showgrounds.

Because of these reasons, quite a few members were unable to attend.

The reunion this year will be held on the evening of Saturday September 22nd in Roseworthy College's Community Club.

This will be followed by a family social BBQ on the Sunday at the College.

Accommodation will be available in the student quarters on the Saturday evening at a modest tariff.

Already, quite a few members have informed me that the changes will enable them to attend a reunion for the first time in many years.

#### PORT LINCOLN BRANCH

I once again attended the Port Lincoln Branch reunion and dinner during February.

It was encouraging to see the high level of support for ROCA on Eyre Peninsula through the near record attendance at the dinner.

The friendly atmosphere will no doubt guarantee the continuation of this yearly function.

My congratulations go to the local committee, and in particular their re-elected President, Bruce McCallum.

I would also like to thank Bruce and his wife Nola for hosting me during the weekend.

DALE MANSON  
President



**F R O M   T H E   D I R E C T O R**

Following the historic decision by College Council on November 20 1989 to sign the agreement to merge the College with The University of Adelaide, numerous discussions have commenced and will continue this year. The College and the University have established a Merger Implementation Committee and the following working parties of the Committee.

- . Student Services
- . Academic Matters
- . Finance & Asset Management
- . Staffing and Industrial Matters
- . Systems Integration
- . Legal Matters

There was a lull during the Xmas/New Year period, but now discussions have resumed apace. There seem to be no significant difficulties in any of the working parties, or the Merger Implementation Committee, except that I and other participants are becoming increasingly aware that recommendations on significant matters for consideration by the Councils of the College and the University need to be finalised within a very tight timeframe to allow proper forward planning in advance of the formal merger date, January 1, 1991.

As one example, the College and the University are cooperating actively to ensure that the public generally, and potential students particularly, are as well informed as possible about the merger, and the courses of study and their entry requirements in the new institution.

There also is a large range of matters dealing with the transfer of staff to the new institution requiring early resolution.



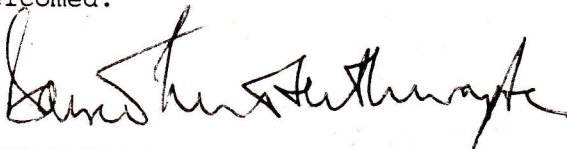
## CONTINUING PROGRESS AND MORE FIRSTS FOR RAC

It seems somewhat ironic that as Roseworthy Agricultural College disappears as an autonomous institution, its progress and achievements continue. For example, this year the College has its greatest ever enrolment, 802 students, of whom 267 are women. There are 623 equivalent full-time students for whom the College receives its normal recurrent funding, and another 24 students for whom the College receives additional full fees paid by the students themselves or various sponsoring organisations.

At this year's Graduation Ceremony, during which Mr Charles Perkins AO will provide the Occasional Address, the College's first two Aboriginal graduands will be presented; the first graduands who have studied externally in the course, Associate Diploma in Wine Marketing, will be presented; and the first, and perhaps the only, graduands from the course, Associate Diploma in Agricultural Mechanisation, will be presented.

Special activities during Graduation Day include displays of Aboriginal graduands' project work, an exhibition of the Tandanya South Australian Artists' collection, and music performances by staff and students of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music, University of Adelaide.

To mark the College's long and proud history and its promise in the new merged University of Adelaide, College Council has asked ROCA and other organisations associated with the College to suggest ways in which the College's final year as an autonomous institution might be marked. Suggestions from individual ROCA members would be welcomed.



BARRIE THISTLETHWAYTE  
Director



## NEWS FROM MEMBERS

**Bob Beck** (1939) was sorry to miss the 50 year group last year. He is still farming at Mil Lel.

**David G Purser** (1953) has retired from the farm at Mogumber and is now living in Mt Lawley, (Perth.).

**Ronald A Smith** (1987) has transferred from Darwin to Katherine with the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries as a Noxious Weeds Officer. He sends best wishes to all, especially Basil Sheahan.

**Denis Harrison** (1947) has been on the sick list since June last year. Denis & Mollie will be moving to 4/23 Heathpool Street, Heathpool 5068. Phone 08- 332 4818 on 9th April.

**Alex Richardson** (1940) has retired, and is hoping to be at the Annual Reunion at Roseworthy on 22/23 September 1990.

**Monty Cotton** (1937), also plans to be at Roseworthy in September and meet up with a few of his old friends.

**Harvey Hooper** (1933) will also join the nostalgic weekend at Roseworthy.

**R O C A Editor** hopes to get a few more newsy letters from members to help make this section one of interest. Thanks!

## YOU CAN HELP STUDENTS

Each year students are looking for properties on which to gain work experience during vacation.

You may be able to help by giving Counseling to students to help them decide their career.

If you would like to help, please contact Graham Brookman at the College. He is the organiser of this work and will be pleased to add your name to the list of willing helpers.





M O R E   N E W S   F R O M   M E M B E R S

**TRACY CODD** has written from Algeria. She has been on the road through Asia and Africa for 6½ montha and having a fabulous time, and will arrive in London in April. Tracy will stay in U K for a while before coming home.

**ROSS DAWKINS** is one who has been king-hit with the change of time for the A. G. M. He is normally tied up with the Adelaide Show, but sometimes makes time to get to the Dinner. Now we have fixed him with a good excuse - he will be at Melbourne Show. Sorry, Ross. We tried!

**A C K BEVIS** (1931) and **W L B BELL**, (1932) will, no doubt have a few memories to share when they find that they will meet again with **BOB HORNE** (1933) at the Reunion Dinner on 22.9.90.

# R.O.C.A.

G R A N D   S T A N D

There has been a strady flow of contributions for the repairs to the Grand Stand at the College Oval. We now have over \$2500.00, with some promises of a second bite of the cherry next year.

Keep the Dollars rolling in. We hope you can come to the College on 22nd September and see where they went.



*Established 1883*



## A W A R D O F M E R I T

The R.O.C.A. Award of Merit has been presented annually since 1961. It is an honour conferred on outstanding R.O.C.A. members in recognition of meritorious service to Agriculture, the College, R.O.C.A. or to the Community.

It is not awarded lightly, and the nominations are made by two members; reviewed by a panel from the highest level of South Australian Agriculturalists.

When you make a nomination, it is essential that you, the seconder and the Nominee be identified as financial members of R.O.C.A. PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME.

If you know a worthy nominee, please prepare a nomination, and see if his name can be added to this list:

1961 - Roland Hill	1962 - David Riceman
1963 - Len Cook	1964 - W.J.Dawkins
1965 - Frank Pearson	1966 - Sir Allan Callaghan
1967 - Bob Herriot	1968 - Denis Muirhead
1969 - Jack Reddin	1970 - Ron Badman
1971 - Rex Butterfield	1972 - Rex Krause
1973 - Rex Kuchel	1974 - Lex Walker
1975 - Ken Pike	1976 - Len Laffer
1977 - Des Habel	1978 - Henry Day
1979 - Mark Hutton	1980 - Cliff Hooper
1981 - Andrew Michelmore	1982 - Milton Spurling
1983 - Ralph Hewett Jones	1984 - David Suter
1985 - Bruce Eastick	1986 - John Obst
1987 - Robin Steed	1988 - Reg French
1989 - Ray Norton	1990 -

See a member of the Committee if you want further details to help prepare a nomination which must be with the Secretary by 30th June

# R.O.C.A.



**A W A R D   O F   M E R I T**

Nominations for the Roseworthy Old Collegians Award of Merit are required by 30th June.

This honour is bestowed on outstanding R.O.C.A. members in recognition of meritorious service to Agriculture, the College, R.O.C.A. or to the Community.

Please post nominations to the Secretary, R. O. C. A.,  
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, ROSEWORTHY   S A   5371

Name of Nominee . . . . .  
Address of Nominee . . . . .  
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Period at Roseworthy . . . . .

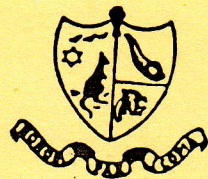
Proposed by . . . . .  
(please print & sign)

Seconded by . . . . .  
(please print & sign)

Supporting data must be provided on career, employment and occupation since leaving Roseworthy College.

Please list major published papers, achievements, academic qualifications and honours bestowed, including community service so the selection panel can make an assessment on the information provided.

Nominees must be financial members of R.O.C.A., and the proposer and seconder must also be financial members.





**R. O. C. A. BADGES**

Membership badges are still available.

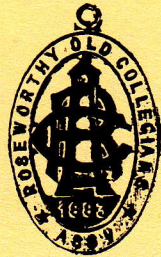
\$10.00 for the "saw pierced" or \$5.00 for the plain badge,

A plain badge with a pin instead of pendant style will be available shortly. It is anticipated to cost \$6.00

The 'saw pierced' badge has the metal around the central R A C removed to give better contrast.

Badges are 'gold' with pink enamel in the outer area and black lettering in the centre.

Order yours from the Digest Editor, Andrew Michelmore  
354 Glynburn Road, Kensington Gardens 5068.

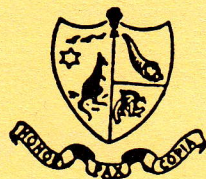
**COLLEGE WINES**

High quality wines are available from the Winery. Ring, write or call and tell them R O C A sent you and you can sample before you buy.

There is a god range of White and Red Table wines as well as Port, Sherry and an Old Raisin Liqueur Frontinac.

The Winery is open for tastings and sales 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Phone orders: 085 248222 extension 302





## 1990 REUNION

The 1990 A.G.M., DINNER & REUNION will be held at Roseworthy College on the weekend of 22/23 September 1990.

Details of meeting times will be included in next Digest.

Thankyou for the good response to the Questionnaire. We have had replies from many members who have not been able to attend the Showtime dinner. More than 30 have requested beds for the night. You will have priority of bookings. Some did not include names, so you'll have to try harder next time! They were from Mt Gambier, Adelaide and Nuriootpa. Editor's apologies for not putting a place for names.

The **Ten year** group includes all who received awards in March 1980, and will be co-ordinated by Michael Michelmore, 10 Richardson Cres., Port Augusta 5700.

Michael is looking for help to contact other courses than Agriculture. Any starters, please contact Michael.

The **Twenty five year** group will co-ordinated by Richard Campbell and Richard Fewster, 40 Anzac Highway Everard Park 5035. They were still looking for C Kimpton, D F W Lykke, W J McGowan, J C Miller, J Ming, D R Nairn, M T Paxton, J A Smith, J B Sorrell, F N Soo, J Swaby, M Taylor, S H Wee, and P J Winter. If you know these old students, please contact Richard.

The **Fifty year** group will be co-ordinated by Jack Reddin and Andrew Michelmore. We have addresses for all but John Cock who left during first year to join R A F. Can you help?

Any other groups are welcome to have a 'get-together'. Let's know if you need any help.

The **Sixty year** group are being rounded up by Harvey Hooper, who hopes to have more than a handful of his era.



## O B I T U A R Y

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Jack Mertin. Jack had been a prominent member of ROCA, having served as President in 1958-60. He died on 7th. July 1989.

Jack Victor Mertin attended Roseworthy as an Ag. Science student. After graduating in 1944, he was appointed as Lecturer and Plant Breeder at the College, then as Horticulturalist until 1950 when he transferred to the Commonwealth Health Department. Here he supervised the initial stages of the Sirex wasp eradication programme in Tasmania and Western Australia and produced a book "Pesticides, a Review of their Properties, Uses and Hazards".

Jack served for 25 years in promotion and extension work in South Australia, including more than ten years with Southern Farmers as Chief Technical Adviser. During this time his practical approach to getting information to the farmers of South Australia was much appreciated by the rural community.

He served on many professional committees including two years as President of R O C A (1958-60) and took the initiative of introducing the Award of Merit for presentation to outstanding members of R O C A.

In 1974, Jack was elected a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science for his contribution in the field of Agricultural Science. He was also awarded the first Australian Government Agricultural Extension Fellowship in the field of Agri-business to study in the U.S.A. and Canada.

After three years with CIMMYT in Mexico, he returned to private enterprise, and established a consultancy service which took him to many developing countries.

In 1987-88 Jack was Federal Secretary of the Australian Institute of Science. He was instrumental in developing the 'new look' Journal, which will be a lasting monument to his work in helping to set it up.

Following Jack's passing, his wife Agnes has returned to Canada, to live with her mother in Vancouver.



## O B I T U A R Y

**Max Clark** graduated from Roseworthy in 1945. He joined the Department of Agriculture as a Field Officer, working with Len Cook on crops and pastures from Adelaide Office until he transferred to Kybybolite as Project Officer in 1950. During 1953 he transferred to Tasmania, to manage the Elliott Research Station for ten years then to Cressy Research Station until his retirement in 1984.

Max enjoyed four years of retirement, during which time he visited his sons in New South Wales and Queensland. He was a keen grower of Liliams, and served his community as a Rotarian and as a J.P.

He died suddenly on 3rd Sept. 1989. We extend sympathy to his wife Jean and their family.

**Ray Fuge** graduated in 1953. He joined the Department of Agriculture and served in the Poultry section for many years before being appointed as Chairman of the Egg Board where he served until his recent retirement. He died suddenly on 16th March. We extend sympathy to Elaine and family.



## EYRE PENINSULA RE-UNION

A record attendance of 69 members and friends met on Feb 24th for the Dinner at which Ian Doyle was guest speaker.

The family picnic was transferred to the garden of the Ashtons, where the thirty two adults and twenty children were easily accommodated. Kathy kept the children entertained; the bubble blowing competition was the hit of the day. Jessica Shipard, Julian Greenfield, Nicholle & Tracy Cordon created the biggest bubbles seen in Port Lincoln, while Riley Ashton punctured all bubbles in sight.

Saw Hamish Patterson arrive and make sure his car did not run away. He put stones both in front and behind the back tyres - a trick learnt when taking the Drag to Gawler??

Ted Arnold, from Moana Beach met up with his West Coast college mates, while Jon & Marlene Shipard from Penong travelled the furthest of all the locals.

Andy & Elizabeth Michelmores were again accommodated by the Holdens. It was the Michelmores's 25th annual pilgrimage in a row - they are now an accepted part of the weekend.

A group, mainly women, was held spellbound while "fire fighter" Gerry Woodrooffe related how the Happy Valley bushfire of the previous day was started by a horse's shoe striking granite, producing sparks which ignited dry grass. Marvellous how easy some guys can get the girls in!!!!

Sheryn Roeger turned up plus youngsters, but minus accountant husband, Bruce. Hope he now realises what he missed and will be along next year.

Barry Laves, Fish Cordon, Jeff Eime and Gerry Woodrooffe kept the meat coming off the barbecue, while Fish had the added job of distributing ice-cream to the kids - young and old.

Good to see Don Baillie and Mike Greenfield at the annual gathering. Gives us all a chance to meet once a year. Jack & Hazel Jones journeyed from Arno Bay. They still enjoy their beach front home and welcome visitors.

Unanimous feeling at the end of the day was that all future family days be held at the Ashton residence.

No, we would not be that cruel, but we do thank Brian and Kathy sincerely for helping out in an emergency. Thank You!

Fine weather on 24-1 91 will see a return to Billy Light Point. Keep that date free and your attendance will ensure a day of good fellowship.



## L O S T   M E M B E R S

Thanks for the addresses of many of the 'lost' members. Some had shifted to another town; some had married and were getting their spouse's Digest, and some found a more convenient Post Office Box number.

Unfortunately, we lose a few each Digest, mainly because members move and forget to let us know. A few members have rang/written and we do not correct the address. Apparently, we make mistakes too, so keep trying, please.

Some recent returns are:

J L Eyre	Nairne S A	Ian Donald	Toowon Qld.
J B Barry	Clare S A	S W Guy	Nuriootpa S A
E C Giggison	Kalangadoo S A	S R Klose	Toowoomba Qld
S Marshall	Seacliffe S A	P J Mansfield	Norwood S A
I T McHenry	Armidale N S W	P Roberts-Jones	Richmond
R J Turner	Kingscote S A	W J Long	Port Lincoln S A
E M Gerard	Darfield N Z	R W Smith	Bulls, N Z
S A Wauchope	Nightcliff N T	B R J Payne	Sth Caulfield
M Boddington	Murray Bridge S A	K Favilla	Port Moresby
J C Waugh	Darwin N T	N J Allen	Noorat Vic
N D Jones	Nuriootpa S A	A Pike	Clare S A

## C H A N G E   O F   A D D R E S S

NAME . . . . .

ADDRESS . . . . .

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COURSE ATTENDED . . . . . YEAR . . . . .

OLD ADDRESS . . . . .

**1990 GRADUATES**

Welcome to R O C A. We hope that we can help you maintain contact with R.A.C. Please let us know your address so we can keep you posted with information from Roseworthy.

One year free membership is extended to all new graduates.

**1989 GRADUATES**

Your free membership will entitle you to one more Digest. Use the application form below to ensure continued contact with your College and friends made at Roseworthy.

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**A P P L I C A T I O N F O R R.O.C.A. M E M B E R S H I P**

I wish to join Roseworthy Old Collegians Association.

**NAME** . . . . .

**ADDRESS** . . . . .

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**COURSE ATTENDED** . . . . . **YEAR GRADUATED** . . . . .

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