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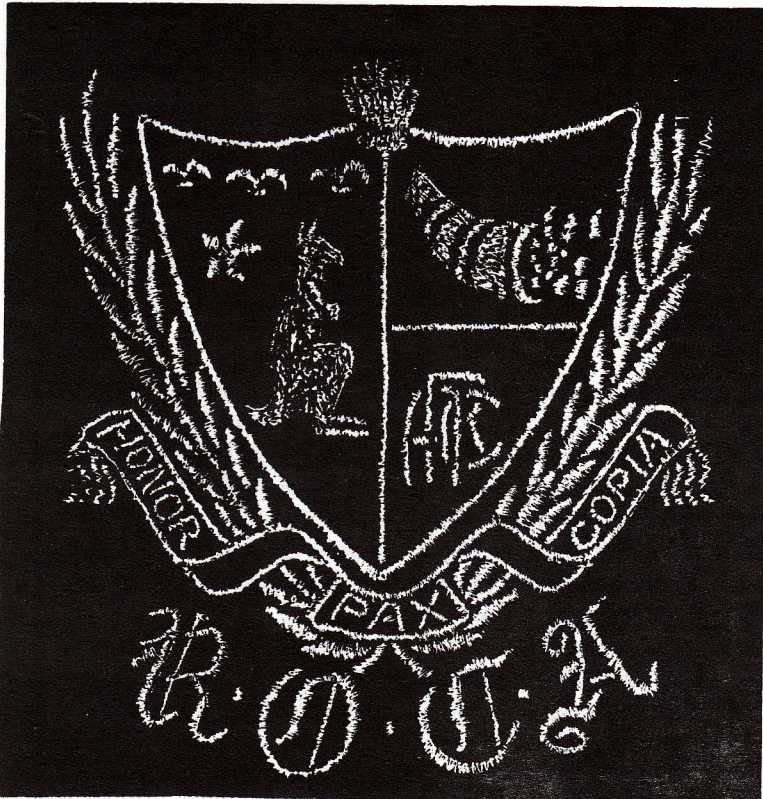
# R.O.C.A. Digest

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past few months have been busy for both the administration of the College and ROCA.

While the College was holding talks with both Adelaide University and the new Flinders/SAIT body regarding amalgamation, ROCA has been exploring the ramifications of any merger with the Alumni bodies of the institutions.

Although the College was the loser in the Department of Agriculture's relocation of the Northfield research facilities, I am certain that the course of careful negotiations undertaken in the tertiary institution restructuring issue will result in the strengthening of R.A.C.

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We have received quite a response to the appeal for funds to aid in the restoration of the College grandstand.

While the total amount is not great at this stage, it is particularly pleasing that so many Old Collegians have taken the opportunity to help the College in such a practical manner.

Donations are still being accepted.

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Riverland and Murraylands members were well represented at the regional dinner conducted at Loxton in April, despite a clash with the College Graduation Day and a major citrus industry conference at Renmark.

The dinner attracted 48 people from throughout the region as far afield as Cooke Plains and Mypolonga.

Peter Lewis and I drove to Loxton at top speed after attending the graduation ceremony at the College, and managed to arrive just in time for the pre-dinner gathering.



Guest speaker, Tony Summers, had an even faster trip to the Riverland in a turbo jet, returning to Adelaide after the dinner.

Being one of the busiest and most prominent agribusiness leaders in this state, we were quite fortunate to lure Tony to Loxton for the evening.

The depth of feeling that Tony has for the College is reflected by the fact that he had to put off an important overseas trip in order to attend the dinner, and even specially chartered a jet for the evening.

I would like to thank Loxton ROCA member, Allan Alcock, for the considerable effort he put into the organisation of the dinner, and for the hospitality he and his wife, Julie, extended to Peter Lewis and I that evening and the following day.

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Nominations for the Award of Merit close at the end of June.

There are many Old Collegians who have made enormous contributions to agriculture over the years, and I urge everyone to consider who should be nominated for this worthy award.

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ROCA members seem to be scattered throughout the world, and I am never surprised when I run into them in the most obscure of places. Within Australia, small groups of Old Collegians tend to get together on an informal basis.

If any regional group would like to hold a get together, I would be quite happy to make the effort to attend.

I will be flying to Western Australia in mid June, and it is hoped to convene a small gathering of Old Collegians in that state.

If any ROCA member is interested in attending a W.A. reunion, they can contact either Steve Tidswell (Weroona Vet Clinic - 097 331356) or myself.

No matter which direction the College takes in its future amalgamation with a University body, the ROCA Committee will continue to work in the best interest of the Association and its members.

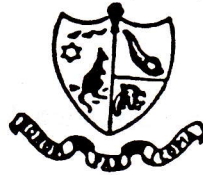
We have also urged the College to consider the interests of ROCA in any restructured tertiary institution.

I have only received one response to my request for feedback from members regarding their feelings toward the future of ROCA.

An open invitation is still extended to all members who would like to voice their opinion on the future direction of the College and ROCA.



**D.A. MANSON**  
President



### R. O. C. A. P O C K E T B A D G E S

We have some enquiry for the supply of pocket badges as used on this Digest cover. A few members have blazers with the shield, while others, like this 1930's one, have 'R O C A'. Colours used are: Background: black; the shield: navy blue the laurel white and the lettering and figures pink.

The embroidery will cost \$8.00 - \$10.00, depending on numbers. Let's know soon, please.

Please advise if you are interested in having this logo embroidered on a garment of your choice.





## RIVERLAND/MURRAYLANDS REUNION

Despite a clash with a number of other functions, the Riverland/Murraylands R.O.C.A. reunion dinner at Loxton on April 7th attracted forty eight people.

Organisers Allan Alcock and Dale Manson were initially worried by the lack of response from members, however three nights on the phone soon whipped up quite a deal of support.

The dinner clashed with a major citrus industry conference at Renmark, and this put the major drain on the number of Riverland Old Collegians able to attend.

Unfortunately the College graduation day also prevented members based at Roseworthy from attending.

Tony Summers landed at Renmark in a specially chartered turbo jet, and drove to the Loxton Hotel with his personal assistant and two pilots in tow.

As it turned out, one of the pilots who owned the charter jet was a long lost former Roseworthy student.

President, Dale Manson, and Immediate Past President, Peter Lewis, had to make a dash from the College to Loxton in near record time after attending the graduation ceremony earlier in the afternoon.

Tony Summer's history since graduating from Roseworthy has enabled him to become a key player in the world of Australian agribusiness.

He started out in property management prior to becoming an owner of Intensive Industries and Australian Bacon.

After establishing the "Dandy" brand of pork products as a household name throughout Australia, he was able to sell his interests in the company to Metro.

This provided quite a sound capital base that enabled him to branch into other facets of agribusiness.

As Chairman of Bennett & Fisher, Tony is now an integral part of the management team that runs such companies as Dalgety Farmers, R.M. Williams and Kidman Pastoral Company.

He is also a director of the State Bank, and has headed a number of Commonwealth Trade Delegations overseas, in addition to being Chairman of the National Farmers Federation Fighting Fund.

Next year Tony's involvement in community affairs will be highlighted by his role as Chairman of the Adelaide Festival of Arts, and head of the Adelaide St. Peters Cathedral restoration campaign.

Clearly Tony Summers is a Roseworthy graduate who has made a major impact on Australian agriculture.

The Old Collegians gathered at Loxton heard Tony explain the background of international finances that affect the decisions made by major companies.

His own companies rely heavily on movements within the money market, and in 1990, they expect the economy to be in even worse shape than at present.

Despite inflation and interest rates being higher in Australia than most overseas countries, Tony is a firm believer in keeping the base of agribusiness in this country.

On the local scene, he is proud of the fact that many of his national companies have their headquarters in Adelaide.

While the distance from Adelaide to potential markets can be a tyranny, Tony feels that South Australia has much to offer growing agribusiness.

After the dinner, Tony and entourage jetted back to Adelaide to prepare for another major board meeting first thing on the Saturday morning.

Roseworthy can justifiably be proud of this graduate of 25 years ago, and perhaps in future years, agricultural industries throughout the nation will link the career of Tony Summers with his start at R.A.C.



**ROSEWORTHY MERGER**

At its Special Meeting on May 11, Roseworthy College Council agreed to seek conjoint meetings with the University of Adelaide and the South Australian College of Advanced Education, to discuss a possible merger between the three institutions.

Council considered that the likely merger of the University of Adelaide with the South Australian College, which has a similar culture to Roseworthy, provided an important new dimension. This merger would alter significantly the complexion of the University in ways more likely to protect Roseworthy's mission, notwithstanding assurances already given by the University in its comprehensive discussions with Roseworthy College.

Federal funds for growth are likely to be provided only where a enrolments in a discipline exceeds 500 full time equivalent students. For agriculture and related disciplines this is only assured if Roseworthy and the University's agriculture courses come together.

The final objective of a merger - namely the creation of the strongest possible programmes in this State for agriculture, natural resources and wine science - is not in doubt. What is in question is which merger best achieves this.

External pressures seem to be mounting for Roseworthy to merge with the University of Adelaide, to bring all of agriculture within one institution to create a powerful teaching, research and development nexus. The new Minister of Employment & Further Education, Hon. Kym Mayes, has expressed his private support for this.



Additional benefits from a merger between RAC and the University of Adelaide may flow from the decision, announced recently by the Premier, to relocate Northfield to the Waite Agricultural Research Institute.

The College remains disappointed with this decision, believing that it takes only a short-term view, but I accept the reality of it. Residents of the Urrbrae area, however, have announced wide-ranging plans for actions to overturn the government's decision.

It is important that the College continues to fight for maintenance of the College's plant breeding programme (last year almost two-thirds of the S.A. wheat crop was sown to RAC varieties) in strengthening its links with the Department of Agriculture in the new structure of higher education.

The option to merge with the new University comprising SAIT and Flinders University still is open and is supported presently by the great majority of the College's staff. The SAIT/Flinders responses to Roseworthy's questions have been extremely positive, and hold the promise of an exciting future for Roseworthy's courses and mission within a new, technologically-based University.

## REVIEWS

I draw ROCA's attention to two national reviews about to begin. One is a review of the Waite Agricultural Research Institute, to be undertaken by the Australian Research Council.

The second is a national review of the teaching of agriculture and related disciplines in higher education, as was announced in the "A Fair Go" policy statement released by Ministers Dawkins and Kerin in April. This review follows national reviews of law and engineering. Both are reviews to which ROCA may wish to make submissions.



**NEW STAFF**

The College has been fortunate to secure the services of three new lecturing staff:

- **Mr Peter Gardner**, Senior Lecturer in Marketing, who will head up our Wine Marketing Course. Mr Gardner is one of the leading market researchers in the State.
- **Mr Christopher Boast**, Lecturer in Agricultural Economics & Management, with extensive experience in agricultural production, management, marketing and international consulting in Southern Africa, the UK, Tasmania, and Victoria.
- **Mr Peter Costello**, a young Wine Technologist with high level expertise in malolactic fermentation technology, and who has "cut his teeth" in two of Australia's most technologically sophisticated wineries: Rosemount and Yalumba.

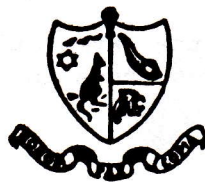
It is indeed pleasing that the College is able to attract staff of such calibre, and it augurs well for the future of the College's activities in a new institution.



**BARRIE THISTLETHWAYTE**

Director

17.5.89



## NATURAL RESOURCES AT R.A.C.

Roseworthy College has had a long tradition of service to the land management disciplines, and as Australia enters its third century of European occupation, it is able to offer courses designed to meet the challenges of today.

Roseworthy College has been involved in renewable resource management training for a long time. Since 1978 the College has offered specialist courses (initially as a 3-year Diploma of Applied Science) in Natural Resources.

Roseworthy now offers two courses which serve to provide training in the area of resource management.

In 1985 a 3-year degree course, the Bachelor of Applied Science in Natural Resources Management, was introduced. It is science-based and produces graduates who have a range of technical skills and a sound knowledge of the principles behind rational resource allocation and management. This course is for students who are seeking a career in the management of renewable resources - soil, air, water and flora and fauna. It provides a basic understanding of the principles of resource allocation and planning and environment, as well as produce management plans for the protection, conservation and utilisation of natural resources. The course requires three years of full-time study or up to six years part-time. There are three streams from which to choose:

- . Wildlife and Pest Management
- . Land Assessment and Allocation
- . Environmental Rehabilitation.

Our courses in Natural Resources are intended to:

- . Identify the integrating elements of the land-based natural resources in the arid and seasonally arid environment.



- . Understand and monitor the functional relationships between the various elements within the environment.
- . Recognise and understand the impact of disturbances (either natural or induced) upon the normal functioning of the environment and appreciate the consequences of maintaining the disturbed state.
- . Design and implement programmes for management of natural resources. Successful management programmes should ensure maximum productivity and continued survival of the renewable resources.

A separate one-year Graduate Diploma in Natural Resources aims to assist several groups of people, namely, those who wish to update an earlier qualification, those who wish to change their careers, and finally those who wish to gain more specialist knowledge in decision-making for natural resource management. The Graduate Diploma aims to develop skills and expertise of the students in areas outside their initial training and experience.

**Employment Opportunities:**

- . IN RECREATIONAL AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
- . IN PEST PLANT AND ANIMAL MANAGEMENT
- . IN LAND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
- . IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND REHABILITATION
- . IN PLANT PROPAGATION AND AMENITY HORTICULTURE
- . IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND OTHER SURVEYS
- . IN RESEARCH
- . IN TEACHING
- . FURTHER STUDY

*V.R. Squires*

DR VICTOR R. SQUIRES  
 Head, Division of Natural Resources  
 May 1989.



GRAND STAND AT COLLEGE OVAL

The grand stand at the College oval was built during the 1920's. It is badly in need of repair.

If enough money (between \$15,000 and \$20,000) is raised from donations through R.O.C.A., we will get "naming rights" to the Stand.

This is an excellent chance for Old Students to show that we are still interested in the on-going life of the College.

I am happy to help with the cost of restoring and renovating the . . . . . Grand Stand.

(Your preferred Name)

My cheque is enclosed:

\$250-00	NAME . . . . .
\$100-00	ADDRESS . . . . .
\$50-00	. . . . .
\$25-00	. . . . .
Other: \$.....	. . . . .

Initial response to this appeal has been quite good, but we've a long way to go to reach the target! At the last Committee meeting the total was near \$500, with cheques from:-

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| B Eastick | M Salter   | I Verner  |
| D Manson  | J Reddin   | E Wheaton |
| D Riceman | D Nicholls | R Smyth   |

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

Most students spent three years at Roseworthy, so its a fair chance that someone out there will know where a few of these 'lost' members are. Please drop a line to Andrew Michelmore 354 Glynburn Road, Kensington Gardens 5068 if you can help.

1982	Arnold, Mr G K	1960	Bartlam, Mr J W
	Boddington, Mr M	1981	Bond, Mr T W
1986	Boothy, Mr I	1982	Brookman, Miss P
1968	Brown, Mr R W	1950	Bungey, Mr G S
	Calerley, Miss E M	1981	Clark, Mr S A
1966	Cocker, Mr P F	1977	Cooper, Mr D A
1968	Coudle, Mr C	1951	DeGaris, Mr K L
1956	Djevdet, Mr M	1972	Eckermann, Mr W
1950	Eckert, Mr E L	1969	Ellis, Mr J S
1949	Emery, Mr P J	1981	Erny, Miss J K
1965	Eyre, Mr J L	1981	Flavel, Mr G P
1967	Freeman, Mr M O	1983	Gay, Mr A W
1980	Geddes, Mr R	1982	Glastonbury, Mr R M R
1961	Hall, Mr D J	1978	Harris, Miss S D
1981	Harvey Mr I R	1961	Hayes, Mr J
1969	Hein, Dr W R	1948	Hepworth, Mr L
	Hocking, Mr G	1983	Hodgson, Mr P
1963	Jenke, Mr R	1982	Liney, Mr J R
1960	Lock, Mr P G	1983	Loney, Mr D M
1980	MacGillivray, Mr N R	1970	MacZkowiack, Mr R I
1948	Mack, Mr K J	1968	McCallum, Mr K A
1965	McGowan, Mr W J	1982	Mezner, Mr P R
1972	Michael, Mr K	1938	Mitton, Mr R L
1949	Mortimer, Mr R J	1981	Norman, Mr D R
1980	O'Byrne, Mr P	1978	O'Leary, Mr M B
1982	Oborn, Mr W H	1966	Pattinson, Mr K W
1981	Pike, Mr N W	1981	Rix, Mr P A
	Roeger, Mr S L	1963	Russell, Mr D G
193?	Shannon, Mr I	1955	Stephens, Mr D C
1953	Stow, Mr R H	1968	Turnbull, Mr R K
1969	Wright, Mr L D	1971	Wright, Mr S J
1960	Yelland, Mr L	1979	Young, Mr M B
	Smith, Mr D J M	1978	Harris, Miss S D
1952	Story, Mr D F	1982	Suiker, Mr J F
1966	Thyer, Mr L B	1965	Watt, Mr I R



## E Y R E P E N I N S U L A W E E K E N D

We now have a new President, with Bruce McCallum taking over from Ian Holman. Allan Lawes is Secretary, and Julie Langman Treasurer. It was noted that about half those attending the Dinner were 'without neckties' - i.e. the younger brigade - which augers well for the future of the branch. Three of the older old scholars need reminders: Most members **do** need to pay; the Dinner **is** on the last weekend of February **and** males do not use the female toilet, even if the screams were in admiration, not in shock!

Thirty seven adults and twelve children enjoyed perfect weather at Billy Light's Point and shared the activities. Maurice Barry supervised the barbecue, aided by 'Under Chef' Mark Langman who also supplied plum sauce which went well with Jeff Eime's meats.

The ladies supplied a full range of salads, cakes, etc. The specialised baking of Philip Michelmore and fiance Neves had everybody asking for recipes for future family days.

It was great to have "proxy delegate" Ken Hayman and wife Beryl back again with travelling companions Andrew & Elizabeth Michelmore. Several new faces soaked up the sun at the picnic - Mike Wurst travelled with Paul & Lynette Erkelenz from Streaky Bay; Mike Greenfield, wife and 3 children from Kielpa.

"Fish" Cordon not only brought along his wife Angela and their three offspring, but also their boat, which did trips around the bay and into the new marina. Barry & Tina Lawes were some of the first passengers - Tina went topless (without a hat)

The cricket match lasted 1½ hours. Roger Lawes hit the most sixes, Ken Holden is a light of other days, and Ric Carter with fiance Judy, preferred cricket to the usual sailboard.

Saw Ian Holman passing on a few tips to Bruce McCallum on 'how to be a successful President', while Bruce's wife, Nola was more interested in controlling two very active sons. Brian & Kathy Ashton and their two children again came laden with food for the multitude. Hamish Patterson (1933 Grad) set a fitness example by pushing his bike to and from the picnic.

Dale Manson, President of R O C A was flown over by Tracy Codd who graduated last year, and has joined the R O C A Committee. Hope to see you again next year, Tracy.

Guest speaker, Ray Norton and Pauline had to travel back to Adelaide, visit Philpy, then leave for a trip to Melbourne. Thanks for your interesting talk at the Dinner, Ray! Others who were missing included Jay Cummins, who was moving to a new job in Jamestown.

Another whose absence was felt by all was Philpy, who was in hospital. (The autographed menu was delivered to him by Ray Norton. Philpy is now at "Griffiths Hospital")

Hope to see all who attended the weekend again, last weekend in February - There'll be at least one more per favour Mark & Julie Langman.

- Des Habel

## **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.

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

Membership badges are still available.

Order yours from the Digest Editor, Andrew Michelmore,  
354 Glynburn Road, KENSINGTON GARDENS S A 5068

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

## 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 -	

### DID ANYONE VIDEO GRAD. DAY?

If you know of anyone who took any video footage of Grad Day, even if it is 'family stuff', I would be interested in hearing from you.

One of our graduates who could not return from his home in Africa is very keen to see anything at all of the ceremony. Please contact me if you can help.

GRAHAM BROOKMAN



AWARD OF MERIT

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 . . . . .

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.



## NEWS FROM MEMBERS

We knew that **Bob Baker** was well known in the wine industry in Australia. His fame has spread further afield. Recently he was elevated to the status of Emeritus Member of the American Society of Enology and Viticulture. This is "in appreciation of his contributions in the fields of Viticulture and Enology".

Bob graduated from Roseworthy in 1943 with R.D.Oen.

He worked with the Renmark Growers Distillery as Senior Winemaker and then at the Loxton Co-operative Winery and Distillery as Technical Manager, prior to joining the College staff in 1965 until his retirement in 1982.

During these productive years, the Oenology Course was re-written under the direction of Bob Herriot, and the 'old' winery and distillery was re-built to include lecture rooms and laboratories. (The old winery was re-built in 1936-7 when the course was up-graded then! ).

Later, the Oenology Course was completely separated from the Agriculture Course and raised to the status of Degree, and the Wine Marketing course was introduced.

During these many changes, Robert Baker was an important influence, and it is pleasing to note that he has been recognised abroad as well as at home. **Congratulations, Robert.**

We are pleased to announce that **Philpy** is making satisfactory progress at the Griffiths Hospital 13 Dunrobin Road, HOVE and will be pleased to see any old friends. Ring 298 4299 and check that he is still there.

## COLLEGE WINES

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

If you would like to attend the next 'Wine Release Dinner' let the Director know, and he will put you on the mailing list. It's normally held in Oct / Nov so there is plenty of time to make your plans to attend this excellent Dinner.

The 1989 function will be held at the Renaissance Centre, Rundle Mall, on Friday 8th September.

Meeting at 6.00 and Dinner at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m

The 25 year group graduated in 1963, and will be 'organised' by **Michael Milne**, Box 478, NARACOOORTE 5271  
phone: 087 62 2598 (Home) or 087 62 1855 at work. He will be assisted by Brian Daniel, "Catninga", Stirling North 5710

The 10 year group will be co-ordinated by **Allan Piggot**, Moorlands S.A. 5301 Phone:- 085 723 998

Please contact the co-ordinators **NOW** to save them work. Thanks.

Other Year groups are welcome to have a 'get-together' Please indicate on your Dinner reply, so we can arrange seating to fit all groups in - it is your Dinner.

The cost of the Dinner will \$21.00 again this year, and replies should be directed to the President, Dale Manson, 8 New Era Avenue, MURRAY BRIDGE S A 5253. with your cheque.

Please reserve places for me and . . . . .  
for the R O C A Dinner at the Renaissance Centre, Rundle Mall. ( Yes, it is a mixed dinner, and you may bring your wife, husband, spouse, friend.

Herewith my cheque for \$.....

Year Graduated . . . . . Name. . . . .





Your free membership was presented to you on Graduation Day last year. We trust that you have enjoyed the year of contact with Roseworthy Old Collegians. Membership fees become due with the A.G.M. in September. Join now! Use the form below.

1989 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.

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Please post your subs now if you have not paid. Why not become a Life Member?

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 . . . . .

Cheque herewith \$40.00 Life Membership / \$5.00 Annual Member

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NAME . . . . .

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