

  
Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.  
**ROCA DIGEST**

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**1995 Award of Merit  
Winner - Grant Mayfield**

Yankalilla farmer, Grant Mayfield, won the prestigious ROCA Award of Merit for "meritorious and outstanding service to agriculture, Roseworthy College, ROCA or the community".

This award was presented at the annual dinner of the Association in Adelaide in September.

Grant has made a significant contribution to pasture production, prime lamb production and cattle management in South Australia through the running of numerous field days, participation in trials conducted by the Department of Primary Industries and Institute of Medical and Veterinary Sciences for more than 40 years.

He has also spent the last five years as Deputy Commissioner of the Animal and Plant Control Commission, is a life member of the Agricultural Technologists of Australasia, and spent three years as Chairman of the Advisory Board of Agriculture.

Grant's interest in agriculture began when he was still at school. He pursued agriculture as a career at Roseworthy Agricultural College where he completed a Diploma in Agriculture in 1955, and later worked on the College farm as a field officer and demonstrator, teaching students farming techniques until 1957.

In 1957 Grant left Roseworthy and started working on the Fleurieu Peninsula. In 1958 he became Manager of Balquhiddie Station at Parawa and was well known and respected for his management skills and knowledge of pasture and animal production.

Here he started assisting Roseworthy students and other agricultural teaching organisations by offering his advice, experience and knowledge of agriculture.

Grant's involvement in the agricultural industry continued to grow during the 1960's and 70's. In 1972 he started managing his own property "Maylands", at Parawa near Yankalilla. He also became prominently involved with many agricultural orientated organisations, from service groups to advisory boards and Local Government.

Grant has been a member of the Parawa Agricultural Bureau since 1957 and served as both President and Secretary during this time.

He has also been involved in the Mount Lofty Review Committee, the Southern Hills Soil Board, and the Mt Lofty Ranges Review Steering Committee.

He is Director of Martindale Holdings, the pastoral properties owned by the University of Adelaide, and President of the Australian Society of Animal Production's South Australian Branch.

While farming, he has conducted numerous pasture trials with the Department of Primary Industries, organised field days on pastures, prime lamb production and cattle management and won many awards for his own stock and pastures.

He now continues to manage his property at Yankalilla where he runs sheep and cattle.

Congratulations Grant!

## President's Report

### ***Eyre Peninsula AGM and Dinner***

I recently had the pleasure of attending the Eyre Peninsula AGM and Dinner accompanied by the ROCA Secretary, Mia Stephens and ROCA Committee stalwart Andrew Michelmore. As usual, the dinner was well attended and once again it was pleasing to note the presence of younger members. Port Lincoln turned on perfect weather for the Sunday barbecue and it took a lot of discipline to tear ourselves away. I thank the Eyre Peninsula Branch Committee for their hospitality and congratulate them on a well run branch.

### ***Faculty Graduation***

The Graduation Ceremony this year was held on Friday 3 May in the Bonython Hall and was followed by a Graduation Dinner that evening. As usual, ROCA donated three prizes:

- the Old Students' Cup for the second aggregate in the Bachelor of Applied Science (Agriculture);
- the Gold Medal for the student gaining the highest aggregate in the Bachelor of Applied Science (Natural Resource Management);
- the Old Scholar's Trophy for the best contribution to Campus Sport, not necessarily on the sporting field.

I congratulate all those who graduated this year, especially those who have recently become members of our association and who will have received a copy of the ROCA Digest for the first time.

### ***Close liaison with the Board of Roseworthy College***

Last year the ROCA committee adopted the practice of holding committee meetings at Roseworthy and preceding each meeting by a joint meeting with the College Board to discuss items of common interest. One item that has emerged from this process is the establishment of a Roseworthy College Foundation. Both bodies have now decided to support the establishment of a Foundation and will continue to work together to bring this to fruition.

### ***Cowan Grants***

Once again, a significant amount of funding has been made available by the Cowan family trust to assist needy students to meet the cost of their residential accommodation. ROCA members can now confidently encourage potential students to apply to study at Roseworthy knowing that this support is being provided and is available if required.

### ***Campus Developments***

Over the years we have grown accustomed to developments seeming to continually occur at Roseworthy and 1996 will be no exception.

Thanks to the generosity of the Chewings family, a barbecue facility has recently been built in the vicinity of the lawn tennis courts and will be dedicated to the memory of Jim Chewings who graduated in 1975.

- The new poultry facility and the laboratory for the Pig and Poultry Institute were completed and occupied by SARDI staff in January. The new piggery facility and a new feed mill are now close to completion.
- Builders are just finishing a large new glasshouse and the upgrading of laboratories for the Department of Agronomy and Farming Systems.
- Work has commenced on the refurbishment and extension of the Williams building for the Department of Environmental Science and Rangeland Management.
- We expect work to commence soon on the Rural Tourism Interpretive Centre and the refurbishment of the foyer and front office of the Main Building.

### ***There have also been a number of recent staff changes.***

Sue Graebner has left the position of Campus Registrar to take up a new position with the University's Senior Management Group at North Terrace and Oscar Jones has returned from retirement to occupy the position until it can be filled later in the year. Hugh McClelland has been seconded from PISA for two years to take over as Head of the Department of Agricultural Business and John Rothwell has left Rural Services to become the Assistant Director of the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA.

### ***Farm Skills Review***

Basil Baldwin, an old Roseworthy identity who is now at Orange Agricultural College, was recently retained to conduct the Review of the Farm Practical Training at Roseworthy. His main recommendations were:

- development of better linkages between farm skills programs and lecture room teaching;
- teaching strategies be sufficiently flexible to fit in with farm activities;
- consideration of common introductory subjects in all degree programs in agriculture.

Recent reductions in the time allocated for work experience are now being reversed back to the old schedule.

### ***The 1996 ROCA AGM and Annual Dinner***

The ROCA Committee has adopted a recommendation from some of the key year groups to hold the AGM and Annual Dinner later in the year when the winter sports season is over. It is hoped that this change will enable some of our younger graduates to attend. The date set is Friday 4 October (the long weekend) and the venue will once again be the Feathers Hotel.

**Allan Alcock  
President**

## 1995 Annual Dinner



*Left to right: Phil Redden (25 yr), David Brown (23 yr)  
Graham Brookman (25 yr) and Dick Turnbull (26 yr)*

Prior to the dinner, there had been a latent fear in some quarters that radical changes to the structure of the Association and the College over the past few years could have altered the feelings of members toward ROCA.

However the tremendous support shown by the membership at the dinner allayed any such fears.



*Phil Young and Rex Anderson*



*Ann & John Ellis (Hanging Rock Winery, Victoria)  
with Peter Burne (Renmark)*

Last September saw the dining room of the Feathers Hotel filled to capacity with ROCA members for the annual dinner.

Quite a few people felt particularly heartened by the response from members.

The night was filled with an atmosphere of enthusiasm toward the future of ROCA, combined with quite a number of joyous moments of revelry spurred on by members reliving memories of their student days at RAC.

A popular feature introduced to the dinner during the past few years has been the assembling of the 40 to 50 year reunion groups.

Many of the student antics recounted by these "old timers" from over half a century ago managed to strike a real a chord with the graduates of more recent times.

For some, it was comforting to know that the wonderful spirit of comradre that existed at Roseworthy over fifty years ago still managed to survive through to the present day.

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### **Roseworthy Aggies 1988 - 1990 - Five Year Gathering**

Graduates of the Roseworthy AGGIE course that ran from 1988 to 1990, are planning a five year gathering on the June long weekend (June 8-10) this year.

Venue will be the Wirinna Cove Paradise Resort at Second Valley.

According to the co-ordinator of the event, Jason Sabeeney, families are extremely welcome. Jason can be contacted on the telephone at (085) 643 555 or (018) 837 034. He can also be contacted in writing at PO Box 572, Tanunda SA 5352 or fax on (085) 643 5000.

### **World Class Pig and Poultry Units at Roseworthy**

The development of a Pig and Poultry Production Institute (PPPI) at the Roseworthy Campus of the University of Adelaide will ensure that world-class facilities will now be available to serve the South Australian, Australian and international pig and poultry industries into the next century.

Stock will move into the new piggery from the Northfield Research Centre shortly.

The facilities will give South Australian pig and poultry producers the opportunity to be the first beneficiaries of world-class research in nutrition, health and engineering - through training and educational programs run at the PPPI in conjunction with The University of Adelaide, The South Australian Research and Development Institute, Primary Industries SA, and through direct input into research programs.

The 240-sow piggery will incorporate an all-in-all-out production system from farrowing to sale, a combination of stalls and pens for dry sows, mating areas, partially slatted floors, and separate mating, farrowing and grow-out facilities.

This commercial piggery enterprise will be coupled with a research/nutrition shed that will incorporate 100% environment control in the farrowing and weaner accommodation, and will also include a surgery facility.

The poultry facilities consist of a 5000-bird experimental broiler shed, a metabolisable energy unit and a commercial layer unit with climate control rooms. Broiler and layer experiments have commenced.

Also included in the Pig and Poultry Production Institute is a nutrition/animal behaviour laboratory that will provide research and analytical capabilities closely linked to the animal production units. It will provide a unique facility that will be the focus of mono-gastric research within Australia.

An experimental feedmill will also be constructed to provide commercial diets to the piggery, poultry, dairy, sheep and horse enterprises at the Campus, as well as small-scale diet mixes for all the animal research sections within SARDI and the University.

The experimental feed-mill along with both the experimental and commercial facilities of the production unit, and the analytical capabilities of the laboratory will ensure that the PPPI will be able to perform international standard research for the pig and poultry industries.

### **Campus Tourism**

A \$20,000 Agricultural Interpretation Centre to be built at the Roseworthy Campus of the University of Adelaide is the second stage in a unique rural tourism program initiated last year.

A funding grant of \$145,000 was announced earlier this year by the Federal Minister for Tourism, Michael Lee, to support the centre. The grant was made under the Rural Tourism Programme, which assists regional areas in developing tourism opportunities.

The centre will feature eight thematic displays which highlight various aspects of modern agricultural production. These will include the dairy industry, deer farming, sustainable agriculture and farming practices, pigs and poultry, sheep and wool, the environment and natural resource management.

The building will be constructed using materials that are energy efficient and will become a centre for farmers to learn about energy conservation on the farm. It will also be a showcase of recent breakthroughs in agricultural research, especially by the Faculty of Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences.

Karen Shepherd, Rural Tourism Development Officer with the Roseworthy Rural Tourism Enterprise, said the Centre will become a focus for the increasing number of public tours which are now held on the Campus.

"Tours started officially in April and we have been very pleased with the interest shown. We have already taken a wide range of groups through the Campus, ranging from school children to tourist groups to senior citizens clubs, and a marketing campaign is expected to boost numbers even further", she said.

Karen said the aim of the Rural Tourism Enterprise, which was established 18 months ago, is to encourage people to visit and use the facilities on the Campus and also teach people about the importance of agriculture in the Australian community.

A retail Shop will also open this year as part of the Enterprise. This will sell produce from the Roseworthy farm such as dressed poultry, deer venison and velvet, dairy products such as cheese and smallgoods, whole grain flours and even brandy, which has recently been bottled to commemorate the old Roseworthy College Winery.

### Inaugural Old Collegians Golf Day



*Ian Frances, Steve Powles & Chris Penfold at the 19th Hole*

#### ROCA v. HAC

Mt Barker Golf Course was the setting for the first challenge match between Roseworthy Old Scholars and a team from Hawkesbury Agricultural College Old Scholars (SA Branch). The historic event took place on 26 November 1995 and 33 people attended.

After a quiet lunch (and a few cleansing ales) at the clubhouse, 23 golfers hit off in a stableford competition. True to their background, some of the play was fairly agricultural.

Honours for the day were taken by Hawkesbury, who won narrowly by 30.1 points to Roseworthy, 27.9 points. The Teams Event was recognised with a trophy of original design, handcrafted by Barry Sumner. It featured horseshoes, a plough share and as an appropriate finishing touch, a suspended golf ball.

Each Association also presented the other with a shield to record the individual champions.

The winners were:

- Roseworthy: Barry Sumner.....36 points
- Hawkesbury: Steve Powles .....34 points

These players will have their names engraved on the respective shield held by each Association.

Numerous other awards were also presented for various amusing heats of golf (and other things) on the course.



*Kim Falster and Ian Doyle - Reflect on the day's event*



*Barry Sumner (Roseworthy)*

*Kel Burke (Hawkesbury)*

All those who attended had a very relaxing and enjoyable day and the event was voted a great success. As a result, it has been agreed that there will be an annual golf contest between the two Associates. if you are keen to secure a place contact Barry Sumner on (085) 224 926 or Kel Burke on (08) 340 2411. Both golfers and non-golfers are most welcome.

**ED: What a top day it was! Barry Sumner and Kel Burke are to be congratulated for their efforts in organising the competition. The 1996 event promises to be even better.**

## Letters to the Editor

*Extract of a letter received from John Gore in the Philippines. John can be reached at 10 Mahogany Road, Villa Angela, Bacolod City 6100 Philippines*

"On behalf of all our members here in Bacolod City, I congratulate President Alcock on making us feel even prouder than ever to be part of South Australia's most important era of agricultural education, innovation, experimentation and application that made Roseworthy Agricultural College a world wide respected institution as, not only the oldest, but the best agricultural college in Australia. Allan's description of Roseworthy College "as the phoenix of RAC", says it all. Salamat po, as we say in the Philippines (Thank you sir)..."

The "Roseworthy Football Club" half of ROCA Digest Page 7, calls for some critical comment from myself as a former captain of the 1950 premiership team and a member of the 1949 premiership team, which I hope will be accepted in the spirit intended. Rather than individual performances, it was teamwork that won three premierships in a row for Roseworthy - 1949/50.

In congratulating and thanking you both for your contributions to ROCA may I ask that you spare a few thoughts for we, us and co in the sticks beyond the seas in SE Asia. A Bacolod branch donation of P5000 to ROCA awaits the first official representative to call.

John Gore"

*From R G Mertin AM 23 Ryan Street, Curtin ACT.*

"Throughout the country in recent months we have experienced and witnessed "Australia Remembers" and this has stirred memories of the important role played by the College during the immediate post war years.

Early March 1996 will mark 50 years since the first intake of ex-service men to Roseworthy under the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Scheme and the start of an episode which gradually changed the character of daily life at the College. In that month about 20 service men arrived and because of the age difference between other students and maturity from war time experiences, the "Rehabs" were segregated and accommodated in the "Tin Huts". This was a good move by Dr Callaghan. I was the second Rehab to arrive and consequently was allocated Hut No 1, Bed No 2. There is no doubt that in the few years which followed this group had an impact on College management as well as on the younger students.

The purpose in mentioning this to you is that I believe it would be a nice gesture for the ROCA to remember this unique period, especially as now many of those ex-service men have passed away. There could be many stories to relate of the chaos, confusion, fun and staff frustration brought about in the first couple of years when the "Rehabs" were required to settle down to study and civvy life, under the guardianship of Roseworthy. Perhaps you could run an article in March 1996."

## Old Collegian Weds

Old Collegian, Lynette Johnston, married John Rush in the Rostrevor College Chapel on December 10 last year.

Lynette commenced her Roseworthy studies in 1983 in the Bachelor of Applied Science (Agriculture) course. Currently she is working in the Marketing section of the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA Inc at Wayville.

John and Lynette Rush plan to live in the Adelaide suburb of Manningham.

**Photo Acknowledgement:** Photograph courtesy Tim Williams Photography



## Roseworthy as a Conference Venue

Have you ever considered Roseworthy as a venue for that next conference you are organising? The College offers a unique venue with comfortable, fully catered accommodation at a sensible price. It is able to accommodate both small and large groups.

The wide range of facilities available include - lecture theatres and tutorial rooms and audio visual equipment, a tele-conference venue rooms suitable for practical workshop activities and a fully accredited Child Care Centre.

For recreation there is a fully licensed tavern and bistro, a 25 metre diving pool and floodlit ovals and courts.

For further information contact Roseworthy College, Roseworthy SA 5371. Telephone: (08) 303 7888 : Fax (08) 303 7953

## Reminiscence

### Ross Solley

*Ed: The following is the first part of a series of memoirs written by Ross Solley who began at Roseworthy in 1955. It provides an interesting and amusing insight into life 1950's style.*

#### **Roseworthy College - Memoirs**

I have little intention of writing a best seller as I start this, as it will only be read by my family (I hope) and some others. What I hope to write of is some moments of stupidity and fond memories of events that occurred 40 years ago.

They are not particularly meaningful nor far reaching, but I can recall them. R A C was part of my life and I've been told to put something down so here goes. It's in no particular chronological order and has become a bit blurred but I'll try to keep some good order.

I arrived at R A C in Jan, 1955 by taxi with my parents at the tender age of 16, having just done my Leaving at Adelaide High. The academic year didn't start till March, but I was keen. Older students said I was mad. Other students drifted in till there were 35 of us. We were housed upstairs in the main building in rooms of various sizes and there were 4 to 5 boys per room. We had fellows from all other states, Africa, England and New Zealand. For all 1st years, upstairs became a refuge, as we became a vital part of initiations. These were carried on with the knowledge and blessing of the principal and staff, who were invited to certain "round-ups". We were supposed to study in a "quiet period" from 7-8:30 and then you would hear surnames of unfortunate "Shits" as was our collective noun. If your name was called, you went down or else they came up. (A far less preferable option.) However, there was little or no physical coercion in this - sometimes it was hard not to laugh yourself at the stupid things you had to do. One never did though for obvious reasons. The process brought together three dozen different characters much faster than would have occurred naturally and I think did little harm. Throughout it all, you thought of what you could do when you were in 3rd Year and this really helped. After all, your tormentors had been through it, had earned the right. Those who fought against this, were really given the treatment. Justified or not, this was a bit hot as these brave individuals should have been cherished, not victimised. Still, I digress.

In one particular rite, a mate and I, had to crawl on top of the "Corridor" roof, where our masters lived and conduct a Breakfast Session with wake up calls, songs, weather and general hoo-hah through a megaphone. Feeding of our superior's cats was not a pleasant chore, as they often had exotic tastes. Ranging from a certain variety of wheat to a plant only found in the Principal's garden, they were sublime and ridiculous. Being driven to

breakfast, dressed in saddle, reins and blinkers was common. One particular "roundup" saw us having races, carrying out master's money through the hay shed. Sounds easy, except for the 3 Cornered Jacks and we were barefoot.

One event to be remembered was the First Year Steeplechase. We were all paraded and the most likely lads were sold to Seniors at a price commensurate with chances of winning. I don't think I was obtained at a huge price but I was sold and training began. Endless circuits of the Oval began, being followed by a Senior on a motor-bike. All the College community and half of Gawler laid bets with syndicates hoping to win with a "dark Horse". I think I was a rough chance, but didn't get there in the end. The better runners were told to do poorly in the trials and thus get better odds. No-one had thought to mention this to a young Brian Jefferies.

The initiation period sort of ended when football began. After all you could not really have any team spirit if you had to call most members of your team "Sir". A few members of the Year had departed, not liking the attention, justly or unjustly they had attracted during the period.

The set-up at College in those days, was for 1st and 3rd Years to work together for three days of one week and then for 2 days of the next. The days they didn't do farm work, they had lectures. The 2nd Years did the reverse. The theory was the 3rd Years would help us. Like most theories, it came unstuck at times.

One chore to be dreaded was being on Dairy. You had to awake at 4:00 am and then go and wake up your 3rd Year. You can imagine what happened if you woke up the wrong one and some were known to give wrong instructions. I remember being told when I arrived to get the herd in (and I was gullible) from a paddock. It was pitch black and I kept blundering into fences but I heard some cows in the distance when I finally arrived back minus cows and fearful of my future, I was amazed to see milking in full swing. Apparently all 1st Years were given this treatment. At the end of milking, the calves had to be fed. I used to hate this, as you had to lug over fences heavy buckets of milk and teach calves how to drink. The bucket would inevitably be tipped so milk would pour into your rubber boot or the calf would poop into it or both! It was chaotic! You then had the rest of the morning off and then you had to wake your Senior again. Easier this time.

*To be continued .....*

*Ed: No doubt this will have stirred memories in others who were at Collect in this era. If it has we would like to hear from you.*

### **Can you Help?**

The faculty of Agricultural Resource Sciences has recognised an expanding market interest in rural tourism and 'special interest' experiences by people who seek to sample culture and natural heritage. As a result the Faculty offers a range of activities on Roseworthy Campus as a diversification of rural business providing both commercial and educational opportunities by way of specialised tours. The Rural Tourism Enterprise assists in the promotion of academic programmes and educational training opportunities for students of all ages.

As part of this Rural Tourism business we are in the process of developing an Agricultural Interpretation Centre to work in conjunction with our tours. The centre will consist of sections or 'environments' representing the different areas of agriculture, with working displays/activities developed with both specialist designers and the agricultural industry. The areas created will encourage exploration, making progression around the whole centre exciting, educational and memorable.

We have many objectives for the centre, some being:

- to increase the public's exposure to agriculture
- to provide opportunity for industry and the University to showcase agriculture
- to communicate complex concepts of agriculture
- to raise people's awareness of size and scope of Roseworthy farm

As a part of the complex, we have dedicated an existing building to orientate people to the centre, to provide an overview of the Roseworthy story. Hence we are seeking historical information about Roseworthy Agricultural College from earlier students so we can portray more accurately the development of Roseworthy as an educational institute, as well as the changes, environmentally, agriculturally, socially, that have occurred during the College's existence.

If you feel you can contribute any information, facts, or personal experiences, we would love to hear from you. Please write to us at:

**Rural Services  
Roseworthy Campus  
Roseworthy SA 5371  
Attention: K Shepherd/R Goldsmith**

We hope to collate this information by the end of May. It is anticipated that the complex will be complete and operational in the later half of this year. The centre will also include a retail outlet, selling a range of locally produced farm goods and other unique agricultural products.

### **Obituaries**

It is with sadness that we note the passing of the following old scholars:

Wally Coulter

Kevin Cane

Chris Martin

George Mayo (B.AgSc. 1940)

Robert Mitton (RDA 1938)

Peter Ellis (RDA 1965)

Michael Wood (RDA 1969)

Jason Winter



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1995-96 Committee**

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## **Change of Focus to Appeal to More Graduates ROCA 10, 25, 40 & 50 Year Reunion**

Traditionally over the years at the Friday night dinner, ROCA has focused on the achievements and opportunities to bring these respective years together.

As part of the 68/70 group, which is celebrating our 25 year reunion this year, we have had close liaison with ROCA, particularly the 10 and 40 year groups, in an effort to try and stimulate a renewed interest back in Roseworthy and the ROCA organisation.

This year we proposed to hold the dinner later on, to give those involved with sport and school holidays an opportunity to become involved. There has also been considerable concern that the younger graduates have not seen the priority to become involved in the traditional reunion.

It is planned to hold a major black tie agriculturally orientated function on the Saturday night in the marquee at the back of the Adelaide Oval. We plan to follow up key people with each 5 year group starting from the most current graduates.

Co-ordinators for these significant year groups so far are; Peter Dunn - 40 year group, David Spencer and Mike Wake - 25 year group, Dale Manson - 20 year group, James Holland - 10 year group, Jason Sabeeney - 5 year group and Mark Rodda - 0 year group.

If you are in the 15, 30, 35, 45 and 50 year groups could you please make contact with either James Holland (018) 806 474 or myself on (08) 410 1355. Other initiatives that have been instigated so far from the 10 and 25 year groups are to collect biographies of the respective graduates. The intention is to provide a lot of communication between the present students/graduates and the community in general and this will promote the positive image of the college.

In order to give students a broader perspective of life after college we are asking these ROCA members to write a short biography of their life and achievements after leaving Roseworthy. These will be printed weekly in the Roseworthy Campus newsletter and it is also hoped that we will have a regular feature in the Stock Journal which is still being followed up.

We do consider our own 68/70 group a little unique in that we have produced a magazine every year since graduation. We are hoping to top this off with a major journal or book this year along with some video input.

At this stage the major functions for the long weekend are proposed to be:

### **Friday 4th October**

(evening)

ROCA Dinner and AGM

Feathers Hotel

### **Saturday 5th October**

(afternoon)

Opportunity for groups to get together for the AFL grand final

(evening)

Gala Dinner at the Marquee at the back of the Adelaide Oval.

### **Sunday 6th October**

### Record Update

To enable the College to maintain Accurate records of Old Scholars we would appreciate you completing the following details:

I am interested in helping the College by:

Please tick ✓

Name:.....  
Title Surname

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Christian Names

Current Address:.....  
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Phone No:.....

Occupation:.....

Position Held:.....

Employer: .....

Phone No:.....

Year of Graduation:.....

Degree/Diploma Obtained: .....

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Interests/Achievements: .....

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- Providing work experience to current students
- Assisting in the sporting programme
- Being part of a careers information evening
- Becoming an organiser for a Year Group Reunion
- Making a gift to the College
- Other

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**Do you have any news about yourself or a fellow Old Scholar that may be of interest to others by being included in a future edition of the Digest. If so, please give details:**

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Mr Alan Alcock  
Roseworthy Old Collegians Association  
Roseworthy College  
Roseworthy Campus  
Roseworthy SA 5371

**ROCA Award of Merit Nominations - 1996**

*Nominations are now being accepted for the 1996 ROCA Award of Merit*

Since 1961, thirty five notable Old Collegians have been honoured by the Association for meritorious and outstanding service to agriculture, the College, ROCA or the community.

Each year the nominations are reviewed by a panel consisting of people from the highest levels of agriculture, education, industry and government.

The Award of Merit is never awarded lightly, but is regarded as the highest honour that ROCA can bestow on one of its members.

Recently an Honour Roll was unveiled in the foyer of the main Building at the Roseworthy campus listing names of all ROCA Award of Merit recipients.

The quality of past recipients is illustrated by the following list:

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| 1961 Roland Hill          | 1978 Henry Day            |
| 1962 David Riceman        | 1979 Mark Hutton          |
| 1963 Len Cook             | 1980 Cliff Hooper         |
| 1964 W J Dawkins          | 1981 Andrew Michelmore    |
| 1865 Frank Pearson        | 1982 Milton Spurling      |
| 1966 Sir Allan Callaghan  | 1983 Ralph Hewitt Jones   |
| 1967 Bob Herriot          | 1984 David Suter          |
| 1968 Denis Muirhead       | 1985 Hon Dr Bruce Eastick |
| 1969 Jack Reddin          | 1986 John Obst            |
| 1970 Ron Badman           | 1987 Robin Steed          |
| 1971 Prof Rex Butterfield | 1988 Reg French           |
| 1972 Rex Krause           | 1989 Ray Norton           |
| 1973 Rex Kuchel           | 1990 Tony Summers         |
| 1974 Lex Walker           | 1991 Scott Dolling        |
| 1975 Ken Pike             | 1992 Rex Anderson         |
| 1976 Len Laffer           | 1993 Bob Baker            |
| 1977 Des Habel            | 1994 Brian Hannaford      |
|                           | 1995 Grant Mayfield       |

**Exercise Your Alumni Vote**

All graduates from the University of Adelaide and holders of awards of the former Roseworthy Agricultural College are entitled to vote (and stand as candidates) in the annual postal elections for the University Council and Senate.

To receive voting papers and exercise your vote you must have applied to be included on the postal address list.

Phone or write to the Registry Secretariat, University of Adelaide Phone: (08) 303 5668 and ask for an application.

Currently we have strong representation on University Council. Please apply to go on the postal address list and keep it that way.

**ROCA Award of Merit**

**Nomination Form**

*Nominations for the Roseworthy Old Collegians Award of Merit are required by 10 July 1996.*

*Please post to:*

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association  
Roseworthy College  
Roseworthy Campus  
Roseworthy, SA 5371  
Fax: (08) 303 7953

Name of Nominee:

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Address of Nominee:

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Period at Roseworthy: .....

Proposed by *(please print name and sign)*

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Seconded by *(please print name and sign)*

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

Please list major published papers, achievements, academic qualifications and honours bestowed, including community service.

**NB:** *Nominee, proposer and seconder must be financial members of ROCA*