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## **Our President's View**

ROCA and the Roseworthy Campus are in a good place! Both are experiencing an extremely exciting period. While history was made last year with the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Campus, a new pathway is about to open up for a grand new future.

Last year's 125 Anniversary Celebration was marked by a wonderful ecumenical church service in St Peter's Cathedral, a spectacular formal Commemoration Ceremony in the University's Bonython Hall, presentation of Roseworthy 125 Humanitarian Awards to five very special Old Collegians, a sumptuous Roseworthy 125 Banquet & ROCA Reunion in the Adelaide Oval Marquee, glorious Open Day for members of the public at Roseworthy Campus, Staff Reunion and Natural Resources Graduate Cocktail Reception.

All this boosted the collegiate feelings held by many for Roseworthy, in addition to profiling the enormous worth of continuing the unique Roseworthy style of education amongst the greater University community and other stakeholders.

However there is change in the wind and with it come mixed emotions. Due to the general dearth of students seeking tertiary education in agriculture, the University of Adelaide is looking to rationalise its two current agricultural degrees into a single Agriculture Degree qualification, to be based at Waite Campus. This will effectively result in broad based agricultural training being removed from Roseworthy.

On the other side of the equation, two degrees, the Bachelor of Science (Animal Science) and the new Veterinary Science Degree will be based on Roseworthy Campus. Both of these degrees will provide Roseworthy with a critical mass of students and multi-million dollar building works, enabling retention of the Campus as a viable teaching and research site.

To be pragmatic, it needs to be stated that the current climate in agriculture does not provide sufficient support for the retention of a broad based agricultural qualification at Roseworthy. ROCA is now in a position to capitalise on a genuine opportunity to embrace the new breed of students and graduates that will populate Roseworthy. Along with its rich history, ROCA also possesses a member profile encompassing significant expertise in high level areas of agriculture, natural resource management and oenology. In the future, ROCA will serve a role of utilising this expertise to ensure the new Roseworthy based courses include sufficient practical perspectives

relating to the broader issues that affect tertiary graduates in animal and veterinary science.

ROCA has also not lost sight of the fact that Roseworthy is now also populated by staff from TAFE, South Australian Research & Development Institute, Rural Solutions SA, Pig & Poultry Research Institute, Pork Co-operative Research Centre and Primary Industries & Resources SA. In addition, it also hosts the Gawler Historic Machinery Group and the Roseworthy Model Railway. These other partners and stakeholders in Roseworthy continue to add to the diversity and richness of the Campus.

ROCA will continue to ensure the values represented in graduates over the past 125 years are expressed within future teaching and research.

The retention of a viable Roseworthy Campus also leaves the door open for the future re-introduction of other practically oriented courses. Perhaps in years to come, suburban pressures on the Waite Campus may provide an avenue for the emergence of Roseworthy as the primary site for tertiary training in broad based agriculture.

These are both difficult and exciting times for ROCA and its members. We will all have a role to play in the future of Roseworthy and its graduates.

Dale Manson ROCA President 2008/2009

## Your 2008/2009 ROCA Committee

President: Dale Manson Immediate Past President: Locky McLaren Secretary: Darren Koopman

Acting Treasurer: Wilf Bowen
Eyre Peninsula Rep: Peter Dunn
General Members: David Cooper

lan Rice Mark Seeliger Ray Taylor Tom Yeatman

Campus Director Phil Hynd

Public Officer: Bardy McFarlane

If you would like to join the ROCA Committee during this crucial period of Roseworthy and ROCA's history, you can nominate yourself. ROCA is looking for representatives from recent years and also a Treasurer.

## **Coming Soon**

# The 111<sup>th</sup> ROCA Annual General Meeting and 2009 Reunion Dinner

DATE: Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**VENUE:** Glenelg Golf Club

James Melrose Drive, Glenelg S.A.

TIME: 6.30pm - Annual General Meeting

7.00pm - Pre-dinner drinks available from the bar

7.30pm - Reunion Dinner

DRESS: Informal

• 50 year (1959) Graduate Group

Co-ordinator: Richard Downward, 08 8331 0924, rdownward@ozemail.com.au

• 40 year (1969) Graduate Group

Co-ordinator: Richard Turnbull, 08 8431 6618 / 0437 755 034,

randcturnbull@tpg.com.au

• 25 year (1985) Graduate Group

Co-ordinators: Volunteers urgently sought

• 10 year (2001) Graduate Group

**Co-ordinators:** 

Natural Resource Course - Bianca Lewis, 0437 381 087,

bianca.lewis@samdbnrm.sa.gov.au

**Agriculture Courses - Volunteer urgently sought** 

Put this date in your diaries now. Invitations will be mailed out later in the year.

If you are in one of the key reunion years, please contact your nominated group coordinator.

Reunion Year Co-ordinators are urgently required for the 25 Year Group (1985) and 10 Year Agriculture Group (2001). If you would like to volunteer, please contact ROCA President, Dale Manson (0418 811233 manson.dale@saugov.sa.gov.au)

The 50 Year (1959) Reunion Group will also be invited by the University of Adelaide to participate in its formal Golden Jubilee Commemoration Ceremony, to be held in Bonython Hall on the morning of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

## 2009 Trevor Dillon Scholarship Awarded

Standing out amongst a very strong field of applicants, Brooke Crowell from Ardrossan on South Australia's Yorke Peninsula has been awarded the 2009 "Trevor Dillon Roseworthy Study Scholarship".

Enrolled in the first year of the Bachelor of Agriculture course at Roseworthy Campus, Brooke's aim is to live on Campus for the entire period of her three-year degree.

The Trevor Dillon Scholarship will cover all her accommodation expenses during the first year of study. This is the third occasion the Scholarship has been awarded.

Brooke completed her high school studies at Ardrossan in 2007 and spent the following twelve months employed by the Kadina Memorial High School as a sport and agriculture trainee, working alongside Agricultural Studies teacher, Kiara Mudge. The personal inspiration provided by her role at the school convinced Brooke to undertake the Roseworthy based agriculture degree as the pathway to a career as an Agricultural Studies teacher in a country school.

The "Trevor Dillon Roseworthy Study Scholarship" was established by the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association a number of years ago in recognition of the contribution made to agriculture in this state by the late Trevor Dillon over a period of five decades. It was underpinned by financial contributions from many of Trevor Dillon's peers including farmers, Old Collegians, agri-business proprietors and consultants.

Ironically, much of Trevor Dillon's career was spent based at Kadina on Yorke Peninsula. His family will be pleased to recognise that a scholarship in Trevor's memory was assisting a Yorke Peninsula farmer's daughter to realise her dreams at Roseworthy.



ROCA President, Dale Manson presenting Brooke Crowell with the "2009 Trevor Dillon Roseworthy Study Scholarship" at a conferral ceremony held in Adelaide University's Bonython Hall.

## **Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund**

The Patron and Co-patrons of the Fund are extremely pleased with the progress of the Fund despite a rather disappointing level of contributions for last year. Contributions and interest have maintained a balance of approximately \$40,000 from which money will be drawn for this year's scholarship winner.

On the other hand, there are now four scholarships operating under the auspices of the Campus and Student Fund:

- The Trevor Dillon Agronomic Fund Award, for a first year student able to demonstrate need, enthusiasm and ability
- The Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund Award, to assist a second year student based on similar criteria to the Dillon Fund
- The Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Roseworthy Scholarship, with \$15,000 to support 3 students for 2 years in agricultural or horticultural studies at the Roseworthy Campus, based on financial need and academic ability
- The Landmark Scholarship, available for the first time this year, based on academic merit and ambassadorial expectations

Administrators of the Fund sincerely thank all donors for their generosity and recognize the very real need for financial help for people undertaking tertiary studies. Ex students of Roseworthy and others with an interest in the future of the Campus are urged to support the Fund. Donations may be made to the Development and Alumni office of the University of Adelaide at 230 North Tce, Adelaide.

## 125<sup>th</sup> Celebrations October/November 2008

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## Cathedral Service 18th October

The Roseworthy 125 Celebrations commenced with an ecumenical church service in Adelaide's spectacular St Peter's Cathedral.

Attended by over 200 Old Collegians, families, members of Parliament and University staff, the occasion commemorated the 125 years of service provided by Roseworthy to the wider community.

Dean of St Peter's Cathedral, The Very Rev'd Dr Steven Ogden officiated at the service.

Of special significance was the portion of the service conducted by Old Collegian and Vietnam Veteran, Rev Bill Reddin in recognition of the personal sacrifices made by Roseworthy students to protect our nation during times of war.



The main reading at St Peter's Cathedral was provided by the Governor of South Australia, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR.

## Commemoration at Bonython Hall 18<sup>th</sup> October

Over 100 Roseworthy graduates attended and were presented with a Commemoration Certificate by the Vice Chancellor or the University of Adelaide, Professor James McWha.

Special recognition was given to two groups:

 ROCA Humanitarian Awards were presented to five graduates of Roseworthy Agricultural College by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, Professor James McWha, and the President of ROCA, Locky McLaren.

Locky McLaren said that the recipients were "unsung heroes of South Australian agriculture" applying their Roseworthy education in humanitarian ways in some of the world's poorest countries.

"Since its inception in 1883, Roseworthy equipped many thousands of people with the skills to embark on careers in agriculture, oenology, animal science and natural resources management. Amongst the ranks of past graduates are people who have applied the skills acquired in South Australia for the benefit of humanity. These people are self sacrificing, acting in a modest and selfless way to pass on the benefit of their knowledge to disadvantaged communities in the poorest areas of the world," Locky said.

#### The recipients were:

- The Reverend Brian Polkinghorne from Yorke Peninsula, who has spent the past 25 years working on agricultural, environmental and educational projects in Tanzania;
- Mr David Lewis, who has worked with the Christian Blind Mission to help disadvantaged people in a range of countries including Sierra Leone, Niger and Indonesia:

- Mr Paul Symonds, who has devoted 30 years to delivering humanitarian projects in Sudan, Ghana, East Africa, Papua New Guinea, Uganda and India:
- **Mr Richard Turnbull**, who has spent the past 30 years working on health projects in Ethiopia, Thailand, Indonesia, Kenya, Sumatra, Ache, East Timor and the Solomon Islands:
- **Mr Anthony Petch**, who has been involved in humanitarian and innovative malarial project work in East Timor.



Vice Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, Professor James McWha and the President of ROCA, Locky McLaren with ROCA Humanitarian Award winners, David Lewis, Reverend Brian Polkinghorne, Anthony Petch, Paul Symonds, and Richard Turnbull

• ROCA Award of Merit recipients received a Commemoratrion Certificate and a Citation describing the achievements recognized in their awards. Since 1961 forty six awards have been made. At the Bonython Hall ceremony, 20 awardees were present while 20 others were represented by family members. Only one awardee has not had connections traced – Lew Cook from 1963. If anyone knows of a connection, please contact our President.

## ROCA 110th Annual Dinner 18th October, at the Adelaide Oval

A highlight for the big crowd was Philip Young (RDA 1939) receiving the ROCA Award of Merit for 2008. Philip graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1939 as the gold medallist and multiple award and scholarship winner. His subsequent studies at the University of Adelaide were interrupted by four and a half years of army service, mainly in the Middle East and included the first and second battles of El Alamein. He completed his Agricultural Science degree with meritorious results in 1946 and gained employment as a Field Supervisor for agricultural land development for War Service Settlement in the SA Government.

In 1951 he was allocated a soldier settler's holding. He made a significant contribution to ROCA during the 1950s as Chairman of the South-East Branch, had a major role in re-establishing the Kybybolite Agricultural Bureau and was a member of

the South Australian Advisory Board of Agriculture. Following the award of a Nuffield Farming Scholarship to the UK in 1959 he became increasingly involved in agricultural consulting.

In 1965 he formed a partnership with the late Newton Tiver, which led to the formation of the Australian Agricultural Consulting and Management Company (AACM). AACM was one of the first Australian and international agricultural consulting companies and became highly successful. It expanded its local work to direct the development of large tracts of land in southern Australia and higher rainfall cattle country in northern and North-Eastern Australia, including projects with Aboriginal communities. AACM offices were established in Adelaide, Perth, Darwin, Mackay, Brisbane and Tamworth. International projects followed for the World Bank and other international agencies and, by the mid-1980s, the company employed up to 60 consultants on agricultural projects in more than 20 developing countries.

In parallel with this commercial business success, he contributed significantly to agricultural organisations in Australia. He has been a member of the Agricultural Courses Advisory Committee for Roseworthy Agricultural College, on the Advisory Council of the CSIRO and the Committee for Cooperation between the CSIRO and Australian Universities, Chairman of the University of Adelaide's Agricultural Science Alumni Committee, State Chairman of the Australian Nuffield Farming Scholars' Association and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology.

In 1986 he was appointed a General Member of the Order of Australia for services to agricultural development in Australia and developing countries.



Philip Young AM ROCA Award of Merit Winner for 2008

The University of Adelaide Archives presented records and memorabilia with a focus on student life. Two Archives staff members were available throughout the evening to talk with guests and accept donations of items into the Roseworthy collection

## Roseworthy Staff and Council Reunion 26<sup>th</sup> October

200 people attended the reunion held at the Campus Tavern. The University of Adelaide Archives presented records and photographs that focused on staff and Council members. Some former staff brought along their own collections of memorabilia and many items were accepted into the Archives on the day. Photos are available from Tupp Carmody <a href="mailto:tupp.carmody@adelaide.edu.au">tupp.carmody@adelaide.edu.au</a> or 08 8303 4194

## Roseworthy Open Day 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2008

A big attraction for most visitors was the comprehensive display of records and memorabilia presented by the University of Adelaide Archives in the Council Room, including archival video footage. The Art & Heritage Collections Unit made available a self guided walking tour on the day. Prior to the event, the Unit cleaned and rearranged the permanent display located in the Council Room cabinets and rehung framed items in that room and the Principals Office. The full set of eleven Principals photographs were reframed and now hang in the entrance of the Main Building. Pin boards in the office foyer were updated with historical photographs and panels told the story of Roseworthy from its beginnings in 1883.

There was plenty for prospective students to consider too, with a comprehensive collection of information booths.



Prof Phil Hynd is passionate about the future role of the Roseworthy Campus

## <u>History Notes from the Archives</u>

We all remember the Diploma Boards in the College dining room. The original boards were full in March 1950. ROCA negotiated with the College for an extension of the boards when the dining room was extended, and held a complete record of all diplomats until it filled again in 1978. This was the last year in which the Roseworthy diploma were awarded, prior to the change to a College of Advanced Education when Graduate Diploma and other awards were presented. The record of graduates was continued in a book in the dining room until it disappeared or was discontinued some years later.

Photographs of the Diploma Boards, including each year of graduation, are now available from the College office, courtesy of the University Archives Group. Show your grandchildren.

A complete list of graduates from 1886 to 2005, prepared by ROCA and the Archives Group, is also available to view at the College office and library.

## **Tupp's Terrific Team**

Old Collegians are reminded that they can inspect their personal student files. Are you game? These files are held at Roseworthy but can be ordered and viewed at the University of Adelaide Archives on North Terrace.

These files not only relate to those who graduated, but also to those who attended but did not graduate, and those who enquired about Roseworthy but did not enroll. Further information from Helen Bruce: <a href="mailto:helen.bruce@adelaide.edu.au">helen.bruce@adelaide.edu.au</a> or phone 08 8303 3407

On Tuesday afternoons there is a gathering .....

A small group of graduates continue to assist archival staff with a range of projects, some now completed and others continuing:

- A record of all graduates who attended Roseworthy between 1886 and 2005
   more than 5000 people
- A collection of the Student magazines from 1928 to 1991. Issues missing are 1931, 1932, 1972, 1973, 1976, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989 and 1990. Anyone with spare copies of the missing years, and those before 1928, are asked to contact Tupp Carmody <a href="mailto:tupp.carmody@adelaide.edu.au">tupp.carmody@adelaide.edu.au</a> or 08 8303 4194
- > A complete list of Roseworthy staff from 1886 to 1990
- ➤ Hundreds of Roseworthy related photos identified and scanned into a digital repository so they can be made available on-line
- > ROCA minutes from 1898 being summarized and checked for significant events. ROCA office bearers are also being identified
- > A comprehensive electronic index of Roseworthy files spanning many years
- > A list of Roseworthy Award of Merit winners from 1961 to 2008, now available on the ROCA website

If you are holding Roseworthy memorabilia including photographs, diaries, exam papers, clothing, magazines and other items, and you would like to donate them to the Archives, contact Helen Bruce helen.bruce@adelaide.edu.au or phone 08 8303 3407

#### **ROCA** active in Alumni Network

ROCA has been represented magnificently on The University of Adelaide Alumni Board and Advisory Committee for the past 5 years by Wilf Bowen. His terms of office have expired, but ROCA remains an active Alumni networker.

## Insufficient Players for Golf Challenge

In discussion with Kel Burke, the captain of the Hawkesbury Golf Team, it has been decided to discontinue the Annual RAC Hawkesbury Golf Challenge indefinitely, due to insufficient players being available from both teams

Barry Sumner Captain
RAC Golf Team

## Robert Claude Hay (RDA 1935) Honoured

One of Roseworthy's most outstanding graduates and distinguished World War II hero, Flight Lieutenant Robert Claude Hay DFC & Bar, has been honoured at a special war memorial dedication ceremony in Adelaide.

Flight Lieutenant Robert Hay was only one of three South Australians to take part in the famed Dam Busters Raid on 17 May 1943. He played a critical role in that operation as a leading bomb aimer in Lancaster aircraft AJ-P, which attacked the Mohne Dam in the German Ruhr Valley.

As a result of the Dam Busters Raid, both the Mohne and Eder Dams were successfully breached, resulting in considerable disruption to the German war effort and paving the way for the Allied victory in Europe. Historians recognise the Dam Busters Raid as one of the iconic air operations of World War II. Unlike many of his fellows, Robert Hay survived the Dam Busters Raid flights. However he was unfortunately killed on 13 February 1944 aged 30, during a flying battle over the Italian island of Sardinia in the Mediterranean Sea. He is buried in the war graves section of Caglioni (St Michele) Communal Cemetery in Sardinia.

For his exceptional and brave service during the War, Robert Hay was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Bar.

Robert Hay excelled as a sportsman and student at Roseworthy Agricultural College during the 1930's. He graduated with an RDA in 1935, receiving the Gold Medal and Old Students Cup. Prior to World War II, he returned to RAC as a very popular member of staff. Such was the sporting ability and popularity of Robert Hay, that the Roseworthy Campus swimming pool is named in his honour.

The "Dam Busters" memorial honouring the three South Australians, including Robert Hay, is located on the Pathway of Honour adjacent to the Torrens Parade Ground. All Old Collegians passing that way are encouraged to view this memorial to a very special person. Robert Hay's daughter, Mrs Denise Dawson specifically requested that representatives of Roseworthy and ROCA were present at the Memorial's dedication.

Robert Hay's name is listed on the Honour Roll in Roseworthy's Memorial Chapel and his photograph is also prominently displayed in Canberra's Australian War Memorial.

## A Call for Nominations - the ROCA Award of Merit

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2009 ROCA Award of Merit.

The Award of Merit is bestowed upon a member of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc (ROCA) who has made a meritorious contribution in any field of agricultural activity including Association affairs.

Since 1961, forty eight notable Old Collegians have been honoured by the Association for meritorious and outstanding service to agriculture, the College, ROCA and the community. The Honour Board detailing past recipients is in the foyer of the Main Building adjacent to the Dining Room at the Roseworthy Campus.

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

The quality of past recipients is illustrated by the following 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 Prof Rex Butterfield	1977 Des Habel 1978 Henry Day 1979 Mark Hutton 1980 Cliff Hooper 1981 Andrew Michelmore 1982 Milton Spurling 1983 Ralph Hewitt Jones 1984 David Suter 1985 Hon Dr Bruce Eastick 1986 John Obst 1987 Robin Steed	1993 Bob Baker 1994 Brian Hannaford 1995 Grant Mayfield 1996 Bob Knappstein 1997 Jim Pocock 1998 Ian Young 1999 Don Moyle 2000 Grant Paech 2001 Brian Jefferies 2002 Dr Graham Mitchell 2003 Philip Laffer
1968 Denis Muirhead	1984 David Suter	2000 Grant Paech
1969 Jack Reddin 1970 Ron Badman	1985 Hon Dr Bruce Eastick 1986 John Obst	2001 Brian Jefferies 2002 Dr Graham Mitchell
1971 Prof Rex Butterfield 1972 Rex Krause 1973 Rex Kuchel	1987 Robin Steed 1988 Reg French 1989 Ray Norton	2003 Philip Latter 2004 John Vickery 2005 Ronald Mertin AM
1974 Lex Walker 1975 Ken Pike 1976 Len Laffer	1990 Tony Summers 1991 Scott Dolling 1992 Rex Anderson	2006 Brian Rex Wilson 2007 Kenneth Wilfred (Wilf) Bowen 2008 Philip John Young AM

