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Our President's View

To avoid becoming irrelevant, ROCA desperately needs to embrace what is going on in the wider world and within the University of Adelaide's Roseworthy Campus. Each and every ROCA member needs to view our organisation in a thoughtful, supportive and strategic manner. Over the past six months, three things have become apparent:

Sound Future for Tertiary Agricultural Training: The future of degree based training in agriculture at The University of Adelaide is in safe hands. Nothing is going to turn the clock back. The new agriculture degree is a hybrid of the previous technology focused Roseworthy based degree and the science focused Waite based degree. The University is going to great lengths to consult industry to ensure that the new degree will provide graduates with most of the skills and knowledge previously gained through the Roseworthy degree. ROCA's role should now be to encourage the University to utilise the fine assets at Roseworthy Campus for significant parts of the broader agriculture teaching program, including the broad-acre farming land for demonstration, research, teaching and student work experience purposes.

Assured Future for Roseworthy Campus: Roseworthy Campus will not be sold off. The University of Adelaide has established Roseworthy Campus as the primary teaching and administrative site for a newly established School within the Faculty of Science. This encompasses the BSc (Animal Sc), BSc (Pre-Vet) and Post Graduate studies in animal and veterinary sciences. Roseworthy Campus will also be the site for components of the new BAgSc course, with potential for parts of other courses in future. The decline in enrolments for Roseworthy based courses and accommodation will be reversed, with predictions the Campus and Residential College will soon see all-time high numbers. Massive investment in capital works on Roseworthy Campus is underway.

ROCA's Wonderful Future: Without being a wet blanket, ROCA is struggling. We have only a handful of new members each year, an inability to fill all committee positions and reduced linkages with the student body. However the new vision at Roseworthy Campus will create a bright future for ROCA. The Committee has confirmed its primary focus on wholehearted embracement of Roseworthy Campus. At the upcoming AGM, ROCA is looking to slightly modify its constitution to permit a greater future involvement with Roseworthy Campus, its students and graduates. Of course, ROCA will always continue to cater for all existing members, irrespective of whether they received training in agriculture, natural resource management, dairy technology, business, marketing or oenology.

I urge all ROCA members to maintain a positive and supportive attitude toward Roseworthy Campus, ROCA and the direction each is taking to ensure a sound future. I also encourage anyone who wishes to be part of ROCA's wonderful future, to nominate for a position on the Committee. ROCA is about to create its own destiny.

Dale Manson ROCA President 2008/2009

Old Students Cup

The 2009 ROCA Old Students' Cup has been awarded to Christopher Crouch. Originally from a family farming property at Wandearah near Port Pirie, Chris recently graduated from the Roseworthy Campus based Bachelor of Agriculture degree and is currently working as a trainee agronomist with Elders, based at Kadina.



Winner of the 2009 ROCA Old Students' Cup, Christopher Crouch, with ROCA President, Dale Manson

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Online networking available for you...onLION

One of the benefits of being an alumnus is having access to our online community, Adelaide onLION. This private and secure online networking facility gives you the opportunity to:

- Create a personal profile and add photos, videos and blogs
- Choose how your information is displayed to members
- Access an active Career Centre with benefits for job seekers and employers
- · Connect with friends or staff
- Utilise the free email forwarding service (previously known as Perpetual Email)
- Network socially and professionally by creating or joining interest groups
- Access exclusive alumni benefits, mentors and reunions information
- Subscribe to the latest University news and RSS feeds
- Post advertisements, subscribe to noticeboards

If you are yet receive your login details, please request an account by visiting www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/requestanaccount

Once you have received your login details, please activate your account by visiting www.alumni.adelaide.edu.au/adelaideonlion

Find out more about Adelaide onLION and the University of Adelaide alumni program by visiting www.alumni.adelaide.edu.au

New ROCA Digest mailing arrangements

The ROCA Committee is keen to save your money and save the planet. If you are prepared to receive your ROCA Digest by email rather than hard copy mailing, ROCA will save money. If you save the Digest to a ROCA folder in your computer and read it on the screen rather than printing off, you will save some trees and the whole process of making the paper.

The cost saving will help keep overall ROCA administration costs within cooee of the once-off life membership contribution. The technology also allows ROCA to communicate with members on a more regular basis. Of course, donations for continuing operations are welcome at any time, but our overall aim at this stage is to avoid raising a membership levy.

With future ROCA Digests, all members with email addresses will receive their Digest electronically, unless requested otherwise. It will be important to keep your email address up to date on the ROCA membership records with the University of Adelaide: adelaide.onlion@adelaide.edu.au

We will not be abandoning members without computers. If you do not have an email address on ROCA membership records, you will continue to receive the Digest in hard copy form.

If you have an email address, but would prefer to receive a hard copy Digest, please email the following message to Locky McLaren, ROCA Digest Editor at jaynelocky@adam.com.au

I would like my ROCA Digest mailed to my residential address as a hard copy please

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Proposed changes to the Constitution of ROCA

Changes to the Constitution of ROCA will be proposed at the upcoming AGM. They are designed to ensure that all elements of the Constitution reflect and support the Objects and Purposes of ROCA and changes in the University of Adelaide, and to permit a greater future involvement of ROCA with Roseworthy Campus, its students and graduates. The proposed changes relate to the University of Adelaide Faculty name, the technical areas of relevance to ROCA, inclusion of a new Student Member category, and modification of ROCA Committee eligibility for a current student.

The current ROCA Constitution is available on the University of Adelaide web-site at http://www.adelaide.edu.au/roca/constitution/ Hardcopies of the current Constitution will also be available at the AGM.

Intention to propose a special resolution

In accordance with the Constitution of ROCA and the Associations Incorporation Act 1985, notice is given to all Members that a special resolution will be proposed at the AGM on Friday 16 October 2009, as follows:

Areas of the Constitution of ROCA are proposed for amendment as follows:

2. Interpretation

Deletion of: "In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears: "Faculty" means the Faculty of Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences;"

Addition of: "In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears: "Faculty" means the Faculty of Sciences;"

3 Objects and Purposes

Deletion of:

- "3.6 To encourage discussion in matters relative to Agriculture, Ecology and the Environment.
 - 3.7 To provide a model and focus for young people and communities to become involved in Agriculture, Land and Natural Resource Management."

Addition of:

- **"3.6 To encourage discussion in matters relative to Primary Industries, Animal Science, Veterinary Science and Agriculture.**
 - 3.7 To provide a model and focus for young people and communities to become involved in Primary Industries, Animal Science, Veterinary Science and Agriculture."

5 Membership

5.1 Classes of Membership

Addition of:

- "5.1.3 Student Member"
- 5.2 Means of Achieving Membership

Addition of:

"5.2.3 Student Member: At the prerogative of the Committee, from time-to-time a category of Student Member may be activated or deactivated. The prescribed fee and conditions of Student Membership are to be determined by the Committee."

7 The Committee

Deletion of:

"7.3 The Committee shall be comprised of:

One (1) current student resident at the Campus, nominated by the Campus Director, in consultation with the resident students;"

Addition of:

"7.3 The Committee shall be comprised of:

One (1) current student at the Campus, nominated by the Campus Director, in consultation with the students;"

Your 2008/2009 ROCA Committee Will you be a 111th AGM **ROCA Committee Member 2009 Reunion Dinner** for 2009/10? President: Dale Manson Don't miss another memorable Immediate Past President: night. Bring your partner or Locky McLaren If you would like to join the ROCA guest Secretary: Darren Koopman Committee during this crucial period Acting Treasurer: Wilf Bowen of Roseworthy and ROCA's history, Friday October 16th, 2009 Eyre Peninsula Rep: Peter Dunn you can nominate yourself. General Members: **David Cooper Gleneig Golf Club** Ian Rice Send your nomination now to: James Melrose Drive, Novar Mark Seeliger **Gardens, S.A, 5040** Ray Taylor darren.koopman@adelaide.edu.au Tom Yeatman 6:30pm (sharp) - AGM Campus Director Phil Hynd ROCA needs you 7.00pm - Pre-dinner Informal Public Officer: Bardy McFarlane Gathering 7.30pm - Reunion Dinner