

THE ROCA DIGEST

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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT



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By **David Spencer**

The University of Adelaide Roseworthy campus graduated the first class of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine but that had been preceded by many graduates of Animal Science and Veterinary Bio-Science, so the potential for new ROCA members remains high.

However, the challenge is attracting this new generation of graduates so that ROCA lives on. This year we have started to make contact with all new graduates from the Roseworthy campus in an attempt to invite them to join while the memories of Roseworthy are still fresh and reflective. We are also keen to make a sweep through all the graduates, as many in the past did not get around to joining up and the joining fee (now free) acted as an added disincentive. So, with no joining fee we are keen to join up all the potential members.

As many of you meet up with your Roseworthy colleagues on a regular basis perhaps you can help us recruit and expand our membership base. It's as simple as asking their permission and emailing ROCA a few details, roca@alumni.adelaide.edu.au

ROCA PRIZES FOR TOP GRADUATES

Once again ROCA awarded prizes to the top graduates of Animal Science and Veterinary Bio-Science.

A prize of \$500 was awarded to the top Animal Science Graduate Ella Duldig and the top Veterinary Bio-Science Graduate Sian Hay. Graeme Pope who is a member of the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund and has a strong connection to the Roseworthy Campus work placement program through the Pig industry, presented the prizes on behalf of ROCA.



Photo: Ella Duldig & Graeme Pope



Photo: Sian Hay & Graeme Pope

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SPONSORSHIPS

We have good news. Two sponsors have been approached and they have agreed to support ROCA.

Firstly, Wallstudios (a graphic design company) are on board and offered sponsorship in kind. The wine labels from "Plonky's Pick" and the new layout for the Digest are examples of the support we have received so far.



Photo: Michelle Wall, Creative Director at Wallstudios

Secondly and more recently William Buck, Chartered Accountants and Advisors, have offered us a financial support sponsorship that will greatly assist to cover some of our running costs.



Photo: Ben Trengove (Director, William Buck), Dave Spencer, (ROCA President), Mark Rodda (ROCA Vice President), Matthew King (Director, William Buck)

We trust that a number of our members will be attracted to the services that our Sponsors offer. This will help us to continue these relationships into the future.

FINANCIAL SITUATION

In past Digests we have asked for your extra assistance as our fixed income (Bank interest on deposits) is exceeded by our variable costs.

The last Digest cost over \$2,000 to deliver in a hardcopy. Despite many ROCA members opting to receive the Digest via Email (no cost) we still have a substantial number of Digests delivered by post. If more members will supply their email address we can reduce our costs further. Full details of our financial situation will be available at the AGM in October.

PLONKY'S PICK

By now many of you will have savored our offering of "Plonky's Pick" in the way of an O'Leary Walker Leasingham Shiraz and a Watervale Riesling.

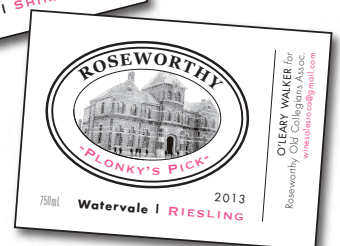
ROCA owes a great deal of gratitude to Dick Turnbull and Mark Rodda who have steered this ROCA fundraiser from scratch.

Supporting this fundraiser puts money in the ROCA account and a good drop on your table. If you have not made an order yet we still have a few boxes to clear before we explore the next round. If you are a little undecided then perhaps this quote from the Tintara Winery Advertisement in the 1946 Student may sway you!

"Give me a bowl of wine – in this I bury all unkindness" Shakespeare.



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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

I mentioned this opportunity in the Autumn Digest and by now, if the University of Adelaide has your updated email address, you would have received an email inviting you to participate in the Election of the University Council.

Several of the candidates had an Agricultural background and so may have attracted your preferences. Council members with an Agricultural background can only help maintain that status the University of Adelaide enjoys in the Primary Production industry.

ROSEWORTHY TEAM – TOUR DOWN UNDER

If you can ride a few kilometres then join us next January in the Tour Down Under Bupa Community Ride.

Join the Roseworthy Team by quoting BCT272 when you register. The full ride goes from Glenelg to Mount Barker but there are several shorter ride distances to choose from to suit your level of fitness and interest. If you register in time you will receive a jersey with ROSEWORTHY printed across the back.



ANNUAL DINNER AND AGM

The 116th AGM and Annual Dinner approaches on Friday, 17th October.

Those who are celebrating their 50th Anniversary since graduation from Roseworthy are encouraged to attend their Golden Jubilee celebration in Bonython Hall on the morning of Friday, 17th October.

The ROCA Annual General Meeting is always held before the Reunion Dinner where the President and Treasurer make their Reports. We also have the annual election of office holders and committee members. It is only by having a gradual rotation of ROCA members through the committee do we refresh the drive to reconnect with our fellow graduates and support the Roseworthy Campus. We are especially keen to attract committee members with media and computer skills to help connect with the younger graduates whose communication revolves around email, Facebook, twitter and smart phone apps. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else to be on the ROCA Committee, please make contact with ROCA beforehand so we can provide some details.

I trust we will see a few pink and black ties to give the Reunion dinner a bit of character. The pink and black ties are out there but start looking now as they are a bit elusive in the shops.



Photo: David Spencer

This 116th AGM will see the end of my Presidency of ROCA after serving the maximum two-year term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ROCA Committee and other ROCA members for the support and assistance to keep this wonderful chapter in the forefront of the University of Adelaide Alumni affairs.

David Spencer

ROCA President 2013-2014

ROSEWORTHY RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE



2014 has been another fantastic year for the Roseworthy Residential College. Continued growth in student numbers on campus has the current accommodation facilities of Residential Hall 1 and the Custance Centre full of students for the 2014 academic year.

Students within the college this year have come from a diversity of backgrounds providing a rich cultural experience on campus. We currently have around 145 residents on campus which includes students from metropolitan Adelaide, country South Australia, interstate and overseas.

Some of the nationalities represented on campus this year by our international student cohort include New Zealand, Brazil, The Netherlands, China, The UK, and India just to name a few.

The year commenced with the usual O'week "get to know you" activities, designed to build morale and camaraderie amongst the student group. These activities ranged from movie & quiz nights, ten pin bowling & mini golf, BBQ's and a formal dinner in the tavern with traditional college "pink and black" attire. The students also had a UV party (you may need to google this one!) and "amazing race" with various obstacles around the campus to physically and mentally challenge the bravest of resident. Students participated in these events with much enthusiasm and I am sure there are a few "legendary stories" that will grow in stature at reunion dinners in future years.

Other campus events in semester I included a newly organised team "College Cup" competition which involved a number of creative food related challenges. The winners of this event for the first term were the boys. The other event, now scheduled as an annual tradition is the always popular competitive staff vs student cricket match. The staff really must lift their game as for the second year running it was the students that took the victory, overcoming a gallant staff team by 5 runs in the final over.

The most exciting event of the term was definitely the "Harry Potter" themed dinner. Students went to tremendous effort to dress up in character and as in the movie series the dining room was transformed splendidly to resemble Hogwarts.

Sport is alive and well at the Roseworthy Campus, even if the mix of sports looks slightly different than

what it may have been in years gone by. Basketball and Netball are the most popular sports with a number of teams playing in the Gawler competition each week. The big games are always the "showdowns" when two Roseworthy teams are playing against each other, providing great rivalry between competing students.

Other popular sports include tennis (on the recently resurfaced sports courts) and running, with students undertaking various courses around the Roseworthy Campus. Fitness and recreation is so important for campus life and often students can be seen kicking a football or soccer ball after class or in the gym pumping iron.

The academic year, as always has been a demanding one and students have embraced and focused on the rigor of their academic learning with great energy and enthusiasm. We now have a good spread of Veterinary Science and Animal Science students residing on campus. The community is one of friendship, support and inclusion in the pursuit of academic success.

Second semester promises to be a busy one. The students will be preparing the Roseworthy Steer Show Team for the Gawler and Adelaide shows and there will be plenty of social events with bon fires, dinners and the Veterinary and Animal Sciences ball.

Students are also heavily involved in clubs with many of the animal species covered with activities focused on learning about Production Animals, Equine, Companion Animals and Wildlife.

Further work is scheduled to occur in the main building (Roseworthy College Hall) later this year to fit out internal spaces as student hub, a lively place where students will congregate to study in small groups, as well as having access to essential student services and the dining hall for food and beverages.

We are very much looking forward to ROCA committee members again attending our end of year college dinner and presenting the "College Cup" to another most deserving resident.

With best wishes,

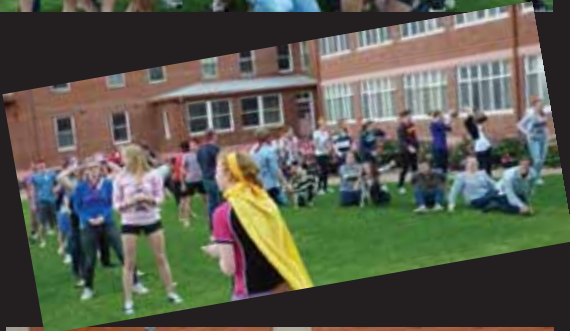
DAVID PURDIE

Manager, Student Services & Head Of College (Roseworthy)

ROSEWORTHY RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

ROSEWORTHY COLLEGE CUP

Winners of Round 1 - Upstairs Boys Wing



STAFF VS STUDENT

Cricket 20/20 Big Bash



ROSEWORTHY RESIDENTIAL DINNER

College Dinner Term 2 - Harry Potter Theme



ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS AT ROSEWORTHY APRIL 2015



Like any good military operation plans are still being drawn up. A major event will be held at Roseworthy either on ANZAC Day Saturday 25 April or more likely on the Sunday 26 April, the last day of the mid semester break for the University.

An Anzac Service and wreath laying ceremony will be held the chapel at 10 am. We are arranging to get a noted Australia military historian to give a presentation on the Australian Army Veterinary Corps in WW1. A lunch is also planned. All these arrangements will be confirmed in a special mail out in February / March next year.

Event co-ordinator; Dick Turnbull randcturnbull@bigpond.com 0437 755 034 / 84316618



Photo: Lt Col David Fulton 1902



ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIAN HONOURED IN 2014 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

ROCA member, Eric Thomson (RDA 1958) was recently awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2014 Queen's Birthday Honours for service to the wine industry.

Eric is Director of Bests Wine, Great Western, Victoria.

He has been a National Wine Show judge for over 20 years, President of the Victorian Wine Industry Association and former Chairman of the Grampians Winemakers Association.

In 1994, he was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by the Victorian Wine Industry Association and in 1996 was appointed to Legend status of the Melbourne Wine and Food Festival.

ROCA congratulates Eric Thomson OAM on receiving this prestigious award.

ALUMNI UPDATE

There has been a great deal to celebrate over the last 6 months – our alumni, staff and friends of the University who have been recognised in this year’s Queen’s Birthday Honours and distinguished alumnus, His Excellency Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, President of the Republic of Singapore, who received the University’s highest honour – Doctor of the University (honoris causa).

The new Alumni Council was formed in late 2013 and we were delighted that Dr Tim Cooper AM accepted the appointment of Chair. As many of you are aware ROCA member, Dale Manson was elected to represent the Roseworthy and Waite Campus’. The Alumni Council is an advisory group that aims to foster networks between alumni and to support the strategic direction of the University and I look forward to updating you on its progress over the coming year.

PROFILE – RUTH ROSIE

I am the Development and Alumni Officer in the Faculty of Sciences.

My role has two main components. The first is to develop and implement alumni programs across all five Schools in Sciences to ensure that our alumni feel connected with the University. This involves writing newsletters, building online content, helping to organise events and a wide variety of other activities! The other half of my job is on the Development side which involves working with prospective donors to turn their generous donations into new fellowships, scholarships and prizes for our students. This part of my role is incredibly rewarding, I get to witness firsthand the impact that philanthropy can have. I have met with students considering dropping out of University due to the stress of managing part time jobs and full time study and then, after being awarded

a scholarship, were able to continue studying without having to work 40 hours a week as well. I continue to be humbled by the generosity of our alumni and wider community and would encourage anyone who feels strongly about making a difference in our student’s lives to contact me directly. We are fortunate to have a long and distinguished history of philanthropic support from generous benefactors – generosity that has played a major role in making the University what it is today and enhanced the experiences of our students, alumni, staff and friends.

You might not know but I am originally from a farming family in Scotland and only moved to Australia when I was 23 years old. It is ironic that, despite being a Criminologist by trade, I now spend a significant chunk of time working with people who work in Agriculture, although you won’t see me dusting off my wellies any time soon!

I thoroughly enjoy the projects that I work on with ROCA and continue to be impressed by how engaged the membership is. I am here to help ROCA achieve its goals and would love to meet more of you in my work. If you have any questions about the work I do please contact me on 08 8313 3179 and we can arrange a time to meet.



Photo: Ruth Rosie

ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS AND STUDENT FUND – SPRING 2014

Earlier in the year applicants for scholarships within the scope of The Fund were interviewed by a selection panel comprising representatives from the University ROCA and The Fund.

Of those seeking scholarships almost 30 were considered eligible for one or more available for this year. The successful applicants are;

- **Trevor Dillon Scholarship** – Edwina Cockburn of Wirrabara
- **R.C & S.F** – Sharna Harrison - Findon
- **Royal Ag. and Hort. Society** – Jessica Ellis – Coleraine Victoria
- **Agri. Business Leaders** – Jack Crettenden – Commins

Other relevant awards are Lot – Feeders Scholarship Awards

- **Scholarship**, Neena Simon, Toorak Gardens
- **Cowan Scholarships** – Benjamin Linn – Cherry Gardens
- **Cowan Scholarships** – Sophie Scott of Suttontown

All successful applicants thoroughly deserve their awards and we all wish them every success in their future studies and careers. Each will be invited along with donors to attend a presentation ceremony at The University of Adelaide on the 2 September this year. In addition each will be invited to attend a function at The Adelaide Showgrounds during the show in September in order that they may meet donors, committee members and University staff. Similar events previously held have been very successful.

As mentioned in the last Newsletter a change of name for The Fund is intended. The new name proposed is 'Agricultural Education Fund'

Such a change will broaden the scope from the view point of potential students and donors with students at both Roseworthy and Waite Campuses studying any rural related courses being eligible for support. The emphasis however will continue to be the provision of student scholarships. Efforts are continuing to recruit new

donors and therefore established new scholarships and currently one or possibly two are on the horizon. Since our last Newsletter, Mike Farmilo has resigned from the RC&SF Committee due to heavy work commitments. On behalf of all members I thank Mike for services rendered and wish him well into the future. On July 14 I was privileged to attend a meeting of the Agricultural Education Alliance held at The Adelaide Showgrounds. Those present including mostly staff from Education Department offices both state and federal, secondary school teachers, university staff and some from rural industry – a total of about 30. The event was sponsored by Primary Producers SA (Rob Kerin) and R.A & H.S (John Rothwell as Chair) and was in recognition of the lack of numbers studying agriculture at any level within the education system. Much of the discussion centred around the lack of interest in agriculture by young people especially those of school going age and also lack of suitably qualified teachers. This is then reflected in the lack of numbers wishing to study agriculture at university level.

Instances were given however of a complete reversal of attitude given encouragement and support especially from within the school environment. Very clear messages coming from the discussions suggest that all who have the opportunity to influence young people, parents, grandparents, teachers etc, should use their influence to at least provide encouragement and support so that there may be a turnaround in the current very low level at which agriculture is studied at every level. A report is being prepared and a follow up meeting is intended for later in the year.

The work the RCSF is doing fits in nicely with the theme outlined above and so I again ask ROCA members to give us your support.

Our efforts would largely be in vain were it not for the valuable work of both Paul Finn and Ruth Rosie of the University. Thank you both very much for your help and encouragement.

RAY TAYLOR – CHAIR,

Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund

FREE EYRE WORKING TOGETHER WITH WALLSTUDIOS

Wallstudios has a long-standing relationship with client FREE Eyre. Over the last 4 years FREE Eyre has come to Wallstudios to help them with their Website and Graphic design requirements.

FREE Eyre Limited is an Eyre Peninsula based rural investment company, established to investigate and create value adding and competition building rural businesses on behalf of its 475 farmer shareholders and the rural community in general.

For a small rural business targeting farmers in remote areas, our marketing and communications plans are critical to our success. As part of this they need to quickly and professionally establish a brand for their newly established business as well as a variety of promotional assets including banners, business cards and websites. Wallstudios works with the key stakeholders at FREE Eyre to get an understanding of the market and demographic of the new venture and sets about establishing a brand identity for the new venture. As part of this design process we take into account the potential market and competition. As well as working within the existing brand guidelines of FREE Eyre we work to conceptualise the new business identity. Once established we then roll out this corporate identity across a variety of promotional materials.

On a recent project for FREE Eyre we worked with them for the new venture FREE Eyre Grain. The first step was the creation of

“Wall Studios have worked with FREE Eyre on every element of our diverse branding strategy, communication platform, PR and website design and maintenance. The team at Wall Studios are fast, flexible, efficient, cost - effective and above all, CREATIVE. They understand the rural market and how to cut through to our audience. A PERFECT PARTNER FOR RURAL AGRIBUSINESS.”

Mark Rodda, CEO FREE Eyre Limited

a new identity, logo. Once established we rolled this out across all forms of promotional material including car vinyl's which are easily seen and recognisable then onto banners and their corporate website. The new brand has been well received.

Some of the work that we have completed for FREE Eyre includes:

Logo	Promotional material
Advertisements	(Balloons, caps, shirts, Banners etc)
Business Cards/ letterheads	Name Badges
Stickers	Pull Up Banners
Field day promotional materials	Car Vinyls
(Buntings, DL Flyers, Flags, Balloons)	Websites and more....
Presentation Folders	

As always, working with FREE Eyre is rewarding and challenging. Working to meet tight deadlines and rolling out a variety of assets across different mediums is always rewarding. We look forward to our next project with them.

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THE CHALLENGE

To work through a restructure of the family farming business to enable the three brothers involved (Graham, Adrian and Colin) to take an equal share of land and assets and operate separate farming businesses.

William Buck Chartered Accountants and Advisors are experienced agribusiness consultants and can provide guidance and advice on everything from succession planning to business performance.

"There is nobody else who understands our business as well as our William Buck advisor. He probably knows it better than we do ourselves." - Adrian Hewett, Grain Grower, Yorke Peninsula South Australia

It's a common story - multi-generational family farming enterprises which for various reasons, decide to split and return to individual businesses. The Hewett family on South Australia's Yorke Peninsula shared the running of their 4600 hectare wheat, barley and sheep farming business for three generations but recently brothers Graham, Adrian and Colin decided to go their separate ways.

"We wanted to restructure to allow each of us to run our own business and ensure each member of the family had an equal share in the assets," Adrian said.

"Working through the split up has been the most challenging issue we've faced as a farming enterprise.

"We are fortunate to have been working with William Buck for many years, so they were in a strong position to help us split our assets without creating capital gains tax." The restructure involved Graham separating from his younger brothers, splitting all land and equipment. Adrian and Colin formed a new partnership, with two trusts established to make future transitions easier. A strong understanding of the family and a trusted relationship with their William Buck advisor were the keys to achieving the clean and amicable division of the business. The focus of the restructure was about achieving the best tax position possible and included the use of Farm Management Deposits, stamp duty concessions and family farming business exemptions. It also included estate planning and updating wills for the members of the family. William Buck facilitated the entire process, from family meetings through to ensuring all the legal paperwork was in place.

"There is nobody else who knows our business as well as they do," Adrian said.

"We have been working with them for 40 years and we like their holistic, integrated approach. "It enables them to see the big picture - the business, our private wealth management, taxation, superannuation and succession. "If you brought in a single accountant it would take two days just to explain how the whole thing works." Another restructure is now on the cards with Adrian and Colin planning to divide their partnership in the near future and William Buck will again lead the process.

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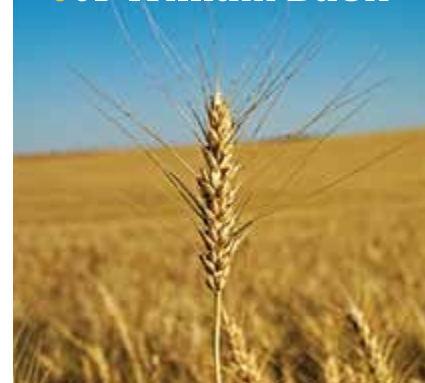
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2014 ROCA SOUTH EAST DINNER REPORT

On Friday 18th of July, the South East ROCA dinner was again held at the Naracoorte Hotel, with around 45 past students and guests attending. There was a small contingent of younger members and potential new members at the function, so it was a great opportunity for all to catch up with old friends and make some new acquaintances.

The youngest person present, current Roseworthy Campus student, Patrick Hannemann proposed the toast to ROCA and the Roseworthy Campus. ROCA President, Dave Spencer responded on behalf of the gathering.

The guest speaker for the evening was James Altmann, co-owner of the innovative Loxton based Integrated Pest Management firm, "Biological Services". The company is the largest commercial breeder in Australia of insect pest predators, mainly for the horticulture and glasshouse industries. However there's potential for expansion into high value broad-acre crops as well.

If you'd like to hear James' fascinating speech, please follow this link....

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/82535739/James%20Altmann%20speech.MP3>

ROCA's new sponsors, financial services firm, William Buck also had two representatives at the dinner; Grant Martinella and Ben Trengove. Ben, who has a strong farming background, outlined the services offered to the farming sector by William Buck .

The now traditional joke telling competition attracted around 6 contestants with Miles Hannemann and Alan Richardson sharing the prize of some excellent wines generously donated by ROCA Treasurer, Dick Turnbull. The associated "Turnbull perpetual trophy", won last year by Roseworthy Campus Vet Science student Amy Cleggett, has been tracked down, and will also be shared by Miles and Alan.

Speaking of wines, the acclaimed "Plonky's Pick" red and white wines were keenly sought after in the "lucky numbers" competition, and a few boxes were sold after the dinner.



Photo: David Paltridge, Sam Work, Neville Gilbertson, Kay Gilbertson, Ben Trengove, Pauline Moss, David Moss, Hans Meinck.

NEWBOLDS – VET WORK EXPERIENCE

Newbold Studs at Gawler River, managed and owned by Bill and Angela Close, has been providing animal husbandry work experience placements for students studying at the School of Animal and Vet Sciences Roseworthy Campus since the first veterinary students enrolled in the school. Newbold Studs was established 100 years ago by Bill's grandfather; initially breeding Dorset Horns before becoming a foundation breeder of Poll Dorset Breeds in 1937.

Bill is a fifth generation farmer and former student of Roseworthy Agricultural College and recalls his time at Roseworthy: "there were four students with a farming background, out of the 60 students enrolled in Roseworthy Diploma of Agriculture who started in 1973." Bill was one of 25 students from his first year cohort who graduated in 1976. "The majority of students had an urban background but are now all at the top of their game, working in agriculture," he said. "It was a fantastic education and gave you enough background to get started in a career in agriculture," he said. Bill said he made some of his closest friends during his time at Roseworthy College. He went on to study economics at the University of New England as well as taking over management of Newbold Studs. Bill recalls that in 1974 the first six females selected by interview were able to gain entry into the Roseworthy Diploma of Agriculture.

Newbold Studs has been host to over 70 students from Roseworthy Campus since 2009 when the first veterinary cohort started. Work placements at Newbold Studs provide an opportunity for students to learn how

to move around animals and handle them professionally. He said "there are benefits for having students around; having them question what you are doing is stimulating and makes you think about what you do." Bill said "Having students to assist with vaccinating and marking, sorting ewes for mating and extra hands on "AI Day" is always helpful." Angela, Bill's wife commented, "Having students is really Bill's thing; I hope it is a nice environment for the students; our farm is very mixed with cropping and irrigation; the students are always polite and asking questions, some more than others." "Perhaps I am altruistic but I see it as being my contribution to the Australian Agricultural Industry," Bill said

Unfortunately peak lambing at Newbold Studs occurs in May, which is near the end of first semester when students have assignments and are swotting up for exams. However Veterinary Bioscience student Garwai Phan and Animal Science student Emily Taylor, who spent this mid-year break at Newbold Studs hoping to experience lambing, were not disappointed. Garwai said, "being able to apply knowledge obtained from lectures practically as well as learning new things that the course doesn't touch on is definitely an eye opener, from vaccinations to having

the opportunity to assisting a ewe in lambing." For Emily, this was her first work placement. She said "the hands-on-work with the animals was fascinating, especially assisting with the delivery of two lambs. The amount which I learnt from my time on the farm was substantial and it has opened my eyes to working with production animals in the future."



Photo: Vet Bioscience student Garwai Phan and Animal Science student Emily Taylor

If you are interested in providing work placements to students at the School of Animal and Vet Science or would like further information please contact Dr Wendy Hamood 8313 7916 or 0459 836 107 wendy.hamood@adelaide.edu

The School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences will be introducing an interview selection process for all students entering the undergraduate veterinary program, with the first interviews occurring in December this year. The School is very keen to hear from members of the community who are willing to be involved as interviewers either in December 2014 and/or January 2015 to assist with the selection of the new cohort of Veterinary students. For further information or to register your interest, please contact Sue Jenkin, Admissions Officer (8313 7660 or sue.jenkin@adelaide.edu.au). We welcome input from a variety of backgrounds and recognise the value of community involvement.



Photo: Bill and Angela Close at Newbold Studs.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

ROCA members continue to beaver away on individual projects gradually amassing information that will assist future researchers and other interested people. Once information is digitized and/or indexed the search process is that much easier.

THERE ARE UP TO NINE MEMBERS WHO MEET EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE. HERE IS A LIST OF THE ACTIVE MEMBERS AND THEIR CURRENT TASK:

Wilf Bowen: Indexing and digitizing of the RAC Council Minutes, so far he has completed 3528 pages!

Andrew Brown: Helping to summarize the RAC Council Minutes.

Richard Campbell: Indexing letters, cashbooks and sundry records from the Munduney and Moralana properties. These properties used to belong to the Davies family who bequeathed them to The University of Adelaide. The material dates back to the 1800's and it has taken a couple of years work so far.

Peter Fowler: Indexing the "Student" magazine. He began with the 1928 edition and, after two years work, is now up to 1940.

Peter Fairbrother: Indexing of Press Releases related to Roseworthy, Agriculture and The University of Adelaide. A two year project so far.

Mark Seeliger: Completing transcripts of oral interviews with Jack Daly and Bill and Keith Fairley (all past RAC staff).

David Spencer: Completing transcripts of Cliff Hooper (student and staff member of RAC) and Frank Hilton (93 years of age, student from 1939-41)

Richard Thomas: Digitizing Annual Reports, paper clippings and Agricultural Bureau material.

The Oral interviews and transcripts of Cliff Hooper, Jack Daly, Bill and Keith Fairly and Frank Hilton will be available on the ROCA web site in the near future.

We are always interested in adding to the archives collection. Recently Ken Leske's widow, Doris Leske, made contact and gave us some material that related to Ken's time at RAC. We encourage past students, staff, friends and relatives to consider the archives before useful material is discarded in the normal process of sorting out possessions.

NEW PRIZE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GRADUATING VET CLASS OF 2014

VetPrac is proud to announce a University Prize, which carries beyond the walls of learning and into the future of practical application. In association with Supporters Aesculap Academy and IM3, over \$24,000 in prizes will be given to the graduating class of 2014 across Australia and New Zealand.

The participating Universities, including the University of Adelaide, will award the prize annually, to a student undertaking the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in the School of Animal and Veterinary Science. To be considered, the student must submit an essay assessing practical learning during clinical placement that will be reviewed by staff members teaching into the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program.

Dr Ilana Medals founder of VetPrac says "this prize was initiated because the mission of VetPrac is to bridge the gap between learning and doing. This is most important as fledgling new graduates take off into practice. I wanted all the graduating vets to know they had the support of our community. Our training partners share that commitment and I'm so happy that we get to invest in the future leaders of our profession."

If you haven't heard of VetPrac they are paving the way in Australasia as leaders in practical veterinary education, VetPrac is dedicated to helping veterinarians build their skills and their confidence. VetPrac offers hands-on workshops on a range of topics, in locations throughout Australasia.

To find out more about VetPrac and this initiative head to www.vetprac.com.

ROCA "PLONKY'S PICK" WINE SALES FUNDRAISER

The ROCA committee is pleased to report that the inaugural "Plonky's Pick" wine sales fundraising project has been well supported by ROCA members, friends, family and sponsors alike. Around 50% of the initial order of Oleary Walker produced 2010 Leasingham Shiraz and 2013 Watervale Riesling has been sold and dispatched – with excellent feedback.

Costs of the project have been covered and so we are now in "profit territory" for all future sales of these remaining wines. As indicated, profits from these sales will be allocated to ROCA activities (including the production and distribution of this ROCA Digest), four annual prizes for Veterinary and Animal Science students studying at Roseworthy Campus and future agricultural scholarships. When all stocks of this inaugural Plonky's Pick program are sold, in excess of \$13,000 will be raised..... not a bad shot in the arm for ROCA.

ROCA has been awarding academic and service prizes to student at Roseworthy over the last 119 years and so it is very pleasing to be able to keep this tradition alive and to recognise excellence in vet and Agricultural studies.

As mentioned ROCA still have supplies of both and encourage you to take advantage of this great offer:

WE ARE NOW SELLING THE WINE IN:
1/4, 1/2 and 1.0 dozen mixed lots at
\$16.00 - bottle for the 2010 Leasingham Shiraz
\$14.00 - bottle for the 2013 Watervale Riesling

Plonky's Pick order forms are on the ROCA website and attached to this digest. For more information please contact

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WINE TYPE	QUANTITY	PRICE
2010 Leasingham Shiraz		\$16.00
2013 Watervale Riesling		\$14.00
TOTAL ORDER		

RECENT DEPARTED ROCA MEMBERS LOGGED 300+ YEARS

Over the last two years three of our oldest ROCA members have passed away having accumulated more than 300 years between them. This is an achievement unlikely to be repeated and worthy of a brief summary of their contributions to agriculture.

Ray Beckwith 22.02.1912 – 07.11.2012

Ray graduated with an Honours RDA in 1932 followed by a 12 month Oenology cadetship at the College. He then had a short stay with Thomas Hardy at Mile End.

In 1935, Ray was offered and accepted a position with Penfolds Wines at Nuriootpa. His research soon led him to believe that "pH may be a useful tool in the control of bacterial growth" and found a method of stabilising wine by adjusting its acid balance. At Penfolds, Ray developed wine making techniques that have now become standard practice throughout the world and used in the development of Grange and their other wines. He was to remain at Penfolds until his retirement in 1973.

In 2010, at age 98, Ray was presented with the ROCA "Award of Merit" in recognition of his significant contribution, throughout his career, to the Australian wine industry.

Ray celebrated his 100th birthday in February 2012 but passed away later that year.

Carleton (Bill) Pollitt 16.12.1912 – 29.05.2013

Bill graduated with an Honours RDA in 1933. He joined the Department of Agriculture as a District Horticultural Advisor. In 1940 he was given leave to join the RAAF and in 1944 was posted to a Beaufort "torpedo" squadron patrolling the Coral Sea sector from a base east of PNG.

After the war Bill rejoined the Department of Agriculture as a Horticultural Advisor based at Waikerie. The demand for Australian grown citrus encouraged Bill to clear virgin land on sandy undulating ground and plant citrus irrigated by overhead sprinklers using design criteria he had developed and tested.

He remained at Waikerie and over a 40 year period made a significant contribution to irrigated horticulture in the Riverland. On 16 December 2012 he celebrated his 100th birthday and passed away on 29 May 2013.

Robert (Bob) Stirling 26.09.1914 to 15.12.2013

Bob's father enlisted into the AIF and in 1917 was posted to the 4th Field Ambulance Corps in France and Belgium. Later that year his father, three other stretcher bearers and a wounded soldier being carried from the field, were killed by an enemy shell.

Bob commenced his primary schooling at a one teacher school near Cleve on Eyre Peninsula. His military child's pension afforded him the opportunity of a secondary education to intermediate level at Adelaide Boys High School and entry to Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1931 and won athletic "Blues" at both. The infamous 1932 student strike caused him to return home and the financial pressures of the depression meant he did not return to complete his studies at Roseworthy.

In 1942, Bob joined the RAAF Empire Training Scheme and was eventually posted to Bomber Command in the UK. He served with 158 Squadron at RAF Lissett Field, Yorkshire as a navigator/wireless operator in the 4 engine Handley Page Halifax Mk3 heavy bomber and flew more than 40 missions to Europe. After the war Bob was successful in a ballot for a soldier settlement block at Tumbly Bay where he developed a Friesian stud/herd supplying whole milk to the local dairy factory.

In December 2013 a minor fall resulted in his untimely death denying him the opportunity of celebrating his 100th birthday in September 2014.

INTERESTINGLY THESE THREE DECEASED ROCA MEMBERS HAD A NUMBER OF THINGS IN COMMON:

- They were all at Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1931
- Their studies were all interrupted by the 1932 student strike.
- Ray and Bill each celebrated their 100th birthdays and Bob died in his 100th year but did celebrate his 73rd wedding anniversary with wife Lorna in 2010.
- They were successively for a short time the oldest living members of ROCA
- Together these three former Roseworthy students amassed over 300 years of experience and each made a significant contribution to their specific fields of agriculture

ROCA would like to thank Mr Peter West for compiling this wonderful history of these 3 ROCA members.

BOOK NOW:

ROCA AGM and Annual Dinner, Glenelg Golf Club, Friday 17 October 2014

If you are in one of the following graduating year groups, you are in 'focus' at this year's event, so we very much looking forward to seeing and hearing from you on the night.

50 year group (1964) – Brian Daniel (catninga@activ8.net.au / 0458 436 321)

40 year group (1974) – Trevor Wagner (atwag1@bigpond.com / 08 8766 7072)
or Doug Crosby (sefds@bigpond.com / 08 8766 7006)

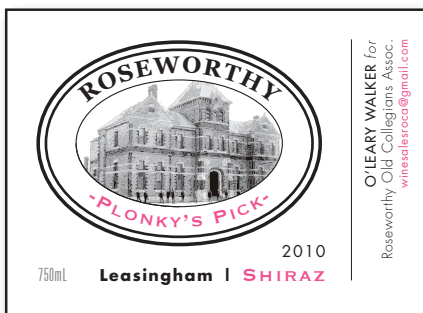
25 year group (1989) – Chris Penfold (chris.penfold@adelaide.edu.au / 0438 873 271)
or Ben Ranford (benranford74@bigpond.com / 0428 282 152)

10 year group (2004) – Alf Weaver (alfred.weaver@elders.com.au / 0408 954 133)

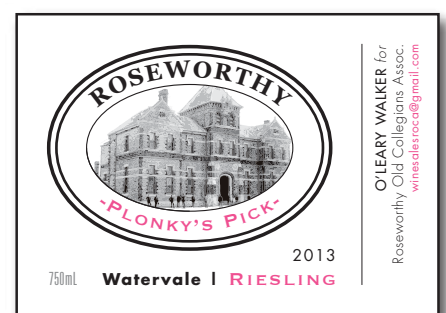
RSVP: Wednesday, 8 October, 2014.

(Bookings received after this date may not be accepted.) Seating is limited.
Everybody must complete the return slip attached and post without delay,
confirming your name and other details.

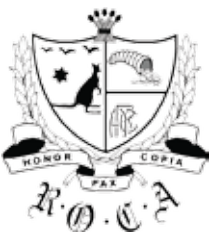
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Attached to this edition of the ROCA Digest, you will find an order form enabling you, your family and friends to complete and take part in this inaugural ROCA fundraising initiative.



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