

# THE ROCA DIGEST

AUTUMN 2015



## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By **Mark Rodda**



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**It was a great honor to be elected as the President of ROCA at the October 2014 AGM and I thank my fellow ROCA members and Committee for entrusting me with this position.**

Having spent the past few years on the ROCA committee and engaging with fellow graduates and the University of Adelaide staff, I appreciate the commitment and dedication that goes into maintaining this wonderful organization and its progressive endeavors.

ROCA Committee Member and resident journalist, Alan Richardson, was gracious enough to scribe an article on my background in the agribusiness sector, which you will read in this Digest. So whilst this allows me now to get to ROCA business, I am a passionate advocate of our agricultural production and agribusiness sector and believe that ROCA can continue to add enormous value to its future success.

At the ROCA AGM, the resolution to drop the existing membership fee to join ROCA (through a change to our constitution) was overwhelmingly passed. This move brings us into line with all other University of Adelaide Alumni and we hope will act as a catalyst to significantly lift our membership numbers. Many will be surprised to know that ROCA has the largest membership base within the University's Alumni, but we believe that there remain around 5,000 Roseworthy graduates still alive and not a member of ROCA – our challenge and opportunity is to bring these graduates back under the ROCA banner.

## ROCA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Whilst on the official affairs of the ROCA AGM, I would like to thank the returning Committee Members and also welcome new members Fiona Hill and Adam Stone, both of whom undertook their Ag Science Degrees during the early '90's. May I also take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of Locky McLaren, Chris Penfold, Mark Langman, Kym Hudson and Lucy Coward who have retired since the AGM. As with all voluntary committees, we are always on the hunt for Old Collegians who have a passion for contributing to the future success of ROCA, so please don't be shy to contact me or one of the Committee Members.

## ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS – END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The End of Year Student dinner at Roseworthy in October was a terrific night. The dining room was abuzz with energy and enthusiasm as students and staff alike shared their successes of the past year, and looked forward to exams (??), holidays and the year ahead. We were proud to present the ROCA Old Students Cup to a very worthy recipient in Christopher Smith. It was very pleasing to report that ROCA recruited nearly 100 new students as members that evening.



Photo: End1 Old Students Cup Winners - Frances Collett (2013) and Christopher Smith (2014) and Mark Rodda (President).

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## ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS – END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS cont...

The School of Animal and Veterinary Science prize ceremony and valedictory ceremony at Roseworthy Campus on 15 December was a memorable event. The ROCA prizes for Animal Science, Veterinary Bioscience and the Hon Dr Bruce Eastick Prize were highly deserved and greatly appreciated by worthy recipients.



Photo: ENDLifetime Contribution to College Award – Sophie Mills and Mark Rodda (President).



Photo: END2014 College Cup Winning Team – Boys Hall.



Photo: END4 2014 Contribution to Social Events – Kyneta Bhoola and Mark Rodda (President).

## ROCA WELCOMES NEW DEAN OF ROSEWORTHY

**WE WERE THRILLED TO HEAR OF THE APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR WAYNE HEIN TO THE POSITION OF HEAD OF SCHOOL OF ANIMAL AND VETERINARY SCIENCES AND DEAN OF ROSEWORTHY EARLIER IN THE YEAR. PROFESSOR HEIN'S ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER STARTED AS A STUDENT AND GRADUATE OF ROSEWORTHY SO IT IS TREMENDOUS TO SEE HIM BACK WITH GREAT PASSION AND DETERMINATION TO LEAD ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS INTO THE FUTURE.**

For those who missed ROCA's AGM and Annual Dinner in October, there were several important awards presented that night. Hon Peter Dunn received the ROCA Award of Merit and Mr Brian Ashton was bestowed ROCA's Honorary Life Membership.

**DETAILS OF THESE AWARDS AND THESE TWO ROSEWORTHY STALWARTS ARE INCLUDED FURTHER IN THIS EDITION OF THE DIGEST.**



Photo: Hon Peter Dunn and ROCA Award of Merit Winner and Past President of ROCA - David Spencer

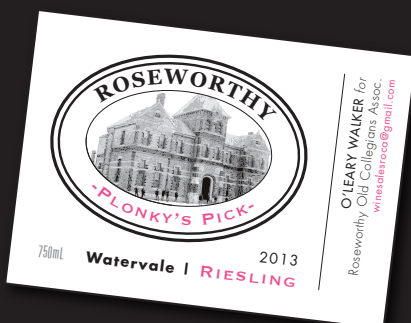
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## ROCA FINANCES IMPROVING

The financial affairs of the ROCA have been significantly boosted over the past year with the signing of two national sponsors and the success of our inaugural "Plonky's Pick wine sales program. To date we have made in excess of \$11,000 profit from our wine sales (there are still approximately 15 cases of both of the O'Leary Walker 2010 Leasingham Shiraz and 2013 Watervale Riesling) with these proceeds going to Agricultural Scholarships, ROCA communications with members and other worthy ROCA commitments throughout the year.

## PLONKY'S PICK

THERE ARE STILL APPROXIMATELY 15 CASES OF BOTH OF THE O'LEARY WALKER 2010 LEASINGHAM SHIRAZ AND 2013 WATERVALE RIESLING.



## NATIONAL SPONSORS

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Photo: Michelle Wall, Creative Director at Wallstudios

This is one of the largest ROCA Digest editions ever, so I can only encourage you to grab a bottle of Plonky's Pick, find a nice quiet place in the Autumn sun and update yourself on the news and activities of ROCA and the University of Adelaide. In closing, thank you for your ongoing support of ROCA and all those who have contributed to this 2015 Autumn Digest.

**Mark Rodda**



Photo: Mark Rodda (President)

# WHAT'S BEING TAUGHT AT WAITE AND ROSEWORTHY NOWADAYS??

The University of Adelaide is a world leader in the field of agricultural related education and research – in fact, it was listed recently listed in the top 3 institutions of its kind in the world. However, it very likely that few of us would appreciate the magnitude of the University's commitment to Global Agriculture education and research. So, a couple of ROCA's sleuth's set about to find out exactly what is being taught and investigated by the University's Roseworthy and Waite Campus' today:

## SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND WINE (WAITE CAMPUS)

- Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences
- Bachelor of Viticulture and Oenology
- Bachelor of Food and Nutrition Science
- Master of Biotechnology  
(Plant Biotechnology)
- Graduate Diploma in Biotechnology  
(Plant Biotechnology)
- Graduate Certificate in Biotechnology  
(Plant Biotechnology)

### Key research areas:

- Farming Systems
- Food and Nutrition
- Plant Breeding and Genetics
- Plant Protection
- Plant Physiology, Viticulture and Horticulture
- Soil Science
- Wine Science
- Wildlife Ecology Health and Disease

## SCHOOL OF ANIMAL AND VETERINARY SCIENCE (ROSEWORTHY)

- Bachelor of Science (Animal Science)
- Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience)
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)

### Key research areas:

- Animal Anatomy and Structural Biology
- Animal Genetics
- Animal Models of Human Disease
- Animal Nutrition and Physiology
- Animal Reproductive Biology
- Animal Welfare, Behaviour and Ethics
- Equine Science
- Pathobiology
- Production Animal Health
- Veterinary Population and Public Health
- Veterinary Science/Surgery



# GET TO KNOW MARK RODDA ... OUR NEW ROCA PRESIDENT

## COMPARED WITH MANY CURRENT ROCA MEMBERS, MARK IS A "YOUNG BUGGER".

**He was born in 1975 at Maitland on Yorke Peninsula and in fact did all his schooling at the Maitland Area School. Mark has two brothers and a sister, and his father still lives on the family wheat and sheep farm.**

At school, Mark was a keen football and tennis player, and he was also a pretty good athlete. In fact he still holds a few hurdles records on Yorke Peninsula.

After completing year 12, Mark attended Roseworthy Campus and was in the first intake of students for the new Agri-business Degree. Mark's interest in agribusiness was driven by his fascination with the world of wool marketing. He just loved the atmosphere of the Elders wool store and vibrancy of the auction market.

While at RAC, Mark was appointed the Senior Resident in second year, and became joint College Senior in his third year. So he was keen to take on positions of responsibility and to develop his leadership skills. He also worked in the College Tavern two to three nights a week to earn some pocket money.

On graduating from Roseworthy, Mark applied for a cadetship with Elders. This was a 3 year commitment for 7 young people to be trained as managers in the organisation. They reported directly to the Managing Director, and were expected to spend three months working in each division of the company. After 18 months they had to choose which division to work in for the longer term. No surprises, Mark chose wool! So he was initially based in Adelaide for two years as Project Manager for the National Wool Manager.

After proving himself in that position, at the age of 23 he raised quite a few eyebrows in the organisation by being appointed as the State Wool manager for South Australia. This kept him very busy for the next three years. Then the National Wool Manager retired. So Mark managed to gain that position, which he held for a four-year period. No doubt more raised eyebrows at Elders!

Continuing his stellar career at Elders wool division, Mark then gained the top post as General Manager of wool. This involved looking after not just Elders interest in Australia, including wool processing facilities at Parkes and Geelong, but also its processing investments in Germany and Turkey. There was also a joint venture in China which was the biggest greasy wool and tops trader in the world at the time. Plus another joint-venture in New Zealand in the wool broking game, and further joint ventures in South Africa and South America were being developed. So lots of overseas travel, and a very busy life!

Then suddenly things changed at Elders. The state businesses were closed down or restructured, and the General Manager positions also disappeared. All overseas assets were sold off. There was no longer a role for Mark. So after 13 years with Elders he left the business. This dramatic change took place just a week after his first daughter was born. A new lifestyle was in order. Something a bit less demanding and stressful. So Mark took a six-month break and became a beach bum (well not quite!) He spent much of that brief period renovating the family's beach shack at Balgowan near Maitland. More time with family and to consider his future.

This led to some consulting work and taking up the position of Executive Officer with the Agribusiness Association. This lasted for six months, when he was asked to do some consulting work for a new organisation called Free Eyre. This largely farmer owned investment company is based in Eyre Peninsula, and aims to add value to farm products through competition on the marketing and logistics side, and to use competition to reduce costs on the input side.

Mark is now the Chief Executive Officer of Free Eyre and has been in that position for 5 years now.

He is passionate about the challenges and opportunities in agribusiness, and sees lots of areas where one could raise the profitability and profile of agriculture in Australia. He also has many influential contacts in agriculture and agribusiness, and hopes to persuade those people to provide funds for scholarships in agriculture through ROCA.

Mark is married with two children (a daughter and son), and when looking back on his fascinating career, acknowledges the key role that Roseworthy played in his personal and professional development. Hence his keenness to help ROCA achieve its goals.

**Alan Richardson**

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# AGRICULTURAL STUDIES ENROLMENTS ON THE RISE AT AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES

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**We were all cheering recently when we read the following article that appeared extensively around the country. The following is an excerpt from the Weekly Times articles (5-3-15) scribed by Caroline Schelle and Emma Field.**

**UPDATE: AGRICULTURAL enrolments are up at universities across the country, with one institution reporting the highest figures in a decade.**

**SEVEN UNIVERSITIES OFFERING AGRICULTURAL STUDIES HAVE REPORTED A JUMP IN STUDENT NUMBERS.**

Last week The Weekly Times reported Melbourne and La Trobe Universities in Victoria were experiencing lifts in enrolments.

The University of Adelaide is enjoying its best agriculture enrolment figures for a decade.

University of Adelaide associate professor Chris Preston, said enrolments were currently at 77 students, up from 62 last year. **"The enrolments this year are the best we have had for...at least a decade and probably more,"** Prof Preston said.

University of Sydney Dean of Agriculture Mark Adams said that the intake for agricultural science had been increased sixfold since the end of the drought in 2007.

This year there are 130 students enrolled in the three-year agricultural science degree, up from just 20 in 2007.

University of Queensland School of agriculture deputy head Victor Galea said there had been a definite increase in the number of students applying for agricultural courses over the last three years.

**"A prudent figure would be 10 per cent a year,"** Prof Galea said.

The entry requirements for the Bachelor of Agricultural Science at University of Queensland were increased to attract high-achieving students. **"After we increased the requirements last year we thought we'd take a hit but instead the opposite happened- the number of applications went up,"** he said.

University of New England head of the regional science school Professor Iain Young said that over the past six years there had been a 67 per cent increase in first year enrolments over the seven agricultural courses the university offered until 2014.

In Western Australia, Curtin University senior lecturer John Noonan said that more students were aware of the opportunities that a degree in agriculture could provide. He said the university had 51 enrolments for its agribusiness course this year, up from 43 last year. **"There's a lot of opportunity for those with an agribusiness degree and students can see the advantage of a science and business degree,"** Mr Noonan said. He said more students were considering agribusiness since the end of the resources boom in Western Australia.

# Hon. PETER DUNN. ROCA Award of Merit winner for 2014

Peter graduated from Roseworthy in 1956 with a Roseworthy Diploma of Agriculture. He returned to the West Coast and managed a farm at Rudall before purchasing the property in 1962. Peter was not a man to rest on his laurels – he took every opportunity to innovate and improve on the accepted farming practices of the time, while being involved in numerous rural community committees. He invited the Department of Agriculture to do trials on his property, was heavily involved in the Agricultural Bureau movement and eventually chaired the Advisory Board of Agriculture under the Minister of Agriculture.



**In 1982 he was elected to the Upper House (Legislative Council) of South Australia and remained there until his retirement in 1997.**

Once again Peter was very active in leading the rural community he represented. He also served on numerous Parliamentary Standing Committees related to Primary Production. Using his Cessna airplane, Peter was able to cover vast areas of his electorate.

His success in leading the rural community could perhaps be summed up in a quote from one of his referees:

***“His reluctance to rush to judgment was characteristic of a man who had, both as a Roseworthy student and as a farmer, discovered how unproductive it was to presume on outcomes.”***

At the time he was the only member of the Council who lived in the country during his term of office.

He was elected as President of the Legislative Council in 1993 and held this position until his retirement. “Bipartisan, balanced, consultative, displaying understanding and integrity” were all words his referees used to describe his leadership style.

Peter Dunn’s name is clearly a very worthy addition to the ROCA Award of Merit Honor Board.

**HON PETER DUNN.  
UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE  
ALUMNI FELLOW**

**IN ADDITION, PETER WAS  
RECOGNISED BY THE UNIVERSITY  
OF ADELAIDE FOR HIS  
CONTRIBUTION TO ROCA AND  
ALUMNI ACTIVITIES. HE WAS  
INDUCTED AS A UNIVERSITY OF  
ADELAIDE ALUMNI FELLOW.**

# PHILIP LAFFER AM PRESENTED WITH UNIVERSITY'S DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

**Roseworthy Old Collegian, Philip Laffer AM was one of only four people in 2014 to be bestowed with the University of Adelaide's Distinguished Alumni Award.**



Photo: University of Adelaide Vice Chancellor & President, Professor Warren Bebbington presenting Phillip Laffer AM, with his distinguished Alumni Award.

The Award recognises outstanding contributions and significant impact in one of three categories of endeavour, Humanitarian, Professional or Community Service.

The other three recipients were Her Excellency Ms Frances Adamson, current Ambassador to China and distinguished diplomat; Professor David David AC, recognised world-wide as an eminent surgeon in the field of Craniofacial surgery; and Mr Philip Wollen OAM, a renowned international advocate for social justice for the past 25 years and provider of support to over 500 projects in over 40 countries.

Philip Laffer was recognised by the University of Adelaide for his Professional Excellence, in particular the instigation of the Jacobs Creek brand of wine, now considered throughout the world as being the epitome of quality Australian wine;

Philip received his initial agricultural qualification from Roseworthy Agricultural College (RDA) in 1961, followed by an oenology qualification (RDO) in 1963.

As one of the most revered and respected icons of the Australian wine industry, Phillip Laffer received the 2003 "ROCA Award of Merit".

His latest recognition from the University of Adelaide cements his place as a South Australian legend.

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# HARRY STEPHEN HONoured BY ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

**“Long time ROCA stalwart, Harry Stephen was honoured recently by the University of Adelaide for his nearly sixty years’ service on the Committee of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association (ROCA).**

The induction of Harry as an “Alumni Fellow” was held in the imposing Bonython Hall on North Terrace, and conducted jointly by University of Adelaide Vice-Chancellor, Professor Warren Bebbington and the Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Stephen Yarwood.

Over the 115 year history of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association, no person has made a more sustained commitment to Old Collegians and Alumni affairs than Harry Stephen.

Harry Stephen graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1948, joining the ROCA Committee as Honorary Treasurer shortly after.

His connection with Roseworthy Campus goes back 69 years, to 1945 when he enrolled as a student in the Diploma of Agriculture course. Following graduation, Harry joined the staff of the College as Field Officer (Animal Husbandry). His career at Roseworthy developed rapidly, eventually seeing him become Poultry Superintendent and Lecturer in Poultry.

Harry left Roseworthy in 1965 to join the SA Department of Agriculture as a Senior Poultry Adviser to the state’s rapidly growing poultry industry.

In 1969, ROCA recognised Harry’s efforts through his induction as one of the Association’s very few Honorary Life Members.

He was presented with the ROCA Centenary Medal in 1999, a special honour to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of ROCA. Harry was the only person ever to be recognised in this manner.

Harry’s continuous membership and service to ROCA had spanned nearly six decades when he retired from the Committee in 2008; the year marking the 125th Anniversary of Roseworthy Campus. To mark Harry’s long and distinguished service to ROCA, he was presented with a framed parchment.

During his time on the ROCA Committee, Harry served as President in 1967/1968, 1984/1985 and 1985/1986. He also served at various times as ROCA Secretary and ROCA Treasurer.

Harry Stephen’s continuous service to the ROCA Chapter of the University of Adelaide’s Alumni’s 140 year history is unprecedented. He always worked in a quiet and unassuming manner, never seeking recognition for his achievements. However Harry’s efforts were always appreciated by his fellow Old Collegians, as has been shown by the numerous honours bestowed upon him.



Photo: The Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Stephen Larwood & Harry Stephens



Photo: Mark Rodda, Phillip Laffer, Kate Roberston, Harry Stephens & Dale Manson

**All reports indicate that the 2014/15 South Australian harvest has again produced excellent results, meaning it is likely to be another profitable year for farmers.**

While big incomes are great news, another strong year could see many operations approaching the \$2 million turnover mark, putting them at risk of losing their Small Business Entities (SBE) status.

SBE status enables farming operations to access a range of generous tax concessions, but once a business exceeds the \$2 million threshold it is no longer considered an SBE.

The good news is, there may still be a small window of time available before 30 June that allows for the transfer of assets, most notably land for succession planning, enabling a business to utilise its SBE status and significantly reduce future capital gains tax.

### BENEFITS OF SBE STATUS

One of the major benefits (and perhaps most known) of being classed as a SBE is a business is able to access accelerated depreciation. This method of depreciation allows farmers to pool assets and claim a larger depreciation expense earlier, therefore reducing their short-term term tax liability.

In addition to accelerated depreciation there are a number of other benefits for SBEs relating to Goods and Services Tax, Fringe Benefits Tax and Pay As You Go instalments. However, one of the concessions that is less widely known, but can have a significant impact is access to the Small Business Capital Gains Tax (CGT) concessions.

CGT occurs when a capital gains event is triggered, resulting in assessable income for tax purposes, a common event being the disposal or transfer of an asset such as farming land.

Generally there is a 50% discount available to taxpayers that have held the asset for more than 12 months. For small business entities, there is a further 50% discount if the asset is an active asset, meaning it is used by the SBE to conduct business, such as land used in farming.

There are three other valuable CGT concessions for SBEs including CGT Rollover, CGT 15-year asset exemption and CGT retirement exemption.

### ACCESSING THE BENEFITS

If your business is growing and unlikely to be considered an SBE much longer, but you do not want to sell land immediately (or in the foreseeable future) good advice and quick action may mean you can access the benefits that come with your SBE status before it is lost.

There is potential to take advantage of CGT concessions by uplifting your business' cost base. This involves transferring land to another entity and triggering a CGT event, in order to utilise the concessions outlined above and minimise future tax when the asset is eventually sold or transferred again. This process can have the added benefit of assisting with succession planning. If you hold land and have children that will be taking over the family business eventually, it can be very beneficial to conduct the transfer to a more appropriate entity while these concessions are still available to you. Even if the land is held by an individual but used by the business, there is still potential for the small business CGT concessions to be utilised.

**IF YOU EXPECT YOUR BUSINESS TO EXCEED \$2 MILLION TURNOVER IN THE 2015 FINANCIAL YEAR, THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY. THE RULES REGARDING THIS STRATEGY ARE COMPLEX AND WE RECOMMEND YOU SEEK INDEPENDENT TAX ADVICE.**

**For advisors who understand rural business, contact Agribusiness specialist Ben Trengove at William Buck on 0419 851 008 or [ben.trengove@williambuck.com](mailto:ben.trengove@williambuck.com)**



## IS YOUR BUSINESS REACHING \$2M TURNOVER?

**The first 20 people to mention this advertisement will receive a free 90-minute consultation**

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If you act before 30 June 2015, a small window exists to take action to protect your hard-earned profits.

Contact William Buck's Agribusiness Specialist **Ben Trengove** on 0419 851 008 for a no obligation chat and find out how you can retain your SBE status, and the substantial benefits that go with it.

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# NEW DEAN FOR UNIVERSITY VET SCHOOL AT ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS

**Press Release, Wednesday, 3 September 2014**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE TODAY ANNOUNCED DISTINGUISHED VETERINARY ACADEMIC, PROFESSOR WAYNE HEIN, AS THE NEW DEAN OF ITS ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS AND HEAD OF THE SCHOOL OF ANIMAL AND VETERINARY SCIENCES.**

***"This is a pivotal leadership role which encompasses all aspects of the University's activities at Roseworthy from education and research to veterinary clinical services for the community," said Professor Warren Bebbington, Vice-Chancellor and President.***



Photo: Professor Wayne Hein

Professor Hein is currently Professor of Veterinary Sciences at James Cook University with a special interest in immunology and immunoparasitology and is recognised as an authority on the immune system of ruminants.

*"Professor Hein has enormous experience as a researcher, academic administrator and as a much admired teacher. He will help us take our School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences forward and harness the tremendous community goodwill that has set the Roseworthy campus apart for over 100 years,"* said Professor Bebbington.

Professor Hein said leading the State's only Vet School was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. *"I am delighted to accept this appointment in my home state of South Australia,"* said Professor Hein. "And I'm particularly looking forward to returning to Roseworthy where I earned my Diploma of Agriculture at the start of my academic career.

*"A vet school holds a special place in the life of a comprehensive university like Adelaide,"* he said. *"It's much more than simply an education or research centre. It provides a unique bridge to the local community and offers engagement opportunities through so many different channels."*

Professor Bebbington acknowledged the significant contribution of the current Head of School, Professor Kym Abbott and the Executive Dean of the Roseworthy campus, Professor Iain Reid.

*"The past few years have seen the campus and the school go from strength to strength culminating in the first group of vet students graduating at the end of 2013,"* he said. *"Much of that credit must go to Professors Abbott and Reid who have guided the staff and students through this transformation and helped to enhance the University's partnership with the local community."*

The incoming Dean, Professor Wayne Hein will commence in the position in February 2015.

Professor Hein has been Head of the School of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences and Dean of Veterinary Science at James Cook University since January 2011. He completed his veterinary degree at the University of Queensland and his PhD at the John Curtin School of Medical Research, at the Australian National University.

In the 12 years before joining James Cook University, Professor Hein held two senior leadership and management positions at AgResearch Ltd, in New Zealand. From 2005-2010 he was the Leader of the Animal Health Section in that organisation, with responsibility for around 60 research staff. In 2007 he became the inaugural Director of the Hopkirk Research Institute, a newly built AgResearch facility co-located with the veterinary school of Massey University.

## BRIEF MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR WAYNE HEIN

I am delighted to have returned to Roseworthy on 2nd February as the new Dean of Campus and Head of the School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences. Many changes have occurred on the campus since my long distant days as an RDA student and it is really gratifying to see Roseworthy in fine fettle and still contributing to the improvement of South Australian agriculture.

The 2015 academic year has begun in earnest, with around 580 students now enrolled in our two programs, and all staff are fully focussed on another exciting year. I hope to meet with as many ROCA members as possible over the coming months and years and build stronger linkages between our recent and more established alumni. I intend to expand a bit more about my plans and vision for Roseworthy in the next edition of the news.

**Wayne Hein**

# ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS AND STUDENT FUND (RCSF) REPORT

**I was again privileged to attend along with Mark Rodda (ROCA President) and several ROCA members, the 2014 Prize and Valedictory Ceremony at the Roseworthy Campus on 12 December. There were 23 prizes awarded and 48 students graduated.**

The RC&SF provided funding for the Hon. Dr. Bruce Eastick Prize awarded to the most academically outstanding student completing the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. The winner was Ariel Stephenson. Sue Jenkin from the School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences has provided us with the following words from Ariel.

"I have wanted to be a veterinarian since I was 5 years old and realised that there was a difference between a human doctor and an animal doctor. I was educated and supported at Blackwood High School to reach this dream. In 2009, I was accepted into the previously called Bachelor of Science (Pre-Veterinary) at the University of Adelaide, straight out from High School. I chose the Veterinary School in South Australia as it consists of 2 degrees, with an exciting course program; even if at the start, I didn't know what many of the later courses were as it was brand new. As part of a second year intake of students in this new vet course, I progressed through this degree then commenced the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 2012. During this time, I have been awarded the Faculty of Sciences Outstanding Academic Achievement Award (2009, 2010, 2013) and the Merry Wicks Prize in Animal Pathology in 2012. My final year achievements include the Parliamentary Medal for Merit in Veterinary Public Health 2014 and the Hon. Dr. Bruce Eastick Prize in the Doctor of Vet Medicine 2014. I have now graduated from the University of Adelaide and hope to pursue a career in mixed practise in rural Australia." Congratulations Ariel from all members of the RCSF Committee.

Hon. Dr. Bruce Eastick was the Keynote Speaker on the day. He gave a very inspirational address covering his years at Roseworthy College and Sydney University and his subsequent establishment and expansion of his Vet Practise in Gawler. The RC&SF committee activities have been confined to 2 or 3 meetings a year with the emphasis placed more on individual involvement.

It is with regret that I advise of John Rothwell's resignation due to pressing work commitments including overseas engagements. John has been an outstanding contributor to the Fund and he will be greatly missed although still in the background for specific events. Many thanks John for your years of contribution.

It is also with regret that we say goodbye to Ruth Rosie, who has been instrumental in keeping the Committee functioning over the past 3-4 years. Ruth has accepted another position within the University and behalf of all members, thank her and wish her well for the future.

The Scholarships Office has advised that Sharna Harrison, the 2014 recipient of the RC&SF Scholarship successfully completed her second year of the Bachelor of Science (Vet. Bio Science) program achieving 4 high distinction and 1 distinction grades, therefore receiving a Grade Point Average of 6.63. Well done Sharna.

Jack Crettenden, winner of the 2014 Agribusiness Leaders Scholarship for Excellence has written thanking all concerned for awarding him the Scholarship. He reports that he is on track to pass all 8 subjects in first year.

The Trevor Dillon Scholarship will be awarded for the final time in 2015. The family and original donors have advised that the Scholarship will not continue beyond this year. This Scholarship was one of the first of the RCSF's numerous scholarships commenced in 2006 and was for an amount of \$5,000p.a to support a student for their first year in Agronomy.

I thank the family and other donors for the assistance they have given to this Fund and trust other supporters will see fit to establish a replacement scholarship, for which there is a very real need.

Initiatives are underway to establish more scholarships and I thank my fellow committee members for their continued support.

**Ray Taylor.  
Chair RC&SF**



Photo: Ray Taylor

## ROCA SOUTH EAST DINNER

**THE ANNUAL SOUTH EAST ROCA DINNER WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY THE 24TH OF JULY 2015.**

**Please put this date in your diary if you have any connection with the South East, or if you'd just like to attend a very convivial function with your fellow Roseworthy colleagues.**

The venue this year will be the Patrick of Coonawarra cellar door, on the Riddoch Highway, a few kilometers North of Penola. The first South East Dinner was held there a few years ago.

The three course dinner will be provided by Peter Day Catering and will cost between \$40 and \$50 per person. Partners and friends are more than welcome to attend. The actual costing will be decided once the menu has been finalized.

Paul Symonds will be the outstanding guest speaker on the evening. It will be worthwhile travelling a long way just to hear what he has to say about his fascinating life story.

Paul was a graduate from The Diploma of Agriculture Course at Roseworthy in 1972. He also holds a Masters of Science degree in Environmental Science from East Anglia University. He has worked as a Rural Project Manager in India, been the Headmaster of a Boarding School in PNG, and also managed a Copra plantation PNG. In fact he's spent many years working in diverse parts of Asia and Africa.

Currently Paul is Senior Technical Advisor to the Darfur Regional Authority in Western Sudan, following other developmental work he's done in recent years with the United Nations in Sudan. In 2008, Paul was one of five "unsung heroes" to receive a ROCA Humanitarian Award to mark the 125th anniversary of the Roseworthy Campus.

# EP ROCA DINNER SUCCESS

**Another great night was enjoyed by 42 Roseworthy Old Collegians and their partners from across the Eyre Peninsula in Port Lincoln on Saturday 28 March.**

**THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE NIGHT WAS THE PRESENTATION BY ANDREW AND SHEREE MILLS FROM "THE RIVER HOME PRODUCTS" ON THE LOWER EP, WHO HAVE TAKEN ON TO MARKET THEIR OWN PRODUCE FROM THEIR FARM.**

They have set up a whole chain from product to the customer, based on their prime lamb enterprise, but now expanded to other meats and produce from the region. In addition to their presentation we were all treated to samples of their produce as appetizers for our dinner.

The evening was hosted by Liz Burns from Edillilie. She did an exceptional job, digging out many facts and figures from Roseworthy past and present.

David Spencer represented the parent ROCA body, and gave an update on ROCA activities and developments at Roseworthy.

Bruce McCullum proposed a toast to the College with an informative overview of College life, whilst his son (also a Roseworthy / University of Adelaide graduate) thanked the guest speakers. A great father – son act!

At the Annual General Meeting Linden Masters was voted as the incoming president. Linden will do a fine job with his extensive contacts across the region. Outgoing president Ben Ranford was thanked for his valuable contributions to the role over the past two years.

Brian "Smokey" Ashton accepted the secretary position for the 15th year in a row. He does a stellar job, and ROCA on the Eyre Peninsula would not be same without his efforts. So much so that he was awarded a certificate by ROCA on the night recognizing his significant support to the organisation.



Photo: EP ROCA Andrew and Sheree Mills, guest speakers from the river.



Photo: EP ROCA Linden Masters & Brian Ashton



Photo: EP ROCA Neil (Fish) Gordon, Linden Masters & Brian Ashton

# ROCA DINNER & AGM REPORT

**The annual ROCA dinner and AGM was once again held at the Glenelg Golf Club. Twenty seven Old Collegians attended the AGM and elected or re-elected members to the vacant positions.**

Dave Spencer completed his term as President, with Mark Rodda replacing him at the helm and Don Chambers as Vice President. There are still some vacancies on the committee including Secretary, a representative for the 1 to 10 years graduating group, a person from the 2014 graduating year and a representative from the Riverland. Anyone who can fill any of these positions is more than welcome to nominate for the Committee!

The AGM resolved to bestow Honorary Life Membership on Brian Ashton from the West Coast Branch of ROCA. Brian has been a stalwart of the branch for many years and has been the main driver of the very successful ROCA annual dinners held on Eyre Peninsula. Brian will be presented with this recognition at the next ROCA EP dinner to be held at Port Lincoln in February 2015.

Regarding the business aspect of the AGM, the meeting agreed to ratify the constitutional changes agreed to at the 2013 AGM. This confirms changes to membership eligibility criteria and the dropping of membership fees, to align ROCA with the other Adelaide University Alumni groups. To the dinner now. Around 105 people attended this gala event. The "Plonky's Pick" wines were chosen by many diners to compliment the superb meal served by the Golf Club staff.



Photo: Professor Bebbington at the ROCA dinner.

The formal parts of the evening were conducted by Dale Manson. He introduced retiring ROCA President, Dave Spencer who read his annual report, and welcomed the new President, Mark Rodda. Professor Warren Bebbington, Vice Chancellor of the University of Adelaide delivered an address on the exciting developments at the Roseworthy Campus and invited ROCA members to visit the campus to see first-hand what has been achieved in recent years.



Photo: Mark Rodda (2015 President)

Professor Bebbington also inducted past ROCA President, Peter Dunn as a University of Adelaide Alumni Fellow in recognition of his leadership in the transition of ROCA to University Alumni membership.

Peter Dunn was also the 2014 ROCA Award of Merit Winner. The citation read by David Spencer, outlined Peter's role as an innovative farmer on the West Coast, his very active involvement in the Agricultural Bureau Movement, then his election to the Legislative Council and subsequent role as President of the Upper House until his retirement from politics in 1997.

In his acceptance speech, Peter emphasised his strong ties to the West Coast and to ROCA. His time as a student at the College, then as a farmer at Rudall shaped his impressive political and community career.

**THE EVENING WAS ROUNDED OUT BY THE TRADITIONAL YEAR GROUPS DELIVERING UPDATES ON THE INCREDIBLY DIVERSE CAREERS THAT HAVE BEEN FORGED BY THEIR MEMBERS SINCE LEAVING ROSEWORTHY COLLEGE AND CAMPUS. LOTS OF AMUSING ANECDOTES AND SOME INTERESTING STORIES ABOUT SUCCESSES CELEBRATED AND FAILURES LARGELY OVERCOME!**

**Alan Richardson**

# ANZAC CENTENARY - ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS

## A COMMEMORATIVE EVENT SUNDAY 26TH APRIL ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS ANZAC SERVICE AT THE COLLEGE CHAPEL COMMENCES AT 11AM

ROCA and the University of Adelaide are holding a significant event at Roseworthy Campus. The event is to commemorate the service of past students and staff of Roseworthy Agricultural College who enlisted for the Great War a century ago, and to honour the subsequent service of all who have studied and worked at this Campus and served their country in times of conflict.

We have a proud tradition of recognising the service of past scholars and staff of our community as evidenced by the various honour boards and plaques around the campus and the College Memorial Chapel opened in 1957. ROCA and the University could not let this ANZAC Centenary pass us by without marking this very historical and important period in our history in some way.

I urge all ROCA members and friends of the College and now the Campus at Roseworthy, to attend what will be a very memorable occasion. We are having a very prominent military historian talking on the history of the Australian Army Veterinary Corp. Troopers of the Barossa Light Horse Historical Association with their hoses all in full uniform will

be in attendance. A tour of the new renovated Tassie Memorial library will be conducted. At the library, which is now a postgraduate reading room, I will tell you something of John Tassie's story. We hope members of his family will be present.

Finally, a lunch will be held in the dining room at Roseworthy Collage Hall (we knew it as "the main building"). A three-course meal with ROCA Roseworthy wines will be served – tickets can be purchased for \$45pp. The purpose of the lunch is to allow members of the Campus community, Roseworthy old collegians, veterinary profession, invited representatives of government and the local community to meet, mix and commemorate 228 students and staff who enlisted in WW1, from which 38 did not return.

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**Dick Turnbull (ex Nasho - RAAMC)  
 for the ROCA Committee**

## 2015 ROCA RIVERLAND REUNION

### IS COMING UP VERY SOON – FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2015.

**ROCA members, partners and anyone else interested in Roseworthy Campus or the former Roseworthy Agricultural College are extremely welcome to attend.**

**THIS INVITATION IS OPEN TO PEOPLE FROM ALL REGIONS.**

The venue will be the marvellous Ruston Roses Function Centre in Renmark, with well known Riverland identity, Richard Fewster as Guest Speaker.

Richard is an RDA graduate of 1965 and this year marks his 50-Year Golden Jubilee Commemoration since graduation from the College. He is also currently President of the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA (Royal Adelaide Show) and one of the most

renowned experts in rural sector marketing and communications.

The Ruston Roses Function Centre also boasts the most comprehensive motor sport display in the region. Guests at the ROCA Dinner will be welcome to view these unique vehicles.

For those who would like to make a weekend of their stay in the Riverland, there are plenty of accommodation, sporting, recreation, wine tasting and cultural options available throughout the region.

**An invitation and response form has been emailed and mailed to all ROCA members recently, however, for further information on the ROCA Riverland Dinner, please feel free to contact:**

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# ROSEWORTHY RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

**We have had a wonderful start to the year at the Roseworthy Residential College in 2015. Residential Hall 1 and The Custance Centre houses are both full of excited Veterinary and Animal Science students ready to take on the academic year.**

Students within the college this year have again come from a diversity of background, greatly enriching the cultural experience on campus. We currently have around 150 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, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, China and The UK.

The year started as it always does – with the usual O’week “get to know you” activities, designed to build morale and camaraderie amongst the student group and help everyone settle in, make friends and feel at home. These activities ranged from stud auction and UV party, to lawn bowls and wine tours, to pizza and movie nights. We finished off the first week of the academic term with our traditional “pink and black” welcome dinner in the Roseworthy College Hall at which Professor Wayne Hein, newly appointed Campus Dean & Head of School was our special guest speaker.

We have had a very enthusiastic bunch of students commence the year with great energy and optimism. Their willingness to engage and support one another has been pleasing and already many new and hopefully long lasting friendships have been formed. As we know, the Roseworthy community is truly something special and my hope is that students will cherish their time and experiences on campus and look back with great fondness at a place that supported their educational success as well as providing a little fun along the way.

Week three of the first term brings about one of our new traditions – the hotly contested staff vs student annual T20 cricket match. This is where staff reputations are put fairly and squarely on the line and each year the match increases in intensity and competitiveness. At the end of the day I would like to think that cricket was the winner, but in reality youth prevailed with the students comfortably winning the match after another staff batting collapse. However, I think that the staff took home some

Sport is a big part of the campus experience for students. Basketball and Netball are the most popular sports with students starting to put together teams to compete in the Gawler competition each week. Last year we held a tennis competition which was a great success and there will be a chance for staff revenge when we take on the students in our upcoming staff vs student soccer match. Our running club is also proving very popular this year.

There is a couple of exciting student facilities projects on campus due for completion in 2015. We are currently half way through refurbishing Roseworthy College Hall. The council room and director’s offices have been restored and will be available for use in April and the final part of the project will involve some removal of walls in the “non-heritage” section of the building. This will open up the ground floor as a student hub, a lively place where students will congregate to study in small groups, access computer and internet services and socialise and partake of food and beverage services.

The other project that will be completed this year is the expansion and creation of a new and improved gymnasium for students. Health and fitness is such an important part of student’s wellbeing and provides a great outlet from studies and the larger space and greater range and quality fitness equipment will be welcomed by our student community.

We are also excited about our upcoming ANZAC day centenary event on Sunday the 26th of April 2015 and look forward to the presentation from Dr Michael Tyquin on the role of the Australian Army Veterinary Corps in two World Wars. We are very proud of the contribution that Roseworthy students made in serving our country and look forward to honouring those that made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

**The year promises to be a great one. I hope to meet a number of old scholars during the year and continue to value the important role that ROCA plays in engaging with and promoting this great campus. As former alumni, you are always most welcome at this place and we hope that the campus continues to go from strength to strength in future years.**

With best wishes,



**DAVID PURDIE  
MANAGER, STUDENT SERVICES & HEAD OF COLLEGE (ROSEWORTHY)**



**THE UNIVERSITY  
of ADELAIDE**



## ROSEWORTHY RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

**MOST PEOPLE READING THIS ROCA DIGEST WOULD ALREADY BE MEMBERS OF THE ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION.**

**However there still remain large numbers of roseworthy graduates and friends who do not have the benefit of ROCA membership.**

**ROCA provides a lifetime linkage between Roseworthy, graduates, the University of Adelaide and other stakeholders interested in the campus.**

**Following the ROCA October 2014 AGM resolution, lifetime membership of ROCA is now FREE. If you know of anyone who would benefit from being a member of ROCA, please direct them to the following web site:**

**<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/roca/membership/>**

## PASSING OF ROCA MEMBERS

**It is with sincere regret that ROCA notes the recent passing of the following members:**

- Dr Dennis Maxwell Bowden (RDA 1963)
- Prof Rex Milton Butterfield (RDA 1941)
- John Laidlaw Davidson (RDA 1948)
- Roy Henry Driver (RDA 1962)
- Peter James O'Grady (RDA 1953)
- Leigh Bruce (Tracker) Tilmouth (BAppSc NRM 1990)
- Graham Harvey Treloar (RDA 1956)
- Phillip T L Kohler (Sam) (RDA 1955)

## DALE MANSON ON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI COUNCIL

**ROCA Committee member, Dale Manson reports the University of Adelaide's recently established Alumni Council is focusing its efforts on strategies to increase engagement with current members of the Alumni Association, encourage other graduates to join and develop a Value Proposition outlining the benefits of maintaining lifetime contact with the University via the Alumni network.**

Anyone who joins ROCA will automatically become members of the University of Adelaide Alumni.

The Alumni Council is a high level group established by the former Chancellor, the Honourable Robert Hill. New Chancellor, Rear Admiral the Honourable Kevin Scarce AC CSC RAN (Rtd) also views the role of Alumni Council as being a valuable asset for the University.

Dale Manson was elected to Alumni Council for a three year term, commencing in February last year.

Chairman of Alumni Council is Dr Tim Cooper AM, with former Lord Mayor Stephen Yarwood serving as Deputy Chair.



Photo: Dale Manson

# NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW CHANCELLOR

**In late 2014, the University Council appointed Rear Admiral the Honourable Kevin Scarce AC CSC RAN (Rtd), as the University of Adelaide's 16th Chancellor.**

Deputy Chancellor Ms Dianne Davidson said that the Council was delighted to welcome Rear Admiral Scarce as the University realises a transformative strategic agenda and Australia's higher education sector faces unprecedented reform.



"Rear Admiral Scarce joins the University of Adelaide at a critical time," said Ms Davidson. "He has been a great supporter of the University of Adelaide for many years and he offers a unique set of experiences and insights to lead our Council going forward. "He has a long history of working productively with both local industry and the State Government and, most importantly, he shares wholeheartedly our vision to become Australia's most distinctive university and to firmly reinforce our reputation as the State's leading research-intensive institution," she said.

**Born in Adelaide and educated at Elizabeth East Primary School and Elizabeth High School, Rear Admiral Scarce was the 34th Governor of South Australia from 2007 to 2014. He saw active service in the Royal Australian Navy from 1968 including on HMAS Sydney during the Vietnam War and as the commander of HMAS Cerberus between 1995 and 1997.**

**He also specialised in military logistics and procurement, rising to the rank of rear admiral and head of Maritime Systems at the Defence Materiel Organisation. As head of the South Australian Defence Unit, he led a government team that contributed to ASC winning the \$6 billion contract to build the three air warfare destroyers for the Australian Defence Force.**

**Among his many commendations, he was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross in 1994, the Knight of Grace in the Venerable Order of Saint John in 2007 and a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2008.**

**Rear Admiral Scarce completed a Masters of Management Economics at the University of New South Wales (Australian Defence Force Academy campus), a Masters Degree in National Security Strategy at the US War College (National Defense University) in Washington, DC. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Flinders University in 2009 for distinguished service to the public of South Australia and an Honorary Doctor of Letters (honoris causa) from the University of New England in 2014.**

**In addition to his role as 16th Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, Rear Admiral Scarce was recently appointed Chair of Cancer Council SA and President of Novita Children's Services.**

## UPDATES/NEWS FROM ROSEWORTHY

South Australia's first veterinary CT (computer tomography) scanner, suitable for animals of all sizes, was launched at the University of Adelaide's Roseworthy campus in February.

The new scanner is part of the University's Veterinary Health Centre and is available for clinical consultations for general public and referrals from other veterinary services. It also will be used for research and teaching in the School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences.

**"This new state-of-the-art equipment means we can provide the South Australian general and veterinary communities with top quality diagnostic imaging so animals of all descriptions can receive the most appropriate and highest quality clinical care,"** says Professor Wayne Hein, new Dean of the Roseworthy campus and Head of the School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences.

**Kim Harvey, Director of Alumni Relations**

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**FREE Eyre Limited, the Eyre Peninsula farmer owned rural investment company, and ROCA recently launched the formation of a rural scholarship for an Eyre Peninsula student studying an agricultural related degree with the University of Adelaide.**

*"As a company, we work with our farmer shareholders, clients and partners to investigate and co-invest in the development of new businesses and value adding rural enterprises. We are passionate supporters of the EPARF and the Peter Waite Foundation but the also believe that investing in the higher education of Eyre Peninsula's students is critical for the future prosperity of the region"* said FREE Eyre CEO and ROCA President, Mark Rodda.

The new scholarship will be awarded to a first year Eyre Peninsula student who is studying an agricultural science or business related course and will be administered the University of Adelaide.

FREE Eyre and seven of its key business partners came together to launch the Scholarship and fundraising effort at FREE Eyre's Hutt Street office to coincide with the Clipsal 500 Race on March 28. Eighty Eyre Peninsula farmers joined FREE Eyre and its event partners to raise funds for the Scholarship over the two-day event.



Photo: Mark Rodda, Trevor Gilmore, Julian Speed (FREE Eyre Director) & pip Moore (FREE Eyre Commercial Manager)



Photo: Jake & Paul Heifman, MaxiPlas & David Shephard, Balaklava

## FREE Eyre's Event Partners:

Telstra Store Whyalla, Plum Grove, William Buck (Chartered Accountants and Advisors) Piper Alderman Lawyers, Michell Wool, Ag Guard Insurance Brokers and MaxiPlas (tanks and water storage solutions)

On the same day, the annual EP ROCA Reunion was held at Port Lincoln (see report in this Digest)

"We were thrilled with the response we received from our business partners, EP farmers and ROCA members" Mr Rodda went on to say. "It is clear that these companies also appreciate the need to encourage and support the Eyre Peninsula's students in gain greater skills that can be applied to the future growth, productivity and prosperity of the region."

Farmers and businesses on the Eyre Peninsula are an extremely generous group and we encourage them to consider becoming involved in the foundation of this scholarship. At the time of writing, nearly \$5,000 has been raised for this inaugural scholarship.

### Mark Rodda



# NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

**The Archives welcomes additional material that can be added to the already formidable collection of documents, publications and personal mementoes. Please contact ROCA if you have any items of interest.**

We are having a campaign to fill the gaps of the "Student" which the archives does not possess. The "Student" has been around since 1917, two editions were produced every year up until 1932. The magazine as most of us know it evolved from a more formal document to a student only production by the time Roseworthy came under The University of Adelaide banner.

Perhaps in your clear-out of the garage, cellar, family trunks, filing cabinet etc or if you happen to come across any material, especially a copy of an old "Student", we would be especially grateful if you could donate or lend (we photocopy and return to you) any of the following student magazines:

**1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926  
1927, 1931, 1932, 1973, 1975, 1984, 1987, 1989, 1990.**

We have photocopies of 1984, 1985, 1986, but originals would be nice to have.

Recently we have received "Student" donations from Allan Alcock, Colin Hopkins, Allan Piggott and Cheryl Freak (Kernick). If you can help, send us an email.

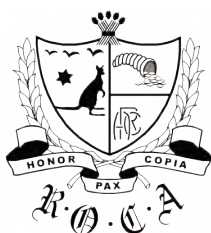
Since 1992 our records are unclear whether the "Student" was produced but if you have a publication that is a student magazine, annual etc we would be very interested to hear about it so that we know what to search for.

Dick Fowler (who was mistakenly named as Peter Fowler in the last Digest) is slowly indexing the old "Student" magazines. Only about 50 to go, so he will be well occupied for some years yet!

So that enquiries for student records can be serviced reasonably well, the University has just shifted 15 filing cabinets from the Roseworthy Campus to their secure archive area at Thebarton. The Senior Collection Archivist, Sue Coppin, said that over the years the files were a little unordered in parts and needed a sort out. At present a few of the Roseworthy archive group are going through these filing cabinets, getting them in alphabetical order and re-boxing them in to more accessible storage boxes. This will mean searches for this material will be more expedient!

**Every Tuesday afternoon most of the Roseworthy archive group - namely Andrew Brown, Mark Seeliger, Richard Thomas, Dick Fowler, Peter Fairbrother, Wilf Bowen, David Spencer and Richard Campbell - can be seen still beavering away at numerous tasks to expand and improve the Roseworthy collection.**

**Dave Spencer**



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