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FROM THE 1978 GRADUATION DAY PRIZE LIST

OLD SCHOLARS' TROPHY:

For the best contribution to College sport, not necessarily on the sporting field.

William Nicolas Horwood

OLD STUDENTS' CUP AND PRIZE:

Presented by Roseworthy Old Collegians Association.

Peter Edward Filsell

Time's Up

From the President...

ROSS DAWKINS

It is only a few weeks to the Annual General Meeting of the Association, when my "Time" as your President is "up".

Where the Association goes from here depends on who you as members appoint as officers for the next year. Andrew Michelmore is the Vice President and is willing to be elected as President, but all other offices need to be carefully considered if ROCA is to remain "alive and well".

Andrew Eastick is unable to continue as Secretary and the Committee will be looking for someone to take on Editorship of the Digest. It is also essential that one of this year's graduates be appointed to the committee and also someone who graduated between one and ten years ago. Distance precludes many from being on the Committee, but one only has to "Postcode" the Digest for Australia Post to realise that in fact by far the biggest percentage of our members live in the Adelaide metropolitan area. As your retiring President could I stir some of you city members to stand for nomination of the committee.

This year the committee has spent a considerable time discussing the Constitution, taking into consideration a draft and comments prepared by Arch Bevis. The final draft has now been submitted to the Secretary as a notice of motion for the A.G.M. This notice of motion is included in this issue of the Digest as required under the present constitution. Will you come to the A.G.M. prepared to discuss and hopefully pass this motion.

I have enjoyed my two years as President of ROCA and look forward to another good roll up on Friday 8th September at the PRINCES BERKLEY HOTEL, Hindley Street.

A.G.M. 6.15 p.m. Dinner 7.30 p.m.

Please get your nomination(s) for the Committee to the Secretary -

A.B. Eastick
"Gorge Farm"
C/- Post Office
NORMANVILLE 5204

as soon as possible, but please ascertain from the person(s) you are nominating that they will stand for the position.

The 1977/78 Committee is listed for your information

President	Ross Dawkins
Immediate Past President	John Jones
Vice President	Andrew Michelmore
Secretary	Andrew Eastick
Treasurer	Bruce Wigney
Graduating Year	Peter Turley (now in N.S.W.)
Graduated between 1 & 10 yrs.	Bill Close
Ordinary Members	Harry Stephen
	Keith Cowley
	Ian Rice
	Peter Lewis
Auditor	B.C. Philp
Digest Editor	Ian Rice

JOINT COMMITTEE

The Roseworthy College Joint Committee met recently to discuss the recommendations of the Anderson enquiry. While the Anderson Committee has not recommended any major changes for Roseworthy it was decided at this meeting that it would be useful for the Joint Committee to continue.

The Committee has representatives from the following groups, all of whom have an interest in the future of the College.

- (1) College Council
- (2) Academic Staff Association
- (3) Ancillary Staff Association
- (4) Student Union Council
- (5) Agricultural Technologists of Australia
- (6) Roseworthy Old Collegians Association

Ray Taylor is currently President and Graham Brookman Secretary of the Committee, and Ross Dawkins and Ian Rice ROCA delegates.

DO YOU WANT ANY HELP THIS HARVEST?

We have had an enquiry from a student of Lincoln Agricultural College New Zealand for farm work in the November to February period.

Some of our own college students will also be looking for farm experience at this time.

Any Old Collegian able to provide work for students in the November - February period please contact Reg Hutchinson, C/- Roseworthy Agricultural College.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It has been proposed and seconded that the constitution of the Association be altered to read as printed in this Digest.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIAN'S ASSOCIATION

1. TITLE. The association shall be called the Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association Incorporated.
2. OBJECTS. The objects shall be:
 - 2.1 To promote the interest of the College
 - 2.2 To promote unity and good fellowship amongst Old Collegians
 - 2.3 To stimulate and encourage members to develop their agricultural interest
 - 2.4 To encourage discussion in matters relative to agriculture
3. MEMBERSHIP
 - 3.1 CLASSES: There shall be the following Classes of Members
 - 3.1.1 Ordinary Members
 - 3.1.2 Associate Members
 - 3.1.3 Life Members
 - 3.1.4 Honorary Life Members
 - 3.2 Means of achieving Membership
 - 3.2.1 Ordinary Members
Subject to the approval of the Executive of the Association, and to the compliance with Clause 6 of this Constitution, the following may become Members:
 - 3.2.1.1 Old Students who have attended at least one academic year
 - 3.2.1.2 The Director
 - 3.2.1.3 Agricultural Science Graduates and Non-graduates of the Adelaide University prior to 1956.
 - 3.2.2 Associate Members
Subject to the assent of a General Meeting of the Association following nomination by at least four Ordinary Members, and the recommendation of the Committee, the following, may, on compliance with Clause 6 of this Constitution, become Associate Members:
 - 3.2.2.1 Members of the College staff who have been at the College for a period of not less than 5 years
 - 3.2.2.2 Former members of the College staff who were at the College for a period of not less than five years
 - 3.2.2.3 Members of Kindred Agricultural College Old Student Associations or Unions
 - 3.2.3 Life Members
Any Ordinary or Associate Member, or any person entitled by the conditions of 3.2 3.2.1 or 3.2 3.2.2 of this Clause may become a Life Member or Associate Life Member

3.2.4 Honorary Life Members

Any person may be honoured with a Life Membership by a General Meeting following the recommendation of the Committee, provided that the number of Honorary Life Members shall not exceed two percent of the Members at the time of election.

4. THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

4.1 EXECUTIVE

4.1.1 The Executive shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director or Assistant Director of the College.

4.1.2 The Executive shall have the authority to carry on the general business of the Association between Committee meetings and to conduct all business not requiring the sanction of the Committee or a General Meeting.

4.2 COMMITTEE

4.2.1 The Committee shall consist of:

4.2.1.1 The Executive.

4.2.1.2 One ordinary member who shall be from the classes last graduated.

4.2.1.3 One ordinary member who left the College more than one (1) and less than ten (10) years ago.

4.2.1.4 Four other ordinary members.

4.2.1.5 One Branch Delegate or Proxy Delegate from each properly constituted branch of the Association.

4.2.1.6 In the event of no nominee being available in subsections 4.2.1.2 and/or 4.2.1.3 these vacancies shall be filled from other ordinary members.

4.2.2 Duties of the Committee

4.2.2.1 The Committee shall have the authority to instruct the Executive to carry out all routine matters.

4.2.2.2 The Committee shall execute all affairs of the Association not requiring the sanction of a General Meeting.

4.2.2.3 The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-Committees.

4.2.3 Duties and powers of Branch Delegates and Proxy Delegates.

4.2.3.1 The voice and vote of the Branch Delegate or his Proxy Delegate shall be binding on the Branch he represents provided 28 days notice of motion was served on the branch.

4.2.3.2 Proxy Delegates shall be given notice of all meetings and may attend all meetings of the Committee.

4.2.3.3 Proxy Delegates shall not have a voice or a vote at meetings of the Committee when the Branch Delegate is present in person, but may attend as an observer and adviser to the Branch Delegate.

- 4.2.3.4 The Proxy Delegate shall have all the powers and authority of the Branch at meetings of the Committee from which the Branch Delegate is absent.
- 4.2.3.5 The Proxy Delegate shall act on the instructions of the Branch or its elected Branch Delegate and such instructions shall be binding on the Proxy Delegate and the Branch, if they are served in writing.
- 4.2.3.6 In the absence of specific written instructions the Proxy Delegate shall have full authority to act on his own initiative in the interests of the Branch he represents, and such action shall be binding on the Branch if 28 days notice of motion was served on the Branch.

4.4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 4.4.1 The Executive and six other ordinary members of the Committee shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting of the Association for a term of one year. The President's term of office shall be one year and cannot be extended beyond two consecutive years. Nominations in writing for these positions will close with the Secretary 14 days prior to the meeting. If insufficient nominations are received, nominations will be accepted at the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.4.2 Any vacancy occurring in the Committee shall be filled by the Committee at the first meeting after the vacancy occurs.
- 4.4.3 Only Ordinary, Life and Honorary Life Members of the Association shall be eligible for election to the Committee or shall hold office as Proxy Delegates.
- 4.4.4 A Branch Delegate to the Committee shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of members of the Branch of which the person should be a member.
- 4.4.5 It shall be competent for a Branch to nominate a Proxy Delegate.
- 4.4.6 A Proxy Delegate shall hold office for such periods as may be determined by the Branch represented.
- 4.4.7 Notice of the appointment and dismissal of Branch Delegates and Proxy Delegates shall be addressed in writing to the Secretary of the Association and shall not be valid until endorsed by the Executive.

5. MEETINGS

5.1 RANGE OF MEETINGS

5.1.1 General Meetings

- 5.1.1.1 General meetings may be called by the Committee.
- 5.1.1.2 At least 14 days notice of such meetings shall be given.
- 5.1.1.3 Twenty members shall form a quorum

5.2 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 5.2.1 Of the General Meetings called in each year, one shall be defined as the Annual General Meeting.

5.3 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

5.3.1 A Special General Meeting may be held :

5.3.1.1 On a request in writing addressed to the Committee and signed by not fewer than 25 members setting forth the object for which such a meeting is desired. Every such request shall be received at a meeting of the committee within 14 days of the receipt by the Secretary of such request. The committee shall forthwith convene a Special General Meeting to be held not less than 21 days but within 28 days of such Committee Meeting.

5.3.1.2 In pursuance of resolution of the Committee at their own instance. On passing of such resolution the Secretary shall forthwith convene a Special General Meeting to be held no less than 21 days from the time of convening same.

5.3.1.3 Limit of Powers of Special General Meeting

It shall not be competent for any Special General Meeting to entertain or transact any business except such as shall be specified in the notice calling the meeting, or shall in the opinion of a majority of the members present directly arise thereat.

5.4 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

5.4.1 The Committee shall hold their meetings at such times as they may determine.

5.4.2 A special meeting of the Committee may be called at any time by the President either at his own instance or on the request of two members of the Committee.

5.4.3 Five members shall form a quorum provided one member present is an Executive Officer.

5.5 EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

5.5.1 The Executive shall hold their meetings at such times as they may determine.

5.5.2 Three members shall form a quorum.

5.6 SOCIAL MEETINGS

5.6.1 Social Meetings, gatherings or occasions may be arranged by the Committee. No business of the Association shall be conducted at a Social function unless the conditions applicable to one of the meetings defined under 5.1.1 to 5.1.5 have been complied with.

5.7 VOTING RIGHTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

5.7.1 At all meetings the Chairman shall have a deliberative as well as a casting vote.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS

6.1 Subscriptions to the Association shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

6.2 Annual subscriptions shall be payable in advance on the 1st July.

- 6.3 Any member whose subscription shall be in arrears by twelve months shall not receive a Digest or any other matter being circularised.
- 6.4 Any member whose subscriptions are two years in arrears shall automatically have his membership cancelled. Such member can only rejoin by payment of a double subscription for one year.

7. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY AND THE TREASURER

7.1 DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary shall attend all meetings defined under 5.1.1 to 5.1.5 and keep correct minutes of such meetings, and perform all the duties incidental to his office.

7.2 DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

7.2.1 Receipt of Money

The Treasurer shall receive all subscriptions and other monies on account of the Association and his receipt shall be sufficient discharge.

7.2.2 Banking

All monies received shall be paid into the Association's banking account at the Savings Bank of South Australia.

7.2.3 Keeping of Accounts

The Treasurer shall keep an account of all money received and disbursed and submit same to the Committee once in every quarter, or at other times the Committee shall deem fit.

7.2.4 Payment of Money

All payments shall be made by cheque or orders jointly signed by any two of the Secretary, Treasurer and one other appointed by the Committee. Such payments must be authorised by or subsequently endorsed by the Committee.

7.2.5 Presentation of Bank Books

The Association's Bank Books shall be laid on the table at all ordinary meetings of the Committee.

7.2.6 Balance Sheet

The Treasurer shall ensure that a duly audited Balance Sheet will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

8. AUDITOR

8.1 An Auditor shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting and any vacancy shall be filled by the Committee.

8.2 The Auditor shall have power to call, at any time, for the production of all books, deeds, papers, accounts and documents relating to the affairs of the Association, and shall certify the accounts before they are submitted to the Annual General Meeting.

9. LIFE MEMBERSHIP RESERVE FUND

9.1 There shall be a Life Membership Reserve Fund.

9.2 All money received for life membership and such other money that may be voted by an Annual General Meeting of the Association from the Ordinary Funds shall be paid into the Life Membership Reserve Fund.

9.3 Only the interest received from the Life Membership Reserve Fund shall be utilised for the ordinary purposes of the Association.

10. BRANCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

10.1 Branches of the Association may be formed as the Committee may determine.

No Branch shall accept as a member any Old Collegian who is not a member of the Association.

11. R.O.C.A. DIGEST

11.1 The Association may publish a periodical to be known as R.O.C.A. Digest. Issues shall be made at least quarterly, and copies shall be posted to members.

11.2 The Committee shall appoint a R.O.C.A. Digest Committee of five at least four of whom shall be R.O.C.A. members. The Chairman shall be a member of the General Committee.

12. AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION

12.1 The constitution shall not be changed, except at a General Meeting of members.

12.2 Notice of motion of proposed alterations shall be given to the Secretary at least two months prior to the date of the General Meeting and members shall be notified at least one month prior to the meeting.