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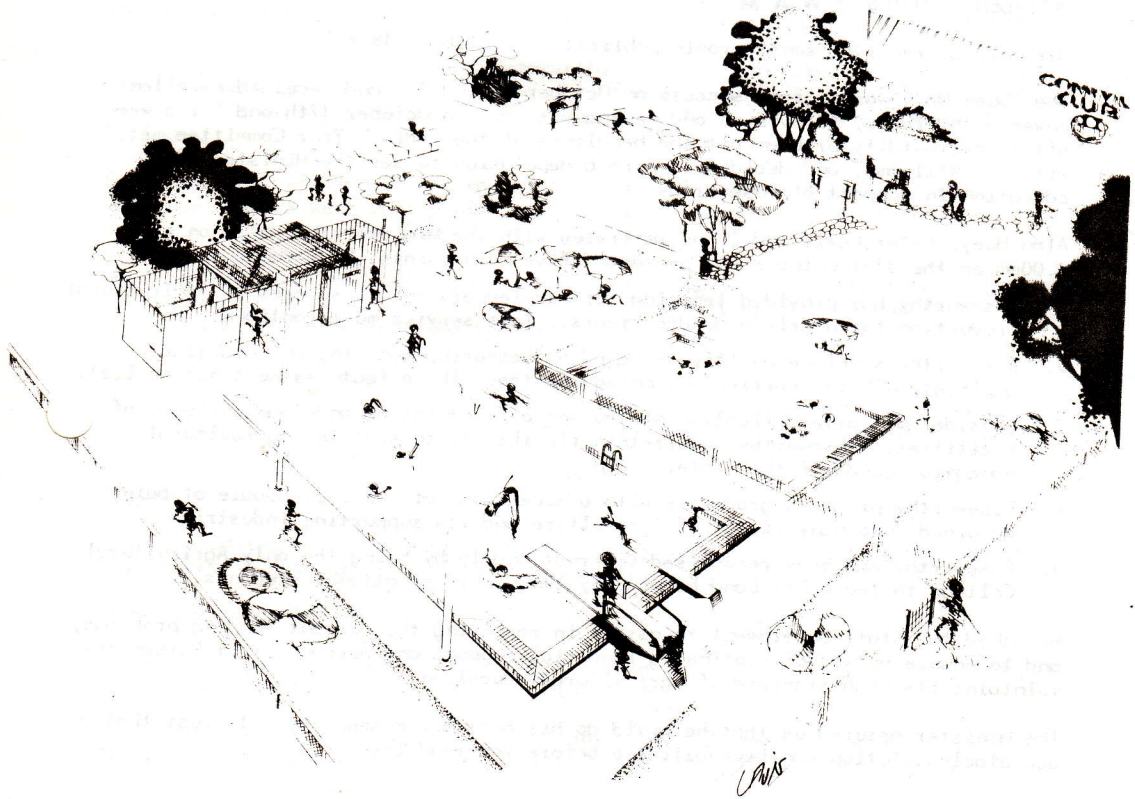
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Swimming Pool Complex



PRESIDENT'S NOTES - W. A. M.

Our College received considerable publicity in October, 1979.

The 'Open Day' was a great success on October 12 and 13, and received excellent coverage by radio, television and newspapers, but on October 17th and for a week after, a liquidity problem hit the headlines of the media. Your Committee met, with Dr. Williams, and decided to form a deputation to see the Minister of Education in support of Roseworthy.

Alan Hoey, Peter Lewis and I had interview with the Minister, Mr. Allison at 6.00pm on the 31st October and presented five main points, here condensed:-

1. Roseworthy has provided training for our leaders in all spheres of Agricultural production for nearly a hundred years. This service must continue.
2. Roseworthy's unique quality is based on Research, Teaching and Practical application being carried out on one centre. These features must not be lost.
3. Considerable diversification of courses offered has demanded an increase of facilities. Roseworthy must retain flexibility to meet the agricultural education needs of the state.
4. Roseworthy produces graduates with a wide range of skills, capable of being absorbed into many fields of Agriculture and its supporting industries.
5. Roseworthy had been recognised internationally by being the only Agricultural College to teach Dry Land Farming Systems to International students.

We asked the State Government to assist in resolving the current funding problems, and to ensure by way of continuing financial support and guidance that Roseworthy maintains its high standard of agricultural education.

The Minister assured us that he would do his best for Roseworthy. I trust that an acceptable solution can be publicised before you read this.

ROCA AWARD OF MERIT, 1979 : MARK HUTTON

Mark Hutton attended Roseworthy as a University student in 1931-32, and graduated in 1933. He worked at Roseworthy, as Assistant Plant Breeder from 1936 to 1940 then moved to vegetable breeding at CSIRO, Canberra. In 1952 he was attracted to the need for tropical pasture legumes, and moved to Brisbane, where he was successful in the development of Siratro, which has become one of the most important pasture legumes in Australia. Siratro is being used in Brazil, Mexico, Pacific Islands, and Mark is currently working in Columbia, South America, on the development of Siratro for the acid tropical soils. Mr. Philp received the medal on behalf of Mark. It will be sent to Mark when he returns to Australia.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - AGM 1979

Every year marks a series of important events in an organisation like ROCA. 1978-79 marked the first year with girls as Old Students - and we had one on the Committee. Thank you, Ruth Robinson for your help with the work of ROCA, we are sorry you cannot stay another year.

The annual 'Open Day' in October saw another important event - the opening of the Custance Centre. These eight houses, each with accommodation for five students provide a new type of living at Roseworthy. Mr. Philp officially 'opened' the buildings and gave a summary of the work of each Principal whose names have been used for the houses. He had served under five of the nine former heads of the College.

Eyre Peninsula weekend at the end of February was another success, although the Mainland numbers were down a bit. Alf Humble is becoming a regular for the event. Put it in your diary for February 23rd and 24th next year!

On Graduation Day, the Old Students' Cup was presented to Lee Loffler, while the Sports Trophy was won by Trevor Filmer, who is still helping to maintain the College football team in seventh position.

The opening of the 'Community Club' was another highlight. This magnificent building is to cater for the leisure hours of the students and will be an ideal venue for an evening function of ROCA when we have a weekend gathering at Roseworthy.

You'll be pleased to hear that the Swimming Pool is well on the way. This, too will be a good excuse to have a weekend function at Roseworthy.

With the Centenary coming up in a couple of years, we must get in the habit of going back to Roseworthy as often as possible.

Thank you for allowing me to represent ROCA at these functions.

I thank the Committee for their support - especially Ian Rice for his Editing of the Digest, which maintains contact with old Students.

Thank you, too, to Reg Hutchinson who maintained the address cards for 10 years. These are now being computerised, which should simplify the processing of records.

Andrew Michelmore,
September, 1979.

SWIMMING POOL

The Swimming Pool is nearing completion, but needs some financial support. The Committee decided to ask members for help now. There is \$423-50 in our pool fund. Members who would like to see ROCA make a worthwhile contribution like a Diving tower, or lights, etc. can send their cheques to ROCA Pool Appeal. There will be no tax deductions, but they will be fully appreciated. SEND YOUR DONATION TO Mr. BRUCE WIGNEY, BOX 50 POST OFFICE, RIVERTON, 5412.

Andrew Michelmore

Background

For many years the College Community made use of a swimming hole for their aquatic sporting requirements, and indeed strong water polo teams and fine swimmers have developed their skills in that rather primitive but lovely facility. However, as the Community grew, so did the microbiological count, until finally the old pool had to be closed due to health risks. The old Pool is still in use, but now as an Aquatic Reserve for the Natural Resources Course.

While that story played itself out, a group of people had been steadily working towards raising money for a modern pool. Approaches were made to the Playford Government for a subsidy and had we raised sufficient funds, we would have received a pound for pound grant! Alas, it took many Open Days and fund-raising events to gather enough finance to even start planning a pool and the pound for pound subsidies have long since dried up.

A twist of fate in 1978 rekindled interest in the pool and the Student Union Council gave things a shot in the arm with a donation of \$10,000. Planning began in earnest.

A less agreeable twist of fate saw the potential funds available diminish and the cost of the project increase, but the College had its head down and was not to be thwarted. A loan of \$30,000 was taken out to enable the project to commence.

Design

The concept of the pool complex is novel and specific to the requirements of the College Community. It caters for competitive swimming, diving and water polo and provides a substantial deep section for scuba training. This main pool is 25 metre by 12.5 metres.

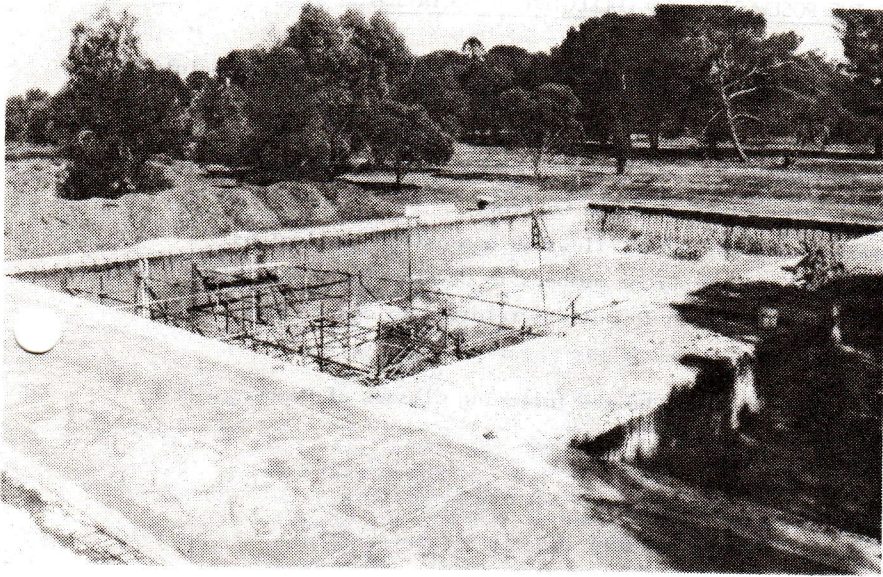
However the main pool is too deep for beginners and small children, so a small pool (9.5m x 7m) was included adjacent to the main pool. It also acts as a balance tank for the main pool.

Changing rooms and toilets provide on site facilities to comply with the Health Act and the Plant Room and store room complete the Change Room block.

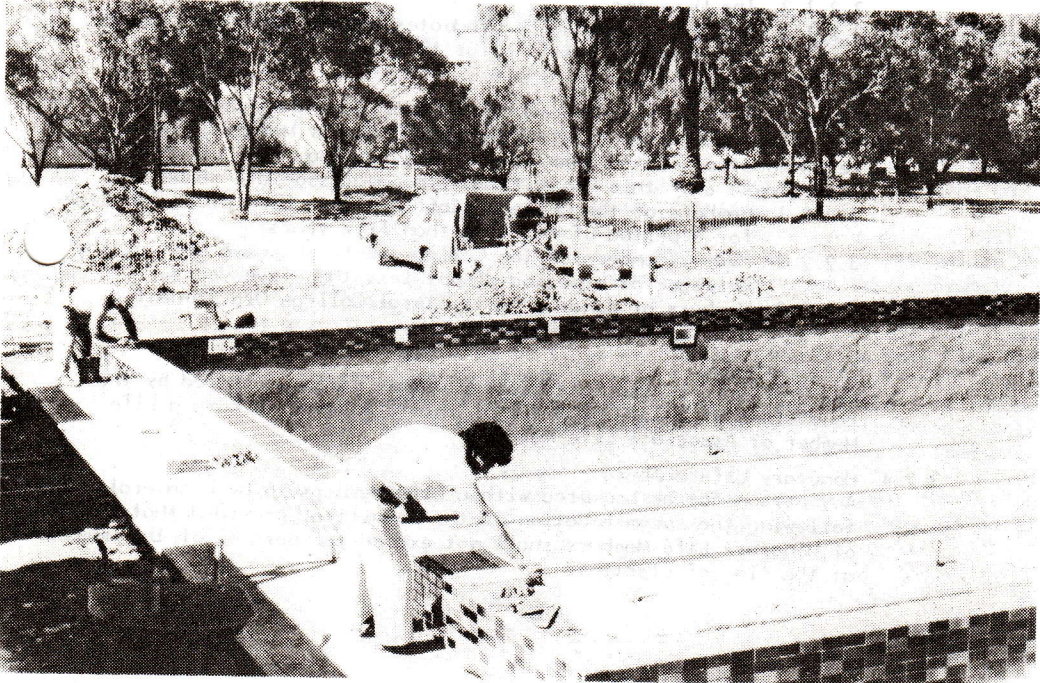
A special feature of the Pool is a hydrant enabling fire units to quickly and efficiently draw water from the pools for fire fighting purposes.

G. BROOKMAN

EXCAVATION OF POOLS



CERAMIC TILING



CONSTITUTION OF THE ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS 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 five years.
 - 3.2.2.2 Former members of the College staff who have been 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 3.2.1. or 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 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.

4.3 Election of Officers

- 4.3.1 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.
- 4.3.2 Any vacancy occurring in the Committee shall be filled by the Committee at the first meeting after the vacancy occurs.
- 4.3.3 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.
- 4.3.4 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.
- 4.3.5 It shall be competent for a Branch to nominate a Proxy Delegate.
- 4.3.6 A Proxy Delegate shall hold office for such periods as may be determined by the Branch represented.
- 4.3.7 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

This Constitution recognises the following kinds of meetings:-
General Meetings, Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings, Committee Meetings, Executive Meetings, Social Meetings.

5.2 Conditions applicable to meetings

5.2.1 to General Meetings

- 5.2.1.1 General Meetings may be called by the Committee
- 5.2.1.2 At least 14 days notice of such meetings shall be given.
- 5.2.1.3 Twenty members shall form a quorum.

5.2.2 to Annual General Meetings

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

5.2.3 to Special General Meetings

5.2.3.1 A Special General Meeting may be held:-

- 5.2.3.1.1 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.
- 5.2.3.1.2 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.

5.2.3.2 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.

5.2.4 to Committee Meetings

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

5.2.4.2 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.

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

5.2.5 to Executive Meetings

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

5.2.5.2 Three members shall form a quorum.

5.2.6 to Social Meetings

5.2.6.1 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 5.2.1 to 5.2.5 have been complied with.

5.2.7 Voting Rights of the Chairman

5.2.7.1 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 5.2.1 to 5.2.5 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 moneys on account of the Association and his receipt shall be sufficient discharge.

7.2.2 Banking

All moneys 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.

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

11. ROCA 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 ROCA Digest Committee of five, at least four of whom shall be ROCA 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.

REUNIONS

ROCA - EYRE PENINSULA

The last weekend in February has become the weekend for Old Roseworthians on Eyre Peninsula. The next gathering will be the 23rd and 24th February, 1980 at the Pier Hotel, Port Lincoln. Meet informally at 11.00am to say 'Hello' over a cup of tea; or if that is not your 'cup of tea', you can have a beer or coffee.

The AGM and Dinner, also at the Pier at 6.00pm will keep the Old Students busy while their spouses enjoy a dinner at a venue to be arranged.

On Sunday 24th, Billy Light Point will again be the venue for the traditional Family Day, Barbeque, swimming and boating (do not ask me, I do not live here).

Don't let another year slip by without you making an effort to be there.

FOOTBALL REUNION

The Roseworthy College Football Club wishes to hold a 'Past Players' Reunion on the 19th April, 1980 at RAC. The purpose of this is to get all past players together and to install enthusiasm into next years players which will hopefully lead to a 1980 Premiership. A three course meal and College wines will also compliment the day. Any past players who can attend or supply names and addresses please write to Peter Nelsen, at RAC, before the 1st March, 1980.