



Roseworthy Old Collegians Assoc. Inc.

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# ROCA Digest

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Recently, nine of the 1933 graduates met with their Principal.  
back row: Bill Eardley, Harvey Hooper, Basil Gee, Bob Horne  
middle: Alf Benzie, Bob Emery, Sir Alan Callaghan, Hamish  
Patterson and Jack McAuliffe. front :- Carleton Pollitt.

## FROM THE COLLEGE

### RECORD STUDENT NUMBERS

Again this year the total enrolments of the College are a new record. This has been the case for every year since 1980, with a slight exceptional hiccup in 1982 when numbers were very slightly below those in 1981.

A very heartening feature of this year's enrolments is the return to favour of Agriculture courses, in part reflecting a progressive return to confidence in the rural sector and a continuing strong demand for graduates from the College's Agriculture courses.

This year also external students in the College's Wine Marketing course have contributed substantially to the total College figures.

It is a tribute to the efficiency and commitment of College staff that the College's services to students and reputation in the wider community have been maintained despite a reduction in real recurrent funding per student of about 18% during the period 1981-1987.

### THE GREENING OF EDUCATION

State and Federal Green Papers have stimulated extensive discussion on restructuring higher education at the national and state levels, and in particular on the future of Roseworthy Agricultural College.

**ROSEWORTHY  
AGRICULTURAL  
COLLEGE**

Whilst debate continues on the ultimate number of universities for South Australia (two or three is the most likely result), there is a general view that Roseworthy Agricultural College will become part of another institution.

College Council has stated that if a restructuring of colleges and universities in South Australia is to occur, the College should be placed in that university in which the Waite Agricultural Research Institute also occurs as a separate unit, and that the state's needs would be best served by having a total of two universities.

The College acknowledges that there are the opportunities for rationalising related courses or parts of courses, for example, in Agriculture, Natural Resources Management, Environmental Sciences, and Wine Marketing. The expertise of College staff and the excellent specialised teaching, buildings and field facilities available at the College indicate that any such rationalisation should strengthen the role of the College in any wider institution.



BARRIE THISTLETHWAYTE

Director

March 22, 1988.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is a pity that the "former student" appointed to the College Council by the Minister maintains a public silence on the question of Roseworthy's future. Publicly, he has said nothing to represent the strongly held views of former students who are concerned and interested enough to have joined R.O.C.A., and through it, use their collective voice to publicly support the retention of the College in a form which will enable it to continue making the same constructive positive contribution it has always made to the welfare of South Australia in the past.

That is the reason why successive R.O.C.A. Committees during the last decade have strongly recommended that the R.O.C.A. President should be ex-officio, a member of the College Council.

The current Committee has continued to press the major political parties to adopt this as policy.

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It is very interesting that both Flinders University and Adelaide University have publicly "laid claim" to Roseworthy. It is very disappointing that neither institution (nor even the Minister) have responded to my request to say how the College would function after its "takeover" i.e. they won't say what they believe the role and function of the College should be; and how or what it would teach; what research it would do; how and where it would do these things; and what would happen to the Campus after the "takeover" of Roseworthy.

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Eyre Peninsula Branch has its usual Re-union Weekend coming up at the end of February. I will be going and look forward to seeing anyone who wishes to join members of the Eyre Peninsula Branch, in the fun and fellowship of that weekend. Congratulations to the Committee on their continued interest and good organisation of this gret Annual Weekend event.

By the way, any other regional groups (or Branches) who are organising something should let us know, so that we can publicize it in the Digest - or at least send the word out "by Bush Telegraph". Both I and other R.O.C.A. committee men have missed some of these functions simply because we did not know they were on until afterwards.

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Awards of Merit

Nominations are now DUE.

By the way, when you nominate somebody we need your printed name and address (and year of graduation) so that we can positively identify you and clarify any ambiguities in the data supporting the nomination. In recent times, the Adjudication Panel have been unable to deal with some nominations because this VITAL DATE is missing.

Regards, Peter

PETER LEWIS

# 1988 REUNION AND DINNER

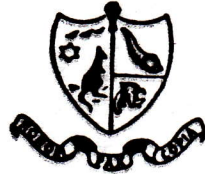
The 1988 A.G.M. and Reunion Dinner will be held at the Renaissance Tower Restaurant, Rundle Mall on Friday 9th Sep. Meeting at 5.30 and Dinner 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Greg Moulds, 4 Allen St., Waikeri S.A. 5330 will be the contact for the 10 year group.

Peter Ellis, 50 Austral Tce, Malvern S.A. 5061 will be the contact for the 25 year group.

Gordon McHugh, 3 Gordon Tce., Morphettville S.A. 5043 is the contact for the Re-hab. students. He needs your help. Drop him a line and say Yes! I will be there and save him a lot of letter writing. \*\*\*\*\*DO IT NOW \*\*\*\*\*

It is anticipated that all of the past Principals and Directors will be there.



## BRANCH REUNIONS

The Eyre Peninsula group had their Annual weekend on 27/28 Feb. A great time was had by all. See you next Year.

The South East branch have ordered better weather for their 1988 function. Get in touch with Allan Richardson.

Southern N. S. W. members should contact Andrew Solomon, C/- Box 736, DENILIQUIN N.S.W. 2710. and get him to organise a meeting.

The Western Australian members were being contacted by Michael Flaherty, 20 Palmer St., HARVEY W.A. 6220 Let him know you are interested.

# R.O.C.A.

## BICENTENARY BARBEQUE AND FUN DAY

The R.O.C.A. Committee, with A.T.A., will organise a Family Day "**Back to Roseworthy**" Barbeque and Fun Day at the College on Sunday 10th April 1988.

Plans are being made to include a barbeque luncheon, games for young and old, including football kicking competitions, tennis, cricket, swimming (weather permitting), hay-rides and anything else (?!) you like.

It is anticipated that costs will be minimal (about \$6.00) for the Barbeque. Refreshments will be available at the Community Club which will be available if you just want to sit and talk and enjoy yourself. The Wine Cellars will be opened so you can sample their products and buy a few to take home. Be prepared to be surprised if you have not tried College wines lately. Bring Cheque Book or Bank Card.

We will need to know numbers for catering, so please let's know immediately, or phone by Tuesday 5th April.

Also, advise if you want a bus tour of the College Farm.

R. S. V. P. 5th April :-

- \* Bardy McFarlane, 10 Winchester Ave, HOVE 5048  
phone 08 298 3504
- \* Andrew Michelmore, 33 Greenknoll Ave. ROSTREVOR, 5073  
phone 08 337 7848 (ring 7.00 - 8.00 am for best results)
- \* Graham Brookman, Agricultural College, Roseworthy 5371  
phone 085 24 8057 (leave a message if Graham not available)

The morning will be free to do your own thing. Arrive early and have a look around the farm and buildings, etc. The Barbeque will be ready soon after 12.00 noon.



## COLLEGE FARM PADDOCK NAMES BOOKLET

Last Digest told you that maps were being prepared as a historic record of the development of the College.

Denis Harrison has almost completed the project, and the maps are with the printer for final touches before framing.

As a Bi-centenary project, a booklet has been prepared, showing the historical development of R. A. C. land from the aboriginal tribe believed to have roamed there, the proclamation of the Hundred of Mudla Wirra, the original surveys and the Land Grant covering the College land and the land purchased since 1882, that go to make up the College today.

There are copies of several plans and aerial photographs included, making it an interesting historical booklet, with details of land purchases over the years. Who will predict the changes in the future as this becomes the outer metropolitan area?

Draft copies will be available for inspection on 10th April. Printing will be 'on order', so please register your interest now if you can not attend on Sunday 10th.

Price will on a 'no profit' basis, so let's know immediately if you want one.

## WORK FOR STUDENTS

R.O.C.A. members can help present students by letting them get work experience during the holidays.

You may be able to help by giving counselling to students to help them decide their career.

If you can help, please contact the College.

Graham Brookman is the organiser of this work.



## OBITUARY

We are always saddened to hear of the passing of Old Collegians.

Jim Chewings (1975 Grad.) was the victim of a tragic motor accident on Christmas Eve. Jim was well known in the seeds industry where he had worked in South Australia, Victoria and Queensland since graduating from Roseworthy. He is survived by Jane (also a graduate) and daughters Jessica and Larissa.

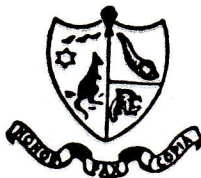
Noel Lloyd (1953 Grad.), died recently following a liver transplant operation. Noel had been farming in the Bordertown district. He is survived by Yvonne and three sons.

Peter Irwin (1940 Grad.) died at sea on 17th Feb. Peter was a keen sailor - he recently spent three months sailing between Broome and Darwin. After completing the Roseworthy Diploma, he graduated in Vet. Science. His Veterinary work specialised in horses, particularly with the S.A. Jockey Club, Adelaide Show and promoted interest in horses by fostering Pony Clubs. Peter was the Australian Vet. at the Montreal Olympic Games, and, at the time of his death, was the Chairman of the Board of the International Equine Association. He is survived by three daughters; Meredith, Lindy and Tess and their families.

Les Eckert (1950 Grad.) died in September 1987, after a twelve month battle with lung cancer. Les graduated in Oenology and worked in the wine industry and in the R.A.A.F. until illness intervened.

Gavin McK. Hosking (1959 Grad.) died suddenly in February 1987. He was a former company director and Rural Consultant. He is survived by three daughters.

R. O. C. A. extends sympathy to the families of these members.







# Roseworthy College Cellars

Roseworthy, South Australia, 5371.

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Wine Type	Per Bottle \$	Units Ordered	Per Dozen \$	Dozens Ordered	Total \$
<b><u>WHITE TABLE WINES</u></b>					
102 1987 Chardonnay	7.00		84.00		
105 1986 Semillon	5.10		60.00		
107 1986 Rkaziteli	4.80		56.40		
108 1986 Late Picked Frontignan (2L)	2.00		-		
109 1986 Riesling (2L)	2.00		-		
110 1987 Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc	7.90		93.60		
111 1987 Late Picked Frontignan	6.00		70.80		
112 1987 Rhine Riesling	6.00		70.80		
113 Research Wines	4.60		54.00		
<b><u>RED TABLE WINES</u></b>					
203 1985 Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot	6.40		75.60		
206 1986 Adelaide Hills Shiraz	8.00		94.80		
207 1986 Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot	8.60		108.20		
<b><u>FORTIFIED</u></b>					
301 Amontillado BCR	10.60		127.20		
302 Fino Sherry	5.60		66.00		
402 1980 Vintage Port	8.00		94.80		
404 Old Liqueur Tawny Port	10.60		127.20		
406 Bulk Port	1.80/litre				
411 Port (2 L)	4.90		-		
<b><u>SPIRITS</u></b>					
503 Old Liqueur Brandy	16.00		192.00		

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## AWARD OF MERIT

The R.O.C.A. Award of merit has been presented since 1961. It is an honour conferred on outstanding R.O.C.A. members in recognition of meritorious service to Agriculture, the College, to R.O.C.A. or to the community.

It is not awarded lightly, and the nominations are made by two members, and reviewed by a panel from the highest level of South Australian Agriculturalists.

\*\* When you nominate somebody, it is essential that you, the seconder and the nominee be identified as financial members of R.O.C.A. PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME.

If you know a worthy nominee, please prepare a dossier, and see if his name can be added to this list.

1961 - Roland Hill	1962 - David Riceman
1963 - Len Cook	1964 - W.J.Dawkins
1965 - Frank Pearson	1966 - Sir Allan Callaghan
1967 - Bob Herriot	1968 - Denis Muirhead
1969 - Jack Reddin	1970 - Ron Badman
1971 - Rex Butterfield	1972 - Rex Krause
1973 - Rex Kuchel	1974 - Lex Walker
1975 - Ken Pike	1976 - Len Laffer
1977 - Des Habel	1978 - Henry Day
1979 - Mark Hutton	1980 - Cliff Hooper
1981 - Andrew Michelmore	1982 - Milton Spurling
1983 - Ralph Hewett Jones	1984 - David Suter
1985 - Bruce Eastick	1986 - John Obst
1987 - Robin Steed	1988 -

See a member of the Committee if you want further details to help with your nomination, which must be with the Secretary by 30th June 1988.



## AWARD OF MERIT 1988

**Nominations for the Roseworthy Old Collegians Award of Merit are required before 30th June 1988.**

This honour is bestowed on outstanding R.O.C.A. members in recognition of meritorious service to Agriculture, the College, R. O. C. A. or to the community.

Please post nominations to the Secretary, R.O.C.A.,  
C/- Roseworthy College, ROSEWORTHY S.A. 5371

Name of Nominee.....

Address of Nominee.....

Age.....Period at Roseworthy.....

Proposed by..(please print and sign).....

Seconded by.....  
(please print and sign)

Supporting data must be provided on career, employment, and occupation since leaving Roseworthy.

Please list major published papers, achievements, academic qualifications and honours bestowed, including community service so that the selection panel can make an assessment on the information provided.

Nominees must be financial members of R.O.C.A., and the proposer and seconder must also be financial members.

### R. O. C. A. BADGES

Membership badges are still available, and may be ordered through the Secretary, R.O.C.A., C/- Agricultural College, ROSEWORTHY S.A. 5371 \$10.00 for the 'saw-pierced' or \$5.00 for the plain badge.

**1987 GRADUATES :-**

1988 Graduation Day will be on 8th April. Just a year since you graduated! Your free membership will end at the A.G.M. in September, but you can keep contact by joining now. Use the form herewith.

**ANNUAL MEMBERS :-**

Please post your Subs now. You'll make the Treasurer happy.

**APPLICATION FOR R. O. C. A. MEMBERSHIP**

I wish to join Roseworthy Old Collegians Association.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

COURSE ATTENDED.....

YEAR GRADUATED.....

Cheque :- \$40.00 Life Membership / \$5.00 Annual Membership.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

COURSE ATTENDED..... YEAR.....

OLD ADDRESS.....

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