

Roseworthy Old Collegians Assoc. Inc.

R.O.C.A. Digest

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RAY NORTON 1989 Award of Merit

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On the following two pages, you will find the report I presented to the 1989 Annual General Meeting in September.

While parts of the report may have dated somewhat during the four months since the meeting, I am sure the majority of members throughout Australia would be interested in the review of R.O.C.A.'s activities during the past 12 months.

The amalgamation issue is now moving along quite rapidly with the signing of various agreements leading to the ultimate joining with the University of Adelaide on January 1st, 1991.

In recognition of the role of Old Collegians in the amalgamation process, R.O.C.A. has been invited to be part of the body supervising the merger.

I have nominated R.O.C.A. Vice President, Bardy McFarlane, to be our delegate on this committee.

At the direction of the Annual General Meeting, Peter Lewis, Bardy McFarlane and I are also negotiating a suitable merger agreement between R.O.C.A. and the Adelaide University Alumni.

Our charter is to ensure the continuation of membership for existing Life Members, negotiate suitable terms that will attract new graduates to become members, and link in with the "fringe benefits" (Uni. library, gym etc) available to Alumni members.

Both the College and ROCA are now well down the track, and while in the past many of us fought for the continuation of an independent R.A.C., this option is no longer available.

I look forward to meeting our Eyre Peninsula Old Collegians in February. ABC Rural Department Supervisor, Ian Doyle, will be the guest speaker at the reunion dinner in Port Lincoln on February 24th.

DALE MANSON

President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1988/89

This year has been one of robust growth and activity for the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association.

While we have continued the social aspects of R.O.C.A., with well attended reunions in Adelaide, Port Lincoln, Loxton and Perth, the Association has continued to become more heavily involved in matters which directly affect the future of Roseworthy as a viable institution.

R.O.C.A. made submissions to various bodies on the following matters:

- Single Crop Research Institute
- Relocation of the Dept. of Ag. Northfield Research Centre.
- Restructuring of Tertiary Institutions in S.A.
- Restructuring of the R.A.C. farm.

After considerable thought and debate, R.O.C.A. decided to take a public stance on the amalgamation options for Roseworthy College.

We believe that the best interests of the College, students and agriculture as a whole would be served by the formation of closer links between Roseworthy College, South Australian College of Advanced Education and the University of Adelaide.

While the three way link-up is now in jeopardy, it is still R.O.C.A.'s view that Roseworthy College and Adelaide University would make compatible partners in any new institution.

I am sure there is still a considerable amount of debate still to come, however we must attempt to sift out the peripheral vested interest of minority groups from the real issues - those of educating our youth in all aspects agriculture, natural resource management and wine science, in addition to ensuring the continuation of Roseworthy Agricultural College as a viable centre of agricultural excellence.

A little later in the meeting, we will look at the options for the future of R.O.C.A.

While a final decision need not be made this evening, I hope our discussions will provide the new committee with direction for the coming year.

Times are changing, and so must Roseworthy and R.O.C.A.

The College beef herd has disappeared, and I am sure many more changes will occur in the near future.

Whether the changes are good or bad, let us hope they are made with the intention of strengthening the future viability of the College.

Before I conclude this report, I would like to commend the College on their establishment of an Aboriginal studies unit.

This unit provides support for Aboriginals, who, as we all realise, may not have access to the same back-up and support available to the rest of us.

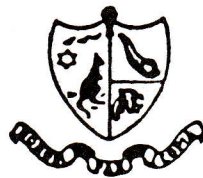
Most importantly, the Aboriginal students do exactly the same course work as everyone else, and when the first graduates come out of R.A.C. next April, their qualification will be worth every bit as much as yours or mine.

I have invited one of the Aboriginal students, Derek Walker, to be the guest of R.O.C.A. at dinner this evening.

Please make Derek and his wife feel welcome, and feel free to ask him about the Unit at R.A.C.

Thank you for the support I have received as President over the past twelve months.

DALE MANSON
President



GRAND STAND AT COLLEGE OVAL

The grand stand at the College oval was built during the 1920's. It is badly in need of repair.

If enough money (between \$15,000 and \$20,000) is raised from donations through R.O.C.A., we will get "naming rights" to the Stand.

This is an excellent chance for Old Students to show that we are still interested in the on-going life of the College.

I am happy to help with the cost of restoring and renovating the Grand Stand.

(Your preferred Name)

My cheque is enclosed:

\$250-00

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Response to this appeal has been quite encouraging, but we've a long way to go to reach the target!

Receipts will be issued when we have definite information about tax deductability of donations.

We hope you can see where your money has gone on 22-9-90!

1 9 8 9 A. G. M. 8th Sept. at Renaissance Centre

Following the discussions on the merging of the College and the Adelaide University, two Resolutions were passed:-

"That the Executive put before members options giving us most favourable grounds in the event that a merger between the two Instituted (Adelaide University and R.A.C.) is effected".

"That R.O.C.A. endeavour to negotiate Life Membership in the Adelaide University Alumni for the existing Life Members of R.O.C.A. at the time of a merger, and further attempt to retain our identity as a separate chapter within the Alumni".

Election of Officers:-

President	Dale Manson
Vice Pres.	Bardy McFarlane
Imm.Past Pres.	Peter Lewis
Secretary	Jack Richards
Treasurer	Peter Fairbrother
Graduating Year	Ray Farrelly
2 - 10 year	Paul Richardson
	Geoff Stanhope
	Paul LeLacheur
Ordinary Members	Alan Richardson
	Cheryl Kernick
	John Hill
	Harry Stephen
E.P. Reps:	Ken Hayman
	Jack Richards
S.E. Reps:	Michael Milne
	David Brown
Digest Editor	Andrew Michelmore

At the Dinner which followed, the R.O.C.A. Award of Merit Medal was presented to Ray Norton. Ray has given outstanding service to R O C A and the College during more than 20 years as Farm Manager. He served on Committee, was President, then Digest Editor and Membership chairman. Since 1973 he has been Farm Manager for the Waite Institute and the farms at Strathalbyn, Bolivar, O'Halloran Hill, and the properties of "Mundunny", "Moralana" and "Martindale". Congratulations, Ray!

R. O. C. A. POCKET BADGES

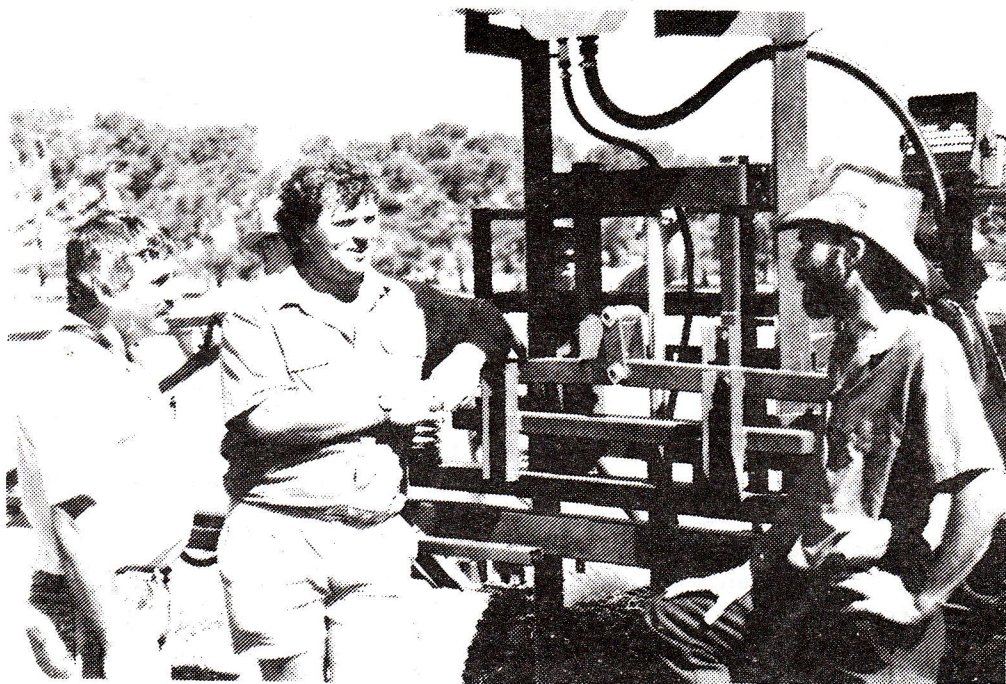
We have not had enough enquiry for the pocket badge to justify getting the 'computer control' tapes made for the job.

Members who would like the badge embroidered on a garment of their choice can use the design published on the May DIGEST.

Most of the commercial embroidery firms should be able to do the job for \$15 - \$20. Please contact R O C A if you need a print of the badge or further assistance.

Cheques which were forwarded in anticipation are being returned.

The S U C at the College has several lines of clothing with College emblems, and we will list these in the Digest soon.



David Foxwell, Cleve; Jay Cummins, Dept. Ag. and Paul Harris lecturer in Ag. Eng., RAC at a spraying Equipment Field Day at Roseworthy College recently.

ACTING DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Lots of activity continues at Roseworthy Agricultural College.

Merger

By the time you read this, I expect that the College will have formally signed a merger agreement with The University of Adelaide. A Merger Implementation Committee has met over the past couple of months, and prepared a report and merger agreement which was accepted without dissent at The University of Adelaide Council meeting on 10 November. Roseworthy Council agreed to this proposal at its meeting on 20 November, and Roseworthy formally will merge with The University of Adelaide on 1 January 1991.

We are pleased to have Bardy McFarlane as a member of the Merger Implementation Committee, as a ROCA counterpart to Dr George Mayo of the University's Alumni Association. Bardy, as a Roseworthy graduate, an experienced farmer, and a recent law graduate from the University, is uniquely fitted for this role.

The real work begins early in the new year when the detailed arrangements for the merger begin to be sorted out.

Masters Degree

Next year will see Roseworthy offer a Masters of Applied Science by research degree. This is our first masters degree and also our first research degree, and therefore represents a significant step forward for the College. The proposal has been developed in consultation with a broadly-based advisory committee, and has been assessed by an equally broadly-based formal accreditation panel. This will be a degree of the College as a whole, not of one of our three faculties.

(Editor's Note: George Mayo is also a R O C A member)

Masters candidates will be accepted in any of the fields in which the College is competent to supervise projects.

A hallmark of our masters programme is the emphasis on applied research - the guiding principle will be mission-oriented research within a systems framework. There has been a steady demand from potential candidates to do a course like this, and the College is being continually alerted to opportunities for applied research which our staff do not have the time to undertake. This masters programme addresses both of these needs, and I believe it will very usefully add to the new University of Adelaide's post-graduate offerings.

Reaccreditations

Five of our existing courses are being reaccredited this year: the Graduate Diploma in Agriculture, our Associate Diplomas in Farm Management, Agricultural Production, and Horse Husbandry and Management, and the Bachelor of Applied Science in Natural Resources Management. A significant development in the Graduate Diploma is the inclusion of some new subjects relating to agribusiness. The College has been keen to strengthen its offerings in the agribusiness area - although the underlying philosophy of our agriculture degree is one of an agribusiness/farming systems framework - and this graduate diploma initiative is a small but significant step in this direction.

We are pleased that companies like Elders are becoming more involved with the College, and are employing our new graduates.

Reviews

The College is contributing to three reviews at present. Dr Andrew Markides (Head, Division of Wine Science) and I appeared before the review of the Waite Institute to speak to Roseworthy's submission.

We argued strongly that the merger with The University of Adelaide offers the chance to greatly strengthen the University's offerings in agriculture by incorporating disciplines taught at Roseworthy but presently not at the University: farm management and agribusiness, agricultural policy, rural sociology, extension and communications, agricultural engineering, and particularly wine science.

We argued that tertiary training in agriculture should be underpinned by an agricultural systems philosophy. It has been pleasing to note that at least some other significant groups which appeared before the review said similar things, and we look forward to the report of the review committee, which I believe will set the groundwork for very fruitful merger implementation discussions next year.

The College will be making a submission to the Review of Governance of The University of Adelaide which will impact on how the College intermeshes with the rest of the University.

A national review of the teaching of agriculture in higher education will begin in December, chaired by Mr Jim McColl, formerly Director-General of Agriculture in South Australia, and assisted by Mr John Chudleigh of Orange Agricultural College, and Professor Allen Robson of the University of Western Australia. There will be a public call for submissions which will be due in February, and I urge ROCA, and you as individuals, to make submissions to this review. The College expects to make a strong submission to this enquiry, which will include the importance of maintaining the applied missions of the agricultural colleges within the merged universities. We look forward to meeting the review when they visit the College in the new year.

1990 A G M & D I N N E R

Although the annual dinners have been enjoyed by all members attending, we have had many apologies from members who said 'There's too much on this week'; 'It's football next day'; 'Show stock have to be attended to' and now 'The school holidays have changed'.

Your Committee have given the matter some serious thought and hope that all of these problems can be overcome by moving the event to the new school holiday time in late September.

You will note that the merger with the University of Adelaide is scheduled to become effective on 1st January 1991, so this will be the last chance to have the Annual General Meeting and Dinner at Roseworthy College while it is a separate organisation, (not that you will ~~see~~ a rapid change!).

The Community Club has catered for some excellent Dinners and a booking has been made for our Annual Dinner to be held at the Community Club at Roseworthy Agricultural College on **Saturday 22nd September 1990.**

This will coincide with the school holidays which start on Friday 21st September.

The College holidays will start the week before and some rooms can be made available to accommodate our members who wish to make it a 'nostalgic weekend'.

The new date will, no doubt, clash with a few country Shows, but this seems inevitable.

Please use the Questionnaire herewith to let us know what you will need to make it a memorable weekend.

The 10, 25, and 50 year groups will be featured as usual.

AGM & DINNER QUESTIONNAIRE

I am likely to be able to attend the R O C A Dinner at Roseworthy College on 22nd Sept. 1990 . . . Yes/No

I would be interested in bus travel Yes/No

I would be interested in shared car travel . . . Yes/No

I would be interested in accommodation at the College for the Saturday night Yes/No

I would be interested in a tour of the farm on the Sunday morning Yes/No

I would be interested in a Family Picnic or Barbecue on Sunday mid-day Yes/No

I would be interested in child care services . . . Yes/No

Any other comment:

R.S.V.P. 31st January 1990

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Phone 08 332 6724 7 - 8 am

Research and Development

The College continues to be active in the research and development area. Dr Neville Yates has just been awarded a Teaching Company Scheme in conjunction with Vogt Engineers to develop a system for feeding mineral supplements through stock watering systems. Mr Iain Grierson has won a Swine Compensation Fund grant to study disposal of piggery effluent through woodlots, and the piggery has received money from the same Fund to evaluate Procter farrowing crates.

The Key Centre has just received the final consultant's report which outlines a whole farm plan for the Roseworthy farm. This was co-ordinated by David Harvey, and involved a number of the College's staff. This plan is indeed an exciting development, and will see the commercial operations continue, on a sounder biological footing than has been the case in the past, in harmony with the environment and with the strong involvement of College staff and students from both Agriculture and Natural Resources in monitoring the soil and biological trends in the paddocks.

On behalf of the Director, who is, at the time of writing, returning from a well-deserved three weeks' leave, I would like to wish you all the compliments of the season. Barrie and I look forward to continuing fruitful interactions with ROCA next year.

With best wishes.



DR MARTIN ANDREW
Associate Director
20 November 1989



LOST MEMBERS

Thanks for the addresses of many of the 'lost' members. Some had shited to another town; some had married and were getting their spouse's Digest and some found a more convenient Post Office Box number.

Unfortunately, we lose a few each Digest, mainly because members move and forget to let us know. A few members have rang/written and we do not correct the address. Apparently, we make mistakes too, so keep trying, please.

If your address needs to be changed or if you are the one who has to redirect a Digest, please contact the Editor, R.O.C.A. DIGEST, Andrew Michelmore, 354 Glynburn Road, KENSINGTON GARDENS S A 5068. Thanks!



Dr Martin Andrew, Associate Director with Iain Grierson Lecturer in Soils, and two Chinese students who complet courses at Roseworthy College in 1989.

EYRE PENINSULA REUNION

The last weekend in February is the regular time for this function, and is an interesting weekend with the Dinner on Saturday, followed by the Family Picnic on the beach on Sunday. See you on 24th/ 25th February 1990.

Contact Alan Lawes, C M B ,LOUTH BAY S A 5607

YOU CAN HELP STUDENTS

Each year students are looking for properties on which to gain work experience during vacation.

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

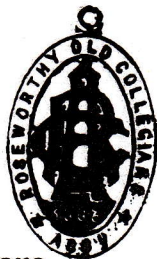
If you would like to help, please contact Graham Brookman at the College. He is the organiser of this work and will be pleased to add your name to the list of willing helpers.

R. O. C. A. BADGES

Membership badges are still available.

Order yours from the Digest Editor, Andrew Michelmore,
354 Glynburn Road, KENSINGTON GARDENS S A 5068

\$10.00 for the "saw pierced" or \$5.00 for the plain badge,



NEWS FROM MEMBERS

The 'Australian Poultry Award' was recently presented to **HUGH BRAY** who graduated from Roseworthy in 1945 then completed B.V.Sc. Degree at Sydney University. Since 1955 he has worked in the Department of Agriculture, specialising in poultry health management. He received the Order of Australia Medal in 1983 for service to the poultry industry, and last year was honoured with life membership of the Australian Veterinary Poultry Association.

Hugh is Senior Veterinary Consultant with the Department of Agriculture.

. . . . AND FROM WAITE INSTITUTE

Many of our members have had direct contact over the years with the Waite Institute and had the chance to know the staff at the Waite, including the Director, Professor Jim Quirk.

Jim is due to retire and will be replaced by Professor Harold Woolhouse in May 1990.

Professor Woolhouse did part of his training at Adelaide during the late 1950's but has worked most of his time in England, in the field of plant biochemistry.

He is keen to help unite the resource potential of the Waite, Roseworthy, C.S.I.R.O., Wine Institute, Department of Agriculture, industry and the farming community.

COLLEGE WINES

High quality wines are still available from the Winery. Ring, write or call and tell them R O C A sent you and you can sample before you buy.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

K.A. (Barney) McCullum was 'lost' during the last few years, but I am pleased to hear that he is safe and well in England.

He has written, with a brief account of his travels since Roseworthy. After a small spell in the army, he studied Medicine in Western Australia, followed by the necessary hospital jobs and a stint in the Kimberleys with the Flying Doctor; then for a year with the Australian National Arctic Research Expeditions at Casey.

He returned to Australia, did some locum work then moved to U.K. in 1981 for further studies in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. He is currently working at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford as a Senior Registrar.

MASTER OF WINE

Recently, Michael Brajkovich, a graduate in Oenology, and now winemaker for the family winery "Kumeu River Wines" has returned from London where he was awarded the distinction of "Master of Wine".

The Institute of Master of Wine was formed in the early 1950's to promote wine education and knowledge in the British wine trade. It has continued to provide a course of study for people working in the wine trade to promote their knowledge of production and marketing of wines, culminating in the examination for membership of the Institute, and the coveted title of "M W".

The membership now stands at 125, including 15 women. Two years ago the examination was opened to international candidates, and Michael Hill-Smith, of the 'Yalumba' family was the first overseas candidate to be admitted.

Michael Brajkovich has now added this coveted title to his remarkable list of achievements following a brilliant course at Roseworthy where he was Dux of his course, won several prizes and was awarded the Gramp Hardy Smith prize.

Congratulations, Michael. We wish you well in your career in the wine industry.

MORE NEWS FROM MEMBERS

GRANT PAECH graduated from Roseworthy in 1960 and returned to the family dairy farm at Hahndorf to help his father milk 120 cows. Roseworthy taught him to think laterally, so he tried growing potatoes, then strawberries as a supplement to the dairy income. A milk strike gave him a taste of direct marketing - selling direct to the user. The milk strike lasted a few days, but the taste of direct marketing lingered.

Strawberries could be ready for market in four months, and a better return than potatoes or cows.

Grant found that fruit which could not be sold as top quality could be made into jam. The first batch proved a rapid seller and the strawberry enterprise was established.

By 1975 the cows were sold, to be replaced by beef cattle which fitted the programme of strawberries and vegetables.

Grant and his family settled into the new business which soon grew to include the "Beerenberg" brand of jams, pickles and chutneys.

Another milestone was passed with the launching of the "Hospitality" range of 40 gram jars. More than 5 million of these have been sold to tourists, hotels, airways etc. where they have proved popular. Quality is the keynote for the "Beerenberg" label.

The latest improvements to the buildings were opened recently and will let them meet the new markets.

Congratulations, Grant! We wish you well

R.O.C.A.

O B I T U A R Y

Walter Maxwell Champion HACKETT

Max Hackett graduated from Roseworthy with Diploma in Agriculture. He then completed the Diploma in Oenology in 1938.

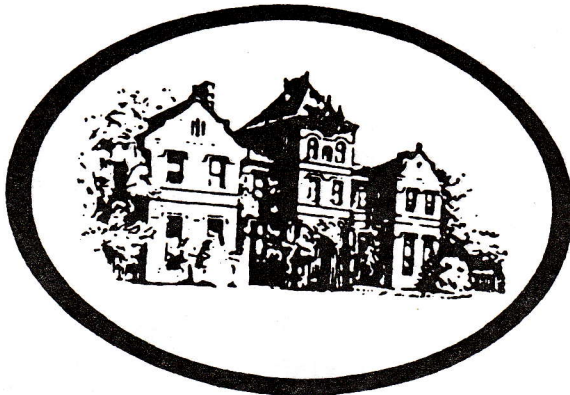
His first work with the Wine industry was with the Renmark Growers' Co-operative Winery Ltd.

Max was a leader in the field of wine making and developed many techniques which were later adopted as general practice in the industry.

Tarac Industries, Nuriootpa was his next place of work, where he became a Director and Manager, after pioneering the concept of recovering wine spirit from grape marc (skins and seeds). This important enterprise has been an immense benefit to the whole of the wine industry.

During the second World War, Max served in the 2/7 Australian Field Regiment.

After retirement, Max and his family moved from Nuriootpa to Norwood. He is survived by his wife, Gwynne and three sons.



A W A R D O F M E R I T

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

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

When you make a nomination, 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 nomination, 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 - Reg French
1989 - Ray Norton	1990 -

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

R.O.C.A.

AWARD OF MERIT

Nominations for the Roseworthy Old Collegians Award of Merit are required by 30th June.

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.,
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, ROSEWORTHY S A 5371

Name of Nominee
Address of Nominee
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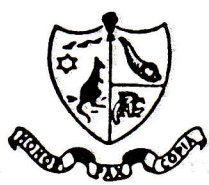
Proposed by
(please print & sign)

Seconded by
(please print & sign)

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

Please list major published papers, achievements, academic qualifications and honours bestowed, including community service so 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.



1989 GRADUATES

Welcome to R O C A. We hope that we can help you maintain contact with R.A.C. Please let us know your address so we can keep you posted with information from Roseworthy.

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Please post your subs now if you have not paid.
Why not become a Life Member?

A P P L I C A T I O N F O R R.O.C.A. M E M B E R S H I P

I wish to join Roseworthy Old Collegians Association.

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