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"Pay attention you jokers" - this is your President speaking

South East Dinner

The ROCA SE dinner was a huge success with over 70 Roseworthians and partners in attendance, together with the odd "custard coat" and football jumper with custard and mud still attached. The stunning theme of black and pink representing you know what graced the tables of the large tasting room at Patrick of Coonawarra so generously given over by Pat Tocaciu to this association for the evening. Photos of the good old days were circulated and a good time was had by all. A report by chief organiser Alan Richardson is contained later in this edition.

Money from the Alumni

Dave Spencer scored the Association \$2,100 to support our on-going efforts to interest current students at Roseworthy in ROCA and hopefully to join us after they graduate. To get the money, he knocked together an impressive submission to the University which has a budget of \$10,000 to offer to Alumni groups to promote membership of the University Alumni.

Wine Alumni Network

In early August I attended the first Wine Alumni Network, at Urrbrae House. It was well attended, but with a lot of university staff and current students from what I could see. No doubt the excellent catering arrangements and the wine provided by Penfolds attracted many. My son Gordon who is a winemaker at Petaluma also came along, but he only knew two or three there and found the event a little "stiff". However it was a start and this could well develop into an active association of oenology graduates. My only advice to the Alumni is to drop the word "network". The emphasis should be on friendships.

College / Campus Life

Many students appear to go to University to get their piece of paper with minimal input into campus life. When they leave, their memory of undergraduate life is quickly lost. Many first year lectures are conducted in large classes at North Terrace which is good for university finances, bad for camaraderie. Students live all over Adelaide, there is no farm work or weekend duties, lecture schedules are less intense allowing many students to get a part time job. All this is hardly conducive to creating the strong community experience we were fortunate enough to enjoy. Our small isolated campus out on the Adelaide Plains 60 Km north of the city night life, forced us to develop our own traditions over the years, which brought about a fairly intense undergraduate experience. This did not suit everyone, but most survived. The recent very successful SE dinner, resurrected after 40 years, is a bit of a testament to our shared past.

ATAR Scores and Priorities

A few months ago, we had a first year undergraduate vet student at Veterinary Services, IMVS / SA Pathology on work experience. I asked her what sort of ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (the successor of the TER score) she achieved in her year 12. She replied 99.4!

I then asked her what minimum ATAR score was required to get into the Roseworthy vet course - it was 98, well that counts me out I thought. When she graduates, a research position or a job in a suburban veterinary practice were her preferences at this early stage. The minimum for medicine is 91 and 68 for the new three year BSc (Agriculture) course, which has replaced the Roseworthy and Waite degrees. Only the livestock production aspects of the course and the practical components of the agronomy subjects are conducted at Roseworthy. It seems to me that there is a priority problem here.

Dick Turnbull President

ROCA Dinner & AGM 2012 is at The Grange Golf Club

The upcoming Annual ROCA Dinner and AGM will be held at **The Grange Golf Club**, White Sands Drive, Seaton on Friday 19 October 2012. Come and hear the riveting and revealing stories from the 10, 25, 40 & 50 Year Reunion Groups. Year groups, time to get organised.

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Contact people are:

50 Years (1962)	40 Years (1972)
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25 year group (1987)	10 year group (2002)
Craig Hole, Mobile 0409 710 535, Email cthihole@iprimus.com.au or craig.hole@landmark.com.au	We need a coordinator. Can you help? Ring Dick Turnbull 0437755034
Rodney Lush, Rodney Lush, Mobile 0419862510 Home 08-8756 5066, Email rodney.lush@bigpond.com	

Roseworthy Old Collegians Gathered at Coonawarra

Seventy past students of Roseworthy Agricultural College enjoyed a reunion dinner at Patricks of Coonawarra on Friday 10th August at the cellar door of "Patricks of Coonawarra". This was the first Roseworthy Old Collegians Association (ROCA) dinner to be held in the Limestone Coast region for forty years.

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ROCA member Pat Tocaciu and his son and business partner Luke kindly provided the venue free of charge and it proved to be ideal for the function. Pat is recovering from a traumatic encounter with brain cancer, but he was able to make an appearance early in the evening,

much appreciated by the ROCA members who attended. They also appreciated the excellent "Patricks of Coonawarra" and "Mother of Pearl" wines available at the venue! The excellent two course meal was provided by Mount Gambier based caterers "Finns Fine Foods" and there were plenty of compliments for the quality of the food.

A display of memorabilia including "custard coats", football jumpers, old editions of the "Student" magazine and a number of old photographs were great conversation starters. Thanks to all those who contributed their precious items. A rolling video display of old photos from Roseworthy also attracted a lot of interest.

David Spencer represented the ROCA committee at the dinner, and told the gathering the Roseworthy Old Collegians were the strongest and most active group in the University of Adelaide Alumni community. He presented President Dick Turnbull's unique trophy "SE Presidential Joke Award" for the best joke told on the night. The winner (by acclamation) was Melton Mowbray from Millicent. Melton will look after the Perpetual Trophy until the next SE dinner. The prize, a top shelf red from the Turnbull collection, was awarded and a trusted source (Tina Mowbray) will ensure that this top drop will be opened on their 50th Wedding anniversary in a few years time!

Many of those present on Friday night had never met each other despite living in the same region and having that strong common bond through attending Roseworthy College. Many new friendships and business linkages were established as a result of the dinner.

Guest speaker at the function was Ian Hickinbotham, who was one of the early students to graduate from the Roseworthy Diploma of Oenology course established in 1936. He went on to play a pivotal role in the development of the Australian wine industry and in particular was the key player in introducing malo-lactic secondary fermentation to the wine industry.

Given the success of the event, it is hoped the South East ROCA reunion will now become a regular event on the calendar for local students of Roseworthy College. There's some debate whether to hold it annually or every second year, but the format and the location seemed to suit most who attended.



Neville Gilbertson, Melton Mowbray, David Moss, Ian Hickinbotham



Steven Dukalskis, George Beck, James Bourke, David Paltridge, Sam Work



Peter Herde, Jill Herde, Allen Jenkins, Jane Jenkins, Jamie Jackson, Josie Jackson

The South East Dinner - Presidential Joke Award 2012

Winner: Melton Mowbray RDA 1958

Alan Richardson on his morning breakfast session was chatting away and asked any blokes listening to call in tell the radio audience the nickname of their wife or girl-friend. A courageous bloke phoned in. Alan enticed the caller still further and asked him "Well what's the nickname you have for your wife?" There was a slight pause and the caller then said "Harvey Norman". Alan sounded somewhat surprised and asked the caller "Well how do you arrive at that name?" The caller replied, "Absolutely no interest for 36 months".

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Blast from the Past (from ROCA and College Council minutes)

14-10-1967

"Pop Simes stressed the point that South Australians generally are poorly educated in the proper use of water"

(Pop Simes - Rod Pfeifer of Loxton?)

15-8-1969

Principals Report (extract)

Examinations

First Session examination results were very bad for first year students with 24 (out of 45) failing 4 or more subjects. Statistics over the past 8 years suggest that, on entry, students had an "even –money" chance of gaining a Diploma. With 4 or more failures at 1st session examination odds were 1-4 against getting to Second year and with 6 or more failures the odds were 1-12 against getting to second year. If a student succeeded getting to second year the odds were 20-1 in favour of him getting his diploma; if he succeeded in getting to 3rd year the odds were 40-1 in favour of him getting his diploma. The position had been explained to the first year students and the basic issues of "How to study" had been outlined to them.

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TALES from the HONOUR ROLL

As the ANZAC CENTENARY is fast approaching Dick Turnbull is looking for volunteers to help him research and write the stories of the 228 Roseworthians listed on our WW 1 college honour roll. Also, if any one reading this has a relative who was one of those 228 we would like to hear from you. There is usually a family historian who knows all about grandfather's or great uncle's exploits. If you read the tale written on **John Tassie** in the digital version of the Autumn Digest, e-mailed to nearly half our members, you will see the first final product of this project.

We already have a list of the 228 Roseworthians with their service numbers, date of enlistment, address and next of kin, their initial army unit and when they were discharged. Our ROCA archiving group working every Tuesday at the University can dig up their College records from their report card, principles reports and the Student Magazine. This combined with details from their families and newspapers articles will enable fairly comprehensive factual stories to be written on most if not all our 228 soldiers.

The aim is to publish this on a website to be entitled **TALES from the HONOUR ROLL** - the stories of 228 students and staff from Roseworthy Agricultural College who enlisted in the 1st AIF. All information will initially go to the group lead by Dick Turnbull compiling the website. Nothing will be published until their stories have be properly researched and written and every effort has been made to contact a living family member to seek their approval. If you watch the current television program "Who do you think you are" your will get an idea of what we can do and how easy it is for much of this information to be obtained in this digital age. The AWM and the National Archives has digital copies of nearly all of the 360,000 soldiers who enlisted in the 1st AIF available on their websites. Also battalion and regimental diaries are available in digital format plus all of the major newspapers of the day can be searches via the amazing TROVE program available on the National Archives website.

If you feel you can help please contact me Richard / Dick Turnbull, 0437 755 034, 08-84316618, 10 Wahroonga Ave, Wattle Park SA 5066. His current e-mail address is randcturnbull@tpg.com.au but he is the process of changing this, hopefully to randcturnbull@bigpond.com providing this particular address is available to him.

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Roseworthy Campus & Student Fund

We congratulate the following students who have won scholarships for 2012 and wish them well in their future studies and subsequent careers.

- Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund Scholarship Shanna Devereux from Casterton BSc (Animal Science) Level 2.
- Trevor Dillon Agronomic Roseworthy Scholarship Lisa Rohrlach from Tanunda B.
 Ag. Sciences Level 1.
- Agribusiness Leaders Scholarship for Excellence Amy Gutsche from Yorketown BAg. Sciences Level 1.
- Lower Murray Lot Feeders Honours Scholarship Jennifer Mann from Clare Current HBSc.
- R.A.&H.S. Education Foundation of S.A. Scholarship Renee Farrow from Coobowie – BAg. Sciences Level 2.

It is to be noted that more Scholarships were awarded this year than ever before and thanks are due to the sterling efforts of members of the R.C.&.S.F. Committee.

The Committee has approved a request for financial assistance of \$1,000.00 to support an Intercollegiate Meat Judging team from the Roseworthy Campus to attend competitions in Queensland. Future support is likely to depend to some extent on the efforts the students make to raise funds from industry and/or the corporate sector.

During the year representatives of the Committee met with the former Vice Chancellor James McWha essentially to solicit scholarship funds from the sales of University properties. I am pleased to report that he has agreed to establish a dedicated award for a student at Roseworthy Campus as part of the Vice Chancellor's Scheme. Awards under this scheme are very generous and are keenly sought after by eligible students.

Patron John Crosby has arranged for a small gathering comprising donors to the Agribusiness Leaders Scholarship for Excellence and members of the R.C.&S.F. Committee to meet and recognise Amy Gutsche of Yorketown, the inaugural winner of this award.

Dr. Kelly Banwell has been our very reliable and competent Secretary over the past few years but is now transferring to another position in the University. On behalf of all Committee members I thank Kelly for a job well done and wish her every success in the future.

My final word – R.O.C.A. members please support the R.C.&S.F. – donations to date have been extremely disappointing and consequently our particular Scholarship is far less rewarding than all the others mentioned above. The donations are tax deductible.

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Ray Taylor, Chair Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund

Join the Roseworthy Team in Tour Down Under 2013

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2013 will be the first year we have formed a Roseworthy team in the Bupa Challenge Tour on Friday 25th January. This does not mean that we have to ride together as we all ride at our own speed and choose the course to suit our level of fitness (46, 92 or 127km) You have 5 months to get ready!

If you join the team you will have "Roseworthy" on the back of your Jersey. Undergraduates, Graduates and Staff are encouraged to join the Roseworthy team. There has been thousands of students who have passed through the Roseworthy Campus, so the Roseworthy Team has a lot of potential!

How to get involved: Go to www.tourdownunder.com.au Complete the registration process and quote the Roseworthy Team code BCT272. If you have already registered but would like to join the team email breakawayseries@tourism.sa.com before 5pm 22-10-2012, quote the team code above and you are in! See you on the Tour!

David Spencer, Roseworthy Team Captain spencers@adam.com.au 0401124697

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ROCA Welcomes University Council Election Results

The recent ballot for three graduates to be elected to the Adelaide University Council for the next three years beginning in September resulted in the re-election of two staunch supporters for agriculture and related discipline activities.

This has been particularly important for our members because of:

- o the severe limit of numbers of people graduating in agriculture and related disciplines;
- o the pressure on the increased need for more and better food and fibre production;
- o a new Vice Chancellor having taken up duties at the university;
- o ongoing development and needs at the Roseworthy Campus; and
- the need to step up research programs in agricultural disciplines to meet local and global challenges.

The successful candidates elected are Professor Simon Maddocks, a former Director of Roseworthy, and Dr John Radcliffe AO, former Director-General of Agriculture and Deputy Chief of CSIRO.

ROCA congratulates Simon and John and wishes them well in their role of strategic decision making at the top level.

Roseworthy National Servicemen's Commemorative Plaque

As has been mentioned before in this newsletter, the initiative for this plaque came from Peter Winter (1964) and John Eyre (RDA 1964) back in 2008. I joined them in late 2010 and after a fair bit of work and some stuffing around we are almost there. We thought it worthwhile to record the names, in a public place at Roseworthy, of students who had their lives and careers interrupted by the imposition of the National Service Act of 1964. It is not to commemorate just the 13 who served in Vietnam, but all 31 of us who entered the army under this scheme at that time. The act was created to provide extra man-power for the Australian Army so the government could fulfill its commitment to fight in South Vietnam during that Cold War period. This was unique in Australian history, as compulsory military service for war had twice been rejected during WWI by the Australian voters. It proved no less controversial during the sixties.

A letter is about to go out to all those listed below, who we reckon (after extensive enquiries) are all the Roseworthy students who entered the army under the 1964 National Service Act. Those names with a "?" by them, signify we are not completely certain about the details of their service. The names with an "*" after them saw active service. If anyone reading this knows that any of these details are incorrect, please contact me ASAP. We also need to get further information on J.R. O'Connell, D. Hicks and David Pannach.

1962	1964	1966	1968
Eyre J.R.*	Baker B.T.	Harvey J.O.	Christophenson N.
Whyntie I.M.H.	Piercy W.L.*	McCallum K.A.	Douglas G *
Winter P*	Stacy R.T.*	Tapley I*	Holmes N
	?Hicks D	Turnbull R.K.*	Wright L
1963		Watson W.D.	•
?Dixon G.D*			
Lykke D.F.W.	1965	1967	1970
??O'Connell J.R.*	Cochrane M.J.	Brookman G.T.	St John-Sweeting R
Sampson R.J.	Crosby R.B	Kaesler F.E.	_
Westbrook K.D.	Fromm G.M.*		1980
Wilkinson A.J.*	Kohnke J.R.*		Suiker J.F*
Young G.B.	?Pannach D.D.		

A number of old Collegians have contacted me and mentioned that they were called up under the old six month compulsory National Service scheme 1951- 1959 and would like to have their names included on the plaque. Peter, John and I considered this, but we felt the task was beyond us as we were having enough difficulty with our group of 31. In fact there have been various compulsory military service schemes dating back to before 1900 and no doubt some Roseworthians would have participated in some of them. So we decided to stick with our own well-defined group. This not a ROCA initiative. It is supported by ROCA, but not funded by it. This is my last year as President but I will remain on the committee, so if any of the 1951 – 59 group wish to contact me, I would be happy to discuss how they may be able to carry out a similar initiative to ours.

While we are on the matter of name plaques, it is the wish of the committee to up-date the **Honour Roll in the chapel** with the names of all Roseworthians who saw active service post WW2. This will be part of our contribution to the **ANZAC CENTENARY**. If you are reading this, and saw active service, and your name does not appear on the above list, please call me or write to me. If you can recall any other Roseworthian whose name should be on the honour roll please let me know. This will include those who joined the regular forces and who saw service in Korea, Malaya or in more recent conflicts such as East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan, plus some of the UN peace keeping operations.

Dick Turnbull 0437755034

ROCA Digest – electronic and hard copies

The DIGEST will be sent out in electronic form to all members for whom we have valid email addresses. These recipients will receive the "long version" which will contain extra material and more pictures. This version will be posted on the ROCA website which is located within the University of Adelaide website. www.adelaide.edu.au/roca/

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or

 Send an e-mail containing your full name, address and year of graduation to: <u>roca@alumni.adelaide.edu.au</u>. (the Alumni automatically forward this onto our President)

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2012 Reunion Dinner

Your 2011/2012 ROCA Committee

The Grange Golf Club White Sands Drive, Seaton

Friday 19 October 2012

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ROCA Committee Member in 2012/13?

Will you be a

Add your expertise in this exciting period of Roseworthy and ROCA's history. You can nominate yourself.

ROCA needs you