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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is nearly 12 months since I took on the role of the President of ROCA. Like other Presidents before me I have been a little surprised by the amount of business covered. ROCA remains a very active part of the University of Adelaide Alumni because its committee and members are keen to be involved and perpetuate a feeling of fellowship amongst all those who have attended Roseworthy in the past. We look forward to the next chapter of the Roseworthy campus as it produces a new wave of graduates of Animal and Veterinary Science. While we have already had many graduates of Animal Science and Veterinary



Bioscience, 2014 will see the first group of Doctor of Veterinary Science graduates. The University of Adelaide has recently received its interim accreditation for Doctor of Veterinary Science, which will be fully accredited in November so that its graduates can practice in Australia and New Zealand. International Accreditation will come at a later date.

Just in case some groups may think about using the name of Roseworthy College or Roseworthy Agricultural College, ROCA has registered the business names to preserve their safekeeping in the future and the integrity of the Roseworthy tradition.

In June we held a special meeting where the ROCA committee and the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund members came together to look at some long term planning

One of the major issues confronting ROCA is the lack of new members. The inability of ROCA to attract new members will have various consequences such as:

- Declining number of actual members as natural attrition takes its toll
- Reduced finances as the existing nest egg declines with costs exceeding our income
- Less relevance as ROCA will be less able to make meaningful contributions to prizes, awards and worthwhile events and causes
- Lower interest by the new graduates for Roseworthy to continue the association

To that end the meeting made two resolutions with Constitution implications. The first resolution was to abolish the membership fee. This will bring ROCA into line with the rest of the University of Adelaide Alumni who have no joining fees. The successful resolution will also mean membership does not represent a financial barrier to the younger graduates.

The second resolution relates to additional membership categories, more detail is provided on the AGM notice in this digest. If the membership resolution is successful our membership could potentially expand significantly as anybody who has attended Roseworthy for at least 12 months is eligible to apply for ROCA membership. These resolutions will need to be ratified by the members at the ROCA AGM to be held on Friday, 18 October as it is a change to the ROCA constitution

A further resolution does not have any immediate constitution issues but has instructed the committee to explore the connection between the University of

Adelaide Alumni that pertain to Primary Production, namely links to Animal and Plant Science. As the University of Adelaide is positioning itself to be a national leader in Animal and Plant Science in relation to Primary Production, we thought we could investigate ways of supporting that aspect of the University of Adelaide Alumni.

ROCA Committee Membership

The AGM, as well as an opportunity for the committee to report to the membership, is also an opportunity for the membership to step forward and nominate for the committee. The ROCA committee has a healthy turnover of membership that means new ideas, methodology and philosophy are continually introduced and explored. The President position for instance cannot be held any more than concurrent two years. If you know a fellow ROCA member who you think could make a positive contribution to the ROCA committee, with their knowledge you could nominate them for the next round of elections at the 2013 AGM.

Keeping in Touch

In the last Digest we encouraged you to keep in touch by:

- Email through roca@alumni.adelaide.edu.au
- Provide your latest email address and other contact details
- Visit our Facebook Page
- Register your Reunion plans
- Contribute to the ROCA Digest, news and Facebook through our email address
- Identify photos from the online Archive site
- Contribute material for the Archives

Since then we have had a steady stream of ROCA members and non-members making contact.

Receiving the Digest via Email

We are very pleased to have had contact with many members who have provided an email address so that we can email the Digest rather than send a hard copy through the mail. While for some members that do not have an email address the hard copy is the only option, we will continue to provide this format. However, for those members who have an email address we urge you to provide your details so that we can save this significant cost.

Wine Alumni

Many ROCA members can also be a member of the Wine Alumni that is one of the newer Alumni Groups formed. We appreciate the invitation to see the winemaking facilities at the Waite Campus on Saturday 19 October.

Urrbrae Old Scholars Association

Many of our ROCA members attended Urrbrae High School in their formative years of Agricultural Studies. If you are interested in making contact email: old.scholars.urrbrae@gmail.com or contact Maxine Farrows on (08) 8372 6915 or 0412 408 167.

News from the Archives

A small group of ROCA members have been beavering away, some for ten years, on various projects to put order into graduate records, and identifying and cataloging a huge amount of Roseworthy material. At the moment the tasks involved range from indexing press releases, oral history transcripts (Jack Daly and Cliff Hooper), indexing Agriculture Journals, summarizing College Council minutes (1980's at the moment), referencing every Student Magazine as well as other tasks.

A number of past students and staff will be approached for an oral interview. These will represent an important contribution to the history of the Roseworthy campus. Recently Frank Hilton 1939-41 was interviewed - he graduated in 1942 with the Gold Medal after completing his RDA. Frank, who is 92 years old, had a marvelous recall of his days at Roseworthy. Eventually, his oral recording and others with a transcript of their interviews will be made available at the archive website of the University of Adelaide RECORDS AND COLLECTIONS.

Recently a Roseworthy graduate from 1984 made contact through the ROCA website and alerted us to the omission of her name from the Graduate list. Through a search of other records we corrected the list and added some other graduates that had gone unnoticed. We appreciate these contacts as it is the only way we can be sure the Graduate lists are correct, especially before computer records became available (in the 1990s?) To keep the archive team on the ball we encourage you to check the Graduate list for your name and details. With over 6,000 graduates and many awards the records are a great credit to the ROCA volunteer group.

Can you contribute to our funding commitments?

As an active association we have a growing financial commitment. If we sit on our hands and guard our piggy bank we will not be able to participate actively in University Alumni affairs. If we are unable to generate additional funds then we will have to gradually erode our savings to meet these commitments. Perhaps you, or a group of Graduates, could make a donation to help meet these annual costs. We would appreciate your support for:

- Annual Academic Prizes for Animal and Veterinary Bio Science and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
- Old Student's Cup
- ANZAC Special Appeal

Annual Industry Experience

I asked Dr Wendy Hamood (the Roseworthy Campus staff member who assists students to find placements in Animal Industry Primary Production) to write an article for the Digest. Please read her article and give it consideration if you think you can help or you know of a primary producer who can be contacted. In our huge ROCA network there must be a number of members who could be involved. By contributing to a positive work experience we can improve the standard of expertise our graduates emerge with and their subsequent contribution to the primary production animal industry.

Tour Down Under

Join the "ROSEWORTHY" team on the community ride on Friday, 24 January 2014. If you are going to ride any of the sections on the day you are encouraged to join the Roseworthy team (CODE BCF272). If you have already registered you can still join the Team and support the Roseworthy Campus Union (RACSUC) who will put in a Roseworthy Team each year. You can ride at your own speed or join in with other team members.

David Spencer
ROCA President

OPPORTUNITIES SOUGHT FOR EXPERIENCE.

Students enrolled in the Veterinary complete 12 weeks of animal breaks before they are eligible to program. Animal Science students industry. This practical work knowledge and further practice placements to be an important part of their training and professional development.



STUDENTS TO GAIN ANIMAL INDUSTRY

Bioscience degree at Roseworthy campus are required to husbandry related work experience during university enrol in the DVM (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine) are also encouraged to gain extra experience working in experience enables students to improve industry animal handling skills. Students consider these

"Being a larger establishment, I was able to observe a wide range of activities and gain an understanding of how a larger scale dairy operation works. I feel that in my future working career I will be able to make recommendations and interact with dairy farmers with a good appreciation and knowledge of their objectives and perspectives in relation to animal health and management."

"I certainly feel more confident discussing sheep diseases, market assurance programs, calendar events, and trait selection."

"I found this experience extremely valuable. I learned so much that I did not know before and the hands-on experience was brilliant. I never thought I would be allowed to do so much and being given the opportunity to administer injections and catch and restrain alpacas was so worthwhile."

"It was great, been able to consolidate things that have been taught in lecture, and to observe and take part in the real situation."

"It was a very good experience especially living with the family and working full days gave an awesome insight into life as a dairy farmer."

"This placement assisted my personal development as I had to learn effective communication and also had to use my initiative in many situations"



If you are interested in providing work placements or would like further information please contact Dr Wendy Hamood 8313 7916 or 0459 836 107 wendy.hamood@adelaide.edu.au

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES ROCA AGM 2013

The ROCA Committee of 2013 would like to give notice of two Resolutions that will be placed on the AGM agenda to be held on Friday 18 October at the Glenelg Golf Club to be voted on by ROCA Members. We would encourage as many ROCA Members to attend the AGM as possible as the committee needs your support to serve the needs of the Association as best they can.

ROCA has not attracted new members for some time and hence no growth in our funds. The ROCA committee has tackled this dilemma for many years with no improvement and at a special strategic meeting held with members of the ROCA and Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund committees two resolutions were made in an attempt to move forward.

ROCA is the only UofA Alumni group who charges a joining fee and therefore to be in line with the rest of the Alumni it was felt we should abolish a joining fee so that it would not represent a disincentive. Membership numbers should be the most important factor, as we need to attract new members to ensure the association's longevity and relevance. We still need funds to operate but they can be raised in other ways such as sponsorships and donations.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

Resolution (A) We recommend that Item 6 (which reads "The subscription fees for Ordinary Life Members shall be such sum as the Members shall determine from time to time in general meeting ") is rescinded.

If the resolution is carried then there will be no fees to be a member of ROCA.

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Resolution (B) We are going to revise the constitution to the principle of open membership where students who have studied at Roseworthy Campus will automatically become members of ROCA.

This resolution for Item 5 of the constitution will be updated and include

1. Member will be added to classes of membership (5.1)
2. Member will now include anybody who has studied in the past or future at the Roseworthy Campus for the equivalent of one academic year or more.
3. Member will now include anybody who has studied a Roseworthy Campus based course externally for the equivalent of one academic year or more
4. Member will now include any staff who have worked for the equivalent of 12 months or more in the past or future at the Roseworthy Campus.
5. Ordinary Life Members will be those who have existing Life membership prior to 18 October 2013
6. The title of Campus Director (item 5.2.1.2) will be updated in line with changing UofA structures.

If this resolution is carried then Item 5 of the Constitution will read as follows:

5 Membership

5.1 Classes of Membership

- 5.1.1 Member
- 5.1.2 Ordinary Life Member;
- 5.1.3 Honorary Life Member;

5.2 Means of Achieving Membership

5.2.1 Ordinary Life Members: those who have existing Life membership prior to 18 October 2013

- 5.2.1.1 Anybody who has studied in the past or future an on-campus or external Roseworthy course for the equivalent of one academic year or more;
- 5.2.1.2 Any staff who have worked for the equivalent of 12 months or more in the past or future at the Roseworthy Campus;
- 5.2.1.3 The Roseworthy Campus Director or their equivalent in the UofA Academic Structure;
- 5.2.1.4 Agricultural Science Graduates and Non-Graduates of the Adelaide University prior to 1956;
- 5.2.1.5 Any other person who, in the judgement of the Committee, has made a significant contribution to the Campus.

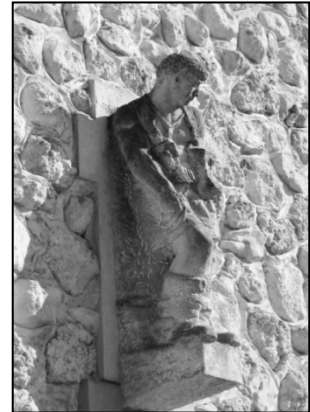
5.2.2 Honorary Life Member: any person may be honoured with a Life Membership by a general meeting following the recommendation of the Committee provided that the number of Honorary Life Members shall not exceed 2% of the Members at the time of election.

ROSEWORTHY AND THE ANZAC CENTENARY - AN APPEAL FOR DONATIONS

ROCA has a proud tradition of commemorating the military service of ex-students who served their country in time of war. This tradition is evidenced by the memorial two students killed during the South African Campaign mounted on the wall at the front of the dining room, the imposing WW I mahogany honour roll in the main foyer of Roseworthy Hall and the Memorial Chapel.

Anzac Day 1912 saw over 80 students and staff attended a ceremony at the chapel, which demonstrated a surprising degree of interest amongst the current student and staff. This year Anzac day fell in the middle of the term break and it was felt that a ceremony would not work. However the campus authorities and student leaders would like to see one next year as a prelude to the major ceremony on Anzac Day 1915. ROCA with the assistance of its group of ex National Servicemen will take the lead in organising this prelude event in 1914 and a major event on Anzac Day 1915.

The University has completed the restoration and upgrade of the John Tassie Memorial Library, erected by the Tassie family in the memory of their son who was killed on Anzac day 1918. This plus the extensive restoration work currently being done on the main building (Roseworthy Hall) is testament to the value the University is placing on the heritage of Roseworthy. ROCA needs to make its contribution to maintaining our heritage.



One way of doing this is to undertake in conjunction with the University some projects which will help commemorate the ANZAC CENTENARY over the next few years. The obvious projects are updating the bronze and brass honour roll on the back wall of the chapel with the names of those who saw active service post WW2, and to contribute to the cleaning and minor restoration of this honour roll. The John Dowie statue of a youthful returning soldier mounted above the entrance to the memorial chapel (see photo above), is showing severe sign of weathering and needs to be restored. A rough estimate as to the cost of all this work is \$10,000.

A proposal to carry out these three projects has gone the university and they have been asked to make \$4000 contribution. ROCA through Dick Turnbull is applying for a \$4000 grant under the government's Anzac Centenary Local Grants scheme. Thus it seems only reasonable the ROCA membership make a modest contribution of \$2000. As ROCA is already dipping into its cash reserves the Committee is making a DIRECT APPEAL for DONATIONS under the banner ROSEWORTHY and the ANZAC CENTENARY.

ROSEWORTHY and the ANZAC CENTENARY Projects - Appeal for DONATIONS

To: Treasurer – ROCA
PO Box 503, KENT TOWN S.A. 5071

I _____ wish to contribute \$ 25.00

E-mail address: _____ \$ 50.00

Address: _____ \$100.00

Other \$ _____

Make cheques payable to: *ROCA - Anzac Centenary projects appeal*

EFT to ROCA Society Cheque a/c:
BSB: 105-009
A/C # 065129040
You must indicate who the money is from

ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS AND STUDENT FUND (RC&SF)

2013 has been a great year for the number of scholarships awarded to students studying various agricultural courses, many of which are for students at the Roseworthy Campus. A total of 15 scholarships, having a total value of almost \$100,000 have been awarded. Many of these are directly or indirectly the result of efforts of members of the RC&SF.

Successful students, who have been awarded those directly related to the RC&SF are;

RC&SF Award: Hannah Bobrowski, Salisbury North, Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience)

Trevor Dillion Agronomic Scholarship: Emma Goode, Monarto, Bachelor of Agriculture Sciences

Lot Feeders Hons Scholarship: Felicity Davies, Hahndorf, Bachelor of Science (Honours) (Animal Science)

Agribusiness Leaders Scholarship: Jackson Adams, Mannum, Bachelor of Agriculture Sciences

Royal Ag and Hort Society Scholarship: Angela Markow, Hindmarsh West, Bachelor of Science (Animal Science)

We congratulate all winners and wish them every success in their studies and future careers.

One former scholarship winner is Maddie Jonas. Paul Fin, Director Branch of Engagement, has compiled the following story regarding a very successful student.

The number of scholarship opportunities available to support students in the agriculture area of the University of Adelaide, has grown from 5 to nearly 20 in the past 3 years. Maddie Jonas, a recipient of Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society Education Foundation Scholarship and also a Cowan Scholarship during her undergraduate study has said "not having to worry too much about finance meant I could focus on study, which allowed me to receive outstanding achievement awards each year. I am extremely grateful for the scholarship I received."

Maddie is just the kind of high achieving student that industry is looking for and was fortunate when Kidman and Co offered her a research position for a Cattle Epigenetics Project based at their Tungali feedlot. The project looked at organ development, fat distribution and hormonal differences in foetuses and calves, driven by differences in maternal nutrition. Maddie had an active role with the project but at the same time, gained some valuable experience around the operation of a feedlot.

This was a significant offer to Maddie from Kidman and Co, a company that themselves assist to support a scholarship. As the project wound back, Maddie was able to win a senior position at a feedlot near Tintinara. Currently she is the Quality Assurance Officer at the Iranda Feedlot.

This is a good story of scholarship support for a rural recipient with talent, who has been able to move seamlessly into industry and given the shortage of quality trained young people it is a story that the industry needs repeated many times. So what lies ahead for Maddie in the future? Well her ambitions are "to work in the beef cattle industry and use what I learnt at University to help ensure it stays strong in Australia." I am sure we wish her every success.

Despite our success to date the many applicants for assistance has demonstrated that further support is needed. Committee members are actively pursuing new areas with a high level of optimism.

John Rothwell CEO of the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of SA has very generously offered to host an afternoon tea at the show grounds on September 10. At this function recent winners of Scholarships associated with The Fund together with donors and committee members will be invited. This gathering will provide a first class opportunity for interaction between particularly donors and scholarship winners.

A previous winner of the Agribusiness Scholarship, Amy Gutsche has sort assistance to attend the International Association for Students in Agriculture and related sciences World Congress 2013 to be held in Chile late July/ August. Amy has proved to be a great ambassador for the University and for The Fund and so some assistance was granted.

Our June meeting was favoured by a visit from the Vice Chancellor, Professor Warren Bebbington who spoke encouragingly about the future of agricultural education at both the Waite and Roseworthy Campuses. He displayed keen interest in our activities and those of ROCA and so we believe we have forged a closer link with the administration of the University then perhaps had previously existed.

Ray Taylor – Chair, Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund

2013 SOUTH EAST ROCA DINNER AND REUNION

The Naracoorte Hotel was the venue for this year's ROCA dinner and reunion in the Limestone Coast.

Close to 60 ROCA members, past RAC students and their partners attended the event. We also had three current students from the Roseworthy campus, Alicia Rochler, Sally Gazard and Amy Cleggett attending as our guests.

Amy had the great honour of taking off the prestigious "Dick Turnbull joke award" at the end of the night. Which rather annoyed Dick, because he'd decided to compete in the award with the hope of winning back his bottle of premium red wine, but unfortunately by popular acclaim, Amy's joke managed to top his!

As at last year's dinner, which was held at Coonawarra, there was a great diversity of year groups represented by those in attendance. So wasn't just a matter of reminiscing with old mates, but also making new friends.

The guest speaker was Bardy McFarlane, the Head of Land Access Management for BHP Billiton iron ore. Bardy gave a fascinating talk about how he had graduated from Roseworthy (just!) with an RDA, then went on to the family property near Wellington for several years where he gained a taste for the legal system by becoming a local JP.

He then decided to follow his father's footsteps by enrolling for a law degree at Adelaide University. This was not easy given that he first had to sit for his matriculation certificate. However once overcoming that hurdle, he did complete his law degree with Honours, and went on to private law practice where he specialised in native vegetation cases, and later started dealing with native title issues. This led him to being asked to sit on the National Native Title Tribunal.

Meanwhile he had also become a leading figure in fisheries management in South Australia.

Then Bardy was approached by BHP Billiton to take on a new role managing and negotiating land access agreements in the Pilbara. Bardy had many interesting observations to make about native title, negotiations with aboriginal people, understanding indigenous culture, and the importance of corporate governance when dealing with millions of dollars of compensation.

If you'd like to hear a slightly edited version of Bardy's talk, please click on this link...

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/82535739/Bardy%20ROCA%20speech.MP3>

Next year's South-East ROCA dinner is likely to be held somewhere around the same time of year. However judging by the number of apologies received, we may try to avoid school holiday breaks and avoid the big exodus that many local people tend to make in early July to the north of Australia or on overseas trips.

Alan Richardson would welcome any comments or suggestions for the 2014 event. You can contact him via e-mail on yahl@internode.on.net



Alicia Rochler, Amy Cleggett,
Sally Gazzard



Doug Crosby, Tom Sismey,
Dick Turnbull



Louise Hannemann, David Cox,
Chris Jefferies, Anne Jefferies



Trevor Wagner, Anne Wagner, Bardy McFarlane



Peter Fisher, Warren Drabsch, Kay Drabsch, Dave Spencer,
Maria Spencer

RIVERLAND REUNION

Ian Newland and Susie Sharley will organize a Riverland Reunion for 2014. They will be seeking support from ROCA members residing in the Riverland area. The Reunion will probably follow a dinner with guest speaker format, but the most important aspect will be a chance to catch up with old colleagues!

VISIT OF ROCA MEMBERS TO THE HICKINBOTHAM ROSEWORTHY WINE SCIENCE LABORATORY AT THE WAITE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

The steering group of The Wine Alumni invite ROCA members and their partners to visit the Waite Campus and take a tour of the teaching and winemaking facilities at The Hickenbotham Roseworthy Wine Science Laboratory. This is a state-of-the-art winemaking and research facility for training our future winemakers. The visit will consist of a tour and tasting. Tea and coffee will also be provided.

When : Saturday 19th Oct, 10 -11.30 am.
Where : Top of Waite Road, Urrbrae, Adelaide
RSVP: Monday 7 October

ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS EQUINE HEALTH CENTRE OPENING

If you would like to see the new Equine Health Centre at the Roseworthy Campus the University of Adelaide they are staging its official opening on Sunday October 28th, the public is welcome to visit the Campus and view this new facility as well as the existing Animal and Veterinary Science Buildings. If you have not been to the campus for some time you will be impressed with the quality and scope of these additional teaching resources.

PASSING OF ROSEWORTHY GRADUATES

We note the passing of the following Graduates from 1955: John Gursansky, Michael Egan and Don Stephens.

We appreciate receiving this information from Rod Woolford and encourage other collegians to keep us informed so that notices such as this can be passed on in the Digest.

ROSEWORTHY MEMORIES - DAVID STANLEY 1959 GRADUATE

After a week or so in a Qantas Constellation flying across the Indian Ocean from Jo'burg to Mauritius, Cocos Is, Darwin, Sydney, train to Melbourne and Adelaide, I arrived at Roseworthy Station at about 6pm where I saw on the platform a - **funny chap** - with a Ford Zephyr, who introduced himself as the Principal of Roseworthy College. I was impressed.

He asked me if I had eaten anything for the past week. Being a skinny sort of fellow, I daresay I evoked thoughts about famine in Africa.

I decided, "Here's a good bloke," so, I told him I really hadn't eaten anything much for a while. "We'll see about that," said Dr McCulloch:

"I'll get Rocky Marshall out and he can fix you up with a chop or something." The vision of someone called Rocky Marshall being the cook put my mind in a spin. Then I remembered the date, tomorrow is April Fool's day and wondered if this funny old chap was setting me up?

Anyway, Rocky personally fried me a chop and asked if I wanted another. What a nice welcome I thought, "here's another really good bloke" and so they turned out to be. Good on you Rocky Marshall and Dr. R.N. McCulloch, wherever you are.

So, up the stairs into the first year quarters. Being the first to arrive I had the pick of the rooms and beds. At crack of dawn I was up with the magpies and ready dressed, not wanting to be caught in bed. After a while I heard a voice yelling from downstairs "Hey MAU-MAU are you there?"

Coming from Kenya I knew all about MAU-MAU, so I peered over and there was someone who said: "I'm DICK MAXWELL, if you want some breakfast, follow me." There we picked up our plates and there, lo and behold, was Rocky again.

"G'day Dave; ready for some more chops?" After two or three each, Maxwell says, "you're with me; get your boots and shorts on. Unfortunately, I have to drag you around today." I followed the great Maxwell out past the boilers; past the Corridor to be greeted with a howl from a hairy looking bloke coming our way "Crikey, another African b.....d in his Bombay Bloomers." This was my first introduction to Tig Donellan. He too turned out to be a good bloke.

Maxwell ignored him and said on the way to the stables, "Can you saddle a horse?" Being a bit streetwise I said "No!" Maxwell said "I'll show ya, once!" A good job I said no, because although I was alright with a hack, I had never in my life seen a horse connected up to a spring cart.

Topsy was duly saddled up and off we went at a walk with a bale of hay and two mattocks. Asking Maxwell what was on the go, he said: "We'll go for a bit of a bludge" I thought, "A new word. Don't ask, all will be revealed" and so it was.

Eventually we got onto the Gawler road, had a smoko and dug out some weeds that I was knowingly told were called CARDOONS. "I'll tell ya, once." I never forgot. Then back to College for lunch. By now, I knew what was coming - chops. I had also deduced what 'bludge' meant. Dick Maxwell became one of my greatest friends. I'm sorry he is not around anymore.

And so it goes. Three wonderful years with my friends here tonight, packed with life. But it wasn't all a bludge!

I tell you this little story to bring me to the more serious personal side. Apart from a wonderful wife, farm, sons and family and my career in public life, those three years at Roseworthy, the lifelong friends I made, the memories and my colleagues here today, mean more to me than anything else.

The Roseworthy connection worldwide is astonishing. Last month Jane and I went to a lecture and dinner in Nairobi to celebrate 150 years since Charles Darwin wrote "The Origin of Species".

At dinner I sat next to a lady who sounded Australian. I chatted her up and she said she was a geneticist from South Australia. So the conversation developed and I discovered that she too had graduated from Roseworthy in 1983 and, believe it or not, was also DUX student.

Her name is Dr. Margaret McKinnon and she sends her greetings to all ROCA members. The same greetings I bring from Nigel Trent, graduated 1961 and Nigel Archer 1994.

For my personal academic career the Roseworthy qualification wrapped up all the competition in 1965 and I was awarded the Dominion Nuffield Farming Fellowship for Kenya to the United Kingdom. Mention Roseworthy to any Nuffield Australia Scholars today and there is an immediate acknowledgement of the esteem that the College holds.

So, to all those lecturers, cooks, staff and funny old jokers who had our lives at heart, I thank you all, and salute you, and may the spirit of Roseworthy College endure forever.

(This was presented at a 50th luncheon of the RAC Graduates of 1959. It captures the amazing acceptance and welcome of a stranger by Australian students during those surprisingly innocent times when the world was still reshaping after WWII.)



Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.

INVITATION

115th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and 2013 REUNION DINNER

President, David Spencer and Committee cordially invite you and your partner/guest to attend the 115th Annual General Meeting and 2013 Reunion Dinner of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.

- DATE:** Friday 18 October, 2013
- VENUE:** THE GLENELG GOLF CLUB, James Melrose Drive, Novar Gardens
- TIME:** 6.30pm (sharp) Annual General Meeting
7.00pm Pre-dinner Informal Gathering
7.30pm Reunion Dinner
- DRESS:** Jacket and tie
- COST:** \$70 per person
- MEAL:** Entrée; Main Course; Dessert (choice from two for each course); Tea, Coffee and Chocolates
(Vegetarian meals available by prior arrangement)


GRADUATE GROUP COORDINATORS

- **50 Years** (1963) – Robert Ryan 0434 701 460 Email: tentrock4@optusnet.com.au
- **40 Years** (1973) – Allan Alcock 0400 336466 Email: alcock.allan@gmail.com
- **25 Years** (1988) – Michael Vigar 0427 399320 Email: michaelv@virginiairrigation.com.au
- **10 Years** (2003) – Dale Manson 0418 811233 Email: manson.daga@bigpond.com

Enquiries to the ROCA President, David Spencer, 0401 124 697. Bookings to the ROCA Treasurer

RSVP: Tuesday, 8 October, 2013. (**Bookings received after this date will not be accepted.**) Seating is limited to 160.

Payment can be by electronic funds transfer (EFT) to ROCA Society Cheque Account BSB#105-009 A/c No 065129040 – complete the return slip below and post without delay, confirming your name and other details. Alternatively, payment can be made by cheque or money order that needs to be included in an envelope with the return slip.

 **All respondents must fill out the details in the return slip below and reply by post no matter what form of payment is chosen.**

TO: Treasurer - ROCA
PO Box 503
KENT TOWN SA 5071

Please reserve seat(s) for the ROCA Reunion Dinner on Friday 18 October 2013 at The Glenelg Golf Club

Any special dietary needs:

Dinner booking(s) (**\$70 per person**) \$

ROCA-ANZAC Centenary Projects Appeal \$

Donation to ROCA Funds \$

TOTAL PAYMENT \$

Please circle your method of payment: cheque | money order | EFT

I am part of the following Reunion Year Group: **50** | **40** | **25** | **10**

My first Graduation Year (if not one of those above) wasor Please put me with the year people

NAME: _____

NAME of spouse/partner/guest _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL CONTACT: _____