

THE ROCA DIGEST

AUTUMN 2014



NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT



THE UNIVERSITY
of ADELAIDE

By **David Spencer**

Since the last edition of the Digest, we held the ROCA AGM in October at which we made a significant change to the ROCA Constitution so that membership fees were abolished and the ROCA membership categories were clarified. Having no joining fees brought us into line with the rest of The University of Adelaide Alumni groups. It is the committee's hope and expectation that this will allow ROCA, with the help of the Alumni, to actively canvas all students who spent more than a year studying at Roseworthy and former staff to join ROCA. We believe that there would be in excess of 4,000 people who fit these criteria that we want to reconnect with.

As I meet former students at various ROCA and University functions I am surprised at the number of non-ROCA members I come across. We are hoping that with a little encouragement we will be able to increase our membership numbers.

ROCA has one of the larger Adelaide University Alumni groups which has meant the level of awareness of University of Adelaide development plans and policy by our

members has been enhanced by the ROCA communication channels. Hopefully many of you responded to the recent by-election for a casual vacancy in the University of Adelaide Council. This was caused by the resignation of Professor Simon Maddocks who has taken up a position as Vice Chancellor of the Charles Darwin University in Darwin. Both Professor John Radcliffe (who is also a sitting University of Adelaide Council member) and Professor Maddocks are well known for their support for agriculture and perhaps it is no coincidence that ROCA members may have helped their election. A full University of Adelaide council election will occur around September. You are all encouraged to firstly scrutinize the candidates for a connection to Agriculture and secondly carry out a valid vote. This process is done by email and will not take much of your time. The University of Adelaide recently achieved a World University Top 3 ranking in the discipline of Agriculture and Forestry. This stand out recognition amongst the other schools of the University is testament to the quality of Agriculture research and education the School of Agriculture has delivered. It is also testament to the University Council's contribution to leadership, policy and planning and so your vote at Council election can be quite significant.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those committee members who have left and welcome those who

have joined. Mark Seeliger has served as President and committee member for many years. He was awarded the honor of Alumni Fellow by the University of Adelaide Alumni in recognition of his contribution to ROCA. The other committee changes include Tracey Parkes who served as our Secretary, Paul Mansfield as our Treasurer and Mike Wake as our Eyre Peninsula representative.

New members on the committee include Mark Langman as our Eyre Peninsula rep, Kym Hudson as our Riverland rep and Lucy Coward.

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The 2014 Committee of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association is made up of the following:

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Mark Langman

Alan Richardson

Kym Hudson

Mark Rodda

Ray Taylor

**Dale Manson, Rob Smyth, Locky McLaren,
Chris Penfold, Lucy Coward**

Dick Turnbull

Rosane Curtis



Photo: Mark Rodda, Dave Spencer, Rob Smyth, Mark Langman, Ray Taylor, Chris Penfold, Dick Turnbull, Dale Manson (absent, Alan Richardson, Locky McLaren, Lucy Coward, Kym Hudson, Rosane Curtis)

Every year at the AGM the Committee is up for renewal and you are most welcome to nominate yourself or some other ROCA member. It is only by having a few new faces do we re-energize and explore new ideas. We usually meet about six times a year with individuals and sub-committees working on projects in between those times. We now utilise Skype to connect country based members to our meetings. As you can imagine, a broad base of committee membership will help to keep ROCA in touch with the general members.

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AWARD OF MERIT 2013 ALAN RICHARDSON



Photo: David Spencer & Alan Richardson

Alan graduated from Roseworthy in 1972 with an RDA, earning the Gold Medal. He then went on to do the RDAT, and graduated in 1973.

He spent the next ten years honing his skills on several sheep, beef and cropping properties.

In 1983 he began his career with the ABC in Rural Media and worked his way up through the ranks in both Western Australia and South Australia. He has received numerous awards for Rural Journalism during his thirty-year association with the ABC - the latest being in 2012 when he received the prestigious award from Rural Media SA as a 'Rural Media Icon'. He was the 6th person to receive such an Award.

Alan spent the last thirteen years as the Regional Production Manager at the Mount Gambier ABC station. There would not be too many rural people in the South East, or throughout the state of South Australia, who have shown the commitment that he gave to his job. Whatever task he tackled he left behind innovation, attention to detail and a high standard for others to match.

AOM 2014

Nominations are now open for the AOM 2014, you may have a ROCA member in mind that would be worthy of this prestigious award and like those before them have made outstanding contributions in their respective field.

Nominators need to provide details of their nominee's career since leaving Roseworthy plus details of their service to industry, the community and ROCA. As this background detail may take some time to collate nominators are urged to start now rather than later. The selection committee of 5 can only use the material that is presented in their deliberations.

Nominations for the Award of Merit have to be proposed and seconded by current ROCA members. Five copies of their background details need to be lodged with ROCA at Box 503, Kent Town 5071 by June 30. The 2014 award will be presented at the ROCA Annual Dinner on October 17. Nomination forms are available on the ROCA website www.roseworthy.adelaide.edu.au/roca/

EXPERIENCE ADELAIDE

You may have heard of or are already participating in the University of Adelaide 'EXPERIENCE ADELAIDE'.

This is an exciting new program offering a unique opportunity for International students to personally meet and connect with a local Alumni family, experience Australian culture, and discover Adelaide and South Australia. You may be particularly interested in connecting with an International student who is enrolled in a course linked to Agriculture, Veterinary Science, and so on.

ROSEWORTHY AND ANZAC APPEAL

We are very grateful for those who responded to our call for the special ANZAC Appeal Project. This financial support is essential if we are going to be actively involved. The ROCA financial situation as it stands only allows us to cover most of our normal running costs. As 2015 marks the First World War centenary of Anzac Day you may be interested in attending the Roseworthy Anzac Day commemoration next year. Anzac Day services will be held at the Roseworthy Campus from then on to continue the revived tradition.

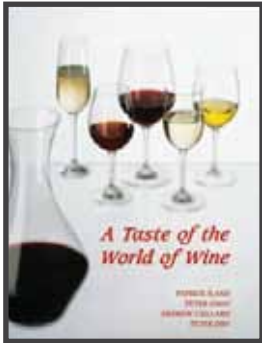
MEMBER CONTACTS

We have had continuous contact from many old Collegians through the ROCA website as they wish to either make contact with ROCA or become members. Our email address list is gradually increasing which firstly decreases our Digest postage costs and secondly makes it easier for us to make contact on general matters.

If you have supplied your email address but have not received any emails from ROCA via The University of Adelaide and still receive a hard copy of the Digest, please make contact again roca@alumni.adelaide.edu.au as sorting new details can sometimes get lost in the communication trail between ROCA and The University of Adelaide.

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AGRICULTURE ALUMNI GROUPS



So far, ROCA and the Wine Alumni groups linked to agriculture are the most active in the University of Adelaide Alumni. ROCA and the Wine Alumni have been working together on some aspects of common ground. As the Waite campus becomes more active in the Alumni there will be great opportunities for the Alumni groups with a common Agriculture background to work together. The Wine Alumni has invited ROCA members once again to visit the Hickinbotham Roseworthy Wine Science Laboratory at the Waite campus on Saturday 18 October 2014, the morning after the ROCA AGM. More details will be provided later but we appreciated all the email replies from the previous invitation as it enabled them to arrange their catering.

If you wish to support the activities of ROCA and the Wine Alumni you can purchase the book "A Taste of the World of Wine", written by Patrick Iland, Peter Gago, Andrew Caillard and Peter Dry. The authors are past staff and students of Roseworthy Agricultural College and The University of Adelaide. The publishers and authors will donate \$20 from each sale to support the activities of ROCA and the Wine Alumni (\$10 to ROCA and \$10 to the Wine Alumni). The book has lots of information on the story of wine, vines and grapes, winemaking, how to taste and enjoy wine and the different varieties and wine styles of the world. It is a great gift for anyone interested in wine. Free postage to anywhere in Australia is included in the purchase price. **The book can be purchased from the website: www.piwppwinebooks.com.au** To receive the Wine Alumni email newsletter you need to join the Wine Alumni and provide your current email address.

To join the Wine Alumni you need to register through The University of Adelaide's alumni community at www.alumni.adelaide.edu.au/adelaideonlion. If you are an Adelaide onLION member (that is you already have a username and password) login and check your profile to make sure your email address is up to date. If you have not previously received login details, to request an account, use www.alumni.adelaide.edu.au/adelaideonlion. The alumni team will send you login details (note this may take a couple of days). You can then register your details and then TICK the "Wine Alumni" box in the Alumni Network tab within your Adelaide onLION profile. If you have any issues updating your profile, please send an email to alumni@adelaide.edu.au stating your full name and date of birth and the Development and Alumni staff will help complete the process. Graduates from wine-related courses from the Roseworthy days can be a member of both ROCA and the Wine Alumni.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

You may have noticed that in the last Treasurer's report at the AGM we are slowly eroding our nest egg as our costs exceed our modest income. To meet that challenge we have explored the possibility of sponsorships. Mark Rodda was successful in gaining an in-kind sponsorship from Wall Studio who as graphic designers can offer us professional support to give our profile and publicity a much needed update. We have also embarked on a wine fundraising project ably led by Dick Turnbull, Mark Rodda and Chris Penfold. The aim of this project is to partner with Roseworthy "Plonky's" and bring you their famous wines at

affordable prices.... and raise much needed funds through the process. ROCA needs to be active in prize awards, scholarships, university and student appeals but can only do that with a healthy and growing financial base.

You will note the order form attached to the Digest and we trust that you will take advantage of this opportunity to stock your cellar with ROCA branded wines and at the same time support the endeavors of ROCA.

ROCA REGIONAL DINNERS

A Riverland ROCA dinner held on 4th April 2014 completes the revival of all the country ROCA dinners. Kym Hudson organized the recent Riverland ROCA dinner held at the Renmark Club on the riverfront. Forty people attended the inaugural revival with hopes that in the next couple of years the event will repeat itself with renewed vigor reflecting a Riverland flavor. Kym and Ian Newland are keen to have contact from Riverland based members as to what best suits the Riverland in terms of timing, location and format.

See reports from the Eyre Peninsula and South East reunion dinners within this edition of the Digest

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RAHS 175TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK 'SHARING THE GOOD EARTH'

It's 175 years since the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society was formed. The RAHS has had a long involvement with the policy and development of Agriculture in this State, and the establishment and support of Roseworthy College.

As a Limited Special leather bound Edition of the RAHS book was produced, the ROCA Committee saw the occasion as an opportunity to honor this great State organization by purchasing a book (No 29) and donating it to the Roseworthy Campus of The University of Adelaide. Fortunately, once again donations for ROCA members made all this possible. The photo shows some of the Committee and John Rothwell (CEO of RAHS and a ROCA member) present the book to the Vice Chancellor of The University of Adelaide.



Photo April 5: Dale Manson, Mark Rodda, Prof Warren Bebbington, David Spencer, John Rothwell and Dick Turnbull.

OLD STUDENTS CUP

Many of you would remember the Old Students Cup that was presented as a second aggregate prize in the RDA course. Once the Agriculture Course moved to the Waite campus the prize lapsed as it did not apply any more. However, the ROCA Committee decided to revive the traditional award but with a change of emphasis.

Through a kind donation from the RDA students of 1968-1970 a new cup was purchased and awarded to the student who has made an 'Outstanding Contribution to College Life'. This makes it similar to the Gramp Hardy Smith memorial prize that used to be awarded to the best all-round student. At the end of year residential student dinner held in the old dining room at Roseworthy, ROCA committee

members attended to present Frances Collett with the inaugural award.



Photo: Frances Collett & David Spencer

THE ROSEWORTHY TEAM TDU 2015



In the past two years we have entered a team in the Tour Down Under community ride.

The team is association by name only so if you are going to participate in next year's TDU community ride in January 2015 perhaps you could consider electing to be in the 'ROSEWORTHY' team when you register. All you have to do is quote 'BCF272' when you register and your riding jersey will have 'ROSEWORTHY' printed across the back. Please note you will need to meet the Team registration date that is usually in November. There are different length rides on the day ranging from 30km to 140km, a regular training program before January will certainly make the day more enjoyable.

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

Mapping the past helps us understand where we come from. A small group of volunteers continues to beaver away at cataloging, scanning, indexing, translating and so on, slowly examining a huge amount of Roseworthy material for the rest of us to peruse at considerably less effort than it is looking through the raw sources.

We continue to regularly get pieces from former students and their families. Recently a family member of Charles Drew (RDA 1927) handed in a 1927 STUDENT. The University archives have very few STUDENT Magazines from the 1920's so it was most welcome.

We urge any past students or their descendants to donate or lend or let us copy materials that are related to Roseworthy. It all helps to build a better picture. However, photographs without names or identification are less useful.

In 2012, the University of Adelaide Art and Heritage Collections purchased a sterling silver ink stand by Auction from a private collector. As you can see in the photo the backdrop is the façade of the Main Building at Roseworthy. It has a date of 17-7-1914 which is the year Professor A.J. Perkins became Director of Agriculture for South Australia after being the Principal

of Roseworthy College since 1904. We think this may have been a parting gift to Professor Perkins but it would be good to solve this historical riddle.

If you can help with any information please contact ROCA.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

1898

"Improved methods of Agriculture would double the yield from the industry in South Australia". Sir Landon Bonython, Minister of Agriculture, speech at the inaugural ROCA AGM September 1898.

1924

"Macronectes Gioanteus, Alis Jo, the giant petrel has died. Pining for the freedom and freshness of the "roaring forties" the tepid water of Cooper's Dam (used to be across from the Tavern) Palled on his spirit and the summer heat cooked his goose" from the 1924 STUDENT

1926

In April 1926 the College was connected to the Electricity supply.

1926

College B Grade Football team was defeated by Centrals (Gawler) in the first game on the new oval. 26 goals 33 points to nothing.

FIRST DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE ABOUT TO GRADUATE

Late last year a number of the ROCA Committee attended a Valedictory Ceremony, Veterinary Oath and Prize Awards held at the Roseworthy Campus to celebrate the impending graduation of 38 Doctor of Veterinary Science students. Professor Wayne Hein, Head of School of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, James Cook University, Townsville, Queensland, who is also a graduate

of Roseworthy Agricultural College (1970) delivered the Valedictory speech. That evening staff and students celebrated at a dinner held in Gawler.

It was a real pleasure to witness the culmination of hard work and perseverance of both staff and students. Seeing the final year students take the Veterinary Oath led

by Dr Roger Paskin (Chief Veterinary Officer) brought home the realization that they had arrived.

The formal Graduation will take place later in April but by then many of the Graduates will be spread across Australia, New Zealand and beyond as they start their careers.

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PINK AND BLACK

This tradition is alive and well at the Roseworthy Campus. As part of the first Semester celebration on campus the students recently had a Pink and Black Ball. I have met a number of Roseworthy students in my capacity as ROCA President, and these are often formal occasions when I am wearing my pink and black tie. I was pleasantly surprised to be asked by several of the male students where to get a pink and black tie. As other ROCA members have also posed this question I would encourage any ROCA member to keep an eye out for our colours and wear it on the occasions we get together. At our next AGM dinner, I look forward to seeing a sea of pink and black ties from the podium as I deliver my President's Report.

ROCA PRESENTS RA&HS 175TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

The historic link between the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA and Roseworthy Agricultural College has been commemorated by the presentation of a leather bound collectors' edition of the RA&HS 175th Anniversary History Book, "Sharing the Good Earth; 175 Years of Influence and Vision" by ROCA to the University of Adelaide.

ROCA President, David Spencer and RA&HS President, Richard Fewster jointly presented the book to Adelaide University Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor Richard Russell AM.

The collector's edition will be lodged in the Roseworthy Campus Library for use as a valuable reference source by future generations of students.

Roseworthy Agricultural College owes its existence to the persistence and early foresight of the RA&HS during the late 1870's. As agricultural education in its scientific, theoretical and practical form was at the heart of RA&HS endeavour, it was felt the creation of an agricultural college was essential.

The RA&HS lobbied the Government of the day, assisted in the selection of suitable land at Roseworthy and

found the most appropriate candidate to become the inaugural Professor of Agriculture. Roseworthy Agricultural College was officially opened in 1883, becoming the first agricultural college in Australia. The first students graduated in 1886. Since that time, the RA&HS has provided ongoing support to Roseworthy students, including the annual presentation of a Gold Medal prize for the Dux of the agriculture course. Since that time, the RA&HS has provided ongoing support to Roseworthy students, including the annual presentation of a Gold Medal prize for the Dux of the agriculture course.

In recent times, the RA&HS Education Foundation has also established a

scholarship in support of students studying at the Waite and Roseworthy Campuses of Adelaide University. Roseworthy's connection with the RA&HS even extends to their current President and Chief Executive.

RA&HS President, Richard Fewster graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1965, while RA&HS Chief Executive, John Rothwell spent many years on the staff managing Roseworthy's farming operations.

This year, the University of Adelaide celebrates its own 140th Anniversary and the intimate relationship between the University and the RA&HS over that time is a full story in itself.



Photo: David Spencer, Richard Fewster & ADL University Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Richard Russell AM.

THE INAUGURAL PLONKY'S PICK – ROCA'S VIP FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE.

We all know that Roseworthy "Plonkys" are world-renowned wine makers.

We also know that ROCA plays a crucial role in maintaining the links between Roseworthy graduates, the agricultural and horticultural industry's and future students through the provision of worthy scholarships. With this in mind, the ROCA committee has hatched an ingenious plan to bring you some of our graduate's best wines, whilst raising much-needed funds to continue the work of ROCA.

Attached to this edition of the ROCA Digest, you will find an order form enabling you, your family and friends to complete and take part in this inaugural ROCA fundraising initiative.

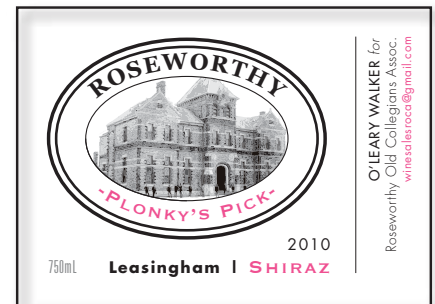
The ROCA committee has worked with the brilliant team at O'Leary

Walker to select an outstanding 2010 Leasingham Shiraz and 2013 Watervale Reising for our inaugural "Plonky's Pick" offering. We also worked closely with Wallstudios who designed our new wine label.

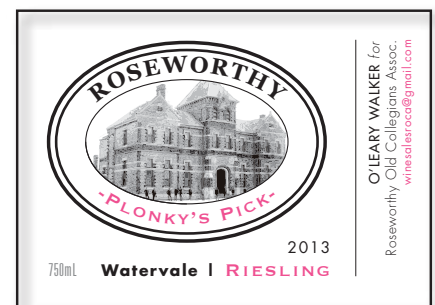
Prominent Roseworthy wine makers: John Ellis, Phil Laffer, Phil Shaw and John Vickery have scored the wines in excess of 17.5 out of 20 and are of excellent value. Enjoy these wonderful wines in the knowledge that you are also helping ROCA and the next crop of students.

We would like to thank O'Leary Walker & Wallstudios for their wonderful support.

**O'Leary Walker
ROSEWORTHY Plonky's pick
2010 Leasingham
SHIRAZ**



**O'Leary Walker
ROSEWORTHY Plonky's Pick
2013 Watervale
RIESLING**



UP-DATING THE HONOUR BOARD

AN APPEAL FOR NAMES

It is planned to up-date the honour board on the back wall of the Roseworthy Memorial Chapel with the names all those who saw active service post World War 2. There have been over 19 conflicts since WW2 that Australian defence personnel have been involved in, which qualify for active warlike service. We believe we have all the names of all those from the Vietnam period. Outside this period we believe that a number of students from Roseworthy College / Campus (post 1990 when the University of Adelaide took over) have chosen a career in the military. Some of these would have seen active service and it is these we want to capture. To be consistent with past practice, to qualify any past

student or staff member must have been at Roseworthy for at least one year. This work will have to be done largely by word of mouth as I am uncertain if we can match our graduate data base with defence records. We will investigate this, but I am not hopeful.

**If you know an ex Roseworthian who you think may have served in the Australian armed forces in one or more of these post WW2 conflicts please get in touch with me:
Richard Turnbull 84316618
randcturnbull@bigpond.com**

If we are ever going to do this, now is the time. We need their names by 1st January 2015

ANZAC CENTENARY & ROSEWORTHY

The ROCA Anzac Centenary Appeal has raised \$2270 and the appeal is still continuing. Special thanks must go to Harry Stephen for his most generous donation. Thanks must also go to the 16 other donors.

The ROCA Committee together with a small group of veterans are organising a few activities for the coming ANZAC Centenary. A big event will be held at Roseworthy on Anzac day 2015 to commemorate the service of those students and staff who saw active service. R.O.C.A. over the last 114 years has been strong in recognising the military service of its past students and staff.

I would like to think we will do this commemoration with a minimum amount of patriotism and drum beating. I recently attended some writers' week talks by Paul Ham and Margaret McMillan who have just written book on the causes of WW1. We have learned a lot since then, and the Memorial Chapel at Roseworthy was erected by those returned soldiers from RAC, to remind us of the tragedy of war. Unlike 100 years ago when everyone was swept up by patriotic fervour and rushed off to enlist, in this digital information age, with these memorials dotted all over the country, it can only be hoped that current and future students of Roseworthy will have more wisdom and foresight rather than relying on hindsight.

ROSEWORTHY COLLEGE – COMMEMORATION OF THE 32 STUDENTS WHO WERE CONSCRIPTED UNDER THE 1964 NATIONAL SERVICE ACT

18 of the 32 former students of Roseworthy Agricultural College who were conscripted into the Australian Army as a consequence of the 1964 National Service Act, attended a small ceremony at Roseworthy Campus on Saturday 22 March to commemorate their service in the Australia Army, during those Vietnam War days. The names of these 32 have been engraved on a brass plaque which was unveiled on the day. Most of those attending on the day, together with wives and

partners adjourned afterwards to the Rising Sun Inn at Kensington Park for a dinner and a few "furphies".

It has taken since 2008 to gather the names and organise a place for the plaque. It is now on the left immediately after you enter the main foyer at Roseworthy Hall (the main building). At the eleventh hour we discovered another veteran in the suburbs who needs to be allocated a place on the plaque; Russell Miller. Russell spent one year at Roseworthy in 1964. He went to Vietnam in 1967 with 2RAR and upon his return went into primary school teaching.



We are oversubscribed with contributions from our national servicemen to cover the cost of this plaque, receiving to date \$1120 with cost being just \$868. The surplus of \$252 will go to the ROCA ANZAC Centenary Appeal account, subject to the consent of the blokes.

ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS AND STUDENT FUND (RC&SF)

On the 4th of December last, David Spencer (ROCA President) and I were privileged to attend by invitation the Valedictory Ceremony for the first graduates of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine course at Roseworthy Campus.

There were 35 successful graduates many of whom were award winners including Stephanie Warwick who won the Hon. Doctor Bruce Eastick Prize for the most academically outstanding student.

We congratulate Stephanie for her outstanding result and commend also all other prize winners.

We thank sincerely Prof. Kym Abbott as well as the Campus community for their kind invitation and hospitality on the day. We thank also Bruce Eastick who personally made the presentation to Stephanie.

ROCA through RC&SF provided funding for the prize which we hope will become a feature of our ongoing activities.

ROCA Committee is in process of considering a name change in view of many existing and potential donors wishing to support Waite based courses rather than those predominately related to animal courses at Roseworthy. Efforts to increase our funds through the ROCA membership have been disappointing to date, so we are now devoting our efforts at the corporate sector as well as strategic sectors within the rural community eg: Eyre Peninsula, Riverland, South East, etc. Any help that readers can provide in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

We have been advised that Hannah Bobrowski the 2013 recipient of the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund Scholarship has successfully completed her second year of the

Bachelor of Science (Pre-Veterinary) program. Hannah achieved 1 High Distinction, 2 Distinction, 1 Credit and 4 Pass grades therefore receiving a Grade Point Average of 5.0. Congratulations Hannah, keep up the good work.

We are pleased that Michael Moore from PIRSA has now joined our Committee and we look forward to having him work with us in our efforts to broaden the sphere of contacts within the agricultural industry.

Whilst there are many avenues within the University structure that could be supported by our Fund it is the view of the committee that the provision of Scholarships and student assistance must receive first priority.

By Ray Taylor - Chairman RC&SF

NEW FROM THE ALUMNI

Last month almost 5,000 students started on an exciting new journey of learning and discovery at the University of Adelaide. As an alumnus you will know that this learning and discovery is not confined to the lecture rooms and laboratories, but extends to membership of Clubs and Associations, making new and often lifelong friends, and debating ideas and ideals in University cafes and on the beautiful grounds of our campuses.

There are many opportunities for alumni and students to connect with each other through programs such as Experience Adelaide, mentoring and internships. Over the course of the year we will provide further information on these and other programs.

In the meantime, we are always delighted to receive old photos. If you have photos or stories from your first year at the University of Adelaide, send them to us at alumni@adelaide.edu.au You might even like to revisit campus to attend our series of Inaugural Lectures – an old tradition we are reinstating as part of our 140th anniversary celebrations.

Further information can be found at <http://blogs.adelaide.edu.au/inaugural-lecture/>

ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS "PIONEERS" WORK TOGETHER AT PORT LINCOLN VET PRACTICE

Dr Meagan Learey was one of the first group of students to graduate this year from the new Adelaide University Bachelor of Veterinary Science Course conducted at the Roseworthy Campus.

Her new employer, Dr Annabel Forrest was coincidentally in the first group of students to complete their Associate Diploma of Horse Husbandry and Management at the same Roseworthy campus back in 1970.

Dr Forrest went on to study Veterinary Science at Murdoch University in WA in the 1980's. Back then, all SA Vet students went to either Murdoch or Melbourne University. After working as a vet in WA and then in the UK, she joined a veterinary practice in Port Pirie. While there, she met and married a farmer from Wharminda, As a result of family demands, Dr Forrest changed to part time practice for 15 years, but then moved to Port Lincoln a few years ago and set up "Vets on Eyre" in partnership with Victor Harbor based horse vet, Dr Greg Sezun. The specialise in working with horses, but also do a wide range of farm animal and small animal consulting.

The practice has become so busy with both horse work and mixed practice demands, that the decision was made earlier this year to employ new Roseworthy Campus graduate, Dr Learey. She was raised in Adelaide, but has always been a keen horse rider and surfer! So the move to Port Lincoln is ideal for her, given she can combine her love of horses with her passion for surfing. According to Dr Learey, the Adelaide University Vet course was fascinating and stimulating, with lots of interesting cases to treat, and very helpful staff assisting the students.

Dr Forrest is impressed with her new employee's skills, and sees this as a strong endorsement for the value of Roseworthy Campus Vet Science course.



Photo: Dr Meagan Learey & Dr Annabel Forrest

So the Roseworthy Campus continues to turn out professionals who can make a real difference in the agricultural world, a tradition that goes back 130 years now.

ROCA EYRE PENINSULA BRANCH REUNION DINNER

It was a packed house at the Tumby Bay RSL sub-Branch rooms for the ROCA E. P. Reunion Dinner held on 22 February 2014. More than 60 ROCA members, partners, and guests came together from across the Eyre Peninsula and further afield, including ROCA President David Spencer, Past Presidents Dale Manson and Dick Turnbull (Treasurer) and wives and Mark Rodda (Vice President).

At the AGM, the election of officers saw Ben Ranford returned as President, Brian Ashton as secretary and Fish Cordon as Treasurer. Committee members for 2014 include Annabel Forrest, Mark Stanley, Peter Russell and Tim Ashman. Mark Langman is the E.P. representative on ROCA.

Ben thanked all the committee members for their efforts this year and in

particular the Tumby Bay organising committee for the great work in getting the Annual dinner together.

Gerard Kemp M.C. the diner and introduced guest speaker Kim McNamara of KJM Contractors, winner of the 2013 National Services category at the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year awards.

Kim, a local product of Tumby Bay, is Managing Director of the mining services supplier KJM Contractors, a business established by Kim in 1992. In a little over 20 years KJM Contractors have become SA's premier remote area specialists. They are innovators in establishing service solutions in areas previously undeveloped. They specialise in servicing transport needs, logistics, hire, engineering, air charter, heavy haulage and water treatment solutions – even remote location

food service producing 5 star meals. Based in SA but servicing the needs of mining companies across Australia and internationally, they operate out of a recently constructed \$18 million facility at Edinburgh Park.

The take home message was that hard work and continually reviewing strategy and resetting the direction for the company has been the key to success in a period when capital has been particularly tight.

Of note on the night was the fact that KJM Contractors were the caterers for the dinner and they set a standard that would be difficult to beat in the best restaurants in Adelaide.

The colourful presentation was well received by all in attendance. In keeping with tradition, the next AGM and dinner will be held in Port Lincoln on a date to be advised.



Photo: Ben Ranford & Kim McNamara, presentation to the guest speaker.



Photo: Brian Ashton, Ben Ranford, Fish Cordon

ROCA SOUTH EAST DINNER

The annual ROCA South East dinner will be held this year at the Naracoorte Hotel on Friday the 18th of July. The dinner will start at 6.30 for 7pm and will be a three course meal, costing \$40 per person.

The guest speaker will be James Altmann, the founder and Managing Director of innovative Loxton based company, "Biological Services".

James graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College, and after studying further at Queensland University took over an innovative IPM (Integrated Pest Management) company. He set up Australia's first commercial insect breeding facility in 1975. The company now employs well over a dozen people and does cutting edge R&D on new biological control agents for use in the horticultural industry. He will be a fascinating and informative guest speaker...not to be missed!

Enquiries about the dinner can be made to Alan Richardson
08 824 7772 or yahl@internode.on.net.

Tickets for the South East dinner will be available from Alan in about one month's time.

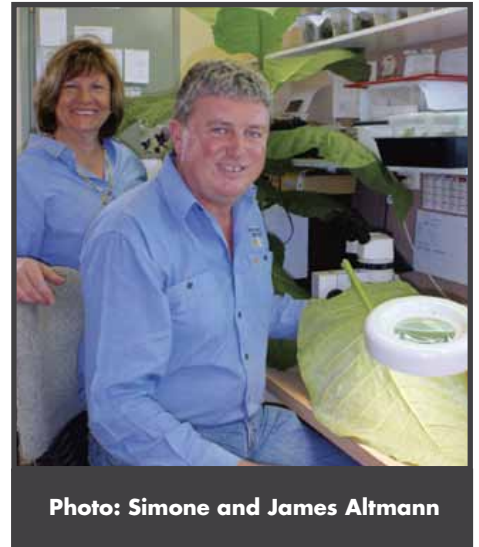


Photo: Simone and James Altmann



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SHAPING OUR VETERINARY GRADUATES

Students studying Veterinary Bioscience at Roseworthy campus are responding to a national need for veterinarian graduates with skills to work in rural industries. The pinnacle of their studies is the 12 week animal husbandry work experience undertaken during vacations.

Caitlyn Page is a second year Veterinary Bioscience student who stayed at the farm during summer vacation.

"Living on the farm, getting involved in the daily activities and also the community events, was an experience I would recommend to any student. I felt like I was part of the family for the week which really heightened my learning – I was comfortable asking questions and they took the time to explain," she said.

Caitlyn said the experience gave her an insight into organic farming and alternative ways to run a sustainable farm.

I was able to observe and practice many animal handling tasks taught in my course. It wasn't shearing time but this meant that I learnt about other vital aspects such as vaccinations, supplements and how to improve soil health."

Yaringa Alpacas farmer, Susan Haese, has welcomed Roseworthy students onto her property for four years. Ms

Haese says farmers should get involved in student teaching but should ensure they plan their time wisely.

"You need to be prepared to teach them and send them away with a learning experience," Ms Haese said.

Ms Haese says the alpaca industry is developing from a lifestyle to livestock industry and the curriculum at Roseworthy is matching that.

"Veterinarians don't have as much familiarity with alpacas, but the new graduates will."

Emma Hoolihan is a former radio journalist currently in her second year of Veterinary Bioscience at Roseworthy. Hailing from Gawler Belt, Emma travelled to West Africa and New Zealand as an agriculture and general news reporter. She now works casually at the Roseworthy Research Dairy and hopes to specialize in large animal practice and national biosecurity.

If you are interested in providing work placements or would like further information, please contact Dr Wendy Hamood: (08) 8313 7916 or 0459836 107 wendy.hamood@adelaide.edu.au



Photo: Caitlyn Page and Emma Hoolihan

EMMA GOODE – ORDER OF AUSTRALIA SCHOLARSHIP IN AGRICULTURE

In 2013, Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences student Emma Goode was working three jobs, commuting more than three hours each day and considering dropping out of University when she became the fortunate recipient of the Trevor Dillon Agronomic Roseworthy Study Scholarship. (a founding scholarship managed via the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund)

This year the financial burden was further lifted for Emma when she was named the inaugural recipient of the prestigious Order of Australia Scholarship in Agriculture. The scholarship will provide Emma with \$20,000 per year for her third and honours years and she will be introduced to a mentor from within the ranks of the Order of Australia.

“The generous donation of Mr Peter Benson OAM from the Riddiford Trust has financially helped me to continue my Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences studies at the University of Adelaide,” says Emma.

“The Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences has just blown me away – we have been exposed to so many opportunities within the industry, more than I ever imagined,” says Emma.



“It is a great honour and blessing to be a recipient of an Order of Australia Association Foundation Scholarship. It is a life changing opportunity and I am sincerely thankful to all involved,” says Emma.

SAVE THE DATES:

ROCA AGM and Annual Dinner, Glenelg Golf Club, Friday 17 October 2014

If you are in one of the following graduating year groups, you are in 'focus' at this year's event, so we very much looking forward to seeing and hearing from you on the night.

50 year group (1964)

40 year group (1974)

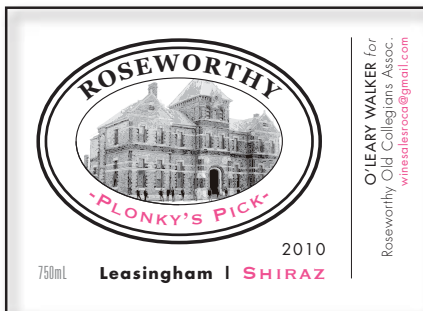
25 year group (1989)

10 year group (2004)

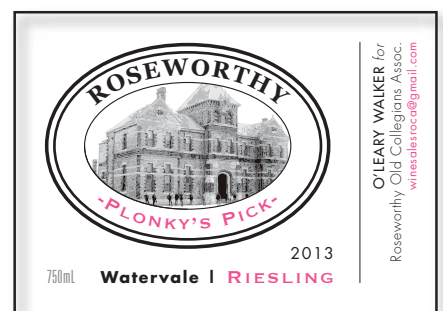
SOUTH EAST ROCA Annual Dinner: Friday 18 July.

Call Alan Richardson for further details: 8724 7772

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