

# THE ROCA DIGEST

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## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE



BY MARK RODDA

A warm welcome to all ROCA members and supporters. I trust you will find this edition of the ROCA Digest an informative update of the many activities and achievements of those associated with Roseworthy and the University of Adelaide.

As highlighted in the Autumn ROCA Digest, 2016 marks the 25th Anniversary of Roseworthy College joining the Adelaide University. In speaking with Old Collegians and agribusiness people from across the country this year, there is no doubt the sense of pride that our colleagues have in seeing the global agricultural education and research powerhouse that our University has become.

ROCA has recently secured an Alumni grant that will see us use social and traditional media to profile 25 Roseworthy graduates, in 25 weeks to highlight the past 25 years of success. This program is unashamedly about raising the profile of our graduates, Roseworthy and the University but also to encourage graduates to reconnect with ROCA as members.



Our ROCA constitution allows for the President to serve for a term of no more than two years, so at our AGM and Annual Dinner on October 21, I will be handing over the baton to a new President who will be bound to take ROCA to the next level.

During that time, we have attracted wonderfully supportive sponsors, raised significant funds through the sale of Plonky's Pick wines and launched new agricultural scholarships with the proceeds, grown our membership numbers and continued to be the most active Alumni group within the University.

Working with the highly devoted ROCA committee and many people from the University and Alumni over the past two years has been a real highlight and I thank each one of them for their guidance, input, energy and capacity to always enjoy the task at hand. I must note that we certainly miss the passion of our dear friend and life-long ROCA advocate, Ray Taylor, who passed away earlier this year.

In closing, it has been an honour to serve you as the President of ROCA and I encourage you all to maintain your passion and commitment to the organisation. I am imminently confident that the future prosperity of Australia is highly linked to agriculture's growth and ROCA and its members have a pivotal role in this success.

**Best regards,  
Mark Rodda  
President  
ROCA Inc.**

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# DEAN OF ROSEWORTHY REPORT

There has been a lot of activity at the Roseworthy Campus since the last Newsletter appeared in March. In April, the Agribusiness Advisory Board of the University held one of its meetings at the School, as part of its rotational plan to visit all major campuses. A large majority of Board members attended and enjoyed the opportunity to tour the School and Campus and were impressed with our facilities.

The University was a platinum sponsor of a hugely successful biennial conference of the Australian Society of Animal Production, held in July at the Stamford Grand, Glenelg, in partnership with the New Zealand Society of Animal Production. The conference themes this year focussed on animal welfare, productivity and profitability of our livestock industries. Dr Temple Grandin from Colorado State University, a renowned expert in the design of livestock handling facilities, attracted a large audience to her inspiring Keynote presentation. Several staff and higher degree research students from the School also gave presentations at the conference. Two Research Centres have been formally endorsed by the University on the Roseworthy Campus. Under the Directorship of Professor Darren Trott, the Australian Centre for Antimicrobial Resistance Ecology (ACARE) was officially launched at a scientific symposium in June.

The JS Davies Research Centre, led by Director Professor John Williams, held its inaugural scientific workshop at Roseworthy in June and will be formally launched at a separate event later this year. Each of these centres contains an extensive multidisciplinary network of collaborating scientists, both across the University and in external research institutions. ACARE will focus on gaining a better understanding of the factors contributing to the spread of antimicrobial resistance and developing more effective tools and methods to combat this major threat to animal and human health. The JS Davies Centre, which is supported by the JS Davies bequest fund, is focussed on scientific research relevant to the beef cattle industry. In addition, the Roseworthy Campus has been endorsed as a major national hub of the Animal Welfare Science Centre (AWSC). This is led by Affiliate Professor Alan Tilbrook from SARDI who is a Co-Director of AWSC. Alan and his team have been present on campus since 2014 and this recent development will give a significant boost to animal welfare related research.

Students at Roseworthy continue to engage in a variety of club activities which enhance the educational and social life on campus. The led steer club is a tradition that many readers will recall – it continues to attract strong interest and members are again preparing their animals for competition at the Gawler and Royal Adelaide Shows. Last year a new club, the Pig Club, began with about 25 or so members. Students procured and reared several heritage breed pigs and competed in a pig handling competition at the Royal Adelaide Show. Interest in the club has grown beyond expectations and this year almost 100 students are involved. Over the last weekend in July, Roseworthy hosted a sheepdog trial on the main oval which proved a great success for all participants and spectators. The event was organised by Connor McConnell, one of the Animal Science students studying at the campus. Connor and his dog Blue won three of the four categories of events held over the weekend – the TransTasman, the Improver and the Open competitions. The Novice competition was won by Lee Meckam. The attached photo shows the eight trainers and dogs who competed in the final rounds, standing in front of the grandstand at the main oval.

As we go to press the School is preparing for an accreditation visit from the Veterinary Schools Accreditation Advisory Committee (VSAAC). This is a major event whereby the School hosts a team of eight people from around Australia, the UK and Malaysia for four days to review all aspects of the veterinary science program. A successful review outcome is critical for the School's eligibility to provide a veterinary education program that enables graduates to register to practice veterinary medicine. Staff in the School have spent a lot of time and energy preparing for the review and I will advise the outcome in the next Newsletter.



**Professor Wayne Hein**  
**Head of School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences**  
**Dean of Roseworthy Campus**

Left: Trainers and their canine competitors line up before the finals of the sheepdog trials held at Roseworthy over the last weekend in July. Connor McConnell and his dog Blue won three of the four events (fourth from right in the white T-shirt)

# ALUMNI NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY



**It gives me great pleasure to contribute to the ROCA Digest for the first time and in doing so provide an update on the latest alumni news from the University.**

The University of Adelaide are home to more than 15 alumni-led associations, chapters and networks that help our community stay in touch. No matter where you are in the world, you can stay connected to the University, and old friends, through our global network of alumni groups. It is a great way to contribute to the life of the University and the wider community.

One of our oldest alumni networks is the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association (ROCA) founded some 118 years ago. This active group aims to facilitate networking of members within the wider agricultural community through social events.

Since being appointed in this role, it has been with great interest that I have worked with current president Mark Rodda, in supporting the work of ROCA. Mark was recently awarded with an Alumni Fellow Award from the University joining other ROCA members in recognition of his significant contribution to the advancement of the University's Alumni Relations Program. Mark has served as a ROCA Alumni network committee member from 2007 to 2013. He has been actively involved in ROCA alumni engagement and fundraising for agricultural scholarships. Congratulations Mark.

Remember to stay in touch and keep up to date with what's going on through this publication, our alumni magazine Lumen, email newsletter Alumni e-news, Linked In, Facebook and website. I look forward to meeting you at the forthcoming AGM and Annual Dinner on October 21.

**Kind regards**

**Lisa Taplin, Manager Alumni Relations**

## ROCA WINE – THINK OF THE STUDENTS

ROCA's famous wine fundraiser continues to deliver great results for all involved. It's great to see so many ROCA members, and their extended family and friends, taking advantage of sourcing high-quality Clare Valley wine.

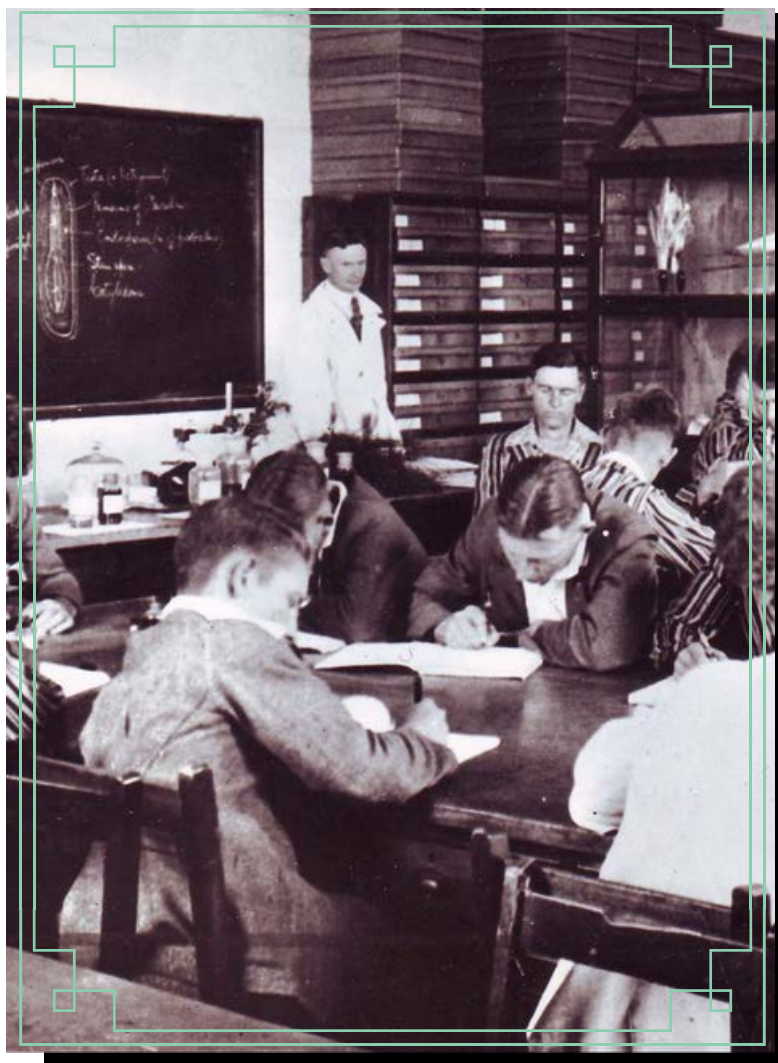
Every dollar of profit from the sale of these wines goes directly to funding the new ROCA student Scholarship. The Shiraz, Riesling and Sparkling wine is crafted for ROCA by O'Leary Walker Wines in the Clare Valley, and carries a distinct pink and black Roseworthy Old Collegians label.

When possible, ROCA committee members deliver your order free of charge in SA to save you freight costs. Please phone Fiona Hill on 0438 864 498 prior to placing your order to see if this can be done.

So next time your cellar is in need of restocking, please place your order for some fantastic ROCA wine..... and share it with your friends it with the knowledge that you thinking of the students. Please see ROCA Wine fundraiser order form on page 22 of the Digest.



Above: David Walker, co-owner of O'Leary Walker wines talking to the ROCA Mid North & YP reunion group



Right: Studying at Roseworthy College, circa 1900

## ROCA MEMBERS HONOURER BY UNIVERSITY

Over the past 25 years, a number of ROCA members have been honoured by Adelaide University through induction to the status of Alumni Fellow or the bestowal of a Distinguished Alumni Award. Both of these honours are extremely distinguished, but are based on two entirely separate selection criteria.

### Distinguished Alumni Award

The Distinguished Alumni Award honours the outstanding contribution and significant impact made by our alumni, in any of the following three categories: Humanitarian work; Professional excellence; Outstanding community service. In essence, it aims to recognise people who have made an impact of worldsignificance (eg. Sits on the International Court of Justice in the Hague), have been previously honoured by numerous other bodies (eg Nobel Peace Prize or Order of Australia) and who are considered to be highly esteemed by their peers. ROCA Members who have been honoured in the way are:

Dr Arthur Ray BECKWITH OAM (RDA 1932)  
 Philip Leslie LAFFER AM (RDA 1961, RDO 1963)  
 John James MESSENGER (RDA 1957)

### Alumni Fellow

The Alumni Fellow award recognises alumni who have made a significant contribution to the advancement of the University of Adelaide's Alumni Relations program. In essence, this reflects extraordinary work by a member of an Alumni Chapter.

ROCA Members who have been honoured in the way are:

Kenneth Wilfred BOWEN (RDA 1950)  
 Martin John COCHRANE (RDA 1968)  
 Hon Henry Peter Kestrel DUNN (RDA1956)  
 Hon Dr Bruce Charles EASTICK AM (RDA 1947)  
 Prof Simon MADDOCKS (BAgSc 1983) (Former Principal of Roseworthy Campus)  
 Dale Ashley MANSON (RDA 1976)  
 Lachlan Darryl Matthew McLAREN (RDA 1971)  
 Mark Trevor SEELIGER (RDA 1961)  
 Milton SPURLING (BAgSc) (Former Vice-Principal of RAC)  
 Vernon STEPHEN (RDA 1948)  
 Raymond John TAYLOR (RDA 1952)  
 Richard Keep TURNBULL (RDA 1969)

ROCA congratulates all the recipients of Alumni awards and recognises their selfless contribution to others.

By Dale Manson

# PROFESSOR WAYNE PITCHFORD'S 7 CROSS-CULTURAL TOURS

Since 2012, in late November the University of Adelaide has conducted a 15-day-tour which included visits to five beef feedlots, three abattoirs, village agriculture and a children's project in the slums of Jakarta.

The group-lead by the Uni's animal breeding and genetics professor Wayne Pitchford and production clinician Mandi Carr-comprised 10 current ag and vet students, plus three alumni working in industry, and students from University of New England and Charles Sturt University, both in NSW.

Prof Pitchford says the tour opened the group's eyes to the huge opportunities in Asia-with more English speaking people among Indonesia's population of 250 million than Australia. The students learn that Agriculture is more than production, but is affected by interactions between climate, topography, micro and macro economics, trade policy, culture, domestic and international politics. Indeed, it was stated that the three big issues between Australia and Indonesia are "Beef, Bali and Boats!"



2015 Photo by Dr Mandi Carr: Blue Uni shirts from left included Prof Wayne Pitchford, Lizzie McClymont, Georgie Chamion de Crespigny, Sally Poole, Farrah Preston, Curtis Villani, Sarah Cracknell, Emma Shattock (Elders), Harrison Lightbody, Rachel Savage (Landmark), Kara Taylor, Daniel Schuppan (Landmark), Jena Alexopoulos, Adriana Ruggerio.

The group again spent time at Bogor Agricultural University which has just signed a Memorandum Of Understanding as a Premium Partner with the Adelaide University. While there on the second trip in 2013, students at Bogor asked if we could organise a sister tour for them to come to Australia. We have now had 3 groups come since then so with our 4 trips to Indonesia, that is a total of 7 trips.

While in Australia we take them to Northern Territory to see station cattle and export systems. Then they come to Adelaide to join our students in abattoirs for training for the Intercollegiate Meat Judging Competition. Lastly they road trip with our students to Wagga to compete in ICMJ which include 3 days of training about our meat industry.

Having the reciprocal tours has resulted in outstanding relationships being developed between students at Roseworthy and Bogor. We are all friends on Facebook and the students get to re-live their own experiences each time a groups posts photos from their trip.



Indonesian students at Noonamah Export Depot, NT. Cattle destined for Indonesia



Chelsea Fowler, Vet Science at Way Laga Palm Cattle Project



Above: Australian students “helping” pick pineapples. The waste from the cannery is fed as part of the induction feed in the feedlot.

I am excited to report that the final leg of the trip this year will visit Cosi's Cows for Cambodia project. This is a great way to support the rural poor and work with a former Roseworthy graduate. We leave for Indonesia on Monday 21st November and return Tuesday 6th December. Applications have closed, but if a you contact me quickly there may still be a spot. Cost is \$3500. Wayne.Pitchford@adelaide.edu.au



Above: Holly Hannaford, Ag Sci with Children in Jakarta Slum district

## VALE - PASSINGS OF ROCA MEMBERS

**It is with our sympathy and condolences to their families, colleagues and friends that ROCA notes the passing of the following members:**

James Garth Chewings (RDA 1978)

Gordon Cook (RDO 1966)

Michael Campbell Deland (RDA 1959)

Alan Gerard Dinneen (Assoc Dip Wine Marketing 1991)

Frank Morphett Hilton (RDA 1942)

Ronald Glen Mertin AM (RDD 1949) (ROCA Award of Merit 2005)

Robert Otto Knapstein (RDO 1947) (ROCA Award of Merit 1996)

Raymond Sidney Norton (RDA 1947) (ROCA Award of Merit 1989, Honorary Life Member)

John Marcus Obst (RDA 1960) (ROCA Award of Merit 1986)

Kingsley Eric Pryor (RDA 1941)

Raymond John Taylor (RDA 1952) (ROCA Award of Merit 2011, Honorary Life Member, Alumni Fellow)

# ROSEWORTHY'S PROUD HISTORY OF LINKAGE TO VETERINARIANS

There are some who feel Roseworthy lacks the folklore, history and heritage connected to Veterinary Studies. However that couldn't be further from the truth. Roseworthy has 133 years of history – much of it linked to excellence in training practitioners in the livestock and veterinary sectors.

No matter what else people do in life after graduating from a Roseworthy based course, there is no doubt that the unique collegiate experience of studying there adds an extra dimension of humanity, bonding and inner resilience, irrespective of whether graduates lived on Campus or elsewhere and commuted to the Campus for study.

There are a large number of past Roseworthy graduates we should feel very proud of. Many of these people graduated from Roseworthy with an agricultural qualification, then went on to become veterinarians who made a significant impact on the world. For their entire professional lives, Roseworthy graduates in agriculture proceeding to a career in the veterinary world carry with them the added dimension of humanity, bonding and inner resilience.

One of the early linkages between Roseworthy Agricultural College and the veterinary area was the Australian Army's Mobile Veterinary Corps:

- 1930–1936: Roseworthy housed a Light Horse Troop as part of the Army's 23rd Light Horse Regiment;
- 1937: Roseworthy students filled six vacancies in the Army Veterinary Section, headquartered at Keswick;
- 1938: Half section of the Army Veterinary Corps formed at Roseworthy Agricultural College;
- 1939: 6th Cavalry Mobile Veterinary Section transferred to the College, followed by the 4th Veterinary Hospital in '40.

To date, 21 Roseworthy Agricultural College agricultural graduates who went on to become veterinarians have been identified. Many of these have made a significant impact on the world.

The following is a listing of veterinarians who initially received their agricultural training at Roseworthy Agricultural College in the 1930's and 1940's:

#### **Dr Alan Gunson (RDA 1934) †**

- Unfortunately killed during World War II while in No 10 Flying Boat Squadron overseas.

#### **Dr Philip Schickel (RDA 1938) †**

- RAC > RAAF > Uni;
- Principal Lecturer in Animal Husbandry - RAC;
- The Schinckel building on Roseworthy Campus is named in his honour.

#### **Dr Bob Mitton (RDA 1938) †**

- After graduating from university, became the first veterinary practitioner in the Adelaide Hills.

#### **Dr Alf Humble (RDA 1940)**

- The original "Flying Vet" servicing WA, NT & SA from 1950 to 2000;
- Currently 96 years of age – lives at Victor Harbor;
- RAC > flew RAAF bombers in the war > cadetship in Veterinary Science from Roseworthy and headed to Uni of Sydney;
- Bovine pleuropneumonia expert in WA & NT.

#### **Dr Peter Irwin (RDA 1940) †**

- Became one of South Australia's most experienced and respected specialist equine veterinarians.

#### **Professor Rex Butterfield (RDA 1941) †**

- RAC > war > Uni of Sydney;
- Set up practice at Oakbank – pioneer research into reproduction of Thoroughbred racehorses;
- World leading research into the Growth & Muscling of Beef Cattle;
- 20 years as the Professor of Veterinary Anatomy Uni of Sydney;
- ROCA Award of Merit recipient 1971.



**Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM (RDA 1947)**

- Founder of the veterinary practice in the Gawler area;
- Massive contributor to state and local politics, plus the community;
- Devoted a lifetime to furthering the interests of Roseworthy;
- Considered as a living legend and an absolute icon of Roseworthy;
- A building on Roseworthy Campus is named in his honour;
- ROCA Award of Merit recipient 1985 and awarded ROCA Life Membership in 2009.

(†= Now deceased)

In the next ROCA Digest, we will list the 14 veterinarians who initially received their agricultural training at Roseworthy Agricultural College between 1950 and 1990. If any ROCA member can add names or detail to this list, please do not hesitate to contact Dale Manson on [manson.daga@bigpond.com](mailto:manson.daga@bigpond.com). Prepared by Dale Manson

## NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

The University of Adelaide Archives have accepted an invitation from the Sydney University to join a project called 'Expert Nation' where information will be collected for a National Database on university staff and graduates who enlisted in WW1. Besides WW1 military details it aims to reach beyond the war and provide information on what the graduate did in post-war years.

Sydney University began the project for their own graduates under the title 'Beyond 2014' and have now received funding to extend the project to include all universities in Australia that were in existence during the WWI period. Because of its long affiliation with the University, the Roseworthy Archives group will focus on providing information about Roseworthy graduates who enlisted (over 200). It is projects such as these that make the many hours spent indexing, collecting, sorting, digitizing and other activities worthwhile! Because we have such a wealth of information in some sort of order, we should be able to make a great contribution to the 'Expert Nation' database.

A good source of information for past WW1 data will be the Student Magazine. Dick Flower has so far made 12,546 entries in the 'Student' index since he started many years ago. It's slow and laborious but saves a lot of legwork for those who are doing research. The original college register is also very useful because it is one of the few places student Christian names are mentioned, and all students from day 1 until the 1970s have an entry in this tome. The Graduate list, that is available on the ROCA web page was compiled by the Archives Group some years ago after countless hours of research and double-checking and is also a great reference.

Collectively, all the Archive volunteers contribute in various ways to build a mountain of accessible digital information. The ongoing archive work includes summarizing various committee minutes by Andrew Brown; reorganizing the photo collection by Richard Campbell; scanning and entering photos that are not yet digitized by Mark Seeliger; indexing Waite Institute Annual Reports by Richard Thomas; indexing media releases by Peter Fairbrother, and indexing and summarizing College Council minutes by Wilf Bowen who has been on sick leave recently but hopes to return for other tasks at a later date.

For those who have had a look at the ROCA website you will appreciate that most of the information has been put together over the past ten years. At present the Collection Archivist, Sue Coppin, keeps us in order setting priorities, quality control and keeping the volunteers occupied. The University is to be commended for its approach to archives, and like the Roseworthy Group there are many other volunteers involved in archival activities. Many of you would have belonged to organisations that now do not exist and so does the record of its history. A good archive enables us to reflect on history accurately.

For those that are interested in Oral history you will find the Roseworthy tapes more accessible since they are now linked to the ROCA website where you will find the recorded voices of Cliff Hooper, Rex Krause and Frank Hilton. We hope to add a few more later this year. Producing a transcript for a recording is very useful but time-consuming, if anybody has Dictaphone skills and is keen to help, please make contact through the ROCA email.

As always we are keen to look after your Roseworthy treasures and memoirs so make contact if you are downsizing, reorganizing your chattels or that 'come in handy day' has not arrived! The archive collection reminds us "the past determines the future". David Spencer ROCA Committee and Archives Group member

# SUPER STRATEGIES – MANAGING THE \$1.6 MILLION PENSION LIMIT

**This year's Federal Budget saw the Government propose a number of sweeping changes to the superannuation system. Among them was the proposed introduction of a \$1.6 million pension transfer limit, to come into effect on 1 July 2017\*.**

Currently, all income and capital gains earned by a superannuation fund in pension phase is tax free. From 1 July 2017, the maximum amount each individual will be able to hold in a tax-free pension will be \$1.6 million. Any excess superannuation savings over the \$1.6 million limit would need to be retained in an accumulation account, with all earnings taxed at 15%. For couples, each person would be entitled to a \$1.6 million cap and could have \$3.2 million in tax-free pension phase.

Additional features of the proposed change include:

- The \$1.6 million cap will be indexed with inflation, increasing in \$100,000 increments
- Subsequent earnings within pension phase will not be restricted

- Members already in pension phase with balances above \$1.6 million will be required to reduce their pension balance to \$1.6 million by 1 July 2017, with the excess being held in an accumulation phase account or withdrawn out of super entirely

These will be significant changes for some retirees and require careful management to ensure you aren't breaching the pension transfer caps and the other rules associated with the measure.

## How to deal with the change

With the proposed introduction of the transfer limit, it might be a good time to consider some of the strategies that you could put in place prior to its introduction on 1 July 2017.

A number of actions you may consider implementing include:

- Realising capital gains on certain assets in the current tax-free environment before returning to accumulation phase
- Considering which assets to retain in the pension phase and accumulation phase moving forward

- Super splitting and re-contribution strategies to even out account balances (being careful of the new \$500,000 lifetime after tax contribution limit)

As there are a number of risks and considerations with each strategy, you should engage your accountant and financial advisor to determine the right strategy for you.

While the Government's proposed changes do reduce some of the very generous benefits of super, it is still generally the most tax effective long-term investment option, considering income earned personally can be taxed up to 49%.

## For further information

For more information on post-budget superannuation strategies, please contact Andrew Barlow, Financial and SMSF Specialist Advisor at William Buck Chartered Accountants and Advisors on (08) 8409 4333 or [andrew.barlow@williambuck.com](mailto:andrew.barlow@williambuck.com)

*\*The proposed \$1.6 million pension transfer limit is yet to be legislated and is currently undergoing industry consultation.*



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## Agri Update

*Piper Alderman has carved a niche as a leading Australian law firm advising clients operating and investing in the agribusiness sector, from the establishment of commercial agriculture in the 1800s until the present day.*

Since the last ROCA Digest we have been busy serving our agribusiness clients in rural and regional Australia. Here's a snapshot of what we have been up to.

Having recently returned from a business trip to Singapore and China, Simon Venus observed that the big picture fundamentals which have underpinned interest in the food and agribusiness sectors continue unabated. He said that there has been a maturing in some of the in-bound investors and their seriousness in looking at Australian partnerships, investment transactions and trade opportunities. This is despite recent controversy surrounding the issue of foreign investment into Australian agriculture. Our expectation is that the level of interest from foreign investors will remain and more deals will be done, increasingly under investment models which focus on joint Australian and overseas participation.

We have been proud to have worked recently on the 100th Monkey Vignerons project. The four foundation members of the 100th Monkey Vignerons have a vision to create a strong & vibrant future for business, community, family, environment and the Australian Wine Industry. This unique collaboration of wine grape growers in the Riverland is based on a cluster model we are structuring for the group, whose offerings include alternative and organically certified wine grapes, vineyard investment opportunities, vineyard management and consultancy.

Other interesting projects we have been working on include:

- acquiring large pastoral stations for clients in Queensland and Western Australia
- assisting family farming business structure and implement their succession plans
- establishing a dairy investment fund
- advising on bulk grain storage and shipping infrastructure
- advising on a biofuels project.

We are proud of our continuing involvement with the "Women Influencing Agribusiness and Regions" strategy being implemented by PIRSA.

We have hosted three masterclass sessions so far this year, including Governance & Board Essentials; Branding & Social Media; and Food Law Update. Join us for the final of our four-part series, Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Agribusiness on 25 October 2016. For details contact Bianca Battistella.

To find out more about the "Women Influencing Agribusiness and Regions" strategy and to get involved, visit the PIRSA website.

Please contact Simon or Bianca for more information or for an obligation free chat about any legal issues.



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## SA FOOD INNOVATION CENTRE ANNOUNCED

The Waite Campus is set to host the newly-announced South Australian Food Innovation Centre, a collaborative partnership between several food industry groups and R&D organisations to develop the state's food sector and create new markets, products and opportunities by working together.

With the support of the State Government through PIRSA/SARDI under its 'clean, green, premium food and wine' economic priority, the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA, Food SA, The Australian Wine Research Institute, Uni SA and Food Innovation Australia Ltd, the new Centre will enable the growth of the SA food industry, build employment and upscale what it produces. Exploring how food delivers nutritional benefits and building on SA's luxury and functional food exports are likely foci, as these will generate the greatest economic benefits for the State. The University of Adelaide's School of AFW will have a key role to play in both research and capacity building for the sector.

The Centre will initially be housed with SARDI's Food Innovation group and will eventually involve at least 100 food industry researchers and experts. One of the Centre's key aims will be to facilitate innovation, commercialisation and delivery of research outcomes to market by enabling interaction between researchers, food producers and manufacturers. All members of FoodSA, also located at the Waite, will have direct access to the Centre and its expertise.

The establishment of the SA Food Innovation Centre will add significantly to the Waite's critical mass in agricultural, food and wine science, ensuring it remains Australia's leading site for research, teaching and commercialisation activity in this important economic area.

## ROSEWORTHY VET STUDENTS TO SOUTH AFRICA

The cause is the Nzikasi project, run by Wildlife Vets South Africa. Twenty-four Final Year Roseworthy Veterinary students are travelling to South Africa to work with Wildlife Vets in 2016. Communities living in the Nzikasi area on the border of Kruger National Park utilise small cattle herds as their main source of income. Unfortunately, these domestic cattle are susceptible to diseases passed onto them from hardy wildlife over park borders.

Wildlife vets provide vaccinations, parasite control and lameness treatments to these cattle to ensure their profitability in support of the local communities. As a bonus, these interactions with the cattle allows vets to inspect for, and monitor potential spread of, notifiable diseases such as Foot and Mouth disease.

The students are undertaking considerable fundraising projects to assist in funding their travels. If any Roseworthy graduates would like to assist the group, please contact [chelsea.smart@student.adelaide.edu.au](mailto:chelsea.smart@student.adelaide.edu.au)

# ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY MEAT JUDGES BRING HOME THE BACON

During the first week of the holidays the Adelaide University Meat Judging Team travelled to Wagga Wagga, NSW for the exciting four day Intercollegiate Meat Judging (ICMJ) industry workshop and competition. This year was the 27th annual event, held from the 5th to 10th July, and attracted the largest cohort yet of 130 student entries.

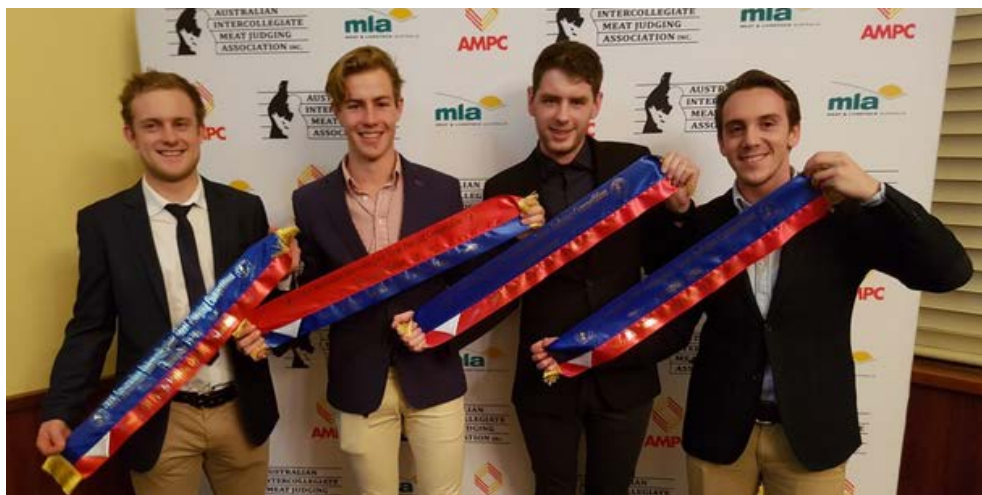
This year's Adelaide team comprised 12 students studying Agriculture, Animal and Veterinary Sciences who are in their third year or completing Honours. In preparation for the competition, the team had been training hard, each week attending theory and practicals. This hard work paid off immeasurably during the competition and our students thoroughly enjoyed the event.

The Wagga program provided students the opportunity to hear from the best in the business, including international guest speakers covering broad areas along the whole red meat value chain. There were also plentiful networking opportunities with industry leaders as well as with students from ten other Universities and five international teams hailing from Indonesia, Japan Korea and USA.

Students judge several carcass classes covering beef, lamb and pork, and must also be able to identify primals and retail cuts. This year the Adelaide team of Jordy Kitschke, Brodhi Carracher, Joshua Angove and Curtis Villani won Champion Team for Eating Quality Evaluation. Brodhi Carracher was also Runner-up individual for Placings.

Jordy Kitschke was selected to attend an industry training sponsored by Meat and Livestock Australia in Brisbane in August. This week of intensive training is only open to the top ten placing students, as well as one student selected by the team coach.

Congratulations to all staff and students involved and for doing yourselves and the University proud.



Left: The Adelaide University team of Jordy Kitschke, Brodhi Carracher, Joshua Angove and Curtis Villani who won champion team for Eating Quality Evaluation.



Left: The 2016 Adelaide University Intercollegiate Meat Judging team. Standing: Nicholas van den Berg (coach), Brodhi Carracher, Rebecca Wood, Kimberley Raoux, Joshua Angove, Ashlee McEvoy, Curtis Villani, Jenna Wildman, Michael Aldridge (coach) Farrah Preston (coach). Kneeling: Jordy Kitschke, Ellen Canna, Amy Nankivell, Chloe Trotta

# COWS FOR CAMBODIA

## RIDE FOR A COW

Perhaps you would like to support Cosi's (Andrew Costello BAg 2000) Cows for Cambodia project (google for more details), which involves lending pregnant cows to Cambodian families who keep the calf and return the cow for redistribution. It's a brilliant approach to encourage self help by giving many people an economic start. You can help by getting on your bike and raising sponsors to support you on your Tour Down Under Community Ride on Friday 20th January 2017 or by making a cash donation. Each cow costs about \$1000 so it should not be that hard to assist the project!

This ROCA fundraiser will be finalised by 31-01-2017.

- Donations:**
- Do an EFT to ROCA (Roseworthy Old Collegians Association) BSB # 105-009 Acc No 065129040
  - Send a cheque to ROCA(write Moo on the back) to PO Box 503 Kent Town 5071

- Riders:**
- Join the Roseworthy Team by registering with BUPA before 31st October quoting the team code BCT 272
  - Choose your distance of 30, 58, 111 or 157 Km
  - Find some sponsors to help buy a cow or two
  - Start practicing (you have about 5 months!)
  - Your team Captain is David Spencer (0401124697)

## RELATIONSHIPS OF ROSEWORTHY COLLEGE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

I greatly enjoyed reading Dale Manson's 'The 25 Year Journey' in this year's autumn issue of ROCA Digest. It brought me up to date with the wonderful development of Roseworthy as a vital and vibrant part of the University. I must say in passing however, that I do not quite agree with Dales statement that Roseworthy was under the guidance of the Department of agriculture. While relationships with the department were close, mostly cordial and always productive, the fact is that Roseworthy was an independent state government department, directly responsible to the Minister of Agriculture and directly interfacing with the Public Service Commissioner/Board and Treasury in all matters of staffing and finance.

As a man with about 80 years association of one sort or another with the College and being an amateur historian, I would like to fill out the picture a bit, especially for the very early days and in the lead up to the change of status to a College of Advanced Education.

The first formal interactions with the university occurred in 1901 when the latter recognised the Roseworthy courses in agriculture, viticulture and oenology for the purpose of the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. This was the framework for a graduate qualification in agricultural science for the next 30 years. Easily the most outstanding product of this academic arrangement was A.E.V. Richardson, a towering figure in Australian agriculture in the first half of the 20th century, successively Assistant Director of Agriculture, S.A.; Superintendent of Agriculture, Victoria; Dean of the School of Agriculture, University of Melbourne; first Director of the Waite Institute; foundation president of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science; and Chief Executive Officer of C.S.I.R.O. (as it then was). His services to agriculture were recognised by the award of a C.M.G. in 1938.

As part of the negotiations between the university and the state government in the mid-1920s concerning the establishment of the Waite Institute, an agreement was reached which required the university to establish and maintain a four year course leading to the B.Ag.Sc. Its first graduates appeared in 1932 and, before the restructuring of the course in 1944, a total of 31 degrees was conferred. The graduates included such outstanding men as Bob Herriott, Harry Kemp, John Fornachon, David Riceman, Lex Walker, Newton Irvin, George Mayo, Milton Spurling, Rex Krause and Phil Young.

Roseworthy's contribution to the course was essentially the lectures and practical work of years 2 and 3 of the R.D.A., taken together as the second year of the degree and supplemented by a special three month course focussed on animal husbandry, given during a summer vacation. Among the graduates of that era were a number of men who had completed an R.D.A. before taking on the degree course, in recognition of which they were required to take only three years of study at North Terrace and the Waite. There were 14 of these, all but two of whom graduated in the nine years from 1933 to 1941.

In the early 1960s discussions, largely led by A.R. Callaghan, Principal of Roseworthy, and H.C. Trumble, Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Science, brought about the development of a restructured B.Ag.Sc. course which accepted its first students in 1944. The main objectives of this change were to provide for more integration between the students work at Roseworthy and that at the university and a broadening of the curriculum to offer more options and to include agricultural economics and methods of extension (both taught at Roseworthy). The time spent at Roseworthy over years 2 to 4 varied between 1 ½ and 3 ½ days, depending on the options selected by the student.

A major innovation was a compulsory fourth year subject called Individual Project which required the allocation of a full days work every week to literature review an experimental program and writing up - a bit like a mini-honours year. The project could be based either at Roseworthy or the Waite and was subject to faculty approval and allocation of a supervisor.

From an integration point of view, the new course worked well but there were some problems. A typical weekly pattern, certainly in second and third year, involved a mad dash to the Adelaide Railway Station to catch the 5.20 train to Gawler whence the college bus (driven by Fred Copson) would take the students to Roseworthy for a late dinner. One of the problems concerned the ability to participate in university Saturday afternoon sport. This depended on catching the appropriate lunch-time train from Gawler which gave some hope of connecting in Adelaide with a tram to the sports venue. Few if any students had cars in those days.

Generally speaking, relationships between college and uni. students were fine, with a few minor stand-offs from time to time, mostly arising from individual issues. Participation in farm work during university vacations and attendance on the three regional agricultural study tours run by the College ensured a good measure of positive interaction. There was some involvement with college sports activities, particularly in athletics when on sports day the ag. science boys fielded a team to compete with the four College teams – R.D.A. Years 1, 2 and 3 and a combined Dairy/Oenology group.

The adoption of this course structure was accompanied by a large upsurge in undergraduate numbers, partly fuelled by a significant influx of returned servicemen and the increased intake arising from the expansion of the Department of Agriculture Cadetship scheme. However it was also a reflection of a growing community awareness of the importance of training in the sciences underlying agriculture.

From an average of about 2 graduates per annum from 1932 to 1949, with the old course in place, the output of B.Ag.Sc. graduates rose to about 8 a year during the next decade and reached over 30 in the 1970s. Over the years there were frequent changes to the course structure and curriculum, especially involving the nature and number of options available, which in 1956 led to abandonment of the Individual Project element of fourth year.

I do not feel competent to comment on the times since the 1960s but I wish to refer to a significant event which occurred outside the formal college/university relationship. This arose in the late 1960s when an increasing concern about the future of Roseworthy was being felt by a wide range of members of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science (A.I.A.S.), the national professional association of agricultural scientists. The South Australian branch of the A.I.A.S. appointed a committee of its members, under the chairmanship of then Chief Horticulturalist, Tom Miller, to enquire into the matter. It produced a report and made a number of recommendations, the most important of which was that Roseworthy College should transfer to the University of Adelaide as the best approach to securing its future! This proposal no doubt got lost in all the wider issues of changing federal education policies, leading to the recognition of Roseworthy as a college of advanced education in 1974. What if.....? Peter Trumble

## BEQUESTS

Leaving a bequest to the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc. is simple and will have an impact long into the future. Your gift may be a residual amount (e.g. a share or percentage of your estate), a specific dollar amount or a piece of personal property.

If you are considering making a bequest we encourage you to seek independent legal advice. We recommend any bequest should be made after family and friends have been considered.

For a confidential discussion please call the ROCA President Mark Rodda 0417 414 123) or Sue Fox, Planned Giving Officer, University of Adelaide 08 8313 3234. We work closely with our bequestors to ensure we understand your intentions and will be able to fulfil your wishes.

# ROSEWORTHY RAMS RUGBY CLUB – 20 YEAR REUNION

This year marked the 20th Anniversary of the Premiership won by the Roseworthy Rams Rugby Club in SA Rugby Union's Div 4 competition back in 1996. This was the first flag in the club's history.

The team gathered at Lyndoch Oval on June 25th to celebrate the anniversary.

It was in 2006 that the Roseworthy Rams morphed into the Barossa Rams. With dwindling numbers at the time, proud Rams Brenton Baker and others dedicated themselves to building the club and continuing the Rams Rugby legacy which began at Roseworthy College. The club is now home to two senior and five junior teams at Lyndoch Oval, under the current Presidency of Mark Cooper. Roseworthy Rams players were stoked to see the Rams Rugby tradition is continuing.



Left: 1996 Roseworthy Rams Premiership team. FRONT ROW L-R: Tommy, Brenton Baker, Ziggy, Mike, Bruce Smith, Craig Turner, Hamish Little.

STANDING L-R: Damon, Pete Ratray, Ten Bears, Glenn, Giles Firstbrook, ? (apologies), Jay Meek, Mike Grigg, Ned Kelly, Shawn, Vince Wright, Dave Brown, Warwick Murray.



Right: Roseworthy Rams Best & Fairest winners over the years:

L-R: Pete Ratray, Steve (Ziggy) Zigmund, Jay Meek, Hamish Little.



## FOOTBALL SUCCESS TO BE HONOURED

A dinner in the Roseworthy Agricultural College dining room on Saturday October 29th will mark 50 years since the college's A team won the local football premiership. In the same year, 1966, the B grade team lost the grand final by just a few points, having lost by another narrow margin the previous year. It was a golden period for RAC football following many years of average results.

The capacity to field two very strong teams in the 1960s was due to the pool of talent as well expert coaching from chemistry lecturer Doug Parry, who will be attending the dinner. Four members of the A team went on to play state league football. Past players, now spread across six states, will be attending. The dinner, however, is not restricted to players and anyone interested in attending can contact Dick Turnbull on Ph: 0437 755 034.

### Other notable RAC Football history

Overall RAC contested 22 Grand Finals, winning 10, before disbanding in 1997. 9 of these were played against South Gawler.

#### Premierships

1908 v South Gawler  
1912 v SG  
1913 v SG  
1940 v Willaston  
1949 v Willaston  
1950 v Willaston  
1951 v Gawler Centrals  
1959 v Elizabeth  
1966 v Lyndoch  
1971 v Willaston  
1973 v Willaston



L-R top B Luck, G. Fromm, P O'Brien,  
M Shallow, PI Jones, P Carrol, B Crosby,  
J Konhke, L Liebelt, W Hein, D Hanson,  
N Christophersen,  
J Crosby, D Pannach, A Oliver,  
J Chappel, J Footer,  
J Curlewis, K Woods, B Brown  
D Snodgrass D Parry

At [www.indaily.com.au](http://www.indaily.com.au) under "Grassroots: SA footy round-up", there's a story about Lyndoch's 1965 50-year premiership reunion (the year before we beat them) & in that team are 4 ex SANFL players – John Abley (174 games), Bill Herron (64), Frank Howard (65) & Tony Mann (1). I'm not sure how many of these played in the '66 GF.



Left: Keith Pattison and Lofty  
and the crowd

Left: Premiers Roseworthy 66 footy team file Gawler and District League A Grade Premiers 1966 The Roseworthy Agricultural College team: Back-Peter Yeo, Jon Lawton, Peter Shakespear, John Evans Third row-Max Merckenschlager, Colin Campbell, Jack Wood (manager), Peter Humphris, Phil Shaw Second row-Bob Osborne, Richard Baldwin, John Curlewis, Geoff Mowatt, Warren Roesler, Chris Weeks Front-Chris Hurn, Mal Woods, Keith Pattinson (captain), Doug Parry (coach), Peter Lofty Jones (vice-captain), Chris Caudle, Ian Anderson

## Premiers 1966!



### A GRADE FOOTBALL

Back row: P. Yeo, J. Lawton, P. Shakespear, J. Evans.  
 2nd row: M. Merckenschlager, C. Campbell, Mr. Wood (manager), P. Humphries, P. Shaw.  
 3rd row: R. Osborne, R. Baldwin, J. Curlewis, G. Mowatt, W. Roesler, Mr. Weeks.  
 Front row: C. Hurn, M. Woods, K. Pattinson (captain), Mr. Parry (coach), P. L. Jones (vice-captain), C. Caudle, I. Anderson.



### B GRADE FOOTBALL

Back row: P. I. Jones, G. Fromm, P. Ryan, I. Pickett.  
 2nd row: R. Liebich, K. Westbrook, R. Nash, P. Waldeck, B. Boerth.  
 3rd row: G. Kirkwood, J. Stewart, R. Brown, W. Watson, S. George, R. Hanby.



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# Roseworthy Old Collegians

## WINE ORDER FORM 2016

Please either E-mail this form to ROCA Treasurer, David Coyner: [david.coyner@hotmail.com](mailto:david.coyner@hotmail.com)  
or Post this form to ROCA President, Mark Rodda: 47 Edmund Ave, Unley, SA 5061.

### WINE

### QUANTITY

ROSEWORTHY Old Collegians	2013	SHIRAZ	Full Dozen	\$216 / box (\$18/bottle)	.....	carton/s
ROSEWORTHY Old Collegians	2013	SHIRAZ	Half Dozen	\$108 / box (\$18/bottle)	.....	carton/s
ROSEWORTHY Old Collegians	2015	RIESLING	Full Dozen	\$192 / box (\$16/bottle)	.....	carton/s
ROSEWORTHY Old Collegians	2015	RIESLING	Half Dozen	\$ 96 / box (\$16/bottle)	.....	carton/s
ROSEWORTHY Old Collegians	2012	SPARKLING	Half Dozen	\$ 90 / box (\$15/bottle)	.....	carton/s

Value of wines purchased: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT DETAILS OF PERSON ORDERING THE WINE: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### DELIVERY METHOD

1. Australia POST (cost \$15 / dozen, \$10 / half dozen) Total Postage cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Posted monthly)

Postal delivery address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

2. Where possible, a ROCA Committee member will attempt to deliver your wine within South Australia, or arrange collection from Adelaide.  
Please call Mark Rodda (0417 414 123) or Fiona Hill (0438 864 498) to discuss logistics.

### PAYMENT METHOD (CIRCLE and complete)

1. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) - Preferred method

Transfer money to: Roseworthy Old Collegians – Fund Raising Account (FRA)

BSB: 105146 Account number: 027009540

IMPORTANT: Kindly fill out the "receiver reference" on your bank transfer screen with:

wine & your surname so we know what the money is for and who it is from on our bank statement.

ALSO please E-mail David Coyner: [david.coyner@hotmail.com](mailto:david.coyner@hotmail.com) when you have completed the EFT

2. Cash / cheque – upon pick up or delivery by or to a ROCA Committee member

(Make cheques out to: Roseworthy Old Collegians Association - Wine Sales)