

THE ROCA DIGEST

AUTUMN 2017

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

BY DAVID COYNER



A warm welcome to the Autumn edition of the ROCA digest. It has been a busy six months, with the successful AGM and Annual Dinner in October along the many other projects the ROCA committee is undertaking which you will see more of within the pages of this digest.

As many of you may have seen ROCA has undertaken a social media campaign via Facebook to mark the 25 years of the amalgamation of Roseworthy Agricultural College and the University of Adelaide. This campaign was made possible thanks to the generous financial support of the University of Adelaide's Alumni team.



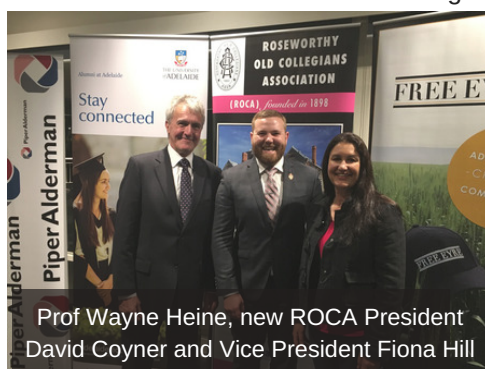
The Campaign is featuring 25 graduates over 25 weeks and I encourage you to visit and follow our page and read about some of the brilliant achievements that have been and continue to be made by past Roseworthy graduates in their respective industries. Ultimately, our aim is to encourage Roseworthy graduates to join up as a member of ROCA so that we can better keep in touch with each other and expand the ROCA network and influence.

ROCA is lucky to welcome some new committee members, Melissa Rebbeck (Director of Climate and Agricultural Support), Kate Forrest (Executive Officer with Rangeland NRM Alliance), Jessica van de Weyer (Vet at Barossa Veterinary services) and Andrew Dennis (Rosewood Consulting) and I extend my thanks to all the committee members who work tirelessly to support our members and Roseworthy Campus.

Our thanks goes out to our National Sponsors Piper Alderman Lawyers for their ongoing financial support and William Buck Accountants and Advisors for their Auditing and Advisory support of ROCA. This support along with our "Plonky's Pick" wine sales fundraising program goes a long way to keep ROCA growing and allows ROCA to support new scholarships and Roseworthy Campus improvements. I encourage you to continue support ROCA through purchasing some of these high quality Clare Valley wines.

I look forward to meeting up with as many of you as possible at various ROCA and rural industry events throughout the year and at the 119th Annual ROCA dinner on 20 October 2017 at the Glenelg Golf Club.

Best regards,
David Coyner
President
ROCA Inc.



Prof Wayne Heine, new ROCA President
David Coyner and Vice President Fiona Hill

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ROSEWORTHY COLLEGE UPDATE



Heading into my 7th year as Head of College at Roseworthy it gives me great pleasure to provide a brief insight into life on campus as we continue to once again see growth and reinvigoration of the beautiful Roseworthy Campus.

The campus continues to thrive and we were very much looking forward to the arrival of a new bunch of fresh faced, excited and enthusiastic animal and veterinary science students embarking on their academic journeys in 2017.

It has been a busy summer, with the college renovating a number of university-owned houses on campus to continue to meet the increasing demand for staff and students residing on campus.

The college is now managing around 200 student and staff beds and the community is buzzing with student activity including social events and sports creating a fun and vibrant college experience.

We also officially opened the Roseworthy "Student Hub" in late 2016, renovating Roseworthy College Hall to provide a collaboration space for student's integrating social, dining, study and learning spaces for an enriched student experienced.

We again have a broad group of students living in residence - students from all parts of Australia and our international student cohort representing a diverse number of countries including New Zealand, Canada, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan and China. We continue to look at how the campus infrastructure and support models can be enhanced to meet the requirements of all students undertaking programs at the Roseworthy Campus.

The year commenced in traditional Roseworthy College style – with the usual O'week "get to know you" activities, designed to build morale and camaraderie amongst the student group and help everyone settle in, make friends and feel at home. These activities included the stud auction and UV paint party, the famous "Iron Guts" eating competition, a wine tour in the beautiful Barossa Valley, a sports day and a game of "bare foot" bowls in Gawler.

This was a very successful week with students having lots of fun and was followed up by our traditional welcome dinner with the traditional "pink and black" colours on display as students embarked on some table games including a competition to design their very own "Roseworthy Anthem".

Overall, it has been a very pleasing start to the year with positive signs that students are settling well and we have a great balance of academic, social and sports activities to ensure that all students make friends and feel at home at Roseworthy. This is truly a special campus, a place like no other where students have the opportunity to learn and grow into their professions and forge their careers but more importantly a place where they learn about life and discover themselves. Our hope is that Roseworthy and the experiences they share on campus would become lifelong memories that they would cherish forever.

I take the opportunity to thank ROCA for your continued interest, support and contribution to Roseworthy and I look forward to providing further updates as the year progresses.

With best wishes,

DAVID PURDIE

MANAGER, STUDENT SERVICES & HEAD OF COLLEGE (ROSEWORTHY)



Students enjoying O'week



Roseworthy College – class of 2017

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 attached to the Digest.



“
Wine...
because no
great story
started with
someone
eating a
salad.
-Anonymous
”



Roseworthy Old Collegians Association

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ROCA WINE ORDER FORM: <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/.../ne.../archive/order-form2016.pdf>



“
People who
say I'm hard
to shop for
clearly don't
know where
to buy the
wine!
-Anonymous
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Spreading the word about the ROCA wine fundraiser through social media with special thanks to our wine partner - O'Leary Walker



ALUMNI NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY

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

As mentioned by David Coyner, it has been 25 years since the Roseworthy Agricultural College joined the University of Adelaide. To celebrate this milestone the 'Social Media 25 Campaign' was launched on the 6th of December last year. Social media management company, Wright Social, was contracted to develop and produce the campaign which has been a great success. Weekly profiles featuring past graduates and members of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association have been featured through a variety of social media platforms.

The University of Adelaide has been proud to support this initiative by making funds available through the Alumni Funding Scheme. At the time of writing we are 20 weeks into the 25 week campaign and to date ROCA has gained over 90 new members. Many of the members are aged less than 30 years, validating the relevance of a ROCA membership to advance graduate careers and increase networking opportunities.

Since being appointed in this role it has been with great interest I have worked with Alumni Council member Dale Manson. With Council elections held in March, it is with pleasure I announce a further two year term of Dale, representing the Waite and Roseworthy Campuses. Congratulations Dale.

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.

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 or contact us on alumni@adelaide.edu.au

Kind regards
Lisa Taplin
Manager, Alumni Relations

AWI TECH ECHALLENGE



The University of Adelaide has partnered with the Australian Wool Innovation to present the AWI Tech eChallenge. The program is designed to generate innovations, in the form of Apps or software, which improve sheep health, welfare and productivity.

To participate, you don't need to be a coding genius, you just need an idea! We will run weekly workshops which show you step-by-step how to build an App from scratch, and our mentors will assist in shaping your idea into a functioning and marketable product. Recent advances in the field of electronics and software development have created new opportunities to develop labour-saving devices. These offer realistic potential to generate substantial savings for routine operations, and to simultaneously improve operations management and deliver spin-off benefits for sheep health, welfare and productivity.

The program is run as a competition. Participants will pitch their product to a panel of wool growers and potential investors from the local business community and successful teams stand the chance to win a share in \$60k cash. Entries are open to teams of one to six people from the general community, including students, business professionals, farmers or a combination of all of the above.

If you have an innovation idea for the AWI Tech eChallenge and you would like help in developing a prototype then register your team at www.adelaide.edu.au/echallenge/tech-echallenge/ or for more information contact Julia Miller at eChallenge@adelaide.edu.au

THE ROCA AWARD OF MERIT, 2016

The ROCA Award of Merit is bestowed upon a member of ROCA who has made a meritorious contribution in any field of agricultural activity, including association affairs. This award is regarded as the highest honour ROCA can bestow on one of its members.

In its 133 year history, no other graduate of Roseworthy has made a greater humanitarian contribution to the disadvantaged communities of the world through the use of agricultural principles than David Lithgow Lewis OAM. The significance of this work is international and David Lewis is without peer.

During the four decades since graduating from Roseworthy Agricultural College with a Diploma in Agriculture and Diploma of Agricultural Technology, David Lewis has selflessly served others, often at great sacrifice to himself and his family. He has devoted his life and agricultural skills to the humanitarian relief of the poorest and most disadvantaged peoples of the world

His work extends across the globe, from the dangerously war torn West African country of Sierra Leone to the second poorest country on the globe, Niger. His humanitarian influence has assisted poverty stricken communities in Indo-China and Indonesia.

Not only has the influence of David Lewis been of enormous benefit to disadvantaged individuals internationally, it has also resulted in significant high-level policy change by governments across the globe and within Australia.

Despite being quite modest about his enormous contribution to humanity internationally, David Lewis has been widely recognised by others, including:

- the Australian Government with a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM),
- the Australian Council for International Development with the prestigious Award for Outstanding Service in International Development, and
- the University of Adelaide with the Roseworthy 125th Anniversary Humanitarian Award

He is currently leading an international working group on the impact of environmental issues and climate change on people with disabilities, their families and communities.

David Lithgow Lewis OAM is an extremely worthy recipient of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association "Award of Merit" for 2016



ROCA Award of Merit 2016 winner, David Lewis and his daughter Georgina



Incoming ROCA president David Coyner, Lisa Taplin, Manager Alumni Relations and ROCA Vice President Fiona Hill



Outgoing ROCA President, Mark Rodda and David Lewis

FIELD TRIALS FOR OAT VARIETIES

Oat varieties that have grown well in saline/sodic soils in a growth room and greenhouse screening study will now be tested under field conditions.

The project has attracted just under \$250,000 funding over 2 years and 8 months from the South Australian Grain Industry Trust Fund (SAGIT).

Researcher Dr Graham Lyons said the project aims to demonstrate which commercially available Australian oat varieties are relatively saline/sodic tolerant, and which overseas-bred varieties could be used by breeders to further improve the current tolerant Australian varieties.

"The identification of oats that will grow better in harsh conditions will have real on-farm impacts," he said. "Farmers will be able to better utilise some marginal lands, resulting in higher incomes for farmers in these areas".

Sodic soils are common in Australian cropping areas and secondary salinity is often present in these soils. Yield losses of around 50% are common.

"Farmers will be able to grow our recommended tolerant varieties on saline/sodic paddocks and expect to obtain higher yield than by growing non-tolerant varieties.

"We expect, given our findings to date, that our most tolerant oats will yield at least as highly as the most tolerant barley varieties on these soils."

Collaborators on the project include Yusuf Genc, John Harris, Dr Pamela Zwer and the SARDI oat breeding group here at Waite.



VALE - PASSING 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:

DELAND, Michael Campbell (RDA 1959)

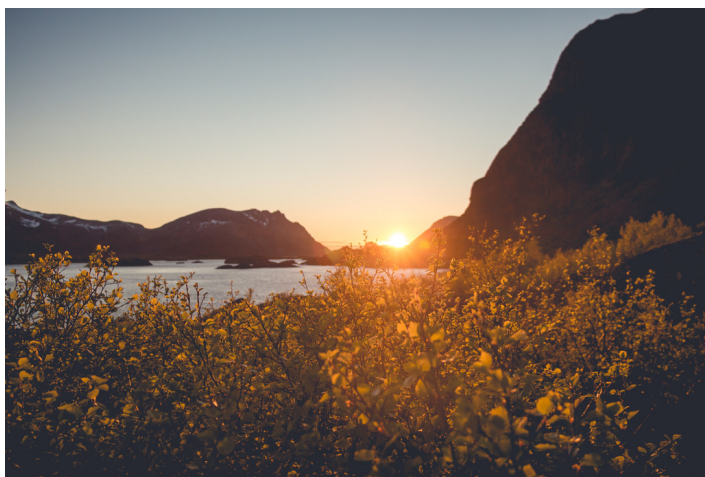
ELSDEN, Walter Alfred (RDA 1969)

GOLDING, Donald Allan Ross (RDA 1956)

JEFFRIES, Brian Crossley AM (RDA 1950)
(ROCA Award of Merit 2001)

SHIPTON, Ray (RDO 1949)

WOOLFORD, Rodney Clifford (RDA 1955)



ROSEWORTHY'S PROUD HISTORY OF LINKAGE TO VETERINARIANS - PART 2

In the 134 year history of Roseworthy, many agricultural graduates have become practitioners of renown in the livestock and veterinary sectors.

The Spring 2016 ROCA Digest highlighted the seven 1930's & 1940's Roseworthy Agricultural College graduates who then went on to become prominent veterinarians.

We now move forward to examine the period following the 1940's. During this 60 year period, there have been fifteen Roseworthy graduates in agriculture and horse husbandry who undertook higher level studies at other institutions in order to further their careers as veterinarians.

For their entire professional lives, Roseworthy graduates in agriculture proceeding to a career in the veterinary world tend to carry with them a sense of uniqueness - the added dimension of humanity, bonding and inner resilience.

Dr Howard Mortimer (RDA 1957) †

- Considered to be the epitome of equine veterinarians, operating out of his One Tree Hill practice.

Dr Richard Riedel (RDA 1957)

- BVSc Sydney – 1965;
- Veterinary practice in Wollongong NSW.

Dr Graham Mitchell AO (RDA 1961)

- BVSc Sydney, PhD (Melbourne)
- Recognised as one of Australia's leading biological scientists;
- At the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI) he made discoveries in cellular immunology and obtained a PhD in 1969;
- Post-doctoral experience in California (Stanford), England (National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill) and Switzerland (Basel Institute for Immunology)
- ROCA Award of Merit Recipient 2002;
- Appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia for services to science, in particular immunoparasitology;
- Former Director of the historic and prestigious Royal Melbourne Zoological Gardens.

Dr John (Jack) Reddin (RDA 1962)

- Graduated from Sydney University in 1968, immediately joining the three-vet Murray Bridge veterinary practice;
- Because of his Roseworthy training and a farming background from the home property at Gawler River, he was widely recognised for empathetic "farmer speak" and rapidly became the favoured spokesperson on veterinary matters;
- Purchased the Murray Bridge veterinary practice and grew it to employ 7 veterinarians and 15 support staff;
- Was the first veterinary practitioner in SA to develop specialist herd health programs for dairies and piggeries;
- After 34 years in the Murray Bridge practice, in 2001 retired from fulltime veterinary work to become a freelance veterinarian for the SA and Federal Governments, working as far afield as the UK.

Dr Denis Bowden (RDA 1963) †

- A highly respected specialist equine veterinarian, working out of the Oakbank Practice.

Dr Ian Anderson (RDA 1967)

- BVSc – Qld 1972;
- Practised as a general veterinarian in the UK, Bordertown, Murray Bridge (10 years), Hong Kong, Horn of Africa, Tasmania and Sale (Victoria).

Dr Peter Jones (RDA 1968)

- Former principal of the Kapunda and Barossa Valley veterinary practices.

Dr John Kohnke (RDA 1968)

- National, if not international expert in equine nutrition;
- Set the SA Department of Agriculture up with its equine health & nutrition expertise;
- Veterinarian at world renown Lindsay Park Thoroughbred Stud of Colin Hayes;
- Owner of the commercial company, "Kohnke's Own Horse Care Products".

Professor Wayne Hein (RDA 1970)

- Degree in veterinary science at the University of Queensland;
- Worked in veterinary public health before completing a PhD in immunology in the John Curtin School of Medical Research at Australian National University;
- Conducted basic research into the immune system of ruminants at the Basel Institute for Immunology, Switzerland;
- In New Zealand, researched basic and applied immunoparasitology;
- 2007-2010: Director of Hopkirk Research Institute, Massey University;
- 2011-2014: Professor and Head of the School of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences and Dean of Veterinary Science at James Cook University;
- Since February 2015, Head of the University of Adelaide's School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences and Dean of Roseworthy Campus.

Dr Michael Shallow (RDA 1971) †

- After graduating from RAC, Michael Shallow went on to study at Murdoch Uni;
- SA Government veterinarian, then private practice in WA and at Encounter Bay SA;
- Brilliant sportsman, highly respected rural veterinarian.

Dr Roger Haensel (RDA 1973, RDA 1974)

- Practised in the Northern Territory and at Kapunda SA.

Dr Stephen Tidswell (RDA 1976)

- RAC > Murdoch Uni > Post Grad Food Technology at Massey Uni NZ;
- Previously owned the veterinary practice in Waroona WA;
- Prior to retiring, served as a Senior Manager with the Australian Quarantine & Inspection Service in Canberra.

Dr Annabel Forrest (ADipAppScHorse Mgt 1980)

- Undertook veterinary studies at Murdoch University;
- Worked as a veterinarian in the UK and at Pt Pirie;
- Currently principal of a horse based practice in Pt Lincoln SA;
- Employed one of the first Roseworthy Campus trained DVM graduates.

Dr Justin Bulling (Dip.App.Sc. Ag 1985)

- BVMS and BSc Veterinary Biology (Murdoch);
- Upon graduation, joined a veterinary practice in Rockhampton;
- Spent several years working in the UK;
- Currently the principal of veterinary practices at Nambour and Montville, Qld.

Dr Jessica van de Weyer (BSc AnimalSc 2010)

- As a veterinary option at Roseworthy was not available, went on to obtain veterinary qualifications at Charles Sturt University, graduating in 2016;
- Currently a veterinarian in the Kapunda-Nuriootpa practice.

(† = Now deceased)

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

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

Blast from the past

If you happen to be browsing the Roseworthy College photo collection on the web you may have seen the photo on the right - a 1908 Saunderson model A Universal Tractor No142 with a few students along for the ride! The purchase of a tractor (probably one of the first in SA?) was as a result of a proposal by MP William Cummins in 1907 for the Government to import and scientifically evaluate an agricultural motor at Roseworthy Agricultural College. An amount of £700 (pounds) was allocated (\$170,000 in today's terms) and the Model A Saunderson tractor made its way to Roseworthy to be evaluated in a number of farm applications.



In due course the Principal of RAC, Mr Arthur Perkins, tabled a report through the Minister of Agriculture to Parliament in 1909. We are very fortunate that today the Saunderson is still with us at the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement Museum. It made its way there via the Wayville Race Course in 1939 where there was an Agricultural machinery museum. This museum later closed and the Saunderson was given to the Swan Hill Folk Museum.

It was here that new life was breathed into the rusting link to the past. Mr Newton Williams and other volunteers embarked on a long and faithful restoration over a 16 year period. The Saunderson Model A at Swan Hill is probably one of two that still exist in the world so a detailed restoration was warranted. Newton, the Technical Curator of the Pioneer Settlement Museum collection, has written a detailed 100-page document on the Saunderson and its restoration titled "So what went wrong". The Perkins report, which also included notes from the College Mechanic, concluded in 1909 that the Saunderson tractor would not be recommended to SA farmers as it did not perform as specified by the makers. The draught horse was destined to be around a bit longer!

If you would like to read Newton's publication in more detail you may have to contact the Museum or the Swan Hill Rural City Council. A Copy may be lodged with the Roseworthy Campus Library collection at a later date.

Roseworthy has been, through its entire history, a place where new technology is presented for practical application and evaluation. Probably all students of the past have witnessed the trial of some new aspect of technology at Roseworthy. The Scientific method of objective trials has served industry well.

David Spencer

UofA Roseworthy Archive Group

Memories affect the way we move forward!

Source: *So what went wrong?* Newton H Williams of Swan Hill, Victoria. 2007



Students and the Vice-Chancellor



Students enjoying college welcome dinner

INDUSTRY DEMAND DRIVES A NEW AGRIBUSINESS MASTERS DEGREE

Do you have a future leader in your business that would benefit from the University of Adelaide's new Master of Agribusiness program? The program has been shaped by industry leaders to effectively integrate academic knowledge with industry application, including guest lectures, internships and the opportunity to build networks that matter.

The Masters can be taken full time or part time and is tailored to busy people by offering flexible blended learning options including online and face to face. The core courses cover business and management strategy, leadership, market dynamics, risk and the core finance, accounting, economic and research skills needed to critically evaluate agribusiness opportunities in an increasingly complex global marketplace.

If you'd like some more background or have questions about the program then please contact

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ROCA SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

25 Graduates over 25 weeks to mark the 25th Anniversary of the merger of Roseworthy Agricultural College with the University of Adelaide. Join here (it's free!):
<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/roca/membership/>


Posts

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association
Published by Tegan Buckley (?) · Yesterday at 6:00pm · 🌐

Celebrating 25 years of Roseworthy: Meet Damien Sommerville, (Bachelor of Agriculture), Roseworthy Class of 1998-2000. Agronomy and farming is at the heart of Damien and his family's lives. This year will mark 10 years that Damien has been at home working on the farm. "I have been farming at Spalding and Burra with my parents, brother and my wife. We grow wheat, barley, canola, oats and are currently trialling chickpeas. Alongside our farm we run a contract spraying operation... [See More](#)



DAMIEN SOMMERVILLE
Bachelor of Agriculture
Roseworthy Class of 1998-2000



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 Treasurer Mark Rodda (mark_rodde@bigpond.com or phone 0417 414 123) or Mark Goldsmith from the University of Adelaide on 08 8313 5800. We work closely with our bequestors to ensure we understand your intentions and will be able to fulfil your wishes.



PROUD SPONSORS OF ROCA

Transition to Retirement Pensions – what are your options post 1 July 2017?

Superannuation is the most common savings vehicle for our retirement. There are two phases of superannuation, the ‘accumulation’ phase, which is where your fund is added to and grows during working years, and the ‘drawdown’ phase, which is where you start to access your super as a pension.

One of the main advantages of starting a pension with your super, is that earnings within the fund become tax-free, as opposed to the regular 15% tax during the accumulation phase. This tax-free status applies to pensions started when the member is still working and age 56-64, called Transition to Retirement Pensions (TTR’s). It also applies for Account Based Pensions, which occur when a member is age 65 or age 56-64 and has retired/met a condition of release.

Therefore a common strategy for pre-retirees is to start a TTR pension during the years 56-64 and still working, predominantly to benefit from the tax-free earnings status. From 1 July 2017 however, TTR pensions will lose this benefit and instead be taxed at 15% on earnings, in line with the accumulation phase.

As there is no tax advantage on the earnings within a TTR pension anymore, what should you do with your TTR?

Option 1. Retire (or meet another condition of release)

If you retire, your fund becomes a regular Account Based Pension and therefore retains tax-free earnings status.

Option 2. Roll your TTR back to Accumulation phase

You may want to simply roll the fund back to accumulation phase to stop the unnecessary draw down of your super.

Option 3. Retain TTR

The simplest and easiest thing is to do nothing and retain the TTR. You won’t need to do anything and this may even help you fund a salary sacrifice strategy as well.

While the above options seem simple enough, there is one more matter to consider, unrealised capital gains on the investments within your TTR. This is a complex matter and requires specialist advice as each of the above options will have different implications on what happens to the unrealised gains.

For further information

For more information on these strategies or other financial matters, 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

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AGRI UPDATE

Piper Alderman has positioned itself 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.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO:

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

Simon Venus was invited to speak at an investment conference in Shanghai on the Australian food and agribusiness sectors. He said that investment interest in the sectors remains strong and expected to see further capital flows into agriculture in the short term on the back of burgeoning middle class demand.



We were proud to act for the consortium of all-Australian bidders, known as BBHO, who announced a \$386 million takeover bid for the iconic Australian cattle producer, S. Kidman & Co. Ltd. The consortium brought together four Australian farming families with significant existing interests in agriculture. Ben Brinkworth, consortium member, said: *"I was very pleased with the prompt professional and insightful support given to us by Simon and the team at Piper Alderman."*



Other interesting projects we have been working on include:

- acquiring an aggregation of over 1 million ha of pastoral stations in Western Australia
- assisting family farming businesses structure and implement their succession plans
- acquiring an aquaculture business and a wild catch fishing licence
- assisting in the purchase of an SA wine business



COMING UP:

Piper Alderman is delighted to once again be partnering with Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) to deliver the 2017 Agri-Masterclass series as part of PIRSA's "Women Influencing Agribusiness and Regions Strategy" (WIARS).

Our first session on Women in Leadership and Personal Branding was a great success with excellent participant feedback.

Save the date for future sessions this year:

- **Wednesday 24 May**
Family Business: The Benefits and Challenges
- **Wednesday 9 August**
Innovation in Export
- **Wednesday 25 October**
South Australian Food and Wine Showcase

To register your interest please email: events@piperalderman.com.au

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CONGRATULATIONS TO GRAEME MARTIN AM

ROCA would like to publicly congratulate Graeme John Martin AM (RDA 1959) on receiving the honour, Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2017 Australia Day Honours List.

Graeme's citation reads: "For significant service to the real estate industry through executive roles, to professional property institutes, and to education".



After graduating from Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1959, Graeme worked in the SA Lands Department as an Inspector reporting on War Service Leaseholds and making recommendations on finance to soldier settlers for operation of their leaseholds, firstly at Loxton then on Kangaroo Island.

In 1970 he was appointed as the foundation lecturer in Valuation in 1970, at the now University of South Australia where he headed the Property Courses for 15 years.

Graeme then moved to Sydney as Managing Director of Colliers International Valuation and Consultancy, retiring 2004 prior to returning to Adelaide.

Positions held included:

- Monarto Commissioner and subsequently Chairman of the Monarto Valuation Board, 1974-1979;
- Australian Property Institute: Chairman, National Education Committee; Member General Council; National President and Life Fellow;
- Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy (CASLE) Pacific Representative; Member Board of Education; Honorary Fellow;
- South Australian Institute of Technology, now University of South Australia Introduced Diploma in Valuation course in 1970 and B. App. Science in Property Resources; 1977, combining valuation and property investment studies. The first degree level Property course in Australia.

2017 UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE ALUMNI AWARDS

Every year the University celebrates the immense contributions made by our alumni in their specialist fields. The Distinguished Alumni Award is one of the highest awards the University gives to graduates for their significant achievement; and The James McWha Award of Excellence recognises outstanding alumni who have graduated from the University of Adelaide within the past 15 years and are making a significant contribution as emerging leaders within their profession or their community.

Nominations are also invited for the Alumni Fellow Awards. These awards are bestowed in recognition of alumni who have made a significant contribution to the advancement of the University's alumni relations program. Recognising the achievement of your alumni is a very effective way to build and strengthen strategic relationships with alumni influencers, who could support and contribute to the University and your Faculty.

I respectfully request your assistance in suggesting candidates for these awards from your faculty, networks, relevant community groups and professional associations. Your Faculty Alumni Officer or ROCA Committee will be able to assist you to prepare a nomination. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any further assistance.

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FREE EYRE CONTINUES EP AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

Eyre Peninsula agribusiness, FREE Eyre along with South Australian farmers and key business partners have again successfully raised funds for the EP Agricultural Scholarship. The scholarship is valued at \$5,000 and is aimed to assist a first year Eyre Peninsula student studying an agricultural related course at one of the University of Adelaide Campus', with costs associated with accommodation, travel and university fees.

FREE Eyre and its partners came together again to enjoy this year's Clipsal 500 race in Adelaide. Around 250 farmers and agribusiness representatives came together over the March weekend at FREE Eyre's Adelaide office for the event. The 3-day event saw the annual target of \$5,000 raised through generous donations of those present.

FREE Eyre's Event Partners:

Telstra Store Whyalla, Clear Grain Exchange, William Buck (Chartered Accountants and Advisors) Piper Alderman Lawyers, Michell Wool, Wright Social, AgGuard Crop Insurance, MaxiPlas (tanks and water storage solutions) and CPH Accounting

"We were thrilled with the response we received from our business partners and clients. It is clear that these companies and farmers really appreciate the need to encourage and support the Eyre Peninsula's students in gaining greater skills that can be applied to the future growth, productivity and prosperity of the region.

Mark Rodda
CEO, FREE Eyre



Ben Trengove, James Wright, David Coyner,
Tess Walch, Matt King



Mark Rodda, Rick Nicol, John Crosby



Derren Graham, David Coyner, Heidi Wright



PLANTING NATIVE VEGETATION FOR PRODUCTIVE CROPS



The University of Adelaide, working with South Australian industry groups, is helping farmers and growers design native plantings to support bee and other insect populations needed to pollinate their crops and orchards.

This is the first such project in Australia – expected to be a win-win for both growers and biodiversity, with enhanced productivity through improved pollination and increased biodiversity through revegetation with native plants.

“We know that crop pollination can be improved by revegetation on or around farms that supports pollinators. It’s a strategy used in major horticultural regions in Europe and the US, but not yet in Australia,” says project co-leader Dr Katja Hogendoorn, from the School of Agriculture, Food and Wine.

Crops such as lucerne, almonds, apples and cherries rely on insect pollinators to pollinate their flowers to produce seeds, nuts or fruit. Canola yield and quality can also be improved with good pollination services.

“Like humans, bees need a varied diet and this means pollen and nectar from a range of flowers. Crops provide one-sided nutrition and when they finish flowering, there is often very little alternative food around for pollinators. We are looking to improve the landscape to secure pollinator populations and their crop pollination services,” Dr Hogendoorn says.

Researchers are mapping the activity of honeybees and native pollinators in areas of revegetation and native vegetation around different crops in South Australia. They will create a short-list of the most useful pollinating species and identify the plants used by the pollinators as sources of pollen and nectar. This will allow strategic choices in revegetation with a selection of the plants that benefit crop pollinators.

“An important outcome from the project will be planting guides and a web-based tool which will enable users to map vegetation plantings around their crops that will provide the best habitat for pollinators in order to maximise productivity gains,” says project co-leader Professor Andrew Lowe, Chair of Plant Conservation Biology in the University’s Environment Institute. “This project is a great example of how the University is using innovative thinking to improve productivity and sustainability in cropping and food.”

Project partners include Lucerne Australia, Apple and Pear Growers of SA, Trees for Life, O’Connor NRM, Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA), Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources; Almond Board of Australia, Native Vegetation Council, Greening Australia, South Australian Apiarist Association, various NRM boards and Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation.

The University of Adelaide will further collaborate with the University of Sydney to assess local densities of wild honey bees in pollination dependent crops and with the University of New England and ANU to understand the economic value of individual crop pollinating species for different crops.

This project is supported through funding from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources as part of its Rural R&D for Profit Programme. The total value of the project is \$9M, of which \$4.5M is allocated to activities in South Australia.

COWS FOR CAMBODIA

In the last Digest I sought support for a fundraiser to help buy cows for a start up project for farmers in Cambodia. This fundraiser was linked to participation in the TDU Community Ride Roseworthy Team on 21st January 2017.

Unfortunately we only managed to form a small Roseworthy team of 4 riders, Stephan Pyecroft, Chris O'Donnell, Chris Adey and David Spencer. Consequently the money raised was only \$400, but still useful to the overall project.

Hopefully the Roseworthy team will form again. Anybody who participates in the TDU Community Ride over any distance can join the team. All that needs to be done is quote BCT272 when registering to be part of the Roseworthy team.

David Spencer



David Spencer, Chris Adey (showing Roseworthy team name) and Chris O'Donnell

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY



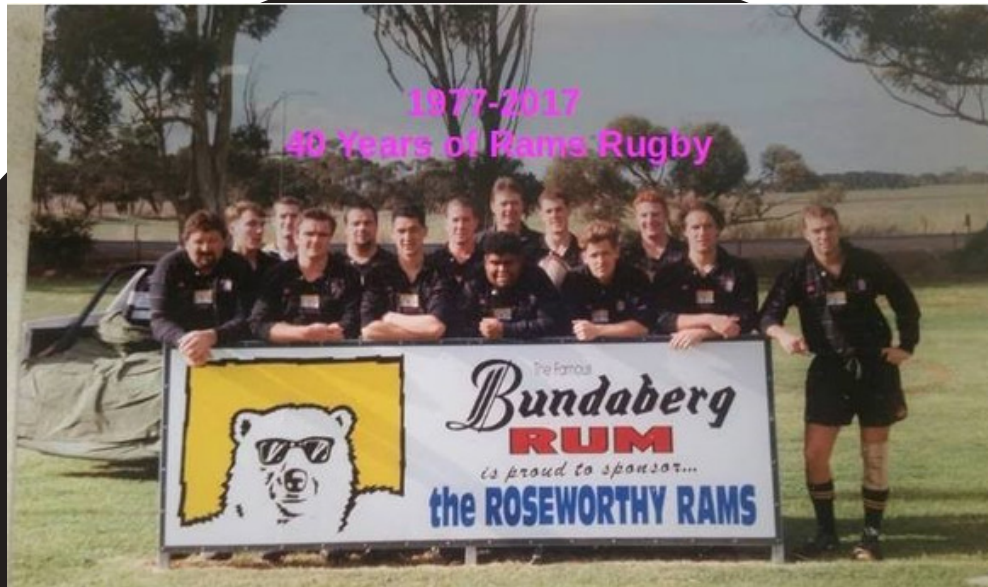
The Royal Agricultural University or RAU (previously known as the Royal Agricultural College or RAC) is a university located in Cirencester, Gloucestershire, UK. Established in 1845, it was the first agricultural college in the English-speaking world. The university provides more than 30 land-based undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes to students from over 45 countries through the School of Agriculture, the School of Business and Entrepreneurship, the School of Equine and the School of Real Estate & Land Management.

It seems Roseworthy Ag College took some of its history and traditions from the Royal Agriculture College (known as RAC now the Royal Agricultural University RAU), Cirencester, including one of its early principles. I understand the idea of having the names of the graduating students in the early days on graduate boards in the main dining room came from Cirencester. I visited RAC in 1974 with an ex Roseworthy student expelled by Bob Heriot for stealing a pound of butter and cooking his breakfast in his room and getting up HA's nose. It is very interesting to compare the Wikipedia entries for both institutions.

Dick Turnbull



RAMS RUGBY FANS – SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE!



2017 marks 40 YEARS since the birth of the Roseworthy Rams!

Now known as The Barossa Rams, the team heads to Roseworthy campus on May 20th to play their weekly Div 3 & 4 round matches. So come on - take the opportunity to re-live your younger days and cheer on the Rams.

The days' play is to be followed by a black tie celebration dinner from 6pm at the oval.

To RSVP, contact Fraser Vivian at fjvivan@hotmail.com.

You can follow the event on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Barossa-Rams-Rugby-Club-136357313100154/>



Dining Hall – ready for 2017 college dinner



Students reciting Roseworthy anthem

EYRE PENINSULA REUNION

The EP branch of ROCA held its annual meeting and dinner at Boston Bay Wines, Port Lincoln on a balmy March evening overlooking the bay and vineyard as pickers harvested the Merlot in the cool of the evening.

After a short meeting to elect office bearers and float Wudinna as a possible venue for next year's dinner, host Tony Ford treated us all to his famous hospitality. This involved a BBQ cook-off where a person from each table was elected to grill the tuna steaks - picking up hints and tips from Tony. Ben McNamara was judged as doing the best job.

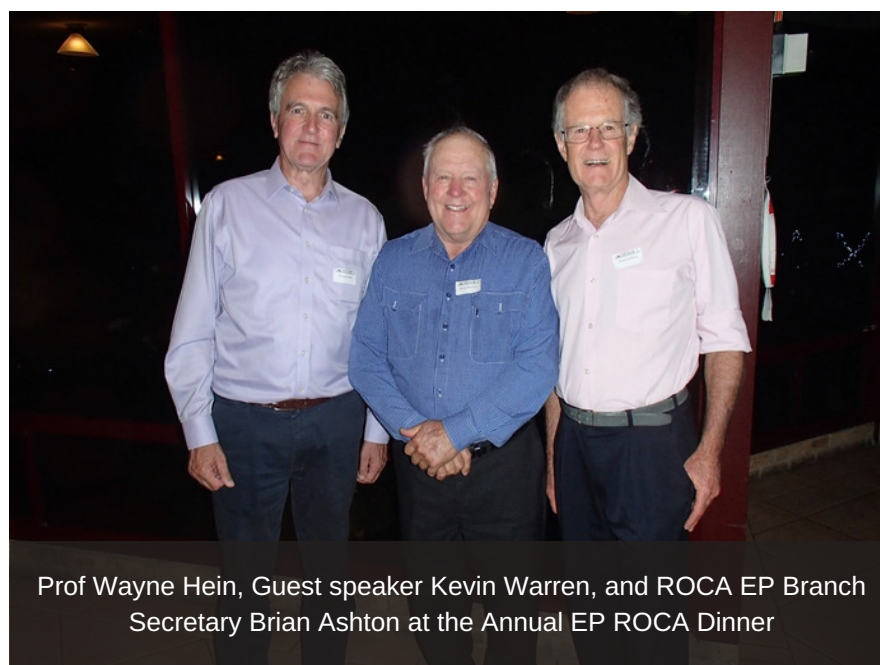
Wayne Hein, Dean of Roseworthy Campus and Head of School of and Veterinary Sciences, gave an update on the landscape of the college today where, of the 590 enrolled undergraduates, 75% plus were female. There are three animal science programs including Veterinary and Veterinary Nursing. Roseworthy is shaping that industry. We appreciated Wayne and his wife Lyn making the effort to come over.

After dinner guest speaker, Kevin Warren (Master Pilot), enthralled us with a rundown of his amazing flying career peppered with hair-raising examples of near misses such as his propeller falling off.

It was a great social evening facilitated by some quality Boston Bay Wines product.
Brian Ashton



A representative from each table had to cook the tuna steak under instruction from chef Tony Ford



Prof Wayne Hein, Guest speaker Kevin Warren, and ROCA EP Branch Secretary Brian Ashton at the Annual EP ROCA Dinner



When your wife asks if the kids are ok whilst your out fishing 🐟🐟🐟



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Roseworthy Old Collegians

WINE ORDER FORM 2017

Please either E-mail this form to ROCA Treasurer, David Coyner: 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 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)