



Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.
ROCA DIGEST

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Winter 1998

**ROCA CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
AGM AND DINNER AT ROSEWORTHY COLLEGE
3 - 4 OCTOBER 1998 [the long weekend]**

Highlights:

Saturday 4 October - 11.00 am: champagne and damper brunch.

Saturday afternoon 4 October - Steffanson: 1.30 pm: "Roseworthy, This is Your Life"
[vehicles and sport, practical work, romance, food and beverage, what Roseworthy meant to us],
reenactment of the first ROCA meeting, elegant afternoon tea

or

Saturday afternoon 3 October - 1.30 pm: Big Screen live SANFL Grand Final in the Club

Saturday 3 October - 6.00 pm: AGM in the Dining Room, Roseworthy

Saturday 3 October - 7.30 pm: Dinner in the Dining Room, speakers, Award of Merit, ROCA Award

Sunday 4 October - 9.30 am: Service in the Chapel

Sunday 4 October - 10.30 am: Sporting Car Club and BYO Old Vehicle

Sunday 4 October - 11.00 am: Nostalgia Walk

Sunday 4 October - 12.30 pm: Lunch in the garden, House on the Hill

Sunday 4 October - afternoon: Open inspection, House on the Hill; book signings

**ROCA CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
100 Years of service**

This year's dinner will be a birthday party! And a sleepover - come and stay at Roseworthy on Saturday 3 October.

Your centenary planning committee wants to ensure that the birth of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association one hundred years ago is marked in a suitable fashion.

To extract the maximum Centenary celebration, share an 11.00 am champagne and damper breakfast with the Coopers Clydesdales on Saturday morning, the 3th. The most practical thing to wear is your football colours [it's SANFL Grand Final day, or wear your old Roseworthy pink and black], but period costume would really contribute to the atmosphere. Who won the Grand Final in 1898?

Saturday afternoon will be a bit of a highlight and the proceedings kick off at 1.30 pm. We're going to video a "Roseworthy, This is Your Life" in the Steffanson Lecture Theatre. After a reenactment of the first ROCA meeting, speakers like Jack Reddin, Gavin McEwen, John Dawkins, Tim Knapstein and Daryl Hicks will take us through the decades. Participants concerned about gender balance should watch out for Elisabeth Michelmores' "Dances with Wolves" segment. An

elegant afternoon tea will be served. One thing we want to do in connection with this is to collect some of your best stores. Could you send us in about 250 words on your best Roseworthy story? If you can fit it into one of these categories, so much the better:

- food and beverage
- vehicles and sport
- practical work
- romance
- what Roseworthy meant to me

Football fans are going to gather in the Community Club and watch the SANFL Grand Final live on the big screen there during the 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm timeslot. Suitable munchies will be at hand.

The AGM is in the Dining Room at 6.00 pm and will go for about an hour and we want to sit down for our formal dinner at 7.30 pm.

We're not expecting a telegram from the Queen, but we are in close negotiation with two very important persons to speak at the dinner. One of them, Rex Butterfield, has already agreed.

On Sunday morning, another Old Scholar, the Reverend Bill Reddin, will preside at a 9.30 service in the Chapel. Drive to the chapel in your Old Vehicle, because the Sporting Car Club are arriving at 10.30 and some of them might stay for lunch. Graham Brookman will lead an 11.00 am Nostalgia Walk before lunch in the garden of the House on the Hill. During the afternoon, the House will be open for inspection and there will be some historical books for sale.

Further information about the Centenary ROCA celebrations from:

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association
 Centenary Planning Committee
 Convenor James Holland (018 806 474)
 Box 503
KENT TOWN SA 5071

We've got a pre-booking form in this Digest for the Centenary ROCA celebrations, AGM and Dinner on 3 and 4 October [the long weekend] and we urge you to return it to us as soon as possible. **The closing date for reserving your accommodation at Roseworthy is September 1.**

PS: If you think you might not survive the evening in one of the Roseworthy single beds, don't forget that there will be sub-committees staying at **Prasad's Gawler Motel, 1 Main North Road (08) 8522 5900**, and some people who are quick off the mark might take advantage of the **Barossa B&B Booking Service (1800 244 873)** PO Box 430, Lyndoch, SA, 5351 (Fax: (08) 8524 4993 <http://dove.net.au> or email bookings@dove.net.au).

**CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
 BOOKING DETAILS
 (Pre Booking Form at back of Digest)**

<i>PACKAGE A (no accommodation)</i>		<i>Cost \$85.00/person</i>
3 October 1998	11.00 am	Champers and Damper
	3.00 pm	Elegant Afternoon Tea or Bar Munchies
	7.30 pm	ROCA Centenary Dinner
4 October 1998	12.30 pm	Lunch on the Hill
 <i>PACKAGE B (WITH ACCOMMODATION)</i>		 <i>Cost \$120.00/person</i>
3 October 1998	11.00 am	Champers and Damper
	3.00 pm	Elegant Afternoon Tea or Bar Munchies
	7.30 pm	ROCA Centenary Dinner
 Overnight at Roseworthy		
4 October 1998	8:00 am	Breakfast in the Dining Room
	12.30 pm	Lunch on the Hill

ROCA ON THE INTERNET

As the world embraces the next millennium and all the technological advances, which come with the dawn of a new age, the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association have started surfing the net to put ROCA on the World Wide Web.

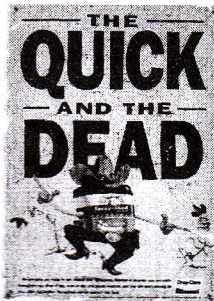
Roseworthy Agricultural College was renowned for developing, embracing and teaching young students new techniques in farming and agricultural research. Now, with the communication age upon us, the past students of Roseworthy College and the ROCA Digest Editorial Committee, have decided to take on the corporate giants such as Murdoch and Packer and release the ROCA Digest to the world.

With the increased number of graduates now surfing the Internet on a regular basis, ROCA is exploring the possibility of developing an Internet site for all past students to enjoy.

The opportunity to maintain contact and have an interactive site allows the Editors of the ROCA Digest to provide you with a publication containing more information than the current magazine and will allow site users to provide input in the digest.

In the 100-year history of ROCA, the Digest's Editorial Committee has never asked former graduates to pay for their Digest. Some 1700 Digests are posted to locations all around the globe with no cost to ROCA members. By implementing an Internet site, the Committee believes they will be able to offer a publication of the quality, but avoid the rising costs of printing, packing and postage.

As they say "watch thjs space".



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ROCA EYRE PENINSULA SUB-BRANCH REUNION

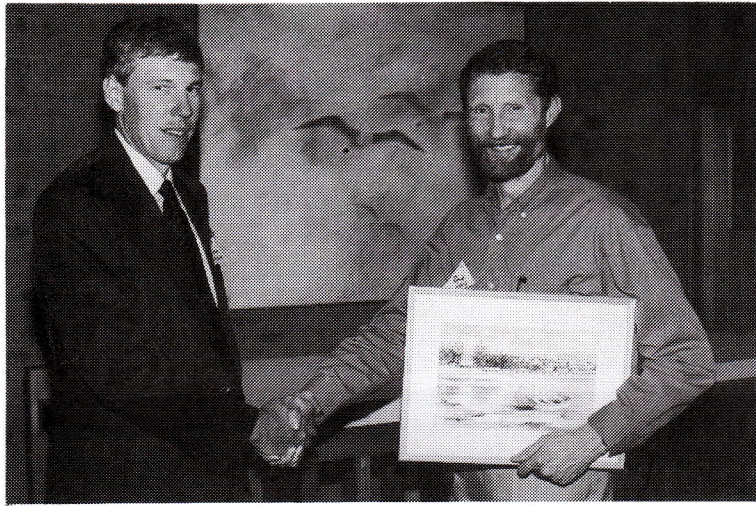
The AGM and Annual Reunion of the Eyre Peninsula sub-branch of ROCA was held this year on 4 and 5 April. The Saturday AGM and dinner was held at the Boston Bay Winery, which proved to be a most suitable and attractive venue. This later date than previous years was chosen so as not to clash with the tennis and cricket seasons, and this seemed to work well, with almost 50 people attending the dinner. What was most pleasing to see was a large group of younger ROCA members in attendance.

At the AGM, the following officers were elected:

President	-	Neil "Fish" Cordon
Secretary	-	Rachael May
Treasurer	-	Mark Stanley
Ass. Secretary	-	Bruce Roeger
Committee Members	-	Brian Asthon Julie Langman Peter Preece Greg Scholtz Barry Lawes Bruce McCallum Ben Ranford
Eyre Peninsula Reps to the ROCA Executive	-	Andy Michelmore Peter Dunn

The AGM and dinner was attended by ROCA President - David Cooper and wife Anne, Vice President - Mia Stephens and Eyre Peninsula Rep - Andy Michelmore and wife Elisabeth.

The highlight of the dinner was an enthralling address by guest speaker David Lewis. David, or "Blue" as he is affectionately known by farmers and Department of Agriculture staff on Eyre Peninsula, graduated from Roseworthy College in 1976 with an RDAT.



Bruce McCallum presenting guest speaker David "Blue" Lewis with a painting of Port Lincoln in appreciation of his well received address

After a number of positions, Blue became well known on EP as District Agronomist for the Department of Agriculture at Cleve. His dedication and likeable nature earned him a very good reputation which lives on today.

In 1990, Blue and his wife Cate and three children, left EP to work with the Christian Blind Mission in West Africa.

Their first three and a half years were spent in Sierra Leone where David headed up a Community Based Rehabilitation Program. The aim was to teach blind people to farm again. The disease, River Blindness, is caused by a small fly and in some areas up to 30% of adults are affected.

During this time, Cate taught the children as well as maintaining the home in a bush setting - without electricity.

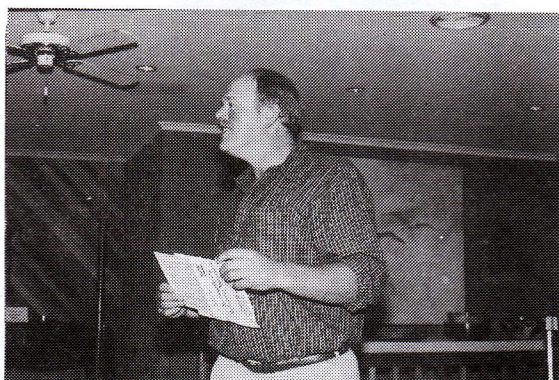
The project in Niamey, the capital, worked to rehabilitate people with all kinds of disabilities.

Blindness in Niger is caused by lack of things we take for granted - clean water and fresh fruit and vegetables. Trachoma results from lack of water for washing. Vitamin A deficiency can cause blindness.

Blue's agricultural background was a great help to him in many areas.

Blue is now a Field Director with Christian Blind Mission International in their Head Office in Melbourne. The worthwhile efforts of this Organisation are supported by donations from the public, and a large proportion of financial support comes from rural Australia. If you would like to make a donation to help them with their work, Christian Blind Mission International can be contacted at 1245 Burke Road, Kew, Vic 3101, or toll free on 1800 678 069.

On Sunday 5th, this traditional BBQ was held at Flinders Park, Port Lincoln. This was also well attended, and rounded off a most enjoyable weekend. See you in Port Lincoln next year!



Eyre Peninsula President Neil "Fish" Cordon entertaining the crowd



Eyre Peninsula representative to ROCA Any Michelmore and Elizabeth at the Dinner



ROCA Vice President Mia Stephens with Eyre Peninsula Committee Member Bruce McCallum

**ANNUAL GOLF DAY
RAC OLD SCHOLARS v HAC OLD SCHOLARS
held at Gawler Golf Club on Sunday 16 November 1997**

Gawler Golf Course was the venue for the Fourth Challenge Match between Roseworthy Old Scholars and a team from Hawkesbury Old Scholars (SA Branch). The event took place on 16 November 1997 and 24 people attended.

After an enjoyable lunch at the picturesque Gawler Golf Club, 21 golfers hit off in a Stableford Competition. Only one lady visitor presented herself for the challenging Gawler course, so this coming year a few more ladies would be most welcome to join in the separate ladies competition.

Unfortunately, most players on the day found the course not to their liking. The exception was Peter Fraser from HAC who must be congratulated on a fine score of 40 stableford points in winning the major Jameson Golf Ball and Flask Trophy donated by Terry Sachse from Orlando Wyndham Group Pty Ld, Rowland Flat.

Honours for the day went to the Roseworthy team who won narrowly by 173 points to Hawkesbury 166 points.

This year the Annual Golf Day will be again held at Gawler Golf Course on **Sunday 1 November 1998**, so please make a point of putting this day in your diary now.

The convenors of the day are looking for more support from Old Scholars by way of donations as prizes for the Annual Golf Day.

If you are able to support the day, please contact Barry Sumner on (08) 9522 4926 or at 10 Athens Terrace, Gawler East, 5118.

Final details will be released in the Spring Issue of the ROCA Digest.

TROPHY WINNERS

RAC WINNERS

Roseworthy Old Scholars Shield	Barry Sumner - 32 Stableford Points
Runner Up	Dick Flower - 30 Stableford Points
Third Best Score	David Quadling - 28 Stableford Points

HAC WINNERS

Hawkesbury Old Scholars Shield	Peter Fraser - 40 Stableford Points
Runner Up	Kim Falster - 34 Stableford Points
Third Best Score	Kel Burke - 33 Stableford Points

VISITOR TROPHY

Winner	Ian Frances - 31 Stableford Points
Runner Up	Neville Newton - 28 Stableford Points
Third Best	Lindsay Wapper - 27 Stableford Points

LADIES TROPHY

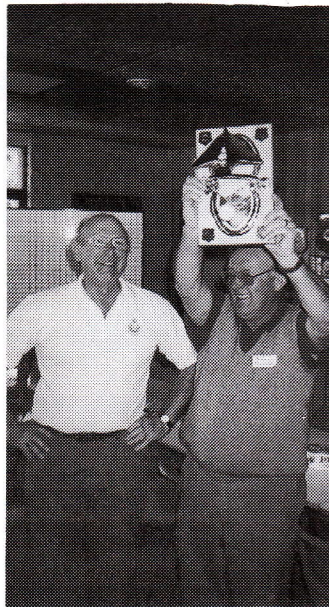
Winner	Elizabeth Reimers - 34 Stableford Points
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Hawkesbury	Bart Challacomb - 9 Stableford Points
Roseworthy	Michael Emms - 16 Stableford Points



*Elizabeth Reimers, Dick Flower,
Peter Fraser, Leith Yelland & Hugh
Reimers relaxing after the golf day*



*Kel Burke, Captain of HAC Old
Scholars Team presenting Barry
Sumner, Captain of the ROCA
Team with the Old Scholars
Annual Golf Challenge Perpetual
Trophy*



*Kel Burke congratulating Peter
Fraser in winning the Orlando
Wyndham Group Trophy and the
Hawkesbury Old Scholars Shield*



*Kel Burke congratulating Dick
Flower as Runner Up for RAC*



*Kel Burke congratulating Barry Sumner as
winner of the ROCA Shield*



*Kel Burke presenting Ian Francis with the
Winners Trophy for Visitors*

RIVERLAND & MURRAY LANDS CENTENARY DINNER

To celebrate the Centenary of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association, a Regional Dinner be held for ROCA members and their partners at the Loxton Hotel on Friday **August 14, 1998**.

Cost will be \$22.00 per head for a three course meal.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Mr Peter Turley. Peter graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College with an RDA in 1975 and followed this with an RDO in 1977. He is a forth generation member of the famous McWilliams wine family and established his own winery at Heathcote near Bendigo in 1985.

During the recession of the early 1990's, he decided to diversify into gourmet food production as a way to combat difficult wine sales. This move proved to be extremely successful and today the gourmet food enterprise provides over 95 percent of the business income.

His gourmet food range, marketed under the Dalhousie Fine Food label, includes mustards, jams and liqueur fruit desserts.

The Dalhousie Fine Foods enterprise has won the Victorian Rural Small Business Award and now markets produce throughout Australia and many parts of Asia. Currently a successful export push is being made into the market in Japan.

Bookings for the dinner can be done on the invitation contained in this ROCA Digest.

Further details may be obtained from:

Mr Dale Manson
PO Box 2167
Murray Bridge SA 5253

(08) 8532 5624 (a/h)
(08) 8535 6409 (w)
041 881 1233 (mobile)
(08) 8535 6247 (fax)

O B I T U A R I E S

It is with sadness that we record the passing of the following old scholars:

Clifford Wade HOOPER (RDA 1928)

Recipient of the ROCA Award of Merit in 1980 and a former instructor in sheep husbandry at Roseworthy Agricultural College.

Passed away on March 6, 1998 aged 89 years.

Kevin John BARRY who graduated in 1953 with a Diploma of Agriculture. Passed away on 12 October 1997.

NEWS FROM OLD COLLEGIANS

The diversity of Old Collegians' interests, career paths and achievements certainly reflects the type of training provided by Roseworthy Agricultural College over a period of more than a century. We continue our journey through the responses received from a variety of ROCA members. Please keep the information coming in so that we can share a small piece of your history with all readers of the ROCA Digest.

Jeffrey Battye (RDA 1959)

After the vicissitudes of farming over the past 10 years, the opportunity came for Jeff to move out of the Western Districts of Victoria. He spent four years at Edenhope then purchased a farm at Bangham - Pooginagoric, south of Bordertown. He feels this new venture will not leave him idle in retirement.

Brad Butler (Dip.App.Sc. - Ag. 1983)

Brad works as a Licensed Security Dealer (investment consultant) as part of Butler & Butler Investment Services Pty Ltd at Victor Harbour. This includes investment and stockbroking functions. He also provides strategy recommendations to facilitate comfortable retirement for one party whilst allowing other parties to take over the business. This is the classic grandfather, father, son farming scenario.

Michael Camac (Dip.App.Sc. - Ag. 1982)

Spent six years as an Agricultural Studies teacher and a further five years as the Agricultural Studies Co-ordinator at the Cleve Area School. He is now Manager/Agronomist with the IAMA rural supplier at Jamestown.

Angus Davidson (B.App.Sc. - Ag. 1991)

After marrying a New Zealand girl, Angus moved across the Tasman and is now Executive Officer of the New Zealand Meat Industry Association, living in Wellington.

Fiona Kemp (B.App.Sc. - Ag. 1992)

After working for three years as stockyard designer for Atlex Stockyards, Fiona travelled overseas then returned to manage the family property at Holbrook in New South Wales.

Nicole Lehmann (B.App.Sc. - Ag. 1992)

Nicole is a stockhandling specialist and part of the marketing management team at Atlex Stockyards in Dubbo. Currently studying for an MBA (Marketing) at Charles Sturt University.

Russell Meade (RDAG, RBAG, GDA - 1983/87)

Russell is an agronomist and territory manager with Nufarm Ltd in Adelaide. He also has a small property at Mount Pleasant where he manages Shorthorn cattle, broadacre agronomy, pastures, horticulture and two children.

John Reddin (RDA 1939)

The winner of the 1969 ROCA Award of Merit, Jack Reddin now lives in Murray Bridge. That town has the privilege of housing two well known Jack Reddins - Father & Son. Jack has retired to life as a historian and manages the archives for the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA Inc.

John Crosby (RDA 1970)

He now lives in Adelaide and is employed by Elders as General Manager of Asset Management. John has had a busy life in industry organisations, including National Farmers Federation Senior VP, NSW Farmers Senior VP, Chairman of the NSW Meat Industry Authority, President of the Agribusiness Association of Australia and Chairman of the Meat Standards Committee. He has a keen interest in golf, cricket and football.

Alan Richardson (RDA 1971, RDAT)

Alan is currently Executive Producer of the WA Country Hour with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. He is also President of the Rural Media Association of Western Australia.

Geoffrey Schell (Grad.Dip.Ag. 1987)

Amongst many activities, Geoff is lecturer in Farm Management with TAFE in South Australia. He also runs a farming/grazing property at Burra. Geoff's main interests are the identification of successful farming families, farm management training and industry links.

Chris Shearer (RDA 1957)

Formerly employed by the National Australia Bank as a rural adviser, Chris retired to a life of farming and sailing in 1995. He was on the Rural Adjustment Scheme Advisory Council from 1993-95, President of Victorian College of Agriculture & Horticulture and on the Advisory Board Orange Ag. College.

Robert Smyth (RDA 1961)

Farming on his "Camden" property at Cooke Plains in South Australia's Upper SE/Southern Mallee Region. He also operates an agronomic consultancy and has played a major role in the SA Advisory Board of Agriculture.

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ROCA Graduation Awards

The Annual Graduation and Prize Giving Dinner for the Faculty was held in the Phar Lap Room at the Morphettville Function Centre on 30 April 1998. Our President, David Cooper, represented the Association at the Dinner. ROCA sponsors three prizes and we congratulate the winners.

**The Old Students Cup and Prize
for second aggregate in Bachelor of Agriculture**

Mathew Donald Evans



**The Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Gold Medal
for Dux in the Bachelor of Environmental Management**

Nicole Maree Wright



**The Old Scholars' Trophy for to the student on the Roseworthy Campus
making the best contributions to Campus Sport, not necessarily on the sporting field**

Michael Anthony Wilson

ROCA Award of Merit Nominations - 1998

Nominations are now being accepted for the 1998 ROCA Award of Merit

Since 1961, thirty seven notable Old Collegians have been honoured by the Association for meritorious and outstanding service to agriculture, the College, ROCA or the community.

Each year the nominations are reviewed by a panel consisting of people from the highest levels of agriculture, education, industry and government.

The Award of Merit is never awarded lightly, but is regarded as the highest honour that ROCA can bestow on one of its members.

Recently an Honour Roll was unveiled in the foyer of the main Building at the Roseworthy campus listing names of all ROCA Award of Merit recipients.

The quality of past recipients is illustrated by the following list:

1961 Roland Hill	1974 Lex Walker	1987 Robin Steed
1962 David Riceman	1975 Ken Pike	1988 Reg French
1963 Len Cook	1976 Len Laffer	1989 Ray Norton
1964 W J Dawkins	1977 Des Habel	1990 Tony Summers
1965 Frank Pearson	1978 Henry Day	1991 Scott Dolling
1966 Sir Allan Callaghan	1979 Mark Hutton	1992 Rex Anderson
1967 Bob Herriot	1980 Cliff Hooper	1993 Bob Baker
1968 Denis Muirhead	1981 Andrew Michelmore	1994 Brian Hannaford
1969 Jack Reddin	1982 Milton Spurling	1995 Grant Mayfield
1970 Ron Badman	1983 Ralph Hewitt Jones	1996 Bob Knapstein
1971 Prof Rex Butterfield	1984 David Suter	1997 Jim Pocock
1972 Rex Krause	1985 Hon Dr Bruce Eastick	
1973 Rex Kuchel	1986 John Obst	

Award of Merit Nomination Form

Nominees Information:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Period at Roseworthy:

Qualification Gained:

Proposed by:	Seconded by:
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
Phone No:	Phone No:
Period at Roseworthy:	Period at Roseworthy:
Signature:	Signature:

Please attach supporting data outlining the nominee's career since leaving Roseworthy. You should include details of major published papers, achievements, academic qualifications, awards and honours received, and industry, community and ROCA service.

Nominations should be sent ROCA c/- Roseworthy Campus, Roseworthy SA 5371 by no later than 11 July 1998.

Record Update

To enable the College to maintain Accurate records of Old Scholars we would appreciate you completing the following details:

Name:.....

Title Surname Christian Names

Current Address:.....

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Phone No:..... Occupation:.....

Position Held:..... Employer:

Phone No:..... Year of Graduation:.....

Degree/Diploma Obtained:

Interests/Achievements:

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Life membership is \$50.00. If you're not a life member please return the above with your cheque for \$50.00

I am interested in helping the College by:

Please tick ✓

- Providing work experience to current students
 - Assisting in the sporting programme
 - Being part of a careers information evening
 - Becoming an organiser for a Year Group Reunion
 - Making a gift to the College
 - Other
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Please return to: The ROCA Secretary
Roseworthy College
Roseworthy SA 5371

Material for the Digest

Do you have any news about yourself or a fellow Old Scholar that may be of interest to others by being included in a future edition of the Digest? Some of the responses to previous calls for material are included at page 5 of this Digest. Photographs are also very welcome for inclusion. If you have something drop us a line or two. Our contact details are set out on page 2.

Centenary Celebrations Pre-booking Form

Please complete and return no later than September 1 1998 to: James Holland
Box 503
KENT TOWN SA 5071
Telephone: (018 806 474)

Name: Year of Graduation:

Award:

Please reserve me places at the Centenary Celebration

No of Package A @ \$85 per person
(no accommodation)

No of Package B @ \$120 per person
(with accommodation)

TOTAL COST \$.....

Please make cheques payable to "Roseworthy Old Collegians Association"