

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.

ROCA DIGEST

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1992 GRADUATION DAY AWARDS



ROCA Immediate Past President, Dale Manson, Old Scholars' Trophy winner, Stephen Ball, Old Students' Cup winner, David Washington, and ROCA Committee member, Peter Lewis.

President's Report



ROCA and ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS

I indicated in my report 18 months ago that ROCA would have to consider its future and possibly make substantial changes. In particular questions such as where membership comes from, the level of membership fees, what is ROCA's role in the Campus/University, does ROCA want to become involved in special projects on Campus (e.g. museum) and should (and if so how) ROCA be part of shaping the Campus and the College.

ROCA currently has representation on the Board of the Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences. The Faculty has three Campuses under its control - Roseworthy, the Waite and part of North Terrace. The Board is the controlling body of the Faculty and determines such things as courses offered, their content, financial resource allocation and the use of Campus facilities. It provides an opportunity for ROCA to contribute to the direction of the Faculty.

ROCA also has representation on both the Board and Management Advisory Committee of Roseworthy College. The College controls the residential facility at the Roseworthy Campus and determines fee levels and the type of accommodation offered. It also sets rules and regulations for the residents. Its charter emphasises the provision of academic guidance, tutorial assistance and overall pastoral care for the residents.

ROCA already has the opportunity for substantial input into the running of the Faculty and the

College. However, in order to survive and prosper, ROCA needs to make some important decisions about itself and undertake some long term planning now.

The range of options available are endless. Remembering that ROCA has a membership spread throughout the agricultural, natural resource and wine making industries, together with large numbers of members in the service organisations which support these industries, it may be appropriate for ROCA to take a much higher profile role in agricultural and natural resource education in South Australia. At the other end of the scale, members may believe that ROCA's sole role is to keep them in touch with each other and the College.

As a start to this process of self analysis, the Executive has organised a meeting on Tuesday, 8th September 1992 at 6.30 pm at Piper Alderman, 167 Flinders Street, Adelaide. It is open to all members. If you are interested, could you please contact me on 205 3333. I will then be able to send you the discussion paper being prepared for the meeting.

It is hoped that the meeting will generate a further discussion paper to be circulated to all members, with some limited opportunity for discussion at the AGM on the 26th September, 1992. If you are unable to attend either meeting but wish to make an early contribution, please either telephone me or send a letter with your comments.

A.G. McFARLANE
ROCA President

EYRE PENINSULA BRANCH FAMILY DAY 23 February 1992

The Michelmore's "early morning" phone call wishing the Branch a successful "family day" must've had some influence - everything went perfectly.

36 adults and 25 children had plenty to eat, do and talk about besides getting sunburnt - the Ashtons used more suncream than any other family.

The gathering was held at the Tod River Reservoir Recreation Ground. The venue and weather proved ideal.

Secretary Allan Lawes arrived early to make sure that the two barbecues would be available.

All the heavy drinkers could be easily identified - as they arrived they carried their own stubby holders.

Besides the well equipped and conveniently located play ground, several sports were catered for, including tennis and cricket. At one stage, two cricket matches were played on the one ground. Saw Andrew Solomon take a spectacular catch - unfortunately it was a Riley Ashton hit, which had infiltrated from the adjacent match.

Football was also a goer with Peter Cordon supplying the ball, making him the self-appointed captain. No umpire reports so hope to see all players at next year's match.

Noticed a heap of ROCA Digest copies strategically placed for recreational reading.

Old scholars journeyed from many areas of the Coast but especially pleasing was the presence of the "overseas brigade" in ROCA President Bardy McFarlane, Immediate Past President Dale Manson and our branch delegate to ROCA, Peter Dunn. We appreciated their effort to be with us for the reunion.

Barry and Judy Thistlethwayte attended the dinner the night before, but couldn't make the family day. They're always very welcome. Geoff Eime again organised the array of choice meats barbecued efficiently by Reg Hutchinson

and Fish Cordon - the fried onions gave the final touch of perfection which brought back memories of Jack Osborne.

Branch President Bruce McCallum set a good example to all present by returning several times to the servery. Never the less, there was a small amount of hamburger over - this was auctioned and taken to Wharinda by the Forrest family - Annabel, besides caring for husband Peter and two children, still manages to assist mainly neighbours with a small veterinary practice.

The cooked chops that were over at the end of the day were put into a doggy bag for Tim, Sue and Brigette Ashmans' kelpie "Winnie". They all reside at Coffin Bay.

Among the out of town old scholars were Paul & Lynette Erklenz with one child. From Cleve came Andrew Harding and Paul Rowe - Paul brought along wife Merilyn and three children.

New and old faces were seen. John Stutchberry attended his first family day, while the oldest among us, Hamish Patterson, spent time relating facts of "The Strike".

I didn't notice Ken Holden there until I saw this thin fellow with Rosemary. Yes it was Ken - he's lost 2 stone.

Bruce Roeger is now with the Department of Agriculture Port Lincoln, talking economics to fellow officers. Wife Sherryn, and four children enjoyed the socialising.

In between eating and holding Nathan on the see-saw, Mark and Julie Langman collected the necessary to cover expenses - did better than break even, so might be a reduction in fees for next year!

It's always reassuring to have the support of the wives at this annual function - never short of salads, cakes and so on. Certainly assists with the success of the day.

By the way, it's 42 years without a miss since our first annual reunion and not 41 as I mentioned to Bardy McFarlane - can't have such errors circulating.

DES HABEL

R.O.C.A. DINNER & A.G.M.

This year's annual R.O.C.A. Dinner and Annual General Meeting will be held in the main dining room of Roseworthy College on Saturday September 26th.

The Annual General Meeting will commence at 6.00 pm, with the Dinner commencing at 7.00 for 7.30 pm.

Partners and friends are extremely welcome to attend the dinner, which will cost \$27.00/head for the three course meal.

The following day, Sunday September 27th, a family BBQ day and inspection of the Campus will be held for all members and friends.

The BBQ commences at 12.00 noon.

Cost will be \$10.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for children.

Fully serviced accommodation is available at Roseworthy College for \$20.00 per person, including a hot breakfast.

All enquiries and bookings should be directed to:

Bardy McFarlane
Piper Alderman Solicitors
167 Flinders Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000

(Phone: 08 232 0377 - w, 08 298 3504 - h)
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,
Earlier this year I graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College with a Degree in Natural Resources Management, and received the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Gold Medal. Please accept this somewhat belated thankyou.

I am yours sincerely,

P G STAPLES
Wasleys SA

Dear Sir,
Firstly, would like to inform you that my wife and I have changed our mailing address recently and our new address is:- Mr G R West, PO Box 609, Port Adelaide SA 5015. Phone No. (08) 240 9706.

I would like, at this time, to update you on my recent experiences. We have just returned from 12 months in Canada where I was managing a 2000 head Deer Quarantine facility and deer farm. On our trip home to Australia my wife and I visited Woburn Abbey and Epping Forest in England to further enhance our knowledge and understanding of breeding deer in other countries. During my work experience in North America and the visits with the Head forest keepers of Woburn and Epping, we have made some invaluable contacts for future informational exchange.

I am very interested in becoming more actively involved with ROCA and with Roseworthy Agricultural College especially in the promotion, education and development of the deer farming industry in South Australia. For this new growth industry to become a major alternative enterprise for farmers in South Australia, present and future graduates need to be educated not only in the theory behind deer farming but also in the management and handling of deer (i.e. hands on experience).

I believe after having worked closely with the deer industry in North America that South Australia with its very disease free status, has the potential to become a major farming and

exporting centre for not only deer but other livestock for overseas countries in the very near future.

Currently, in South Australia, our company is farming 70 head of red and fallow deer near Strathalbyn, we run both male and female deer of both species. I started the company in May 1989 with the purchase of 30 stags because I saw it as a valuable farming alternative.

I would be happy to discuss with you any questions or comments regarding my experiences. Once again, if there is anything that I can help you with please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Regards,

GREG R WEST B.App.Sc.(Ag)

Port Adelaide SA

Invitation to attend a SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

All R.O.C.A. members are invited to attend a special meeting of the Committee to be convened for the purpose of discussing the future role and direction of the Association.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday September 8th at 6.30 pm, in the board room of Piper Alderman solicitors, 167 Flinders Street, Adelaide.

Any resolutions coming from the meeting will be put to the Annual General Meeting on September 26th.

This meeting is of paramount importance to the future of R.O.C.A., and all interested members should endeavour to attend.

Further details are available from the President, Bardy McFarlane (08 232 0377 - w, 08 298 3504 - h).

Roseworthy Benefits from University Merger
The long term future of Adelaide University's Roseworthy Campus is assured, particularly in relation to the emphasis placed on practical

training in agriculture, environmental science and rangeland management.

This is the guarantee provided by Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, Professor Harold Woolhouse, in response to concerns raised by President of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association, Mr Bardy McFarlane.

Speaking on the occasion of the first anniversary of the merger between Roseworthy Agricultural College and Adelaide University, Mr McFarlane said he welcomed the assurance given by Professor Woolhouse, and commended the quality of training provided at Roseworthy Campus under his leadership over the previous twelve months.

"The Roseworthy farm is an indisputable key to providing students with the relevant practical training that has been the hallmark of a Roseworthy education for over a century", Mr McFarlane said.

"With growing pressures to relate the latest scientific technology to the real farming world, it is crucial that students undertaking the degree and associate diploma courses at Roseworthy Campus have continued access to their own working farm."

"Over the past decade, the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association has been actively involved in efforts to ensure that the Campus retains its emphasis on practical training."

"Rather than simply clinging to the past history of Roseworthy, we endeavour to take a proactive role by becoming involved in the planning process at the campus itself."

Mr McFarlane also commended the new approach taken by Professor Woolhouse to integrate the scientific and research components of the University with the well established technical role of Roseworthy.

"The closer working relationship now being established between the University and Department of Agriculture is also providing the opportunity to base a number of large industry oriented research facilities on the Roseworthy Campus."

"My Association feels this integration between industry and education will be the key factor ensuring the continuation of the practical style of training provided at Roseworthy Campus."

"While the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association has fully supported the need to introduce some rather radical changes at the Campus, the retention of the farming operation is one commitment that we are particularly pleased about," Mr McFarlane said.

1992 Graduation Day

In 1992, the graduating students from Roseworthy Campus of the Faculty of Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences had the choice of attending two Commemoration Ceremonies.

The first was held in splendid conditions at Roseworthy Campus on April 3rd, while the second ceremony was held in Adelaide at the Bonython Hall in conjunction with the Faculties of Dentistry, Mathematics and Computer Sciences on May 1st.

Ninety-two people from nine separate courses chose to graduate at the Roseworthy Campus ceremony, and proudly received a parchment bearing the Roseworthy Agricultural College name at a colourful event held in a marquee on the Roseworthy #2 oval.

Graduates from the North Terrace ceremony received a parchment bearing the University of Adelaide name.

The recipients of the R.O.C.A. Awards were:

OLD SCHOLARS' TROPHY

For the best contribution to College sport, not necessarily on the sporting field.

STEPHEN DAVID BALL

OLD STUDENTS' CUP

For second aggregate within the Bachelor of Applied Science (Agriculture)

DAVID GARY WASHINGTON

R.O.C.A. GOLD MEDAL

For Dux of the Bachelor of Applied Science (Natural Resources Management)

PETER GRAEME STAPLES

In 1993, graduates from Roseworthy Campus will once again be provided with a choice of attending a commemoration ceremony at Roseworthy or Adelaide.

GRADUATES FROM THE ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS:

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE

Paul Albert Erkelenz

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN NATURAL RESOURCES

Maria Helena Esm e Stephens

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN WINE

David Gregory Botting

In Absentia

Paul Adrian Gobell

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Rodney Mark Bubner

David Buttrose

Alan Keith Crossman

Kylie Elizabeth Farmer

Nicholas Ernest Fazekas

Edmund John Gooden

Richard Stephen Greenslade

Ricky Dean Henke

Stephen John William Hole

Jacquelin Kaye Hunter

Fiona McPherson Kemp

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Edward William Milne
Diona Lee Mobsby
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Benjamin Wishart Smith
Kathryn Jane Smith
Robert Justin Venturin
Philip John Venus
Andrea Jane Vogt
David Gary Washington
Jason Douglas Wheaton

In Absentia
Ugyen Penjore
Karma Tse-Ring

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Sonia Teresa Dominelli
Scot Cameron Jaensch
Natasha Jane Kearslake
Troy Robert Muster
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Patrick David Coutts
Peter William Godden
Matthew William Harrop
Scott Bradley Heidrich
Maria Linda Husak
Christopher George Kelly
Samuel Benedict Kurtz
Hugh Maxwell Reimers
Simon Richard White

In Absentia
Matthew Gregory Donaldson
Herb Friedli
Warren John Gibson
Aran James Knight

**ASSOCIATE DIPLOMA IN APPLIED SCIENCE (AGRICUL-
TURAL PRODUCTION)**

William James Cowper
Benjamin Dennis Edwards
Caroline Louise Hannan
Sarah Joy Keough
Matthew Alexander Lawson
Scott Albert Mathew
Ashley Michael Hart Ratcliff
Helen Marree Rooney
Michelle Robyn Stewart

In Absentia
Cameron Hayden Arnott

**ASSOCIATE DIPLOMA IN APPLIED SCIENCE (FARM
MANAGEMENT)**

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Brockwell Amos James Kennerley
Alexander William Moorhouse
John David Polden
Bruce Ian Schultz
Andrea Hamilton Smith
Simon Mark Spence
Benjamin Charles Wilks

In Absentia
Arthur Andrew David Bulleid
Nicholas Hannam Crichton

ASSOCIATE DIPLOMA IN WINE MARKETING

Robert Scott Carpenter
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Sarah Anne Fuller
Helen Jane Glacken
Tamara Jane Grischy
Stuart Rodney McGrath-Kerr
Natalie Michelle Pongrac
Lynette Kay Przibilla
Renae Petrina Searle
Jane Elizabeth Speirs
Peter John Whitney

In Absentia
Claire Bray
Karen Goldspink
Gillian Marguerite Lloyd

DIGEST ADVERTISING

The cost of printing and posting the R.O.C.A. Digest is now approximately \$2,000 per issue.

This escalation in cost has imposed considerable strain upon the finances of R.O.C.A., and we now find that this situation is threatening the very existence of the Association.

As members may be aware, this year we have only produced two issues of the Digest instead of the usual four.

This short term strategy has unfortunately resulted in a reduction in communications between R.O.C.A. members.

Next year we hope to once again publish four issues.

However, we can only achieve this with the support of advertisements and sponsorship.

To date, our appeals for advertisements have been largely ignored, resulting in the cancellation of two Digest issues.

Advertisements can be placed in any format (quarter to full page, quarter to full column), and consideration will be given to the single sponsorship of full issues (eg. Spring issue fully sponsored by the XYZ Pastoral Company).

Further details may be obtained from Dale Manson, Murray Bridge (085 325624 - h, 085 356409 - w).

ADVERTISING

Due to rising costs to the production of the Digest, we seek expressions of interest from companies wishing to advertise in the Digest.

Here is an opportunity to promote your product or service to a wide market.

For more information, contact:

Dale Manson
085 325 624 (H)
085 356 409 (W)

APOLOGY

R.O.C.A. offer an unqualified apology to the member who sent in a Digest advertisement for his Land Broking business some time ago.

The Digest Editors misplaced the advertisement, and could not remember who placed the ad.

If the member would like to contact the Editors, Dale Manson (085 325624 h, 085 356409 w) or Lindsay Wright (052 561068 h, 052 265222 w), suitable arrangements to place the advertisement will be made.

If the member now does not wish to place the advertisement, please accept the personal apologies of the Editors.

DIARY OF COMING EVENTS

1992

Tuesday, September 8th

Extraordinary R.O.C.A. Committee Meeting
Piper Alderman, 167 Flinders Street, Adelaide.

Saturday, September 26th

Annual General Meeting, Roseworthy College

Saturday, September 26th

R.O.C.A. Dinner
Roseworthy College Dining Room

Sunday, September 27th

R.O.C.A. Family Day & B.B.Q.
Roseworthy Campus

1993

Saturday, February 27th

Eyre Peninsula Branch A.G.M. & Dinner,
Port Lincoln

Sunday, February 28th

Eyre Peninsula Branch Family Picnic BBQ Day
Port Lincoln

25 Year Reunion Group

Contact person for the ROCA 25 Year Group is:
Mr Tony Clancy, 41 Eton Road, Somerton Park,
SA 5044. Telephone: (08) 297 4755 (work),
(08) 294 4963 (a/h)

The 25 year reunion Group commenced studies
at RAC in 1963/64, and graduated in 1967.

The people who graduated from this group are:

Ian Anderson	Jon Lawton
Richard Carty	Christopher McGowan
Tony Clancy	Max Merckenschlager
David Cooper	Robert Osborne
Martin Cooper	David Pannach
John Curlewis	Keith Pattinson
Michael Freeman	Ian Pickett
Kevin Keain	Kelvin Westbrook
James Klingberg	Bruce Wigney
	Malcolm Woods

Tony is looking for a big roll up of the group, so
if you are involved, please contact him as soon
as possible.

Ten Year Reunion Group

Graduates who spent their last year at RAC in
1981 and graduated in March 1982, are welcome
to join the 10 Year Reunion Group at this year's
ROCA Reunion on 26 September at Roseworthy
Campus.

We have not had any contact from reunion group
coordinators to date, so anyone who may have
graduated in 1982 (last year at RAC was 1981)
should contact other members of their year and
course group.

The ten year reunion group is normally a feature
of the Annual Dinner, and with the help of the
graduates of a decade ago, we hope to make this
year's reunion just as successful.

People who started their course with the gradu-
ating students, are also welcome to join the
group.

R.D.A. 1975 - 15 Year reunion

The R.D.A. graduates of 1975 and their families,
held a wonderful four day reunion during Easter
at the Polish Hill River settlement, near Clare.

The occasion was to celebrate 15 years since
graduation from Roseworthy Agricultural College
(although the celebration should have been held
in 1991).

The roll-up was 11 middle aged balding gradu-
ates, 14 wives/friends, and 23 children.

The entire reunion was full of great excitement,
particularly when you consider the attendance
averaged out to 2.1 children and 1.3 wives/
friends per graduate.

Co-ordinators of the event were Paul Rowe and
Dale Manson, while Andrew Pike organised all
accommodation arrangements.

The entertainment for the four days was never
ending.

Fresh yabbies and one - kilogram trout caught in
the neighbour's dam supplemented the enor-
mous supply of oysters, prawns and scallops
brought over from Eyre Peninsula by chief BBQ
cook for the weekend, Neil "fish" Cordon.

The hoards of children revelled in the delight of
picking fresh mushrooms and fishing the dams
each day.

In fact, the whole weekend was full of the
R.O.C.A. spirit, with graduates enjoying the
relaxed atmosphere of reminiscing over old
times, and looking toward the future.

Between sessions of relaxation and talking, a
number of people toured the beautiful Clare
Valley, including the many wineries and a quick
fling at the Clare races.

It was also opportune that Andrew Pike had his
winery open all weekend, right next to the camp-
ing ground.

Stewart Weckert hosted a tour of Adelaide Uni-
versity's Mortlock Estate, and organised a spe-
cial inspection of the impressive Martindale Hall

at Mintaro.

On the Saturday evening, the group enjoyed a sumptuous BBQ, followed by entertainment with a live band and the "Roseworthy All Male Voice Choir".

The night dragged on into the early hours of the morning, and a number of children had to wait quite a while for their parents to wake up on Sunday morning before receiving their Easter eggs.

It was great to see David and Kathy Lewis fresh back from missionary work in Sierra Leone, West Africa. They only had six weeks at home before returning to Africa once again to assist blind natives.

Paul Rowe and family were in the midst of packing for major move from the Cleve Area School to take up a Principals position at Mintaby, one of South Australia's far North opal mining outposts.

Others to attend the weekend were Bill Close, Geoff Page, Leigh Gilbert, Paul James and Andrew Solomon.

The next reunion will be held at a River Murray venue, on a long weekend in 1996, to celebrate 20 years since graduation from R.A.C.

The following is an interesting letter received from John Marshall, who was only able to be part of the group at R.A.C. for one year.

Wy-la
R.M.B. 5197
TERANG 3264

Dear fellows,
I have often wondered what became of my fellow ratbags at Roseworthy, and am sorry I won't be able to attend the get-together over Easter. What have I been doing? What am I doing now?

After my year at Roseworthy, I headed off jackerooing in the Riverina and Western Victoria. Picked up a stand as a shearer, and shore with a team from Western N.S.W. to Tasmania. I then had another bash at academia and enrolled at Longerenong Ag. College, and spent twice as long there (two years) before various activities led to my dismissal.

After a short run jackerooing at West Wyalong, I joined the Royal Australian Navy on a short service commission. Holding a dubious qualification of being the only Naval Officer who could shear over 100 sheep a day. I spent 4 years in surface ships then transferred to submarines where I spent a further 5 years - most of my time was spent in the far East with Singapore as my second home - many friends there.

The opportunity arose to come home and manage my wife's family farm following a family dispute, and I am still here. Running Polwarth stud, a stud of twinning medium wool Merinos, Poll Herefords, and some cropping. We have recently taken advantage of the fall in land prices to add another 1,100 acres to our current 2,100 acres.

So, I am flat out fending off the Bank Manager - probably for another year, then we will see some turnaround in the bank balance. As for family, we have two daughters, both at school, and recently added a son, now one month old.

Regards to everyone and best wishes for a great Easter,

JOHN MARSHALL

AIAS Brochure

Enclosed with this Digest is a brochure prepared by the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science.

The AIAS is the largest organisation representing the professional interests of agriculturalists in Australia. Many members of ROCA are eligible to join the AIAS. In fact, a number of Roseworthy graduates are already members of AIAS.

Full details of membership and joining are contained in the brochure.

Naming of Buildings, Roads & Walkways

After a number of years of negotiations by R.O.C.A. with The University of Adelaide and the former Roseworthy Agricultural College, many of the buildings, roads and walkways at the Campus have been given names honouring notable former staff and Old Collegians.

A ceremony was held at the Campus on February 28th, to formally confer the names, and much effort has now been made to erect signs and plaques to identify the various sites.

Baker Multipurpose Still

Mr R (Bob) J Baker was appointed in 1965 and upon his retirement in 1982 was Senior Lecturer in Oenology.

Breakwell Building

Mr EJ (Jim) Breakwell
The first appointed Plant Breeder.
He served from 1930 to 1948.

Hickinbotham Building

Mr AR Hickinbotham was lecturer in Chemical and Physical Sciences. He was involved in the development of biology teaching and served at Roseworthy from 1932 to 1948.

Leske Building

Mr K (Ken) B Leske (1948 to 1985)
Senior Lecturer in Farm Management and Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture.

Perkins Winery

Prof AJ Perkins was the fourth Principal at Roseworthy. During his time (1904 to 1914) the Winery was first built.

Schinckel Building

Dr Philip G Schinckel (1943 to 1954) was involved in the design and construction of this building and appointed as Principal Lecturer in Animal Husbandry.

Williams Building

Dr D (Don) B Williams
Principal and Director 1974 to 1981
This Building was constructed during his term of office.

Carter Road

Messrs Tom (1947 to 1977) and Ray (1967 to 1985) Carter worked in the Winery on the grounds and on the Farms.

Daly Road

Messrs W (Bill) J (1913 to 1960) and Jack (1914 to 1962) were employed on the Farms and in the Workshops.

Fairlie Drive

Messrs Bill and Keith Fairlie served in the applied fields of ornamental horticulture and vegetable production. Bill served from 1918 for 43 years, Keith spanned the same period and retired after 42 years service.

Krause Walk

Mr Rex Krause (1944 to 1974) was Plant Breeder, Senior Lecturer in Agriculture, and Vice Principal. He was breeder of the wheat variety 'Halberd'.

Kuchel Drive

Mr Rex Kuchel was Oenologist/Biologist and served at Roseworthy from 1943 to 1962.

Norton Road

Mr Ray S Norton (1952 to 1972)
Commenced duties as Assistant Farm Superintendent. In 1957 he was appointed Lecturer in Poultry Husbandry and Manager of the Poultry Unit. In 1958 he became the Farm Manager until transferring in 1973 to the Waite Institute.

Philp Drive

Mr BC ('Philpee') Philp was College Secretary for 45 years. He retired in 1966.

Spafford Walk

Walter J Spafford (1904 to 1913) made significant contributions in the disciplines of Plant Breeding and Agronomy.

Spurling Circle

Mr Milton B Spurling (1946 to 1985) was Horticulturist, Senior Lecturer Plant Science and retired as Associate Director.

Thistlethwayte Walk

Dr Barrie Thistlethwayte was appointed Director in December 1981. During his nine years of service he made significant contribution to the development and management of the College's activities in all its spheres.

Custance Centre

In 1981 eight new five bedroom houses were officially opened in memory of the first Principal. The centre was named after the first Principal Prof John D Custance.

Each house bears the name of one of the former Principals, up to and including Herriot.

In 1991 another eight similar houses were established. These are named

Goulter (JW [Wally] Goulter 1935 to 1940)
Foot (Jack V Foot 1961 - 1977)
Oates (J [Jack] Oates)
Hiddle (Eugene Hiddle)
Chambers (John H Chambers 1926 - 1948)

Each of these people worked in and provided valued services to the residential side of College activities.

Hawker
Sir Richard Hawker (1964 to 1973) served the College as Chairman of the Roseworthy Advisory Board of Agriculture.

Nankivell
(W [Bill] F Nankivell [1974 to 1979])

Kelly
(K [Kim] S Kelly [1980 to 1982])
These people served as President of the RAC Council.

Details of the life and times at Roseworthy of most people named is contained in:

**Roseworthy Agricultural College
A Century of Service**
Edited by Jeff Daniels
and
The House on the Hill
by VH Herriot
Roseworthy Agricultural College

Both these publications are available from the Campus Office Main Building, Roseworthy, The University of Adelaide.

Other names used on Roseworthy Campus prior to February 1992 are:

Stefanson Theatre
This lecture theatre was named in memory of Dr R (Bob) C Stefanson who served the College as Senior Lecturer in Natural Resources from 14.2.77 until his death on 17.6.79 when he accidentally drowned while on College duty.

The Theatre is located in the Williams Building

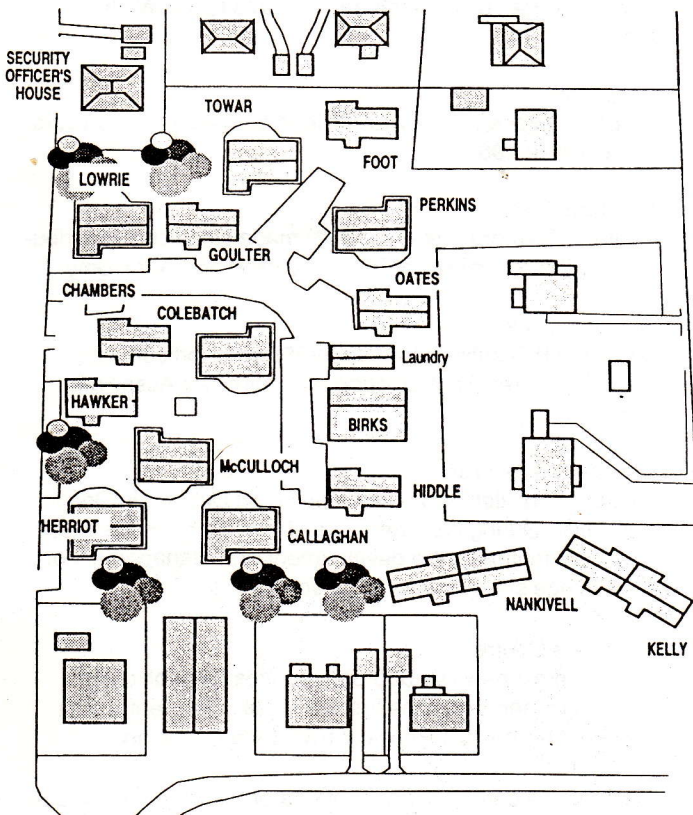
Richardson Lecture Theatre
Dr Noel L Richardson was first appointed to the College in April 1972 and served the College with distinction in many roles. At the time of his death in July 87 he occupied the position of Associate Director in the College.
The Theatre is located in the Callaghan Building.

Callaghan Building
Sir Allan R. Callaghan was appointed to the Principalship of Roseworthy in June 1932. He served with distinction placing emphasis on student discipline, staff management, general administration, the development of new courses and extension matters relating to the farming industry as a whole.
Sir Allan left Roseworthy in 1949.

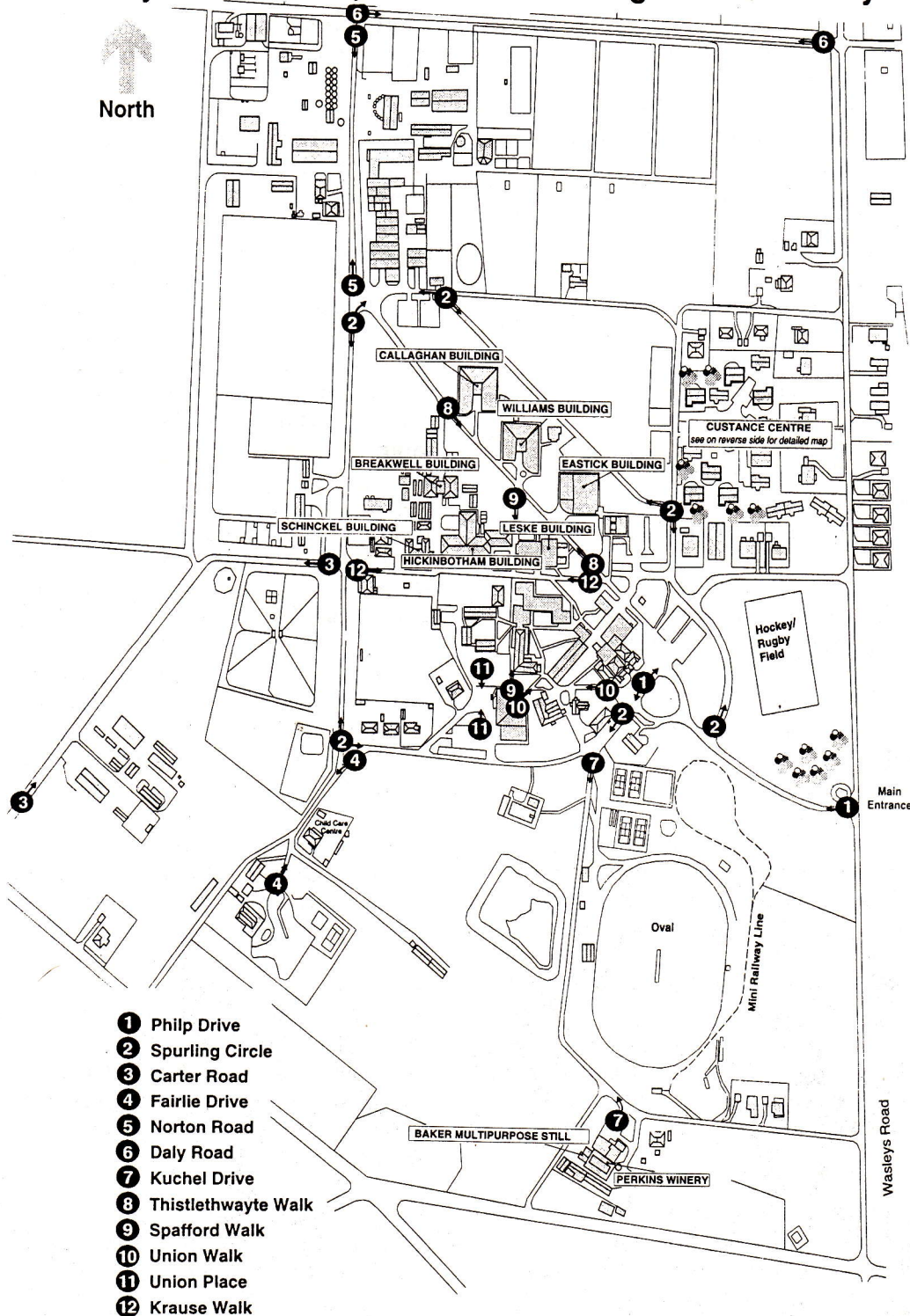
Eastick Building
The Honourable Bruce C Eastick MP, a graduate of the College was appointed to the Membership of the RAC Council in March 1982, and was reappointed for subsequent terms of office as President up to and including 1990.

The Eastick Building was commissioned in 1991 and houses the Roseworthy Campus Library which is part of The University of Adelaide Library System.

The present Campus Library is the successor to the Tassie Memorial Library established in the 1920s. The stained glass window bearing the RAC coat of arms mounted in the foyer display case is derived from the Tassie Library Building located south west of the Main Building.



Map of the Newly named Walks, Roads and Buildings at Roseworthy Campus



ROSEWORTHY REVISITED AFTER 20 YEARS

I attended The End of an Era function in 1990.

It was twenty years since I last attended RAC and I was eagerly looking forward to seeing the changes and renewing fond memories.

It was at RAC I learned those qualities that made me somewhat successful in later life.

I look with pride to the time when I will be able to enrol my sons into RAC to gain not only an education but to provide them with a solid foundation which will serve them in life and business.

I wanted time to look around so I booked in overnight prior to the function. I arrived that afternoon and planned to drive around the complex.

On checking in I was given a key and allocated the same room where I spent 12 months as a Plonky.

"You certainly haven't been here for a while mate," I was told when he saw my look of surprise as he handed me the key.

I needed a roadmap to find my way around. I drove around the corner where Panda wiped out at 10 mph and nearly broke Grub's neck in the process.

The winery looked desolate but had not changed all that much.

I drove past the orange orchard. Many was the night we had to freeze on the spot as HA walked past only a few rows away with his powerful 8 battery torch.

There was the poultry yard. I remember the time we threw a rooster into the deep litter thinking we were doing him a favour. I remember the

dozens of eggs that became the ammunition in the wars with Grot and Grant. Surely egg production must have been at an all time low during our tenure!

The Shit Dam - the dam that struck horror into all of us. How many first years learned to walk on water en route to being baptised in this sacred concoction.

I drove past the hammer mill and remembered how we collected a four gallon drum of mice in the plague of '71. We emptied them into Grub's abortion on the top floor but it backfired. After Grub opened his doors and was besieged by a flood of mice, we had to endure holes in our clothes and mice in our beds up to 3 months later.

I drove out to the distant paddocks. How many tractor races we had along the north west Race! How those things could whizz along in top multipower at 10 minutes to 12. How we weren't killed I don't know.

I drove past West 10. It was here that Hole set a college record with 5 tractor prangs in one day, cleaning up 3 fence posts, 1 water hydrant, and lost the rear gang on the cultipacker somewhere on W24.

The Hammer Mill Shed. Six of us got caught assisting some bumptious first years to get better acquainted with the place. We had to do penance by catching 10 rats each.

Somehow Zorba talked HA into lending us his 8 battery spotlight. Somehow, while underneath the floor of the hammer mill shed, Zorba got attacked by a rat half as big as a cat. Somehow the torch got smashed into a million pieces in Zorba's frenzied attempts to avert a case of rabies.

Fortunately we learned that a first year called Clifford had an identical torch. An agreement was reached, an exchange was duly made and

HA was none the wiser.

Those terrible pine trees in the car park which provided a slalom course for hapless third years who lingered too long at Roseworthy Pub. Now more the worse for wear, killed by the constant battering from spotlights, fenders and poisoned by acrylic paint and urine.

There was the electric fence in East 10 that nearly jump started Thug into the next world after he inadvertently sprayed it one dark night during a pit stop to the dormitory.

The plant breeding section had not changed. Boring memories of counting seeds. Yet we all remember Erica - Gill's one time assistant. After Grotty took her out she showed no further interest in students. Some said she went on to become a Nun.

I walked down the 3rd year corridor. It was here that Ollie made a first year called Crowe crow like a rooster every day at 5.00 am to wake the 3rd years for dairy. That building reeks of history. Oh the stories its walls could tell!

As I walked along the corridor I thought of Dobber doing those late night checks looking for anyone to report anything.

In those days the college heaters were turned off at 9.00 pm to save power. Students studying late kept warm by donning dressing gowns and placing toasters at their feet. But the system relied on the barkers. A coded word (Dob, Dob, Dob or Ho!, Ho!, Ho!) and toasters were turned off, windows flung open, shut off the light and pretend to be asleep. Some were too slow and I remember Jack finished the year with a collection of toasters which would shame an electrical wholesaler.

I walked past the kitchen. The only place I know where Gabe could make lamb taste like the floor of the shearing shed!

I found my way to my room in the old Plonky block. Twenty years ago the buildings were new and I remembered the pride and care we showed towards the property.

Not so today. I observed plain wanton vandalism and graffiti. The desks which survived for years unscathed now showed the brunt of pocket knives, biros and felt pens.

I live some 1500 kms from the epicentre of the storm that shook the roots of tradition and history and left in its wake a campus. Too far to listen and weigh both arguments.

In my heart and that of ex student friends I knew it to be wrong but my heart is controlled by emotion.

I had hoped that the boffins and management that were making the decisions were doing so with the future of RAC in their minds. I had hoped that politics, egos and stubbornness did not distort rational judgement.

Yet as I looked around and saw the graffiti, the locks and the vandalism I knew that this "campus" was just another nail in the coffin of another non caring society.

Gone was the strong discipline, the comradeship, the unity and the pride that we once knew so well and which bound us together with so much force.

They aptly called it "The End of an Era". RAC had become another stereotyped tertiary education centre.

I mean Roseworthy had endured 80 years and hundreds of students and showed not the slightest sign of abuse. RAC prospered on trust and pride. Oh, what pride we had in that place!

But in the last 20 years something happened. Perhaps people are changing and perhaps society has different values now. Perhaps the man-

agement just got slack. I don't have the answers.

I could suggest it commenced with the outlawing of initiations. We regularly maintained that some form of initiation was essential to uphold spirit, discipline, comradeship and unity. Above all it taught us to respect authority.

I know that there will be readers who disagree with some of my statements. However, I remember Chicken Man once tried to convince us the chooks in a cage unit are happier than chooks in a deep litter because they lay more eggs.

I spent my life in the deep litter and witnessed life in the cage unit. Sometimes those in charge are wrong.

As I drove out of the grounds early the next morning and headed the car to home I was left wondering where I will send my sons for their tertiary education.

MALCOLM REVELL
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R.O.C.A. - RIDLEY - JACK REDDIN

Roseworthy has always held a special place for pioneer South Australian flour miller and agricultural machinery inventor, John Ridley.

It was the Ridley Stripper that revolutionised the harvesting of cereal grain world wide.

R.O.C.A. paid tribute to John Ridley by erecting a marble bust of him at the head of the centre lawns in front of the R.A.C. main building.

However, over the past 147 years, a strong argument has raged concerning John Ridley's right to claim the invention of the stripper.

Nearly a century and a half ago, Mount Barker farmer, John Wrathall Bull, also laid claim to the invention of the first cereal stripper.

That public argument has been put to rest at last in a book published recently by Old Collegian, Jack Reddin (R.D.A. 1939).

Titled, "THE FIRST STRIPPER - The Settling of an Historical Argument", the 150 page book relates the exciting story of the invention and construction of the world's first locomotive grain harvesting machine - a dramatic historic event that had far-reaching consequences.

After years of historic debate, this book finally solves the argument, and is sure to earn a place as the major and most reliable reference source on the true history of the Stripper.

For years, such a manual has been sorely needed to counteract the mass of misinformation in circulation regarding this great invention.

Jack Reddin himself, was honoured by R.O.C.A. in 1969 with the Award of Merit, and over the years has established himself as a leading figure in South Australian primary producer affairs and agricultural education studies.

The book is a quality production, A4 size, attractively designed with a laminated soft cover, 150 pages of good clear print and 45 illustrations.

Copies can be obtained for \$20 (plus \$5 postage) from Jack Reddin, 82 Sunnyside Road, Glen Osmond S.A. 5064.

In my opinion, it is a publication that should be in every public library, and on the bookshelf of every farmer, student and agriculturalist.

DALE MANSON

ROCA COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being called for people who would like to serve on the ROCA Committee during the 1992/93 year.

Please forward all nominations to:

The ROCA Secretary,
Roseworthy Campus,
The University of Adelaide,
Roseworthy SA 5371
by Friday 18 September 1992

Position	1991/92 Incumbent	1992/93 Nominee
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