

# Fact Sheet

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.

**Roseworthy**

## **ROCA CENTENARY MEDAL – Harry Vernon Stephen RDA (1948)**

*Awarded 3 October 1998*

The "ROCA Centenary Medal" was a special award, conferred in 1998, the Centenary Year of the Association. This award recognised a person who had made a major, long term contribution to the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association

In the Centenary Year of ROCA, it was an honour for the Association to recognise the efforts of one man who helped shape the destiny of the Association for half of its 100 year history.

Harry Stephen has been an active member of the ROCA Committee for a continuous period of 51 years, during which time he made a considerable contribution to ROCA and Roseworthy.

Following graduation from Roseworthy Agricultural College with a Diploma in Agriculture in 1948, Harry Stephen became a committee member of ROCA as the first ever Treasurer of the Association. (Previously the position was a combined Secretary/Treasurer).

During the subsequent 50 year period, he served ROCA in many ways including terms as President in 1967-68 and from 1984-86 and also as Secretary, and Committee person.

Harry Stephen also held very close links with Roseworthy Agricultural College itself when employed as a Sheep Cadet at the College then as a very long period on the College Staff as lecturer in Poultry Management.

During the latter part of his working life, Harry maintained close links with the College through his role as a senior Poultry Husbandry Adviser with the South Australian Department of Agriculture.

Harry worked extremely actively during some of the most important periods of the Association's history, including fund-raising for and the erection of the Soldiers Memorial Chapel at the College.

Harry Stephen was an extremely worthy recipient of the prestigious and only "ROCA Centenary Medal."

