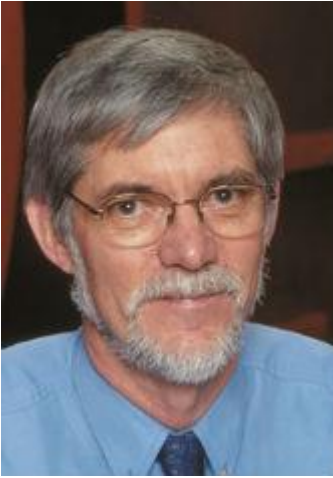


Patron's Message



It is, as you are all aware, an unusual and difficult time for all alumni and their families and friends. Life has changed dramatically. Judith and I extend our warmest concerns and support for you in getting through this time of drought, fires and coronavirus. It is a time for 'our time' much more than 'my time' — as many have said "we are all in this together". As an alumnus I ask you to look out for your fellow alumni — perhaps get in touch with former classmates and ask 'are you ok'.

Now retired, I am not actively involved so much in industry activities. However, I will still miss going to the University and the AWRI to catch up with people; but I know that these opportunities will return. Community is important as it brings people together. Communities have many shapes and forms. The University of Adelaide Wine Alumni is one of your communities.

Like all communities, The University of Adelaide Wine Alumni works through a strong sense of mateship — the mateships that you developed at Roseworthy and Waite and then throughout your career. This is what helps us get through good and difficult times.

This — the first newsletter of the year — welcomes new students to the campus and the start of their wine courses. Many, though, will have had a difficult start to their studies. Some international students have not been able to arrive in Australia. I know the staff at the North Terrace and Waite Campus are doing a 100+% effort to ensure that the theory and practice of wine still occupies these students' minds.

The other feature of this newsletter was to be the Reunions of The University of Adelaide Wine Alumni — one for Roseworthy graduates (94 and prior) to remember, acknowledge and celebrate the Roseworthy days and salute the significant contribution its graduates and staff have, beyond their Roseworthy days, made to the Australian and international wine sectors. From a group of four inaugural graduates in 1938 to those of 1994, Roseworthy graduates now number in the hundreds. It is these people that created the foundation of the now University of Adelaide wine courses. Followed by the second reunion for those wine alumni who graduated from the University of Adelaide in 1995-1999. Due to the COVID-19 situation these reunions will be postponed until after Vintage in 2021.

Stay well, stay contacted but at a distance, and enjoy this time of year where many of you bring your knowledge and skills to make the wine enjoyed by many people around the world.

In the meantime, I am revising our Technical books and playing imaginary tennis with our grandchildren — with us on the footpath and them in the driveway. Funny how they seem to win all the line challenges.

Best regards

Patrick Iland, Patron, The University of Adelaide Wine Alumni