

# THE ROCA DIGEST

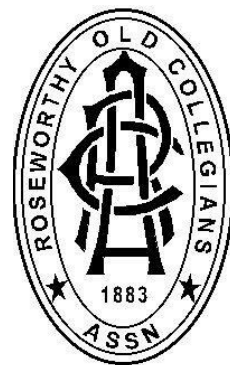
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AUTUMN/WINTER 2021

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## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE



Welcome to the Autumn/Winter edition of the ROCA Digest for 2021. It's been quite a year leading up to this point. The whole world has been affected by Covid and ROCA is no different. We've cancelled the 2020 ROCA Reunion Dinner for the first time, delivered a virtual AGM and run our meetings online.

For 2021 we are planning for the Reunion Dinner to go ahead as usual on the third Friday night in October. A change of location this year will have the dinner and AGM held at the Adelaide Zoo. All the details are in this issue.

People have adapted and activities have kept on despite the upsets. The 40 Year Graduate Group from 2020 decided that they would organise their own reunion and you can read about that in this issue.

Roseworthy Campus has seen many changes over the years and in May 2021 the launch of the solar farm and battery was formalised, Richard Turnbull attended for ROCA and has provided an update.

This issue of the ROCA Digest contains some great articles on the RDA 1977 Reunion Group tour of Tasmania and RAC photos from the March 1968 Stock Journal.

Nominations for the ROCA Award of Merit are open. You'll find all the information and a nomination form inside.

Please nominate a worthy Old Collegian for a ROCA Award of Merit. This is presented at the ROCA Reunion Dinner 2021.

The ROCA Committee is always working to ensure that ROCA activities continue. Our focus is on students having access to scholarships and awards, in addition to raising funds for these. We wish you all a wet winter and look forward to seeing you at the Reunion Dinner 2021.

Kate Forrest  
ROCA President

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## PRELIMINARY NOTICE - 2021 ROCA AGM & REUNION DINNER

This year's **ROCA Annual Dinner and AGM** will be held at the Adelaide Zoo on Friday 15th October 2021.

After the worst of the pandemic in Oz, the ROCA committee has gone ape and decided to hold our annual dinner at the Zoo, so we can all be properly contained.

It will be held in the Sir Thomas Elder Rotunda in the centre of the Zoo. It is a truly spectacular location right in amongst the animals and gardens of this unique dining venue.



There is plenty of parking near the Zoo entrance at the northwest corner of Botanic Park. Tickets can be booked via Eventbrite, EFT or mailed cheque at a cost of \$110 per person. This is a little more than usual owing to the uniqueness of this venue and rising prices offered by all function venues.

Year group coordinator/contact persons for this year's special reunion year groups, including the postponed groups from 2020 are:

### 50 Years

1970 - Graham Brookman 0407 771 985 - foodforest@bigpond.com

1971 - David Spencer 0401 124 697 - spencers@adam.com.au

### 40 Years

1980 - Bruce Hancock 0488 012 829 - brucehancock01@bigpond.com

1981 - Max Schleuniger 0427 249 759 - schleuniger@ozemail.com.au

### 25 Years

1995 - Elizabeth Burns 0408 966 005 - burns@skymesh.com.au

1996 - Mark Rodda 0417 414 123 - mark\_rodde@bigpond.com

### 10 Years

2010 - Jessica van de Weyer 0439 828 909 - jessmvdw@gmail.com

2011 - William Denholm 0447 722 974 - William.j.Denholm@gmail.com

**ROCA contact person** for year group coordinators and other enquires regarding this year's AGM and Annual dinner is Dick Turnbull 0437755034 randcturnbull@bigpond.com

The 2021 ROCA Dinner booking form is included in this Digest.

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## BLAST FROM THE PAST - LEO BURING RDA 1896



On a recent visit to Sydney, David Spencer (RDA 1971) was having a look around the State Library of New South Wales and spied a Roseworthy Old Collegian's Members badge in The Collectors' Gallery. It belonged to Leo Buring (Hermann Paul Leopold Buring). A graduate from Roseworthy in 1896, Leo Buring was the gold medal winner of that year and went on to have a stellar career in the wine industry.

Leo established a trust fund for a gold medal to be presented each year to the Dux of the Diploma of Oenology at Roseworthy College. Following his death in NSW in 1961, a number of his medals, prizes, cups, and awards were donated or loaned to the State Library. From time to time the Library displays some of the immense collection held in their archives.

It was lucky David Spencer's visit coincided with that temporary display. If anyone wants to explore Leo Buring's collection items, they can go to the website: [www.sl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au)

Leo Buring's Old Collegians badge (possibly gold) is a very early example of the badge. Besides one attached to an old striped jacket belonging to R. S. Perry (1935-38), we have no other badges in our archive collection.

ROCA would appreciate any old badges as a gift or loan. As some members browse antique shops, flea markets, garage sales, eBay and so on, items of Roseworthy College memorabilia may turn up from time to time, as well as part of deceased estates.

Please contact ROCA as it is interested in being the custodian of items of archival interest related to Roseworthy Agricultural College.

## 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:

**Peter Munro Linklater**  
**Elizabeth Michelmores**

**(RDA 1950)**  
**(Hon. ROCA Member for services rendered)**

## JOHN CROSBY AM (RDA 1971)

***ROCA member, John Crosby (RDA 1971) was announced as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List.***

Mr Crosby, the chair of Peninsula Ports grew up on a farm at Kadina, studying at Roseworthy Agricultural College before moving to Moree NSW to develop a property with his three brothers and father.

"I spent the early years on-farm, but became very interested in the downstream area from the farm - the agribusiness sector," Mr Crosby said.

Recognised as a Member of the Order of Australia for his service to agribusiness and the farming sector, Mr Crosby estimated he had been a member of 100 different agricultural organisations, chairing about 50 of those.

His agricultural advocacy journey began in the late 1980s when he joined a local branch of NSW Farmers, eventually becoming senior vice-president of both NSW Farmers and the National Farmers' Federation. He then moved back to SA to become a director at Elders, serving from 1993-99.

Among a plethora of other roles, he served twice as president of the Agribusiness Association of Australia, chaired the SA Government Beef Industry Development Board, chaired the Wheat Industry Expert Group and was general manager of the Dairy Authority of SA.

John Crosby AM has previously been honoured by the University of Adelaide with a Distinguished Alumni Award and by ROCA with a ROCA Award of Merit.

While he now tries to take on less of a workload, Mr Crosby still serves as chair of Peninsula Ports, chairs the Agribusiness Advisory Board at the University of Adelaide and is patron of the Agricultural Education Fund.

*(Credit: Words adapted from Stock Journal article by journalist, Quinton McCallum)*



**John Crosby AM**



## RAC onTOUR – TASSIE 2021

Recently, 11 Roseworthy College graduates and their partners completed a weeklong reunion tour through Southern Tasmania, taking advantage of some excellent autumn weather, cheap post-lockdown airfares and the opportunity to renew old friendships.

Chris Tuckwell (RDA 1977, RDAT 1978) and James Jackson (RDA 1977) organised the group's travel itinerary and bookings, demonstrating their previously unrecognised talents as consummate tour leaders.

Booking a 24-seater mini-bus provided plenty of room for the touring party of 16 to swap seats and drivers throughout each day's travelling, reminiscent of the old RDA Mid-North, South East and interstate coach trips now over 40 years ago (but in 2021 with the eskies down the centre aisle of the bus!).

The itinerary included visits to some of Tasmania's well known historical sites, as well as agricultural enterprises such as the StrathAyr turf farm, Mt Roland hazelnuts that included an impressive demonstration of new laser technology to control pest birds, and Rob and Kathy Henry's property at Cressy where their crushing business extracts edible oils from canola, fennel, peppermint and parsley crops.

The tour included visits to the original salmon and trout breeding farms, platypus and echidna centre and seahorse centre, the Tasmanian Devil Unzoo and the obligatory visit to a couple of distilleries.

The group were identifiable at each stop by the pink and black 'RAConTOUR' beanies and stubbie holders, organised by Andrew Wilson (RDA 1977, RDAT 1978).

Since graduating from Roseworthy, group members have pursued a variety of careers, including as animal health advisers, beef/sheep and cereal farming, a pastoral inspector, a school SSO, dairy farming, agribusiness retailing, tree propagation and revegetation, a production horticulturalist, a viticulturist, a soil conservation and groundwater consultant, a venison industry consultant and smallgoods manufacturer, a pig industry consultant and a family therapist.



PICTURED (from top to bottom row, left to right) Don McCarthy (RDA 1977), Alan Jenkins (RDA 1977), Graeme Pope (RDA 1977, RGDA'84, ADWM'95), Chris Tuckwell (RDA 1977, RDAT 1978), Jenny Cameron, Gail Stringer (nee Sinkinson; RDA 1977), Jane Jenkins, Darryl Lang (RDA 1977), Cath McCarthy (nee O'Grady), Vicki Pope, Leanne Wilson, Andrew Wilson (RDA 1977, RDAT 1978), Christine Tuckwell, Jeff Stringer (RDA 1977), Josie Jackson (nee Wheal; ADFM 1977) and James Jackson (RDA 1977) standing.

# ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS SOLAR PROJECT

The University of Adelaide and the South Australian Government recently celebrated the opening of the \$7 million Roseworthy Campus Solar and Energy Storage project. This is the largest in the University's history and expected to generate an average of 42% of the Campus's energy needs.

The Roseworthy Solar and Energy Storage Project will reduce the University's peak electricity demand, reduce energy costs and increase the resilience of energy supply to the Roseworthy Campus. It is supported by a \$778,500 grant received from the South Australian Renewable Technology Fund.

The project has four main components:

- A solar farm consisting of 3200 solar panels producing 1.2MW of power;
- An upgrade of the Roseworthy Campus internal power network from a low-voltage to a high-voltage support system;
- A hybrid battery storage solution – a combination of Tesla lithium-ion batteries and UniEnergy Technologies (UET) Vanadium flow batteries – with a capacity of 420/1200kWh;
- A digital microgrid, which is the operating system between the solar cells and the batteries.

The panels charge the Tesla and UET batteries, with the microgrid controller choosing when to best charge and discharge the batteries. Now fully operational, with the solar panels generating energy and charging the batteries since late April this year.

On its first full day of operation, the solar farm offset nearly 90% of the Roseworthy Campus's electrical load. In the simplest of terms, this meant powering up the animal hospitals, teaching labs, our lecture theatres and offices, research facilities, all the computers and devices, the dining hall, swimming pool, the lights on the oval, the gym and student housing. All this is powered off the back of renewable energy.

According to Dean of Roseworthy Campus, Professor Wayne Hein another important benefit of the project is the research and learning opportunities that will be available to researchers and students. He feels the project will be a living laboratory, providing Roseworthy researchers with opportunities for projects in areas including energy management, grid segregation, low-cost fault detection systems, system resilience, and cybersecurity.

"There will also be opportunities for students to learn, with plenty of scope to incorporate different aspects of the facility into University courses and projects for students studying everything from engineering, cybersecurity and space, through to environmental science."

The Roseworthy Campus initiative is the largest solar project in the University's history and a key strategy under the Campus Sustainability Plan which outlines the University of Adelaide's commitment to decreasing the environmental impact of our operations.

Research and learning opportunities associated with the project will also filter out to benefit industry and the wider community, including testing the performance and reliability of battery storage technology in hot, dry conditions.

***The \$7 million Roseworthy Solar and Energy Storage project is the largest in the University's history.  
Photo: Tom Roschi Photography.***





## DISTINGUISHED ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIAN IAN OLIVER OAM (RDA 1957)

*Ian Oliver OAM (RDA 1957) is a Roseworthy Old Collegian distinguished by a lifetime of service to his local community and a dedication to the health welfare of society internationally.*

Lesser known is his place in the history of Roseworthy Agricultural College as the first person to be married in the newly opened Memorial Chapel on 1st February 1958. Ian's new wife, Lynette hailed from Gawler and still shares his life 63 years down the track.

Hailing from the nearby town of Wasleys, in 1953 Ian Oliver won a scholarship to commence studies at the University of Adelaide's Waite Campus in 1954 with the intention of becoming a school teacher. However Riverland horticulturalist and Roseworthy graduate, Bill Pollitt who was a close mentor to Ian advised him instead to study at Roseworthy Agricultural College. Ian took that sound advice.



A talented footballer, Ian Oliver represented the College on the field with gusto, playing in the 1954 League Grand Final which the RAC team unfortunately lost, perhaps due to star players Orgie Williams sustaining a leg injury at the first bounce and Ian Oliver suffering from undiagnosed glandular fever.

In his younger years, Ian had worked during his holidays for Roseworthy graduate Bill Pollitt on his horticultural block in the Riverland. A job offer made by Mr Pollitt to Ian following his Roseworthy graduation and the lure of being at the forefront of introducing new irrigation technology to the State's horticultural sector was very attractive. Ian decided to enter into a partnership with Mr Pollitt under the banner of the "River Development Company" with the primary task of installing innovative horticultural irrigation technology and providing follow-on consultancy services.

Following this early phase of his career, Ian decided to turn his attention to becoming Farm Manager of the "Glenrowan" property at White Flat on Eyre Peninsula. This 4,000 acre property primarily ran Shorthorn and Brahman cattle.

In 1969 the lure of Riverland horticulture once again became too great and Ian purchased an orchard at Waikerie, producing citrus and grapes, in addition to running an International Harvester and Toyota agency.

Apart from Ian Oliver's achievements and innovations in the primary industries sector, it is his untiring service to the community that stands him apart from others. Ian's input to the local community commenced immediately following graduation from Roseworthy in the late 1950s when he took out membership in the Waikerie Community Association. His ongoing contribution to local affairs extended for the next four decades, including membership of the Waikerie District Hospital Board and Chairmanship of the Waikerie High School Council, Waikerie Centenary Committee and Communication & Recreation Committee.



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He served as a Councillor for the District Council of Waikerie for 17 years, including six of those as Mayor. In a wider sense, Ian stepped to represent the entire Riverland region with membership of the Riverland Development Corporation - an economic development body for nine years, with seven years as Chairman. He was Inaugural Chair of the federally funded Barossa-Mid North-Riverland Regional Development Organisation, Chair of the Barossa-Mid North-Riverland Area Consultative Committee and Deputy Chair of the South Australian Regional Development Association.

For the past 43 years, Ian Oliver has devoted much of his life to the service of Rotary International. He initially became President of his local club in Waikerie before taking on the responsibility of District Governor for an area that overlapped three Australian states. However his greatest influence within the Rotary organisation was as National Chairman of the Australian Rotary Health Foundation, a group that funded high-level research into some of the world's most significant health issues.

In 1999, Ian Oliver was named in the Queen's Birthday Honours List with the bestowal of a Medal of the Order of Australia.

Now aged in his mid-80s, Ian Oliver and wife Lyn spend a lot of time supporting the efforts of their two daughters and five granddaughters. Sadly, their adult son passed away a little while ago.

## ROSEWORTHY BLAZER PROJECT PLACED ON HOLD

Last year Mike Wake and I initiated a Roseworthy Blazer Project with the aim of reproducing the stunning College pink and black striped blazer from the 1930s.

We called for expressions of interest from ROCA members who would like to purchase a jacket. Unfortunately, we did not receive enough interest to warrant the weaving of the minimum length of cloth costing about \$8,000.

Thanks to those members who made contact and showed commitment, but the idea will have to be put on hold until another time.

David Spencer



## FROM THE ARCHIVES: A TOPICAL CARTOON FROM THE 1966 STUDENT MAGAZINE



"You said WHO just fell into the hammermill?"



## MONARTO SAFARI PARK DIRECTOR, PETER CLARK (RDA 1973) WINS UNESCO AWARD

Peter Clark (RDA 1973) has been recognised for a lifetime of conservation work in Australia and Papua New Guinea.

Butterflies in Papua New Guinea, rhinos in South Africa and Australian native animals - Peter Clark has worked with them all.

After more than 50 years in conservation, Monarto Safari Park's director has now been recognised with a lifetime achievement award from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

Peter Clark recently received the award in a ceremony at Government House in Adelaide, with His Excellency the Governor of South Australia, Hieu Van Le AC in attendance.

"It's a great honour," Mr Clark said."

"I have a lot of great memories of work both in Papua New Guinea and now at Monarto Safari Park. I am immensely proud to say that conservation has been at the heart of all of it."

Following graduation from Roseworthy Agricultural College with an RDA in 1973, Peter Clark started his career advising the Australian and Papua New Guinea Governments.



Peter Clark

He established PNG's Insect Farming and Trading Agency, which at one point employed more than 2000 villagers. Peter Clark also helped establish the Rainforest Habitat, formerly the country's biggest zoo and introduced environmental education in schools. As part of his career in PNG, he helped save tree kangaroos, birds of paradise and native insects.

In 2003 he became curator of Monarto Zoo, as it was then called. By 2018 Peter Clark was appointed its Director.

As well as managing Monarto Safari Park's ongoing transformation into a world-class tourist destination with a luxury hotel on site and new visitor centre under construction, he has also led a conservation project which will bring 30 southern white rhinos to the park.

*(This article adapted from a story written by journalist, Peri Strathearn of the Murray Bridge News)*

## 2021 ROCA AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Nominations are now open for the 2021 Roseworthy Old Collegians Association (ROCA) Award of Merit.

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. It is regarded as the highest honour ROCA can bestow on one of its members.

Nominators are to provide details of their nominee's career since leaving Roseworthy, plus details of their service to industry, the community and ROCA. As the background detail may take some time to collate, ROCA urges nominators to start this important process as soon as possible.

ROCA Award of Merit nominations close on 31st July 2021 and must be received at:

- PO Box 503, Kent Town SA 5071 or
- roca.committee@gmail.com

Further information on the ROCA Award of Merit can be found on the ROCA website:  
[www.adelaide.edu.au/roca/recognition/award-of-merit](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/roca/recognition/award-of-merit)

The 2021 ROCA Award of Merit will be presented at ROCA's Annual Dinner on Friday October 15th.

For further information or assistance in this nomination process, please don't hesitate to call ROCA President Kate Forrest on 0499 367 077, or email [roca.committee@gmail.com](mailto:roca.committee@gmail.com)

## 2021 ROCA Award of Merit Nomination Form

### ***Nominees Information:***

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Period at Roseworthy:</b>	
<b>Qualification Gained:</b>	

<b>Proposed by:</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Name:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
<b>Phone No:</b>	<b>Phone No:</b>
<b>Period at Roseworthy:</b>	<b>Period at Roseworthy:</b>
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>

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

Nominators and nominee must be current ROCA members.

**Nominations should be sent by mail to: Roseworthy Old Collegians Association, P.O. Box 503, Kent Town SA 5071 or by e-mail to: [roca.committee@gmail.com](mailto:roca.committee@gmail.com) Nominations must be received no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021.**

#### **Rules governing the ROCA Award of Merit**

1. ROCA shall periodically award a medal to a ROCA member who has made a meritorious contribution to any field of agricultural activity and/or ROCA community affairs. For the purpose of these rules, "agricultural activity" shall be given the widest possible meaning and will include all aspects of animal, land and natural resource management.
2. The award shall be considered annually and if, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no award shall be made.
3. All nominees must be ROCA members and nominations shall be prepared and signed by two ROCA members. Nominations must be made on the Nomination Form and must include the information required thereon.
4. Nominations should be accompanied by a resume detailing the nominee's career since leaving Roseworthy. This should also include details of major published papers, achievements, other qualifications, awards and honours received, and details of services to industry, community, government and ROCA focusing particularly on impact and outcomes. References from colleagues familiar with the nominee's career and achievements should be included.
5. Nominations with the supporting data must reach the ROCA Secretary by the nominated due date. The Executive of ROCA shall review the nominations and has the right to reject any nomination deemed unsuitable before submitting the nominations to the Selection Committee.
6. The Executive of ROCA may, at its discretion, include for consideration any candidates previously nominated.
7. The Selection Committee shall consist of five members, one from each of the following fields:

Primary production research and/or extension	Public service	Primary production
Agricultural related industry	President of ROCA	

8. The Executive of ROCA shall appoint to the Selection Committee such persons who are, in its opinion, of sufficient standing and experience to be competent to assess the merits of candidates from any field of agricultural activity. The Executive of ROCA will review membership of the Selection Committee each year.
9. The President of ROCA shall be the convener of the Selection Committee and shall have only a casting vote. Three members of the Committee will constitute a quorum.
10. In the event that a member of the Executive of ROCA or the Selection Committee is nominated for the Award, that person will stand down from all discussions and deliberations for that year.
11. The Selection Committee shall make its recommendation to the Executive of ROCA at least four weeks prior to the date of presentation of the Award.
12. Members of the Executive of ROCA and the Selection Committee are required to hold the names of all nominees in strict confidence.

# ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS (1980 GRAD) 40 YEAR REUNION

Over the 12th & 13th March 2021, 40 past graduates and partners from the 1980 Roseworthy Diploma in Applied Science (Agriculture) course travelled from WA, NSW, NT and SA to gather in the Barossa Valley and on Roseworthy Campus to reconnect and celebrate their achievements.

This group studied at Roseworthy Agricultural College during the period 1977 to 1979.

In their initial year of 1977, there were over 100 students. In 1978 there were 54 students and in the final year of 1979 only 37 graduated, five of which were female.

All in the group acknowledged the benefit of living, studying, working on the College farm, in addition to playing together in the sports teams and social activities in College.

Social activities included "O" week that lasted a full term, car rallies, Open Day, the OD Ball and B&S Balls. All felt privileged to build long-lasting friendships and being provided with a very broad and applied education. This educational experience generally resulted in them being capable of trying their hand at anything and having a "can-do/will-do/will have a go at anything" attitude.



Back Row: P. Bell, K. Bond, I. Blight, C. Kiese, M. Young, G. Hocking, A. Geddes, J. Burford, P. Ladyman.  
Middle Row: S. Michael, K. Baker, A. Schertz, R. Mitchell, L. Rowe, S. Mine, T. Finner, C. Sampson, G. Chapman, B. Hancock, S. Wilson, D. Juers.  
Front Row: M. Slattery, G. Doyle, G. Hatcher, D. Morris, I. Everett, P. Lacey, G. Paoletti, S. Leaker.

Graduates gained some very practical "life skills" in learning to learn, developing a passion and being inspired to seek out the next innovation, analyse, think it through, make a plan, deliver, and above all celebrate the success, or failure!!!!

"Literally for some, the Roseworthy Diploma was their ticket to the world and having "Roseworthy" on any CV proved to be gold. It was something to be really proud of," said the weekend's convenors, Bruce and Erica Hancock.

"Graduates are proud, yet humble of the significant contributions they've made or are still making to community, region, state, national and international agriculture. They display a passion for innovation with a focus on increased productivity and labour efficiency, sustainable land practices and increased biosecurity, while at the same time decreasing the cost of production and making Australian agriculture product internationally competitive.

Nearly half of the group had a farming background and interests in cropping, grazing, dairy and vines, with many increasing the area or production two to threefold over the 40 years. Six of them have worked overseas on agriculture development projects, four had been shearers while six were agricultural studies teachers.

A number of the group were involved in agriculture companies such as Elders, Bayer, Grundfos, machinery/equipment retail and hire, agri-retail, loss adjusting and food processing.

Others were engaged with state corporations or departments in health and water, State Department of Agriculture in SA and NSW, Research Development Corporations and Cooperative Research Centres, with several also in mining, engineering and nurseries.

As well as an informal dinner in the Barossa's Vine Inn on the Friday evening, the group produced a "40 years on...Year Book". They also enjoyed a very inspirational day visiting Roseworthy Campus, with a balance between a walk down memory lane with Residential Manager David Purdie.



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This was accompanied by an overview and tours of the great resources that are available now, with glimpses of the vision and plans for the future by Professors Wayne Hein (Dean of Roseworthy Campus and Schools of Animal and Veterinary Sciences) and Wayne Pitchford (Director of Davies Livestock Research Centre). All the visiting graduates felt pride in their continued association with Roseworthy Campus and the University of Adelaide.



## DONATION TO ROCA OF HISTORIC RAC SPORTING CUP FOR ITS ARCHIVE COLLECTION

Thanks to generous financial donations by two Old Collegians and some astute detective work by two other people, ROCA now has a historic 1920 silver Sporting Cup in its archive collection.

The journey to acquire this historic piece of Roseworthy memorabilia began some time ago when Principal of Flinders University's Flinders Living, James Atkinson noticed a 1920 RAC Sporting Cup presented by W.J. Colebatch to student E.L. Pellew listed for sale on eBay.

James quickly contacted former ROCA President, David Spencer to alert him to the unique opportunity for someone interested in Roseworthy history to purchase the item before it was sold to another buyer. David Spencer then informed ROCA, but the current tight financial position of the Association proved to be a barrier.

After becoming aware of this, two ROCA Committee members Dale Manson and Richard Turnbull offered to privately fund the purchase of this piece of Roseworthy history, provided that ROCA would then accept it as a donation to its archive collection for placement in the Roseworthy Dining Room's glass-fronted memorabilia display cabinets.

Armed with this information, David Spencer then went back to the eBay seller and managed to negotiate for the purchase to be lowered by 30%.

As a result of this chain of events, ROCA has now saved a very historic piece of College history from being lost forever. In the near future, it will be placed on public display in the Roseworthy Campus Dining Room for everyone to view.



## 2021 ADELAIDE FESTIVAL OF IDEAS

ROCA members who receive this Digest prior to 15th July are invited to attend a range of "Illuminate Adelaide" events.

Conducted in partnership with the University of Adelaide, "Illuminate Adelaide" will turn a spotlight on the leaders and concepts shaping today's world with a reinvigorated Adelaide Festival of Ideas.

From Thursday 15th July to Sunday 18th July 2021, the festival will explore the theme of Bright Future through 27 panels, forums, lectures and special events featuring a diverse line-up of some 60 speakers at the University of Adelaide's North Terrace Campus.

With a small number of paid events and most sessions free (registration is required), the event's theme and the session topics will resonate with Illuminate's focus on the concepts of Art, Light, Innovation and Technology.

Australia's most celebrated thinkers will invite audiences to have their own 'light bulb moment' as they examine ideas pertinent to our society and imagine what the future might hold.

Some highlights of this year's program are:

**From The Ground Up** - Investigating regenerative agriculture and future farming methods with gardening legend Costa Georgiadis, sustainability innovator Matt Stone and acclaimed food journalist Max Veenhuizen. (Fri 16 July free)

**Fair Game** – A long overdue examination of racism in sport featuring AFL legend Gavin Wanganeen, former Socceroo Bruce Djite and the AFL's General Manager of Inclusion and Social Policy Tanya Hosch (Fri 16 July \$35\*);

**Gladys Elphick Memorial Oration** - The importance of the Aboriginal Flag, featuring a keynote oration presented by Stan Grant. This marks fifty years since the flag was first flown in Victoria Square (Sat 17 July free);

**Souper Foods** - Discussing the future of food in Australia, where attendees also receive a souvenir mug filled with delicious soup from Attica chef Ben Shewry (Sat 17 July \$35\*);

**Voice, Treaty, Truth** – An exploration of truth telling, a discussion of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the importance of a Voice to Parliament featuring Professor Megan Davis (Sun 18 July free);

**COVID Positive** – Dr Norman Swan and Adelaide Lord Mayor Sandy Verschoor will focus on the positives that have come out of the COVID pandemic (Sun 18 July free);

All events are held at Adelaide University's North Tce Campus.

To book for free sessions or to buy tickets, visit: <https://www.illuminateadelaide.com/>





# HISTORIC ROSEWORTHY STUDENT PHOTOS FROM THE MARCH 1968 STOCK JOURNAL



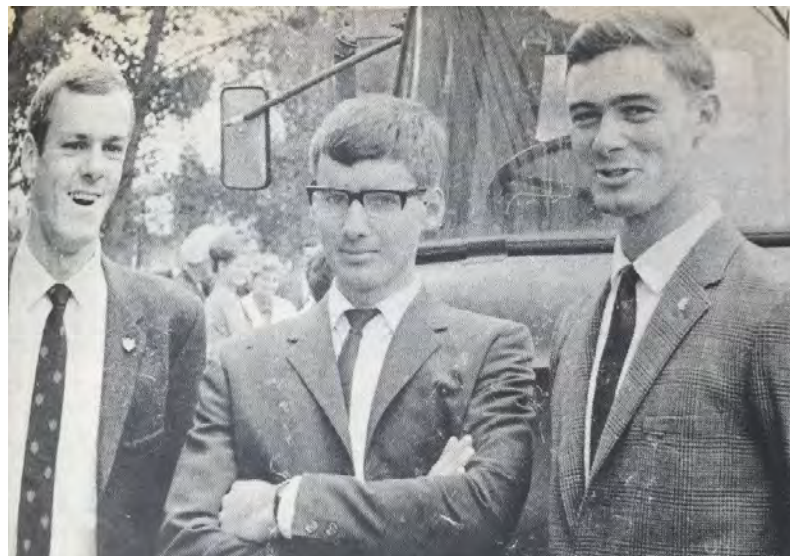
**1968 graduates from Roseworthy Agricultural College.**



**Oenology honours graduate Richard Baldwin at the Roseworthy graduation.**



**WA-based Roseworthy student John Dawkins in front of the John Ridley memorial on his graduation day.**



**Successful Roseworthy College students Trevor Twigden, Barry Mortimer and Bruce Crosby, returned for graduation day.**



## WE STILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT – BUY YOUR PLONKY’S PICK WINE TODAY

Over many years, deserving students have received prizes and scholarships from ROCA to assist them with their studies at the Roseworthy Campus. Everyone who attended this great place knows it is always tough being a student and surviving financially from day to day. The assistance provided by ROCA helps in a small but significant way to make their life a little better so that they can achieve their best potential.

How does ROCA provide this funding?..... Only by selling our fundraising wine to our members, friends and families.

Remembering back to when many of us were students highlights just how great it would have been to get a leg up by receiving even a small amount of support from ROCA. The financial assistance provided by Plonky’s Pick wine sales now permits students to get on with the task of studying, with a little less of the stress and worry about how they can pay the bills.

All Old Collegians have to do to help the current batch of students is to buy some of our highly renowned Plonky’s Pick wine. The ROCA Committee does the rest.

The win-win in this scenario is that the selected student gets a cash prize of scholarship and Old Collegians get to enjoy some fantastic wine to add to their cellar.

ROCA still has a few cases of the “Plonky’s Pick” available, courtesy of our Roseworthy graduates and generous supporters from O’Leary Walker Wine.

The new offering should also prove to be just as popular and drinkable. A 2018 Barossa Shiraz will be the new ROCA wine and available shortly. In the meantime, please help yourself to a case or two of the remaining stocks of O’Leary Walker sourced Plonky’s Pick wine while it lasts.

And remember.... all “Plonky’s Pick” proceeds go towards ROCA prizes and scholarships for current students at Roseworthy.

So please, do yourself a favour and fill out an order form today to grab some of this great wine. This will greatly contribute to support the next batch of Roseworthy graduates.

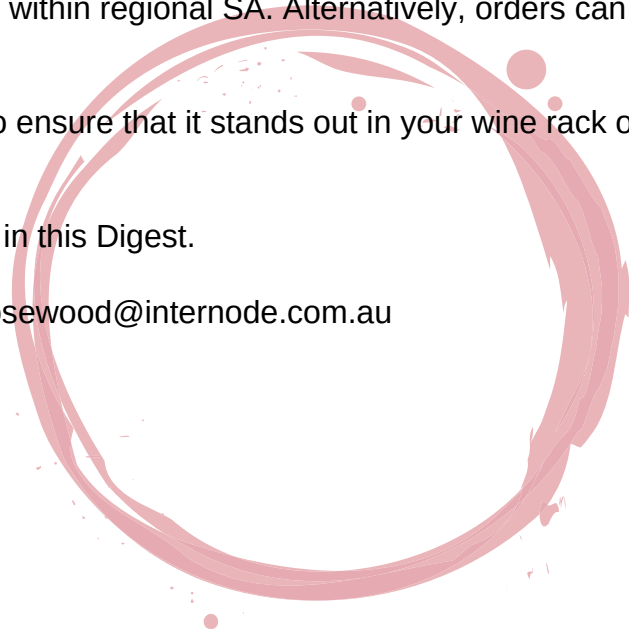
Wherever possible, orders will be delivered free of charge within regional SA. Alternatively, orders can be collected from 30 Emily Avenue, Clapham SA.

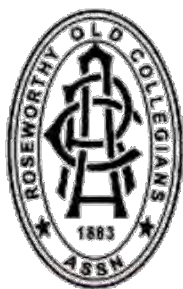
You will note that we have also changed our label so as to ensure that it stands out in your wine rack or when you take a bottle to that next important dinner!

For your Plonky’s Pick orders, please fill in the order form in this Digest.

Alternatively, contact me directly on 0419 816 188 or [adrosewood@internode.com.au](mailto:adrosewood@internode.com.au)

Andrew Dennis,  
ROCA Committee & Chief Wine Fundraising Manager





# Roseworthy Old Collegians Association

## WINE ORDER FORM 2021

Please either E-mail this form to ROCA Committee Member, Andrew Dennis: [adrosewood@internode.com.au](mailto:adrosewood@internode.com.au) or by phone 0419 816 188 or Post this form to ROCA at PO Box 503, Kent Town SA 5071.

### WINE

### QUANTITY

Roseworthy Old Collegians 2016 Clare Valley Shiraz

Full Dozen \$198 / box (\$16.50/bottle) ..... carton/s

Half Dozen \$102 / box (\$17/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 Andrew Dennis (0419 816 188) 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 Andrew Dennis: [adrosewood@internode.com.au](mailto:adrosewood@internode.com.au) 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)



Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.

## INVITATION

### 123<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and 2021 REUNION DINNER

President Kate Forrest and Committee cordially invite you and your partner/guest to attend the 123<sup>rd</sup> AGM and 2021 Reunion Dinner of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.

**DATE:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2021  
**VENUE:** Sir Thomas Elder Rotunda, Adelaide Zoo (Frome Road, Adelaide)  
**TIME:** 6.30pm (sharp) Annual General Meeting  
7.00pm ..... Pre-dinner Informal Gathering  
7.30pm ..... Reunion Dinner  
**DRESS:** Jacket & Tie or Smart Casual for gents. Smart Casual or Eveningwear for ladies  
**COST:** \$110.00 per person  
**MEAL:** Entrée; Main Course; Dessert; Tea & Coffee. (refer below for dietary needs) Drinks - cash bar

#### GRADUATE GROUP COORDINATORS (for the postponed 2020 Reunion Groups and the current 2021 Reunion Groups)

- 50 Years (1970) – Graham Brookman (0407 771 985 / foodforest@bigpond.com)  
(1971) – David Spencer (0401 124 697 / spencers@adam.com.au)
- 40 Years (1980) – Bruce Hancock (0488 012 829 / brucehancock01@bigpond.com)  
(1981) – Max Schleuniger (0427 249 759 / schleuniger@ozemail.com.au)
- 25 Years (1995) – Elizabeth Burns (0408 966 005 / burns@skymesh.com.au)  
(1996) – Mark Rodda (0417 414 123 / mark\_rodda@bigpond.com)
- 10 Years (2010) – Jessica van de Weyer (0439 828 909 / jessmvdw@gmail.com)  
(2011) – William Denholm (0447 722 974 / William.j.Denholm@gmail.com)

General enquiries to Dick Turnbull 0437 755 034 (randcturnbull@bigpond.com)

**RSVP: Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. (Bookings received after this date may not be accepted.) Seating is limited.**

#### Bookings & Payment:

- Via the website Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/roseworthy-old-collegians-2021-reunion-dinner-tickets-157568566825>;
- Via electronic funds transfer (EFT) to ROCA Society Cheque Account BSB#105-009 A/c No 065 129 040 (include name in description);
- Via cheque or money order mailed to the address below. This return slip needs to be included in the envelope with payment.

Everybody paying by EFT must complete the return slip below, scan and e-mail to [roca.committee@gmail.com](mailto:roca.committee@gmail.com) without delay please, confirming name and other details.

Spouses, partners and guests are very welcome to attend.



**TO:** Treasurer – ROCA (if paying by cheque) or [roca.committee@gmail.com](mailto:roca.committee@gmail.com) (if paying via EFT)  
PO Box 503,  
KENT TOWN SA 5071

Please reserve ..... seat(s) for the ROCA Reunion Dinner on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at the Adelaide Zoo.

Any special dietary needs: .....

Dinner booking(s) (\$110.00 per person): \$ ..... Donation for ROCA Digest: \$ ..... **TOTAL PAYMENT \$ .....**



Please circle your method of payment: cheque | money order | EFT (BSB#105-009 A/c No 065 129 040)

I am part of the following Reunion Year Group: 2020 - 50 | 40 | 25 | 10 (\*\* Graduation year: The year of Graduation Ceremony)  
2021 - 50 | 40 | 25 | 10 (\*\* Graduation year: The year of Graduation Ceremony)

My first Graduation Year\*\* (if not one of those above) was .....or Please put me with the ..... year people

NAME: .....

NAME of spouse/partner/guest: .....

ADDRESS: .....

TELEPHONE: ..... EMAIL CONTACT: .....





## ROCA AWARD OF MERIT Past recipients



*The Award of Merit is regarded as the highest honour ROCA can bestow on one of its members.*

1961	Roland Hill OBE †	1989	Ray Norton †
1962	Dr David Riceman †	1990	Tony Summers †
1963	Len Cook †	1991	Scott Dolling OAM †
1964	William Dawkins OBE †	1992	Rex Anderson
1965	Frank Pearson †	1993	Bob Baker †
1966	Sir Allan Callaghan CMG †	1994	Brian Hannaford †
1967	Bob Herriot OBE †	1995	Grant Mayfield
1968	Denis Muirhead †	1996	Robert Knappstein †
1969	Jack Reddin OAM †	1997	James Pocock †
1970	Ron Badman †	1998	Ian Young
1971	Prof Rex Butterfield †	1999	Don Moyle †
1972	Rex Krause	2000	Grant Paech †
1973	Rex Kuchel †	2001	Brian Jefferies AM †
1974	Lex Walker AM †	2002	Dr Graham Mitchell AO
1975	Ken Pike †	2003	Philip Laffer AM
1976	Len Laffer †	2004	John Vickery OAM
1977	Des Habel †	2005	Ronald Martin AM †
1978	Henry Day AO †	2006	Brian Wilson
1979	Dr Mark Hutton †	2007	Wilf Bowen
1980	Cliff Hooper †	2008	Philip Young AM †
1981	Andrew Micheltore †	2009	Ian Hickenbotham OAM †
1982	Milton Spurling †	2010	Dr Ray Beckwith OAM †
1983	Ralph Hewett Jones †	2011	Raymond Taylor †
1984	David Suter †	2012	Vic Patrick OAM
1985	Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM	2013	Alan Richardson
1986	Dr John Obst †	2014	Hon. Peter Dunn
1987	Robin Steed †	2015	Richard Fewster
1988	Reg French †	2016	David Lewis OAM
	(† Deceased)	2017	Rev Brian Polkinghorne
		2018	John Crosby AM
		2019	Allan Piggott
		2020	Professor Wayne Hein

**1999: ROCA Centenary Medal - Harry Stephen**

**2017: Icon of Roseworthy - Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM**



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