

THE ROCA DIGEST

SUMMER 2021/2022

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE



Thank you to all ROCA members and guests who attended the 123rd ROCA AGM and Dinner at the Zoo on the 15th October. As with everything in the current times it was no sure thing to go ahead.

The continuing uncertain times have contributed in a few changes for the ROCA Committee with the main one being that meetings are run online and in person (when possible). While this has its challenges, it does have the advantage of making it easier to have committee members from regional areas and interstate participate – thank you to our members who have continued to participate virtually.

Thank you to all the ROCA Committee members and supporters for volunteering their time and knowledge to keeping ROCA active and improving. We appreciate this continued effort.

We also thank Carolyn McLean, Alumni Relations at Adelaide University for her assistance. This relationship is productive and improving through the hard work of all involved. Work this year included initiating interactions with other Alumni groups supporting Roseworthy Campus students lead by Committee member Jess Van de Weyer.

Fundraising via wine sales is continuing. We have had a change in supplier from O'Leary Walker Wines who have provided ROCA with great service over the past decade.

The new ROCA wine is a 2018 Barossa Shiraz from Vickery Wines and is the handy work of Roseworthy Alumni Keeda Zilm and John Vickery. It is a great drop and was enjoyed by those who attended the dinner with many orders coming in. Please find the order form in this Digest and get your hands on some while you still can!

Thanks to the continuing fundraising from the wine sales and generous member donations received through the year ROCA continues to support top-tier prizes at the annual Roseworthy Campus Students Award ceremony.

The Award of Merit recipient for 2021 is Louisa Rose and it was an honour to present that to Louisa in person at the ROCA Dinner. You can read more about her illustrious career and continuing contribution to Australia's wine industry in this Digest.

I would also like to introduce the new ROCA President, Richard Turnbull who takes on the role for 2021/22. Thank you Dick, we look forward to seeing what the next year holds.

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MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING 2021/2022 PRESIDENT - RICHARD (DICK) TURNBULL

Welcome to the Summer 2021/2022 ROCA Digest. A few years ago in response to feedback from members, we moved away from the Glenelg Golf Club to the city for our annual Reunion Dinner, as many expressed a strong desire for a more central location.

This year the ROCA Committee mastered the Adelaide Zoo as the venue for our 2021 AGM and Reunion Dinner. I suspect for many the Pandemic has had some positive impacts on the ways we do things.

The whole weekend proved particularly exciting, led by the 1968-70 cohort who made a very special effort for their combined 50-year reunion year. The numbers attended were up to the 130 person Covid capacity of the Zoo venue. The Zoological Gardens looked resplendent as we walked in the fading light to the 133-year-old Sir Thomas Elder Rotunda in the middle of the gardens and our revelries did not disturb the zoo animals in any way.

If you watched ABC television's Landline program on Sunday 14th November, you would have been very impressed with the feature segment it did on our 1968-70 (RDA 1971 graduates) Roseworthy cohort. The program was centred on the exceptional comradery and connections these blokes had maintained over the past 50 years.

Former ABC rural reporter, Lindsay Wright (RDA 1971) was the reunion group's principal liaison person with the ABC Landline crew and I must say it was well done.

The ROCA Committee was very pleased to announce Louisa Rose (BAppSc Wine Sc 1993) as the Award of Merit winner for 2021. Her outstanding achievements in the wine industry will be described further in this Digest.

Roseworthy Campus is recovering from the Covid restrictions of the last twenty months and is looking forward to the return of international students shortly.

Professor Wayne Hein (RDA 1970), a proud member of the 1967-69 cohort year group will retire during 2022 after an extremely successful seven years at the helm of Roseworthy Campus and the Animal and Veterinary Sciences group. During this relatively short period, the Veterinary School has achieved a ranking of 43rd in the world and 4th in Australia, quite a remarkable achievement.

Like all of us, the ROCA Committee is looking forward to a much less restrictive future as we move into a Covid endemic period. Please put Friday 21 October 2022 in the diary for the next ROCA Reunion Dinner.



Dick Turnbull
ROCA President 2021/2022

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LOUISA ROSE - 2021 ROCA AWARD OF MERIT

Recipient of the 2021 ROCA Award of Merit is Louisa Rose (BAppSc Wine Sc 1993)

Louisa Rose completed a science degree at the University of Melbourne, majoring in physics and advanced mathematics. After graduating she had a wide choice of potential careers, but her experience on the family vineyard and in the Yarra Valley wineries led her to Adelaide to study winemaking at Roseworthy.

Louisa Rose graduated from Roseworthy with a BAppSc(Wine Sc) in 1993 as Dux of the course. Whilst studying at Roseworthy, Louisa worked as a cellar hand at Yalumba Wines in the nearby Barossa Valley.

Following graduation from Roseworthy in 1993, she undertook a study tour of the winemaking regions of France before joining the Yalumba winemaking team that year.



This is where she met her partner Warren Roesler (RDA 1969), the team leader of her vintage group and cellar manager for Yalumba.

At Yalumba Louisa began her apprenticeship in sparkling wines, becoming involved in almost every facet of winemaking, viticulture and cellar management. Louisa was clearly a high achiever, assuming responsibility for the company's flagship sparkling "Yalumba D" and shortly afterwards of their white wines including the Pewsey Vale Vineyards.

Later she led the development work on the variety Viognier and established this as one of the company's pre-eminent white wines. In this she gained national recognition and focusing on this, is still part of her responsibilities at Yalumba.

Louisa Rose's hard work and interest in winemaking led her into judging at regional and national levels, finally rising to judge wine at an international level. In 1999 Louisa was named Barossa Winemaker of the Year and in 2004 she was awarded International Woman in Wine by the London based International Wine and Spirit Competition.

Not stopping here, in 2008 she was named Wine Maker of the Year by Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine.

Louisa's role then expanded to encompass the full portfolio of whites under the Yalumba brand and experimental work with emerging varieties and clones. A particular focus for Louisa has been the developmental work at Yalumba with Viognier and the creation of Virgilius Viognier – Yalumba's pre-eminent white wine. Louisa has received widespread recognition for her work with this unique variety and today is considered the industry reference point for Viognier.

Louisa is also one of Australia's most experienced and talented Riesling winemakers. Through years of working with this classic varietal, Louisa has gained a unique understanding of the variety and applauded for her exceptional work with Eden Valley Riesling. In 1995 Louisa started working alongside Alan Hoey, crafting wines from the historic Pewsey Vale Vineyard, taking over the reins in 1997.

Since 2006 Louisa has held the role of Head of Winemaking at Yalumba – leading a talented group of winemakers responsible for Yalumba's multiple award-winning wines. This was achieved in less than fourteen years since graduating from Roseworthy.



**Louisa Rose being presented with the
ROCA Award of Merit by ROCA
President, Kate Forrest.**

In 2005 Louisa was inducted as a Baron of Barossa by the Barons of the Barossa, a wine fraternity formed in 1975 by a group of well-known Barossa wine industry leaders and personalities with the aim of promoting 'all things Barossa'. She has also been elected to the Barons of Barossa Grand Council in the position of Keeper Archives. In 2009 she was elected to the position of Honorary Vigneron, which she held until 2019.

Her seemingly boundless energy and leadership has gone beyond the wine industry. Louisa joined the University of Adelaide's Alumni Council eight years ago, then in 2017 she was invited by the Chancellor, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce to be the Alumni Council's Chairperson.

Louisa Rose has helped forge stronger formal links between the Alumni body, University's Governing Council and the University administration. She has always taken an active interest in ROCA.

SAVE THE DATE - 2022 ROCA REUNION DINNER

Insert this date in your diary now. - Friday 21st October 2022.

This is the programmed date of the 2022 ROCA Reunion Dinner and AGM.

A venue is yet to be determined, however it would be useful for you to jot Friday 21st October 2022 in your forward planning diary.

We are now looking for volunteer co-ordinators of the principal Reunion Groups in 2022:

- 50 Years (1972)
- 40 Years (1982)
- 25 Years (1997)
- 10 Years (2012)

Reunion Group Year is the year graduates received their Graduation Parchments, which is the year following the final year of study. If you would like to co-ordinate your year group, please email ROCA at: roca.committee@gmail.com

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:

Rex Athol Anderson (RDA 1952)
(ROCA Award of Merit 1992)

Gregory William Botting (RDA 1950)

Nicholas Malcolm Brooks (RDA 1963)

Geoffrey Sanders Bungey (RDA 1950)

Stephen Scott Filmer (RDA 1977)

Malcolm Rex Krause (RDA 1944)
(ROCA Award of Merit 1972)

Stephen Deane Moore (RDA 1951)

Robinson, David James
(No graduation details)

Richard Moore Sangster (RDA 1950)

Dennis Ian Shannon (RDA 1950)

Norman John Walker (RDOen 1951)

THE GRADUATING 50-YEAR REUNION CLASS OF 1971

The 2021 ROCA Reunion Dinner witnessed quite an excitable Golden Jubilee (50-Year) 1971 RDA Reunion Group celebrating another of their regular get-togethers.

Roseworthy Diploma in Agriculture 1971

Brian Ashton
Ashley Barnes (†)
Ian Black
Trevor Bolto
Peter Bowey
Peter Carroll
John Chappel
Noel Christopherson
John Crosby

Andrew Cumming
Robin Dawson
Ray Fehlberg (†)
Darryl Gravestocks
Brenton Growden
Colin Hopkins
Paul Mansfield
Locky McLaren
Chris Olsen

Tim Prance
Graham Rady
Michael Shallow (†)
David Snodgrass
David Spencer
Mike Wake
Lindsay Wright
Tom Yeatman
(† Deceased)

This group has met every year for the past half-century since graduating from Roseworthy Agricultural College. Quite exceptional and an inspiration to others. In fact, it was so inspirational that the ABC Landline program decided to film the group's 2021 reunion weekend and feature it on national television on Sunday 14th November 2021.

To view this special program, click on the following web link:

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/landline/series/0/video/RF2004Q040S00>

The Roseworthy segment, "The Scholars' Bond" can be viewed at the 43:30 time mark.



The very jolly and quite excitable Golden Jubilee 1971 RDA Reunion Group

THE CHARLES HAWKER SCHOLARSHIP - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ROSEWORTHY STUDENTS

Undergraduate, honours, commencing, continuing students at Roseworthy should be made aware of the C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships, one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available in Australia.

Each residential scholarship is valued at up to \$60,000 over three years and is available to all Australian students. Until now, the majority have been awarded to students entering their first year of university studies.

The Charles Hawker Scholarship perpetuates the memory of scholar, soldier and pastoralist Charles Allan Seymour Hawker and commemorates the achievements of one of Australia's most respected statesmen.

For many years, Roseworthy offered the "Gramp Hardy Smith" Award to senior students. This Award commemorated the deaths of three of South Australia's most influential wine industry identities in the crash of the Australian National Airways Douglas DC-2 aircraft, Kyeema over the Dandenong Ranges.

Killed in the same aircraft crash was South Australian Federal Member for the seat of Wakefield, Charles Hawker who was Australia's first Minister for Commerce in Prime Minister Joseph Lyons' 1930's Federal Government.

Born on May 16th 1894 at Bungaree homestead near Clare in South Australia, Charles Hawker was respected as being a highly respected student, soldier, pastoralist and statesman.

After studying at Cambridge University in the UK and recovering from a horrific injury received in France during World War I, Charles Hawker studied wool classing, forestry and botany and took an increasing interest in the family's Bungaree property.

In 1968 the Federal electorate of Hawker was named in his honour.

Sir Richard Hawker, a relative of Charles Allan Seymour Hawker served for many years on the Governing Board of Roseworthy Agricultural College.

Selection for the Charles Hawker Scholarship is largely based on personal qualities and demonstrated leadership as well as academic ability.

Information about the scholarship, including an online application form is available at <https://www.hawkerscholarship.org> or by contacting the secretary to the Trustees in Adelaide on 08 8127 1654.

This year, applications for the Hawker Scholarship opened in early December and are due to close on Friday 7th January 2022.

For people who miss this deadline, the Hawker Scholarship is offered annually and applications are received at the same time each year.



With the former Governor of SA, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC is one of the 2021 SA recipients of the Hawker Scholarship, Benjamin Ransom from Mitcham SA. He is studying Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees at the University of Adelaide.



The biography of Charles Hawker, authored by his sister, Mrs Liliias Needham

2021-2022 ROCA COMMITTEE

At the 2021 ROCA AGM held at Adelaide Zoo during October, a new ROCA Committee and President were elected for the coming twelve months.

President: Richard Turnbull
 Vice President: Dr Jessica van de Weyer
 Immediate Past President: Kate Forrest
 Secretary: Andrew Dennis
 Treasurer: Mark Rodda
 Campus Director: Professor Wayne Hein
 Riverland Rep Dale Manson
 Mid North Reps Fiona Hill & David Coyner
 Committee Member: Andrew Eastick

William Buck will continue as ROCA's Auditor, while Richard Turnbull will serve as ROCA's Public Officer.



PHOTO-1: New ROCA Committee (LtoR) - Andrew Dennis, David Coyner, Fiona Hill, Dale Manson, Richard Turnbull, Mark Rodda, Kate Forrest, Dr Jess van de Weyer

PHOTO-2: Professor Wayne Hein

PHOTO-3: Andrew Eastick

THE STORY OF RENOWNED SCULPTOR, JOHN ROBINSON

Although former Roseworthy student of the 1950s, John Robinson was not permitted by the College administration to follow his agricultural studies through to graduation, he has nevertheless had a significant impact in the world of sculpture. He is a Roseworthy peer and still a close friend of ROCA members, Andrew Brown and Peter Dunn (both RDA 1956)

John Robinson was born in England and first came to Australia when southern England was being bombed by Germany in the 1940s. However, he returned to the UK after the war and persuaded his father to let him return here. His father agreed on the proviso that he came out to Roseworthy College where he could learn farming, as he already had a brother here on a sheep property adjacent to the River Murray.

John arrived soon after Andrew Brown's group commenced their first year in the early 1950s. Andrew Brown remembers him 'helping' to set a fire in the large recreation room for the 3rd year.

However, John Robinson's Roseworthy stay was short-lived because he had chosen to attend a ball in Gawler whilst his year group was "gated", or not permitted to leave the College.

Consequently, John Robinson was expelled from Roseworthy by the Principal.

Undeterred by this setback, John spent the next five years jackarooing and travelling around Australia. He then married Margie, the daughter of a Victorian grazier and borrowed money from his father to purchase a partly developed block in the '90 Mile Desert'.

Prior to coming out to Australia, John had carved with his penknife the figure of a Hula girl which subsequently his mother sent out to him with the reminder that she had been told by a fortune teller that her youngest child would be a sculptor! His success with the Hula girl encouraged him to do more carving and eventually carving in some cheap clay using his penknife.

Because their Victorian farm was isolated, John and Margie decided to sell up and return to England for two years so that he could assess whether he had the potential for a career as a sculptor. In addition, his wife could have the opportunity to meet John's mother and experience England.

They managed to find a lovely house in Devon with an adjacent barn that could be used as a studio. Here he began his outstanding career as a sculptor.



John Robinson at home in Devon UK.



An early sculpture done in John Robinson's South Australian shearing shed using cheap clay and his penknife. The head on the top of the paint tins is of his wife Margie.

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In the following 40 or so years since that time, ex-Roseworthy student John Robinson's sculpting work has become world-famous. He sculpted busts of the Queen, the Queen Mother, Princess Diana, and other notables. John Robinson's image of the queen was used on English coins.

His statues are found in America, Australia, Canada, European collections and numerous museums. Statues by John Robinson can be found in Australia at the ferry terminal at Sydney Harbor (where it has been seen by Peter Dunn). A statue by John is also located at the entrance to the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in Canberra (where Andrew Brown saw it some years ago).

Peter Dunn has visited John Robinson at his home in Devon and viewed a wide range of "Robbie's" work in his garden; many of his figures are of his family.

John Robinson's work is highly regarded in the art field as is his understanding of the relationship between art and mathematics which is a feature of his work.



Another early sculpture done by John Robinson in his SA shearing shed. The boy is John's eldest son.

ROSEWORTHY TRAINED NZ WINEMAKER AWARDED

Congratulations are extended to Roseworthy trained winemaker Michael Brajkovich (BAppSc Oen 1982) whose 2020 Kumeu River Maté's Vineyard Chardonnay has been named Wine of the Year in the prestigious James Suckling Top 100 Wines.

Out of over 25,000 wines tasted by James and his team of international experts, Michael Brajkovich's Chardonnay was described as 'a perfect wine'. This wine has become the first New Zealand wine and the first white wine to be named Wine of the Year.

From being the 1981 Dux of Roseworthy in his final year at the College and graduating with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Oenology in 1982, Michael Brajkovich became New Zealand's first Master of Wine in 1989. In 2021, he made the Wine of the Year in 2021.

A bit about the wine critic: James Suckling is an American wine and cigar critic and former Senior Editor and European Bureau Chief of Wine Spectator as well as European Editor of Cigar Aficionado. He is internationally regarded as one of the world's most influential wine critics and one of the most experienced critics of vintage cigars.



Michael Brajkovich

(Article adapted from an Adelaide University Alumni Facebook post)

MYSTERY OF HISTORIC ROSEWORTHY SILVER INKWELL SOLVED

Some years ago ROCA member and volunteer with the University's Roseworthy Archive Group, David Spencer wrote a ROCA Digest article focused on the Roseworthy Silver Inkwell. At that stage, some aspects of the Inkwell were a mystery.

The University of Adelaide's Art & Heritage Collections purchased this piece of silverware as it had an obvious connection with Roseworthy Agricultural College. Disappointingly, at the time there was a lack of provenance related to the Inkwell's age or origin.

Some speculation existed that it may have been a parting gift to a College Principal such as Professor Arthur James Perkins. In 1914 Professor Perkins became the Director of Agriculture after ten years in the College Principal role.

However, a chance read of the 1920 Student Magazine revealed a reference that at its Annual Dinner in September 1919, ROCA had presented a silver inkwell with the relief outline of the main building to Alick Jack Murray as a small token of the Association's appreciation of his generous support to the College. In reply, Alick Murray noted the pleasure he had derived from a close association with Roseworthy Agricultural College over past years.



The Silver Roseworthy Inkwell

Dick Flower who also works as a volunteer with the University's Roseworthy Archive Group examined the "Student" magazine database and unearthed further references to Alick Murray.

The "Student" database had been a labour of love for Dick Flower for many years. Referencing every name in every "Student" magazine became invaluable when doing research or answering queries from the public. The referencing is currently up to 1955, with many years to go.

Alick Murray was a well-known pastoralist, stud Merino sheep breeder and businessman from Mount Crawford. Over many years his association with the College included being a member of the Roseworthy College Council, Vice Patron, hosting of student visits to his properties, generous donor of stud sheep and contributor of many other benevolent acts.

He was made an Honorary Life Member of ROCA in 1921, which again reflected his strong association with Roseworthy. Unfortunately, exhaustive searches of the Archives' detailed records had not exposed many other aspects of Alick Murray's full contribution to Roseworthy Agricultural College.

Following Alick Murray's death in early 1929, the July "Student" magazine featured an Obituary article that originally appeared in the Adelaide Advertiser. This article noted that he was one of the best-known figures in South Australian pastoral circles. In particular, Alick Murray experienced great success improving his Merino flock.

His dairy stud was also renowned throughout Australia. Alick Murray was a Director with Elders Smith and Company for over 25 years, a Director with the Elders Trustee and Executor Company and also the Yudnapina Pastoral Company. He was an active member and President of the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society.

Today, the Roseworthy Inkwell resides in the University of Adelaide Vice-Chancellor's Office. It is not only an important and impressive link to the past but also part of the future as it witnesses the ongoing business of Adelaide University.

A NEW ROCA WINE – STILL THE SAME GREAT CAUSE – BUY YOUR ROCA WINE TODAY -

The latest offering from ROCA's wine family is certainly a good one. Hailing from the Barossa Valley is the 2018 St John's Road Shiraz.

Old Collegians James Lienert (Masters in Oenology 2013) and Keeda Zilm (BAGSc Oen. 2003), along with Andrew Hardy (BAppSc WineSc 1991) and Angus Hesketh (current Waite student) are behind this great wine they fittingly call "Blood and Courage"

A quote lifted from a certain well-known Irish Bottle Shop that also stocks this wine (but at the full retail price) is, "St Johns Road Blood & Courage Barossa Valley Shiraz pays homage to the red-blooded players who take the field every winter weekend in a test of skill, strength and character. This dense, deeply integrated Shiraz is a testament to great teamwork combining rich and ripe vineyard fruit, balanced oak and inspired winemaking. A truly memorable Barossa classic!"

The facts:

A very good wine, at a very good discounted price, supporting a very worthy cause.

Before the holiday season overwhelms everything, we recommend getting online, filling out the order form and grabbing a carton or two of this magnificent wine lovingly crafted by four Roseworthy Old Collegians.

Wherever possible, orders will be delivered free of charge within regional SA, or they can be collected from 30 Emily Avenue, Clapham. Australia Post will deliver to those further afield, but you will need to be quick to beat the holiday rush.

For your ROCA Wine orders, please fill in the order form in this Digest, or visit:

www.adelaide.edu.au/roca/support/plonkyspickwine

Alternatively, contact me directly on 0419 816 188 / ad@rosewoodwool.com.au

Andrew Dennis

ROCA Committee chief wine fundraising manager



2021 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

In the last ROCA Digest, we recognised John Crosby AM (RDA 1971) as a recipient of an Australian Honour in the 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

ROCA would also like to recognise the following recipients of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) announced in the 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Neville James Gilbertson OAM (RDA 1959)

OAM for service to the community of Mount Gambier.

Mr Greg Bruce OAM (BAppSc -NatResMgt 1994)

OAM for service to local government, and to the community of Townsville.



Roseworthy Old Collegians Association

WINE ORDER FORM 2021/2022

Please either E-mail this form to ROCA Committee Member, Andrew Dennis: ad@rosewoodwool.com.au or by phone 0419 816 188. Alternatively post this form to ROCA at PO Box 503, Kent Town SA 5071.

WINE

QUANTITY

Roseworthy Old Collegians 2018 Barossa 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: ad@rosewoodwool.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)

2022 ROCA 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, 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 Nominations must be received no later than 30th June 2022.

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.



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 †
 1962 Dr David Riceman †
 1963 Len Cook †
 1964 William Dawkins OBE †
 1965 Frank Pearson †
 1966 Sir Allan Callaghan CMG †
 1967 Bob Herriot OBE †
 1968 Denis Muirhead †
 1969 Jack Reddin OAM †
 1970 Ron Badman †
 1971 Prof Rex Butterfield †
 1972 Rex Krause †
 1973 Rex Kuchel †
 1974 Lex Walker AM †
 1975 Ken Pike †
 1976 Len Laffer †
 1977 Des Habel †
 1978 Henry Day AO †
 1979 Dr Mark Hutton †
 1980 Cliff Hooper †
 1981 Andrew Michelmores †
 1982 Milton Spurling †
 1983 Ralph Hewett Jones †
 1984 David Suter †
 1985 Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM
 1986 Dr John Obst †
 1987 Robin Steed †
 1988 Reg French †
 1989 Ray Norton †
 1990 Tony Summers †
 1991 Scott Dolling OAM †
 1992 Rex Anderson †
 1993 Bob Baker †
 1994 Brian Hannaford †

1995 Grant Mayfield
 1996 Robert Knappstein †
 1997 James Pocock †
 1998 Ian Young
 1999 Don Moyle †
 2000 Grant Paech †
 2001 Brian Jefferies AM †
 2002 Dr Graham Mitchell AO
 2003 Philip Laffer AM
 2004 John Vickery OAM
 2005 Ronald Mertin AM †
 2006 Brian Wilson
 2007 Wilf Bowen
 2008 Philip Young AM †
 2009 Ian Hickinbotham OAM †
 2010 Dr Ray Beckwith OAM †
 2011 Raymond Taylor †
 2012 Vic Patrick OAM
 2013 Alan Richardson
 2014 Hon. Peter Dunn
 2015 Richard Fewster
 2016 David Lewis OAM
 2017 Rev Brian Polkinghorne
 2018 John Crosby AM
 2019 Allan Piggott
 2020 Professor Wayne Hein
 2021 Louisa Rose

(† Deceased)

1999: ROCA Centenary Medal - Harry Stephen

2017: Icon of Roseworthy - Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM



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