

Fact Sheet

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ROCA AWARD OF MERIT 1965 - Francis Pearson

Frank Pearson (RDA, 1925) graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College with First Class Honours then gained broad experience working for winemaker Walter Reynell, Cresco Fertilizers, Electrolytic Zinc Co in Tasmania and then share-farming with his father at Angle Vale before enlisting in the army in 1940. Following active service in Tobruk and El Alamein, he was wounded, hospitalised and discharged in 1943. He then joined the Department of Agriculture and became District Agricultural Advisor, and subsequently Principal Agronomist in 1964.

During his 21 years with the Department of Agriculture, Frank was responsible for the annual cereal production crop estimates, judging state wheat crop championships, investigating the agricultural potential for proposed drainage in the South-East and the significance of manganese deficiency in cereal crops.

Frank Pearson was widely known for his intensive interest in South Australian agriculture and his readiness to give advice and assistance wherever he could.



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