

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.

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ROCA HONORARY LIFE MEMBER 2017 – David Spencer

David Spencer graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College with a Diploma in Agriculture in 1971 and a Diploma in Agricultural Technology in 1972. He then enrolled at Teachers College in Adelaide, graduating as a qualified Secondary School teacher specialising in Agricultural Studies.

After initially focusing on secondary teaching, David's professional career expanded into the TAFE post-secondary education sector. At the time of his retirement, David was primarily involved in providing support services for TAFE students.

David Spencer joined ROCA as a Life Member in 1972. Over the subsequent period, he spent seven years as a member of the ROCA Committee, initially joining in 2009. During his time on the ROCA Committee, David served as ROCA President for two years in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014.

However the greatest contribution made by David Spencer to Roseworthy and ROCA was in a role undertaken outside of the formal committee structure. For many years, he has championed the Roseworthy Collection maintained by the University of Adelaide Archives.

Assisted by the large volunteer time commitment of David Spencer, the University Archives built up a fine collection of well catalogued records related to Roseworthy. David's weekly role as part of the "Roseworthy Volunteer Archives Team" led to the long term preservation of Roseworthy artefacts, photographs and documentation for the benefit of future generations.

One of his personal achievements was the recording of spoken-word interviews with former Roseworthy students and staff, creating a unique audio and transcript archival collection.

David Spencer truly deserved to have the honour of ROCA Honorary Life Membership bestowed upon him by the Association's President on 20th October 2017

