ROCA AWARD OF MERIT 1964 – William Dawkins

William Dawkins (RDA 1903) carried on with notable success the Clydesdale stud founded by his father in 1864 at Gawler River, then founded the Newbold Border Collie stud in 1910, the Newbold Dorset Horn stud in 1917, the Poll Dorset stud in 1937 and the Newbold Shorthorn Stud in 1952.

He was a member of the Council of the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society for 28 years, a member of the Australian Meat Board for 17 years and spent 13 years on the Abattoirs Board.

He was actively involved with the Mudlawirra District Council and chairman for 11 years, President of the Chamber of Rural Industries for 6 years, President of the Poll Dorset Association for 3 years after inaugurating the association in 1954, and other bodies such as the Gawler Show Society and the Agricultural Bureau of which he was a Life Member.

Very few men have had such a wide influence on practical animal production and meat marketing as William Dawkins.

