

ROCA AWARD OF MERIT 2019 – ALLAN PIGGOTT

Allan Piggott is a farmer and grazier on the family farm at Moorlands in SA. He has achieved much in his career since graduating from Roseworthy Agricultural College with his Diploma of Agriculture in 1979.

His achievements and service include President of Sheep Producers Australia (formerly Sheepmeat Council of Australia), SA Chair of the regional committee of the Southern Australia Meat Research Council, and Life Membership of the Australian White Suffolk Association. Life Membership is awarded to people who have provided leadership and contributed to the establishment and growth of the breed. The Illoura White Suffolk stud is acknowledged as one of the foundation studs, and Allan served on the AWSA committee for 14 years, including two years as President.

Additionally, Allan has played a pivotal role in a variety of agricultural organisations in both his local farming area, and at a state and national representation level. These roles include Board Member on the Murray Darling Basin NRM Board, five years on the SA Sheep Advisory Group, Chairman of his local NRM group, Chairman of his local Soil Conservation Board, and 16 years as a Councillor with the Royal Agricultural and & Horticultural society of SA. Allan has also had lifelong involvement with groups including the local Agricultural Bureau, Landcare at local, state and national representation level, and his local CFS.

Allan is very highly regarded by his Roseworthy class cohort: "We as a group are very proud of his achievements, respect him immensely and feel privileged to know him". His prowess wearing a pink and black RAC guernsey on the football field was also valued.

As Allan moves forward he will continue his industry involvement as SA Sheep Industry Blueprint chair, with Livestock SA and the Royal Adelaide Show.

"I have been very fortunate with the opportunities that I have had have been given over the years, but more importantly, I've been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with some great people in the industry. My time at RAC was instrumental in broadening my horizons and giving me an understanding of the important role of industry advocates."

