

Fact Sheet

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.

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ROCA AWARD OF MERIT 1969 - John Reddin

Jack Reddin (RDA, 1940) had a most distinguished career in agriculture in this State, particularly in relation to the many aspects of our meat industry.

While a student at Roseworthy, Jack was a member of premiership cricket and football teams, captained the first tennis team to bring the Inter-Collegiate Shield to Roseworthy, and in his final year became Senior Councilman. On graduation, he began a close association with Mr WJ Dawkins and his Newbold Dorset Horn stud, and then married into that family.

In World War II Jack was commissioned in 1941, became a platoon commander in the Middle East, then an Intelligence officer and eventually Company Commander, serving in Syria, New Guinea, Borneo and the Celebes. He even found the time for sport in the army, at one stage becoming camp boxing champion as a welterweight and taking out a rifle shooting trophy.

Jack Reddin's association with the famous Newbold stud for 30 years was not his only interest. He was a prime mover in the formation of the Australian Poll Dorset Association, writing the constitution and serving a two-year term as president. He was a member for over 20 years of the Australian Society of Breeders of British Sheep, and was a past State President. He was the inaugural Chairman of the State Lamb Committee in 1960, a director of the progressive Nelsons and Producers Meat Market, a delegate to the National Farmers Union of SA. Jack judged Poll Dorsets from NZ to almost anywhere you can mention in Australia. He also wrote articles about and addressed many distinguished groups on his views on many subjects of agricultural production. Incidental committees in which he became involved were the local state school, Gawler Show and the Agricultural Bureau of South

Australia.



Jack also had a long association with the Royal Agricultural and Agricultural Society of South Australia as an exhibitor in 'Heavy Horse' and 'Poll Dorset' and as its historian for 14 years.

Roseworthy was always a keen interest of Jack's. He served as President of ROCA, and he was also on the Chapel Building Committee. Jack Reddin served on the Roseworthy Advisory Council and extended his interest in education as a representative on the Standing Committee enquiring into Agricultural Education in SA.

Jack Reddin was an extremely approachable, pleasant personality who made many friends in the industry as well as in the Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association. It is pleasing to many, therefore, to know that Jack Reddin joins the ranks of so many other distinguished servants of agriculture in this State, becoming the 1969 recipient of the Award of Merit.