

### Award of Merit

RAC graduate Andrew Brown is compiling a comprehensive document featuring ROCA Award of Merit winners for the Roseworthy section of the University of Adelaide's archives. To complete the task he needs photos of WJ Dawkins, Frank Pearson, Denis Muirhead, Rex Kuchel, Lex Walker, Mark Hutton and Ralph Hewett-Jones. If you can assist please contact Andrew on 8379 2108.

### Reunions

- 1962 graduating year – Thirty two old collegians and partners from the 1962 graduating class participated in a three-day reunion at Encounter Bay earlier this year. Hosted by John Skull and wife Katherina, activities included a gourmet dinner, BBQs and pistol shooting.

Their next reunion is planned for Mudgee, NSW, next year.

- 20 year reunion – The graduating class of 1986, together with all other students who were on campus in 1985, are celebrating a 20-year gettogether on Saturday, September 16. Contact Frank Chapman 0418 651 186 or Chris Barnes (03) 9428 9699 for details.

### ROCA AGM and Annual Reunion Dinner

To be held on Friday, October 13, 2006. Details are given in the enclosed invitation.

Correction – in the last newsletter, the email address to contact Ron Tuckwell who maintains the ROCA membership list was incorrect – it is [rtuckwel@bordnet.com.au](mailto:rtuckwel@bordnet.com.au)

ROCA wants to build-up an email database of members so please contact Ron with your details.

### Member contact details

ROCA member addresses for more than 400 remain out of date and they do not receive newsletters. Members without current addresses are listed on the ROCA web page. Please note that a substantial number are graduates from the 1990-91 era and that many others are also recent graduates. Your help in updating details by contacting Ron Tuckwell on [rtuckwel@bordnet.com.au](mailto:rtuckwel@bordnet.com.au) is appreciated.

Kind regards from the Committee

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### TO ALL ROCA MEMBERS

Your ROCA Committee brings you this Spring newsletter.

### Student prizes

ROCA prizes given at recent functions were:

Gold Medallist and Perpetual Trophy for Dux of Bachelor of Natural Resources degree in 2005 was awarded to Iain A. Steenson in the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences. The Old Students' Cup and Trophy in the Bachelor of Agriculture degree for 2005 was awarded to Graham Edward Turner in the School of Agriculture, Food and Wine.

### University Council

Congratulations to Dr John Radcliffe AM on his election to the University of Adelaide Council. Your support in voting to achieve this outcome is appreciated. This will be the first time for many years that the Council has a member with an agricultural and natural resources background and should put activities at Roseworthy in a stronger position.

### Campus developments

Members of the ROCA Committee met with Acting Dean of Sciences Professor Iain Reid, and Heads of the Agriculture, Food and Wine and Environmental and Earth Sciences Schools to pursue developments on Campus developments.

At a time when the market demand for tertiary graduates for natural resources management and agricultural industries is very high, we expressed deep concern at the demise of the Natural Resource Management degree, the apparent inadequate training in business skills and capacity building, and the need for more hands-on experience in courses.

We particularly emphasised the need for broadly-trained technologists/practitioners who can have rapid impact in community capacity building and the application of new technologies, and for better collaboration between the two leading schools.

We also identified that student intake and retention was a major problem. We pointed to problems relating to courses being delivered at more than one campus and to inadequate appropriate advertising of courses. We referred to the inability of the community to identify closely and strongly with Roseworthy. This in turn is reflected in lack of information about the nature and excellence of academic and research activities on offer at Roseworthy Campus. We advocate that a Champion/Ambassador of the Campus be charged with addressing this issue.

The new Head of the School of Agriculture, Food and Wine, Professor Roger Leigh, begins his appointment in November. In SA recently, he visited Roseworthy and members of the ROCA Committee met with him and again raised issues of concern about promotion of the Campus identity, excellence in undergraduate courses, multi-campus issues and publicity for prospective student enrolments. Campus Director, Professor Phil Hynd advises that he convenes a newly configured Roseworthy Policy Committee comprising representatives from all co-located partners (SARDI, TAFE, PIRSA, AGT, Martindale Holdings) and senior North Terrace personnel for strategic management.

Staff from the Agronomy Department are relocating more centrally (library, lecture theatres, Davies building, computer suite, etc) to high quality offices in the Leske building as part of the Discipline of Agricultural and

Animal Sciences.

Five new senior staff commenced duties in animal sciences-related areas. A new beef facility with state-of-the-art yards, races, computer-interfaced weighing system, etc developed by Martindale Holdings will benefit student exposure to beef cattle practices and enhance research activity.

A \$76,000 grant is being used to upgrade sheep handling facilities around the shearing shed. The next stage will bring automated drafting systems with inbuilt e-tag readers to demonstrate technological developments for students. The feasibility of establishing a veterinary school is being investigated and Dr Oliver Mayo, retired Chief, Division of CSIRO Livestock Industries, will complete the proposal soon.

Discussions continue with Trinity College Gawler Campus to plan for a possible senior secondary school in agriculture and science on the Campus.

### **Undergraduate review**

The university is reviewing courses at the Roseworthy Campus. Your ROCA Committee prepared a comprehensive submission to the external review panel and gave verbal evidence as well. Many of these issues had earlier been presented to the Acting Dean as indicated above. This was an excellent opportunity for reinforcement of issues and we await the report due in about six months.

### **Fund initiative**

The Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund was very successfully launched at the Wayville Showgrounds on Tuesday July 25, 2006.

Through various avenues, funds are to be used to assist worthy students and staff in their endeavors. Guests heard inspiring addresses from co-patrons Chairman, Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM, and from the University of Adelaide Vice Chancellor, Professor James McWha. Fund Patron, Mr John Crosby reflected on his time at RAC and its positive impact on his career. He enthusiastically encouraged all former students to generously support the Fund.

All who have an affinity for the Roseworthy Campus, and especially for its heritage, and who want to ensure RAC is never forgotten, should consider donating to a very worthy cause. Donations are tax deductible and should be made to University of Adelaide – Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund and addressed to:

University of Adelaide  
Development and Alumni Office  
230 North Terrace  
Adelaide SA 5000

### **Trevor Dillon Scholarship**

The first tangible outcome from the Roseworthy Student and Campus Fund is the successful negotiation with the university scholarship's section for the Trevor Dillon Agronomic Roseworthy Study Scholarship. The first scholarship covering residential accommodation and meals to the value of \$5200 is available for an enrolling student in a course at Roseworthy in 2007. Funds are available to continue this for at least the next six years.

### **Alumni jottings**

ROCA is represented on the Alumni Association Board by immediate past-president Wilf Bowen. The Board has been active in:

- an extensive award program;
- maintaining contacts with alumni through the Development and Alumni Office;
- liaison with the University of Adelaide Council and Faculties;
- meeting with Chapter representatives and supporting the activities of the Chapters; and
- involvement in graduation ceremonies in Australia and overseas.

The Alumni Association continues to maintain contact with 13 Australian Chapters, two Affiliated Bodies (including ROCA), three networks and five International Chapters through publication of Lumen, Adelaidean

and Adelaide E-Link. The Development and Alumni Office actively supports the Chapters in fundraising and activities which support the University of Adelaide.

### **2008 Roseworthy celebrations**

University Vice Chancellor Professor James McWha has indicated strong support for substantial activities to celebrate the 125 anniversary of Roseworthy in 2008. Any members with ideas etc should contact ROCA Committee member Dale Manson on Manson.Dale@saugov.sa.gov.au or (08) 8532 5624.

### **2006 Golf Day**

Roseworthy College Old Collegians vs Hawkesbury Agricultural College Old Scholars (SA Branch), the 14th Annual Golf Day and Get Together will be held at the Barossa Valley Golf Club, Nuriootpa SA, on Sunday, October 29 2006 at 9.30 am.

ROCA just needs a few new players to regain the perpetual trophy from Hawkesbury. Visitor numbers were up and the many prizes brought by participants made the event most enjoyable in 2005. Cost for the day's play and lunch is \$30 (\$10 for lunch only for those who chose to visit surrounding sights). Reservations by October 19 to Barry Sumner, 8 Pope Court, Gawler East SA 5118, ph (08) 8522 4926.

### **Congratulations**

Well done John (Jack) Phillips RDA on your 100th birthday celebrated on August 24. After graduating from Roseworthy in 1925 John worked on the family citrus property at Berri and was prominent in Riverland citrus research activities. He also worked with ICI as a draftsman. Apart from lectures at RAC, John says he can remember driving 8-horse field teams and 5-horse wagon teams, harvesting grain with strippers, traveling to social and sporting events in Gawler in a horse-drawn drag and playing football and cricket. "I made several friendships – for example with Keith Sinclair of Sandalwood – which lasted into later life," John said. He can be contacted through his daughter Roslyn Hannaford, phone 8363 2983, email hannaford@adam.com.au

### **Students go missing**

Wanted, copies of 'The Student', the annual magazine which is used extensively by volunteers sifting through masses of old Roseworthy College records which are being added to the archives at the University of Adelaide. The volunteers meet most Tuesday afternoons at the university to help classify photographs, records of meetings and other materials so that they can be accessed later by former students, their families and others interested in College activities.

Volunteer, Dick Flower, said that from various sources he had assembled many copies of 'The Student' but those before 1928 were missing. "As well, we don't have copies from December 1931 to 1933 and copies after 1971 apart from 1977, 1988 and 1991," he said. "We use the magazines to identify people in photographs and for other purposes including the positions Roseworthy staff held."

If any ROCA member has copies of 'The Student' for the missing years and would like to donate them to the archives it would be much appreciated. The best way to organise this is to contact the university's Archives Volunteer Group Coordinator, Tupp Carmody – phone 8303 4194 – email tupp.carmody@adelaide.edu.au

### **First Tuesday**

There are still more than 100 photographs of people and places taken at RAC which need identification – many in the period 1970-90. These are displayed from 2 pm to 4pm on the first Tuesday in the month in the Council Room, 7th level, Hughes Building, at the University. If you would like to come in and help with the identification process, contact Tupp Carmody on the phone number above.

### **Donations**

Many thanks to Old Scholars including Guy Wiese and Ron Mertin AM who have recently donated Roseworthy memorabilia to the Archives – materials such as photos, blazers, football jumpers, 'Student' magazines, exam papers and newspaper clippings. Contact Tupp if you have materials to donate.