

President's message

Many of us will remember the excitement that surrounded the Centenary of Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1983. Well it's now 25 years on and Roseworthy is once again gearing up to celebrate a significant milestone in the history of this State.

Roseworthy's upcoming 125-year Commemoration events in October and November provide an occasion for everyone to revisit their links with an institution that has provided enormous benefit to individuals and communities across the globe since 1883. After all, if we miss this opportunity, how many of us will be in a position to join in the next major celebration at Roseworthy – its 150th anniversary in 2033?

Having celebrated its own centenary in 1999, ROCA has now been around for most of the 125-year history of Roseworthy. While not forgetting its proud history and past achievements, ROCA is now putting a lot of effort into looking forward to ensure a solid future for Roseworthy. This is one of the reasons why the October 18 Commemoration events are being held in Adelaide, with a solid focus on the Commemoration Ceremony to be held in the University of Adelaide's Bonython Hall on North Terrace.

Roseworthy's future is now firmly locked in with the future of the University of Adelaide.

The October 18 events not only provide past graduates of Roseworthy Agricultural College with a personal 'rite of passage' to become part of the University family but also serve to temporarily make a small part of Roseworthy more visible to other members of the University community who may not understand the significance of Roseworthy. Whether we like it or not, the future of Roseworthy is now largely determined by people who may not have strong links with it. This is why it would be of enormous benefit to Roseworthy if all ROCA members could support the forthcoming Commemoration events in Adelaide.

Some ROCA members have been a little confused about arrangements for the 2008 ROCA Reunion Dinner. This year the annual ROCA Dinner will be conducted as part of the 125-year Commemoration Dinner at the Adelaide Oval on Saturday, October 18. If you have held back from registering for the 125-year Dinner in the belief that a separate ROCA Reunion Dinner will also be held this year, I now urge you to book in. All ROCA members were mailed a booking form several months ago and there is another one attached to this newsletter.

ROCA is extremely appreciative that the University's Development and Alumni group has offered to provide the secretariat for Reunion Dinner invitations and responses. If you have misplaced information please feel free to ring Kate Reinfield at the University of Adelaide's Development and Alumni group on (08) 8303 3692.

Dale Manson
ACTING PRESIDENT

2008 Annual General Meeting

Because the annual Reunion Dinner this year will be incorporated within the 125-year Celebration Dinner, ROCA's Annual General Meeting, which normally precedes the Reunion Dinner, will be held on Sunday, November 2, at 2 pm – at the Roseworthy Campus's Stefanson Theatre – as part of the Roseworthy Campus Open Day.

Please note: If any ROCA members are interested in joining the Committee please contact Committee Secretary Darren Koopman on (08) 8303 7919 or email darren.koopman@adelaide.edu.au

A letter to the Editor: "Join your mates"

Sir: Just a note to encourage ROCA members to attend the functions associated with the 125-year celebrations, particularly the Commemoration Ceremony in the Bonython Hall.

When I have attended graduation and commemoration ceremonies they have been well-organised and pleasant functions.

The University has been generous in hosting this prestigious 125-year event in recognition of Roseworthy graduates. I hope you can join your mates at the event.

Wilf Bowen
ROCA Committee member

ROCA Award of Merit 2007

Wilf Bowen has been awarded ROCA'S highest award – the ROCA Award of Merit.

Wilf has been a highly competent Dairy Adviser and also materially assisted the industry through his leadership and innovative approach to extension methodology; and through involvement on industry committees. Wilf has also made a great contribution to Rural Training, State and Federally, and to ROCA.

As ROCA representative on the Adelaide University Alumni Board, he successfully campaigned to have the Alumni's constitution re-structured to reflect ROCA's status as an independent, autonomous, incorporated body within the Alumni structure.

Services to ROCA

During his term as ROCA President, Wilf achieved some meritorious tasks, as reported by former ROCA Secretary, Dale Manson:

"Most significant is the creation, for the first time, of an historic listing of all Roseworthy graduates, cross indexed according to graduation year and course. This is a permanent and readily-accessible asset," Dale said.

"Wilf guided ROCA through the establishment of the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund dedicated to collect donations for the benefit of Roseworthy Campus and its students.

"Wilf facilitated the voluntary involvement of ROCA members in the University of Adelaide Archives section to ensure that the collection of historic records relating to ROCA and Roseworthy Campus is correctly handled through appropriate identification, cataloguing and storage.

"He established close ties with the Vice Chancellors' Office and has overseen improvements to the ROCA website."



Contacts for six Award of Merit recipients

As part of the Roseworthy 125 Commemorations in the Bonython Hall on Saturday 18 October, ROCA will be presenting commemorative citations and certificates to all past winners of the ROCA Award of Merit, or their family representatives. Since 1961 the Award of Merit has been presented annually to worthy Old Collegians who have given meritorious service to the community and ROCA.

Unfortunately ROCA has lost contact with six of the 47 recipients. If anyone can help with contact details for the following recipients, or their families, please contact Wilf Bowen at 1b Ross Street, Everard Park SA 5035; (08) 8293 3022; bowenwb@adam.com.au.

1963	Len Cook	1979	Dr Mark Hutton
1965	Frank Pearson	1983	Ralph Hewitt Jones
1977	Des Habel	1990	Tony Summers

A history note from the Archives

It is interesting to see how names from the past crop up with the present people who are active in our community. For example the minutes of the ROCA AGM of September 11, 1913 talk of a ... "presentation to HE Laffer (1900), past Secretary, and TE Yelland (1891) for services to ROCA".

The Minutes of June 18, 1925, report that approval for the title 'Roseworthy Diploma of Agriculture' was being sought through the Crown Solicitor. It was approved on September 10, 1925. There was discussion about the sub-branch in Western Australia where there were 70 old scholars. Mr SA Rudduck (1924) was honorary secretary for 19 years until the sub-branch closed in 1944.



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September 2008

The four important events which are associated with this year's Roseworthy Campus 125th Celebrations are getting much closer. They should be in your diaries now:

Adelaide Celebration Events – Saturday 18 October 2008

- Non-denominational service at St Peters Cathedral from 11.00am to 12.00 noon.
- Commemoration Ceremony for Roseworthy Graduates in the Bonython Hall, University of Adelaide, from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.
- 125th Celebration Dinner at The Pavilion, Adelaide Oval from 7.30pm to 11.00pm.

Registrations for these events close on Friday, September 19, 2008. Another registration form is attached to this newsletter, so if you haven't yet registered please give it your early attention.

Roseworthy Staff and Council Reunion – Sunday 26 October 2008

- The Roseworthy Staff and Council Reunion commence at 10.30am with a service in the Roseworthy Campus Memorial Chapel; registration at 11.30am and lunch at the Roseworthy Campus Tavern at 12.00 noon. After the official welcome at 1.00pm, a range of activities including Campus tours and a display of memorabilia until 5.00pm.

Nat Rats Reunion – Saturday 1 November 2008

- The Nat Rats Reunion will be held at the Adelaide Oval function rooms from 5.30pm to 8.30pm on Saturday, November 1, 2008. The event is a cocktail reception with Dr Chris West, Director of Zoos SA, as the guest speaker. Partners are most welcome to attend. If you wish to attend the Reunion, please complete and return the registration form at www.adelaide.edu.au/roseworthy125/ by Wednesday, September 24, 2008.

Roseworthy Campus 125th Open Day – Sunday 2 November 2008

- Roseworthy Campus 125th Open Day – 'The Science behind the Product' – will be held from 11.00am to 5.00pm and includes exhibits, talks, tours, food, entertainment and activities for the whole family. ROCA's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Campus that day at 2.00pm in the Stethanson Theatre.

John Crosby, current Patron of the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund, will be the guest speaker at the Bonython Hall Commemoration Ceremony. Graduates who register for that ceremony will be provided with University academic gown provided by the AFUW SA Inc.

Shingleback Wine, a 2006 Jimmy Watson Award winner, will be the wine sponsor for the 125th Celebration Dinner and a complimentary bottle of red and white wine will be provided on each table for the evening. The night will also feature a silent auction of the Roseworthy Campus 125th heritage football guernseys and an archival display of Roseworthy photos and memorabilia.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University will be attending all Adelaide Celebration Events.

As mentioned in the President's Message in this Newsletter, the annual ROCA Reunion Dinner will be conducted as part of the 125th Celebration Dinner. The group convenors are:

- 50 years (1958) Brian Dubois (08) 8278 4275, bandoobs@internode.on.net
- 40 years (1968) Peter Jones (08) 8566 2301 kapvet@internode.on.net
- 25 years (1983) Brad Butler (08) 8552 2411 brad@bbpl.com.au

In registering for the 125th Celebration Dinner, please note that the tables only seat eight people.

Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund

After several years of hard work the Patron and Co-patrons of the fund are particularly pleased that for the first time three scholarships have been awarded in the past two months. As a result of support from old scholars and the agricultural community generally the Dillon Scholarship was awarded for the second time and the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund awarded for the first time.

Additionally, the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Education Foundation of SA's Roseworthy Scholarship was made available for the first time.

Recipients, who are to be congratulated for their success, are:

- The Trevor Dillon Agronomic Roseworthy Study Scholarship for a first year student – Mathew John Winslow of Underbool, Victoria.
- The Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund Scholarship for a second year student – Alexandra Alice Mary Fowler of Adelaide.
- The Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Education Foundation of SA's Roseworthy Scholarship for a second year student – Luke Aaron Doecke of Blanchetown, SA.

The Dillon award was presented in late June at a Rural Media luncheon in Adelaide (see report following) while the other two presentations were made in the Campus dining room on August 1 to coincide with meetings of the Co-patrons and the ROCA Committee.

Strenuous efforts will continue to be made to increase support for the Campus and Student Fund from Old Collegians, the industry and members of the public. There is an obvious need for financial support for many students. To all who have helped so far, the Patron and Co-patrons wish to express their sincere appreciation.

2008 Dillon Scholarship

Matthew Winslow, an 18-year-old young farmer from Underbool in the Victorian Mallee, is the recipient of the 2008 'Trevor Dillon Agronomic Roseworthy Study Scholarship'. The Scholarship will provide Matthew with full residential support during his first year of study in the Bachelor of Agriculture degree at the Roseworthy Campus.

The Scholarship is named in memory of Old Collegian, Trevor Dillon, who, over five decades through his work as an agronomist with the SA Department of Agriculture and later in retirement as a part-time consultant, was one of the State's most respected and high-profile advocates for excellence in farming practice.

ROCA President, Locky McLaren, points out that a scholarship that assists young people to become leaders in practical agriculture is particularly relevant as an honour to Trevor Dillon. It was financial assistance from Legacy, following the death of Trevor's father in the Second World War's El Alamein campaign, that allowed him to study agriculture at Roseworthy during the 1950s.

The presentation to Matthew Winslow was made at a Rural Media South Australia luncheon in June by the Co-patron Chairman of the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund, Hon Dr Bruce Eastick AM and ROCA President, Locky McLaren.

Alumni report

The support of the Adelaide University's Development and Alumni Office with arrangements for the Roseworthy Campus 125-year celebrations is greatly appreciated.

The mail-out and publicity to all graduates whose current addresses are known has been extensive. If any ROCA member has not received the details please contact Rebecca Pym on (08) 8303 3317 or email roseworthy125@adelaide.edu.au. You can also go to www.adelaide.edu.au/roseworthy125/

The Roseworthy Campus 125th celebrations will provide a rare opportunity to renew acquaintances and to celebrate the 125 years of Australia's first agricultural college. Please try and join us at this major event in the 2008 University calendar.

Review of Directors' positions

In response to an invitation from The University of Adelaide's Executive Dean, Faculty of Sciences, Professor Bob Hill, the ROCA Committee has made a submission to the reviews of the Directors' roles at the Roseworthy and Waite Campuses being carried out by the Faculty of Sciences.

In putting forward its views your Committee consulted with industries employing graduates, professional and scientific groups, university staff, present and potential Campus partners and ROCA membership. The review was seen by the Committee as an opportunity for some strategic forward planning that would confirm historic perceptions of the Roseworthy and Waite Campuses as leading research and teaching resources both nationally and internationally.

The Committee was strongly of the view that the Directors' positions were critical leadership positions for the University enabling it to look outward and position itself strongly with partners and collaborators. It saw the key responsibilities as:

- providing visionary leadership and being 'champions' for the University's Faculty of Sciences at Roseworthy and Waite with national and international industries, groups, partners and stakeholders;
- to be key and important advocates in the public arena; and
- to develop, build and enhance external collaborative activities and partnerships.

Members who would like to see the full text of the submission should contact Mark Seeliger on (08) 8266 1370, email mseeliger@chariot.net.au

Roseworthy Football Club – 'The Farmers'

As part of the 125-year Celebrations the Roseworthy College Football Club ('The Farmers') designed and purchased a set of 'heritage' guernseys representing the design and look of the guernseys they used prior to their affiliation with the Adelaide University Football Club. The College team plays now within the SA Amateur Football League and wore these guernseys on the last day of the minor round on August 16.

The guernseys, numbered 1 to 21, will be the focus of a silent auction at the 125-year Dinner at Adelaide Oval. There is a \$100 reserve on all guernseys and potential buyers can register on, or prior to, the night. Bidding will begin at 6 pm on the night and all payments must be made that night. For registration or more information contact Michael Noble 0428 777 286 or 0417 817 164, email Michael.noble@adelaide.edu.au

ROCA/Hawkesbury Golf Day

A reminder that this year's Annual ROCA/Hawkesbury Golf Day will be held on Sunday, October 26, at the Barossa Golf Club, Nuriootpa – hit off time will be 8.30 am and visitors are always welcome. Lunch and a presentation of trophies will follow the game at around 2.30 pm.

Interested players should contact Barry Sumner (ROCA Captain) on 0488 189 504 or 8552 4950 no later than October 21.



Inaugural intake at Veterinary School

The University of Adelaide's new Veterinary School now has its inaugural intake of students, with 47 enrolled in 2008. The School has already received reasonable assurance of accreditation from the Australian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC) – an important step in obtaining final accreditation. Final accreditation cannot be granted until the first cohort of students graduates in 2013.

The students include a mix of those with extensive university experience and those straight from Year 12, with an equal split of those from rural and urban backgrounds. In keeping with current trends 75% of the enrolments in the new program are women. The first year is based at the North Terrace campus and the subsequent years are based at Roseworthy.

The course is six years in duration, with the first three leading to a Bachelor of Science (Animal Science, pre-veterinary). This will focus on aspects of the well animal, encompassing areas such as animal management, nutrition, genetics, and breeding. The program will introduce the students to all domestic animals and will also include native and exotic wildlife, fish and marine animals – animals not traditionally covered in veterinary courses.

Following completion of the undergraduate degree, students will progress to the postgraduate veterinary program that will include their clinical training. The final year of the course will function as an intern year where students will undertake rotations with the various species to augment clinical skills already learnt and gain hands-on practical experience.

It is the aim of the School to integrate clinical components within the earlier years of the program by introducing skills such as clinical examination and problem solving early in the program. This will allow the students to better see the relevance of some of these pre-clinical subjects and help counteract the dip in enthusiasm often encountered in the middle years of traditional veterinary courses.

The School is developing partnerships with veterinary practices and State Government agencies to allow co-localisation of facilities. In addition the School is building a veterinary teaching hospital at Roseworthy, new preclinical teaching laboratories and a surgical skills suite that can also be used for veterinary professional continuing education. There will also be new computer labs, tutorial spaces, a pathology suite and diagnostic laboratories.

Students will be required to complete 12 weeks of animal husbandry practical work prior to the end of their third year. During their clinical years they will complete a further 24 weeks of external practice to gain varied experience in veterinary practice settings.

Staff recruitment for the new School is now well underway with an appointment having recently been made into the position of senior lecturer in anatomy. Advertisements for clinical discipline leaders have recently been published.

Head of the new Veterinary School, Professor Gail Anderson, and other members, of the School are excited about the future of veterinary science in South Australia and the prospect of building strong links between the local veterinary community and the School.

University of Adelaide Council elections

Your Committee was very pleased to note that the two members of Council re-nominated by ROCA – Professor Simon Maddocks and Dr John Radcliffe AM – were successful at the June University of Adelaide Council elections. Both nominees had completed their original terms.

The Committee had received feedback that clearly showed that these two Councillors had been champions for our interests in agriculture and related sciences and in academic, teaching and research endeavours, especially at the Roseworthy and Waite Campuses.



Head of the new Veterinary School, Prof. Gail Anderson, and SA's Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr Rob Rahaley, at a recent Horse SA launch to raise money for equine research in South Australia.