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1994 Award of Merit

Brian Hannaford

Brian Hannaford was announced as the recipient of the 1994 ROCA Award of Merit at the Annual Dinner in September in Adelaide.

Brian graduated from Roseworthy in 1953 with 2nd Class Honours from the Dairy Course. He has spent most of his working life in the dairy industry, initially as a Dairy Field officer with DPI, then with a number of dairy product manufacturers.

In 1960 he joined the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service and later the Victoria DPI. When he returned to South Australia in 1963 he again joined SA DPI as a Milk Products Adviser.

Brian is perhaps best known for his role with the Metropolitan Milk Board where he was Chairman and Principal Executive Officer for 24 years.

One of Brian's major achievements in both South Australia and Victoria was initiating the upgrading of processing plants so that cheese could be exported to Japan. The Japanese market is now a very significant part of the multi-million dairy export industry.



ROCA President Peter Dunn in presenting Brian with the Award in front of 140 old scholars and guests, congratulated him on his achievements and noted, that like those who have gone before him, he is indeed a worthy recipient of ROCA's highest accolade. Well done Brian.

President's Report

The 1994 Annual General Meeting was particularly significant in the history of ROCA. At that meeting the members decided to change the Association in a fundamentally important way by unanimously approving a new constitution. As a result, ROCA is now closely affiliated with Roseworthy College, the residential College at what is now known as The University of Adelaide Roseworthy Campus.

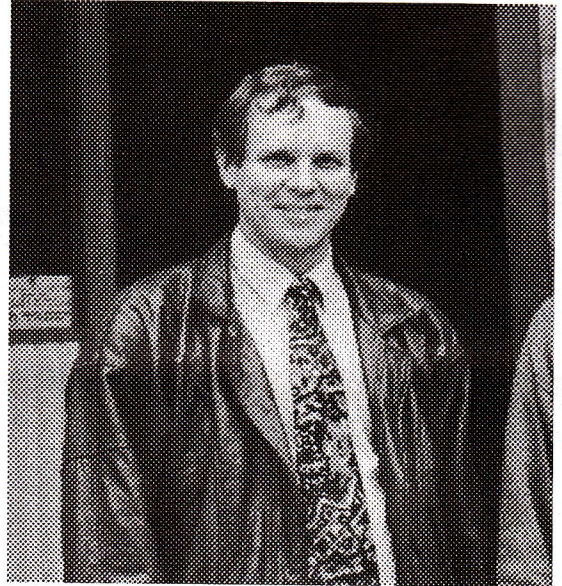
Many ROCA members may have difficulty appreciating the significance of this change because prior to 1974, all students lived and studied at the College. Roseworthy these days is really quite different. The majority of the students now reside off Campus and a high proportion of Roseworthy students also attend some of their lectures at North Terrace and/or Waite Campus. As the years roll by, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to define or identify a Roseworthy student.

Roseworthy College could be described as the phoenix of RAC. It was established as a University residential College following the merger of Roseworthy Agricultural College with The University of Adelaide in 1991. The establishment of this College enabled the residential component that had accommodated tertiary students continuously for 108 years to metamorphose and survive with its identity relatively intact.

The new Roseworthy College is governed by a Board of nine Directors. These Directors include an elected residential student, the College Principal and the Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences. The other six Directors are appointed from the local community, from within the University and from Old Collegians. The current Directors include Gil Hollamby and three Old Collegians.

Roseworthy College continues to provide Roseworthy students with appropriate standard, affordable accommodation. The College also aims to stimulate the educational, social and cultural development of its residents and to create an environment that is conducive to the pursuit of academic excellence.

A substantial number of scholarships, grants and bursaries now make it possible for many academically sound students to continue their education at Roseworthy. The College is deeply indebted to the Cowan family for the support they are providing to Roseworthy College residents through the Cowan Trust. Additional support from other sources would always be greatly appreciated. I commend this to all Old Collegians as a tangible way of supporting the College and ensuring that some very deserving young people can afford a Roseworthy education.



President: Allan Alcock

Over the last few years the College and the University have both been working hard to rehabilitate many of the residential buildings and most of them are now very well presented. The College has contracted a professional catering company to operate the kitchen and dining room and there has been a significant improvement in the standard of the meals served. These changes have primarily been for the benefit of the residential students and there has been a reassuring improvement in the level or morale and the standard of behaviour. They have also made our facilities better suited to hosting conferences.

Other recent developments include the approval of Commonwealth funding to enable the Rural Services Department to establish an Agricultural Interpretive Centre near the Farm Office and the decision to appoint a person to promote the College as a conference accommodation venue. Old Collegians who are associated with an organisation that occasionally needs a conference venue will do the College and their organisation a favour if they keep the College in mind. The College even has the capacity to host small groups during term time.

I extend my best wishes to all ROCA members, especially the 106 new members who were in residence last year and who are now scattered widely around the country. ROCA is now your organisation and I trust that it will help you to keep in touch with each other and your old College.

Roseworthy Farewell

The Department of Agricultural Business organised a dinner dance in the College dining hall as a combined farewell for two of its Senior Lecturers, Ken Edwards and Basil Sheahan when they retired from Roseworthy last year. It was a most enjoyable way for their many friends and colleagues to pay tribute to two long and illustrious careers that shared many common features.

Ken and Basil were in the same year when they studied Agricultural Science at Melbourne University (which included a stint at Dookie) and they both joined the Victorian Department of Agriculture after graduating. Several years later they both left to commence their teaching careers, Ken at Marcus Oldham and Basil at Salesian College at Sunbury.

Basil commenced 22 years of service to Roseworthy in 1972 when he was appointed Senior Lecturer in Agricultural Extension and the RDAT Course Leader. As a frequent member of appointment panels, he was instrumental in the appointment of many Roseworthy staff during the 1970's.

Many ROCA members would recall Basil's strong support for the RAC Football Club. He coached both teams for three years from 1972 to 1974 and, in particular, 1973 when the A Grade won the Premiership.

Ken came to Roseworthy in 1976 as a Lecturer in Farm Management to start the Associate Diploma in Farm Management course. By an ironic coincidence, 1995 was also the last year of that course.

At various times during their decades of Roseworthy service, both Ken and Basil became Senior Course Advisers and Department Heads. At different times they each presided over the College Staff Association and represented the staff on the College Council. The academic pinnacle of Ken's career was his appointment as an Associate Dean of the Faculty of ANRS following merger.

ROCA members wish both Ken and Basil all the best for a well earned retirement.



Ken and Pam Edwards with Pat and Basil Sheahan

Ken, in his own inimitable style, farewelled Roseworthy in verse. Set out below is a copy of that verse.

Roseworthy Farewell

Farewell to Roseworthy forever,
Farewell to my colleagues as well;
Farewell to the classrooms and theatres,
Where I used for to cut such a swell.

There is Frank and there is the Vice Chancellor,
There's the Dean of the Faculty too;
There are members of Council and Senate,
Know nought what the real workers do. CHORUS

Oh, had I the wings of a turtledove,
I'd soar on my pinions and steal,
Slap bank to the arms of my Pamela
And help her with Meals on Wheels CHORUS

CHORUS Singing toorali ooralli addidy
Singing toorali ooralli ay,
Singing toorali ooralli addidy

T'aint leaving the students we cares about,
T'aint 'cos we miss the piggery smell;
But because all the staff who remain here
Have to carry our workloads as well. CHORUS

Now all academics and general staff,
Take warning of what I've to say,
If the Varsity keeps getting tougher
You'll look forward to your final day CHORUS

Financial Assistance for Roseworthy Residential Students

One of the difficulties facing many sons and daughters of Old Scholars who wish to study at Roseworthy has been the cost of accommodation. It places a significant burden on parents who may be asset rich but have poor cash flows. This is particularly so where students have been refused Austudy because of their parents' assets. In the past it has led to capable students being unable to undertake tertiary study.

The College has been very mindful of this situation and has been able to put in place a number of grants and scholarships. Details of these are set out below. Given the start that the College has made, ROCA now has the opportunity, (through its members), to establish similar support mechanisms. Your thoughts on how this might be put into effect would be appreciated. The ROCA Committee is currently examining ways in which Old Scholars can contribute to this and other types of programs to support the College.

Cowan Grants

This year, for the first time, a significant number of students who would normally have difficulty funding their tertiary education, can afford a Roseworthy education. Ten of these students are currently being supported by the generosity and foresight of the Cowan family and next year the level of support provided by this family through the Cowan Trust will be doubled.

The Cowan Trust was only recently established and has been funded by a bequest left by the late Mr W A Cowan (Librarian at the Barr Smith Library from 1934 to 1964) and the late Mrs A M Cowan (a teacher at the Presbyterian Girls College) for the purpose of financially assisting tertiary students who would otherwise find it difficult to pursue their studies while enjoying a modest standard of living.

In addition to the considerable support provided by the Cowan Trust, the University also intends to fund a substantial number of residential bursaries. Next year it should be possible, if warranted, for over 10% of the students residing at Roseworthy College to receive financial support from these sources.

Applicants do not have to be academically brilliant to qualify. The intention is to enable students who are academically sound to pursue their studies and enjoy a modest standard of living. Both new and returning students will be eligible to apply and subject to annual review, grants and bursaries may continue to be awarded each year of a student's entire undergraduate course.

Provision of this support is available to students who have been ruled ineligible for Austudy because of the value of their parents' assets. Eligibility is largely determined by the family income and this support can be used to complement personal income, family support or Austudy.

The Cowan Trust also specifies that special consideration be given to students with disabilities (particularly sight or hearing impairment) and some additional funding could be provided to enable these students to purchase special equipment.

Application forms for a Cowan Grant or a University Bursary can be obtained from the Roseworthy College Office and can be submitted at any time. Any applicant whose presence at Roseworthy may depend upon successfully obtaining financial assistance can request early consideration of their application. Applications will continue to be received right up to the commencement of the 1996 academic year.

Wyatt Scholarships

The Wyatt Benevolent Institution Inc also assists a significant number of Roseworthy residential undergraduates through the provision of Wyatt Trust Scholarships.

Eligibility for these scholarships is limited to country students who have lived in South Australia for 5 years or more and who are studying full time for their first degree, diploma or certificate. Eligible students must have an acceptable academic record, limited or no income and come from a family who would have difficulty financially supporting the student.

Applications must reach the Wyatt Trust Office by the last Friday of August 1995. Application forms can be obtained from the Roseworthy College Office

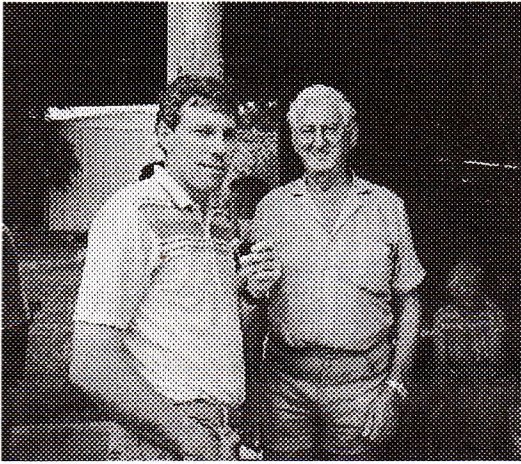
Bursaries Revealed at E P Reunion

By Reg Hutchinson

A substantial number of grants and bursaries will be available to Undergraduate students studying at the University of Adelaide's Roseworthy Campus in 1995.

This was revealed by Allan Alcock, Principal of Roseworthy College and President of the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association, who was present at the annual reunion of the Eyre Peninsula branch of the Association held recently at the Port Lincoln Hotel.

The development of these scholarships is very timely considering the poor state of our local economy and the impact of the 1994 drought on our severely depressed rural sector Mr Alcock said.



Bruce McCallum and Andy Michelmore



Brian Ashton & Mia Stephens at the Picnic

The assistance available includes ten Cowan Grants each year of \$1,000 towards accommodation costs at the College with special consideration to students with disabilities. Also available are a number of residential bursaries, each to the value of \$800.

The reunion of 36 graduates and their partners also heard the exploits of Ken BBQ Webber, Area Manager for Nufarm, during the 4 years when he conducted tours between London and Katmandoo via the Middle East and the Soviet countries.

A special memorial tribute was paid by members to the late Des Habel, who was instrumental in the formation of the Eyre Peninsula branch some 40 odd years ago, and a stalwart supporter of the annual reunion.

At the AGM, held prior to the reunion dinner, Neil "Fish" Cordon, was elected as President of the Eyre Peninsula branch, replacing Bruce McCallum who has held the position for the last 5 years. All other positions remained unchanged, with Secretary Bruce Roeger, Assistant Secretary Mark Stanley and Treasurer Julie Langman. The meeting appointed Andy Michelmore and Peter Dunn as their representatives on the parent body. Appointed to the Committee were Mark Langman, Reg Hutchinson, Brian Ashton, Peter Preece, Barry Lawes and Ben Ranford.

The following day, the traditional Sunday Family Day was held at the Tod Reservoir picnic reserve where more than a dozen families enjoyed a barbecue lunch, swapping many reminiscent stories.

The Roseworthy Experience

Tourism is one of Australia's fastest and most exciting growth industries and is predicted to be the world's largest export industry by the year 2000.

Within this growth area, market opportunity exists to capture special interest tourism which offers educational and information based experiences. Rural tourism is well positioned to cater to people who are seeking to sample the culture and natural heritage of the country, through involvement and hands-on experiences in an authentic rural environment.

In recognising the increasingly important role that tourism is playing in the rural economy, and the opportunities that exist at Roseworthy, the University of Adelaide's Faculty of Agricultural & Natural Resource Sciences is keen to offer a range of activities on Roseworthy Campus as a diversification of rural business, providing both commercial and educational opportunities by way of specialised tours.

The Faculty's commitment to this opportunity has been an 8 month evaluation of the potential for tourism on Campus through the employment of a Rural Tourism Development Officer. While this will not be a big income earner in the early stages it should provide a steady net return to the Farm. These tours will enable a variety of market groups a chance to observe practical farming of sheep, poultry, deer, pigs, cattle and cereal growing operations as well as other Campus attractions. The opportunities to the University/Faculty are many:

- ❖ raise the public profile of the Faculty and University;
- ❖ educate the public both in agricultural and University activity;
- ❖ provide educational opportunities for students in project activity and research;
- ❖ through exposure to agriculture, enhance opportunity for student recruitment;
- ❖ provide potential for short course development in farm tourism;
- ❖ increase opportunity for industry liaison.

A tourism retail shop is currently being developed on Campus and will sell a range of locally produced agricultural produce to demonstrate the market driven nature of the farm. Products will include venison and deer velvet, poultry and eggs, smallgoods, grains and flours, brandy, country clothing, farm mementos and other tourist souvenirs.

Other developments include the addition of special theme tours and work shops to complement the standard the packages; the establishment of an Agricultural Interpretation Centre with the assistance of industry to provide visitors with a participative learning experience of agriculture; and the development of short courses in rural tourism for industry participation.

The tourism development on Campus, known as the Roseworthy Experience, has enormous potential to appeal to a wide variety of people with a desire to experience a natural rural environment, and is an exciting new venture for both the Faculty and University.

Karen Shepherd
Rural Tourism Development Officer

For further information, please contact Karen Shepherd on (08) 303 7867 or (085) 21 2867.

Roseworthy Football Club

The Roseworthy Football Club is over 100 years old. Once a member of the Gawler and District League won 12 premierships; the last being in 1973.

The Club has the only Pink and Black football guernsey in Australia. It is totally run by the students of the college with the administrators being players themselves. It has a proud reputation.

<p>The premierships were won in</p> <p>1908 1912 1913 1938 1940 1949 1950 1951 1959 1966 1971 1973</p>	<p>Mail Medalists</p> <p>Spen J Sibley (1914) C E Pellow (1920) G D Webber (1951) Daryl Hicks (1959) A Sorrel (1962) Peter Yeo (1965) Peter Friedrichs (1969) J Bagshaw (1971) A Proud (1978)</p>	<p>Many of Roseworthy's best players have gone on to play League Football</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1950's</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1970's</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Glynn Webber Norwood</td> <td>Graham Mitchell Woodville</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grant Mayfield Sturt</td> <td>John Bagshaw Sturt</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tony Goodchild Sturt & SA</td> <td>Pat Tocaciu North</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Daryl Hicks Sturt</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1960's</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Yeo Port & Sturt</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lofty James South</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Keith Pattison Glenelg & SA</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Colin Hopkins Woodville</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mike Shallow Torrens</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Friedrichs Sturt</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	1950's	1970's	Glynn Webber Norwood	Graham Mitchell Woodville	Grant Mayfield Sturt	John Bagshaw Sturt	Tony Goodchild Sturt & SA	Pat Tocaciu North	Daryl Hicks Sturt		1960's		Peter Yeo Port & Sturt		Lofty James South		Keith Pattison Glenelg & SA		Colin Hopkins Woodville		Mike Shallow Torrens		Peter Friedrichs Sturt	
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Prior to 1973 all students were required to live on campus and participate in the sporting clubs provided; this saw some very strong football sides fielded. In 1973 when the College became a CAE, this rule was abolished. This has seen many good players out chasing dollars in nearby teams and leagues, it has been to the detriment of the club and a grave disappointment to the administration and players of the club; but the college has fought on attempting to field strong and competitive teams.

The club is now currently playing in the Adelaide Plains Football League plays against the highly respected clubs of Mallala, Two Wells, Hummocks, Watchmann, Hamley Bridge, United and Port Wakefield.

Letters to the Editor

From Don Nicholls:

In the 1995 Australian Honours award a friend of mine and fellow Roseworthy graduate was bestowed with the AM, Member of the Order of Australia.

The citation was for:

Recognition of development work in Australia/Asian relationship in Dairy Plant Management.

His name is Ron Martin and he graduated with a Diploma in Dairy-ing in 1949.

He has spent his life after Roseworthy in the Dairy industry mainly in South Australia with the latter 16 years with F.A.O. where he gained his recognition.

He attended Roseworthy after the war in which he served in the RAAF (I think). I believe he was the 1st graduate in RDD or at least in the 1st group to graduate

From Alan Richardson

"..... As you've no doubt heard, WA is the place to be agriculturally. While we had a drier than usual season last year, most cockies managed to take off a crop and in fact some farmers in the Great Southern had their best crops on record.

The place to keep an eye on however is the Ord River region. They're really doing some exciting things there now (sweet corn, bananas, mangoes, small seeds, melons, lot fed cattle for export and now sugar cane.)

The next big development after sugar will be a restarting of cotton industry in the Ord. New heliothios resistant varieties of cotton, plus Integrated Pest Management technology, plus growing cotton in the dry season rather than the wet, will mean a pretty bright future for the crop.

The huge drought in NSW and QLD has led a lot of interest being shown by the eastern states cotton growers in the big water resource in the Ord.

If they use up that water supply, then the next step is to dam the Fitzroy River. That scheme would overshadow the massive Ord storage, several times over!"

Editor: Alan is in charge of the ABC Rural Department in Perth.

Extract from "The Rotarian"

"International President of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians, Past President Brian Condon, accompanied by his wife Joyce were welcome visitors to Rotary Down Under House at Parramatta, NSW, recently. A Rotarian for 35 years, Brian is a member of the Rotary Club of Port Pirie, South Australia (District 9500), and was elected to the international post at the recent Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan."

Editor: Brian graduated with an RDA in 1946

ROCA Award of Merit Nominations - 1995

Nominations are now being accepted for the 1995 ROCA Award of Merit

Since 1961, thirty four notable Old Collegians have been honoured by the Association for meritorious and outstanding service to agriculture, the College, ROCA or the community.

Each year the nominations are reviewed by a panel consisting of people from the highest levels of agriculture, education, industry and government.

The Award of Merit is never awarded lightly, but is regarded as the highest honour that ROCA can bestow on one of its members.

Recently an Honour Roll was unveiled in the foyer of the main Building at the Roseworthy campus listing names of all ROCA Award of Merit recipients.

The quality of past recipients is illustrated by the following list:

1961 Roland Hill	1978 Henry Day
1962 David Riceman	1979 Mark Hutton
1963 Len Cook	1980 Cliff Hooper
1964 William Dawkins	1981 Andrew Michelmore
1965 Frank Pearson	1982 Milton Spurling
1966 Sir Allan Callaghan	1983 Ralph Hewitt Jones
1967 Bob Herriot	1984 David Suter
1968 Denis Muirhead	1985 Hon Dr Bruce Eastick
1969 Jack Reddin	1986 John Obst
1970 Ron Badman	1987 Robin Steed
1971 Prof Rex Butterfield	1988 Reg French
1972 Rex Krause	1989 Ray Norton
1973 Rex Kuchel	1990 Tony Summers
1974 Lex Walker	1991 Scott Dolling
1975 Ken Pike	1992 Rex Anderson
1976 Len Laffer	1993 Bob Baker
1977 Des Habel	1994 Brian Hannaford

Annual General Meeting

Friday 8 September 1995 at 6:30 pm. The Feathers Hotel, 516 Glynburn Road, Burnside

Annual Dinner

Friday 8 September 1995 at 7:30 pm. The Feathers Hotel, 516 Glynburn Road, Burnside.

Bookings to Mr Brian Hannaford, Treasurer, ROCA, 37 Marlborough Street Malvern SA 5061 (see enclosed invitation) : Cost \$27/person

ROCA Award of Merit

Nomination Form

Nominations for the Roseworthy Old Collegians Award of Merit are required by 10 August 1995

Please post to:

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association
The University of Adelaide
Roseworthy Campus
Roseworthy, SA 5371
Fax: (08) 303 7953

Name of Nominee:

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Address of Nominee:

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Period at Roseworthy:

Proposed by *(please print name and sign)*

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Seconded by *(please print name and sign)*

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Supporting data must be provided on career, employment and occupation since leaving Roseworthy College/Campus.

Please list major published papers, achievements, academic qualifications and honours bestowed, including community service.

NB: Nominee, proposer and seconder must be financial members of ROCA