

  
Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.  
**ROCA DIGEST**

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**BEFORE THE AGM**



**AFTER THE DINNER**



**AUTUMN 2004**

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### ANNUAL GOLF DAY - 2003

#### RAC Old Collegians vs HAC Old Scholars

Held at the Barossa Valley Golf Club on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2003

Numbers were well down on previous years; sixteen players in all, consisting of 13 old scholars and 3 visitors. Again, RAC Old Collegians group lost the Perpetual Team Trophy, 208 points to 179 points.

Come on ROCA members, we need your support to win this trophy back from Hawkesbury Old Scholars. Surely there are many old collegians who could make up a carload or two of players and friends, and enjoy a day out in the Barossa. Remember, it takes just over an hour to drive from Adelaide to Nuriootpa, so, put this year's date in your diary -- NOW!

SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2004

Entry forms will be available in the Spring edition of the ROCA Digest.

#### TROPHY WINNERS

##### RAC Winners

Roseworthy Old Collegians Shield	Barry Sumner	28 points	
Runner-up	David Quodling	28 points	[lost on count back]
Third	Joe Grieve	27 points	[Jerry Taylor lost on a count back]

##### HAC Winners

Hawkesbury Old Scholars Shield	Peter Frazer	38 points
Runner-up	Rod Everett	35 points
Third	Don McKay	34 points

##### Visitors Trophy

Winner	Lindsay Wapper	35 points
Runner-up	Les Nicholls	20 points

##### NAGA

Hawkesbury	Graham Kaye	21 points
Roseworthy	Michael Emms	19 points

##### Best

1 <sup>st</sup> Nine	RAC	Jerry Taylor	15 points
	HAC	Bob Ferguson	14 points
	Visitor	Lindsay Wapper	16 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine	RAC	Joe Grieve	16 points
	HAC	Kel Burke	17 points
	Visitor	Noel Stringer	14 points

To all players a special thankyou for your continued assistance with trophies and prizes. It is greatly appreciated.

*Report provided by Barry Sumner*

### 1954 GRADUATES

The stalwarts of the 1954 graduation year have a "weekend to remember" planned at the time of the 2004 ROCA AGM and Reunion Dinner. They will meet informally an hour before the dinner on Friday evening to make sure that all present know each other, before they venture into the dinner.

Saturday morning will see them inspecting the Wine Division at the Waite Institute, before heading to "Woodstock" in the Southern Vales for lunch. On Sunday the survivors of all of that will gather at the home of Mick Lucey at Echunga for an informal barbecue.

## 2003 ROCA AWARD OF MERIT

The forty-third ROCA Award of Merit was presented at the 2003 Reunion Dinner to Philip Laffer RDA, RDOen. The award highlights meritorious and outstanding service to Agriculture, Roseworthy Campus, ROCA and the Community, attributes which were described in his citation at the reunion presentation by the ROCA President.



Mr Philip Laffer, the chief winemaker with the Orlando-Wyndham group, graduated from Roseworthy in 1961 with a Diploma of Agriculture then studied oenology at the college, graduating in 1963.

Phil Laffer's contribution has taken place at all levels across the wine industry -- from vineyard practices and winemaking procedures to quality standards, quality control and marketing.

He recognised the importance of the market chain sooner than most and has devoted substantial time into the coordination of grape production and market practices, which meet consumer expectations.

Phil has shuttled between Australia and North America, Japan and Europe enhancing and expanding Australia's wine export drive -- one result being that the Jacob's Creek range is the biggest selling Australian wine label in the world.

Mr Laffer's energies and expertise had also been utilised by many wine industry groups including

research organisations, industry representation groups and government advisory groups.

At all times his focus has been on achieving practical outcomes to benefit the wine industry.

Phil is a significant face for the Australian wine industry at home and abroad, and in 2002 he was named Australia's Winemaker of the Year.

He is an inaugural Co-Patron of the Roseworthy Student and Campus Fund.

His outstanding achievements reflect the high standard maintained over the years by fellow alumni who have been awarded ROCA's highest honour, including Phil's father, the late Len Laffer, who received the Award of Merit in 1976.



In his acceptance address, Phil thanked ROCA for recognising his achievements and acknowledged the opportunities which his training and experience at Roseworthy had given to him.

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## NOMINATIONS FOR ROCA AWARD OF MERIT -- 2004

*Nominations are now being accepted for the Year 2004 ROCA Award of Merit*

Since 1961, forty-three notable Old Collegians have been honoured by the Association for meritorious and outstanding service to agriculture, the Campus, 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. An Honour Roll is on display in the foyer of the main Building at the Roseworthy Campus, listing names of all ROCA Awards of Merit recipients.

## AWARD OF MERIT -- NOMINATION FORM

**Nominee Information:**

Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Period at Roseworthy	
Qualification Gained	

**Nominator Information****Seconder Information**

Proposed by:	Seconded by:
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
Phone No.:	Phone No.:
Period at Roseworthy:	Period at Roseworthy:
Signature:	Signature:

Please attach supporting data outlining the nominee's career since leaving Roseworthy, including details of major published papers, achievements, academic qualifications, awards & honours received and service to industry, community and ROCA. Nominator, Seconder and Nominee must be current ROCA members.

Nominations should be sent by June 30<sup>th</sup> to:-

The President  
Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.  
PO Box 503, Kent Town, SA, 5071

Rules governing the Award of Merit will be found on the ROCA Website <http://www.roseworthy.adelaide.edu.au/ROCA/>

**ROCA COMMITTEE -- 2003/2004**

Your Committee is active in many spheres relating to agricultural education and training, particularly as it relates to Roseworthy Campus.

Please consider nominations for the 2004/2005 Committee. New members and new ideas are always welcome.



**Members of your Committee, hard at work in the Alumni Boardroom.**

*Backs to the camera*  
Dale Manson & Darren Koopman  
*Partly hidden*  
Harry Stephen  
*Facing camera*  
Mark Seeliger, Denys Slee & Ray Taylor

**Others at the same meeting in February of this year.**

*Backs to camera*  
Dale Manson & Darren Koopman  
[I assure you that they are really quite presentable]

*Facing camera*  
Ray Taylor & Wilf Bowen



Darren and Dale with Lee Welch, who attended our meeting as part of her job of promoting the Wine Centre.

[I told you they were quite presentable]

## ROCA AND CAMPUS NEWS

The ROCA Committee has been active since the Annual General Meeting in November 2003. Here are some of the current issues.

1. We are pleased to be able to provide two Digests this year to keep members informed of ROCA activities.
2. The 2004 Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner will be

ON	Friday October 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2004
AT	Glenelg Golf Club
FROM	7.00pm A.G.M.

Please note the later start for the AGM, so more members can attend for a shortened meeting, followed by the dinner at 7.30pm.

Your invitation and all details will be in the Spring Digest in September. Featured years and their coordinators are:-

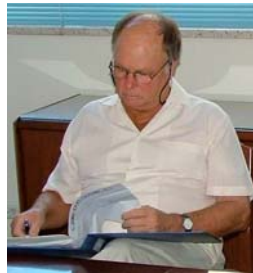
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|------------------|--|--------------|--|
| • 50 year [1954] | Neil Wilkinson                                   | 08 8552 4671 | 0418 828 593   |
| • 40 year [1964] | Michael Milne                                    | 08 8339 1384 |  |
| • 25 year [1979] | Kevin Bond                                       | 08 8569 1555 | <a href="mailto:krlabond@lm.net.au">krlabond@lm.net.au</a> |
| • 10 year [1994] | <i>Volunteer needed for this graduating year</i> |              |  |

3. Roseworthy Farm Review  
The document "*Review of the Roseworthy Farm, November 2003*" has been supplied to us, with an invitation to comment. It recommends substantial changes to the management of the farm and its use as a research/educational resource. Some changes are being implemented; others are expected to follow. We will be active in monitoring these changes.
4. New Courses  
A new program in animal science, the Bachelor of Science (Animal Science), was offered for the first time in 2004, and was oversubscribed. Undergraduates will spend their first year at North Terrace Campus and the following two years mainly at Roseworthy.
5. 2003 AGM and Reunion  
1) New members on the Committee are

Vice President  
Mark Seeliger



Committee  
Denys Slee



Campus Director (ex officio)  
Professor Phil Hynd



Thanks go to Bob Fawcett for his past services to the Committee.

- 2) After some discussion at the AGM about ROCA finances it was resolved that "A *voluntary call for a \$50.00 donation (to ROCA) from all members be made, based on current need and the low initial joining fees*".  
[See separate article on this matter on Page 6]
6. Membership  
There has been an active drive to engage new members. Thirteen have been accepted since the AGM. Please encourage your friends to join and take an active part in ROCA.
7. Eyre Peninsula Branch AGM & Reunion  
A well-attended AGM at Cleve on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, elected Barry Dawes as President and Brian Ashton as Secretary. Reunion next year probably in February at Port Lincoln. Forty people attended the reunion dinner at Cleve Golf Club. Report and photographs in the Spring Digest.

6. Roseworthy Students & Campus Fund

Ray Taylor and the Fund Co-Patrons have finalised the administrative details with the University of Adelaide Alumni Association and are planning a launch of The Fund at the Wayville Showgrounds shortly before the 2004 Royal Adelaide Show.

7. The University of Adelaide Alumni Association

Wilf Bowen is an active member of the Alumni Board and has represented the ROCA Chapter and the Board at several functions and activities.

8. ROCA Chapter Website

Details of our Constitution, Rules and Reports can be viewed by logging on to

<http://www.roseworthy.adelaide.edu.au/ROCA/>

or by logging on to the University of Adelaide Website [<http://www.adelaide.edu.au>] and following the "Alumni & Community/Chapters & Networks/Chapters" links. The ROCA Chapter is third on the list with a link to our Website. [The Editor apologises for the omission of the web address from the Spring 2003 Digest. Its inclusion was his intention. Mea culpa. Information for and/or comment about the Digest can be sent to [civilwords@bigpond.com](mailto:civilwords@bigpond.com) .]

### CALL FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROCA

At the 2003 ROCA AGM, the treasurer's report raised serious concerns for the long-term projection of the ROCA finances. While our present position is not critical [with \$35,000 invested in term deposits] we have had a net deficit for the last 2 years, and it seems highly likely that this trend will continue.

The reason for our predicament is our very low income in terms our membership base – we have approximately 1500 members, yet we are lucky to receive as many as 10 new life members each year, and these contribute a one-off membership subscription of \$60.00. In addition, with interest rates still relatively low, the income from our investments is modest. On the other hand, costs continue to rise, and in months to come ROCA will have to make a significant financial contribution to launch the Roseworthy Student and Campus Fund (see elsewhere in this issue).

The issue of our finances was discussed at some length at the AGM, and three main points emerged:

1. A very strong desire that ROCA should continue to exist.
2. That a one-off contribution of \$60.00 is a very modest fee for life membership in any organisation.
3. That a large majority of ROCA members would have contributed a considerably lesser sum when they took out life membership – many would have contributed in the vicinity of £5.00.

Accordingly, a motion was passed by the meeting that: "A voluntary call for a \$50.00 donation (to ROCA) from all members be made, based on current need and the low initial joining fees".

It should be noted that this request is directed not so much to ROCA members who have joined recently, but more towards long standing members. The ROCA Committee would be very grateful if you are able to make a donation.

If you intend to make a donation would you please use the form below, so that we can make appropriate entries into our records.

<b>MY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO ROCA</b>	
<u>Name</u> .....	<u>Grad. Year</u> .....
<u>Address</u> .....	
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..... <u>Spouse/Partner</u> .....	
<u>Telephone</u>	
<u>Home</u> .....	<u>Work</u> ..... <u>Mobile</u> .....
<u>Internet</u>	
<u>E-mail Address</u> .....	<u>WebPage</u> .....
<u>My Contribution</u> \$.....	Please make cheques/money orders payable to <i>Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.</i>
<u>Post to:-</u>	The Hon. Treasurer R.O.C.A. PO Box 503 KENT TOWN SA 5071

**RECORDS UPDATE and/or MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

To enable R.O.C.A. to maintain accurate records of Old Collegians, we would appreciate you completing the following details: [please print clearly]

Name:

Title..... Surname..... Given Names.....

Current Address:.....

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Phone:

Home..... Work..... Fax..... Mobile.....

E-mail:..... Website.....

Occupation:.....

Position Held:..... Employer: .....

Degree(s)/Diploma(s) Obtained: Year(s) of Graduation:

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Interests/Achievements: .....

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Spouse/Partner.....

**Life Membership is \$60.00. If you're not a Life Member please return the above with your cheque for \$60.00**

I am interested in helping ROCA and the Campus by:

Please tick ✓

- Providing work experience to current students
- Assisting in the sporting program
- Being part of a careers information evening
- Becoming an organiser for a Year Group Reunion
- Making a gift to the Roseworthy Fund
- Other

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Please return to: Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.,  
P.O. Box 503,  
Kent Town SA 5071

**ROCA COMMITTEE -- NOMINATION FORM**

We hereby nominate the following person for the committee position indicated. We affirm that the Nominee, the Nominator and the Seconder are financial members of The Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Incorporated.

**NOMINEE**

Full Name: ..... Position: .....

Year (of first graduation from R.A.C. or Roseworthy Campus): .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

**NOMINATOR**

Full Name: ..... Year (as above): .....

Signature: .....

**SECONDER**

Full Name: ..... Year (as above): .....

Signature: .....

Please return to: Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.,  
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