

Roseworthy Campus is back to life

From Professor Phil Hynd, Director Roseworthy Campus

After 10 years of stasis and decline, Roseworthy has turned the corner and is now buzzing. The establishment of the State's first Veterinary School on the Campus is the most exciting development for decades and couldn't have come at a more appropriate time – the 125th year of Roseworthy life.

I find it difficult to convey the significance of this development, not only to the Campus but to the northern suburbs community and the State of South Australia. It surprises even my colleagues to realise the impact of the School on the Campus. By way of examples:

- A total of somewhere between 300 and 500 additional students will be on the Campus (the course extends over six years with an annual intake of between 50 and 100). This is in addition to the highly successful Degree in Animal Science which is attracting some 80 students per annum into a three-year course, most of which is conducted at Roseworthy.
- There will be 80 new academic staff servicing the program (specialist teachers in veterinary anatomy, physiology, pathology, parasitology, surgery etc).
- Forty new service positions will be created, ranging from administrative staff to technicians, animal managers, demonstrators, tutors etc.
- Investment of \$30m in new infrastructure (new buildings, specialist laboratories, a veterinary teaching clinic and hospital).
- Animal teaching resources will be re-established (horses, cattle, sheep and small animals).

The flow-on effects of these developments are enormous for campus life (the tavern, residential, sporting teams, infrastructure, cultural events and the general provision of services). Most importantly though we have a Campus that will be full of enthusiastic young people enjoying the most important and memorable phase of their lives in this State and not relocating elsewhere.

The greatest challenge for the Campus now is to reinvigorate agricultural education – a burning passion of mine and arguably more important in the context of diminishing world food supplies, climate change, and biofuels than veterinarians. The School of Agriculture, Food and Wine is currently revising its agricultural programs to ensure that we are delivering a first-rate program that meets the demands of the rapidly changing world. I have a vision of seeing 100 of the 'best and brightest' school students (including pinching some from interstate!) entering the Roseworthy agriculture program each year.

We continue to work closely with co-location partners like SARDI, PIRSA and TAFESA, and with commercial companies such as Australian Grain Technologies Pty Ltd, to ensure the Campus delivers services to a wide spectrum of stakeholders in agriculture. Discussions are underway with some secondary schools to form partnerships in education in science and agriculture which span schools, TAFE and University sectors. I would love to see a senior secondary college (Years 11 and 12) establish a campus on Roseworthy.

Major activities continue on Campus with many staff associated with Cooperative Research Centres (beef, sheep, pork, poultry, weeds), ACIAR, international development agencies, genomics programs and the JS Davies Beef Cattle Program.

We look forward to celebrating the 125 year anniversary at Roseworthy with you later this year. Come and experience the buzz.

Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund

The Co-patrons and the Old Scholars Committee have decided to award the Fund's first scholarship this year. An amount of \$1 750 will be made available to the most deserving applicant enrolled in their second year and a selection is expected to be made within a month or so. Judging by the success of the first Trevor Dillon Award many worthy applicants are expected from a wide range of agricultural pursuits.

In addition Co-patrons have been involved in ongoing approaches to graduates seeking donations but recent responses have been disappointing. ROCA members and other graduates and supporters are reminded that donations over \$2 are tax deductible and are urgently needed. A 'Bequest Brochure' has also been developed and is available from the University of Adelaide Development and Alumni office, 230 North Terrace, Adelaide 5000. It also accompanies this Newsletter.

The advent of the new Veterinary course and the intense interest already shown will ensure the long term future of the Roseworthy Campus and there is therefore an even greater need for all graduates to support our Fund.

We are pleased to report that the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society is making available \$15,000 through the Fund to assist three undergraduates enrolled in either agricultural or horticultural courses for their second and third years, starting this year (2008).

Important Elections – Make your vote count

The election of three graduates for the University of Adelaide Council is to be held in June. The two members of Council nominated by your Committee are completing their terms. Professor Simon Maddocks and Dr John Radcliffe AM were successfully appointed only because of the strong voting support in their respective elections by our members.

The Committee has received feedback which clearly shows that these two Councillors have been champions for our interests in agriculture and related sciences in academic, teaching and research endeavours, especially at the Roseworthy and Waite Campuses. Your Committee believes it important that these two people continue their work on the University Council and has nominated them for re-election.

We ask that you again vote for them in the forthcoming elections.

Election material will be sent to all eligible voters (includes all Roseworthy graduates) at their last known address in the last week of May – possibly as an insert in 'Lumen'.

Please note that for a ballot paper to be valid, it will require at least three consecutive numbers in the squares opposite the names of the candidates in the order of voter's preference for them.

We do not know the order in which candidates will appear on the ballot paper. But we ask that you vote for our two nominations 1 and 2 randomly so that they both receive equally strong support. Both will need a large number of No 1 votes to maximise their chances of both being elected.

A history note from the Archives – the Ridley Statue

The Archives group has been reviewing the activities of the ROCA Committee since 1889. Since its inception the influence the Committee has had on Roseworthy and agriculture in South Australia is quite impressive.

Remember the Ridley Statue that greets people driving toward the main building?

The ROCA Committee began raising money for that in the early 1900s. They had it produced in Pisa, Italy, and erected at Roseworthy in March 1913 at a cost of 29 pounds. It has survived well.



ROCA Award of Merit

Nominations for the 2008 Award of Merit are now invited.

The Award of Merit is bestowed upon a member of the Roseworthy Old Collegian Association Inc. (ROCA) who has made a meritorious contribution to any field of agricultural activity including Association affairs. Since 1961, 47 notable old Collegians have been honoured by the Association for meritorious and outstanding service to agriculture, the Collage, ROCA and the community. The Honour Board detailing past recipients is in the foyer of the main building adjacent to the dining room at the Roseworthy Campus.

The Award of Merit is regarded as the highest honour ROCA can bestow on one of its members.

If you have trouble accessing the nomination form on the ROCA web-site, please contact Locky McLaren on mclaren.locky@saugov.sa.gov.au or (08) 8226 0285.

Nominations should be accompanied by a resume detailing the nominee's career since leaving Roseworthy. This should also include details of major published papers, achievements, other qualifications, awards and honours received; and details of services to industry, community, government and ROCA, focussing particularly on impacts and outcomes. References from colleagues familiar with the nominee's career and achievements should be included.

Nominations with the supporting data must reach the ROCA Secretary by June 30, 2008.



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President's message

A 125-year-old legend has given birth to a new champion!

The new veterinary school at the Roseworthy Campus is up and running. The interest in the course has been a pleasant surprise for the University of Adelaide. About 270 first-preference applications have been received for the 40 places available in 2008 for the three-year pre-veterinary degree. This will lead on to a three-year Master of Veterinary Science course that will start in 2011.

The animal science degree has also been a popular first choice for applicants, so the animal science credentials of Roseworthy are booming. It is expected that Professor Gail Anderson, the inaugural Head of the School of Veterinary Science, will put a strong emphasis on research in large animal production, aquaculture, biosecurity and equine studies – and the relationship between veterinary and human medicine.

This will undoubtedly take the Roseworthy Campus in a new and positive direction and the initiative should be applauded. The Roseworthy campus has a very proud heritage in agricultural and wine industry studies and I am delighted that its future prospects are now extremely bright.

The Bachelor of Agriculture course needs a re-think. An iconic past does not guarantee a successful future. In fact adherence to the past just might guarantee failure (most football teams understand this!). The Bachelor of Agriculture course is not a popular course with tertiary applicants these days and it obviously needs to better match the aspirations of young people today. Is the word 'agriculture' a turn-off?

We also should be exploring what the employment market will be wanting in future so the University can confidently market the course or courses knowing that there are exciting career opportunities for their students at the other end of their studies. ROCA looks forward to working with the University on this challenge and we were given encouragement from Professor Bob Hill in that respect when we met with him recently. In the meantime, what are your thoughts?

I look forward to seeing you at the 125 year celebrations coming up later this year. They will be great and you will not want to miss them !!!

Locky McLaren

PRESIDENT

Your help is urgently sought

A large number of ROCA members (more than 400) will not receive this newsletter because we do not have their current addresses. Over time our mailout to them has been 'returned to sender'. Consequently they will not receive the invitation to the 125 celebrations.

Your help is urgently sought in getting up to date contact details. There are too many to include in this newsletter but the names of these members will soon appear on the ROCA website: www.roseworthy.adelaide.edu.au/roca/

PLEASE assist your committee find these members.

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ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS *Celebrating 125 years*

Two event dates are looming large for this year's planned Roseworthy Campus 125-year celebrations. For the Adelaide events it is Saturday, October 18, 2008 and for Roseworthy it is Sunday, November 2, 2008. Please fix these dates in your diaries now.

There will also be a Staff and Council Reunion at Roseworthy on November 1, while Natural Resource Graduates are planning a cocktail function in Adelaide at The Pavilion, Adelaide Oval on November 1. These will be at staggered times for people who wish to attend both

In Adelaide on October 18:

The primary day for ROCA members will be Saturday, October 18, in Adelaide, when three significant events will be conducted by ROCA members, friends and family. Free parking will be provided at the University.

- Non denominational Cathedral Church Service
(11am to 12 noon), St Peters Cathedral, King William Street, Adelaide
- Re-enactment Graduation Ceremony for Roseworthy Graduates
(3pm to 5pm), Bonython Hall, University of Adelaide, North Terrace, Adelaide
- 125th Celebration ROCA Reunion Dinner
(7.30pm to 11pm), The Pavilion, Adelaide Oval

Reunion 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 040 884 6922 brad@bjc.com.au
- 10 years (1998) – To be advised.

A formal invitation and full details of all events to be conducted on Saturday, October 18, will be direct mailed to all ROCA members at a later date.

The Re-enactment Graduation Ceremony being conducted in Bonython Hall is by special permission of the University of Adelaide's Vice-Chancellor, Professor James McWha.

All Roseworthy graduates registered for the Ceremony will be presented with a special personalised commemoration parchment during the formal ceremony presided over by the Vice-Chancellor. Award of the Parchment will be conducted in the style of a graduation ceremony, indicating the formal place Roseworthy and its graduates now have within the University of Adelaide. Like graduation parchments the parchments will be suitable for framing and mounting.

Recipients will wear University of Adelaide academic regalia and academic dress may be acquired on loan from the University at no cost. Old Collegians may also choose to provide their own academic regalia.

The Celebration Address will be given by Mr John Crosby, distinguished Roseworthy graduate and current Patron of the Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund Co-Patrons.

As part of the Re-enactment Graduation Ceremony, presentations will also be made to recipients of the RAC 125 Humanitarian Awards (see details later in this Newsletter).

And at the Roseworthy Campus:

- Saturday 1 November, Roseworthy reunion for current and former staff and former council members.
- Sunday 2 November, Roseworthy Open Day
11 am to 5 pm; 'The Science Behind the Product' – with food, entertainment and family activities.

Roseworthy National Service Register

Ex Roseworthy students (graduated or not) who were conscripted between 1965 and 1972 are urged to make contact so that their service can be recorded.

Two 1965 graduates Peter Winter and John Eyre, both conscripted, are compiling the Register so that an appropriate plaque can be placed beside or near existing war service acknowledgement plaques in the Soldiers' Memorial Chapel at the College.

Peter and John are urging all RAC 'Nashos' – or anyone else with contact details of mates – to contact them: Peter Winter (08) 8388 6620; John Eyre (08) 8271 5922; or email wint0079@flinders.edu.au

Call for nominations: Roseworthy 125th Humanitarian Awards

As part of the Roseworthy 125th celebrations, a small number of Roseworthy graduates will be honoured in 2008 with Humanitarian Awards. The presentation of the awards will be made during the Re-enactment Graduation Ceremony in Bonython Hall on October 18, 2008.

ROCA is now seeking nominations for this Award. People being nominated must have made a significant contribution to the betterment of humanity. They must be graduates of Roseworthy Agricultural College or Roseworthy Campus, but need not be ROCA members. The nominee must be living: posthumous awards will not be made.

Anyone can nominate a graduate for this Award. All nominations will be assessed by a selection panel that will make the final determination in relation to recipients.

Over the past 125 years graduates of Roseworthy have made an enormous contribution to the betterment of humanity in many areas such as:

- Medicine
- Disease prevention
- Advancement of international food and agriculture
- Missionary work
- Social and cultural change
- The environment
- Legislature, governance and government

The humanitarian contribution may be centred within Australia or internationally.

There is no set nomination form or pro-forma. However all nominations received must include details of nominator's name and contact options; nominees name and contact options; nominees' course(s) and year(s) at Roseworthy; type of contribution to humanity; level of contribution to humanity; impact of human contribution and other supporting information.

Nominations close on Monday, August 11, 2008.

Please mail nominations to ROCA, PO Box 503, Kent Town SA 5071 or email to manson.dale@saugov.sa.gov.au in MS Word or pdf format. Enquires may be directed to Dale Manson on 041 881 1233.

ROCA/Hawkesbury Golf Day

Unfortunately the annual ROCA/Hawkesbury Golf Day perpetual trophy in October 2007 was narrowly won by Hawkesbury – 32 to 31 Stableford points. Twenty players participated and Kym Heidenreich took the annual RAC trophy with a very good score of 39 points.

The date for this year's Golf Day has been moved back from October 12 to October 26. Please make a note in your diary to come along and support RAC on the day. Tee off time will be 8.30 am at the Barossa Golf Course, Nuriootpa.

Eyre Peninsula branch report

From President, Mark Stanley

The Eyre Peninsula Branch of ROCA held its 2008 Annual Dinner at the new Port Lincoln Hotel on Friday, February 9. It was a very successful evening helped by some local sponsorships.

Fifty old collegians and their partners attended and were treated to a night of good food, an engaging guest speaker and plenty of opportunity for catching up with friends for a chat and a few drinks.

After some introductions and welcomes, and an overview from me of where EP ROCA has progressed over the past year and beyond – and after dinner, Professor Phil Hynd, Director of the University of Adelaide's Roseworthy Campus, gave a thought-provoking and entertaining presentation. Phil managed to cover topics like climate change, trends in agriculture, agricultural education – and then summarised it all in the context of Roseworthy and its future role.

Technology has been embraced by EP ROCA in the use of e-mail to make contact with members across the region. This involved substantial effort by committee members in obtaining the addresses and then adding them to the data base that Brian 'Smoky' Ashton has managed for the past 20-plus years.

Contact with our parent body ROCA is always appreciated and it was great to have President Locky McLaren and his wife Jayne with us at the dinner.

EP ROCA has spread its wings over the past six years by taking the annual dinner out of Port Lincoln to the rest of the region. Under the Presidency of Barry Lawes we have had annual dinners at Wudinna, Cleve and last year Streaky Bay.

The 2009 dinner is planned for Minnipa and should prove to be another great event for all who make the effort to attend.

Alumni report

The new Alumni Advisory Committee is keen to involve more networks and young alumni in University activities. Past-President, Wilf Bowen, is a member of this advisory committee, representing Australian alumni networks. There should also be more support for networks. We are getting considerable assistance with our Roseworthy 125 celebrations.

