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Our President's View

As new arrangements for courses at Roseworthy Campus settle in, ROCA is being increasingly viewed as a valued stakeholder in the future of the Campus.

The Bachelor of Agriculture course will continue to be primarily located at Roseworthy until the end of 2011. This year saw the first intake of students to the new Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences course administered at Waite Campus and early indications are for Roseworthy Campus to retain quite a significant role in providing teaching facilities for components of the study program.

Roseworthy Campus remains the hub of the current Bachelor of Science (Animal Science) and Bachelor of Science (Pre-Veterinary) courses, in addition to the future Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and various post graduate courses. Upwards of \$35 million is currently being spent on improving facilities on Roseworthy Campus.

In addition to the University of Adelaide functions, Roseworthy Campus is also the base for a range of services provided by TAFE SA, South Australian Research and Development Institute, Livestock Systems Alliance and the Pig & Poultry Production Institute. As part of its engagement with the wider community, Roseworthy Campus also houses the Roseworthy Model Steam Railway (a volunteer group) and the Roseworthy Agricultural Museum (operated by the Gawler Machinery Restorers Club Inc).

For ROCA members not residing in South Australia, it may be news the Roseworthy area has been included by the State Government within its "30 year Plan for Greater Adelaide". This means the area surrounding Roseworthy Campus will become a key focus of residential and business development over the coming three decades.

My purpose in highlighting all these developments is to provide Roseworthy Old Collegians with confidence that their former College or Campus will continue as a vibrant and indispensable jewel in the crown of Adelaide University. It will remain rurally focused and closely aligned with the primary industries sector, with a genuine on-going need to retain the current broadacre assets for teaching and research.

My congratulations go to renowned wine industry identity, Ian Hickinbotham OAM on receiving the 2009 ROCA Award of Merit. I look forward to the announcement of the 2010 recipient at the upcoming ROCA Dinner on Friday 15 October.

For ROCA members who like to plan well ahead, next year's ROCA Dinner will be held at the Glenelg Golf Club on Friday 21 October 2011. It is fortunate that our ROCA Dinners coincide with the University of Adelaide's "Golden Jubilee Commemoration Ceremony" conducted

annually in Bonython Hall. This event recognises University of Adelaide graduates from 50 years ago in a very regal and formal ceremony, with Roseworthy graduates of 1960 being included in the recognition this year (next year: Golden Jubilee recognition of Roseworthy's 1961 graduates on 21 October 2011).

Other good news I can share at this time is the vibrant state of ROCA's Eyre Peninsula Branch. I was a guest at their very successful reunion last February. It is also pleasing to hear the Main Building at Roseworthy Campus is to be renamed, "*Roseworthy College Hall*" in recognition of the long history and contribution to the state by Roseworthy Agricultural College.

A number of ROCA members have asked their organisation to conserve the world's precious resources by ceasing production of the hard-copy printed ROCA Digest. The ROCA Committee has decided a cost effective option is to now produce future ROCA Digests in electronic form, to be distributed via e-mail and accessible on the web. If you have not already informed ROCA of your current e-mail address, please consider doing this as a matter of urgency.

Dale Manson
ROCA President 2009/2010

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**David Cooper, Mark Seeliger and Bruce Eastick were awarded ROCA Honorary Life Membership by Dale Manson, 16 October 2009**



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This will be the last hard-copy ROCA Digest to be sent to all members

This will be the final hard-copy Digest to be sent out, unless you do not have e-mail facilities.

With future ROCA Digests, all members with email addresses will receive their Digest electronically. It will be important to keep your email address up to date on the ROCA membership records with the University of Adelaide. The cost saving for ROCA will be significant. The technology also allows ROCA to communicate with members on a more regular basis. **If you have an email address, PLEASE lodge your e-mail address via the generic ROCA e-mail address: roca@alumni.adelaide.edu.au. You will then receive future newsletters and special occasional news briefs by e-mail.**

In future, only those members who do not provide email addresses will receive newsletters in the post. A postage levy is foreshadowed for these people.

Main Building to be named “Roseworthy College Hall”

The University of Adelaide is honouring the long legacy of the former Roseworthy Agricultural College and its contribution to the State by renaming the Main Building on Roseworthy Campus, “*Roseworthy College Hall*”.

According to University of Adelaide Vice-Chancellor, Professor James McWha one of the strategic actions in the future development of Roseworthy Campus will be the preservation of the campus heritage, including its history and achievements. This includes the ongoing restoration and maintenance of the buildings in the “heritage quarter”.

The renaming of the Main Building as “*Roseworthy College Hall*” is quite significant. With the impending relocation of the Head of the School of Veterinary Science to the former Director’s office in “*Roseworthy College Hall*”, the University’s newest and most rapidly expanding School will be identified directly with Roseworthy College through its contact address.

At the 2009 ROCA AGM, it was resolved to approach the University with a suggestion that the name Roseworthy Campus is changed to Roseworthy College Campus. This suggestion was considered quite seriously by the University during the recent formulation of the Roseworthy Campus Masterplan. In the end it was decided to retain the Roseworthy Campus name as a descriptor for the entire site in a similar manner to the naming other its campuses, but to commemorate the significant history of Roseworthy College in another manner.

Professor McWha hopes all ROCA members will view the renaming of the Main Building as “*Roseworthy College Hall*” as an indication of the University’s ongoing commitment to Roseworthy Campus and ROCA.



Wine Auction



The three 750ml bottles will be sold, on a per bottle basis, to the highest bidders by 6.00pm Wednesday 13 October 2010.

All bids should be made to the ROCA email address roca@alumni.adelaide.edu.au. Bids may be followed on the ROCA web site.

Purchasers should note that ROCA is unable to verify the quality status of these wines.

A silent auction is being held by ROCA for the sale of three special bottles of Roseworthy wine recently donated by ROCA member Keith (Barney) McCallum (RDA 1969 / RDAT 1970).

The wines are:

*1989 Vintage Port – 1 bottle

Described as rich deep berry fruit aroma complicated by clean, slightly peppery brandy spirit and 18% alcohol. A full flavored, balanced port with a long finish, slightly reminiscent of licorice. Produced by the traditional Portuguese method.

Grape varieties – Touringa – Tinta and Madera – Sauzao.

*Roseworthy Brandy – 2 bottles

This Limited Faculty Release of 37% alcohol is approaching 20 years in age.

Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund

ROCA and Co-Patrons of The Fund acknowledge with gratitude the work of both Dr. Bruce Eastick (as Chairman) and Mr. Don Moyle, both of whom were original Co-Patrons who contributed much towards its success and who have now retired. Ray Taylor is now Co-Patrons Chairman and John Rothwell is Deputy.

Recently appointed Co-Patrons are;

- Maurie Zobel, former staff member at Roseworthy
- Ian Oliver, prominent Old Collegian from Waikerie
- Greg Campbell, General Manager, S. Kidman and Co
- Sara Hocking, Manager School of Animal and Vet. Science at the Campus

Each new member has, even at this early stage, provided very valuable input relative to the future direction of The Fund. Accordingly more emphasis is to be directed towards the corporate world. Nevertheless individuals, especially ROCA members, are crucial to the on-going success of The Fund.

Despite significant changes at Roseworthy, Co-Patrons remain enthusiastic in their support of the Campus and students. Co-Patrons have recently approved a revised agreement with The University of Adelaide which is expected to streamline the administration of The Fund.

Congratulations are due to the following students who have won scholarships each of which come under the umbrella of The Fund:

- Trevor Dillon Scholarship - Amy Cleggett from Glencoe
- Campus and Student Fund Scholarship - Andrew Hunt from Keith
- Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society Award - Maddie Jonas from Cockburn

All candidates interviewed were most impressive and deserving of recognition. The Fund is now well established and all Co-Patrons are optimistic regarding its future.

Ray Taylor
Chairman

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## **Online networking available for you...onLION**

One of the benefits of being an alumnus is having access to our online community, Adelaide onLION. This private and secure online networking facility gives you the opportunity to:

- Create a personal profile and add photos, videos and blogs
- Choose how your information is displayed to members
- Access an active Career Centre with benefits for job seekers and employers
- Connect with friends or staff
- Utilise the free email forwarding service (previously known as Perpetual Email)
- Network socially and professionally by creating or joining interest groups
- Access exclusive alumni benefits, mentors and reunions information
- Subscribe to the latest University news and RSS feeds
- Post advertisements, subscribe to noticeboards

If you are yet receive your login details, please request an account by visiting [www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/requestanaccount](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/requestanaccount) Once you have received your login details, please activate your account by visiting [www.alumni.adelaide.edu.au/adelaideonlion](http://www.alumni.adelaide.edu.au/adelaideonlion)

Find out more about Adelaide onLION and the University of Adelaide alumni program by visiting [www.alumni.adelaide.edu.au](http://www.alumni.adelaide.edu.au)

## **The School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences is invigorating the Roseworthy Campus**

The School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences is now firmly established on the historic Roseworthy Campus.

The School is developing partnerships with veterinary practices and State Government agencies to allow co-location of facilities to enhance the exposure of students to a wide range of animal and veterinary skills and professional practice types. The South Australian Research and Development Institute's (SARDI) Marine Biosecurity facility is being built alongside the new pathology suite to enhance collaborative research and training in Aquatic Health at Roseworthy.

<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/vetsci/>

### **Top People**



Professor Gail Anderson

A world-class team of animal and veterinary academics is being assembled, that collectively brings together a wealth of research knowledge and opportunities for the School. The number of academics on the Campus is expanding from about 10 to 50 in the process, plus about as many support staff.

With a strong student focus and teaching excellence, leading-edge veterinary and animal sciences curricula are being developed. The programs focus on educating students for careers across a wide range of animal-based disciplines.

The first third year cohort of students are on board as of late February 2010 and will graduate as the first BSc Pre-Veterinary students at the end of 2010. The clinical component of the program has been officially named the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree and will run for the first time from 2011-13. Veterinary Science training requires completion of both degrees to educate graduates for registration as veterinarians throughout Australia and overseas in countries currently accepting graduates of other Australasian veterinary schools. About 168 students are now in the Pre-Vet program and close to 180 students in the three-year BSc (Animal Science) program.

In addition to the undergraduate students, there are already 20 honours students and 25 PhD students. By the time the full DVM cohort is established at Roseworthy, there will be in the order of 650 students in the school, with about 100 staff on the Roseworthy campus, thus thoroughly reinvigorating the campus and becoming the major animal and veterinary research and clinical centre for the State.

The School will deliver its curriculum in an integrated and innovative way. Traditional schools tend to compartmentalise the preclinical and clinical subjects but Roseworthy will deliver greater integration to allow introduction of clinical examination and basic problem-solving skills at a much earlier stage in the program. Communication skills and critical thinking will be fostered through clinical problem-based learning, presentations and research opportunities.

### **New Improved Facilities**

Leading-edge teaching facilities and a veterinary hospital are under construction. Ultimately, the facilities will include Centres for Companion Animal Health, Production Animal Health,

Equine Health and Rehabilitation of Companion Animals. The first two of these will open late in 2010 along with the Ambulatory services.

With \$15 million Commonwealth and \$5 million State Government contributions the University has embarked on a four-stage, \$37 million capital works program for the development of teaching and animal hospital facilities and other infrastructure required for the new School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences at Roseworthy Campus.

**Stage One** is complete and included lecture theatre audiovisual upgrades, the creation of five new tutorial rooms and the establishment of the School office.

**Stage Two** has been completed and includes laboratory audio-visual and furniture upgrades, and the refurbishment of the first 20 staff offices. There will also be improvements to the equine, cattle and sheep facilities.

**Stage Three** is to be completed by mid 2010. This will include specialist anatomy, physiology and surgical skills teaching laboratories with associated ancillary areas, and a multi purpose specimen museum/e-learning centre.

**Stage Four** is to be ready by late 2010, encompasses a state-of-the-art veterinary teaching hospital, a pathology suite, clinician offices and a multipurpose facility that will also form the basis of a continuing education resource for the South Australian veterinary profession.

<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/space/veterinary/current/>

### New Research by Honours Students



Animal Science Honours student Sasha Lanyon

A University of Adelaide project could provide a breakthrough for a viral cattle disease costing Australian producers millions of dollars each year. Bovine viral diarrhoea infects up to 90% of cattle herds in Australia, leading to widespread production losses and increased susceptibility to other diseases, according to researcher Sasha Lanyon. The Animal Science Honours student based at the University's Roseworthy Campus is working on a project to develop a pooled blood test to identify herds with an active infection and target those animals shedding the virus.

"This disease infects cattle herds worldwide and there are control and eradication programs in place in various European countries, but there is very little research into bovine viral diarrhoea in Australia," Sasha says.

The virus is spread by close contact between cattle and manifests in different ways, resulting in respiratory infections, infertility or abortion, still births, mouth ulcers and severe weight loss among cattle. Spot blood test samples of 82 beef and 32 dairy herds in 2008 by the Department of Primary Industries and Resources of South Australia (PIRSA) showed that the overwhelming majority of cattle had been exposed to bovine viral diarrhoea (BVD).



Sasha has developed a pooled testing approach by combining blood samples from several animals in a random selection of beef cattle. She is also testing bulk tank milk samples among dairy cattle.

"Testing pooled samples rather than spot tests can reduce the number of tests needed to identify the virus and, in turn, reduce the cost of testing for producers," she says. Spot tests cost in the order of \$400 (15 animals are recommended for spot testing), compared to \$24 for a one-off pooled test.

As part of her project Sasha is also looking at management practices which can increase the chances of cattle being infected with the virus. A pestivirus vaccine is available for bovine viral diarrhoea but the 2008 PIRSA survey suggested that the vaccine was not yet widely used in South Australia.

"The risk of cattle contracting the virus can be decreased by pre-purchase testing of cattle and/or vaccination," Sasha says. "Unfortunately many farmers are not aware of the vaccine or choose not to use it."

Her project is supported by PIRSA and Gribbles Veterinary Pathology and supervised by Professor Michael Reichel from the School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences at the University of Adelaide.

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## **University Council Elections**

John Radcliffe AM and Simon Maddocks (Life Member of ROCA), Alumni elected members of the Council of the University of Adelaide, have both been actively contributing to University affairs and especially on matters relating to agricultural education and agricultural research. Both have been recognized by Council appointments to Council Committees – John to the Audit, Compliance and Risk Committee and Simon to the Special Degrees Committee. In these times of change it is important that the university has input from highly knowledgeable, well informed and experienced people, especially on matters relating to ROCA interests. In this regard ROCA is most appreciative of their efforts since their appointment.

The term of office for both John and Simon will expire in September this year. Alumni of the University of Adelaide (including all ROCA members) will have the opportunity to vote for candidates in a postal ballot anticipated early in the second half of 2010. Following the strong support from the ROCA membership in past ballots which has seen John and Simon elected, all ROCA members are encouraged to consider the ballot papers on arrival and to cast votes which will continue to see education and research in the agricultural sector given the attention and priority needed.

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## **On the ROCA web-site**

Constitutional changes approved at the 2009 AGM have been incorporated.  
<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/roca/>

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## **Ian Hickinbotham OAM - ROCA Award of Merit 2009**



Ian Hickinbotham OAM (pictured with ROCA President Mr Dale Manson) was awarded the Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Award of Merit for 2009 at the ROCA Annual Reunion Dinner held in October.

Ian Laurie Hickinbotham OAM (RDO, 1950) has made an outstanding contribution to the progression of the Australian wine industry. He studied at Roseworthy in 1948 and 1949 and in this latter year captained/coached the premiership-winning football team.

John Vickery RDO said Ian Hickinbotham's contribution to the wine industry had been as a "thinker, innovator, educator and instigator of technological change...he should be proud of his achievements and the legacy he leaves for both his family and the wine industry. He is an industry icon."

## **Call for ROCA Award of Merit Nominations for 2010**

Nominations are now being invited for the 2010 ROCA Award of Merit, on the form enclosed with this Digest. ROCA awards the medal to a ROCA member who has made a meritorious contribution to any field of agricultural activity and/or ROCA community affairs. "Agricultural activity" is given the widest possible meaning and can include all aspects of animal, land and natural resource management.

All nominees must be ROCA members and nominations must be prepared and signed by two ROCA members. Nominations must be made on the Nomination Form and must include the information requested. A resume should be included, detailing the nominee's career since leaving Roseworthy, including details of major published papers, achievements, other qualifications, awards and honours received, services to industry, community, government and ROCA focussing particularly on impact and outcomes. References from colleagues familiar with the nominee's career and achievements should be included.

**Nominations, with the supporting information, must reach the ROCA Secretary by 30 June 2010.**

Since 1961, forty nine notable Old Collegians have been honoured by the Association. 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.

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

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### **Lodge your e-mail address for the new ROCA Digest mailing arrangements**

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| <p>112<sup>th</sup> AGM<br/>2010 Reunion Dinner</p> <p>Don't miss another memorable night. Bring your partner or guest</p> <p>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2010</p> <p>Glenelg Golf Club<br/>James Melrose Drive, Novar<br/>Gardens, S.A, 5040</p> | <p><b><u>Your 2009/2010 ROCA Committee</u></b></p> <p>President: Dale Manson<br/>Vice President: Darren Koopman<br/>Treasurer: Dick Turnbull<br/>E.P. Rep: Peter Dunn<br/>Student Rep: Damien Rixon<br/>Committee: Locky McLaren – Immediate Past President<br/>Ian Rice<br/>Alan Richardson<br/>Mark Seeliger<br/>David Spencer<br/>Ray Taylor<br/>Tom Yeatman<br/>Public Officer: Dick Turnbull<br/>Digest Co-ordinator: Locky McLaren</p> | <p>Will you be a<br/>ROCA Committee<br/>Member<br/>for 2010/11?</p> <p>If you would like to join the ROCA Committee during this fascinating period of Roseworthy and ROCA's history, you can nominate yourself.</p> <p>ROCA needs you</p> |
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## Award of Merit Nomination Form

### Nominees Information:

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

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| <b>Name:</b>                 | <b>Name:</b>                 |
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| <b>Phone No:</b>             | <b>Phone No:</b>             |
| <b>Period at Roseworthy:</b> | <b>Period at Roseworthy:</b> |
| <b>Signature:</b>            | <b>Signature:</b>            |

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. Nominators and nominee must be current ROCA members. Nominations should be sent to Roseworthy Old Collegians Association, P.O. Box 503, Kent Town SA 5071 and must be received no later than 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

#### Rules governing the ROCA Award of Merit

- ROCA shall periodically award a medal to a ROCA member who has made a meritorious contribution to any field of agricultural activity and/or ROCA community affairs. For the purpose of these rules, "agricultural activity" shall be given the widest possible meaning and will include all aspects of animal, land and natural resource management.
- The award shall be considered annually and if, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no award shall be made.
- All nominees must be ROCA members and nominations shall be prepared and signed by two ROCA members. Nominations must be made on the Nomination Form and must include the information required thereon.
- 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 impact 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 30 June each year. The Executive of ROCA shall review the nominations and has the right to reject any nomination deemed unsuitable before submitting the nominations to the Selection Committee.
- The Executive of ROCA may, at its discretion, include for consideration any candidates previously nominated.
- The Selection Committee shall consist of five members, one from each of the following fields:

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| Primary production research and/or extension | Public service    | Primary production |
| Agricultural related industry                | President of ROCA |                    |
- The Executive of ROCA shall appoint to the Selection Committee such persons who are, in its opinion, of sufficient standing and experience to be competent to assess the merits of candidates from any field of agricultural activity. The Executive of ROCA will review membership of the Selection Committee each year.
- The President of ROCA shall be the Convenor of the Selection Committee and shall have only a casting vote. Three members of the Committee will constitute a quorum.
- In the event that a member of the Executive of ROCA or the Selection Committee is nominated for the Award, that person will stand down from all discussions and deliberations for that year.
- The Selection Committee shall make its recommendation to the Executive of ROCA at least four weeks prior to the date of presentation of the Award.
- Members of the Executive of ROCA and the Selection Committee are required to hold the names of all nominees in strict confidence.