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Our President's View

Maintaining contact with ROCA

About a month ago, ROCA members were e-mailed some ROCA news from me. If you did not receive this important ROCA communication via e-mail, it means your e-mail contact address has not been lodged with ROCA, or you have changed your e-mail address from the one currently registered with ROCA.

All future communications by ROCA with its members will be sent via e-mail unless ROCA is advised alternatively. To avoid the possibility of missing out on future ROCA communications with you, please notify the Association of your current e-mail contact details.

If you do not have access to e-mail, it is important to advise ROCA that you can only be contacted via Australia Post hard-copy mail. Please complete the note on the last page of this Digest and post to ROCA.

New ROCA President and Secretary Required

Due to the work and industry commitments of several key ROCA Committee members, sadly there are no obvious candidates for next year's ROCA President and Secretary positions. If you would like to nominate yourself for either role, please send ROCA an e-mail (roca@alumni.adelaide.edu.au) or give me a ring (0418 811233). The benefit of taking on either of these important roles during 2010/2011 is an ability to co-operatively work with the University of Adelaide at the highest level in guiding both the future of ROCA and affairs that directly relate to the welfare of Roseworthy Campus.

Roseworthy Brandy & Port Auction

Please remember ROCA is currently conducting an on-line auction of genuine Roseworthy brandy and port. Full details are contained on the ROCA web site (<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/roca/>).

Roseworthy Land in Safe Hands

In the light of a recent SA Government 30-Year Plan for the growth of Adelaide, the Roseworthy area is predicted to experience an unprecedented boom in local land values. Vice Chancellor James McWha has provided ROCA with an assurance that

the University of Adelaide has no plans to dispose of any broadacre land at Roseworthy Campus. He stresses the enormous importance placed on the retention of Roseworthy Campus land to ensure on-going teaching and research programs. ROCA is extremely appreciative of the Vice Chancellor's support.

Passing of Past ROCA President, Dr David Cooper

Many ROCA members were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Past ROCA President and Life Member, Dr David Cooper (RDA 1967) in an accident on his Kangaroo Island farm.

ROCA Dinner & AGM

Please don't forget the upcoming Annual ROCA Dinner and AGM, to be held at the Glenelg Golf Club on Friday 15 October 2010. The dinner is always a great function, filled with riveting stories from the 10, 25, 40 & 50 Year Reunion Groups. An invitation accompanies this ROCA Digest.

Farewell from this President

I am fast approaching the finale of my second two-year period as ROCA President. It is quite interesting how much has changed since the time of my first stint as ROCA President in 1988-1990. In all honesty, the swings & roundabouts of history since Roseworthy became part of the University of Adelaide on 1st January 1991 have resulted in the Campus being the overall winner.

Principal architect of the amalgamation policy was Federal Minister for Education at that time, Hon John Dawkins MHR (RDA 1968). As a Roseworthy graduate himself, the vision of the Minister to put in place such a big-picture framework to ensure the survival of Roseworthy is perhaps a reflection on his own quality training at RAC.

Thank you to all ROCA members who offered me support and feedback over the past two years. I am certain ROCA will continue to strengthen its role well into the future as the key link between the University of Adelaide and graduates of both Roseworthy Campus and Roseworthy Agricultural College.

Dale Manson

ROCA President 2009/2010

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### **2010 ROCA Reunion Dinner & AGM**

The 2010 ROCA Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner will be held on Friday 15 October at the Glenelg Golf Club. A highlight of the evening will feature the graduates of 50 (1960), 40 (1970), 25 (1985) and 10 years (2000) ago. Contact people are:

- 50 Years (1960)  
Dick Merrigan [dickann@tpg.com.au](mailto:dickann@tpg.com.au) / 0412 835 509
- 40 Years (1970)  
Tony Gerlach ([frankatony@gmail.com](mailto:frankatony@gmail.com)) / 08 8556 6783  
Graham Brookman ([foodforest@bigpond.com](mailto:foodforest@bigpond.com)) / 08 8522 6450
- 25 Years (1985)  
David Heinjus ([dheinjus@ruraldirections.com](mailto:dheinjus@ruraldirections.com)) / 08 8842 1103  
Tony Craddock ([tcraddock@ruraldirections.com](mailto:tcraddock@ruraldirections.com)) / 0417 809 317
- 10 Years (2000) Co-ordinator required

**A Message from The University of Adelaide Vice Chancellor, Professor James McWha**

Dear Mr Manson

I am responding to your email of 14 June and I am glad to know of ROCA's support for the University decision to name the Main Building at the Roseworthy Campus as "Roseworthy College Hall".

You also raise a question in your email about the Roseworthy Campus farming land located to the east of Wasleys Road, and rumours surrounding this since the release of the Government's Greater Adelaide 30-Year Plan. While the University is very interested in ensuring the well planned future development of the areas around the Roseworthy Campus, we have no intention of selling any of the associated farm land or the land on which the Campus is built. We believe that Roseworthy Campus has a strong future as a University campus and we expect enrolments to grow into the future.

I would appreciate it if you could pass this message on to the ROCA membership on my behalf. If you have any further questions or concerns on this I would, as ever, be pleased to meet with you.

Yours sincerely

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**The University of Adelaide Council Elections**

The election for The University of Adelaide Council occurred recently. It was pleasing to note that ROCA's preferred candidates, **Dr John Radcliffe** and **Dr Simon Maddocks** were returned to the Council.

Both John and Simon have served ROCA's interests, those of agriculture and related education/research areas extremely well throughout their past terms on University Council.



## **Roseworthy Campus & Student Fund**

Representatives of the Co-Patrons met recently with Professor James Mc Wha Vice Chancellor of the University of Adelaide to discuss possible financial assistance for the Fund following sale of the various University owned properties. We were assured significant sums would be made available for the benefit of students and so we are hopeful the Campus & Student Fund will be one of the beneficiaries.

Our objective is to have a minimum of \$100,000 invested with the University's composite fund so that at least \$5,000 are available each year for a scholarship which is comparable with others on offer. Currently only about \$40,000 are invested which reflect a rather luke-warm and disappointing response from donors considering that there are many very worthwhile and enthusiastic students needing assistance. I urge all ROCA members to seriously consider helping the fund and supporting the considerable efforts of all co-patrons.

Congratulations are due to early winners of the various scholarships who have performed particularly well. It is very pleasing to know that the scholarships have facilitated successful outcomes for those students who have finished their initial courses.

The first recipient of the Trevor Dillon Scholarship, Brendan Wallace, completed his studies in the Bachelor of Agriculture at the end of 2009 and graduated at the graduation ceremony held in April 2010. Brendan is now working in the area of grain trading with the Rural Directions at Freeling.

Luke Doecke, the first recipient of the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Scholarship also graduated in April this year with a Bachelor of Agriculture and is working with a horticultural and irrigation company in the Riverland.

The first recipient of the Roseworthy Campus & Student Fund Scholarship, Alexandra Fowler, has recently commenced study for her Honours after completing an Animal Science Degree.

The more recent Scholarship recipients continue to perform admirably in their programs of study with the next group Brendan Voss (Campus & Student Fund winner) and Cindy Martin (winner of the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society scholarship) expecting to complete their studies in the Bachelor of Science (Animal Science) and the Bachelor of Agriculture respectively at the end of this year.

**Ray Taylor**  
**Chair Co-Patrons**



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## 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](mailto: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.



## The last hard-copy ROCA Digest to be sent to all members

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- Send an e-mail containing your full name, address and year of graduation to: [roca@alumni.adelaide.edu.au](mailto:roca@alumni.adelaide.edu.au).

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All members with e-mail addresses will receive their Digest and special occasional news briefs by e-mail.



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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>112<sup>th</sup> AGM</b><br/><b>2010 Reunion Dinner</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Don't miss another memorable night. Bring your partner or guest</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2010</b><br/><b>Glenelg Golf Club</b><br/><b>James Melrose Drive, Novar Gardens, S.A, 5040</b></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Your 2009/2010 ROCA Committee</b></u></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:<br/>Locky McLaren – Im 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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Will you be a ROCA Committee Member for 2010/11?</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>If you would like to join the ROCA Committee during this fascinating period of Roseworthy and ROCA's history, you can nominate yourself.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROCA needs you</b></p> |
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Dear ROCA

I do not have access to email facilities. Please continue to send a hard copy ROCA Digest to the following address:

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.....Post Code:.....

Yours sincerely

(full name)

(year of graduation)

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