

Fact Sheet

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.

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ROCA AWARD OF MERIT 1963 – Leonard Cook

Len Cook (RDA, 1910) graduated from Roseworthy with a Gold Medal in 1910 and commenced with the Department of Agriculture in 1914 as Manager of the new Experimental Farm to be established at Minnipa. He later managed the Kybybolite Experimental Farm and retired in 1955 as Chief Experimentalist with the Department. He is probably most noted for his pasture work at Kybybolite, where he established the first plots of Subterranean Clover with ryegrass and phalaris and undertook further work on the use of superphosphate with pasture. As Chief Agricultural Adviser, his work and publications did much to spread information amongst primary producers.

Len Cook was a member of numerous committees including the Seed Certification Committee, Pasture Improvement Committee, Noxious Weeds Advisory Committee, Aborigine Protection Board and the Barley Classification Board.

Mr Cook was an Emeritus Member of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science, a Life Member of the Agricultural Bureau and a very active member of the Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association.

