

Fact Sheet

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.

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ROCA AWARD OF MERIT 1970 – Ronald Badman

Ron Badman (RDA, 1931) was well known within the Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association when presented with the ROCA Award of Merit in 1970 – an award which he said he would highly treasure.

Ron Badman was educated at Clare and Norwood before gaining an entrance scholarship to Roseworthy, graduating with an RDA in 1931.

In 1940 he transferred from the family farm at Yacka to Frances in the South East and there he successfully produced prime lambs, wool, dairy produce and small seeds. In 1959 he acquired a second property a few miles east of Naracoorte and in 1962 installed irrigation equipment and pioneered irrigated small seed production.

In 1967 Ron Badman was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study irrigated seed production, processing and marketing in North America. His trip on this occasion also included Great Britain. Two publications were released as a direct result of his studies abroad. His findings were incorporated in his report to the Churchill Trust.

Ron Badman was active in church, community and other public activities and gave generously of his time and abilities to the great benefit of all the organisations with which he was associated.

Ron Badman made a meritorious contribution to Australian agriculture, and to the small seeds industry in particular, and he is a most worthy recipient of ROCA's highest award.

