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Arthur Ray Beckwith Honoured



Doctor Beckwith

The contribution to the global wine industry by a leading Australian oenologist has been acknowledged through the University of Adelaide.

The oenologist, Ray Beckwith, 92, was granted the University of Adelaide's Doctor of the University *honoris causa*, at the annual presentation of awards in the Faculty of Science, in December 2004.

"Majoring in oenology when he graduated with RDA (1st Class Honours) from Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1932, Ray Beckwith's first job was to undertake research into wine making at the college," the President of the Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association, Mark Seeliger, said.

"He was soon sought by the commercial industry. As wine maker, subsequently manager, of Penfolds at Nuriootpa, he introduced ground-breaking technology in wine quality," Mr Seeliger said.

"He recognised that selected cultured yeasts, introduced under controlled conditions greatly improved wine quality. This finding was reported at a conference in Melbourne in 1934.

"He later identified that wine spoilage could be controlled by careful manipulation of acidity (pH).

"Until this time wine spoilage of between 20% to 40% was a major loss to the industry. As a result of carefully managing wine acidity, wine losses have been reduced to zero."

Mr Seeliger said the university's acknowledgment of Dr Beckwith's contribution to the wine industry was particularly notable as it was the first time an honorary doctorate had been awarded.

"All Roseworthy graduates extend their congratulations to Dr Beckwith on this outstanding recognition of his achievements," he said.



Ray, flanked by Deputy Chancellor, Brian Croser and Vice-Chancellor, Professor James McWha

OBITUARIES

[Names received since the last Digest]

MEMBERS

James Brazill BARRY
RDOen 1947

Robert Stanley COLEMAN
RDA(2nd Class Hons) 1948

James Howard COWELL
RDA(2nd Class Hons) 1954

Ian Robert MOSEL
RDA(2nd Class Hons) 1960

Brian Douglas HANNAFORD
RDD(2nd Class Hons) 1956

Collings Alfred STEPHENS
RDA(2nd Class Hons) 1936

NON-MEMBERS

Robin Playford SEXTON
RDA 1954

VALE - BRIAN DOUGLAS HANNAFORD

On Friday 10th September 2004 Brian Hannaford died after a long battle against cancer, almost a month after his sixty-eighth birthday.



On Friday 17th September, a gathering of between 300 and 400 people crammed into the small Church of Emmanuel at Wayville, to say farewell to a friend and colleague.

His Curriculum vitae laid out in the Order of Service gave understanding of this diverse gathering of people. For Brian had crammed into his 68 years an enormous range of activities, in most of which he rose to occupy the upper echelons.



These ranged from his career activities [mostly to do with the dairy industry], through those which epitomised his commitment to his family [such as school councils], to those which were representations of his wide and successful, what might be called, extra-curricular activities [rowing, music, fine arts, justice, cars, Roseworthy Old Collegians, arthritis, superannuation, local community and Olympic Games].

Brian's career dedication can be deduced from his choice of academic qualifications. Diploma of Dairying (RAC), Personnel Studies Certificate(RMIT & SAIT) and the Company Directors Diploma(New England). Chosen to maximise his skills for his chosen path.

ROCA benefited much over a period of time from Brian's expertise and dedication. He was a member of the Management Committee for a number of years. He held the position of President for the two year limit, that was followed by two years as Immediate Past President. At other times he took the role of Treasurer. All of the time he spent as part of the Management Committee he was constantly thinking of what would be best for ROCA, and was, therefore, behind a number of initiatives for the betterment of ROCA, Roseworthy and agricultural education in general.

In 1994 ROCA recognised Brian's many valuable contributions to ROCA, agricultural industry and the general community by presenting him with the highest recognition that ROCA has to offer, the ROCA Award of Merit. This placed him in august company, along with many other distinguished Old Collegians who have received this award since its inception in 1961.

Brian has now passed on, but his influence will remain for some time to come. With his family, with his professional colleagues and with his many friends.



AWARD OF MERIT TO LEADING WINEMAKER

Distinguished oenologist, John Vickery, was chosen as the 2004 Award of Merit Winner by the Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association.

The announcement was made in Adelaide by ROCA Immediate Past President, Wilf Bowen, at the association's 2004 annual dinner. "John Vickery's contribution to the Australian wine industry had been immense," Mr Bowen said, "and that, as a ROCA Award of Merit winner, John Vickery joined a select group of people who had made significant contributions to the development of primary industries in Australia."

Recent award winners included oenologist, Philip Laffer; research scientist Dr Graham Mitchell; sheep and wool industry scientist, Brian Jefferies; and innovative horticulturist and marketer, Grant Paech.



John Vickery



ROCA's three prize winners at the ceremony

Mark Seeliger (President of ROCA), Alfred Weaver, Auburn Carr, Mark Sutcliffe and Darren Koopman (Principal of Roseworthy College and ROCA Secretary)

ROCA ANNUAL STUDENT PRIZES

Each year ROCA awards prizes to graduating students. The 2003 recipients received these prizes at the School of Agriculture and Wine Presentation ceremony at the Australian Wine Centre on September 16th 2004.

2004 recipients will be featured in the Spring Digest.

Winners were as follows:

The Roseworthy Old Scholars Trophy

awarded to the student for best contribution to Campus Sport and Leadership

Alfred WEAVER

The ROCA Gold Medal

awarded to the student gaining the highest aggregate in the Bachelor of Natural Resources

Mark David SUTCLIFFE

The Old Students Cup and Prize

awarded to the student finishing second in the Bachelor of Agriculture course

Auburn Claire CARR

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107th Annual Reunion Dinner

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James Melrose Drive, Novar Gardens
(Invitation in Spring Digest)

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ROCA & ALUMNI NEWS

NEW PRESIDENT FOR ROCA



Mark Seeliger has been elected president of the 1500 member strong Roseworthy Old Collegians Association.

Mr Seeliger graduated with an RDA in 1961 followed by the completion of a Bachelor of Agricultural Science at the University of Adelaide. This was capped by a postgraduate DipAgExt (University of Queensland).

During his working career he specialised in soil and land management technologies for sustainable economic development and following several senior land management positions in the SA public service, was seconded to the CRC for Soil and Land Management as Deputy Director where he served until his retirement in 2001.

Mr Seeliger succeeds Wilf Bowen who retired as ROCA president at the recent annual general meeting. Other members of the committee are Wilf Bowen, David Cooper (treasurer), Peter Day, Peter Dunn, Ben Fleet, Darren Koopman (secretary); Dale Manson; Denys Slee; Harry Stephen and Ray Taylor.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The ROCA Committee is pleased with its strong working relationship with the Roseworthy Campus, Faculty of Sciences executives and the Vice Chancellor's Office.

A particular issue related to the recent controversy on the **Roseworthy Farm**. We maintained close dialogue with Prof James McWha (VC), Prof Phil Hynd (Director), Prof Peter Rathjen (Exec Dean), Paul Duldig (Exec Dir, Finances and Infrastructure) and Ian Bidstrup (Martindale) in particular, and are supportive of the changes being implemented. We see the planned appointment of a new position for liaison and implementation of review matters to be vital.

The Roseworthy Campus is very alive and rebuilding in many directions. Staff are now involved in 5 Cooperative Research Centres. It won the proposed \$81.5m Pork CRC to be centred at Roseworthy and \$2.8m for the

sheep genomics research. There is a strong commitment to consolidating its position as a national and international centre for sustainable agricultural activities and to adopting a more vertically integrated approach from farm management through the chain to the end user. We have strongly endorsed these endeavours and are supporting new senior academic appointments that will enhance the image of Roseworthy. Planning is underway for courses in senior secondary and technical training in line with the Federal educational agenda. Dr Graham Mitchell is leading an investigation into possible veterinary studies. Graduates are being strongly sought by industry.

Unfortunately our nominations were not elected onto the **University Council**, but we have since had discussions with Council members and Chancellor, Hon John von Doussa QC, to ensure ongoing support for Roseworthy.

The sincere concern of all Old Collegians go to the 9 members who had losses in the **devastating EP bushfires**. The conditions of the day were extreme and we understand the helplessness that was experienced. The EP branch had its annual reunion on March 5th 2005. Next year's event is scheduled for February at Cummins or Wudinna. Anyone wishing to offer help can ring the **West Coast Recovery Centre, Telephone: 1802020**. This is the central contact point for all offers of assistance.

The Roseworthy Student and Campus Fund is referred to in more detail on Page 5.

Wilf Bowen was again appointed a member of the Adelaide University Alumni Board for 2 years. As ROCA is the largest Chapter of the Alumni, this is an important communication channel. All Roseworthy graduates are members of the Alumni and can participate in the benefits. Note elsewhere herein [Page 5] reference to the annual call for nominations to the Distinguished Alumni award.

While on the matter of awards, ROCA has many members who have made outstanding contributions in many aspects of agriculture, community development, industries and in leadership locally, nationally and globally. Please consider the opportunity to make nominations for the 2005 ROCA Award of Merit due by June 30th.

Congratulations to Ray Beckwith on being awarded the University of Adelaide's Doctor of the University *honoris causa* for his contribution to the Australian wine industry (see Page 1). Congratulation also to the recipients of ROCA prizes to students (see Page 7).

A small group of ROCA volunteers has been for the past year assisting the university Archives to catalogue records and photos of RAC (Page 11). This will enable

easy access as the data base is being electronically stored. Further volunteers would be welcomed.

A current activity is preparing a display being launched in History Week and then travelling on the road to celebrate the *centenary of affiliation of Roseworthy College and the University of Adelaide* signed on December 7th 1905.

The first complete list of graduates, both from R.A.C. and the Roseworthy Campus of the University of Adelaide has been compiled. This major work began six months ago and was undertaken by the immediate past president of ROCA, Wilf Bowen; Sue Coppin from the University of Adelaide Archives, and the Editor of the ROCA Digest, Ron Tuckwell.

There are more than 4,500 graduates beginning in 1886 with the first 10 gaining the Diploma of Agriculture at RAC. "It will be a very useful record for ROCA and the University and has been produced in both electronic and hard copy form," Mr Bowen said. "When we began the work we found numerous gaps but by one means and another were able to fill them in. Also, the record could be in demand for tracking the graduation details of relatives and friends."

Mr Bowen said ROCA members wanting information on past graduates should contact Helen Bruce at the University's archival section on (08) 8303 3407, or e-mail: <helen.bruce@adelaide.edu.au>

Members are encouraged to keep their postal addresses up to date and lodge their e-mail addresses for speed of contact. Please send an e-mail to the editor at this address <civilwords@bigpond.com> if you would prefer to download the Digest from the website, as there are considerable cost savings to ROCA. This would be in PDF format, **and you get it in colour**.

This Digest includes an advertisement to help defray costs. Future advertising is welcomed. Your ROCA Committee is concerned at the aging structure of our membership. We will welcome endeavours to encourage recent Roseworthy students to enlist.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The purpose of the Distinguished Alumni Awards is to recognise alumni who have given outstanding service to Adelaide University and/or the Alumni Association AND one of the following,

- *have given outstanding service to the community;*
or
- *have made an outstanding contribution in their chosen fields.*

The Distinguished Alumni Awards are open to any person who meets the definition of an alumnus being a

graduate, present or former student, or past or present staff member.

Any member of the alumni body of the University as defined above may nominate any eligible alumnus for a Distinguished Alumni Award e.g. Roseworthy Graduates.

A nomination must include a 300 - 500 word letter of support highlighting the outstanding contribution of the alumnus.

Nominations will be due to the Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association by the last day of May.

The committee may recommend to the Board up to three Distinguished Alumni each calendar year.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards normally will be presented at the Golden Jubilee Ceremony each year, unless otherwise determined by the Board.

You are encouraged to nominate a distinguished alumnus, either this year, or in the future.

For further information contact the University of Adelaide Alumni Association on (08) 8303 5800, or visit the website on :

<<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/scholarships/dstngshd.html>>

ROSEWORTHY STUDENT & CAMPUS FUND

The Fund is a reality, despite the many technical matters that have delayed its establishment over the last couple of years.

There will be an official launch later this year. Meanwhile, the Fund is in fact in operation. ROCA started the ball rolling with an injection of \$5,000, and the more that comes in, the more quickly it will be able to fulfil its purpose.

We are delighted to announce that Mr Robert Champion de Crespigny AC, has agreed to remain Patron, despite leaving the position of Chancellor of the University of Adelaide. Mr de Crespigny has indicated his keenness to meet and work with the Co-Patrons. This relationship will officially begin at a meeting on 18th May.

We are also pleased to announce that University of Adelaide Alumni Association has agreed to carry out administrative functions for the Fund. The contact person for this is **Robyn Brown** who can be reached on **(08) 8303 5800**.

Cheques for donations should be made payable to the **University of Adelaide** and accompanied by a covering letter directing the donation to the **Roseworthy Student & Campus Fund**. All donations are tax deductible.

Nominations for ROCA Award of Merit -- 2005

Nominations are now being accepted for the Year 2005 ROCA Award of Merit, to be lodged by 30th June.

Since 1961, forty-three notable Old Collegians have been honoured by the Association for meritorious and outstanding service to agriculture, the Campus, ROCA or the community.

Each year the nominations are reviewed by a panel consisting of people from the highest levels of agriculture, education, industry and government.

The Award of Merit is never awarded lightly, but is regarded as the highest honour that ROCA can bestow on one of its members.

An Honour Roll is on display in the foyer of the main Building at the Roseworthy Campus, listing names of all ROCA Awards of Merit recipients.

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

1961 Roland Hill	1962 David Riceman	1963 Len Cook	1964 W J Dawkins
1965 Frank Pearson	1966 Sir Allan Callaghan	1967 Bob Herriot	1968 Denis Muirhead
1969 Jack Reddin	1970 Ron Badman	1971 Prof Rex Butterfield	1972 Rex Krause
1973 Rex Kuchel	1974 Lex Walker	1975 Ken Pike	1976 Len Laffer
1977 Des Habel	1978 Henry Day	1979 Mark Hutton	1980 Cliff Hooper
1981 Andrew Michelmore	1982 Milton Spurling	1983 Ralph Hewitt Jones	1984 David Suter
1985 Hon Dr Bruce Eastick	1986 John Obst	1987 Robin Steed	1988 Reg French
1989 Ray Norton	1990 Tony Summers	1991 Scott Dolling	1992 Rex Anderson
1993 Bob Baker	1994 Brian Hannaford	1995 Grant Mayfield	1996 Bob Knappstein
1997 Jim Pocock	1998 Ian Young	1999 Don Moyle	2000 Grant Paech
2001 Brian Jefferies	2002 Dr Graham Mitchell	2003 Philip Laffer	2004 John Vickery

AWARD OF MERIT 2005 -- NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Information:

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
TELEPHONE:	
PERIOD AT ROSEWORTHY:	
QUALIFICATION GAINED:	

Nominator Information:

Secunder Information:

NAME:	NAME:
ADDRESS:	ADDRESS:
TELEPHONE:	TELEPHONE:
PERIOD AT ROSEWORTHY:	PERIOD AT ROSEWORTHY:
SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE:

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. Nominator, Secunder and Nominee must be current ROCA members.

Nominations should be sent to:-The President

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.
P.O. Box 503, KENT TOWN, SA, 5071

[to arrive before 30th June 2005]

Rules governing the Award of Merit will be found on the ROCA WebSite <http://www.roseworthy.adelaide.edu.au/ROCA/>

'Students' Go Missing

Missing – copies of "The Student", the annual magazine which is used extensively by volunteers sifting through masses of old Roseworthy College records being added to the archives at the University of Adelaide.

The volunteers meet most Tuesday afternoons at the university to help classify photographs, records of meetings and other material so that they can be accessed later by former students, their families and others interested in activities over the years at the College.

One of the volunteers, Dick Flower, who graduated in 1961, said that from boxes of records previously held at Roseworthy he had assembled copies of "The Student" from 1937 to 1961 but those for the years 1940, 1941, 1942, 1944 and 1945 were missing.

"We use the magazines to identify people in photographs and for a number of other purposes including the positions staff held and when they were at Roseworthy," Dick said.

"If any ROCA member has copies of "The Student" for the missing years, plus any prior to 1937 or after 1961, and would like to donate them to the archives it would be much appreciated."

The best way to organise this is to contact the University of Adelaide Archives Volunteer Group Coordinator, Tupp Carmody. Her phone number is 8303 4194 or by e-mail to :-
<tupp.carmody@adelaide.edu.au> .

Here are five more photos for identification. They come from a collection of hundreds being added to the archives at the University of Adelaide along with other historical records including magazines, minutes of meeting, student records etc.

The work is being done by a group of ROCA volunteers who meet at the University from 1.30 pm on Tuesday afternoons and sift through boxes containing the photos and other records collected from the college by archival staff.

One of the volunteers is immediate past ROCA president Wilf Bowen who has been working on completing a record of all students who graduated from Roseworthy, starting from the first graduates in 1886. Wilf reported recently that the list was now almost complete.

Meanwhile thanks to a good reader response, the people in the photos published in the previous two issues have now been identified. These photos have now been added to the archival collection.

Keep up the good work with these five in this edition by contacting Digest Editor Ron Tuckwell on 8863 3013 or e-mail: <civilwords@bigpond.com>.



Class of 1951 - 1954/5 at the 2004 Reunion



Brian Addison



Geoff Eastick



Tony Goodchild



Neil Hamdorf



Michael Lucey



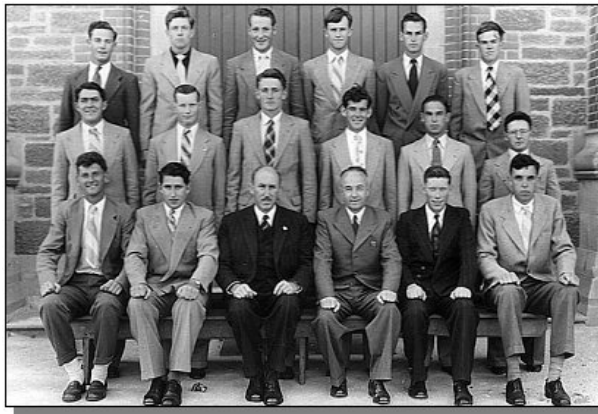
Benno Seppelt



Richard Morris



Neil Wilkinson



Graduating Class of 1954

Class of 1951 - 1954 not at the 2004 Reunion



Maurice Barry



David Wigg



Bruce Evans



Jeff Heaslip



Rod Hodder



Bob Lampe

The three year group members to the right are deceased.



Robin Sexton



Jim Cowell



Don Winn

Graduating Class of 1964 at the 2004 Reunion



Geoffrey Paltridge



Brian Daniel



Ian Holman



John Kallin



*Kong Kim Ching
"Steve"*



Michael Milne



Peter Andrews



Peter Gallasch



Theo Stiller

1979 Graduates Present at the 2004 Dinner



*Robyn Adler
[nee: Kirkpatrick]*



Robert Agnew



*Jayne Filmer
[nee: Riddle]*



Trevor Filmer



Bill Filsell



Mark Innes



Le'an Kirchner



*Fiona Little
[nee: Palmer]*



Sarah Longbottom



Colin McColl



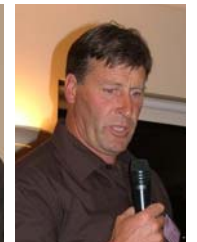
Steve O'Connor



Michael O'Leary



Allan Piggott



Tony Proud



Peter Rix



Trevor Rowe



*Maria Saddler
[nee: Quinn]*



Mark Secker



Ron Shattock



Barry Sumner



Michael Wurst

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RAC/HAC OLD SCHOLARS (SA BRANCH)

12TH ANNUAL GOLF DAY AND GET-TOGETHER

Barossa Valley Golf Club, Nuriootpa

Sunday 31st October, 2004

Our reputation against Hawkesbury was on the line again last year. We needed to win to boost our confidence.....but alas.....Hawkesbury pipped us in the Stableford competition 216 points to 201 for the perpetual trophy.

Sixteen players participated and a most enjoyable day was had by all.

A special thank-you must go to Kel Burke, Peter Frazer and John Satchell from Hawkesbury for their assistance during the day.

This year's annual golf day will be held on Sunday 30th October 2005 at the Barossa Golf Course at Nuriootpa. We hope to see you there to support the RAC team.



Roseworthy Team

Back Row: Les Nicholls, Noel Stringer, Barry Sumner, Malcolm Dixon.

Front Row: Kym Heidenreich, Don Rice, Jerry Taylor, Dick Flower

Hawkesbury Team

Back Row: Rod Everett, Allan Fishle, Kym Falster.

Frony Row: Peter Frazer, Kel Burke, Graham Kaye, John Satchell, Don McKay.



RAC WINNERS

Roseworthy Old Collegians Shield
 Runner-up
 3rd best score

Kym Heidenreich 39 points
 Dick Flower 33 points
 Don Rice 33 points
 (on count back)

HAC WINNERS

Hawkesbury Old Scholars Shield
 Runner-up
 3rd best score

Kim Falster 41 points
 Don McKay 40 points
 Peter Frazer 37 points

Visitors Trophy
 Runner-up
 3rd best score

Kim Mattson 37 points
 Noel Stringer 32 points
 Les Nicholls 27 points

OTHER TROPHY WINNERS

Best 1st Nine RAC
 1st Nine HAC
 2nd Nine RAC
 2nd Nine HAC
 1st Nine Visitors
 2nd Nine Visitors

Kym Heidenreich 19 points
 Peter Frazer/Don McKay 19 points
 Barry Sumner 18 points
 Kim Falster 24 points
 Kim Matson 20 points
 Les Nicholls 15 points

NAGA

Hawkesbury
 Roseworthy

Graham Kaye 32 points
 Jerry Taylor 29 points

TROPHY WINNERS 2004

RECORDS UPDATE and/or MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION *[strike out one]*

To enable R.O.C.A. to maintain accurate records of Old Collegians, we would appreciate you completing the following details:

Name:

Title..... Surname..... Given Names.....

Current Address:.....

Telephone:

Home..... Work..... Fax..... Mob.....

E-mail:..... Website.....

Occupation:.....

Position Held:..... Employer:

Degree(s)/Diploma(s) Obtained: Year(s) of Graduation:

.....

.....

Interests/Achievements:

Spouse/Partner.....

Life Membership is \$60.00. If you're not a Life Member please return the above with your cheque for \$60.00

I am interested in helping ROCA and the Campus by:

Please tick ✓

- Providing work experience to current students
- Assisting in the sporting program
- Being part of a careers information evening
- Becoming an organiser for a Year Group Reunion
- Making a gift to the Roseworthy Student & Campus Fund
- Other

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KENT TOWN SA 5071

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