

**ROCA**  
**President's Annual Report 2003**  
**Presented to the AGM November 7, 2003**

I have pleasure in presenting the report on the activities of your committee for the past 12 months. I must acknowledge the work done by the committee, including 6 committee meetings, meetings with senior University and Alumni association personnel, the Eyre Peninsula reunion, an award ceremony and other functions where ROCA needed representation. Let me outline the main activities and achievements for the year.

**Award of Merit**

The award this year goes to Phil Laffer who graduated in 1961 with a RDA and in 1963 with

### **Roseworthy Student and Campus Fund**

The committee has appointed and met with the five Trustees of the Fund. The Chancellor of the University is Patron and we are still developing a satisfactory working arrangement with the University and Alumni Association. However, we will be ready to launch the Fund when an appropriate event or circumstance occurs. The Trustees will be introduced at the Reunion Dinner and their efforts so far will be acknowledged.

We note the donation of the clock in the main tower, by the late Jim Newland, which was a valued contribution to the Campus.

### **Acknowledgements**

I want to express appreciation to all the committee for their contributions during the busy year. Darren Koopman has fulfilled the roles of secretary and faculty representative with enthusiasm and efficiency – his contribution has been huge. Ray Taylor is to be thanked for his many contributions as Immediate Past President and ROCA representative as Fund Trustee – an on-going task. Other members have responded when needed for visits, submissions and meetings with willingness and enthusiasm.

Our Digest Editor has contributed greatly to the Association again and has done a lot to bring our membership lists up to date. Thanks also to our Treasurer and Auditor who maintained our financial viability. Thanks to all our members for their support and attendance at this AGM and the reunion.

ROCA has an important part to play in advocating for effective agricultural training in this State and particularly for the effective use of Roseworthy as a nationally and internationally recognised venue and resource for rural education. It is also providing opportunities for continuing social contact between former students and staff and encourages continuing interest and support for Roseworthy and its graduates.

Wilf Bowen  
President