



ROCA AWARD OF MERIT 2001 – Brian Jefferies AM

Brian Jefferies AM (RDA, 1950) typified the best of the Roseworthy tradition. He came from a farming family, he was a competent shearer and qualified wool classer; he graduated from the College with First Class Honours, won the Gold Medal and was awarded the Ridley Memorial Scholarship to study Agricultural Science at the University of Adelaide. Brian took an active part in sport at the College where he was successful in football and long distance running. At University he brought to his studies a solid practical grasp of the farming world and he built his scientific career on those foundations, so that he spent his professional life using that science and his practical experience to solve sheep breeding problems.

Brian's international work put him amongst the small number of Roseworthy graduates who helped to foster the international recognition that the College has enjoyed for some years. His fields of endeavour included Sheep Breeding/Genetics, Sheep Classing, Wool Classing, Animal Production (Sheep/Goats), Animal Nutrition (Sheep), Extension (Sheep & Wool) and Tour Leader/Guide (Spanish or English).



Brian's writing was prolific. He produced at least 120 articles and research papers, wrote one book and collaborated in another. He was a member of many organisations to do with his professional life, and a number of others arising from his commitment to the humanity of the world.

Brian was conferred with the Order of Australia Medal in 1988 for services to sheep breeding.

Brian Jefferies' career and life had many facets, but he always impressed by being consistent, open and articulate whilst displaying integrity throughout.