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## **President's Report – October 2004**

I am pleased to present the 2004 Annual Report of ROCA to the members and friends gathered at the annual reunion dinner instead of the A.G.M. This change results from the decision to shorten the A.G.M. and to share news of the ROCA Committee more widely.

Throughout the year the committee has actively pursued the interests of the Roseworthy Campus, its students and its activities.

Here are some of its major achievements and activities:

### Award of Merit

The Award of Merit this year goes to John Vickery who has had a distinguished career since graduating with an RDA and an R.D. Oenology in 1955. The presentation will be made later tonight.

### Faculty Awards

Were presented to Auburn Carr and Mark Sutcliffe for academic achievements, and Alfred Weaver for campus leadership.

### Communication

Two Digests were distributed to maintain contact with our members, made possible largely by contributions from members as reported in the Spring Digest. We also supported the production of the Student Magazine and promoted membership of ROCA to recent and past graduates.

### Reunions

We welcome and encourage the activities of the Eyre Peninsula Branch. Barbara and I enjoyed the AGM and reunion dinner at Cleve in April.

The next reunion in Adelaide is planned for October 14<sup>th</sup> 2005.

### The Roseworthy Campus & Student Fund

The Fund is now operational following an initial deposit by ROCA. The Chairman of the Fund, Dr. Bruce Eastick will report on progress later this evening.

### Adelaide University

We recognise and appreciate the opportunities to maintain contact and liaison with senior staff from Adelaide University through meetings, graduations and other functions at the University. I have maintained an active role on the board of the Alumni Association as a Chapter representative and ROCA advocate.

We were disappointed that our support for two Alumni nominees for the University Council was unsuccessful. I hope that our large membership will support this activity in the future.

### In conclusion

I want to acknowledge the efforts of the committee throughout this year and to assure you that it has been active and, I believe, successful in promoting Roseworthy Campus as a nationally and internationally recognised venue for rural education and research. Your continued support of reunions and activities will encourage the committee to maintain their efforts on your behalf.

Wilf Bowen

President 2002 – 2004