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President's Report 13 October 2006

It is with much pleasure that I present the 2006 Annual Report of your ROCA Committee.

This has been a very active year with eight Committee meetings being held. The Committee has actively pursued the interests of ROCA members and the interests of Roseworthy Campus and its students. I acknowledge the time and energy of Committee members who have responded whenever needed. Special thanks to our efficient secretary and faculty representative Darren Koopman, treasurer David Cooper, and especially to the two retiring members Denys Slee and Peter Day who have been major contributors to ROCA activities.

Here are some highlights:

Members of the Committee have had meetings with the Vice Chancellor, Acting Executive Dean and Heads of Schools, and the Head of the School of Agriculture, Food and Wine designate, Professor Roger Leigh who commences in November 2006. Professor Hynd, Campus Director, is of course a member of the ROCA Committee. Matters of common interest were shared in some detail. We have also interfaced with Development and Alumni and Archives staff.

The Vice Chancellor is giving his support to planning significant and relevant events to mark the 125th Anniversary of Roseworthy in 2008.

We remain concerned about the demise of natural resource education at Roseworthy, integrated training in agricultural disciplines, student numbers, multi-campus issues for students, enrolments and the perceived lack of public understanding of the considerable activities and opportunities at Roseworthy.

There is a need to better use the brand name .nrgnd Peter Dahcellor r 125t, enro 7Drabt Twsanyr hnD 1 Bcyyl s1 pg h