

Fact Sheet

ROCA AWARD OF MERIT 1981 – Andrew Michelmore

Andrew Michelmore (RDA, 1940) played a vital role in the transformation of agricultural production on Eyre Peninsula through the use of medic whilst he was based with the Department of Agriculture at Minnipa Research Centre during the 1950s and 60s.

In later years, Andrew was District Agronomist at Nuriootpa where his most significant work was on annual ryegrass toxicity. He became recognised as a national authority on this increasingly important problem.

Andrew was particularly interested in insect damage to crops and pastures where his achievements have included:

- Recognition of webworm damage and promoting control of it on Eyre Peninsula.
- Identifying pink cut worm as a major cause of lucerne failure on sand in the upper South-East, and demonstrating control.
- Work on *Etiella* control in lucerne seed crops in the South-East.
- Identifying damage from stem nematode in oat and pea crops in the Lower North

He was also the author of several bulletins and fact sheets. Andrew was secretary and president of ROCA at various times; he also assisted with the production of the Digest for ten years and actively promoted ROCA and the College.

In 1980, Andrew was appointed to the Roseworthy College Council.

