

Bruce Eastick AM (RDA, 1947) graduated with First

Class Honours and a High Distinction in Horticulture. He was also awarded the Albert Molineaux Prize, Morphett Prize and many others. He was a Member of the Student Representative Council for two of the three years he spent at the College.

At the University of Sydney he again distinguished himself for his studies by graduating with Second Class Honours (four final year credits) with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.

Bruce pioneered rural veterinary practice in Gawler by establishing himself as the first self-employed veterinarian in Gawler and surrounding districts.

He became State President of the Australian Veterinary Association in 1961 and Federal President in 1966, and was appointed a Fellow of the Australian Association in 1972.

Bruce's services to Agriculture are virtually all related to his contribution to the improvement in the standard animal husbandry and welfare, and therefore production.

Bruce has been a continuous member of the RSPCA most of his working life, and was a member of the General Committee of the Society from 1963 and Deputy Chairman for 12 years from 1971-1983.

His wide knowledge of agriculture in general and the animal production industries in particular, was of considerable value and contributed to the better understanding of policy needs relating to these industries since he became a member of the SA Parliament in 1970.

Bruce was a Charter Member of the Gawler Rotary Club, established in 1954, and has been a continuous member since then.

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