

## MINUTES OF THE SSPSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

Held at Slade School Warwick ~ Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008@11:00am.

President Harry Haxton opened the meeting and welcomed members, partners and guests.

### **PRESENT:**

*Madeline Blyth  
Peter Ramsay  
Paul Holland  
Ranald Morrison  
Bruce Mauch  
Gwenda Batterham  
Margaret Melton*

*Ian Baker  
Bruce Campbell  
Robert Wood  
Jock MacDonald  
Joan Austin  
Bevan Meredith  
Jim Biggam*

*Harry Haxton  
Joan Campbell  
Geoff Orr  
Allan Donovan  
Carol Hinz  
Margaret Stewart  
Edward Prince.*

### **APOLOGIES:**

*Robert Nolan  
Helen Moloney  
Betty McKenzie  
Michael Rippin*

*Phillip Hoare  
Jocelyn Martin  
Brenda Hughes*

*John Henning  
Gloria Coombe  
Joan Waldon*

- Minutes from the 2007 Annual General Meeting
- The secretary presented the minutes of the last A.G.M.  
Moved as accepted by Ian Baker, Seconded by Geoff Orr. Carried.

### **Business Arising from the previous Annual General Meeting.**

- The amendment reflecting the change to our Financial Year End being moved to 31<sup>st</sup> March was submitted to and approved by the Office of Fair Trading.
- A fund has been established to air condition the museum block and leasing arrangements for our tenancy of the museum and the stain glass windows is now in hand.

### **News Editors Report**

The Kinawah Publication continues to roll off the press every 2 months. The editor would like to thank everyone who contributed throughout the year. In particular, Harry Haxton who printed the front colour page, Geoff Orr for his interesting articles, Bob Wood and the many others who sent in letters and emails. Their added input gave our membership an interesting journal of news and events during 2007-2008.

### **Museum Report**

During the past year many new items were introduced into the museum included the Annie Einersen's framed Honorary Life Membership certificate presented to the association by her husband, John. The Regional Council conducted an open day which was generously supported by the general public and created a lot of interest in our museum and activities. It is now resolved that in the unlikely event of the museum ever having to be closed, the exhibits and the stained glass windows would be relocated to A.C.G.S. in Brisbane. Interestingly, the council has put in writing the acknowledgement that the stained glass windows remain the property of the association in perpetuity.

### **Presidents' Report**

*Last 2 years covered in HH report as attached*

### **Treasurers' Report**

*As attached*

### **Election of Committee 2008 / 09**

Patron	Bishop Adrian Charles
President	Margaret Stewart
Vice President	Flora Clarke
Hon. Treasurer	Nigel Faulkner
Hon. Secretary	Helen Moloney
Newsletter Editor	Paul Holland
Web site Editor	Harry Haxton
Archive / Museum	Ted Ross / Paul Holland
Fund Raising	Nigel Faulkner
Fellowship and Committee	Geoff Orr / Peter Ramsay
Pastoral Care	Bishops' Rob Nolan / Bevan Meredith / Adrian Charles
Regional Coordinators	
North Qld	Natalie Ferris / Ray Dickson
Sunshine Coast	John Bayliss
Gold Coast	Geo Hannaford
Darling Downs	Jocelyn Martin
West Qld	John Henning
NSW	Leigh Hartog
Victoria	Lex Nobel
Tasmania	Ross Mace
South Australia	Jock Hofland
Western Australia	John Milton

*New Committee elected by way of show of hands. Carried.*

### **General Business**

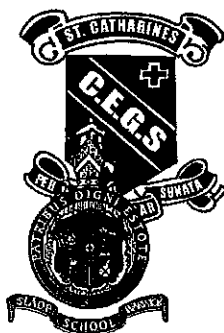
A motion from the floor concerning a matter which was put forward at the 2006 AGM – 'Honorary Life Membership be awarded to Madeline Blyth'. Moved Peter Ramsay, Seconded Paul Holland.

Carried unanimously.

Insurance to cover damage to the stain glass windows in the chapel to be investigated.

The incoming president made a short speech welcoming the new committee and thanking the previous committee for their past endeavors

Meeting Closed 12.15 hrs



# SLADE ST CATHARINE'S PAST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## Presidents Report 2008

The last two years have been a watershed in the history of the Association, with the termination of a direct link with the school as a school. But more as just a group of building we all once occupied.

Other than fight the bushfires of the sale of the school, there has not been much to do as President. Most of the work has been performed by the others, on the committee, who have more public personas than myself.

Garnet's 1950 group meet again at the Chancellor Hotel with an impressive turnout of over 50 people. In Townsville, Ray Dickson and Natalie Ferris got a group together, and in Brisbane at the Prior's we managed to find the old school bell and have an nice evening in October with 20 or so attending. Toowoomba had it's annual Christmas Get together. Julia Lai, Class of '88, is organizing a get together for that year in Rockhampton later this year. Julia is not a member of the association but is a past student of the School. So out of a paying membership of 350 we probably had about 100 turn up at one or more functions over the year. Compared with some other Past Student Associations, we are doing pretty well for a group that cannot grow, no matter what.

One of the goals I had over my presidency was to improve communication with the membership and I believe we have done that with an improved website and new format Kinawah. The other objective was to increase our membership. I can't say we failed in that endeavor, as we have, in fact, maintained our numbers with a decreasing overall population. Which is true political speak, is an increase.

This year (08) the reunion was organised by Peter Ramsay in the main and he has done a marvelous job as Secretary over the years. Nigel Faulkner has done a sterling job as the Treasurer and keeper of the register of members. Of course the man who wears the coat of many colours and undoubtedly the most controversial of our members publishes our Kiawah, maintains the museum and generally keeps in touch with many of the older members. John Bayliss, Richard Cleal and Geoff Orr made up the rest of the regular attendees. Geoff regrets that he can't move upward on the committee, a fact that prompted us to snatch the opportunity to change.

Our new Landlord, the Southern Downs Regional Council, has a lease proposal for the memorial that arrived in the last week. The association also has a budget and plan for the air-conditioning of the museum, which we hope to find more about this week. There is a possibility that we can piggyback on air conditioning of the whole

science block and we are awaiting advise from the council on the Air School due diligence before progressing.

I can't thank the girls from Toowoomba for organising such a great event for the last year (07) for the re-union weekend. Margaret, Flora, Jill and Helen and others did a marvelous job of planning and co-coordinating a great event with little input from the Brisbane boys.

The other objectives I had were to (a) Hand over the association in a better (or no worse) condition than I received it. (b) Get greater participation from the St Catherine's Past Students. I am a firm believer in change, and in wishing the future committee well, I promise to be there to assist in a way that does not hinder their enthusiasm.

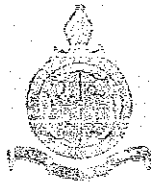
We the boys of the 1960's who have managed the association over the last decade, firmly believe the same old, same old face should be changed. When you have to recycle a president from 30 years ago, it is time to change. However, to satisfy a very odd condition in the Constitution that requires at least 5 members of the committee reside in Brisbane, we will all remain as committee members, but as ordinary members ~~for~~ different roles.

I wish Margaret and the enthusiastic team from Toowoomba all the best and pledge the support (only when needed) from us all.

Harry E Haxton  
BEcon, MRMA, AFAIM  
RMAA (HLM), AICCM (HLM)

President 2006-08  
Slade 1961-64

<p>Per Volar Sunata, zim bar zee, Brown white navy girls are we. Wangaratta, Wangaratta, canna canna sha, St. Catharine's, St. Catharine's, Ya! Ya! Ya!</p>	<p>Tarberetta, Tarberetta, Tarra, Garra, Yah. Slade School, Slade School, Boys we are. Kinewah, Kinubra, Kirra, Kirra, Kah. Chilewah, Chilubra, Farren, Farren, Fah. Blue Gold, Blue Gold, Wah! Wah! Wah! Slade School, Slade School, Yah! Yah! Yah!</p>
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### **Treasurer's Report**

### **AGM 2008**

- Audit has been conducted on accounts for 2007/2008
- Bank balance as at 31/3/07      \$34,111  
Includes \$1,801 raised as donations towards Air Conditioning of Memorial Room
- Current Bank Balance is      \$36,935      (Includes income for AGM, no expenses incurred yet)
- Membership Register      2006/2007 310 + 6 HLM  
2007/2008 339 + 6 HLM  
2008/2009 284 + 6 HLM  
59 Members from 2007/2008 not yet renewed
- Recent Government Changes for incorporated bodies has seen introduction of 3 new classifications with regards to future audits. SSPSA becomes a Level 2, which means from 08/09 onwards we do not require a full audit (unless our Constitution calls for it). We still need to maintain the usual books, but instead of being audited, we only have to obtain a "statement signed by a person who is an auditor or an approved accountant that states the person has sighted the association's financial records and that they adequately record the association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities".  
This should significantly reduce the costs in this area.

Nigel Faulkner  
Treasurer