



WARWICK  
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



# SCPSA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# 2020



**MINUTES FOR  
SLADE CAMPUS PAST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT THE BURKE AND WILLS HOTEL, TOOWOOMBA – SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020**

Opening	Meeting was opened by Steve Cooke at 2.00pm sharp
Present	Steve Cooke, John Bayliss, Peter Ramsay, Helen Moloney, Joan White, Jacque Baxter, Leigh Nisbet, Nigel Faulkner, Martin Taylor, Linette Cox, Denise Busk, Judy Stevens, David Brownsdon, Jonathan Nantes, Jocelyn Martin, Helen Cameron, Lizzie Adams, John Farquhar, Heather Schnitzerling, Jenny Schonfisch, Peter Cover
President's Welcome	Steve welcomed those present to the meeting making special mention of those attending for the first time. He called for apologies.
Apologies	Barry Dance, Philip Sutton, Margaret Stewart, Carmelo Rubio, Mike Rippin, Adam Clark, Raymond Hammond, John Stibbard, Rob Nolan, Alan Meiklejohn, Barbara Brosnan, Margaret Carter, Gloria Mogridge, Paul Masson, Gilbert Fitzhannim, Ted Ross, Cris Roy, Robert Cotton, Madeline Blyth, Mike McDade, Stuart Groat, Leigh Hartog
Minutes of 2019 AGM	The minutes of the previous AGM held in the Founders Room of Slade House on the Slade Campus, Warwick on Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2019 have been previously distributed as advised by the secretary and were approved as true and correct on the motion of Peter Ramsay and Helen Moloney.
Business Arising	There was no business arising from the minutes of the previous AGM.
Treasurer's Report	<p>Nigel Faulkner presented his report as follows:</p> <p>Accounts have been prepared for 2019 -2020 As per Office of Fair Trading Level 3 requirements, no auditing of accounts is required. Income has been one of the lowest for some years as a result of subscriptions being fewer, but this directly reflects a number of subscriptions paid for five and three years in advance prior to the outgoing financial year. Subscriptions for 2020 of \$2540 compares to 2019 of \$6644 and 2018 of \$3970. Deficit for the year \$1724. Expenses for 2020 include: \$1500 Donation for refurbishment of the Science Block \$714 Insurance \$1247 Kinawah Printing and Postage to those with no facility to receive email \$500 Student Bursaries presented at 2019 WCC Awards Evening \$500 Prepayment of 95 Year Slade Event Room deposit</p> <p>\$1724 deficit is wholly explained by \$1500 contribution towards the refurbishment of the Science Block and prepayment of \$500 towards 2021 Slade School 95<sup>th</sup> Celebrations. Bank balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020: \$18,949 (30<sup>th</sup> June 2019: \$18,196) Accounts balance includes the following investments accounts: \$13,304 in a Term Deposit \$28 in an "at call" Websaver account \$5617 in a day to day account</p> <p>The Treasurers report was received on the motion of John Bayliss and Steve Cooke.</p>
Business arising from Treasurer's Report	Nigel proposed that the Association establish internet banking and close the Websaver account (balance \$27.86) This motion was seconded by John Bayliss and passed unanimously.
Kinawah Report	Kinawah Report by Joan White is attached in full.
President's Report	President's Report by Steve Cooke is attached in full.

SCPSA Museum from Leigh Nisbet	The meeting was briefed that the Museum continues to pump along whereupon John Bayliss advised that everything under Leigh's care is in great order and easy to find.																																																												
SCPSA Membership Report from John Bayliss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership is really our life blood but, as with every organisation, there are expenses such as insurance — the compulsory policy which covers liability for functions that we hold, such as at Brekky Creek and Roma.</li> <li>• Membership numbers have gradually continued to grow which is encouraging.</li> <li>• At functions/get-togethers, people are asked if they are interested in becoming a financial member and the response is usually extremely positive.</li> <li>• Our current list of financial members now has 180 names. Last year this was around 120.</li> <li>• Invoices for renewal of membership have been sent out where applicable. Of these, several have yet to respond and pay but that is nothing out of the ordinary and is usually remedied by a follow up phone call serving as a reminder.</li> <li>• Of the 180 members mentioned above, ten are Vietnam veterans, who some years ago the Association chose to give free membership to.</li> <li>• This year, three of those 10 Vietnam vets elected to pay their membership, which is highly commendable of them. The six honorary life members of the 180 are regarded as paid up members.</li> <li>• Of the 180, we have 12 Warwick Christian College members. These were all offered a three-year membership with the encouragement of Steve, Helen and Jacque as a means of involving them and introducing them to the SCPSA. These memberships will run out at the end of June next year, at which time they will be issued with a renewal invoice. It remains to be seen how many of them take that up, but the Committee unanimously agreed this was an act of good faith and a proactive plan of action.</li> <li>• The Brekky Creek and Roma functions have proved to be an extremely successful means of gaining new memberships.</li> <li>• Kinawah has been a great way of reconnecting with people as well as Facebook.</li> <li>• We are increasingly signing people up who pay for five years, so all of that income can't be considered income in the first financial year of that period since part of it is actually income to be credited to the years following.</li> <li>• We have some members who are paid up to 2026.</li> </ul>																																																												
Standing Down of 2019/2020 Committee and Election of 2020/2021 Committee	<p>As Vice President, John Bayliss called for the 2019/2020 committee to stand down for the election of new office bearers. Results are as shown below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="368 1339 1479 1653"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>ROLE</u></th> <th><u>2020/21 APPOINTEE</u></th> <th><u>CHANGES FROM 2019/2020</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Patron</td> <td><b>Ted Ross</b></td> <td>no change</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Immediate Past President</td> <td><b>Steve Cooke</b></td> <td>not applicable</td> </tr> <tr> <td>President</td> <td><b>John Farquhar</b></td> <td>Steve Cooke retiring</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice President</td> <td><b>Nigel Faulkner</b></td> <td>John Bayliss retiring</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td><b>Lizzie Adams</b></td> <td>Jenny Schonfisch retiring</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td><b>Cris Roy</b></td> <td>Nigel Faulkner moving to VP</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kinawah Editor</td> <td><b>Joan White</b></td> <td>no change</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Student Liaison – WCC</td> <td><b>Timothy Sommerlad</b></td> <td>no change</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Association Area Representatives, Project Officers and Project Assistants</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="368 1727 1479 2105"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pastoral Coordinator</td> <td><b>Rob Nolan</b></td> <td>no change</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Museum Caretaker</td> <td><b>Leigh Nisbet</b></td> <td>retiring from the executive caretaker role</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Interim Contacts and Membership</td> <td><b>John Bayliss</b></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Archivist</td> <td><b>Ted Ross</b></td> <td>no change</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assistant Archivist</td> <td><b>Helen Moloney</b></td> <td>retiring from the executive</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Area Representatives</td> <td><b>Ray Dickson</b></td> <td>no change</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><b>Paul Masson</b></td> <td>no change</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><b>Irene Woods</b></td> <td>no change</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><b>Steve Cooke</b></td> <td>assumes advisory role</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><b>John Bayliss</b></td> <td>assumes advisory role</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><b>Peter Ramsay</b></td> <td>assumes advisory role</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>ROLE</u>	<u>2020/21 APPOINTEE</u>	<u>CHANGES FROM 2019/2020</u>	Patron	<b>Ted Ross</b>	no change	Immediate Past President	<b>Steve Cooke</b>	not applicable	President	<b>John Farquhar</b>	Steve Cooke retiring	Vice President	<b>Nigel Faulkner</b>	John Bayliss retiring	Secretary	<b>Lizzie Adams</b>	Jenny Schonfisch retiring	Treasurer	<b>Cris Roy</b>	Nigel Faulkner moving to VP	Kinawah Editor	<b>Joan White</b>	no change	Student Liaison – WCC	<b>Timothy Sommerlad</b>	no change	Pastoral Coordinator	<b>Rob Nolan</b>	no change	Museum Caretaker	<b>Leigh Nisbet</b>	retiring from the executive caretaker role	Interim Contacts and Membership	<b>John Bayliss</b>		Archivist	<b>Ted Ross</b>	no change	Assistant Archivist	<b>Helen Moloney</b>	retiring from the executive	Area Representatives	<b>Ray Dickson</b>	no change		<b>Paul Masson</b>	no change		<b>Irene Woods</b>	no change		<b>Steve Cooke</b>	assumes advisory role		<b>John Bayliss</b>	assumes advisory role		<b>Peter Ramsay</b>	assumes advisory role
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Introduction of New Committee	<p>John Bayliss invited new SCPSA President, John Farquhar to take the Chair.</p> <p>John Farquhar thanked outgoing and retiring committee members, congratulating them on a job well done. He welcomed his new committee saying he looked forward to working with each of them and continuing the good work of the last six years.</p> <p>The recent Roma roundup was described as extremely successful and hope was expressed that this would be reflected in other areas in the future.</p> <p>Concerning SCPSA membership, John's personal belief is that 500 is a realistic aim. He is looking forward to working with Steve and John for the 95<sup>th</sup> celebrations next year.</p>
General Business	<p>Painting of the exterior of War Memorial Tower.</p> <p>Steve Cooke advised that a quote for \$5600 has been received. The vacating committee had approved a donation towards this item prior to the quote being available.</p> <p>The committee now wishes to formalise this donation of \$2800. A vote on this was carried unanimously on the motion Steve Cooke and John Bayliss.</p> <p>Increase of Student Bursaries to \$300 each for a boy and girl</p> <p>This was approved on the motion of John Bayliss and Peter Ramsay.</p> <p>Memorial Drive Trees</p> <p>John advised that a decision is yet to be approved by the College to plant red and white Crepe Myrtle trees. (A new hybrid variety available now is proposed as ideal.)</p> <p>John advised that he would be prepared to plant one of each colour in pots at his home and nurture them so as to produce clean trunks free of suckers and then plant them out at the School at such a time as current drought conditions are eased enough to allow them to be able to be watered as needed.</p> <p>This strategy would greatly reduce the overall cost of the project.</p> <p>John estimates the cost to the Association of these plants would be about \$30 per plant. This project remains a work in progress.</p> <p>John Farquhar called for any other items for discussion.</p> <p>Leigh Nisbet advised that he is willing to undertake the updating of the SCPSA website with the assistance of John Bayliss.</p> <p>Jenny read out a letter from Madeline Blyth thanking the committee for its efforts on behalf of the Association. She drew attention to a cheque made out for \$50 as a donation from Madeline which was passed over to Nigel.</p>
Closure	Meeting closed at 3.20 pm.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019-2020

## TOWARDS 2021



### WHAT A YEAR!

Probably sums it all up. Due to COVID-19, we had fewer committee meetings but lots more emails/phone calls and our last meeting, held on June 19<sup>th</sup> at Jenny Schonfisch's home did require some organising—likewise this AGM which is held much later than usual, because of the pandemic restrictions.

Thank you all again for making the effort to be here.

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**I MUST SAY IT IS GREAT TO HOLD THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HERE IN TOOWOOMBA** – particularly good to see so many Toowoomba locals here. I did think quite a few of those present might have been at home working on their gardens for next week's Carnival of Flowers albeit in a different format this year! What a lovely city this is.

**AGAIN, I WISH TO THANK EACH COMMITTEE MEMBER** for their input, time, effort, friendship, and above all, for their commitment to the betterment of all things connected with past students of Slade Campus. It has been a long-standing committee and so very easy to work with. We have had a lot of fun in our six-year journey and a good many group decisions have been made as we have moved forward.

**SOME ROLES ARE MORE TAXING THAN OTHERS** and I particularly want to acknowledge the efforts of **JOAN** and **JOHN**. They initially accepted roles on the committee which have “morphed” into much wider/broader responsibilities. Joan's efforts are constantly on display with her regular and magnificent Kinawah which is no doubt appreciated by all. I have in fact sent one to Federal Member for Maranoa, David Littleproud, in our efforts to secure government grants to help refurbish the War Memorial Building and Science Block.

**JOHN OPERATES MORE AS A “BEHIND THE SCENES” MAN.** He has performed roles as diverse as fulfilling all the legal requirements necessary for changing the Name and Rules of the Association to be in accordance with Office of Fair Trading regulations. He has also negotiated our website design, carrying out repairs on the Slade badge on the War Memorial Building with a ground crew comprising myself, Peter Ramsay and Leigh Nisbet as well as selecting and nurturing replacement trees for Memorial Drive at the Warwick Christian College Campus and so it goes.

**ANOTHER VERY TIME-CONSUMING ROLE** John accomplishes in conjunction with our Treasurer of 20 years, Nigel, is our money. By this I mean the invoicing of membership fees and follow up on the collection thereof and our cash flow, in general, updating and keeping on top of our contact records. I sometimes liken him to a dog with a bone, such is his motivation to grow our financial base of members. Another area he has overseen is the sourcing and printing of name tags for various Association functions as they arise.

**AS YOU WILL SEE LATER IN THE MEETING,** many of this committee are standing down in 2020 after wonderful long term service to the Association but I've confirmed with each and every one of them that they are not going anywhere and all will be available for assistance to the new committee.

**AS THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT,** I become the Immediate Past President and as such I remain a committee man with a voice and no power. Much like some of our politicians I'd say!

**PETER, NIGEL AND HELEN** are all long-term committee members. Thank you all for your input and advice over many years.

**JENNY** has been our wonderful secretary for the last six years and we have often had meetings at her centrally located home availing ourselves of the outstanding services of Schonfisch Catering.

**LEIGH** is our Warwick-based Museum/Memorabilia man and has done a wonderful job at Slade Campus.

**JACQUE** has been a Special Projects lady and has fulfilled her role admirably.

**TIM SOMMERLAD** is our WCC Representative and will prove invaluable in years to come.

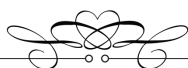
**IT WOULD BE REMISS OF ME NOT TO MENTION** the wonderful relationship we have developed with Warwick Christian College, particularly with the College Principal, Carmelo Rubio. WCC are the owners of the property that is such a huge part of our history. They value our heritage and welcome visits from us with open arms but please remember we are just that, **VISITORS**. It is no longer our school. If you have the opportunity to call into WCC for a look around, please show the College the courtesy of calling into the office first to introduce yourself. In today's environment, this is a requirement right across the board of the education sector for all schools.

**ON ANOTHER ESSENTIAL NOTE**, I would like to once again, stress the importance of letting us know when your contact details have changed as soon as you are able to do so. It is a huge task to keep our data base up to date and any assistance you can provide to assist with this makes a huge difference and one that is greatly appreciated.

**BEFORE I DEPART THIS POSITION**, I want to state that that this committee has left the Association in a strong position both numerically and financially, enjoying great rapport with WCC, the present owners of our old Campus.

**AT THIS POINT**, as I look back on my time as President of the Association, I would like to outline some of the achievements that this committee has brought to fruition during its tenure:

1. **The relationship formed and ongoing support of WCC** is worthy of mention (4 different Principals)...massive to keep our Heritage/History on Slade Campus.
2. **Attendance** at Anzac Day services/Awards nights/Open days/Remembrance Days.
3. **Integration** of ALL contact details to one compact list and growing this LIST in numbers.
4. **Association name change to SCPSA/Rules to SCPSA** to include WCC students which are our **FUTURE**.
5. **Financial membership** (with actual monetary payment of fees) up a massive percentage including 12 members from WCC, several members who live overseas and one Committee member from WCC.
6. **Repair of SLADE School badge** on War memorial Block.
7. **The procurement and installation of an all weather "buddy bench"** with plaque in appreciation of Kel Williamson.
8. **Clean out** of storeroom and update of Memorabilia room.
9. **Regular and newsworthy Kinawahs** (especially in 2020).
10. **Introduction of annual Bursaries**.
11. **Further financial Assistance towards the War Memorial Building restoration** so as to complete the project to help cover repairs/replacement to tower, plaques and trees.
12. **Purchase of SCPSA laptop** for more expedient production of Kinawah.
13. **SCPSA Website** is well on the way to being updated and upgraded.
14. **Three thoroughly deserved and long overdue Honorary Life Memberships** awarded.
15. **Renaming of the hall** relocated from St Catharine's campus, subsequently labelled Slade Hall, to now read **WCC Assembly Hall, formerly of St Catharine's** as part of the girls' highly successful 100yr celebrations in 2018.
16. **A Sub-Committee** is being formed to oversee the planning for the 95<sup>th</sup> celebrations 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
17. **And now, my final task** is to right a wrong of over fifty-six years. I am reliably informed by none other than the man himself, that he was the winner of the Walker Shield for "Best Boy" (I've got it down twice so he **MUST** have been good!) in Highfields in 1964. **HOWEVER**, that Walker Shield was never ever engraved. So John Bayliss, we are all witnesses to this belated formal congratulations and visible recognition of an honour which might have been overlooked **BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN!**



# TOWARDS 2021 SLADE SCHOOL WARWICK 95 YEARS 1926 - 2021

2020...IT WOULD NOT BE OVERSTATING THE CASE to say the current calendar year has presented its share of challenges and, with a full quarter of it yet to go, we are still well short of the finish line.

CUT! UNDO! REWIND! DELETE! These are all calls that have been voiced at various times to suggest how we might like to have refashioned the course of the past several months. Nevertheless, as far as Kinawah goes, creative use of time and resources has meant objectives have been met, outcomes achieved and we have plenty of positive things to take note of as we review the sometimes troubled months since our AGM in August last year.

KINAWAH REPORT 2019-2020

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**THE ADVENT OF COVID-19**, a virus and contagion which, happily, we had never heard of some seven or eight months ago, has seen the entire global community dealing with extraordinary, if not wholly unprecedented challenges. These challenges have called for an extraordinary response from all of us and Kinawah has done its best to disseminate information and encouragement to its diverse readership to help meet these challenges.

**AS KINAWAH EDITOR**, I am aware that a good many of us sit squarely within the "at risk" and "most vulnerable" demographic. Again, for those of us at different stages of our lives, anxiety and uncertainty of employment, operation of businesses, separation from extended families, home schooling, working from home in many cases, and the inability to plan with confidence have all taken their toll.

**THE INCREASED OUTPUT OF EDITIONS WITH EXPANDED CONTENT THIS YEAR** has been a deliberate effort to mitigate in some small way, the concerns of the pandemic, for us—to re-consider, re-establish and re-connect within the restrictions of lockdown, in many cases ongoing still, and to instil a greater appreciation for the connections formed during our school days.

**THOUGH OUR NUMBER IS SCATTERED FAR AND WIDE** with a good many of us living overseas in places such as the United Kingdom, Papua New Guinea, Canada and the United States, Kinawah, through the immediacy and convenience of electronic communication, continues to keep us all in touch with one another and to provide a vehicle with which to share news from afar. The feedback from our readership that has followed has gone a long way towards making Kinawah an instrument for keeping communications flowing and a publication that grows more interactive and vibrant.

**IN THE EARLY DAYS OF LOCKDOWN** when I was not sure if I would be able to print off the hard copies to post out as usual, past President and Kinawah editor, and now HLM, John Deshon, to my everlasting gratitude, stepped into the breach and took on the task for that particular issue. Then David Carstens, another past President and one of our other five surviving HLMs, willingly supplied much needed first-hand knowledge when I was seeking information for articles about Guides and Scouts, neither of which were still operating during my time at school. Both articles were well received as well as the article about the wedding in St Catharine's School Chapel with photograph emailed from Canada by Jean Mackinnon (Wickham) plus Warwick Daily News coverage of the wedding researched by Marion Mackenzie. Original poems and recollections supplied by Raymond Hammond, articles from Barbara Pfaff (Brown-Beresford) and contributions from Wilma Laughton have further added to the scope and

appeal of Kinawah and of course I am always able to rely on our Patron, Archivist, former Kinawah editor and HLM, Ted Ross, and Pastoral Care Coordinator, Retired Bishop Rob Nolan for input when required. We are grateful to all these active members and thank them for their continued help and support.

**THERE ARE CURRENTLY ABOUT 540** past students who are listed in the editor's Kinawah email address book and as current Membership records indicate, less than half of these are financial members.

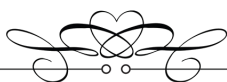
**ANOTHER 49 HAVE BEEN RECEIVING KINAWAH, PRINTED IN HARD COPY** through Australia Post because they have limited or no email capability. As has been stated in the past, the emailed version of Kinawah arrives at the click of a mouse, in full colour and may be read at whatever magnification the recipient chooses at minimal expense to the Association. This means of delivery is as efficient as the current status of email addresses and other contact details can be and upon recipients keeping inboxes cleared enough to download mail. It serves the purpose satisfactorily. The hard copies, on the other hand, printed in black and white, and sent through Australia Post, take a lot longer to reach their destination and incur substantial cost to the Association. To streamline this process, and mitigate this cost, the outgoing Management Committee has reluctantly taken the decision to no longer post out pre-printed copies to recipients who are not financial members. At the time of preparation of this report, roughly half of the recipients of Kinawah through Australia Post fall into this category and have been notified of the changed conditions. Encouragingly, to date, there has been a marked uptake on membership applications and payment of fees from these people in response to this. It would appear, therefore, these persons are keen to keep receiving Kinawah and this will assist in offsetting costs.

**TO FURTHER PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH PRODUCTION EXPENSES OF KINAWAH**, the placement of paid display advertisements in forthcoming issues has again been offered to interested persons among our readership. Sutton's Juice and Cider at Thulimbah has renewed its sponsorship and we have just welcomed Jacanda Alpaca Farmstay at Wallangarra as a new sponsor via past student, Fred Alley. A big thank you to David and Ros Sutton and Fred and Jacquie Alley for their support.

**A WORD OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT RE WARWICK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE** is appropriate here. With so much extra Kinawah output this year, contributions from Principal, Carmelo Rubio, have been requested ever more frequently. Responses from him during what has been an ultra-demanding and ever-changing educational environment for the College, have been generous and greatly appreciated. As past students of the campus during its previous life, there is no obligation on the College to cater to us. However, access for us to familiar (and wonderfully renovated) buildings and spaces on what is no longer "our" campus could not have been more available or accommodating and we are deeply grateful for this. On the other hand, due to strategies implemented and driven by your Management Committee, several WCC graduates are now bona fide members of the Association and our ties with the College grow closer and more substantial.

**TOWARDS 2021 AND BEYOND**, it is anticipated that the frequency of Kinawah issues will be reduced as, hopefully, the ongoing scope and consequences of the pandemic will be also. But, as we all look forward to those 95-year celebrations planned for October next year, we are also hopeful that the coming year will bring fewer challenges and slightly more propitious outcomes.

**IN CONCLUSION**, it has been a pleasure to work alongside Steve and every one the outgoing and retiring committee members. Their patience, advice and assistance has been of tremendous value and support and I look forward to the next period of management with anticipation and optimism.





# From SCPSA to YOU

We look forward, down  
the track, to being able to  
look back and KNOW...

*the crisis that is taking its toll  
on all of us right now in so many ways  
is one that came to pass and not one that  
came to stay.*

Stay calm,

Stay safe,

Stay well and

Keep the faith.

