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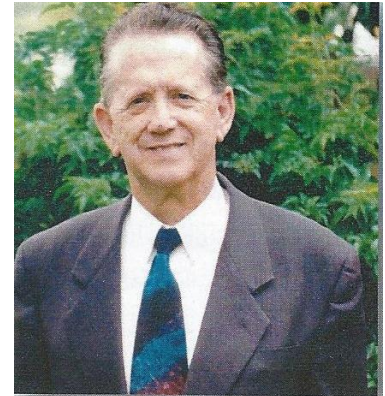
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The class of '69 – Can you match the faces with the list of attendees on Page 2?



Bishop Adrian Charles celebrated his 60th Anniversary in February.



Dr. Garnet Budge, one of our Past Presidents, is remembered on P.8

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Another year has commenced and we are not really that much wiser about the future of Slade School. The Southern Downs Regional Council does not give us much information when we enquire. Apparently Warwick Christian College will take over in 2013. We do not know what the purchase price was and even if they have made payments as they are applying to the State Government for funds. At the moment they only have 50 pupils. So the community is still able to rent buildings. Kel Williamson is still the caretaker and we are able to have our reunion there again this year.

In early January I attended Garnet Budge's memorial service. He was very involved with Assembly of God and Christian Fellowship Churches. He was very much loved and respected by the people from these denominations. He had travelled extensively to different countries to preach, mainly the USA and some of these clergymen came to his service.

I was made very welcome at the 70 year reunion for St Catharine's Old Girls (read the article). It was wonderful to see so many 80+ year olds still keen to make the effort to attend.

At our last meeting we had 6 attendees and this is the most we have had for some time, thank you to all those who came along. We are all very proud of Adrian Charles our patron who has been ordained for 60 years. He had a celebration in Brisbane. Hopefully we will see many members attending our annual reunion at Slade School this year over the Queen's Birthday long weekend. Even if there are not many from your year attending we try to involve everyone and it is great to be able to return to Warwick to remember where you spent your teenage years. Hone up your musical skills for a 'Musical' evening not to be forgotten.

Margaret Stewart - President

REUNION REPORTS

1969 REUNION - AN ABSOLUTE BLAST!

Marie McKewan (Bailey) wrote in a subsequent email exactly what we were all feeling and saying on January 7:

"It is amazing to me that after forty years, we haven't really changed all that much, but have just lived different journeys".

Fortified with well wishes from Kay Dorward, Barbara Brosnan, Margaret Stewart, Helen Moloney, Jacque Baxter, Libby Hutton, Judi Baker, Susan Feez, Helen (Ryan) Sanderson, Chris Thompson and Richard Cleal the participating '65 to '69ers—

Pam Thornton, Marion Denny, Frances Clark, Gail Blackley, Marie McEwan, Dianne Barnham, Gail Smith, Jean Barber, Sally Newman, Lee Stroud, Pam Dixon, Robyn Parslow, Susanne Wade, Helen Adamson, Julie Pfaeffli, Jill Lietke, Margaret Carter, Sharon Moloney, Sharyn Krzanich, Marilyn Krenske, Trudie Hodges, Kathleen Clark, Helen (Smith) Sanderson, Sheryl Barlow and myself, Joan White—25

in all (not including both Jill and Margaret's sisters who joined us for the occasion), arrived excited, and in a few cases slightly nervous, at the prospect of meeting again after so many years! We needn't have worried. Everyone is still the same on the inside and, by and large, recognisable on the outside!

Every single one of us was pleased to share this special time together. Helen Moloney, secretary of the Slade / St Catharine's Past Students Association, called in to say hello and to fill us in on what had happened to our old school during the years since we all left.

The setting was lovely, the company delightful and the cameras snapped madly as our lunch moved on into the

late afternoon. We showed up with a wonderful assortment of memorabilia which was pored through, laughed about and exclaimed over. I have to confess that the photos I took weren't anything to write home about so I am hoping that others might send through the ones they took for us all to share.

Something I can tell you for sure is that we all agreed that it should not be too long before we do it again, so you might want to prepare yourself for an even bigger gathering next time! I sincerely hope we will be able to track down those last few "difficult to find" members of our class and to learn something of our long lost New Guinea friends. I am definitely open to suggestions about the best way to do this and also timing, format and venue for another reunion so that those who were unable to attend this time might be able to enjoy it too.

Here's what Pam Thornton had to say

... A wonderful day ... What a great class! We are all so happy. To find everyone aging gracefully, happy in their own skin and to have had different journeys and challenges and then be able to come in from where we left off in 1967/1969 is an incredible feat. If St Cath's gave us anything, they gave us the gift of friendship.

Joan Clothier



Helen Smith, Dianne Grayson, Trudy Redmond, Kathleen Ree, Joan Clothier, Julie Hornibrook, Robyn Elsey



Gail Waugh, Pam Dixon, Helen Frost, Joan Clothier, Susanne Fraser, Marion Pitkin.



"You don't look anything like the long haired, skinny kid I married 25 years ago. I need a DNA sample to make sure it's still you."

70 YEAR REUNION for St Catharine's Girls

The rain did not deter thirteen 80+ year olds meeting for their annual reunion at the Law Courts in Brisbane. They certainly have formed strong friendships.

It is 70 years since all the girls first met at St Catharine's in Warwick. This was in 1942 when Pearl Harbour was bombed and Australia became involved in the war. After the bombing of Darwin and the Japanese were moving further south most of the boarding schools in Brisbane and in Nth Qld were closed and girls from St Margaret's in Brisbane were moved to St Catharine's. The girls said there numbers jumped from 50 to 250. Verandahs were closed in at Mytton House and White House to fit in the beds. Toilets and drains became blocked because of the extra usage.

Corinne, Joan Hinton and Joan Harris all came from Dalby, Coolah from Killarney, Alison from Rathdowney (and she still lives there) Pat from "Eldarado" Texas, and Beth from Charleville. Madeline, Joan and Diane Beckinsale were at St Margaret's when they were sent on a train to St Catharine's. On their holidays they caught the Wallangarra mail train at 3:45am and it was freezing in winter. Madeline said her two brothers passed away in the war and her older sister was married when she was at school. When peace was announced Madeline decided to stay on as a

boarder rather than return as a day student to St Margaret's as it would have been to lonely at home without her siblings. The principal at the time was Sister Moira and as a detention girls had to pull out nut grass on the oval. Pat Smythe can remember being a patient at the school hospital and a 10 year old girl from St Margaret's being there at the same time. The primary school girl left a note under her pillow saying "I love you".

Girls who travelled from afar for the day were Corinne, who boarded a train from Maleny; Beth a train from the Gold Coast; but the prize must go to Chelmer who caught a train, then a plane from Biloela and then a cab from the airport. She travelled back the same day! After lunching and chatting for 4 hours (and the restaurant was happy to accommodate that) all the girls departed, waving good-bye until they meet again next year. The 'girls' were very appreciative of my attendance and I thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Margaret Stewart



Front: L to R Beth Harding, Pat Penrose, Chelmer Campbell, Joan Beckinsale.

Middle: Madeline Edgar, Corinne Harris, Diane Beckinsale.

Back: Sheila Harvey, Betty Thompson, Alison Ralston, Helen Darlington, Joan Hinton, Coolah Malanos. Margaret Stewart (very back)

NEWS

The late **Jon Stephenson**, who attend Slade from 1944 to 1948, was awarded a posthumous AM in the 2012 Australia Day Honours list. The honour read, "**For service to the Earth Sciences as an academic, to the Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions Organisation and to environmental and resource management**".

What wonderful recognition of a truly worthy recipient. You can read about Jon's achievements in the 2011 Kinawah, issue 3.

Our Congratulations go to **Bishop Adrian Charles** who celebrated his 60th Jubilee on the 24th February.

Steve Rowan wrote of the day:

'Bishop Rob Nolan and Bishop Bevan Meredith were part of the procession attending. Slade was represented by David and Kathryn Carstens, George Rivers, Andy Bode and Steve Rowan. (I was told by Coolah Cassimatis that she was going to attend, but I didn't see her)

As well I received many emails and notes from others who by reason of distance or health reasons were not able to attend.

Needless to say it was a full house at Christ Church at St Lucia with representatives from all over the place in attendance including the Sisters of the Society of Sacred Advent to whom Adrian has served as a warden for many years. At the end of the ceremony letters of

congratulations were read out having been received from the Archbishop and Primate of Australia, Phillip Aspinall, as well as a letter to Adrian from the Archbishop of Canterbury'.

Steve

The Right Reverend

Adrian Charles

AM ED RFD ThL DipDiv

1950 - Deacon

1952 - Priest Diocese of Brisbane

1951-52 - Missionary Chaplain

Anglican Church Mission

1952-54 - Member Bush

Brotherhood of St. Paul

1955-56 - Chaplain 'The Southport School'

1957-58 - Vicar of Wondai -

Rector **1958**

1958-60 - Vicar St Lucia -

Rector **1960-66**

1963-66 - Senior Anglican

Chaplain Northern Command

1968-70 - Archdeacon of

Moreton

1970-71- Chaplain Church of

England Girls School Perth

1972-77- Dean of Townsville

1977-83 - Rector Chelmer

1978-83 - Senior Anglican

Chaplain 1st Military District

1981-83 - Archdeacon areas of

Special Care/Archbishop's Chaplain

1981 -Warden Sisters of the Sacred Advent

1983-92 - Assistant Bishop of

Brisbane

1988-94 - Anglican Bishop

Australian Defence Forces

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What your Mobile Phone can do for you!

This was received recently from Slade's craftiest customer, Damien Walsh and considered to be worth passing on. Some of you may have seen it already.

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

FIRST:

The Emergency Number worldwide for all Mobile Phones is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and your mobile will search any existing network in your area to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialled even if the keypad is locked. This works on all phones worldwide and is free. It is the equivalent of 000.

SECOND:

Have you locked your keys in the car? Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone: ***If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your cell phone.*** Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. This saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object, you could be thousands of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other 'remote' for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

THIRD

Hidden Battery Power: To activate, press the keys *3370# (remember the asterisk). Do this when the phone is almost dead. Your mobile will restart in a special way with this new reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery life. This reserve will be recharged when you charge your mobile next time. This secret is in the fine print in most phone manuals. Most people however skip this information without realising.

FOURTH:

How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone? To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone: * # 0 6 # Ensure you put an asterisk BEFORE the #06# sequence. A 15 digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. If your phone ever gets stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody done this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones. *This secret is also in the fine print of most mobile phone manuals. It was created for the very purpose of trying to prevent phones from being stolen.*

Also -ATM PIN Number Reversal - Good to Know!

If you should ever be forced by a robber to withdraw money from an ATM, you can notify the police by entering your PIN no. in reverse. For example, if your pin number is 1234, then you would put in 4321. The ATM system recognizes that your PIN number is backwards from the ATM card you placed in the machine. The machine will still give you the money you requested, but unknown to the robber, the police will be immediately dispatched to the location. All ATM's carry this emergency sequencer by law. This information was recently broadcast on by Crime Stoppers however it is seldom used because people just don't know about it.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Jacque Baxter featured in the Kinawah 2010 Vol. 3 when she was in Vietnam.

An update from Jacque: "I was Principal of an International School in Hanoi, north Vietnam for 2 years.

When I finished my contract I toured America, England and Europe for 4 months before returning to Australia.

In January 2011 I returned to Education Queensland as Principal of the Currimundi State School, north of Caloundra.

This school is in a unique position - the only thing separating is from the ocean is sand dunes!

We are also bordered by a

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NOSTALGIX

I wonder if anyone else remembers a group of us being herded out of bed in White House for talking after lights out and being chased around the basketball courts by the duty teacher in her little Mini Minor car. It was late at night and we were all in our PJ's.

Or the time when a group of us were made to go into the hall and laugh for an hour for being caught laughing at some inappropriate time.

Another time I remember I was made to mow the lawn on my hands and knees in front of Glover House because I had done something inappropriate. The daffodils had naturalized in the lawn and the clover had grown high but couldn't be mowed or the flowers would be lost. It was a Sunday afternoon during Slade boys visiting hours so my brother could not visit me!

Trudie

Last weekend we went to Ballina for a production by the Ballina Players—one of the oldest amateur theatre groups in the country. The show was "Dusty" (all about Dusty Springfield) and we thoroughly

protected native flora and fauna reserve on the northern side. It's a great school, about 530 students, and the kids love going to school.

Why wouldn't they - they all do Surf Life Saving from Prep to year 7 and year 5 up learn to Surf.

I live in Noosaville, so have the best of both worlds.

Jacque

"Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes age comes alone".

Annual General Meeting and Reunion 2012
 at
Slade Campus
 on
Saturday and Sunday, June 9 & 10

enjoyed it but the highlight of the visit to Ballina for me was catching up with Julie (Hornibrook). The two of us had coffee together next morning in Alstonville and a great old catch up re old times and new. Both agreed it was hard to believe all those years in between leaving school and now had happened so fast. I think after all this time I am finally starting to get just what powerful bonds so many of those shared experiences are. For better or for worse, I don't think they will ever leave us and certainly played a part in the characters we developed and became...

Joan

SLADE CAMPUS



As Margaret mentioned in her 'Word', the Slade Campus has been acquired by the Christian Church Ministries. The headmaster, who is currently principal of an 800 pupil school in Brisbane, will move

to Warwick in June and hopes to have a small primary school up and running by September. As I understand it, they are leasing it from the Council until the paper work is complete for the purchase of the sight.

The headmaster is a young energetic fellow who is mindful of the present use by community groups and is happy to give them continued use of the facilities. He is keen to keep the name 'Slade' in the name of the school venues somewhere – hopefully the name St. Catharine's can be reattached to 'our' hall!

On his recent visit he was impressed by the memorabilia around the site, particularly the stained glass windows.

He intends to run the campus in a business like manner and will still take bookings for events which means we should be able to continue having our AGM Reunions there every second year. He has stated that this won't become a boarding school as they have one at Dalby, but will convert the dormitories into classrooms as the need arises.

Hopefully the headmaster will be around at the time of our AGM to speak with the SSPSA members present.

If you are interested in reading the Warwick Daily News' version of events you can do a Google search entitled 'Warwick Daily News Slade' and spend a couple of days sifting through all the articles. The SSPSA has copies of most of the articles for our archives thanks to Niel Quirk.

MUSEUM REPORT



The Southern Downs Council has assured the SSPSA committee that the contract of sale to the Christian Church Ministries has the same conditions as when the council originally purchased the site re the memorabilia. The committee has asked the council to send a copy of those sale conditions to it so they have a record on file. At this stage all the items are quite safe.

LETTERS

The integrity of a newspaper is measured by its willingness to accept criticism, advice and input from its readers. Letters also reveal the insights of its readers who have been inspired by the newsletter to share their life experiences with other readers. If you become so inspired, I urge you to write to The Editor nee Aunt Louie, "KINAWAH", PO BOX 9099, WYNNUM PLAZA, Q 4178 or email your letter to: windmillpro@bigpond.com

Dear Helen,
The news of the death of Jon Stephenson brought memories flooding back for me, from almost half a century ago. However I have never actually met Jon Stephenson. Back in

1963, I had come down to Brisbane from Warwick, to attend the University of Queensland, as a first year student. As anyone of that era will remember, for country students at that time, it was almost impossible to obtain accommodation anywhere near the University. Many of us were forced to ask everyone we came in contact with if they knew of any half-way-decent student accommodation, reasonably close to the St Lucia campus. Somebody had told me that there was a lady living in Macquarie Street, St Lucia, just up the road from the University. She had sometimes taken in student boarders in the past. Maybe I should go and talk to her. I did so, and, happily, the lady agreed to give me private board in her home. That lady was Mrs Vida Stephenson, Jon's mother. All her sons had gone to Slade, and she later told me that she had determined not to take in any more student boarders. However, when she learned I had gone to Slade, she decided to take me in anyway, such was her very high regard for Slade School. Mrs Stephenson was a wonderful lady, who was enormously proud of all her sons. During the year that I stayed in Mrs Stephenson's home, I was fortunate to meet two of Jon's brothers – one was a Brisbane GP, and another brother had a senior position in one of the Banks. I still vividly recall how Jon's framed Ph.D certificate had pride of place, hanging in the dining room. His mother was justifiably very proud indeed of Jon's achievements. In that same year, I had also become involved with a Musical Group. One day I happened to mention to the Conductor that I had attended Slade. The Conductor immediately started telling me about Jon Stephenson. He had met Jon while doing graduate studies in Music in

England, at the same time that Jon was there also, studying for his Ph.D in Geology. He spoke very highly indeed of Jon, expressing the forthright view that Jon Stephenson was one of the finest persons ever to come out of Slade. The Stephenson family was very good to me, during my first year of living away from home, and I was left with many happy memories.

With Best Wishes,
Greg Gosper

23.12.'11

Dear Helen,
Boyd Irwin was at WHS in my days at Slade. When he was still at the Warwick Daily News he organised the printing of the Kinawah and was always able to supply local Slade news.

His wife, Eleanor, was a Connolly – well known in Warwick history as her forebears served as Mayor and the Connolly Dam is named after the family.

Eleanor sent down to me quite a number of articles re the battle for Slade – quite a controversial business. (The Irwin family owned Warwick Daily News and the local radio station – 4WK)

Margaret McKinnon, regularly mentioned, must be a Slade old pupil, certainly she's in there battling. Certainly seems a number of locals have become involved 'for or against'

Don't know John Hart personally, knew his brother, Barry, when we were members of the Burleigh Heads Life Savers. John married very attractive Warwick lass – not Betty Kelly. Also saw a funeral notice – Jean Hill nee Harrison – does that name ring a bell with any of you? I remember a Jeannie Harrison.

31.1.'12

Thanks for the announcement re Jon Stephenson. I remember that the Stephensons had a very long

history with Slade – 3 sons – Monty, Peter and Jon – who attended Slade and I think their father was a ‘Founding Father’ of Slade. I think he was a Warwick Bank Manager.

Monty was before my time – 1942 – 46 – whilst Peter was there in my early years at Slade. He went off to New Guinea during WW2 and I remember well Boss Roberts announcing his death when 19 yrs old. Peter was a great defender against a certain bully at Slade. A great guy.

All the best for 2012.

Neil Quirk

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Log on to view history, news, photos, coming events and much more.

If you aren't on the internet you could visit a library or a friend to see what has been happening. Beware of Bobby Fulton 'look-alikes' and a man wearing a kilt! Enjoy!

IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS WHICH WE DON'T HAVE, PLEASE LET US KNOW SO WE CAN ADVISE YOU WHEN THE NEXT KINAWAH IS AVAILABLE TO BE VIEWED ON THE WEBSITE.

You also receive little bulletins between Kinawahs.

STORY

Recently I spent a very pleasant morning with Lois (Puschmann - St Cath's 1963-64) and Doug Burton as we visited Ron and Essie Allan here in Toowoomba. The reason for the visit being that Ron is the nephew of **Sr. Rachel**, Principal of St Cath's from 1959 –1964, and he had some items he wished to share with us.

I'm sure many past St Cath's girls are unaware of Sr. Rachel's 'story' and would like to hear as much as we were able to glean.

Sr. Rachel's date of birth eludes us but as far as we can work out it was around 1900. She was born Miriam Romey having two sisters, Dorothy (Gillespie) as many of us know as 'Gebby' the school nurse, and Madeleine who became Mrs Allan, mother of Ron. They lived in the Toolburra area near Warwick and possibly attended the Henden State School.

In 1927 Miriam (Sr. Rachel) was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Australian Institute of Secretaries in Sydney for gaining first place in the final secretarial examination in June. She worked in Warwick where she became very involved with the Girl Guides Movement, this involvement continuing even after she became a member of the SSA.



In 1947, as a novice, Sr. Rachel passed with First Class Honours, the Australian College of Theology examination. Then on March 30, 1948 Novice Rachel was professed and became Sr. Rachel.

In 1959 she was appointed as Sister-in-Charge at St. Catharine's. While principal she was instrumental in acquiring several buildings for the school and boosting enrolments by travelling throughout South West Queensland and Northern NSW promoting the school. From St Catharine's Sr. Rachel became Sister-in-Charge of St. Aiden's until 1971, where once again she embarked on several projects to accommodate the expanding number of girls at the school.

Sr. Rachel passed away in 1974.

Ron and his two siblings, John and Mary, grew up around Emu Vale and at one time John lived with 'Gebby' at The Hermitage as he attended the Technical College in Warwick, travelling in each day on the railmotor.

Ron's wife, Essie, is a cousin to the Schwensen girls who attended St Catharine's.

A Brief Timeline for St Catharine's:

1904 – Miss Gibbs built a school for girls in Stanthorpe.

1905 – School was called Cambridge Ladies College

1909 – Sisters of the Sacred Advent took over and called it St Catharine's Church of England Girls High School – Sr. Evelyn in charge, 3 boarders and 5 day girls.

1917 - Rev. Glover, R.M Stephenson and JD Rowlands decided to establish two church schools in Warwick.

1918 - The Church of England Girl's School opened using 'Mie Gunyah' house owned by T Macansh. Principal - Miss Brown, 5 teachers, 40 students, 12 boarders. Mrs Barnes gave 'Listowel', later to become Mytton House (Mrs Barnes maiden name) to the school.

1922 – Sr. Elizabeth principal of St Catharine's in Stanthorpe, 50 students.

1926 - Slade School opened at 'Eastmont'. Alice Cant joined the staff in Stanthorpe.

1936 – St Catharine's amalgamated with CEGS in Warwick to become known as St. Catharine's Warwick under the control of the Sisters of the Sacred Advent.

1942 – Slit trenches were dug.

1946 – An old army building was moved to Mytton house to become the hospital.

1950 – Parkinson House purchased.

1952 – The girls attended the ordination of Adrian Charles.

1954 – Assembly Hall opened.

1959 – Sr. Rachel Sister-in-Charge.
 1961 – Massey House, a converted shop and dwelling moved to beside Mytton House, opened.
 1962 – Music rooms and science block opened.
 1963 – ‘Glenlyn’ renamed Glover House was acquired.
 1965 – Sr. Lois in charge.
 1966 – Primary grades combined with Slade.
 1967 – Sr. Lois became Mother Superior, Sr. Angela in charge.
 1968 – ‘Merrilees’ house acquired.
 1969 – Sr. Kathleen in charge
 1971 – Sub senior and senior classes combined with Slade. SSA ended their association with the school.
 1972 – Schools were totally co-educational.
 1974 – Sr. Rachel died.
 1975 – The girls moved up to Slade.

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EULOGIES

It is heartening to see the number of Past Students able to attend the funerals of ‘mates’. There were thirteen past students at Geoff Cooke’s including Malcolm Twine, the Police Chaplain in Toowoomba, who conducted the service.

GEOFF COOKE

Where to start? On talk back radio last week people were responding to the question about how difficult or easy it was to get work in the mid 1960’s.
 It’s a long story to explain why a Western Australian girl and myself, a New South Welshman should be heading to St. George to work, suffice to say Jenny and I needed a job – had sent a telegram to the St. George hospital asking if there were jobs for 2 registered nurses – the reply – “When can you start?”. So after Easter 1966 we drove from Cunnamulla, over the bridge, up the main street, stopped at Terry Papers for

tissues etcetera and he asked “Are you the 2 new Sisters?” – We’d been in town 2 minutes! This must have been a few days at the most, either side of Geoff’s 19th birthday.
 Geoffrey Ian Cooke was born at St. George on 10th April, 1947, his parents Joyce and George lived outside Bollon on Whyenbirra Station, that’s where Geoff lived until it came to schooling at which time the decision was made that he would go to school in St. George and live with his mother’s Aunt, Lil Bayliss.
 Four and a half years after Geoff’s birth his younger brother Stephen was born. When it was school time Joyce and George moved into Bollon as home schooling and other commitments were too taxing on Joyce’s health, which always suffered as a result of rheumatic fever.
 Geoff went to Slade School in Warwick for his last 4 years of schooling 1961-1964 where he excelled at tennis. I think I’m right in saying he was school champion. He was also a member of a winning school cricket team. He must have done all right academically as well, because when he finished school he was offered a job with St. George accountants Thomas and Harley.
 Sometime in 1966, a gang of us were at the Commercial Hotel having a few drinks and doing a lot of dancing, when a handsome young man came in. One of us asked “Who’s that?” and Bill answered “Don’t worry about him he’s the Butcher’s boy.” Not so, it was Geoff, the budding accountant and soon to be boyfriend of Jenny.
 At the end of 1966, Geoff, Stephen and a third young man had a really bad car accident, which took many months from which to recover, but recover they did, enough for Geoff to propose to Jenny. They were married on 29th November, 1968 in Toowoomba.

Geoff went to work for Don Robertson at Active Service Motors. While there he was approached to work on a subsidiary paper to the Chronicle. Unfortunately this came to an abrupt end when a job was essential as Jenny was actually in hospital having given birth to their beautiful daughter Carolyn May.
 Geoff soon found work at Dependable Motors.
 After years of accounting Geoff took on the insurance side of the A.M.L. and F. – South British which later amalgamated with N.Z. insurance.
 In 1979 an electrical fault caused a fire and Jenny and Geoff lost their home, most of their belongings but rally they did and rebuilt, but in 1980 they moved to Wilsonton, Toowoomba. Geoff continued in insurance and in 1990 he and Ken Clarke went out independently and became C.N.C. and then years down the track joined C.G.U.
 Geoff loved life and people.
 As a young man Geoff joined Apex and was made a life member. Also he loved the Endeavour rallies. We all know how much Geoff loved cricket, as a member of the Queensland Cricket Club. He attended 37 Gabba tests. In 2010 he only managed a day and a bit as he was having chemotherapy and he missed the recent one.
 Cheers Geoffrey, and God bless.

**My Recollection of my mate
 Geoff Cooke**

I first got to know Geoff or Cookie to most people, way back in the seventies when I moved to St. George. Not long after I was there a friend used to take me along to Apex functions and working bees. Geoff was a member of Apex and we became good friends. I joined Apex eventually and had many great nights of fellowship and more fellowship with Geoff as well as doing

service work, including running a rodeo.

In 1992 Geoff and three old Apex mates from Toowoomba decided to go on The Great Endeavour Rally. They organised a car and were ready to go when one of them had to pull out. They asked if I would like to go and that was the beginning of a long mateship between Geoff and me. Having done 17 Rallies, Geoff has been my navigator on 13 of them. We saw a lot of Australia from Broome and Kalgoorlie in the west, to the tip of the Cape in the north, to Tasmania in the south and many places in between.

Unfortunately the rally to the Tip was Geoff's last rally.

Geoff was a very good navigator and loved doing it, apart from opening and closing gates and on some Rally's there were many. In all the time together we never had an argument – never had heated words. The only time I would chip him was for not putting on his seat belt after going through a gate. Not knowing what the next instruction was, I would say "Geoff, your seatbelt," and he would often reply, "Do you know what the next instruction is? - a "Bloody Gate". I will always remember Geoff saying "Not another Bloody Gate".

Being a member of the "Endeavour Family" one made many good close friends and "Cookie" had many friends evident by the number here today to pay their respect. Unfortunately I won't hear Geoff telling me – 800 metres rough creek crossing – 2.6km turn left through gate or 1.4km caution large washout on right. But Geoff, I have one last instruction for you - 300 metres turn right through "The Pearly Gates" and no, you won't have to open them – they will be open for you. Farewell Old Mate – Rest in Peace – I will Miss You.

DR GARNET MAITLAND

BUDGE

**3 November 1926 – 10 January 2012
President Past Students'
Assn. 2004 – 2006.**

Garnet Budge was born to Garnet & Eva Budge in Brisbane, the eldest of 5 children. The family was quite poor as the Great Depression took hold. As Garnet finished Grade 8 schools were closed and children evacuated with the threat of Japanese invasion. After a short period working in his parents' real estate business, Garnet was offered the opportunity to continue his education at Slade School in Warwick.

As Garnet himself said in his brief "autobiography", he thoroughly enjoyed school, loved the chapel services, played First XV Rugby and swam breast stroke in the All Schools Swimming Team. He completed sub-junior and junior in one year and then sub-senior and senior in 1945. In 1950, Garnet, now working for Shell, met Bette and married her (in the Slade Chapel). When his sister Natalie visited him in September last year he said that was his crowning achievement. Garnet and Bette had two children, Cameron and Juleane, who presented him with four grandchildren. By the time he married Bette he had completed university degrees in economics and accountancy (both completed part-time while working full time).

Soon after their wedding Bette became ill with cancer and they both found Christ through her being miraculously healed. Garnet went to Bible College and completed a Diploma of Theology, Dux of the class with the highest marks ever achieved. Whilst in college they pioneered a new church, the Assembly of God, Mt. Gravatt which became the largest AOG church in Queensland. They also started the Pentecostal Child Care

Centre, Royal Rangers (a youth camping and character building program), and an All-Age Christian Education program.

By this time they also had a strong Missions' program and the first mission trip to Papua New Guinea in 1964. Their next challenge was a new church in the Northern Rivers of NSW with a Christian Primary and Secondary School and the first three units of a retirement home and an auditorium with 400 capacity – all debt free in six years.

After returning to Brisbane he took over Cheshire Group Publishers in the Queensland manager's position and later was the very successful Managing Director of Butterworths' Legal Publications.

Garnet completed a Diploma of Legal Studies, Master of Ministry, Doctor of Ministry (Law) and became a member of the Australian Institute of Management and the Australian Institute of Training and Development.

He had ministered in 22 nations and 30 states of the USA. He was the founding president of the Global Apostolic Network. He recently started taking teams to conduct apostolic seminars, especially among the Pacific Island nations.

Natalie recalled many instances of Garnet's humour and wisdom during her eulogy "a joyful journey of Garnet's life" at the memorial service held at Springwood on 4th February. She said whenever she rang him with a problem he always said to her "don't mess about, get on with it, you can do it" She recalled that Garnet was the first non-native to travel well up the Sepik River in PNG in 1964 so he could preach to the locals who then translated his words into their own languages.

In 2010 Garnet and Bette celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary; he was so proud of their letters of

congratulations from the Queen, the Governor General and other dignitaries. Garnet certainly was a "man of God" who lived life just as he preached it and never wavered in his faith. He will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him.

(Taken from information supplied in Garnet's brief "autobiography" and the eulogy written by his sister, Natalie Ferris [Budge] – St Cath's 1950 – '52)



VALE

MILLIE BARNES (Nee Mardon) (St Catharine's 1925 to 1926) passed away peacefully on the December 17, 2011, three days after her 95th birthday. Her funeral was held on the Thursday before Christmas in Redcliffe. She was the sister of Ken Mardon (deceased) who was our association Patron before Adrian Charles. She was a student of St Catharine's, while it was still CEGS before the coming of the Sisters of the Society of the Sacred Advent. Her sisters, Norma and Eleanor also attended CEGS, Warwick. Millie donated one of the stained glass windows in the name of her brother, Ken. She remained alert, her humour and wit intact, right up until her passing.

GARNET MAITLAND BUDGE (Slade 1942 to 1945) No 444 on the School Roll passed away on January 10, 2012 at St Vincent's Hospital, Kangaroo Point after an extended fight against the big C. Garnet was one of our first Life Members being No 4 on that roll and served as President of the Association from 2004 to 2006. He had received Half Colours in Football.



HOWARD RICHARD HANCOCK (Slade 1942 to 1944) No 389 on the School Roll passed away on December 26, 2011 and his final ceremony was held at Tweed Heads. He was awarded Half Colours for Athletics in 1944.



GEOFFREY IAN COOKE (Slade 1961 to 1964) passed away on December 27, 2011 after a long battle with Cancer. His funeral was held on Wednesday 4th January at Burstow's Chapel in Toowoomba. He received Half Colours in Athletics and Tennis and was a Cadet Sgt. Major.



DOUGLAS STANDLEY THURECHT (Slade from 1941 to 1949) No. 349 on the School Roll passed away on December 18, 2011. His final ceremony was held at Nerang on the Gold Coast near where he had retired at Hope Island. He had been in the Football Team and a Cadet Lieut.



JOHN ALLEN (Slade 1954 to '59) passed away on December 17, 2011 after suffering a heart attack. He was suffering from bone cancer which was being treated via a stem cell procedure and was to see his doctor tomorrow but unfortunately it was his heart that caused his death. John was about 70 years old. His brother, Tony, also attended Slade. He was a House Prefect, a Cadet Sgt. and a Sacristan. He gained Half Colours in Swimming, Cricket and Tennis.



PER VOLAR SONATA – PATRIBUS DIGNI ESTOTE
(Born to fly higher - be worthy of our Forebears)

MUG SHOTS

I have received from a reliable source, Ted Ross that the students in the 1964 cricket photo in the last issue of Kinawah in order:

Standing: T Stehbens, T Age, S Roberts, C Hassall, G Armstrong, R Beeton and G Hobday.

Sitting: P Goodwin, P Ramsay (Captain), Mr. R Waite (Coach), G Smith and J Hofland.

Points to note: This team won the first cricket premiership since 1955. T Age scored a century – first since the 1955 team when Michael Brown scored two centuries. Mick was also a good leg spin bowler and also took a hat trick as well as two lots of 6 wickets in an innings. The cup looks a different one from the one we won in 1955.

Can you name these Sisters with Sr. Rachel?



This is a portrait of the staff and students of St. Catharine's Girls' School, Stanthorpe on the steps in front of the school.

The **back row** from left to right includes: May Davies, Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) and Jean Elliott. The **second back row** includes unidentified, Eve Brunckhorst (sitting on step), Innes Elliott (?), Edna Brunckhorst (sitting on step), and Zilla Portus. The **third back row** includes Miss Cummins (joined the Sisterhood), Keare (?), Cullen ('Maryland'), Winnifred Stevens, Olive Bonner (with glasses), unidentified, Lilah Kemp, Kathleen McNeil, Joan Challiner (Brisbane, Mrs Holmes), Lucy (?) and Miss MacKay (married a teller from the bank). The **second front row**, includes Miss Heuser (novice, later Sister Anna), unidentified (?), Mother Emma (Superior), unidentified (?), Sister Winifred and Eva Foster (standing). The **front row**, includes unidentified, unidentified, (?), Cairns, 'Tiny' (dog), Eilel Pierpoint and unidentified.

I intend to live forever. So far, so good.

Typical at our Reunions – 'Who are you again?'

*Make an effort to come along to these reunions and you'll be amazed at how easily everyone slots together to have a great time with the schools as common ground.
See you in Warwick?*