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Our Reunions now in exotic locations



Bruce Stewart, Sheryl, Bruce Mauch, Joan Austin, Bruce Campbell, Margaret Stewart, Ray Dickson, Margaret Melton, Peter Moloney, Peter Ramsay, Madeline Blyth, Paul Holland and Helen Moloney enjoying the folly from a far flung land.

WORDS OF (DUBIOUS) WISDOM FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Well, there I was, sitting in the front row in the Slade dining room, listening to the reports from our esteemed leaders Margaret and Helen, and then, the election for President came up. I hoped that someone in our small assembled group would leap up and say "I want to be the President!" but alas and alack, the interjection never came, so I fulfilled the promise I made last year in Townsville (I am sure while under the influence of too much red wine), and agreed to step into the role.

So here it is...number 1 of my President's reports.

The first thing I must say is that, while I pledge to carry on the exemplary work of my predecessor, I am, after all, a thousand miles away, so I will not be able to attend too many meetings in the south-east corner in person. However, an amazing Board and the advent of modern technology means we can still be in close contact all the time; the next thing is for me to understand and master (?) that technology!

I wish to say a very big thank you to Helen Moloney who has stood down from the committee after years as our Secretary. She has been most effective, most helpful, dedicated and ever patient with members over that time. We owe you so much Helen. (Oh, actually Helen is still part of the committee as the Kinawah coordinator and editor, but looks to be replaced by another member soon...very soon she hopes!)

I also thank Margaret Stewart who has stood aside as President but has, surprisingly, put up her hand to be Secretary; talk about out of the frying pan. However I am so grateful that I do not lose the experience, ability and good humour Margaret brings to the committee. I also thank the effervescent Peter Ramsay who is our new Vice-President and I know will ably represent me in meetings which I can't attend regarding the future of the campus and other matters that may arise. Nigel has continued as Treasurer and I thank him for that now, as I couldn't do so at the AGM; he was sunning himself somewhere in the South Pacific as we were shivering in Warwick. Harry Haxton and Walter Robb continue as Web Site gurus, Paul Holland will carry on his important position as Museum Curator, Ted Ross is again our Archivist and, of course, Bishop Adrian has agreed to remain our popular

and much loved Patron.

At the AGM I was also thrilled to confer on Paul "Louie" Holland Honorary Life Membership of the Association in recognition for his long standing and unstinting devotion to the cause of the Past Students' Association and the preservation of our schools' history.

Another great moment was conferring Honorary Membership to Kel Williamson who, while an employee of the Council, has looked after the grounds and buildings for many years, and will continue in that role for at least a few years to come. The wonderful thing is that he has been as dedicated to the preservation cause as any of our past students, has welcomed past students both formally through reunions and informally when students have simply called in and he thoroughly deserves this recognition.

You will see from the minutes that we had positive news with the (sort of) transfer from Southern Downs Regional Council ownership of the school to Warwick Christian College. It all sounds very positive at the moment, but, in the end, only time will tell. It was one of the best outcomes I could imagine without one of us winning a very big Lotto.

There was some other general business we handled (see minutes) but then the real fun began with a beautiful Saturday night dinner in the dining room, with Chef Kel Williamson responsible for the excellent repast we enjoyed. Following that there was the usual shenanigans concerning some very good (and some very ordinary) performances by various members and partners and a school quiz devised by Margaret which was won by the most knowledgeable table (mine!).

Sunday started early to start our bus trip to the Granite Belt wine fields. Two wineries for tastings, the Lavender Farm, a delightful lunch, a reasonably sunny day and some

wonderful camaraderie made the day one to remember. I see that Symphony Wines, one of our visits, cleaned up at the Queensland Wine Awards recently.

I must say that all of the Reunion/AGM was fantastic. The weekend was so well organised and made enjoyable by Margaret, Helen, Kel and all others involved. I admit that I did suffer a little from the cold weather (it's now 43 years since I lived in a cold climate) but thank goodness it wasn't the following weekend when the temperature plunged another 5 degrees, well into negative territory.

And my trip back to Brisbane was made memorable by having the company of Madeline Blyth and Joan Austin who told me many tales of St Cath's during the war years.

I think that will just about wrap it up for this first epistle from on high (well, high up on the map anyway). I look forward to the next year of service to the Association, and if any of you get up to Townsville, make sure you give me a call so we can catch up.

Ray Dickson

COMMITTEE REPORT

Minutes of the 2012 AGM

Present: Ray Dickson, Paul Holland, Peter Ramsay, Margaret Stewart, Helen Moloney, Joan Austin, Madeline Blyth, Jenny Schonfisch, Gwenda Batterham, Randal Morrison, Bruce Campbell, Joan Campbell, Trish Spies, Bp Bevan Meredith, Gilbert Fitzhannim, John Armbruster, Gloria Mogridge, Margaret Melton, Steve Cooke.

Apologies: Walter Robb, Nigel Faulkner, Ted Ross, John Bayliss, George Hannaford, Barry Dixon, John Nantes, Alan Donovan, Gloria Coombe (Donovan), David Willmott, John Tomlinson, Gwenda Sorensen, Harry Haxton, Niel Quirk, Bruce Mauch, Allison Whiley (Ralston), Diane Bucknell, Viva McCauley, Bp Adrian Charles.

Minutes of Previous AGM:

Moved Ray Dickson, seconded Peter Ramsay that the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted as read.

Correspondence:

Inward – Sara Bucher re her father's posthumous AM.

Southern Downs Regional Council re items at the Slade Campus.

Margaret McKinnon re the sale of Slade and an invitation to the AGM dinner.

Outward – Southern Downs Regional Council re items at Slade Campus.

Save Our Slade Committee re thanks for their efforts

Adrian Charles congratulating him on his 60th Jubilee.

Moved Peter Ramsay, seconded Paul Holland that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward endorsed. *Carried*

Business Arising:

Kel Williamson addressed the meeting re the CCM obtaining Slade. This would be the 9th school they own. They will have full possession by 2018. At present Council still retains ownership so CCM is answerable to them. They will be on campus in 2013 with a Primary School and each year add a grade as the pupils progress though. The education precinct will take in the pool, science block and around to Barnes house in a horseshoe shape. Slade House will be restored to be the principal's office, (self funded through government grants). They are having open days pushing the school. Kel is to continue 'til March next year. Bookings are still coming in for weddings etc. Kel described them as gentle people. The Principal is the father of 4 children. They will be promoting the facility as Slade Community Function Centre. He has a good feeling about it.

Madeline Blyth thanked Kel as the liaison between the parties.

Reports:

President: Margaret Stewart read her report briefly outlining the year's happenings – see Page 9. Moved Ray Dickson, seconded Steve Cooke that Margaret's report be accepted.

Museum: More and more memorabilia is coming in. It is not in the museum as Paul was not sure of the future. He asked for assistance of folks re commenting on displays with ideas for more. Maybe CCM can take over using it as an historical continuum with Churchie to contribute. Moved Jenny Schonfisch, seconded Joan Austin that Paul's report be accepted.

Kinawah: Helen reported that people had embraced the Kinawah being on the net and only a few people were experiencing problems. There is still a need for Past Students to contribute as it is an important vehicle by which we can stay connected. Moved Paul Holland, seconded Margaret Stewart that the report be accepted. Madeline thanked the three officials for all their work.

Financial Statement: In Nigel Faulkner's absence Paul Holland presented the financial statement. Paul moved that Nigel's report showing a credit balance of \$30 000 + be accepted, seconded Madeline.

Election of Office Bearers; Margaret vacated the chair to be replaced by Paul for the election of Office Bearers. It was decided that all nominations be seconded and accepted at the end by the meeting.

Patron – Adrian Charles, nominated by Paul Holland

President –Ray Dickson by Peter Ramsay

Vice President – Peter Ramsay volunteered in the absence of a nomination.

Hon. Treasurer – Nigel Faulkner, nominated by Paul Holland.

Hon. Secretary – Margaret Stewart, nominated by Helen Moloney

Kinawah Editor – Caretaker Helen Moloney, approach Joan White to take on the position.

Web Site Editors – Harry Haxton and Walter Robb to continue.

Archivist – Ted Ross to continue.

Museum Curator – Paul Holland to continue.

Regional Representatives/Reunion Reps – John Bayliss, John Henning, Ray Dickson, John Farqhar to continue.

General Business:

The fees are to remain as for last year i.e. \$45 yearly membership and \$270 for Life Membership

Honorary Life Membership was presented to Paul Holland with many fine words from Peter Ramsay congratulating him on all his work for the Association.

Peter Ramsay moved that an Honorary Membership be conferred on Kel Williamson, seconded by all present.

Next AGM: Set down for St. George with the date to be confirmed depending on the new date for the Queen's Birthday weekend.

REUNIONS

1960's and 70's Get Together

This is the first notification about the fifth Slade/St Catharine's 60's/70's reunion - Last year we had 80-100 past students including a good number from the 70's for the first time and every one seemed to have a good time – While people keep coming we intend to keep holding them

The details are below - I hope you can make it this year

You can help in a number of ways

1. If you are likely to be able to come let me know so I can add your name to the updates I send out regularly - The aim is that you will know a lot of the people there - If you add your name to the list other people who want to catch up with you are more likely to come

2. Pass this list on to any other Slade or St Catharine's 60s/70s students who are likely to be interested and/or send me their contact details so I can get it touch with them – This particularly applies to 70s students for whom I have lot less email addresses.

It is also worth remembering those students who finished year 12 in 1962 will be celebrating their 50th anniversary – So for those who left at the end of 1962 if there is not some other activity planned this might be a good way to encourage your old class mates to get together.

The details are:

Saturday, 3 November, 2012

11am for lunch

Breakfast Creek Hotel

2 Kingsford Smith Drive

Breakfast Creek QLD 4010

The Hotel will have an area set aside for us (we will do everything we can to make sure they keep it for us until at least 4pm)

You buy your own drinks and meals - Partners etc are welcome

There are no speeches or any formal proceedings - The whole idea is that you get to catch up with your old class mates in a relaxed atmosphere

We are targeting any one who attended Slade or St Catharine's in the 60s/70s although any one who is interested is welcome

Look forward to hearing from you

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When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading.

- Henry Youngman

An Advertisement

You may remember reading in a previous Kinawah (2010 Vol. 5) the connection between the Anglican Parish of Drayton and Slade and St Cath's past students – Lois Puschmann, Wynsome Boatfield, Alma Rauchle, Helen Naylor, Helen Robb, Desley West and Rob Nolan. Well, some of these Past Students are working together, along with others, to put on the following display at St Matthew's Church.

Also, on the other side of town is the Marge and Phil Martin Display Garden, money from which goes to a charity in Toowoomba. Marge's mother attended St Catharine's in Stanthorpe.

You are invited to visit these events if you come to Toowoomba for the **Carnival of Flowers** at the end of September.

Blooms, Brides and Bells



'Images of Old Fashion Love'

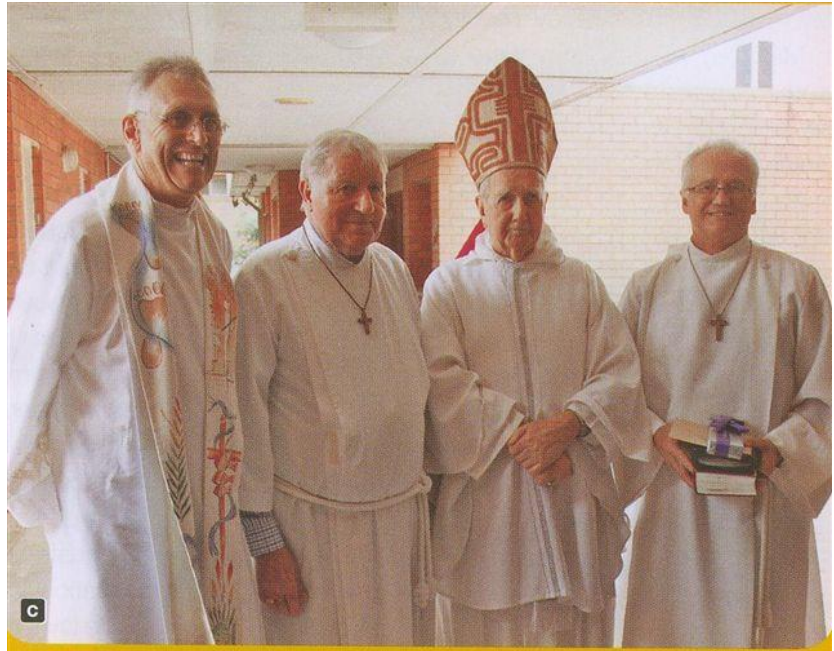
An exhibition featuring Bridal Gowns and Grooms' outfits captured by the cameras of yesteryear. The display includes a dress from America and a veil from Paris bought by Sr. Elizabeth Kenny in for her niece in 1947.

St Matthew's Anglican Church

Community Centre
Cnr Glennie and Beatrice Sts
Drayton, Toowoomba.
Friday to Wednesday,
21st – 26th September, 2012
9.30 am to 4.00 pm
Entry \$3

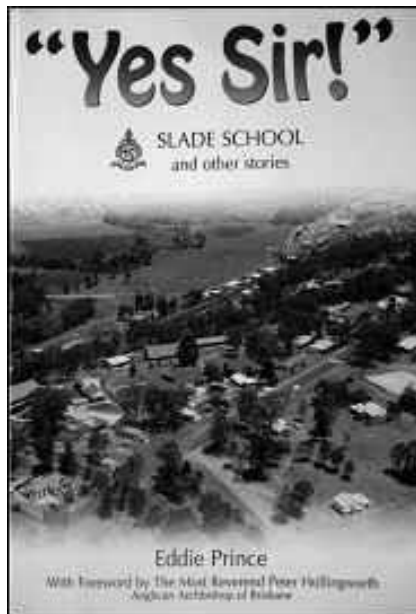
Also view a **floral display** in the Heritage listed St Matthew's Church and enjoy a leisurely stroll around the grounds.

Visit the craft and produce stalls, view a display of **handcrafted bags**, see how to '**heritage' scrapbook** old wedding photos and see early 1900's **photography** demonstrations. Relax in the Benjamin Glennie Tea Room while enjoying some light refreshments.



Congratulations to Bishop Bevan Meredith who celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination at St Faith's Church in Strathpine earlier this year. (Photo from the June/July edition of Focus – the Brisbane Anglican Diocese Magazine)

We have many copies of Eddie Prince's two books – '**Sir**' and '**Yes Sir**' in the museum. If you would like copies please let the editor know and they'll be sent to you for the small charge of \$10 – including postage and handling.



Buy a copy of "Yes Sir!" by past Principal, Eddie Prince, a definitive history of Slade School from the fifties to 1990 and get "Sir!" an autobiography by the same author

"FREE"

"...a war of personal confrontation, enterprise and daring initiative, strange new experiences, comradeship, all spiced with hearty good humour."

The Right Reverend Adrian Charles

Anglican Bishop to the Australian Defence Force

Everyone has a photographic memory... some just don't have film.

SLADE CAMPUS



Here's just a quick update on the happenings at Slade. The new pool fence has been erected and looks fabulous encompassing the wood BBQ and the Gym area within the confines of the pool giving more grass area and undercover space to potential users, still awaiting quotes on the upgrading and repairs but it has begun.

Ensby Electrical has workmen on site upgrading the electrical wiring in many areas mainly classrooms and Slade house with some emergency lighting in the dining room.

Paul's Painting will commence on 20th August and is looking at 10 – 12 weeks work on several buildings including Slade House external areas, the front two rooms and foyer which will give it a new lease of life with it again becoming the Principal's office and admin area. (I doubt there will be any canings in there as the current students are well behaved)

The most enjoyable happening is that Warwick Christian College is going to hold this year's athletics' carnival at the Slade Campus Mayhew Oval on 9th August with students and parents attending. Two long jump pits have been installed at the rear of the oval with the generous support of parents.

Am really looking forward to the day and having the hustle and bustle of enthusiastic students running around. We are going to have a BBQ for lunch which I am sure the kids will love.

The Area at the end of Mayhew Building is currently

being retained and fenced (matching the pool fence) and levelled to allow the erection of the current play gym from Canning Street Campus to proceed during the Xmas break which will just add another element to the Campus becoming a School again.

A Disability ramp has been approved for the side entrance to the Dining Room and will be in place within the month. This will really be an asset with more and more groups wishing to use the Dining Room and its sumptuous offerings (joke).

Christian Community Ministries are having a meeting and training weekend 31st Aug-2nd Sept '12 to show case Slade I am really looking forward to meeting the Management Team who had the foresight to see the potential of Slade and purchase the Campus and return it to an education precinct.

They are obtaining quotes to cull the number of eucalypt trees on site and I won't be sorry to see them go or the mess they create!

Terrence and his family have taken up residence in the headmaster's house and are enjoying their first Warwick winter.

Thanks Kel for the update.

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.
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Life is short

– Talk fast

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 get little bulletins between Kinawahs.

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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-a-alikes' and a man wearing a kilt!
Enjoy!

Hi Helen,

After reading the latest issue of Kinawah, and looking at the photos in the archives, it occurred to me that there seems to be little reference to the 1950-1959 years. (Am I looking in the wrong place?). I thought that I had a photo of the 1956 Scholarship Class - but cannot locate it. I have located a list of those from that class and list it here. It would be interesting to have a "Where are they now" page for this group. Most of us would be in our late 60's and probably retired. Regretfully some have passed away.

The List....

Fred Sakzewski
Neville Dutton
Ian Hillard
? Shephard
A Lyons
Ashley Steed
Brian Browne (with an e)
Brian Hall
Ken MacPherson
Anthony Bell
Peter Carter
K Hourn
C Thorne
Michael Martin
W Wood
Trevor Chappell
J Banks
Jeffrey Welk
L Allen

G Brennan
 David Jackson
 L Thompson
 T Campbell
 Colin McPhail
 Ross McDougall (now Decd)
 P Nichols
 R Donovan
 P Howard
 R(oss) Twidale
 David Ortt
 R Ainui (PNG)
 Kana Abura (PNG)
 Gordon Shirley
 Sorry I cannot make the
 reunion in June, but I wish you
 all the best.
 Cheers
 Ian Hillard

*If someone is able to chase up
 information about these chaps
 we can certainly add a page to
 the website. That goes for
 anyone else wishing to do the
 same thing for their group.*

*Send it to me and I'll forward it
 on to whoever puts up their
 hand to collate this
 information.*

VALE



BILL NEWCOMEN (Slade 1942 – 46) passed away unexpectedly in his sleep on the 15th January. He came from the Goondiwindi area and, as the letter from his daughter-in-law advising Neil of his death, came from Garah, NSW he must have moved to there at sometime Bill passed junior in 1943 and was also awarded Half Colours in Football. The photo attached was taken from 1944 1st XV – he was also in the 1945 1st XV.
PER VOLAR SONATA – PATRIBUS DIGNI ESTOTE
(Born to fly higher - be worthy of our Forebears)

AGM Reunion Snaps

Gilbert Fitzhannim, Peter Ruegg



Ranald Morrison Bp Bevan Meredith, and Russell Spies



Bruce Campbell, Paul Holland and Peter Ramsay

Buce Mauch, Cheryl, Kel Williamson
John Armbruster



Kel and Mrs Williamson



Madeline Blyth
Joan Austin
Joan Campbell



David and Jenny Schonfisch
Trish Spies, Ray Dickson



Margaret Melton, Margaret Stewart



Ray, Paul and Peter M. – singing!

Joan alias Storyteller
Madeline –Cinderella
Bruce – Prince Charming
Paul – Ugly Step-sister
Joan – Fairy Godmother



Margaret, Peter, David and Joan – performing!

Coffee, wine and shopping!!!



President's Report for 2012.

This has been my 4th year as President. Although not as hectic as last year it has still been a busy year and we now have some definite news regarding Slade School. The school was purchased by the Warwick Christian School. Slade Lives Again Committee were initially disappointed, but agreed that this was the next best outcome.

Reasons being

- It is going to continue to be an educational facility.
- It is not going to be purchased by developers and divided into house blocks.
- Community groups are still able to book rooms and sections for their use which will benefit the entire city.
- SSPSA will continue to have use of the museum after consultation with the new headmaster.

Quite a large amount of money that we gave to the 'Slade Lives Again' group was returned to the association after their tender was unsuccessful.

This year we are again fortunate to be able to have our meeting and reunion dinner in the dining hall here at Slade.

We were saddened at the passing of a number of past students this year, especially old Slade Boys, including Ken Raff, Garnet Budge, Howard Hancock, Geoff Cooke, Doug Thurecht, John Allen, Brian Sullivan, Kevin Anderson, James Greenway, Ian Fairbairn, Miles Savill, Bill Newcoman and Millie Barnes, Marilyn Makinson and Lyndall Rankin from St Catharine's. Because of this we urge you all to attend reunions and relive your happy childhood days. Many thanks to those who organize class reunions. We were sorry to lose Garnet, a past president and the organizer of the Grand Chancellor Lunch.

The AGM meeting, reunion dinner and bus trip last year in Townsville was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended. The group gels well together and we all part happily, looking forward to the get together next year.

We were all very proud of Adrian Charles celebrating 60 years of service - a parallel with the queen. As with Elizabeth 11 it is quite an achievement to be dedicated to a professional calling for so long.

I am sure this weekend in Warwick will be as enjoyable as all the previous times, and I know all those attending are going to have fun.

Thank you so much again to Helen Moloney for all her hard work as secretary and editor of Kinawah. I do not know how I would manage without Helen. Also a big 'thank you' to Nigel Faulkner who puts a lot of effort into keeping our funds in order.

Margaret Stewart (Ree)
President (2009-2012)
St Catharine's (1962-1965)