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Peter Ramsay presented the Principal of Warwick Christian College, Terrence McCorkell, and the Administration Officer, Sharron DeCourcy, with a cheque from the Association for \$2 000 to go towards the restoration of Slade House.

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

(From the (very untidy) desk of Ray D.)

Greetings again everyone and here is my second report. Quite a bit to read in this issue of Kinawah and I hope you find it enjoyable. First, a number of special thanks are due.

To our vice-president Peter Ramsay, thank you for your selfless and dedicated work in representing me and the Association in talks and functions with the new owners of Slade; I am sure he actually does a far better job than I would in person.



Also, to my old mate Richard Cleal, I thank you for once again organising a brilliant 60's reunion at the Brekky Creek. I am really sorry I missed this year's as it was reported that everyone had a great time and a scan through the names of the attendees brought back very fond memories. I am determined to be there again in 2013. I know Richard is seriously thinking about the date to hold next year's so please respond when you hear from him.

And another BIG thank you to Helen Moloney who is continuing with her sterling efforts in producing the Kinawah on a regular basis and with such class and finesse.

And finally, thank you to all my fellow committee members for doing so much more work in the remote absence of the president.

While the remnants of the 60's reunion participants would have been wending their way home in various states of disrepair, a far more sober and respectable crew assembled in Townsville for a dinner-time reunion of as many North Queensland past students as we could muster. A report is also published in this newsletter.

Helen & Peter Moloney, Bruce Mauch and Cheryl, Secretary Margaret and Bruce Stewart and V.P. Peter Ramsay represented the Association at what sounds like a lovely dinner at the school, hosted by the new owners, the Warwick Christian College, in the dining room early in November. It was a Slade House Restoration fund raiser so of course it has the full backing of the committee. Peter gave the 80 or so guests a short history of the school and I believe that it was a most convivial evening, with over \$8,000 raised via ticket sales and an auction for the restoration project. Once again, Kel's catering was a big hit. An extensive report appears elsewhere in this edition.

I have just received the official Warwick Christian College newsletter and it gave me enormous pleasure to read. They are all so anxious and excited to move into "their Slade School" that it was infectious. I thank God that the school, and its future, at this time, is not only secured, but it will continue its mission of education in a Christian environment.

Just for interest's sake, I was recently driving through the streets of Melbourne (don't ask me exactly where; that is known only to my wife and the GPS – I had no idea; I was just driving and panicking) and we drove past a St. Catharine's (Anglican) Church. First time I had ever seen one with that spelling.

For now, farewell. There'll be another report in the next Kinawah and I hope to see as many of you as possible in St. George in June.

Ray Dickson

President



REUNION REPORTS

Report on the Slade/St. Cath's N Q 2012 get-together

Attending: Barry Woodworth ('48-'51) and Gaye; Jock Macdonald ('55-'57) and Kaye; Ron Cover ('65 – '70) and Ann; Eddie Wickham ('64-'65) and Felice; Alan Meiklejohn '55-'59) and Cathy; Viva McCauley and Jeff (and Kevin, their driver); Natalie Ferris ('50-'52); Ray Dickson ('66 –'68) and Jenny

Apologies: Sandra (Humbley) Mollenhagen; Dallas Foster; Ray Menkens; Mike Rippin; Ken Keilar; Eric Hassle.

Sixteen of us, past students, partners and friends, met at Seagulls Resort on the beachfront in Townsville on Saturday evening, 3rd November, for a convivial get together. It had been quite some time since the last time we had all met so there was a lot to catch up with. Organisers of the evening were yours truly and Natalie, the "regional organisers" for the North Queensland region.

It was nice to welcome Ron Cover and Ann for the first time, even though they had lived in Bowen for more than 20 years, unbeknown to me. They were

a welcome addition to our happy little crowd and we hope to see them again soon.

I welcomed everyone and explained that I was now the President of the association, the announcement of which was met with general amazement and incredulity. No, I jest. I was most warmly congratulated. I then invited all to attend the AGM and re-union in St. George in June, but as everyone has lived in the tropics for so long, the thought of the temperature that would have to be endured seemed to rule out the possibility for most people.

With an early evening start, and with most of us getting a little older (Ron excepted of course) it spoke very highly of everyone's enjoyment of the evening that the last departures were after 10.30pm.

Unfortunately it won't be possible for us to have another function in the short time between now and Christmas, so the next social occasion will be some time in the first half of next year.

Ray Dickson
Co-Organiser



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

At a recent luncheon I sat opposite one of our clergy and her husband. In conversation with two other St Catharine's past students, to our surprise, it came to light that the husband is Sr. Angela's brother! Hence the following article.

Sister Angela

I first met Angela very soon after I was born. Not surprising really, as she is my older sister by ten years, give or take a few days.

At a recent Anglican Guild "do" I discovered that three ladies there, Lois (Puschmann), Wyn (Boatfield) and Helen (Robb) went to a school at which Angela was on the staff. Helen asked me to write a few words about her for the newsletter. So here goes.

I'm Rod, the youngest of three. As Angela was ten years older she could boss me about as much as she liked.

I think she was born in Townsville in 1933. The family moved to Sydney during the war. After the war we moved back to Queensland, Hughenden to be more precise.

Angela went to St Gabriel's School in Charters Towers. In her final year she was school captain. Somewhere along the line she developed an interest in Speech and Drama, which means that she is a stickler for pronunciation, grammar and so on, which meant that at every opportunity I would drop "g"s off words, use very bad grammar etc.! She became highly qualified in this subject.

When I was very small, whenever we had ice creams, Angela would get at least half of mine. She would tell me she was licking the ice cream down into the cone so it wouldn't fall off. A likely story!

However, she joined the Society of the Sacred Advent and taught in various schools run by that Order. After she left the Order, 1970, she attended U Q and obtained a Social Work Degree. I have never let her forget that I got my Social Work degree before her.

She became a lecturer in Social Work at James Cook University, and held social work positions in Tasmania.

When she was still in SSA I met Dot, who is now my wife. Dot was Methodist. I had told her that my father was an Anglican Priest, which freaked her out a bit, but I hadn't told her that my sister was a Nun. One day I was taking her to meet my family. When we were on the bus I told her about my sister being a Nun and I just managed to stop her from pulling the cord to stop the bus to get off.

Angela joined a Franciscan order in 1984 and is now in England. For a long time she has had Multiple Sclerosis and is now in a nursing home.

Rod Daniels

Thank you Rod for providing this. I know the St Cath's girls will appreciate knowing where Sr. Angela went after St Cath's.

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising to get into shape for the Christmas season. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour.

But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over!

CONTRIBUTIONS

The following poems were written and contributed by Joan White (Clothier).

S Plates

Predicaments pertaining to senior drivers have prompted a pitch for 'S' plates but, unhappily this spotlights another, more pertinent impasse.

Perhaps someone has the power to persuade us how 'S' plates might play a part or possibly, provide an appropriate solution or response. permit me to prognosticate . . .

Presumably seniors will be spared the respect presently preferred for 'P' and 'L' plate drivers. The expedience of the 'S' plate proposal is purely dependent upon the respect of supportive other drivers and the proportion of us presently practising proper prudence, parity and patience is

paltry.

It's completely and patently preposterous.

Apparently this prototype and perfect panacea positively imputes patience, protocol, propriety and politeness to persons representing a plurality of persuasions. Quite plainly it's implausible.

The proposal is peremptory. It's perfectly perverse.

Perhaps we **will** promptly practise responsibility prerequisite to the special privilege of possessing a license or a permit; at some point we **may** anticipate a perfectly acceptable proposal in order to procure protected passage past the pickle. Then again, it's probable we won't.

Perhaps these hypercritical proponents will happily empower us to push our own perambulators instead?

P.S. Provisional Senior

I've sure gotten old!

I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia, have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. I can't remember if I'm 85 or 92 and I have lost all my friends.

But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

The Picture Show

I have to say, you haven't lived if you have never been to a classic old-time picture show discovered what it means.



In country towns they were the thing the latest entertainment twice a week was picture night the whole town in containment.

The cinema was a great big shed of corrugated iron, the roof, perhaps three stories high, the sound track rising higher.

They'd show two movies, not just one and we called them 'the pictures', ('movie' was a U.S. term), but if you were a bit more hip, you might call them 'the flicks'.

We'd cuddle up in canvas seats a comfy, friendly date, roll jaffas down the nearest aisles and half past ten was late.

THE 'GOSS'

Make 'The Goss' more interesting and informative by contacting the Editor, hmoloney@aapt.net.au to let us know what's doing with our past students.

We have received many wonderful pieces of information about the 'goings-on' of our past students but now I notice that children of past students are making it into the newspapers. One such person is Emily Martin (daughter of Jocelyn Martin (Wright)) who, along with Brad Goldthorpe, runs Maranoa Mechanical. They were awarded the prestigious Sally Staines Customer Service Award for 2012 at the Repco National Convention recently.

We have already heard about and reported on Jenny Donovan's daughter being an Olympic Swimmer and Jenny Neilson's son who plays NRL.

If you would like to 'skite' about your offspring please do so. We'd love to hear what the next generation is doing.

SLADE CAMPUS



Warwick Christian College

The college has now completed the big move from Canningvale Rd. and officially commenced operating from 'SLADE CAMPUS' on Monday 26th November. We now receive regular updates via the College Newsletter and are thrilled to hear that they will continue to refer to Slade Campus and the associated buildings by their original names i.e. Slade House, Roberts House etc.

Paul Holland and I had a very constructive meeting with the Principal, Terrence McCorkell, and the Administration Officer, Sharron DeCourcy, regarding our involvement with the museum and other matters of interest to our association.

All the people involved with the college are very dedicated and highly motivated. I have every confidence they will be successful in their endeavours to restore the school to its former status and beyond.

Peter Ramsay

At the Fund Raising Dinner a Slade Development Plan was issued in which was outlined the use of

the buildings. The Principal's residence will remain as such; Barnes House will be used for the library and classrooms; the Barnes unit (added in recent years) will be the staffroom and offices; Slade House as the main administration building; Mayhew will be 4 classrooms; classrooms containing the stained glass windows will be the Chapel and Assembly Hall and the rest of the buildings will continue to be used as before. (Not sure what will become of the St Catharine's Hall!). They also had a fund raising plan and I quote, "Warwick Christian College wants to involve the community in the project of restoring the much-loved Slade House. This beautiful homestead has been part of the history of many families of the town and time has come to see it revived. To help breathe new life into Slade House we need community support. Become a part of history by becoming a Friend of Slade House. Bronze Sponsorship - \$500 donation, Silver Sponsorship - \$2 000 donation Gold Sponsorship - \$5 000 + donation. For each level of the tax deductible sponsorship, apart from investing in the future of young people's lives, you receive appropriate incentives e.g. advertising in the e-newsletter, name on a plaque, certificate etc." The Association has made a \$2 000 donation towards this project.

MUSEUM REPORT



It is gratifying to know that, with the reformation of Slade through the good grace of the Warwick Christian College, the museum and the stained glass windows in the chapel (Old Classroom Block) are safe and an accepted part of the new college. This means that the museum is no longer in a state of suspended animation, as it has been since the departure of Churchie. Long overdue repairs can be completed in the museum and on the stained glass windows. The installation of a dehumidifying air-conditioner in the museum is now a distinct possibility. We have not forgotten the generosity of those who offered donations to make that happen, but of course, we realise that since then circumstances may have changed. However, it is hoped that when we once again approach our members for some financial support in this regard, help will be at hand.

The museum has still been accumulating more artifacts and historical records, but these have been left undocumented and unclassified and the

museum is in much need of reorganization. It is my intention to arrange a working bee to correct that situation. Mr. Terrence McCorkell, the Principal, has very kindly agreed to let us to keep our surplus records in the chemistry laboratory storage room, but that also needs upgrading and reorganizing. As Museum Curator, I see the Warwick Christian College as another part of the Slade Campus journey and a vindication of the vision of those who established Slade and CEGS early last century. I look forward to the day when the museum reflects this very pertinent development.

Slade Campus is once again what it was designed to be – an educational institution with a vision to provide an opportunity for our children to reach their full potential within an environment based on strong Christian principles. I would hope our museum and archives will continue to reflect and support that vision and remain a testament to those who came before.

“Patribus Digni Estote – Per Volar Sonata”

VALE



Our condolences go to Leslie Lattimore, whose mum passed away several months ago; to John O'Brien whose wife, Kerry, lost her battle with cancer on Monday, August 20 and to Madeline Blyth whose sister, Caragh, died on the weekend of 27/28 October. Our thoughts are with their families and those of the following Past Students at this time.



Gavin Chandler (Slade 1953 – 54) passed away on August 25. Gavin was a good athlete and was awarded Colours in both Athletics and Football. After leaving school Gavin completed a 5 year building apprenticeship in 1961 and worked for another 2 years as a builder. He then went shearing for some years before purchasing Benandre at Texas, a sheep and cattle grazing property, in 1970. Gavin was diagnosed with mesothelioma in September, 2008, which is believed to be a result of his building career. He was married to Jeanette and they had 3 children, Lisa, Kelly and Neale and 5 grandchildren. Errol and Kevin 'Digger' Donovan, friends of his since school days, were able to attend his funeral.



Dorothy Austin Dunlop (St Catharine's 1946 - 49) passed away on Monday, October 29 in Tamworth. She had a fairly short stint in hospital and passed away comfortably. Her funeral was held at St John's Anglican Church, Tamworth on Monday 05-11-2012.

Dorothy was the daughter of the Rector of St. Marks, Archdeacon Hoog. She achieved Gr 7 in Piano in 1949, was Pro-prefect 1948 and Prefect 1948/49.



Donald Thomas Russell (Slade 1952 - 55) He achieved Half-Colours in Football and Cricket and was a Cadet U/O. Don was also Head Sacristan in 1955.

*'Whilst sitting at my computer I entered Don's name into Google and came up with an entry in the Australian Cemeteries Index for him. This indicated that Don passed away on **26 February 1989** aged 51. His headstone is on the grave of his parents Don and Lillian Russell in the Charleville Cemetery.*



I am unaware of what Don's occupation was after leaving school. We were both prefects in 1955. Don did his Scholarship in Charleville in 1951 and apparently was placed third in Queensland for that year.'

Ted Ross



Don McLay (Slade 1943 – 48) passed away at the beginning of September. He had lived on the Coast at Hope Island not far from Doug Thurecht. He received Colours in Cricket and Tennis; Half Colours in Football and was in the Athletics Team.

*You may remember this extract from **KINAWAH March 1992***

*Carol Hinz (Bradford) has been active in digging up information on past students in the Hervey Bay area. Firstly the announcement that **Peter McClurg (1974-76)** and wife Susan's first child arrived on the Monday following the reunion weekend. Congratulations to both parents. Peter is the first chef at the establishment of **Don McLay (1943-48)** and **Del McLay (Nee Madge CEGS 1948)** (The Hervey Bay Resort and Shells). He was recently featured in an article in the local press where he gave away the secret to a Curried Coconut Prawns entree. Also featured a week*

earlier were Don and Del with employee Jennie Riley who was named the 1991 Endeavour Foundation's Bar Attendant and Charity Bar Attendant



PER VOLAR SONATA – PATRIBUS DIGNI ESTOTE

(Born to fly higher - be worthy of our Forebears)

MUG SHOTS

I have it on good authority that the lone batsman in the sports' collage in Issue 2 (Vol. 2012) was Graham Harvey not Peter Ramsay, although I believe a similar one was taken of Peter. Sorry boys for the mix up.

Jacki Clayton was able to identify the sisters in a photo that was in Issue 1 (Vol. 2012) of Kinawah. The only Sister that could be identified was Sister Rachel. Jacki indicated that the Sisters are from Left to Right - Sister Anne, Sister Helen, Sister Rachel and Sister Lois.

Now



and Then



From left to right: Jillian Hyndman (nee Robison), Diana Howcroft (nee Cory), Helen Cameron (nee Henning) Lynne Johnson, Patricia Spies (nee Marshall), Janet Billing (nee Bell) and Jennifer Schonfisch (nee Croft)

Cadet Photos from around 1933.

Supplied and identified by the late Frank Keenan. (Hope this all makes sense to you past Cadets.)



Mr. Bond supervisor of the range. Sam Aldridge on the mound and another not identified. Ted Oerton the ammunition boy standing.

Rifle 303 short service with morris tube - .22 calibre

Ted Oerton at the mound. "Pass the ammunition".

Sand bags hard to come by.



This is a photo of Col. Lorenzo standing at the rear.

Cpl Rowland giving lessons on mechanism of machine gun.

Lieut Daintree and a Warrant Officer in the foreground.



Photo Wall



This is the HMAS Sydney Memorial in Geraldton which includes Madeline Blyth's brother's name, Alexander Eagar, on the list of sailors who lost their lives when the ship was sunk by the German ship, Kormoran. Each of the 645 seagulls in the 'Dome of Souls' represents a life lost.



Brother and sister, Dot and Greg Gosper, and friends, Jill and Flora, at the Breakfast Creek Get Together in November. More photos can be seen on the web site.



Representing the Past Students Association at the Fund Raising Dinner and Auction at 'Slade' were Cheryl, Bruce Mauch, Peter Ramsay, Bruce and Margaret Stewart, Helen and Peter Moloney.

The Auctioneer and the Principal enticing people to bid for items donated by various Warwick businesses.

Slade House is undergoing restoration work. "Following our meeting with the administrators at the college we will shortly receive quotes to repair the ceiling in the museum (they will fix the roof) and the damaged stained glass window in the chapel. We have also asked them to prepare a quotation for the refurbishment of the room adjacent to the Principal's Study with a view to having this available as a public function area and named in honour of our association."
Peter Ramsay



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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.

*Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to one
and all.*

From the SSPSA Committee

Hope to see you in St. George next year for the AGM and Reunion

