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Graham Hendry and some old boys from the 40s got together at Helensvale recently. Ron, John, Ross, Keith and Trevor enjoyed the 'get together'.

A REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello all. I'm getting very excited about my holiday in the south-east corner which starts in just over a fortnight. People say "but you're retired, why do you need a holiday?" I assure you (and I know a lot of you are in the same boat), when I finally do "retire" I presume I won't need a break, but with everything I have on my plate at the moment, I do; and so does my wife who is NOT yet retired. (Being a kept man is wonderful.)

This is a great time for me to not only catch up with lots of family and ex-Townsvillians, but I will also take the opportunity to head out to Warwick with Peter Ramsay. We will be having morning tea with the Principal and executive staff at Warwick Christian School and having a look at the refurbishment of the "billiards room", now the meeting room.

The day after that I will be attending Richard's 60's reunion at the Brekky Creek. I couldn't make the last one so this will be an opportunity to catch up with people I haven't seen for two years and it is always great fun to see how old everyone is looking even though I haven't changed a bit!

The NQ branch is looking at a pre-Christmas reunion here in Townsville at the end of November so that will be a job for Natalie Ferris and me as soon as I return to the heat.

Just a short report for this Kinawah but undoubtedly there will be much to discuss in the next one.

Please remember that we are still raising funds for the refurbishment, so, if you haven't donated yet, I urge you to do so. To those who already have, thank you for your wonderful generosity.

Ray Dickson

REUNIONS

Hi Everyone,

Only a month to go to the sixth Slade/St Catharine's 60's/70's reunion on **Saturday 12 October** - The list of who is coming is building and is below -

As most of you will know you can just roll up on the day without adding your name to the list however if you are likely to come it would be great if you could let me know - Old friends who want to catch up with you are more likely to come if your name is on the list.

The details of the reunion are below.

We have people coming from overseas and Adelaide, Perth and Darwin and a number of people who are coming for the first time so I hope that is an extra incentive if you are thinking about whether you can make it this year.

The list

Derek Burnett
Kim-Maree Burton
Richard Cleal
Paul Holland
John Farquhar
Jenny Schonfisch
Geoff Orr
Richard Noon
Richard Francis
Lloyd Bailey
Richard Busser
Peter Ramsay
Jim Groat
John Stibbard
Jock Hofland
Geoff Tyson
Shandra Baker
Ray Dickson
Nigel Faulkner
Sharyn Oakhill
David Jackson
Peter Slader
Doug Muir
Steve Cooke
Sanyaluk Plikanone
Cris Roy
Tony Roy
Anne Nelson (Robbins)
Fred Alley
David Herbert
Leigh Hartog
Bruce Mauch
Djenan Sargood
Lex Noble
Mark Murray
Margaret Carter (Miller)
Dianne Prosser (Miller)
Harry Haxton
John Bayliss
Terry Stebhens
Doug Bradford
Heather Mawn (Brown)

Bill Brown
John Milton
Ross Thompson

There have been a few apologies - Will Roberts, Walter Robb, Margaret Stewart, Gordon Shirley, Robert Willson, Helen Moloney and Peter Kajewski.

Please 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 who I have lot less email addresses for.

I keep finding or being sent other e-mail addresses of 60s/70s past students - So if this the first time you have received this e-mail - Apologies for not contacting you before - Happy to supply more information if you send me an e-mail or give me a call.

The details are

Saturday 12 October 2013
11am for lunch
Breakfast Creek Hotel
2 Kingsford Smith Drive
Breakfast Creek QLD 4010

The Hotel will have an area set aside for us at the front of the Hotel.

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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Where were you seventy years ago? Not even born yet I guess!!

A number of St Cath's old 'girls' of the 1940s have met annually, in Brisbane, for the past ten years. Naturally our numbers are dwindling.

However of the twenty recently contacted, thirteen made the great effort to come to this year's luncheon - some travelling from as far away as Kingaroy, Maleny and the Gold Coast.

All those present were students between 1942 and 1947, aged 82 to 88 years - enough said!

The venue was the Shore Restaurant at the southern end of South Bank. Chosen for the lovely setting and because of the close proximity to rail and bus stations - not just because I happen to know the owner. We were looked after exceptionally well and enjoyed the hospitality for nearly 5 hours.

As expected there was plenty of talk, much laughter and many shared memories. As always

happens talk got around to our survival during those war years when everything was hard to obtain and rationing was part of life. And of course we all remembered Warwick winters. We were in cotton uniforms (tracksuits unheard of) good blankets not available and no heating of any kind. The new dorm was a square, barn like, timber building with louvers and uncovered cement floors. Did these times of hardship contribute to the happy and caring atmosphere that I remember so well.

Madeline Blythe

SLADE CAMPUS



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SLADE?

(Reporter - Peter Ramsay)

It's nearly 12 months since Warwick Christian College took charge of Slade Campus and now it proudly boasts a student enrolment in excess of 100. In our own small way we have continued to stay in touch with the developments and unfolding expansion at the college and will continue to support their endeavours to offer a Christian Educational Facility to the people of Warwick and surrounding districts.

Our project to assist with the refurbishment of the Board Room within Slade House is now complete and all those who donated to the fund can be assured that your generosity will be appreciated by the many who will use this room for years to come.

We still have some work to do within the museum and several other smaller areas of involvement. This will need to be completed by year end. Whilst we have raised some \$7,000 to date we would still like to achieve our target of \$10,000 in order to see these other activities completed. If you are still waiting to donate to the cause please help us to achieve our objective by contributing soon.

We have a working bee arranged for the reinstatement of the 'old school bell' on the wall of the chapel (old classroom block) and at the same time do some repair work on the stained glass windows, the remaining two, which have now been generously donated by Eddie and Lyn Prior and dedicated to Monty Marshall and The Rt. Rev Bevan (Grasshopper) Meredith.

The collection of suitable memorabilia is now our priority as we need to adorn our Board Room with appropriate history from both our schools. It is important that our legacy remains with the new

college and that the founding fathers' of both schools be remembered.

We will continue to be involved with important dates at the college and will support the celebration of Anzac Day, The College Fete and Presentation Night. Please also try to attend our 2014 AGM, which will be held at Slade on the Queen's Birthday Weekend, as this will be our first opportunity to visit since the establishment of the new College.

MUSEUM REPORT



Sorry no report this issue.

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.

Hi Helen,

Just pretending this is email!!

Here is a bit of a report on our recent luncheon *(Included in the Reunions section)* Forgive the hand written page. I was intending to get a friend to type it for me but she happens to be away.

Sorry to give it to you like this but I know as Editor of Kinawah you will print what you consider worthwhile. Only hope you can understand my writing – it used to be okay once.

I'm doing my best to encourage donations for the Slade House project. The whole idea appeals to me greatly.

I'm hoping to have a photo of the luncheon group but afraid it will be a little while before you get it.

(Thank goodness it was a little while before I got this edition out)

Jan Hollister and Paula White are names I've found from a gathering about 50 years ago.

Anyone heard anything of them?

Cheers,

Madeline

Dear Helen,

I always enjoy reading the Kinawah when it comes, particularly when it comes in the post as then I don't have to battle my elderly printer to read it! I loved reading Paul Holland's story

especially as I lived 30 miles east of St George and know the area. How times have changed for the kids of today and I seem to remember more clearly my time at St Catharine's during the 50s. I was only five and a half when I went to board there, my mother having to have a long spell in hospital and I don't think my Dad was up to cooking stewed apple and blancmange which were my favourite foods at the time. Dad had never had to do more than make the early morning cup of tea. My sister, Helen, was at St Cath's and Sister Kathleen offered to have me for the time Mum was away. I was delighted as I loved company. In retrospect if I had known what was on the menu at school I may have preferred Dad's offerings but at the time the prospect of having other children to play with won the day!

It was October 1950 and the little ones were housed in White House. I don't remember much about that time but when Mum was well I chose to go back to school the next year. We were in Mytton House. I remember well my first bed on the verandah in an alcove about three along from Sister's door. Therefore there must have been a few younger girls that year. We had twins whose parents worked the sideshows at country shows. They had many enviable toys and at times, lollypops!

Helen kept an eye on me. She used to wrap my hair ribbons around the iron bedhead to keep them pressed. Not sure how I managed to do my hair – maybe she did it for me. We progressed into Bub's Dorm and then along the northern verandah. While in Bub's we had Sr Rachel in charge of us and we loved her.

In kindergarten Miss Telford taught us. I have a picture of the Kindy kids with her in 1950. Little boys and girls together! My grade 3 teacher was Miss Brown who I loved. She used to read Enid Blyton stories to us and we'd hang on every word. I had piano lessons with Miss Gladwell – terrifying!! Don't think I was a good student as I have no ear for music! Art of Speech was with Miss June Thomasson – lots of A.A. Milne poems learnt by heart.

The food was the same each week and some of the things we were given were almost unpalatable but we all had to eat everything and if not finished by meal's end we sat down again until it was gone. Boiled onions and large slabs of cabbage, turnip, tripe, liver boiled until it was green and, to me, worst of all was bread and butter custard which I can't swallow to this day! However we all survived and were healthy.

One vivid memory for me is of Easter and the lead p to it. Palm Sunday with the palm crosses we made before that day. Good Friday when we were not allowed to speak until 3 p.m. when we were given green cordial and hot cross buns after walking the stations of the cross around the front drive – often on the hottest day imaginable and then on Easter Sunday standing by the little garden outside the chapel to see the empty tomb. Easter eggs at breakfast then on Easter Monday

being taken by bus to the Washpool for a picnic! No one went home!!

After Grade 6 I moved to NEGS in Armidale where I completed my schooling but the memories of those formative years are still with me.

I'm happy that Slade lives again with children once again learning there. My grandfather would be happy that his dream is continuing there and I am a cheque towards the restoration fund for Slade House.

Yours sincerely,
Jane Morse (Slade)

(Thank you, Jane, for your report of your days at St Cath's. Much of it will bring back memories for other readers as it did for me – particularly the food. I hated the braised steak and banana custard which we had every Monday lunch – not a good start to the week!)

(The photo you sent wasn't clear enough to print but I'll get the original which I'm sure it will be fine)

Hi Helen,

Thank you for keeping me up to date with all that is happening regarding the old school and more importantly the past students. My year, of 1950, are few and we don't seem to be very good at keeping in touch.

It was sad to hear of the passing of Rob. 'Rastus' Wood. We were not mates at school but it is always sad to hear of the death of a fellow student. We had come together a couple of times over the past few years when a group spurred on by Trevor Connolly came together. As Paul said in his email Rastus loved Slade, so much so that he always expressed his anger with the church for letting the school go the way it did. The last time the group met, Rastus was having great difficulty joining into our conversations because of his breathing. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend Bob's funeral.

When sending my donation to the restoration fund I mentioned to Nigel that I could not recall a billiard room and questioned if it was the room behind the Head Master's office on the east side of Slade House. If my memory is any good I think that room was a dining room when I went to Slade in 1945. Someone else of my era may have a better memory than me and if so could correct my thoughts about this room, not that it is important.

Back to the initial reason for this letter which is to advise you of some old news. My wife, Nina, and I have moved from Bracken Ridge, some year and a half past, into the Aveo Retirement Village in Bridgeman Downs.

Thanking you,
Kind Regards,
Peter Moore

Hi all,

As the room nears completion we now need to start looking for appropriate memorabilia. Some of this may be in our museum but we will still need to source a lot from outside. I have obtained the front page from the Warwick Daily News (Sat 02/10/10) with the full page article 'Save Our Slade', showing a picture of Slade House and the interview with Margaret McKinnon. I am having this copied and framed and will donate to the cause. Girls, I have attached a site where you may obtain old photos and some of St Catharine's history.

Cheers,

Pete

www.bonzle.com

Hi Nigel,

I recently received the Kinawah magazine addressed to my husband, Gavin, who was a student at Slade School in 1952/53.

Gavin died from Mesothelioma last August, a notice was included in the Kinawah Magazine afterwards.

Gavin won Colours (2) during his time at Slade, and following his death I gave his school blazer to Errol Donovan of Texas, who was Gavin's school mate and friend.

I asked Errol to deliver the blazer to the museum on my behalf.

I am including a cheque to go towards the Museum restoration etc.

Yours faithfully,

Jeanette Chandler.

Dear Friends at SSPSA,

Please find enclosed my "little something" towards the refurbishment of Slade House.

I wish I could send more but none-the-less hope it will help.

Transfer of money internationally is easier than ever but still complex. This leftover from my last trip back to Australia will be more use to you than sitting in my desk drawer.

I so enjoy getting the missives from Helen (and previous editors) and reading Kinawah. I'm reminded of a very pleasant time in my life seemingly very removed from the present but still influential to be sure.

Very best wishes to all for continued lunch gatherings. May the refurbishment project be successful.

Ruth Luffkin (Wormersley)

(Below is an extract from a letter received and well worth including for the sentiment. Thank you Paul.)

What would be great would be to convince/remind the past students of St Catharine's that the room will represent all that was St Cath's as well as

WWW.SSPSA.COM.AU

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.

Slade – same founders, same vision and same ongoing tradition and history. It's important that the girls from St Catharine's know they are as much a part of Slade House as the boys were. Slade House was, after all, the name of one of your intra school sporting teams & WB Slade was the founding father of both schools. I can see the pictures hanging on the walls of that room, alternating between the founding fathers of both schools and headmasters and headmistresses going back as far as 1905 when Cambridge College for Ladies was founded in Stanthorpe.

The Brotherhood of St Paul and the Sisters of the Society of the Sacred Advent would also be represented for their role with space for the Christian College to add to that continuum into the future – awesome!

Cheers,

Paul



VALE

BAIN, Lennox Gordon (Len); (Slade 1945 -47) of Hervey Bay passed away peacefully on July 11, 2007. Beloved Husband of Judith Anne Bain, much loved father and father-in-law of Jennifer and John Petrie, Michael and Joy Bain, and Margaret Thomas (nee Bain); adored Grandfather of Nicola, Hayley, Emma, Tasman, Tegan, Philip and Peter; loved by the Bain family, Chloupek (USA), Wellington, Dodd, Graham, Watson and Buch and the extended families. "Now at Peace". A celebration of Len's life was held at the Hervey Bay Crematorium on Tuesday, July 17, at 1 p.m.



Olive (Maureen) Kirk 6.03.1927 – 3.03.2013

Maureen Kirk was born in Maryborough on 6 March 1927, eldest child of Charles and Gwyneth Kirk of Gayndah. She was followed by Alan, Joan, Graeme, and many years later by Roslyn and Robert.

Until "Lara" homestead was built and completed in 1932, the young family lived at Eagle Junction, Brisbane, next door to their Grandmother Kirk. This was an ideal situation as Maureen's father travelled a lot buying cattle and attending to his properties at Gayndah. Maureen attended Grade 1 at Woolawin State School before her parents returned to Gayndah with their family.

For a number of years Maureen and her siblings were taught school by Governesses in a school house that was built on the property. Maureen was forever the bookworm of the family. In 1939, after spending six months attending Ithaca State School with her brother Graeme whilst their parents visited family in the U.K., it was decided that Maureen should continue her schooling in Brisbane. Maureen attended St. Margaret's Girls School in Brisbane as a boarder until the school closed due to WW11. Maureen excelled scholastically at St. Margaret's. It was here that Maureen met many of her school friends who transferred with her to attend St. Catherine's at Warwick for the duration of the War. She was joined here by her sister Joan. Maureen completed her Senior at St. Catherine's in 1943 where she became Dux of the school. She attended physics classes at nearby Slade School where her brother Alan was a Boarder.

Maureen went on to study medicine and graduated at the University of Queensland, one of only a few women to study medicine at that time. She was also a member of the University's Ladies Rowing Team. On graduating Maureen worked in hospitals in Queensland including Maryborough before leaving for a working holiday in the U.K. She worked in hospitals in England including four years at Inverness in Scotland. On a return visit to Australia, whilst doing a locum for the Doctor in Gayndah, Maureen met the town's dentist, David Mott. Love blossomed and they were married in St. Andrew's Church, South Brisbane in 1958.

Shortly after their wedding David and Maureen sailed for England.

David bought a Dental Practice in Brighton, Sussex and a home in neighbouring Hove. Here they reared a family of three, daughter Susan, and sons Michael and Iain. It was while Maureen was pregnant with Iain that she was diagnosed as having Diabetes Type 1. Maureen and David returned to Australia with their family in 1972. For many years they lived on the Gold Coast where David had a practice and Maureen worked for Family Planning. After they both retired they moved to Kelvin Grove, Brisbane. David passed away shortly afterwards in 1993.

Maureen continued her love of bird watching which took her to all corners of the globe, including two trips to the sub-Antarctica. It was a passion with her and there were not many birds that Maureen had not sighted. Each bird was thoroughly documented in her journal. Maureen loved to travel and loved the outback.

Maureen was an amazing woman; so clever, strong willed, and interested in everything around her. There was really nothing that she couldn't put her hand to once she made up her mind. She was gifted at drawing and painting, could crochet, knit, make jewellery and sew as well as any seamstress. During the time she spent working in Scotland; she climbed Ben Nevis and other peaks and enjoyed skiing in Norway.

Maureen was quiet and modest despite her remarkable achievements in life. She was admired for the way in which she coped with diabetes for almost 50 years which could not have been easy for her. Osteoporosis was another hurdle and loss of hearing made communication difficult for her but she never complained. Maureen passed away on 3 March, 2013 at Treetops Manor, The Gap, Brisbane aged 85. She is greatly missed and remembered fondly by all her family and friends.

Robert "Rastus" Wood who attended Slade from 1947-1948 passed away peacefully at the Blue Nurses Yarrabee Aged Care facility in Redland Bay on Friday 12th July last. Bob will be remembered by many of the past students association who read Kinawah. Stories of his trials and tribulations became a feature in several issues. Much of his life after leaving Slade was spent fishing with his two sons who survive him, Michael and Gregory who continue on with professional fishing careers.

Bob or Rastus, as he was nicknamed at school, was farewelled at the Hemmant Lawn Cemetery, on Monday 22nd July

A real character who loved Slade and the mates he kept from his years there until his passing, he will be sadly missed.

PER VOLAR SONATA – PATRIBUS DIGNI ESTOTE

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

Photo Wall

Our intrepid treasurer, Nigel Faulkner (in the middle), and some of his mates took part in the XXXX Gold Variety Bash which raised \$1.277 million for sick, disadvantaged and special needs kids.



Amazing country out around Winton up to Normanton. Glad I live here.
We ended up being the 7th highest fund raisers with a total of \$33,323.10.
Then on the way home the car broke down (oil pump seized) we had to leave the old girl at Charters Towers and fly home from Townsville. Got her home this week but have to pull the engine out to see what damage has been done.



1943 – Maureen Kirk, Sheila Harvey and Betty Thomson with the Senior teacher, Miss Matthews.

Seen at the 1940's Reunion



Back Row – Betty McKenzie (Thomson), Joan Austin (Beckinsale), Joan Waldron (Taylor), Pat Smythe (Penrose), Coolah Cassimatis (Molanus).
Front Row – Madeline Blyth (Eager), Joan Campbell (Hinton), Beth Calcino (Harding), Brenda Hughes (Burton), Corinne Taylor (Harris)