



# KINAWAH

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**MY FIRST YEAR** as President has been both rewarding and challenging.

It gives me great pleasure to be involved in the Association and still see so much enthusiasm for our old school and its past students. The job of President is a big one, as many of you here present would know, having held these very same reins. Without the dedication of the committee these events just wouldn't happen, so very big thanks and appreciation to all Committee members.

I have to particularly acknowledge my **Vice President, John Bayliss**. John puts in so much time and effort to this job it astounds me. Without him and his diligent work on the data base, email management, paperwork, ideas and just good friendship we would only get half the jobs done.

Thank you to **Peter Ramsay** for all his efforts and for providing the wine for tonight's dinner. Peter often goes on reconnaissance missions and reports back. Peter is also my travel companion to the many functions we have attended this year in Warwick. Things that come to mind are the Bargains/busking day, The Warwick Christian College awards night where we presented the founders Trophy and of course

## President's Report

the Anzac Service at the school, where we had the honour of speaking on behalf of our past students, who made the supreme sacrifice.

Through Peter initially, we were able to establish a wonderful relationship with Warwick Christian College. We have been building on this relationship and always receive an open and warm welcome from the school. They are very much in favour of maintaining "our" history.

I also thank **Bruce Mauch**, our Warwick man on the ground, for his dedication and commitment, particularly with the Museum project. Thanks too to **Margaret Stewart** for her great work as Secretary and previous roles as President and on the committee. As Margaret is not standing again this year I would like us to thank her for her services to the Association.

At this time we welcome **Jenny Schonfisch** who has nominated for the role for the coming year. Thank you to our Treasurer **Nigel Faulkner** for his great work in keeping the books on track. He would love more money to count!!

**Joan White** is our Kinawah editor and I know everyone enjoys reading the newsletter. It is a great tool to keep everyone updated. It also takes a great deal of Joan's time and a lot of effort to put it together. Joan has begged me in her absence to remind you all to keep the articles coming.

I thank **Helen Moloney**, a long standing committee person who is very resourceful and takes on any task asked of her without hesitation.

Thank you **Harry Haxton**, who

has donated the SSPSA web site to the association, and for all his work on maintaining the web site; **Ted Ross** for his outstanding research work; **Steve Rowan** for his continued support and involvement; **John and Judy Redmond** for their advice and ongoing assistance with the constitution and **Richard Cleal** for his email maintenance for the Brekky Creek catch up. By the way this day, 17th October is open to all past students. If I have missed anyone that has helped me during my term I apologise, but be assured your work does not go unnoticed.

It is my intention to stand again for the role of President. We have started a great many things this year and I would like to continue to see these through.

### Projects include:

- Updating the honour boards in the Museum
- The Save our Slade project
- Future reunions
- Oval plaques restoration project
- updating past student records

**Our biggest project** is of course the viability of the Association into the future, and our desire to open up the Association to the Warwick Christian College, and form one Past Students Association. As I have said before, without this project coming to fruition I don't see how the Association or our legacy that was fought so hard to keep can survive.

I can't stress enough the need for you to advise us if you move, change email addresses, phone numbers, etc. so we can update our records to keep you informed and stay in touch.

Steve Cooke

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*We make a living  
by what we get but  
we make a life by  
what we give.*

*Winston Churchill*

**IS  
YOUR CLASS  
celebrating  
50 YEARS in 2016  
since leaving school?**

**Start now to  
find those you  
can and plan to  
get together again.  
Share memories  
and a few laughs.  
Ask me how!**



## Kinawah Report

**Y**our Spring/Summer edition of Kinawah goes out as we look forward to the annual past students catch up at the Breakfast Creek Hotel. If you have never been to one of these you have a treat in store. See Page 5 for details. To conserve space this column is given over this issue to my Kinawah Report which was tabled at the AGM in June ...

As those who were present may recall I was voted in as editor for Kinawah at last year's AGM in my absence. Now, one year on, geography and unexpected circumstances dictate that this report will be tabled, also in my absence.

All those sharp-eyed members who have traditionally enjoyed four or more issues of Kinawah each year will not have failed to note that since June 2014 there have been only two! The past year has presented some personal challenges for me quite aside from coming to grips with all that being the Kinawah editor entails.

The appointment was made at last year's AGM of some dedicated newshounds whose assistance has helped give Kinawah an added facelift. I am greatly appreciative of the input from Paul Masson, Helen Moloney, Margaret Stewart, Jenny Schonfisch and Ted Ross among others who provided all those special interest stories that mean so much to us.

Most people will have noticed that I have gone with an entirely new layout design which has mostly met with approval. Kinawah is now being produced in a different desktop program with a few points of difference. One of the decisions that I made with editorial privilege was to put an upper limit of ten pages on each issue to help keep postage and photocopying overheads (for snail mail readers) on a tight rein. As part of this strategy the font size is also a little smaller but this also helps keep the newsletter to the ten page limit. I am very much aware that the hard copy Kinawah costs represent a major part of the Association's outlay. I am aware too of the need to manage funds judiciously when they are not being significantly augmented from other sources. Those who receive Kinawah on a computer, of course have the simple option of reading it at a greatly increased magnification (and in colour)!

We also encouraged (again) all members who receive printed copies in the mail and have email addresses to consider receiving it electronically like everyone else does. Posted out copies of last year's Winter edition accounted for just shy of 100 units and the most recent edition, 90. This is because some members (who had only a few months association with the school) chose to no longer receive Kinawah at all, others agreed to the online option and, still, others have sadly left us as noted in recent vale notices.

Unless this report turns out to also be my last report, I undertake to produce a minimum of two editions each year with the goal to aim for four. Some of this of course, is dependent upon articles being submitted. Helen will be able to back me up when I say that zero input from others contributes significantly to early editor burnout! There seems little point in putting out newsletters full of waffle and nothing that could be called news.

As we look to foster continued ties with Warwick Christian College, which seems to be the obvious sensible way to ensure a vibrant and enduring Association we are looking to include as least one item from the WCC in every issue to (a) keep current with the school and its ethos and objectives and (b) to help engender a sense of ownership and belonging for current students when the time comes for them to join us. As we embark upon the coming year I would like to encourage all past students in our ranks who share our joint heritage to keep those special interest stories coming. If YOUR class is celebrating a milestone occasion please let us know and send in photos wherever possible. These are the stories that we all love to read and that inspire others to do the same. Finally: if you are emailing photos try not to send them in highly compressed format. When they appear fuzzy and pixelated this is why. If you are unsure what this means call and I will do my best to help.

*Joan (Clothier) White*

## 2015/2016 Committee

See page 6 for AGM minutes and reports

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Madeline Blyth and Bruce Mauch



John Bayliss



Helen Moloney and Pat Spies



Youngest and oldest past students Nigel Faulkner, Bruce Campbell and Madeline Blyth



John Redmond and Leigh Hartog



Judy Stevens (Fletcher), Heather Schnitzerling and Paul Holland



Joan Austin and Joan Campbell at Gardens Galore



Chelmer Roots



GOOD TIMES AT THE JUNE 2015 REUNION IN WARWICK



# Minutes of AGM held at Slade Campus 13 June, 2015

## Present

Margaret Stewart, Madeline Blyth, Jenny Schonfisch, Pat Spies, Lin Cox, Chelmer Roots, Gloria Mogridge, Howard Dre?, Gwenda Batterham, Ray Dickson, Judy Stevens, Jowe Morse, Gwenyth Yuill, John Deshon, Steve Rowan, George Rivers, Jim Biggam, M.H. Hill, John O'Brien, Bruce Mauch, Lloyd Bailey, Mike McDade, John Redmond, Leigh Hartog, Heather Schnitzerling, Suzie Overell, John Armbruster, Noel Mapes, Ron Mauch, John Lynn, Peter Goodwin, Fred Alley, Lex Noble, Adam Clark, David Brownsdon, Ranald Morrison, Joan Austin, Joan Campbell, Kim Becker, Cris Roy, John Farquhar, Rick Wiseman, Peter Ramsay, Nigel Faulkner, John Bayliss, Helen Moloney, Steve Cooke, Pam Thorton, Bruce Campbell. I am sorry I could not read a couple of names. Next year we must get people to print their names.

## Apologies

Paul and Beryl Masson, John Blackwood, Judith Gillam, Peter Slater, Margaret Thorsborne, Graham Smith, Betty McKenzie, Barry Dunn, Alison Wiley, Rob Deshon, Natalie Ferris, Walter Robb, Jim Wiseman, John Blackwood, John Boucher, Douglas Brown, Richard Busser, Gail Chudleigh (head girl 1955), Judith Gillam, David Griffiths, Stuart Groat, Harry Haxton, Carol Hinz, David Jackson, Marie Janzekovic, Barry Riddiford, Fr Colin Roberts, Peter Slader, John Tomlinson, John Stibbard, John Nantes, David Herbert, John Gosper, Andrew Bode, John Drynan, Graham Smith, Leigh Nisbit, Jock Hofland, Neil & Margaret McKinnon, David Carseldine, Nev Macpherson, Rob Bishop, Betty McKenzie, Barry Dunn, Alison Wiley, Rob Deshon, Natalie Ferris, Walter Robb, Jim Wiseman, Joan White.

## Minutes of previous AGM

Plaque at St Catharines to be removed from the Mytton House and put on the fence. *Ray Dickson, Peter Ramsay*

## Business arising from Minutes

Margaret Stewart visited the Riddleys in Mytton House. Council had put a plaque about Mytton House on the front fence but it did not say it belonged to St Catharine's. There was a plaque on the house put there by past students and the Riddleys kindly offered to add it to the fence

## Correspondence

### Inward

Parcel from Margaret McKinnon – Printout carries the names of all the people involved in Save Slade committee. Brochures were produced to acquaint the public with the project given out at meeting shopping centres and open days. Letter from Rod Winterton the Rector of St Marks thanking us for the cheque of \$250 towards their restoration.

### Outward

Thank you email and letter to Margaret McKinnon for the above parcel.  
Thank you letter also to Margaret for a summary of the Saving of Slade to put in the Founders Room  
Sympathy letter to John Bayliss re the passing of his wife.  
*M Stewart, H Moloney*

## Reports

**President's Report** See Page 1 of Kinawah *Steve Cooke*

**Museum Report** See Page 7 of Kinawah *Bruce Mauch*

**Kinawah Report** See Page 2 of Kinawah *Joan White*

**Financial Report** See Page 5 of Kinawah *Nigel Faulkner*

## New Office Bearers

Patron	<b>Rob Nolan</b>	<i>R Dickson, P Ramsay</i>
President	<b>Steve Cooke</b>	<i>J Bayliss, J Deshon</i>
Vice President	<b>John Bayliss</b>	<i>S Cooke, M Blyth</i>
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Treasurer	<b>Nigel Faulkner</b>	<i>J Bayliss, S Cooke</i>
Kinawah	<b>Joan White</b>	<i>H Moloney, J Schonfisch</i>
Area Rep - North	<b>Ray Dickson</b>	
Area Rep - West	<b>Paul Masson</b>	
Archives	<b>Ted Ross</b>	
Museum Caretaker	<b>Bruce Mauch</b>	<i>J Bayliss, M Blyth</i>

## Presentation of plaque to Jenny the Principal of WCC

Helen gave a summary of what was written on the plaque.

1. Ron Bellingham – the Council Mayor bought Slade School.
2. Kel Williamson caretaker and rooms were rented out
3. Council said it cost too much to keep but not Ron
4. Biggest Developer in town was the highest bidder.
5. Singapore air Force interested.
6. Locals did not want it sold.
7. Retirement Village was another option.
8. WHS was running out of room. Education Dept not interested.
9. Save Our Slade was formed and all presented ideas.
10. Margaret and Neil McKinnon worked tirelessly never giving up, met politicians, changed ideas and Slade Lives again was formed.
11. They then had two tenders, Slade Lives Again and WCC.
12. Everyone was pleased it was to remain a school.

Jenny Lang accepted the plaque. Now visitors can read a summary of Saving Slade.

## General Business

Steve talked about the Association needing more money. We need to raise more money for SSPSA to continue to come back to see the school. Do we go back to yearly subscriptions as Life Members now do not pay any money? There was discussion here as when the Association needed money people paid the Life Membership to help it and also because many would not remember to pay it each year. Peter Ramsay said to dissolve dissolve Life Membership and go back to yearly subscriptions. There was mention of a levy. There was discussion about amalgamation of SSPSA and WCC past students which will become relevant in a few years. The constitution would need to be changed and this would incur a cost. Proxy votes do count. We now have no new members joining the Association. John also said that we need to have a membership drive. Discussion on do we change the name. Slade Campus was suggested. Margaret Stewart said that St Catharine's name needs to be retained as we have fewer St Catharine's girls coming back each year. If the name was deleted there would be no way for girls to find out about the Past Students. Founders Room was built with money donated by the Past Students. Jenny Lang said there is a lot of history in the room. Two boys from the school love to see the memorabilia. Jenny said they feel privileged to have the Past Students as friends. " You are more than welcome at the school. Always ask if you want to know what they are doing." There was a vote of thanks to Jenny for her sentiments. A motion was set up by John Deshon.

1. WCC be included in the Past Students Association.
2. The name of the Association needs to be considered.
3. Cancel life memberships as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

It was decided that these points be discussed by the Committee and brought back to another meeting. *S Cooke, J Bayliss*

**Meeting closed at 4.15 pm**



**Saturday, October 17  
11 AM FOR LUNCH**

# Breakfast Creek Reunion

**2015 ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER**

**Slade/St Catharine's Past Students**

**2 Kingsford Smith Drive Breakfast Creek 4020**

There will be an area set aside for us at the front.

Buy your own drinks and meals

Partners etc are welcome

No speeches or formal proceedings

Catch up with old class mates in a relaxed atmosphere

**To find out more information contact**

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## Lost and Found?

**I**n the last Kinawah many were delighted to read about the seven St Catharine's old girls from the 1940s who had just held their latest reunion at the Shore Restaurant, South Bank. The caption on the accompanying photo read **70+ Years on and still going strong!** Sadly, since then, one of their number, **Sheila Dalton**, as listed in our Vale notices on Pages 8 - 9 this issue, has been lost to us.

However, as **Madeline Blyth** also reports, after heading off for a cross country tour to Mudgee to welcome the new year in and also to explore this historic area, a highlight of the experience was finding not one but two St Catharine's past students on the same trip. The photo at right shows three new friends, **Marion Richardson** (Haase), **Carleen Ramsay** (Jensen) and **Madeline** herself. Amazingly all three were unknown to each other until days into the trip. Now Madeline would like to know if there is anyone out there amongst our readership who remembers either of them. If so please get in touch with her on **(07) 3897 3679** as Madeline hopes to have these ladies, both of whom live in Brisbane attend their next luncheon.



## FINANCIAL REPORT

As per Office of Fair Trading level 3 requirements no auditing of accounts is needed.

Loss for year \$5 517. This is attributable to extraordinary expenses of Air Conditioning for the Founders Room \$4 907 as planned for and approved by the Committee. It is noted yet again without this extraordinary expense the Association still operated at a loss.

Bank Balance as at 31/03/15 \$15 089.

Bank Balance 31/03/14 \$20 606

Bank Balance included the following investment/accounts

\$9 746 in a Term Deposit

\$28 in an "at call" Websaver account

\$5 289 in a day to day account *Nigel Faulkner*

**“SUCCESS**

**is the sum of small efforts repeated day in, day out ”**

Robert Collier 1885 - 1950

# ANZAC Observance at Slade Campus



Peter Ramsay, and Steve Cooke made the trip to Warwick to join Bruce Mauch on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April for the Warwick Christian College Anzac Remembrance Service. Everything went extremely well . Pictures show the assembled group and Steve giving his address.



## The McAuley Family: proud school heritage

### Another name needs to be added to the list of World War II past students on the Honour Board in the Slade War Memorial.

In 1930 two boys enrolled at Slade. They were Arthur Willey (Milley or William) McAuley and Lindsay Edward McAuley. Their parents were Arthur John McAuley and Jane Ann McAuley (Nee Ruddick). Details of parents came from Ancestry records. Both boys enlisted in the Second World War. Their War Service Certificates are as indicated.



**Lindsay Edward McAuley:** Information on the War Service Certificate for Lindsay Edward McAuley shows that he died on 9 April 1942 whilst a member of RAAF 11 Squadron. The passing of Lindsay appears never to have been recognised in the list of past students who died during or as a result of war injuries received in the Second World War and as such is not included in the names in the Honour Room.

### The National Archives records the following

MCAULEY Lindsay Edward - (Sergeant); Service Number - 402093; File type - Casualty - Repatriation; Aircraft - Blenheim IV Z9574; Place - India; Date - 9 April 1942.

The following information was found on the WEB using search information - Sergeant Lindsay Edward McAuley 11 Squadron: RAAF

Blenheim IV Z9574

Aircraft was ordered to carry out bombing operations against the Japanese Fleet on the morning of 9-4-1942, Enemy fighters were encountered and neither the aircraft nor crew have been heard of since.

Crew of the Bomber were:

71114 P/O (Pilot) Frederick George KNIGHT SAAF +  
AUS406203 P/O (Obs.) David Hugh EVANS RAAF +  
AUS402093 Sgt (W.Op./Air Gnr.) Lindsay Edward MCAULEY RAAF + All are commemorated on the Singapore Memorial.

### Extract from WEB site [RAAFDB.COM](http://RAAFDB.COM) - Search Results:

9 April 1942

0716: 413 Squadron Catalina QL-Y (Thomas) reports a large enemy force steering 330 degrees. The signal gives no position or time of origin but the position was estimated to be 09.20N, 84.40E. (This is 209 nautical miles from Trincomalee.) It fades before being completely received and it is presumed that QL-Y had been shot down. (It was shot down by Zeros from Hiryu.) There were no survivors.

0725-0730: Japanese raid on China Bay and Trincomalee starts  
0740: 11 Squadron ordered to proceed immediately to position 9-20N, 84-40E to attack. Primary objectives the carriers  
0820: 11 Blenheims from 11 Squadron take off from Colombo's racecourse to attack Kido Butai, carrying mixed loads of 250 lb and 500 lb. AS (anti-submarine) and SAP bombs. Two turn back with engine trouble.

1025: 11 Squadron Blenheims sight Japanese

1045/1048: 11 Squadron arrives over the Japanese carriers at 11,000 feet. They take the Japanese by surprise and drop their bombs on the carrier Akagi and cruiser Tone, scoring near misses but no hits. (Kongo TROM says it was attacked too but also without success.) Zeros then attack, with following results: Z7896 (Capt Adcock, SAAF) was shot down at once. **Z9574 (Lt Knight, SAAF) shot down next** (Lindsay Edward McAuley's aircraft.)

R3911 (Sgt MacLennan) went down after a fierce fight. The gunner, Sgt Nell, may have shot down the Zero flown by Lt Nono, which was lost in this action

Z7803 (WO Stvenson) was then shot down.

Remaining five aircraft got away 1105: Five remaining 11 Squadron aircraft encounter Vals from Shokaku returning from the attack on Hermes, escorted by three Zeros from Hiryu. The latter attack. V5592 (S/L Ault) was shot down and crashes on the beach, but in return the Zero of NAP 1/C Makinoda is

destroyed. The undercarriage of Z7759 collapses on landing. V6010 and Z7506 arrive at Racecourse riddled by bullets. 1246: C-in-C East Indies reports that "Nine Blenheims took off to attack enemy force of 3 or 4 carriers and 9 other unidentified warships plus escorting destroyers. No hits. Three near misses claimed on one carrier. Bombers were opposed by enemy fighters throughout the attack and five Blenheims are missing and remainder are unserviceable."

**Arthur William McAuley:** Arthur married Vida Wilson on the 14 April 1943. Vida being a past Student of St Catharine's **Warwick or**



**maybe Stanthorpe or CEGS Warwick.** Vida was born 4 February 1925 in Maryborough, Queensland. A Valmae McAuley was enrolled at St. Catharine's from 1960 to 1961 and her parents were listed as Mr and Mrs A W McAuley. **Assumed to be Arthur and Vida.**



A Gordon Lindsay McAuley was enrolled at Slade in 1969. His parents were listed as Lloyd McAuley. **Were his parents Arthur and Lindsay's brother?**

*A huge thank you to Ted Ross for this story.*



**MUSEUM REPORT**

It is a pleasure to present this report. I have made several visits to Slade Campus over the last 12 months, but was unable to attend the College fund raising fair, so I thank those who did attend and opened the Memorabilia Room. Over the past several months two boys, Lachlan and Aidan from the college have been attending and helping with rearranging the centre display to allow room for the Christian College to add their uniforms. These boys are motivated to help and put their ideas forward as to what and how their ideas of the museum should be, and I am happy and accepting for these changes to take place as we move on to the next chapter of this school.

There is still more to be done and possibly removing some of the old and unsightly objects in the trophy cabinet, and while on that point I should mention that some of these trophies are now being used by the new college. I am sure you will be happy for this progression into the future.

Bruce Mauch

**By the bye...**

I caught up not so long ago with **Julie Hornibrook** who was in my class at St Catharine's 1966 - 1969. Julie worked for many years in various parts of the country in the area of oral health but now runs her own business consultancy in Northern New South Wales. Julie has always harboured a keen interest in family history and this year applied for and won a Fellowship for Business Leaders

Hall of Fame at the Qld state library which recently held its Memory Awards - it was a lovely night and Julie enjoyed this time to reconnect with her Queensland roots and to tell some family stories placing them in their historical context. With six months to write up some online issues with ready access to the library, Julie is loving the project which means she'll now be going to Brisbane more regularly! Julie's three sisters, **Robyn** who sadly passed away not so long ago, **Tempe** and **Phoebe** all attended our old school. Julie also has a brother **Sam** and for all those who don't know, her grandfather, Sir Manuel Richard Hornibrook built not only his namesake, the Hornibrook Highway but Brisbane's iconic Storey Bridge and William Jolly Bridge too.



**Mailbag**

Briefly ...

I was saddened to read of the death of the old boys and the St Cath's old girl. I attended Scruffy's funeral in Surat with an old boy and rival of Scruffy's, George Jekyll from Scots. It was a fine funeral and fitting for the

fine man that Scruffy was in life. I was surprised at the death of Col James, also a fine man. Once again your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Best wishes  
Andy Bode

# Vale

## JUST, Jack William Walter 1922 - 2014

JUST, Jack, late of Seven Hills passed away 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 aged 92. Family and Friends attended a Memorial Service for Jack at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 193 Ekibin Road East, Tarragindi, on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2014.

**HALL Brian**, late of Redland Bay passed away on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 after a battle with lung cancer.

## RAYWARD, Eileen nee Tilghman 1915 - 2015



RAYWARD, Eileen, late of Byron and granddaughter of Byron Bay's first European settler passed away in Respite Care at RSL Lifecare, Suffolk Park on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015, aged 99 years, 11 months.

A mother of six, housewife, dairy farmer and plant nursery owner, she saw Byron grow from horse and buggy to traffic jams. She saw the rise and demise of the Norco

Butter Factory, Anderson Meat Works, whaling, the abattoir, and Rutile sand mining. Until she was 11, Eileen was taught at home by her aunt and then attended boarding school at St Catherine's Anglican Girls School in Stanthorpe. She hated the strict discipline meted out by the nuns and twice ran away from school, hiding among the many vineyards in the area until she was tracked down by men with bloodhounds. Eileen was one of the first women in Byron Bay to get her driver's licence and played a leading role in caring for the Byron community. In 1991, she was nominated as the NSW Senior Citizen of the Year. She was a member of the Country Women's Association for many years and also received a Red Cross Service Award in 1993. The citation read in part: by the time the Byron Bay Red Cross was forced to close due to a lack of members, Eileen had given 82 years continuous service to the organisation, over 50 as president, probably a record for Australian Red Cross. The Red Cross prepared a special Service Award to recognize her long service to have been presented to her on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. She also gave 25 years' service to St Vincent de Paul.

## DALTON, Sheila nee Harvey

DALTON, Sheila from the 1940s era, passed away 7<sup>th</sup> April and was farewelled at a service at the Centenary Memorial Gardens. Family and many friends attended. Sheila will be remembered as a dedicated scholar and lover of music which was reflected in the service. Present were her two brothers, Richard and Brian both of whom attended Slade.

## HARSLETT, Jean nee Gemmel



HARSLETT, Jean, late of Amiens, Stanthorpe. Passed away peacefully Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2015 in her 90<sup>th</sup> Year. Wife of the late Bob Harslett. A Memorial Service was held in Jean's Garden Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2015. Jean wrote the book *They Came To A Plateau* which gives a little history of St Catharine's Stanthorpe where Jean attended.

## CUNNINGHAM, Bruce William 'Kok' 1947 - 2015

Bruce Cunningham, Slade student in the 1960s went on to become one of the foremost pilots in Qantas. His 16 year old daughter, Christie, died of brain cancer. Later, Bruce, Laura and their other daughter Pippa, were flying to Sri

Lanka for a 'recovery' holiday, when the Aceh tsunami just beat them. They then spent four weeks working with the Red Cross recovering and treating survivors in the Sri Lankan resort where they were meant to vacation. 800 attended his funeral so he was held in high regard. The following, from his Sydney Morning Herald obituary is part of the tribute from his family.

Bruce passed away peacefully, at home after an illness that eventually claimed him but never defined him. Widely respected in the commercial and recreational flying communities as a professional, consummate aviator and inspiring teacher, mentor and role model to many. Bruce was loved and respected by all who knew him. A man of intellect, charm and compassion.

Bruce's life was celebrated on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 at Taronga Zoo Function Centre, Mosman.

*'The clouds were his domain  
and only the stratosphere was his limit.'*

## MEIKLEJOHN Gordon Frederick 1936 - 2015



MEIKLEJOHN, Gordon Frederick, late of Toowoomba, passed away unexpectedly 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015, aged 79 years. Family and friends attended Gordon's Funeral Service at St Luke's Anglican Church, Toowoomba Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015. Ted Ross was at school with Gordon and recalls his mother worked in Slade's kitchen and, along with others, looked after everyone very well.

### Valete from Slade's 1955 Magazine

MEIKLEJOHN, G. F. 1951-54 - Prefect: Junior 1952. Colours in Athletics, football; half-colours in cricket, tennis: Cadet C.S.M.

Gordon Frederick Meiklejohn, was the second of four sons of Robert William Thomas Meiklejohn and Florence Marion Gillam. Gordon was born in Warwick on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1936. The family lived on a property, Braemore west of Warwick between Durakai and Karara. Gordon was educated at the Canal Creek State School and later at Slade School Warwick. The 25<sup>th</sup> October 1949 was a sad day for the family because their father passed away after suffering months of heart problems. Gordon's mother was left to raise four boys aged from 15 to 5 and bought Victoria Street in Warwick. Gordon attended Slade School from 1951 to 1954. He excelled in sports playing in the school's First 15 (Rugby Union), First 11 (Cricket) First Tennis team, the Athletic team and was the school cadets Company Sergeant Major. On completion of senior, he attended and graduated from Kelvin Grove Teachers College in Brisbane. Gordon's teaching was deferred so he could complete National Service for three months. He began his teaching career at Warwick Central State School and spent two years there. He travelled around Queensland extensively with his teaching and was principal at quite a few schools. As part of the Citizens Military Forces, Gordon was selected to travel to Papua New Guinea and walk the Kokoda Track. It was an experience he would never forget.

## BALL, Eleanor nee Poole

Eleanor Ball died peacefully at her home on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2015 after a struggle with cancer. Eleanor

worthy of their forebears

attended St Catharine's for the last three years of her schooling (early 1960s). Her family lived in the Stanthorpe area. After school she went nursing and for a time worked as a Child Health sister at the Indooroopilly clinic. She is survived by her husband Derek and three daughters Julie, Cathy and Lucy). Our patron, Rev. Robert Nolan ministered to her during her final weeks. Her funeral was held at the Moggill Anglican Church on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August with about 100 people present.

### ENRIGHT, Peter Robert 1925 - 2015



ENRIGHT, Peter Robert, late of Greenslopes, passed away peacefully 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015 Aged 90 Years. Peter's life was celebrated at Mt Thompson Crematorium, Holland Park Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Sadly for the Enright family, Peter's wife Beryl passed away on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. In the post war era

Peter was a tremendous worker for the Association and its activities to raise funds to erect a memorial to those Old Boys who paid the ultimate sacrifice in World War II. Peter was a Leading Aircraftsman in the RAAF from February 1943 to April 1946.

Wikipedia, the free online encyclopaedia notes that Peter Enright, was an Australian cricket Test match umpire.

#### Valete from Slade's 1942 Magazine

ENRIGHT, P. R. - 1939-41; Junior 1941; Cricket (Capt. 1941); Football.

**KIDD, Merle** late of Coorparoo, passed away peacefully, 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. Wife of Alex (dec'd), Slade 1942 - 1945.

### ELLIS, Donald Edward 1934 - 2015



Don, late of Wahroonga, and Matcham, had been unwell for a few years and passed away Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015. His funeral was held at the Palmdale Crematorium, near Gosford NSW on Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Don attended Slade 1947 - 50, and married Bronwyn (nee Clarke, it is thought) a girl from PGC, Warwick. Don graduated from the St Lucia, Brisbane University, and with his Chartered Accountant quali-

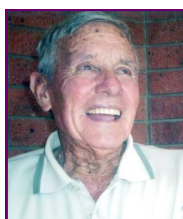
fication, made a very successful career with IBM. The Sydney Slade group is now sadly diminished to Glynn Blackwood, Richard Harvey and Ted Ross having lost in recent years: Neil Quirk, Geoff Wilson, Brian Self and now Don Ellis.

#### Valete Slade's 1951 Slade magazine

Ellis, D.E. - 1947 - 1950; Dux of School; Prefect; Junior 1948; Senior 1950; Cadet C.S.M.

The photo is of Don from a reunion held in Sydney in the early 1990's.

### DONOVAN, Allan "Breeze" 1929 - 2015



DONOVAN, Allan, late of Toowoomba and formerly of Texas and Yellarbon passed away peacefully at home Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, aged 86. Allan's wife, Anne, an experienced nurse, cared for him which enabled him to stay at home as his health deteriorated over the last year. Allan will be remembered as a staunch supporter of the preservation of Slade

Campus as far back as its purchase by the then Warwick Shire Council. He would be pleased and relieved that the Campus

was not converted into housing real estate and has an optimistic future in the hands of the Warwick Christian College.

His funeral was held at the Preston Chapel, Preston Village on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September followed by a graveside service at the Texas Cemetery the following day. The Preston Chapel is the old Donovan family church relocated from Omanama near Inglewood due to its historical significance. You can read about it on the following URL <http://www.prestonchapelandmanor.com/preston-village-chapel>

Obviously it has particular significance to Allan and his family. Paul Holland remembers Allan as a sometimes cheeky, irascible character with a wicked sense of humour. His strong sense of family, justice and generosity ensured he was and will always be much loved.

### Editor's Note

The sad task of compiling the Vale entries comes about via the efforts of many people. Ted Ross is a fountain of knowledge and a rich resource when it comes to researching Valete entries and sending all kinds of other information as it comes to hand. This issue we also have Madeline Blyth, Jenny Smith, Jenny Olive, Glynn Blackwood, Margaret Stewart, Helen Moloney, Richard Cleal, Rev. Robert Nolan, Paul Holland and Brian Hall's widow, Linda, to thank for much of what we read here. In this electronic age additional information can often be found on the internet especially if the deceased person had a high public profile. Other, more personal reminiscences help those of us who knew them to share memories both sad and good. It makes an enormous difference to all of us when more than just a few bare lines appear to mark the passing of someone's life. It seems to me that it would benefit us all to read about many of these people, (some of whom have lived inspirational lives) BEFORE they have left us. Easy to say but harder to do! If you know of anybody you would like to see featured in this manner we would all be delighted to hear about it. Over to you...



### The Hours

*Like a moving train of hours, each life begins its journey  
at its own appointed time:  
the hour of departure, comes, is ticked off and quickly gone,  
numbered, noted, already spent.*

*Straight into the unknown, life's audacious odyssey,  
hour of mortal moments,  
set on its own path, wends its way, dreams, dares,  
discovers, delights in and expends its hours.*

*Apprehend, embrace and share them:  
they are so swiftly come and gone,  
once only, no run-through or rehearsal, final destination,  
arrival time, sum of all the hours not disclosed  
until the last is spent.*

*In the living and the sharing, the hours,  
unique, precious, shortly completed,  
lost in long departed yesterdays, grow longer,  
given again as memories.*

Joan Clothier White 2014

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Members of the Slade Past Students' Association are committed custodians of the history of Slade School and St Catharine's Church of England Girls School, and of the two schools which preceded the formation of St Catharine's Warwick, St Catharine's Church of England Girls High School, Stanthorpe and CEGS Warwick.

Members of the Association may include Past Students and Members of Staff of Slade School or of St Catharine's Church of England School, or of The St Catharine's Church of England Girls High School Stanthorpe, or The Church of England Girls School, Warwick and their descendants, Past Students of any other School, who have attended the Campus and Members of staff of any other school, who have attended the Campus.

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## St Catharines/Slade School Facebook

The St Catharines/Slade School Facebook page is going from strength to strength. Although it is a closed group, meaning your friend request has to be accepted for you to join, with 179 members

currently, its stated aims to get everyone connected again, to share stories, families and continue friendships where we all left off decades ago seems to have hit the right note. There is

the facility to share recent group photos, create new groups and invite members to upcoming events which is exactly what Cris Roy did. Check it out!

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*Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much*  
Helen Keller

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## Humour with byte

- ☺ The best part of being over 40 is that we did most of our stupid stuff before the internet.
- ☺ - You know, I have Google+, Facebook, Twitter, Skype accounts...
  - Man, and do you have life?
  - OMG, No! Could you send me a link?
- ☺ Call to internet service provider hotline:
  - My internet stopped working two days ago, neither I nor my son nor anyone else can access it now...
  - I see, do you know what's the operating system on your PC?
  - Of course I do - it's Facebook...
- ☺ A man and wife were both in an Internet business, but it was the husband who truly lived, ate and breathed computers. His wife finally realized how bad it had gotten when one day she was scratching his back, and he said "No, not there. Scroll down a little."
- ☺ The letters T and G are very close to each other on a keyboard. This recently became all too apparent to me and consequently I will never be ending a work email with the phrase "Regards" again.

live laugh love

