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2017 Reunion takes in Jumpers & Jazz in July

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The Celsius calibrations celebrated Winter in style, the company was convivial, the food fantastic and Warwick's festive atmosphere amazing as 37 in all met for our 2017 Reunion Dinner on the final weekend in July.

AGM business was attended to in short order, the incoming committee closely resembling the outgoing one.

Support from our membership for the direction in which our Association is moving has been demonstrated in the year just gone by its willingness to formally join the newly minted Slade Campus Past Students Association, boding well for the future.

During the dinner, 2016 Bursary recipient, Hannah Clifford, spoke of her future aspirations and impressed us all. Hannah will be our first SCPSA member from Warwick Christian College and we wish her well as she prepares to embrace her future career options.

Ned Winter produced some well worn props including his guitar, water bag, Condamine bells and a shiny pair of unbelievably enormous spurs. He regaled us with song and tales from his camp oven cooking and droving days. Ned's swag didn't need to be unrolled on this occasion as he joined several of us who stayed in Edward Prince House.




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Editor's Notes...

SO GOOD TO CATCH UP AGAIN with another AGM and Reunion Dinner under our belts. Margaret Stewart and Jocelyn Martin were unable to attend the Saturday functions due to prior family commitments but made the trip to Warwick to share breakfast with us and catch up next morning. As promised, our St Catharine's badge and short history of the building were affixed to the just painted old school Assembly Hall in time for the weekend. A couple of extra matters were also decided at this time.

20 OCTOBER, 2018: I have already posted re this date on Facebook (see page 12) but St Catharine's old girls have earmarked this day as the date when we will be celebrating 100 years since the Church of England Girls School opened in Warwick. A lot of history has come and gone since then and we would love to share this occasion with as many of us as possible. This function will be held in our old hall and we will be notifying everyone of still more exciting details in the near future. A small blast from the past in Old and Interesting on page 11 has unearthed some ancient history and some, a little less ancient, and until very recently hidden from view! We'd love to know... **whodunit?**

MAILBAG: I said in my Kinawah Report at the AGM it is my plan to choose from communications sent in after a Kinawah mailout, items that I believe will inform and be of interest to many of us. Read my selected responses this time on page 5...

A WALK BACK THROUGH TIME this issue features the Slade School Agricultural Course that operated in the late 1970's. Much of the explanation that goes with these photos has been supplied by past students who were there at the time and responded generously to my SOS earlier this year and as always, Ted Ross is also an excellent source of information.

ADVERTISING IN KINAWAH: Are you a past student with a business you would like to advertise in Kinawah as David Jackson has done? (page 7) Your 6 cm by 19 cm ad can help defray some of the costs associated with producing Kinawah and with a bit of luck pick up some 'good ole boy' or 'good ole girl' business.

Enjoy the read! Joan (Clothier) White

Till next time I leave you with this thought

Make the most of yourself, for that is all you have of you

Ralph Waldo Emerson

LOST AND FOUND

"Cast your bread upon the waters and it will return in many days"...

All help is greatly appreciated with keeping contact details current.

Here are the next few names of others we are currently unable to confirm contact details for.

Now in the H's ... M's:

Denise Hughes (Youngberry)
Jennifer Hurley (McGill)
Marion Irwin (Becker)
Colin R Johnstone
Martin Jones
Esla Josiah
Belinda Kabai
Marjorie Kelley (Dunstall)
Alexander Kemp
Adrian Victor King
Penelope King
Thomas Laidlaw
Dennis Lambert
Adrian Lawer
Suzanne Ledger
Shun Hung Lee
Michael Litvinovitch
Gloria Lyons
Michael Ma
Ross Mace
Dianne B Maher (Sutcliffe)
Louise Linda Maka
Kent Mapes
George M Martin
John E Martin
Richard Matthews
Bethany Mau (Dauan)

If you know any of these who may have died we need to know.

If you can otherwise help find a missing contact we would be very glad to hear from you.

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Cookie's Corner

AS WE DID LAST YEAR, THE 2017 AGM REPORTS AND MINUTES will be distributed separately from Kinawah. All of that aside I am pleased to be able to state here that our first full year operating as Slade Campus Past Students Association has been a successful one. I have said it before but will acknowledge it again that this is due in no small measure to our Management Committee who have shown themselves to be a willing, hard working team always acting with the best interests of the Association in mind.

A slight reshuffle in the make up of the incoming Committee sees Ted Ross as new SCPSA Patron and Rob Nolan move into the newly created position of Pastoral Coordinator. I know both will fulfil these roles admirably. Jacque Baxter is heading up Special Projects and you will be hearing more about this in the months to come.

2017 AGM and Reunion Dinner, July 29: Support for the AGM and dinner, moved this year to a different time slot, was heartening. Some people happily took up the option of the steam train excursion and all enjoyed Kel's magnificent dinner and breakfast—a far cry from the meals that were served up to us in our boarding school days! Due to a family emergency at the eleventh hour, I was hugely disappointed to miss the dinner but I understand that Ned Winter, another 'Boy from Bollon', kept everyone entertained and that those who opted to stay in Roberts House and Prince House were more than happy with the accommodation.

20 OCTOBER 2018 NEXT YEAR—A DATE TO REMEMBER: A small committee of St Catharine's girls has plans well underway for a get together in their old Assembly Hall, now sited along the Horsman Road frontage of Slade Campus. They will be keeping us updated about this but some great ideas have been put forward already to help make this a truly memorable occasion.

Plans for this year's Breakfast Creek get together are also well in hand. INK IN THE DATE, OCTOBER 14, and plan to be there. 2018 will be the 10th occasion this event has been held and we're all looking forward to a record crowd. As I said last Kinawah, this has become a great success thanks largely to the efforts of Richard Cleal—a great way to catch up with your old school buddies especially if you spread the word and advertise it too.

On a personal and professional front I am about to move on to another chapter in the life and times of Steve Cooke. After a short break I will be looking forward to getting on with the year to come for SCPSA.

Until next time, read on . . .

What's on: SCPSA 2017

- **March 9**
New Domain Name for old past students website goes live:
www.scpsawarwick.com
- **April 21**
Anzac Day Service
WCC
- **April 22**
Heritage Festival focuses on Slade Campus
SCPSA Committee Meeting
- **July 20**
Jumpers & Jazz 2017 kicks off
- **July 29**
AGM & Reunion Dinner
WCC
- **October 14**
Breakfast Creek Reunion

Compromise is to so divide the cake that everyone believes he has the biggest piece.

SCPSA Visitors to Warwick Christian College . . .

WCC and the Slade Campus Past Students Association welcome all past students who would like to visit the WCC Campus. The Campus is open during school hours and access is only via the administration office located in the Slade House Building. A leaflet explaining accessible areas including our museum will be handed to you when you check in. You will also be given an information sheet explaining the role of the Slade Campus Past Students Association. We would encourage all past students travelling to or through Warwick to take the opportunity to visit the college, inspect our wonderful museum and memorabilia displayed in the Founders Room.

Warwick Christian College - Provisioning for the Journey

In 2017 our performing arts students are being given more opportunities for live performances with participation in Jumpers and Jazz, Heritage Week and other local events.

Our Technology students will benefit from an upgrade to our Technology Centre.





**Saturday, October 14
11 AM FOR LUNCH**

Breakfast Creek Reunion

2017 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 more than welcome
- No speeches or formal proceedings
- Catch up with old class mates in a relaxed atmosphere

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Reunion Dinner
FOR THE FIRST TIME ALONGSIDE
Jumpers & Jazz in July



LEFT HAND SIDE: Ned Winter (1949-50) ♀ Helen Moloney (Robb 1962-67)
Georgina Johansen (Elsley 1966-67) ♀ Lionel Johansen
Noel Mapes (1960-64) ♀ Barbara Mapes
CENTRE: Peter Ramsay (1959-64)
Trish Spies (Marshall 1959-62)
Carol Hinz (1959-60)
Jenny Schonfisch (Croft 1959-60)
Lyn Cox (Porter 1962-63) ♀
Margaret Melton (Stabler 1962-64)
Bruce Mauch (1963-67) ♀ Cheryl Christelow
Philip Thornton ♀ Pam Thornton (Dight 1966-69)
RIGHT HAND SIDE: Bill Woods (1965-66) ♀
Deborah Woods
David Brownsdon (1960-64)



St Catharine's / Rooney Connections



AS NOTED IN A RECENT KINAWAH many St Catharine's old girls recall Sister Miriam and Mrs Gillespie, often known as **Gebby**. Pam Somerset (nee Staines) remembers Gebby's sibling, Sister Miriam, being in charge of the boarders' illnesses at St Margaret's Sick Bay 1944 ~ 1949. Pam's memory of her is of someone who was a very caring and competent person. Sister Miriam SSA, who was professed 21/12/1943, was a member of staff at St Catharine's at different times between 1960 and 1969. It must have been a comfort for her to spend this precious time with her older sister.

The nurturing qualities that we have noted above must have run in the family. Mrs Gillespie was most often to be found in the small cramped dispensary in the ante-room of the hospital near the school chapel, handing out prescribed medications or administering health care when and as required. I am certain none of us had much understanding while we at school of any of the circumstances of Gebby's life or the era she was born into. The sparse words that follow reveal a little about the two sisters and what was accepted as 'the norm' for women in particular who were born around the turn of last century: tragic outcomes of childbirth, widowhood, limited choices in possible career paths for women...it's quite a list.

Happily many things have changed for the better in a little over 100 years.

Dorothy, the eldest Rooney sister, photographed here in traditional nursing sister's uniform circa 1928. Dorothy probably completed nursing training at Warwick Hospital before her marriage to Henry Armstrong Gillespie in 1936. Henry died 1949.

DOROTHY ROONEY (11/2/1898 ~ 22/5/1975), remembered affectionately by many of us as **Gebby**, was born in Warwick, Queensland, to parents, Samuel Thomas Rooney and Rachel Lawson. Two sisters, Miriam (21/6/1900 ~ 19/10/1974) and Madeline, (1901 ~ 1975) were followed by a brother, Samuel (born and died 3/11/1904). Dorothy is listed in the 1928 Queensland Electoral Roll as a Nurse. She married Henry Armstrong Gillespie (5/3/1887 ~ 13/10/1949) in 1936 which tells us she lived as a widow and needed to be self supporting many years longer than she was a wife. Miriam predeceased Dorothy by just a few months. Miriam Rooney is also remembered as a teacher and Sister in the Order of the SSA. Miriam is listed in electoral rolls living at various times in Myall Lane, Warwick, Community House, Albion, and St Catharine's CEGS Warwick. These rolls also seem to indicate that Dorothy lived in Warwick her whole life. Both Rooney sisters are remembered as kind, gentle, compassionate and caring with a loving heart.

Miriam, the middle Rooney sister, at 22 years of age, photographed here as an attendant at her sister Madeline's marriage to William McKenzie Allan, 10 January, 1923. Miss Fisher, take a back seat in the 1920s style stakes!

Our thanks to Kristine Myers (Clothier) for searching out this information for us and also to Lois Whittaker, a descendant of Madeline Rooney, who has kindly given permission for us to publish the beautiful profile photographs of Dorothy Rooney Gillespie and Miriam Rooney (Sister Miriam SSA) above.

Mailbag



Robyn Parslow (Elsley) 1968-1969 [Kinawah] always interesting to read. I look forward to each one.

Marion MacKenzie (Knowles) 1961-1964 Thanks for the background information about the SSA sisters, the Bishop in his Slade colours and St Catharine. Bev (Telford) Nelson went to the funeral of Margery (Eyears) Merrell in Ipswich. It was a big funeral.

Jocelyn Martin (Wright) 1961-1965 ... so many interesting items to read... esp. St Catharine! Marg Fraser ... was a Roma Town Councillor for several years. I am hoping to join our SCPSA breakfast on Sun 30th. Til then, Cheers...

Mike Rippin 1951-1958 Re Bishop Meredith—he taught me in 1951/52, Grades 4 and 5 while I was at Highfields. "Pineapple" was his nickname! I still remember having class outside in the sun during winter!

Re 1950 cricket team...! recognise a few as they were there when I started in 1951. Re Mrs walker photo...I am sure that is "Jet" Jackson on her right. Cheers...

Barry Gordon I watched the Compass program which featured Harry. I am glad I did. I nominate Harry as the Slade Old Boy of the Century! Some may not agree with the ethics of his actions, but I gently applauded him...Neville McPherson...

was younger than myself and we did not have a lot to do with each other. However, about ten years ago we began exchanging Emails as he was working up here in the NT as a lawyer, and he sought me out having seen a letter I wrote to the local newspaper ... very erudite chap but great sense of humour ... Graham (Paddy) Littleton, was the best tennis player that ever went to Slade... originally came from Crows Nest and coached by Les Flanders, defeating a number of Qld age champions while he attended Slade. Paddy and I were never defeated in doubles the last year he attended school, (1958). He should have played Linton Cup for Qld but like so many other kids from Slade and CEGS the farms came first!! Regards...

Doug Pickersgill 1955-1957 ...reading your June Edition of *Kinawah* and looking back at the 1956 Image of the *Slade* Highfields House boys and my thoughts drifted back to that year and my dear and closest friend Neville McPherson - He is second row at the top and 2nd in next to me and my mind drifted back to him knowing his affliction, which in his words, "Would do him in the end" and suspected all was not well. I had no family - Slade was my family and Neville was my "Brother" from the time we started in 1955 - We did everything together, bunked next to each other every year, enjoyed Highfields, Class, Scouts, - We were inseparable - Our paths crossed a number of times with the last being at the 1974 AGM at Slade - Following

a long spell overseas for us both we caught up again some five years ago and have picked up on the missing years. His passing comes with great sadness to all who knew him and my thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Leslie and Family. **Natalie Griffith (Laidlaw), Santa Rosa USA** ... sad tidings of the death of Alison Whiley. I do remember her, but not well (she was behind me in grade level)...we must have done things together as our classes were not large. Although I have lived so far away for so many years I still have very fond memories of my times at St. Catherine's and happy that there is an Old Girls organization to keep us up to date. My years there were from early 1937 until the end of 1945. I became a WRAN, and later to do Physiotherapy at the Uni - as they used to call it. All great memories! I had my 90th Birthday in Feb. so my hobbies now are bridge, painting and walking my little dog. My sympathies to Alison's family in their loss, and my thanks to you, Joan for keeping me informed. With best wishes...

And for now, the last word is a query...

Steve Roberts 1962-1965 ... I have two CEGS badges given to me way back in 1965, they both belonged to **ANNE COLES**, one is a house badge and one (with her name on it) is the actual school badge. If you know of her whereabouts I will happily return the badges if there is any interest.

A walk back through time: ca 1978 / 1979...



THE SLADE AGRICULTURAL COURSE operated in the late 1970s on land owned by the school on river flats below Slade and alongside the Condamine.

This land was subsequently sold off by Churchie when they were operating on the campus 2000 - 2005.

FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:

- Ag plot late 70's. The Condamine with its River Gums is clearly visible to the right of the photo.



- Portable yards at Edwards block (over near the Golf Club). Troy Parsons (from Bundaberg) is sitting on top rail.

- Welding shed, making gates or stock yard panels. Robert Smith (white hair) Gavin Carnes (wearing overalls and School Captain 1979) are looking on through welding masks.

BELOW RIGHT:

New Ag Plot and tractor against the Condamine River. Teacher (in white) is Max Brady who went on to establish Darling Downs Tarpaulins, an extremely successful business in Toowoomba.

Our grateful thanks to Ted Ross and John Farquhar for supplying the information to include with these photos.



GORDON BROMLEY 1954-2017



“Don’t rush in...never assume anything and when in doubt check it out.”

Gordon Arthur Bromley was born 14th October at Quilpie hospital in South Western Queensland, growing up on the family’s sheep and cattle grazing property, Emudilla located between Adavale and Quilpie. At Slade School, Warwick he was a bit of a larrikin, one anecdote being the time he and a school mate decided to sample the altar wine to see if it was any good. Caught red handed they received six of the best and decided that the wine was not that good after all.

Gordon left school, aged fifteen in 1969, returning to the family property to work with his father, Phillip and mother, Beryl. He loved his weekend football, and played for the NRL Quilpie going on to win a trophy for his efforts. Gordon took over the running of the property following Phillip’s passing in 1977.

Gordon met Liz while she was nursing at Quilpie hospital. During their engagement Gordon began teaching Liz to drive. On one occasion she managed to roll the brand new car on a dirt road. They were both okay but not the car...he still married her!

Liz and Gordon were married 21st May, 1979 in Canberra where Liz grew up.

After the sale of the family property the Bromley family moved east to Caloundra. There being no grazing enterprises in the area, Gordon took a course in Real Estate. Upon its conclusion he achieved his licence and worked in a real estate office in Caloundra. Over some years he worked for many real estate offices between Caloundra, Mooloolaba and Maroochydore in the capacity of real estate salesman and agency manager. In

1987, Liz and Gordon bought a Nation Wide Realty franchise real estate office on Brisbane Road, Mooloolaba, and held that business five years but sold up as a result of severe recession. Gordon continued in the industry working in other offices in the area and was by now, quite well known in business. During this time he wrote a book titled “Rags to Riches - Riches to Rags - You Can Choose: the secrets you need to successfully buy sell and develop real estate”. Gordon’s book was based on the fundamentals of real estate buying, selling and leasing. Being the character that he was he concluded the book with this comment:

“Hopefully you will have obtained some useful points from this book although it probably resembles the old Shakespeare quote ‘That it was like looking for two grains of wheat in a bushel of chaff, by the time you found them you wondered why you bothered with the search’ ”.

He went on to say that:

“If you can save or make some money through my opinions, great...because making money is what life is all about. Who ever said ‘money does not buy happiness’ had obviously never experienced a shortage of the stuff or they would never have flapped their gums with such a totally ridiculous load of drivel.”

It is only fair to say that Gordon had forgotten more about real estate than many agents around today would ever know. He was well revered in the industry and, following a short course in teaching, began teaching real estate at the local TAFE. He wrote the curriculum and syllabus and taught from it to allow those graduating to attain their licence in real estate. Gordon was passionate about his chosen profession. He was a scrupulously honest sales person and if he had to do a turn, it would only be a good one.

Those who knew him believe that as a result of his honesty and generosity he never made a fortune from the industry but he was a happy man doing what he loved, making others wealthy through his knowledge and vast experience.

Despite cut backs at TAFE he joined a private organisation called Property Training Australia where he continued to teach and was recently invited to Perth and Cairns to train new agents to achieve their real estate licences. At the conclusion of Gordon's book he wished everyone luck and the best advice was to always seek sound professional advice. He said:

“Don’t rush in...never assume anything and when in doubt check it out.”

In true Gordon style, he left his readers with this ‘deep and meaningful’ thought:

“You will never fly like an eagle while you strut around thinking and acting like a turkey. Trust me...I am a real estate agent.”

Gordon was a generous and kind man, who would oblige anyone who needed real property advice. Nothing was ever too much trouble for Gordon.

He was a loving son to Phillip and Beryl and sibling to his brother Ken, and his sister Irene. They will miss his greatly.

Gordon was a loving confidant as a husband to Liz throughout their 38 year marriage.

Our thanks to Gordon’s wife, Liz for supplying this tribute and photos of him.



“If he had to do a turn it would only be a good one”

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ALISON WHILEY 1927-2017

Tamrookum's daughter laid to rest...

Alison's reflection, *To-Morrow*, appeared in St Catharine's Chronicle in 1944. She shares her thoughts about venturing out into the wider world after school—just before the end of World War 2 which has plainly shaped the ideals, aspirations and youthful optimism of all those left on the home front while the war played out overseas...

TO-MORROW

What will it bring? What lies within the shadows of the future; beyond each new hour of To-day? Ah! Not even in the cleverest of conceited humans, is found the ability to learn the unknown or to see the invisible. Those powers are wielded by the Almighty alone.

But, no matter what courses our lives may take, the fundamental training for each of us is the same. It is at school that we are given the great chance of developing the finest ideals of human nature—the spirit of loyalty, of fairness, the sharing of responsibilities and the spirit of good fellowship.

The world, war-torn and bleeding from the deepest wounds of her history, sends out an appealing call to her growing sons and daughters to help build a new and better universe—a world where all may think and speak and act, as free men do; a world where God-fearing nations will be united by the unbreakable bonds of love and friendship, loyalty and honour.

To us comes this call—clear, challenging, not to be cast aside. It will not be an easy task. It will take the noblest of the noble spirits to withstand the difficulties and disappointments, the hardships and privations which will rise inevitably in the faces of those who answer the call. Theirs is the task of raising the ideals of mankind to such a standard that they will appear as a building, resplendent and magnificent, rising out of the ashes of a ruined structure.

Surely we, who are at school, must do our best to prepare ourselves for that gigantic task which lies before us. We must go forth into the world armed with a noble spirit and a courageous heart, that we may help to reconstruct our world, thus assuring the generations to come of a universe which is devoid of the manifold lusts of the human soul.

Those of us who will shortly be leaving school must soon be called upon to fill our respective places in the outside world where troubles and pleasures are many. It is not too late, however, to use the remainder of To-day as a preparation, that with God's help, we may show ourselves worthy of fulfilling the vital, pressing needs of To-morrow.



Alison is pictured here outside All Saints Church, Tamrookum, on the occasion of its Centennial celebrations in 2015. She was a trustee of the church at the time and was given the honour of cutting the cake.

The photo below is of Alison (wearing her trademark long plaits) and a friend.

Does anyone know who, where or when?



Our grateful thanks to Alison's family for sharing these photos of her.



Robert Martin Collins
1843 ~ 1913



ALISON COLLINS WHILEY, 13th September, 1927 ~ 17th July 2017, was a true daughter of Tamrookum situated in South East Queensland's Scenic Rim and famous for its beautiful, privately owned All Saints Church constructed entirely of local timber.

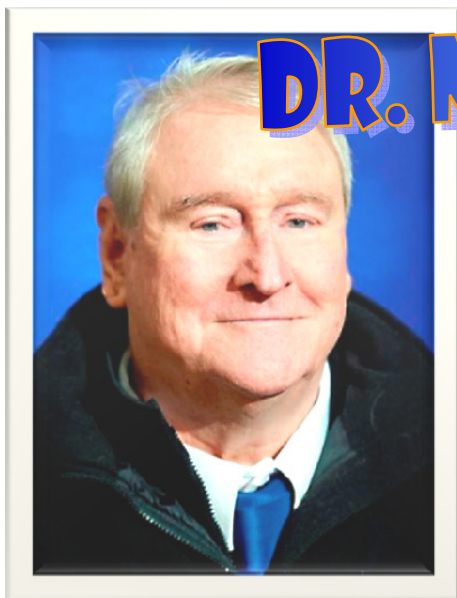
The church, built as a memorial to Alison's grandfather, Robert Martin Collins, pioneer, pastoralist, parliamentarian and widely known as the father of the National Parks movement was opened in 1915 and was part of her life for all of her 89 years. It was apt, then that Alison's life be remembered there August 4 in the presence of family, friends and a lone piper. The church was overflowing and the service was followed by the committal of her remains in the family's private cemetery.

With such a family background, Alison was well known and highly respected in her local community. Her long service as secretary of the National Party was singled out for special mention as well as her remarkable current status as Education Queensland's longest serving school bus operator.

Alison's boarding school years, 1942 ~ 1944, at St Catharine's in Warwick offered a hint of this dedication to community and family that she was to give in the future. She was a member of the Library Committee and applied herself diligently to her studies even though she never considered herself a great academic. She kept up her school connections her whole life long and her vast collection of newsletters and old magazines are testament to her sense of belonging to those long ago years.

Two original contributions written by Alison and published in school year books of the time tell us a great deal about her, especially when we take into account war time austerity and restrictions of the day.

PER VOLAR SONATA — PATRIBUS DIGNI ESTOTE: *Born to fly higher — Be worthy of our forebears*



DR. MAX MURRAY 1938-2017

Slade Old Boy, a trailblazer in building code standards for the disabled.

Outstanding Alumni category.

Nominations for the Outstanding Alumni Awards are opened from the first Monday in February of each year until close of business on the first Monday in April of each year...

DR MAX MURRAY was owner and director along with his wife Anita of Access Designs, a design and consulting firm that advises the construction industry on how to better design buildings that do not discriminate against people with disabilities.

This was a second career for Dr Murray who joined James Cook University in 1974 as a Senior Lecturer in tropical veterinary science specialising in animal nutrition and continued in that role until he was seriously injured during a field trip in 1980. He continued with the University in a research supervisor role with veterinary science and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1990.

After retiring from the University in 1994, Dr Murray undertook a series of courses at TAFE including computer architectural drafting, residential drafting, kitchen and bathroom design and a Diploma in architectural technology in order to gain Building Services Authority licences for his Access Designs firm.

Since the mid-1980s, Dr Murray has been an advocate for people with disabilities and has been called on by governments and other organisations, including the University, for advice on providing proper access to buildings for people with disabilities. He has received many awards for this work including the Centenary Medal.

Since 1995, he has been a member of the Building Access Policy Committee reporting to the Commonwealth Attorney-General and the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research on regulations regarding

disability access.

Much of that work culminated with new regulations under the Disability Discrimination Act, which impact on the Australian Building Codes and Australian Standards, and will ensure all new and upgraded public buildings in Australia will be accessible to people with a disability.

Max Murray and Robert Jones represented the interests of people with disability throughout negotiations of the Premises Standards, as part of the Building Access Policy Committee. While many with disability contributed to the Premises Standards development, Max Murray and Robert Jones must be recognised for their dedication to making it happen. Their skill, and tenacious advocacy, led to significant improvements ... future generations of Australians will now benefit. <http://www.pwd.org.au>

Just a few of the issues that Max submitted recommendations about concerned such things as recreational facilities for PWD (people with disabilities), disabled access to toilets, pools, adequate parking spaces, stairway platform lifts, signage and numerous other practical considerations that do not discriminate against hearing and sight impaired persons.

This second testimonial is from the Association of Consultants in Access, for which Max was founding President 15 years ago and its first Life Member

THOSE OF US WHO WERE PRIVILEGED to know Max and work with him, recognise that he was a man who had a generous heart and a huge intellect. He was a model of integrity, and his courage was matchless.

Max was always willing to share his time, resources and knowledge when advancing access for people with disabilities was concerned and the AS 1428 suite of both published and not yet published standards would not be at the level they are if Max had not been involved.

Max was always accompanied by his wife Anita without whose support, he would have been unable to undertake the work that we know. He will be greatly missed.

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RAY MAXWELL MURRAY attended QLD Agricultural College, more commonly referred to as Gatton College, at Lawes, graduating in Animal Husbandry with Honours in 1958 after he left Slade. John Deshon, who was his fellow resident in Chapel House, describes Max as a Great Old Slade Boy and has passed on most of the following.

This first testimonial was delivered in 2011 from James Cook University, under "Outstanding Alumni" on the occasion of Max's acceptance by the Parliament of the Premises Standards.

The purpose of the James Cook University Outstanding Alumni Awards is to recognise graduates of the University and its predecessor institutions who have made an outstanding contribution in their field of endeavour. This contribution can be at a local, state, national or international level.

There are three categories of Outstanding Alumni Awards:

- 1) *Outstanding Alumni — up to two outstanding alumni selected by each of the seven colleges;*
- 2) *Outstanding Early Career Alumni — up to one outstanding alumni selected by each of the seven colleges;*
- 3) *Chancellor's Outstanding Alumnus Award — chosen from the College winners in the*

EDITOR'S NOTE: As Technical Officials, conducting events in the Track and Field competition at the 2000 Sydney Olympic and Paralympic Games, my husband, Peter, and I were in the thick of the action in the main stadium at Sydney Olympic Park. The Olympic Games were, without doubt, an unforgettable experience but the Paralympic Games were an eye opener and an inspiration. Officials' accommodation, unlike for the Olympics, was in the village where the athletes stayed and we saw first-hand how these talented and dauntless men and women coped with their many disabilities and conditions in a strange country. Athletes who were amputees, sight and hearing impaired, paralysed and/or with cerebral palsy all competed to the best of their ability and fiercely over the course of eleven action-packed days, each programmed with a morning and evening session and they got up to just as many high-jinks and pranks as their able bodied counterparts!

The demands of competition are exacting for both athletes and officials and, on the whole, performances surpassed all expectations.

It is noticeable to me now that many of the special adaptations surrounding practical considerations first introduced in this country for these games have now become mainstream in our cities. Many such improvements have become so commonplace that we don't even notice them anymore and are among the items that Max Murray was involved with at the consultation stage. Infrastructure such as low access buses, toilets with disability access and Braille signage, walkways and ramps wide enough for wheelchairs... The list is an extensive one but conditions to better accommodate people with a disability have come a long way in the few short years since—a legacy that we can all take pride in.

BROMLEY, Gordon 1954 - 2017

BROMLEY, Gordon Arthur, late of Warana, passed away suddenly 1st July, 2017 aged 62 years. A funeral was held for Gordon Monday 17th July at Gregson and Weight Chapel, 5 Gregson Place, Caloundra. A large gathering of family and friends met to celebrate his life and mourn his passing.

Gordon was remembered as a man of integrity and a leader in his profession (which was real estate) both in terms of experience, and his willingness to share it and mentor others. His insights and vast store of knowledge were widely respected in the industry.

MACPHERSON, Neville 1945 - 2017

MACPHERSON, Neville John, late of Deepdene, Victoria, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family Monday, July 10th, following his battle with the rare neurological condition, Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, or PSP, for seven years. As he was a life long lover of books and literature, Neville's life was celebrated at the Victorian State Library, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne. He was remembered with an afternoon gathering for family and friends Monday, July 17th rather than by way of a traditional funeral service. Neville attended Slade 1955 to 1960 and had a brother, Ken who attended Slade. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Leslie and their children in their time of loss.

IMHOFF, Max 1930 - 2017

IMHOFF, Maxwell Lindsay "Max", late of Nambour. Passed away peacefully on Wednesday 12th July, 2017 aged 87 years. Max's family and friends attended a celebration of his life at the Gregson and Weight Chapel, 34 National Park Road, Nambour on Saturday 22nd July, 2017. Max was at Slade 1944 ~ 1948.

His Valete from the 1949 Slade Magazine is as follows: Captain, Barnes House;

Junior, 1945; Senior, 1948; Full Colours in Athletics; Half Colours in Football; Cadet Sgt. Max held a special place in the sporting annals of Slade as per the extract from the 1948 Slade Magazine: Although Scots had an easy win in the inter-school Athletics, it was almost a Pyrrhic victory, for the taste of success was as sweet in the mouths of Slade supporters as it was for Scots boys. The reason for this was Imhoff's win in the Open Mile, breaking a record set by Andy Muir from Scots in 1922 (prior to the opening of Slade in 1926). It is a very sporting action on the part of Mr. Muir, now President of the O.S.C.A., to reward Imhoff's superb run by a trophy. Although there were two competitors in every event except the hurdles, the five other runners were of no avail in setting the pace for Imhoff who led throughout and emphasised the brilliance of his run by being unopposed at every stage and winning from Bill Bonthron, Max's time was 4 min 46 4/5 sec. (Based on

later information maybe this should have read 4 min 56 4/5 secs.) Slade's second runner, by over fifty yards. Imhoff completed a double by winning the 880 and ran very well to be a good second to Peden (Scots) in the quarter mile. A note down the track was Slade's David McCarthy breaking Max's record in 1953. The 1953 Slade Magazine lists David's time as 4 min 54 secs. David received a trophy for this run, believed to be from Max. David's record was broken in 1955 by Morven Smith from High School with a run of 4 min 49 secs. He also broke the 880 record. Morven went on the represent Queensland a few years later. Max worked for Fred Murray, a Slade Old Boy, as a surveyor. Fred's son Mark who is also a surveyor, now based in Emerald, was at Slade 1957~1962. Max is survived by his wife, Sybil and children, Jen (dec'd), Des, Barb, Lynn and Phil and their families.

MURRAY, Max 1938 - 2017

MURRAY, Ray Maxwell, born 5th November, 1938, died of pneumonia in Townsville, Sunday 23rd July. A private funeral followed. Max was the very epitome of someone living with a disability getting on with the business of living a full and productive life. He suffered a broken neck during a field excursion and, as our tribute to him on page 9 reveals,

subsequently embarked on a career that took him on an entirely different path. Those of us living with disabilities in the community have a great deal to thank him for. Max came to Slade from far western Queensland and was there 1952~1954. His brother, Alan (1950-1954) is also a past Slade student. Max sat for Scholarship in 1952, Junior in 1954 and was a member of the Swimming Team.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Alan and Margaret, (Max's siblings) and Max's wife, Anita, as she and they all come to terms with his loss.

WHILEY, Alison 1927 - 2017

WHILEY, Alison Collins, nee Ralston, late of Rathdowney, passed away peacefully Monday, 17th July aged 89 years.

A Private Cremation for Alison was held Thursday 20th July followed by a Memorial Service at Tamrookum Church Friday 4th August.

Alison was a student at St Catharine's 1942~1944.

1943 St Catharine's School Chronicle lists Alison as successfully sitting for her Scholarship Examinations in 1942 and as a member of the school Library Committee in that

year. In 1944, her final year at school, Alison achieved 94% (Honours), for Grade IV Music Theory and the following Junior Public examination results:

English B; French B; German C; Latin B; Modern History C; Ancient History B; Geography A; Maths 1 C.

Alison is survived by her husband, Simon and their children, Manning, Assheton, Katharine, Elizabeth and their families. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult time.

OLD AND INTERESTING

In 1904, Miss Violet Gibbs acquired a building to set up a school known as the Cambridge Ladies College, a Church of England School providing boarding facilities for girls in College Road, Stanthorpe. Lack of funds and the State Education Act of 1875, which ended State funding for Church Schools and stipulated that all Primary School education be free and compulsory meant that growth was difficult for small church schools like Cambridge Ladies College to survive or expand and in 1905 just twenty girls were enrolled.

In 1907 Miss Gibbs resigned and was succeeded by Hannah England who remained in charge for the next two years.

In 1909 Mother Emma spent six months in Stanthorpe recovering from illness during which time the new Principal resigned.

The Sisters of the Society of the Sacred Advent of which Emma was Mother Superior, was then asked to take charge of the school. The house being used by the College was fully furnished and was offered rent free for the first year.

As there was no other Anglican School in the area the Sisters accepted the responsibility.

Sister Evelyn was placed in charge in 1909.

This was the first country school to be taken over by the sisters and the intention was for it to be run with the same guidelines, curriculum, badge, motto and uniform as St Margaret's in Brisbane



which had been operating successfully since 1895. One of the first things the Sisters did was to change the school's name to St Catharine's Church of England High School. Sister Evelyn began at St Catharine's in Stanthorpe with eight students (three boarders and five day girls). By the end of 1910 enrolments had grown to twenty-two (fourteen boarders and eight day girls with six girls presented for the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music Examination (five were successful and one passed with honours). Tennis and Basketball (now known as Netball) were also popular.

In 1918 the Church of England Girls High School opened in Warwick, eventually merging with the Stanthorpe school in 1926 as St Catharine's Church of England Girls School in Warwick.

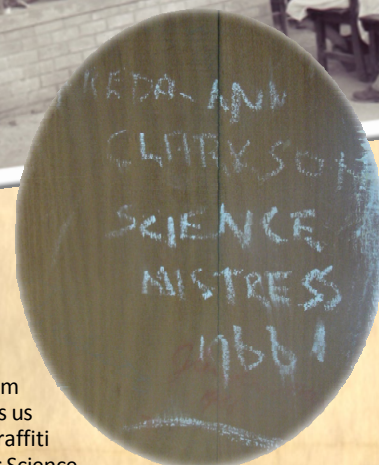
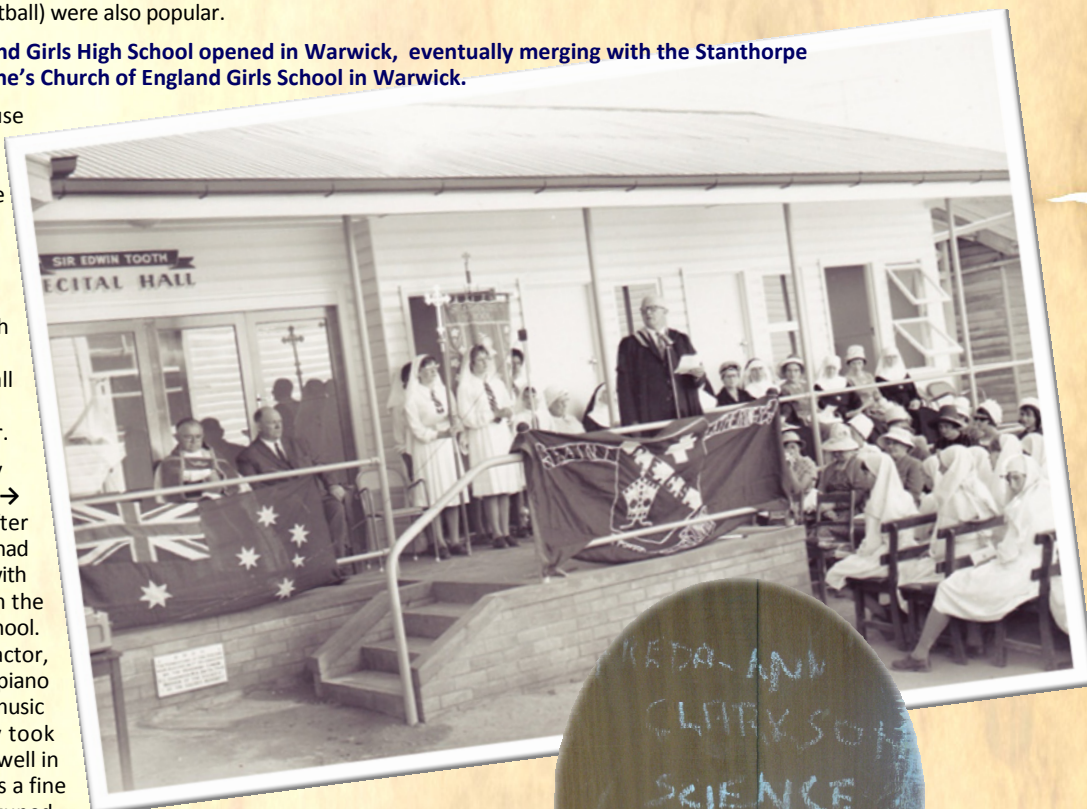
The first school buildings in use at the girls' Warwick campus were acquired as pre-existing homes and converted for use as a school.

The first new purpose-built structure erected was the Assembly Hall opened 1954 followed by a new block with science laboratory, six music practise rooms and recital hall built at a cost of more than £5000 a huge effort post war.

Officially opened in 1962 by State Treasurer, Mr T.A. Hiley, → the recital hall was named after the late Sir Edwin Tooth, who had donated £1000 put together with a further £900 donation from the Parents and Friends of the School. Yet another generous benefactor, Mr T.B. Dunstone, donated a piano for the recital hall and those music students who subsequently took piano lessons with Miss Gladwell in this room will remember it as a fine instrument indeed, kept well tuned

and used for AMEB practical examinations each year. The laboratory was initially used for teaching Physiology, Zoology, Chemistry and Physics but, fitted out as it was with plumbed sinks, was later used as the school art room when a newer, fully equipped modern science laboratory was built out of brick, circa 1966.

The old laboratory/art room was moved up to Slade after the sisters had withdrawn from St Catharine's and the girls were being bussed up there for their lessons. This, then, brings us to the photo, inset at right. Recently, during renovations at WCC, this chalk-drawn graffiti came to light under one of the old science benches. Now Miss Clarkson was one of our Science mistresses in 1966. The real question is who knew that her name might be Freda Ann and just who is responsible for this blast from the past? Kel Williamson, who photographed the evidence knows for a fact it definitely wasn't him!



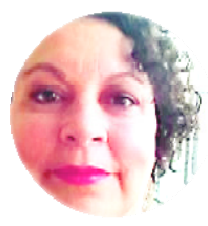
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Members of the Slade Campus Past Students' Association are committed custodians of the history of Slade School and St Catharine's Church of England Girls School, and of the two schools which preceded the formation of St Catharine's Warwick, St Catharine's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



St Catharines/Slade School Facebook



Our past students' Facebook page is 244 members strong as of August 10. As I said in my Kinawah Report at the AGM the Facebook page has the advantage of immediacy plus the ability to share information, opinions, news and photos...

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GREAT BIG DATE CLAIMER!

2018 marks 100 years since the Church of England Girls School opened its doors in Warwick using historic old home, Mie Gunyah, on Locke Street. This building was called School House in the first instance, housing students, staff, classrooms and chapel. Other buildings became part of the school over time but School House was known as White House to most of us.

For this 100 year milestone we will be holding a luncheon on Saturday, 20 October 2018 and look forward to as many of us as possible joining us for this milestone occasion. It's a pretty safe bet none of us will be around 100 years (or even 50 years) from now so let's celebrate together in style.

Further info posted as details are fine tuned.

Still more Humour with byte



One cold and rainy night, a lost traveller stumbled across a monastery requesting shelter there.

Fortunately, it was right on time for dinner and the hungry traveller enjoyed the best fish and chips ever.

Visiting the kitchen after dinner to thank the chefs the traveller met two of the monks.

The first one said, "Hello, I am Brother Michael, and this is Brother Charles."

"I'm very pleased to meet you," replied the traveller. "I just wanted to thank you for such a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever had. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Charles replied, "Well, I'm the fish friar."

Whereupon the other Brother responded to "...then you must be—" with

"Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk."

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