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"Everything old is new again"

"And don't throw the past away
You might need it some other rainy day
Dreams can come true again
When everything old is new again"

Peter Allen's lyrics above, from the musical, *All That Jazz*, seem appropriate to kick off this story for the first Kinawah of 2017.

If you are one of that select group of persons summoned to the headmaster's office during the years the late Horace Whybird was in charge of Slade you may recall these badges occupying pride of place on his wall!

Horace, not-so-secretly known as "Horrie" by students of our two schools, privately commissioned both Slade and St Catharine's hand carved plaques from the parent of one of the islander students of that time who was quite clearly an accomplished wood carver. Now, all these decades down the track, still sharing strong links with Slade, the Whybird family has had the badges beautifully mounted and framed and they were presented to the Association at our annual Breakfast Creek gathering last October.

Presentation of original hand carved school badges October 15, 2016. Left to right: Kay Dorward (Whybird), Peter Ramsay, Nigel Faulkner, Joan White, John Bayliss, Steve Cooke and Jenny Schonfisch (Croft).

Good reproductions of our original St Catharine's badge are especially hard to find so this has great significance for our old girls. Since so much of both schools that binds us all together has been lost to us, we are grateful to have them and sincerely thank Mavis and the five Whybird children, John, Kay, Barbara, Bruce and Janine for this generous gift. Kay has given all details concerning the plaques that she was able to but perhaps someone might know the identity of the unknown islander student and carver ... The plaques are now hanging in the Founders Room.

"We were the class who started in 1960..."

from Lyn Kennedy in Sydney: **1960, an interesting date.** Di Roberts and I did our hippy time in swinging London. I stayed there 15 years and Di is still there with her two lovely daughters. We've been an bit of a failure as far as organised reunions go but we've managed a couple of class meet ups. It took us 50 years to have the first one organised by Mary Mac and Sue Mac at Burleigh 2010. I know I have some pix somewhere! I was having chemo at the time so where did my chemo brain put them?

BACK ROW: Kay Sutton, Lyn Kennedy, Colleen Mearns

FRONT ROW: Mary McLachlan, Di Roberts, Kerry Roberts, Gail Grundy 2010

A few years later 11 out of 22 of our original class met at my grandfather's old house in Toowoomba (which I run as a B'n'B—more Bed really): Gail Grundy, Di Miller, Di Roberts, Kerry Roberts, Mary MacL, Sue McIver, Kay Sutton, Colleen Mearns, Lyn Kennedy, Leonie Little, Dale Thurecht. We had a great time.

A lot of wine was consumed and a lot of talking, laughing and remembering took place. We had lunch, dinner, and breakfast but it wasn't enough. It never is. The occasion was the return of Di Roberts our head girl, our naughty girl, wonderful girl - she kept us in fits laughing. Well you know what Vicars' daughters are like...

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Editor's Notes...

IT'S BEEN A VERY BUSY FEW MONTHS FOR ME WITH A LOT OF FAMILY STUFF THAT NEEDED TO BE ATTENDED TO ON TOP OF CHRISTMAS. It was never my intention for it to be so long between Kinawahs but hopefully you will find this issue worth the wait. It is always a bit of a challenge to strike a happy balance between the different eras, schools and experiences.

SLADE CAMPUS IS SET TO BE THE FOCUS on Saturday 22nd April (yes, next month) during the launch of Warwick's Heritage Week. Jenny Schonfisch and myself will be on hand to explain to visitors some of the history of our old buildings with particular focus on the old Assembly Hall. A lot of building and expansion took place at St Catharine's while Sister Rachel was in charge and still more in the period 1965 to 1969 while I was there. Consequently many of the newer buildings in use in my time, earlier students know little about. If you are available to help on the day or can supply any information from your own experiences we would love to have it.

I HAVE BEEN SKIMMING THROUGH EDDIE PRINCE'S BOOK, *'YES SIR'*, especially the parts concerning the various St Catharine's buildings that were relocated up to the Slade Campus. It's all very interesting and will be featured in the next issue of Kinawah. I know many old St Catharine's girls, myself included, have a lot of mixed memories of CEGS but I am glad that so many of the buildings were relocated and repurposed rather than just indiscriminately demolished. I had never realised how many of them actually made the trip up to Slade. An interesting story to look forward to…

I WOULD LIKE TO PUT MY OWN PLUG IN HERE FOR OUR AGM. As the poster on page 11 reveals, **the 2017 date has been moved from its traditional 'Queen's Birthday' long weekend time slot to the last weekend in July.** As this public holiday has been moved elsewhere on the calendar the old three day Reunion weekend did not allow the activities that were traditionally held and we have timed it so we can see Warwick all dressed up in colourful winter finery.

THIS ISSUE I HAVE HAD TO HOLD OVER A COUPLE OF STORIES, until next time so as to include our tributes to Harry Haxton, Steve Rowan and Aub Warrener. I have also had to rely on Facebook to learn news of the sad loss of Delanne Frank and Les Katjar—not the old fashioned way to discover such a thing but this is 2017 after all...

Till next time I leave you with this thought *Joan (Clothier) White*

A truly great library contains something in it to offend everyone. *Jo Godwin*

LOST AND FOUND

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

Not sure the writer of the book of Ecclesiastes envisaged the following when he wrote the above but some unexpected results can be netted from seemingly unrelated lines of enquiry. A few months ago Ted Ross phoned the Goondiwindi library seeking information about someone else when Diane Cairns (nee Martin—St Catharine's 1953-1958) and with whom we had lost contact, took his call. Diane spends a lot of time there in her work with the local historical society.

Still zero contact details for

- Keith Crook
- Peter Hollinshead
- Bernie Manns
- Neville McEwan
- James McLachlin
- Roy McPhee
- Richard Newton
- Raymond Smith
- Noel Weaver
- William Webb
- Michael Westlake
- Robert G Wood.

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

In the D's, and F's this time:

Joyce Davie	
Rob Davie	1961-1965
Richard Francis	
Cheryl Frater	1970-1975

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

HUGE KINAWAH THIS TIME IN TERMS OF LOSING SOME 'HEAVY HITTERS' IN THE ASSOCIATION. THIS ALREADY HAS US SCRAMBLING TO TAKE UP THE SLACK! We were forewarned it was coming but Harry Haxton's sad passing will be felt for a long time to come. His absence was keenly felt at last year's Breakfast Creek Reunion. His ever ready camera, taking pictures to upload to the website was noticeably missing. Fortunately, Richard Busser was on hand and stepped into the breach (see page 4). And speaking of our website…the old SSPSA site was one that Harry, as an IT savvy businessman who understood the value of just such a tool, had put together free of charge to us and owned himself. When, some time after his death, it became apparent that it had vanished into cyberspace, we had to do some fancy footwork to reclaim and restore all the data that had been uploaded onto it. Thankfully, as those with email addresses have already been made aware, the short story is that it is up and running again with a new domain name: **www.scpsawarwick.com**

Then the sudden passing of Steve Rowan has caught us all on the back foot. A past President of the Association, his contributions were significant. He was in the chair when I was treasurer while we were all working hard to organise our 2001 reunion which marked the 75th year since Slade was founded. Steve helped make this occasion an outstanding success. You will also be able to read about Aub Warrener who sadly passed away in September last year.

As advertised at the Breakfast Creek Reunion in October, the date for our AGM this year has been moved to the weekend, 29th and 30th July. This will coincide with the final weekend of the Jumpers and Jazz Festival in Warwick allowing us to see the city differently! Two steam train excursions to Hendon will also be departing Warwick Railway Station at 10am and 2pm on the Saturday for those interested. Bookings will be opening soon. Call Southern Downs Steam at 07 4661 9788 for more information.

NB: Warwick accommodation will be at a premium at this time due to Jumpers and Jazz but there is plenty of dormitory accommodation available at the school. **Book through Kel on 0410 733 122.**

In this modern age of communications via email, correspondence to the Association can easily be overlooked in official meeting business especially when it does not come through regular channels. If you wish to communicate your concerns, ideas or thoughts to the Association please put it in writing addressed to the SCPSA Secretary at 18 Cintra Street, Durack 4077 or via email to the Secretary, Vice President, or President (as per Committee details listed on page 2).

We will be represented at the Anzac Day service at WCC April 21 where John Bayliss's repair of the Slade School badge on the War Memorial Science Block and Honour Room will be on show.

We will also be there next day for Warwick's Heritage Festival focusing on Slade Campus.

Past student, David Jackson is welcomed as our first official Kinawah sponsor. See page 5

Until next time, happy reading . . .

What's on:

SCPSA 2017

- **February 17**
  Committee Meeting Haigslea
- **March 9**
  New Domain Name for old past students website goes live scpsawarwick
- **April 21**
  Anzac Day Service WCC
- **April 22 Warwick**
  Heritage Festival focuses on Slade Campus
- **July 20**
  Jumpers & Jazz 2017 kicks off
- **July 29**
  AGM & Reunion Dinner WCC
- **October 14**
  Breakfast Creek Reunion

It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed. **Theodore Roosevelt**

Awards Night 2016 at WCC

On Friday, 25th November, 2016 we were in attendance to present Hannah Clifford and Jack Rayner with the inaugural **Slade Campus Past Students Association** bursaries in recognition of sound academic, sporting and cultural performance, school leadership and service. Steve Cooke, Leigh Nisbet, Peter Ramsay and Joan White were all proud to be on hand for the Awards Night ceremony which was held at a venue well known to many of us, Warwick Town Hall…

WCC Term 1 and Canberra Excursion

With our first full cohort of senior students and 25 new enrolments on the Slade Campus 2017 is shaping up to be a wonderful year. We have 9 Year 11 students aiming for university entry studying at the school this year. We have designed a program that gives them as much opportunity as possible to dedicate to their studies without placing a large burden on the student. We have deliberately kept their subject selection to 5 only. This has allowed a full day in the timetable of study periods allowing the students to spend time on their assignments or undertake casual work. So far our students are enjoying the program and stress levels among the seniors has been very low. We hope this continues for the duration of their senior program.

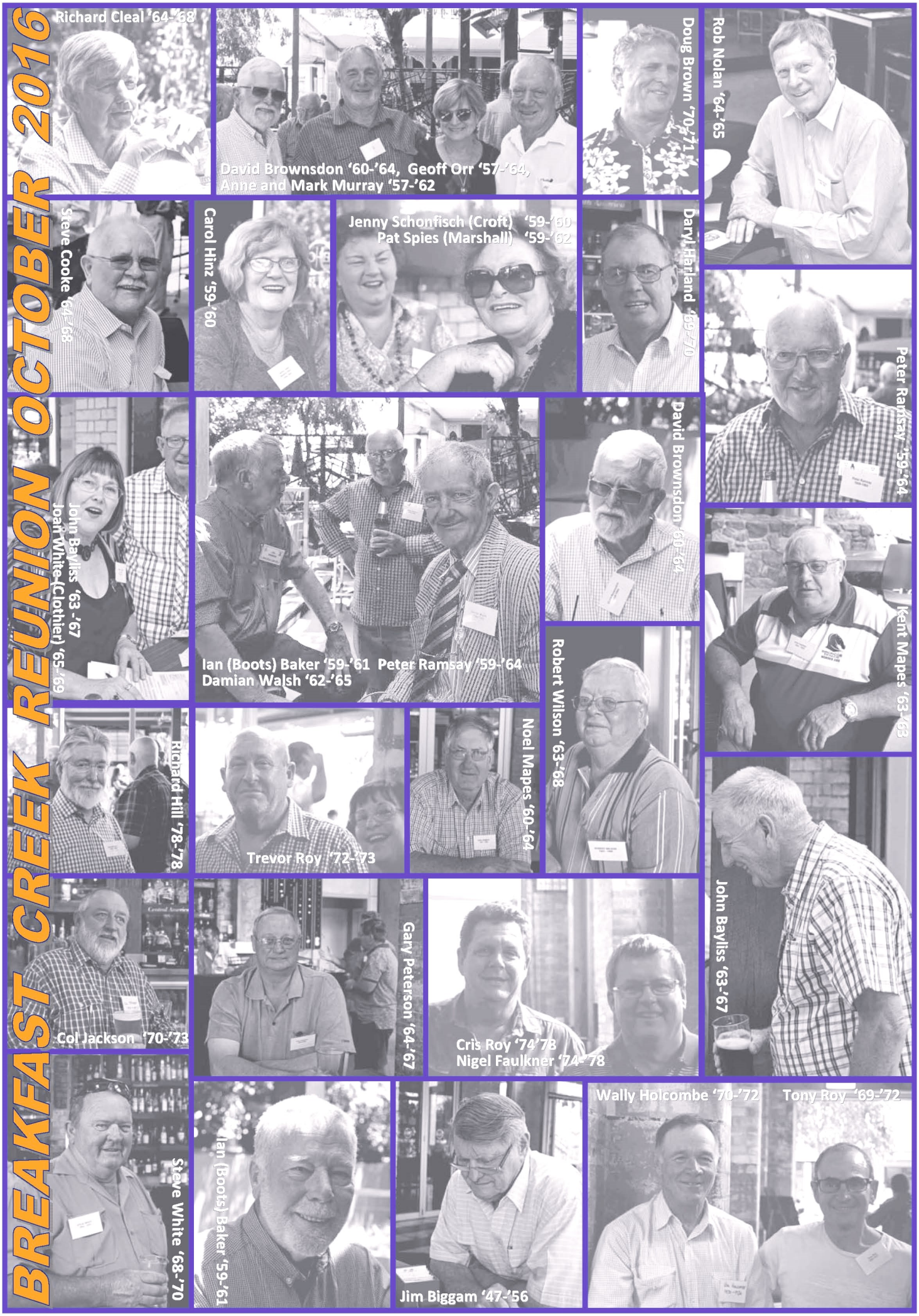
All students have been enjoying swimming in the pool this term and training for cross country. Our primary school students have started a season of inter-school hockey and absolutely love participating in the competition.

At the end of the term our secondary students will participate in our first interstate trip visiting Dubbo, Canberra and Sydney. Some families are struggling with the financial requirements of the trip so fundraising is underway. Departing Friday March 24, returning Friday March 31, we will be visiting the War Memorial, Old and New Parliament house, Questacon, Australian Institute of Sport, the Royal Mint, Circular Quay (Sydney) and walking to the summit of Koscuizko. We are seeking expressions of interest for mentors to attend this trip and also inviting parents. We are looking for only two additional adults, each of whom needs to be the holder of a current working with children check. Costs have yet to be finalised, but will be around the $500 mark. The students will likely be staying in swags at a campground to keep the costs down.

Sally Clifford, Registrar

OPPORTUNITY FOR PAST STUDENTS TO MENTOR WITH PRESENT STUDENTS
Watch this space for the Nomination Form seeking Past Students to register. A Training Program will be offered.
BLUE CARDS ARE NECESSARY . . . Jacque Baxter Mentoring Officer SCPSA

BREAKFAST CREEK REUNION OCTOBER 2016



A great big thank you to Richard Busser who took this collection of happy snaps for us!

the class who started in 1960..."

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Di stayed with me again for much longer in 2015 and we really caught up—even ventured out to Oakey to try to find her father's old church. We ended up having to ask the men at the pub. Sadly, we found the little old church has been replaced by an awful plastic triangular thing which was a great disappointment.

Ultimately we dropped Di off at the International Airport in time to catch a somewhat dubious looking plane back to the UK (an old friend, a QANTAS captain, had previously advised us never to get on a plane if you couldn't read the writing on the side!) Di's only worry was whether they were going to serve alcohol or not.

She's due to return soon so watch this space...

NQ 2016 Reunion Report

A SMALL GROUP OF PAST STUDENTS AND PARTNERS met in the beautiful surrounds of The Deck at the Townsville Yacht Club on 11th December last year for a pre-Christmas lunch and chat.

Attending were – **Alan Meiklejohn** (and Kathy), **Sandy** (Humbley) **Mollenhagen** who travelled from Tully, **Jock Macdonald** (and Kay). **Natalie** (Budge) **Ferris** and **Ray Dickson** (and Jenny). Unfortunately there were quite a number of apologies – **Eddie Cummings** *(off grey-nomadding)*, **Ron Cover** *(heading off overseas somewhere)*, **Mike Rippin** *(seeing his son safely off to Asia)*, **Barry Woodworth** *(due to ill health)*, **Ray Menkens** *(just because Rosemary is no longer a state MP doesn't mean their lives are any quieter)* and **Ros** (Fraser) **Warren** *(due to her husband's ill health. Sadly it was just a short while later that Jim passed away; he was always a great supporter of our reunions and a wonderful lunch/dinner companion. We express our sincere condolences to Ros.)*

It was a very informal affair. Lunch and drinks were consumed and conversations centred around when it would rain, the state of the political situation, whose grandchildren and great-grandchildren were doing what, but there was little discussion about school days; maybe we are all getting too old to remember.

There was an effort to get new blood into the group but attempts to find more past students came to naught despite being fairly certain there is at least one in Charters Towers previously unknown. We will organise another reunion/get together later in the year and hope for a greater attendance. **Ray Dickson/Natalie Ferris, Northern Region Coordinators**

Chance encounter ~ Shared interest~ International tragedy ~ Ongoing legacy

The tragedy surrounding an airliner hit by a Russian-made Buk missile made shocking international headlines in 2014 and the fallout is still keenly felt by those who knew any of the victims. Flight MH17, en route from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur, was travelling over conflict-torn eastern Ukraine on 17th July 2014 when it disappeared from radar.

283 passengers, including 80 children, and 15 crew members were on board. Two of those passengers, Roger Guard and his wife Jill, were dedicated doctors and highly thought of in the Toowoomba community. Roger was a member of Toowoomba Roadrunners which leads to the following story about Margaret Stewart (Ree), St Catharine's (1962-1965), taken from a write up in Toowoomba's Chronicle, dated Saturday October 8, 2016. Roger's running club has honoured him by naming its annual Marathon after him...

"Margaret Stewart remembers well the day she first met Roger Guard.

"It proved to be life-changing and one she still benefits from today.

The chance meeting not only saw the start of a warm friendship, it inspired a new lifestyle for the supply teacher who competed in the 2016 Roger Guard Marathon."

Margaret ran the 10km category, as part of a full program of events from 10km to 42km for serious and social runners alike.

She says she was a keen school runner but "stopped for ages" before having her interest rekindled by the late Toowoomba Road Runners president in 2004.

"I was out having a light jog near home one day when Roger ran past me and handed me a Road Runners card. He asked would I like to come and join the group and I'm still running today, enjoying the health benefits, the friendship and social side that comes with it."

Margaret was a 220 and 440 yards runner and played in the goal attack position in netball at school. She kept playing netball even into her 50s.

She finished her 10km last October in 1hour 1minute 29seconds and runs in the internationally supported Park Run program, most weekends in Toowoomba and once each, so far, even further afield in Goondiwindi and Sydney.

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LEST WE FORGET... excerpt from Kinawah, December, 1950

Remembrance Day Slade School 1950 — Archbishop of Canterbury lays foundation stone

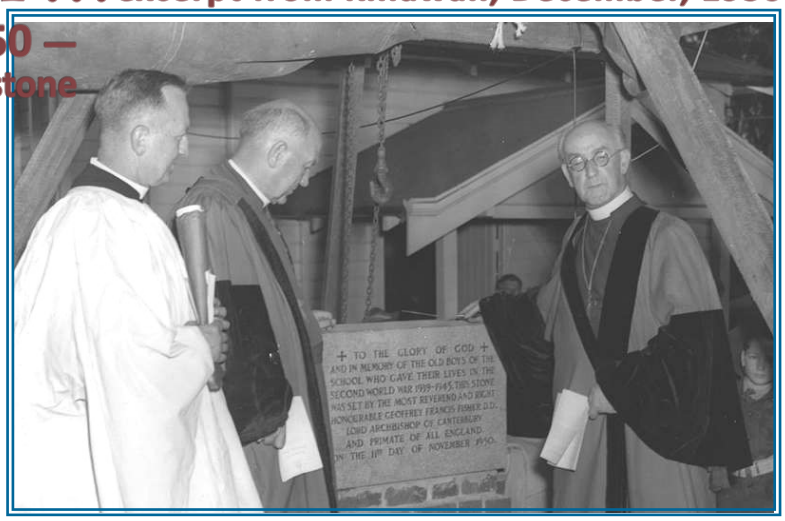
"The casket . . . was placed under the foundation stone of the Slade School Old Boys' War Memorial Science Block and Honour Room. The stone was set on the 11th of November in the year 1950. The casket contains copies of the Slade School Magazine, Kinawah, Bush Notes, the Warwick Daily News, a Brisbane Courier Mail and specimens of the coins of the realm.

'*The building to be erected is to honour the memory of the Old Boys of the School who laid down their lives in the Second World War … 1939-45: H.H. Chapman, T.W. Clark, C.Collas, N.O.B. Flitcroft, T.Freeman, M. Gillman, R.Marstella, E.A. McCasker, R.S. McLeod, E. Pollard, J. Rowe, W.N. Rudd, H.B. Rowland, J.T. Shaw, P.O.I. Stephenson, H. Wickham, R. Withers, T.B. Wolley, W. Wynne R.I.P.*

'More than 1500 people, many of them visitors from distant parts were present and witnessed the placing of the cylindrical casket, with a scroll worded in the forgoing manner under the foundation stone of the proposed memorial building.

'Immediately afterwards, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Fisher set and blessed the foundation stone. His Grace and other church dignitaries then retired for about half an hour. On their return they learned that the appeal for contributions to the Memorial Fund had resulted in an immediate response of £1000, bringing the fund to £5307.

'A casket containing this money, mostly in cheques, was then placed by his Grace on the foundation stone.



Left to right: **Headmaster of Slade School, Bro. B.W. Roberts, the Archbishop of Brisbane, Dr R.C. Halsey and his Grace, the Most Reverend and Right Honorable Geoffrey Fisher M.A., D.D., Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England.**

'What I now place on the stone,' said Dr Fisher, is the first instalment. £1000 is a nice sum as the first instalment. An additional gift, which I cannot put on the stone is a bale of wool.'

Before going to Slade School the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is the outstanding figure in the Anglican Communion and in the Table of Precedence comes next to the Royal Family, had attended a service at St Mark's Church.

SOBERING 75TH ANNIVERSARY

NOVEMBER 19, 2016

GERALDTON'S WAITING WOMAN, a bronze sculpture, eyes trained anxiously over the Indian Ocean is a permanent reminder of all the women who have looked out at this same stretch of water, waiting and grieving for lost husbands, sons, fathers and brothers.

Knowing exactly how that *Waiting Woman* feels, Madeline Blyth took her place beside the statue in the twilight at Geraldton on Saturday, November 19th last year for the official commemoration of Australia's worst naval disaster.

Her older brother, Sub-Lieutenant, Alex Eagar, was just 24 when he and 644 crewmates perished after their cruiser, HMAS *Sydney*, was attacked by a German raider 180km off the West Australian coast. In a few minutes of fighting, Australia suffered a bigger death toll than in a decade of war in Vietnam.

Madeline adored her brother and still feels the pain of his loss 75 years later but recalls sadly that he was only one of 645 Australians who lost their lives that day saying, "Those poor men don't even have tombstones but God bless them. We must never forget." This was especially hard since Madeline's other brother, John, had already been killed during a RAAF training accident at Narromine, NSW 12 months prior to the loss of the *Sydney*. Alex and John were the only two boys of Kathleen and Kingsley Eagar who was himself a pre-war master mariner…

It was mid afternoon on November 19, 1941, and the HMAS *Sydney*, pride of the fleet, was steaming down the West Australian coast between Geraldton and Carnarvon. It was a mighty warship, 171m long with 12 cannons, 21 machine guns and eight torpedo tubes.

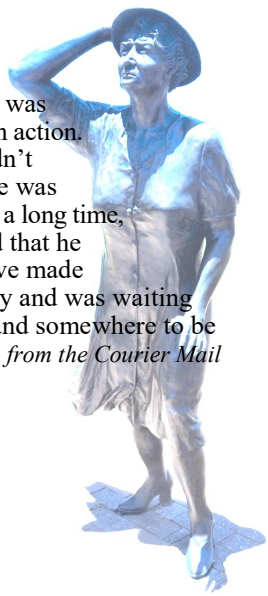
Just before 4pm, the *Sydney's* crew spotted a ship 30km away in the haze heading north and gave chase, sending the mystery ship messages demanding that it identify itself.

The reply came that the vessel was the Dutch merchant ship *Straat Malakka*. The Dutch ship was in fact, the disguised German raider *Kormoran*, carrying 399 Nazi sailors. Its captain, Theodor Detmers, ordered his men to take down the Dutch flag and raise the swastika. Then in a blaze of cannon and torpedo fire, the *Kormoran* destroyed the *Sydney's* bridge, gunnery tower and engine room. The *Sydney's* Walrus seaplane, stored on deck, burst into flames.

Those Australians still alive fired back and hit the *Kormoran* in the funnel, engine room and electrical installations, starting uncontrollable fires. All within five minutes, both ships were mortally wounded. Most of the *Kormoran's* crew leapt into lifeboats and over the next few days 318 of them were rescued to see out the war in Australian prison camps. There was no escape for any aboard the *Sydney*.

Madeline recalls that, like the *Waiting Woman* of Geraldton, her family was frozen by the shock of what happened. "There were so many conflicting reports," she says. "We weren't notified for several days that the *Sydney* had gone down and then there was the inevitable telegram saying that Alex was missing in action. We couldn't believe he was gone. For a long time, we hoped that he might have made it to safety and was waiting on an island somewhere to be rescued." *from the Courier Mail 12/11/'16*

"Those poor men don't even have tombstones but, God bless them. We must never forget"



Harry Ernest Haxton 1947 - 2016

Slade School Cheerleader says goodbye in his own inimitable style

Slade School cheerleader, past SSPSA President and Kinawah editor, website administrator and sponsor, author, innovative businessman, avid basketball supporter, theatre enthusiast, father, friend…

Harry Haxton was all of these things but was also in many ways, a private man who lived life on his own terms in spite of some formidable challenges in his life. His decision to turn off the machines that had supported him during his long battle with kidney disease, *un*-gently braving "that good night" clearly demonstrated this but not before he celebrated his pre-wake with friends at the Tattersall's Club in Brisbane on August 19, 2016 followed by his memorial service held at the Hibiscus Sports Centre September 5 on the Harry Haxton Court.

Several of our past students were present on the night and recall wondering what sort of mood they might encounter and just how the occasion would pan out.

Harry greeted his guests dressed in a black suit accessorised with his trade mark hat and bow tie, gave out hugs and directed all to the drinks counter. He appeared his usual self with little to indicate the seriousness of his state of health, seemingly quite jovial as he introduced everyone, only flagging as the night drew on.

The guests were plied with drinks and trays of finger food, and then began the official launch of Harry's book, *'Life Support or Life Sentence - Dealing with end stage Kidney Disease'* (The book is published by Boolarong Press with the Kidney Research Foundation the beneficiary from all proceeds of sales.)

Following this the 'wake' began. No one was to recount anything good about Harry or they were booed and this set the tone for the proceedings. Of course, as so many people contributed their own parts to the puzzle that was Harry's life, there were innumerable 'boos', roasting comments and laughs.

Peter Ramsay spoke on behalf of the Slade students telling everyone of the image that all past students had of Harry at sporting events with the megaphone urging on his fellows in blue and gold. A time had been ordained for proceedings to come to a close so when the hour drew near each of the guests began their private words of farewell to Harry and then drifted off into the night.

Helen Moloney purchased several copies of the book, and may still have one left if you are interested—first in best dressed! This publication is now being used as a reference text for health carers of those affected by end stage kidney disease as Harry was.

We thank Harry's Sister, Naida Haxton AM and brothers David and James who have supplied the following.

Harry was born at Stanthorpe, the fourth child of David Maddison Haxton, farmer, and Nance Haxton, teacher. From 1948 the family lived at Cleveland where he and his brothers, James and David and sister Naida attended the Cleveland State Primary School and lived a wonderful life in a small caring community. There was plenty of swimming, fishing, bike riding and involvement in local activities. Harry was handicapped by having sight in only one eye but this did not stop him from doing much. A special memory is of the day he got his first pair of glasses around 12 months and he could see well enough to walk for the first time. In his teens he discovered golf—the ball did not move unless he hit it first—and played until too ill to do so. The brothers all suffered from asthma and for this reason brother David was sent to board at Slade School in Warwick. Harry was to follow later on.

Harry finished his secondary education at Slade and studied Economics at the University of Queensland. He was one of the first students in the first Post Grad Diploma in Information Processing (1970) at UQ. In the course of his studies he joined the University Regiment where he made a number of lifelong friends. By this time he was living in Brisbane which was to become his home town for life.

He worked at a bank and in a finance company before starting his own business, (FileForce) in records management involving filing, storage, archiving and advising. He lectured and wrote courses, text books and manuals in Records Management (RM) for TAFE and University level for many years.

"Harry was a leader in every aspect of his life and in typical Harry style did so in his passing."

These include *Records Management Primer*, 1983-1989, *Managing Office Mayhem*, 1990, and *Filing*,1995. He spent 12 years developing computer software for records management before moving into the outsourcing of RM services. He remained there until retirement. He was Inaugural National Secretary, later National President and State President of the Records Management Assoc. of Australia (now Records Information Professionals Australasia (RIMPA) and was made an Honorary Life Member in 1985.

In May 2016, RIMPA Queensland Branch inaugurated the Harry Haxton Shield Award for Individual Achievement, recognising outstanding achievements and contributions to the records and information management industry. Early in this career path, Harry and partner developed a business (Conservation Resources of Australia, CRA) supplying materials to preserve works of art on paper, supplying all major galleries and museums in Australasia. He was made an Honorary Life Member of the AICCM (Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Materials) in 1987. In 2002, he was interviewed as part of the Oral History of Australia as one of the significant persons in the development of Conservation in Australia.

For many years Harry ran his businesses from Fairfield where he was legendary for his "Australia Day Pardys" each year inviting clients and friends there to celebrate. Staff members were often handed out "Awards" and Harry was the centre of attention. He loved people and being involved in their lives. But more importantly he wanted his friends and work colleagues to meet and enjoy themselves. He wanted them to succeed. Work colleagues became friends. This was the essence of Harry Haxton. He loved and supported his friends."

Harry was an active member of the Slade School Past Students Association over many, many years and served a couple of terms as President (1972 and 2006-2008).

In or around 2013 his health deteriorated and he was diagnosed with Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD). By 2014 he required dialysis which, after an initial start, he was able to do at home at Teneriffe until the end. He grew very knowledgeable about his condition and skilled in using the equipment. He investigated the processes involved with kidney transplants and having concluded that this was not an alternative moved to supportive care and set about planning for palliative care. This included a bucket list of things he wanted to do and generated a request to write a paper which ended up as a book titled "Dealing with

End Stage Kidney Disease". This he launched at the Tattersalls Club in Brisbane at a Pre-Wake conducted as "Roast" by friend, James White, with whom he had had weekly breakfasts at Park Road, Milton, for over 20 years.

With vision in only one eye Harry's involvement with sport was mostly on the side-lines but not just as a spectator. He sponsored NBL and State basketball and became Club President and Honorary Member of the South Western Metro Basketball Club. A team known as File Force Pirates was of particular interest and, as the name suggests, was sponsored by Harry from 2002 in State Level Competitions and Women's Basketball. He lived to see a court at the Hibiscus Sports Centre at Mt Gravatt named after him.

He loved his camera and took a great interest in photography and travel.

Harry is survived by a daughter Jordane, and siblings James, Naida and David.

The following tribute was posted by the File Force Pirates August 30, 2016:

The man who became the figurehead of the Pirate "Ship" passed away over the weekend after battling with kidney disease. Harry Haxton will be sadly missed by those that had known him. He has left a legacy that will benefit many more that did not.

Any aspiring young basketballer on the south side of Brisbane will have a pathway to the highest level of competition. It is a pathway that was forged and guided through the efforts and leadership of Harry Haxton.

A generous man, a successful business man with a sharp mind, [Harry] first became involved with the Pirates in 2002 as major sponsor. This enabled the fledgling Association to enter what is now known as the Queensland Basketball League FileForce Pirates. Harry had many roles within the club from sponsor, to QBL chairman, to President and was instrumental in negotiating the agreement with the Brisbane City Council so that the Pirates could finally have a home port at the Hibiscus Sports Centre.

Harry was a leader in every aspect of his life and in typical Harry style, did so in his passing...

... and a professional reflection

I FIRST MET HARRY IN 1990 when he patronised my Takeaway Shop in Yeronga.

I didn't realise at that time that the entire staff at FileForce had been buying their lunch at my shop. Harry commented in his usual dry fashion that my burger was soft in the middle. I didn't know if he was serious or not. We then struck up a relationship that lasted until his death.

In due course I sold my shop and in 1993 went to work with Metway Bank (now Suncorp). At this time Harry asked me if I would be his Relationship Manager and to handle all his finance needs.

I was glad to assist Harry and eventually had the run of the office whenever I called on him at FileForce. I remember him serving as the tea lady when I visited. Harry also stayed with me when I joined Steve Cooke's company as a Mortgage Broker (now Connect Finance Qld). It was only then that I discovered that Steve, (always referred to as Cooke 2 by Harry), had actually gone to the same school. What a small world! Our relationship became even tighter then.

Steve and I were invited to innumerable Australia Day "Pardies" as Harry called them and also the odd Tatts Lunch. Ever the individual he preferred this for clients and associates rather than the more usual Christmas Party.

He also saw to it that we had front row seats whenever Harry invited us to basketball games as he was an extremely proud Brisbane Bullets sponsor.

Harry was a true professional in business, but he also knew how to have fun. I will greatly miss him .

Con Lagos – Connect Finance

Aubrey Warrener 1927 - 2016

At the thanksgiving service held for his life at St David's Presbyterian Church, Toowoomba, 14th September, 2016, Aubrey Warrener, better known as Aub, was remembered as a complete gentlemen and one who was always truthful and sincere.

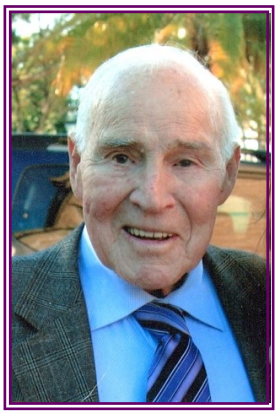
He was a greatly loved member of St David's congregation which turned out in force for his farewell.

Throughout his long and productive life Aub was a devoted family man, served as a JP, Alderman on the Warwick City Council and was a gifted sportsman, all without straying too far from his roots near Yangan.

When I spoke to Aub in 2014 he told me he had spent 50 years living and working on the land, mixed farming, dairying and raising beef cattle. Born at Swanfels, near Warwick, Aub went to Swanfels State School until he went to Slade for Grade 7 and 8 from 1941 - 1942. In due course Aub's late brother, **Raymond** became an old Slade boy and his sister, **Adele** also went to St Catharine's. Aub and his wife, Joyce, a teacher at Warwick State High School, raised three boys, Bevin, Neil (dec.) and Mark, all three educated to university level. At the time of the above conversation with Aub and of interest to all those sports fans out there, Aub remained good mates with Australian Test Cricket umpire, **Lou Rowan**. Aub also kept up a long standing friendship with fellow old Slade boy, the late **Peter Enright**, obviously keeping 100% up to speed with as many of his old sporting connections who lasted as long as he did! Prior to the Thanksgiving Service there was a Graveside Service at Eden Gardens, Warwick.

The following was the subject of an article in an earlier issue of Kinawah. (March Volume 2014 Issue 1)

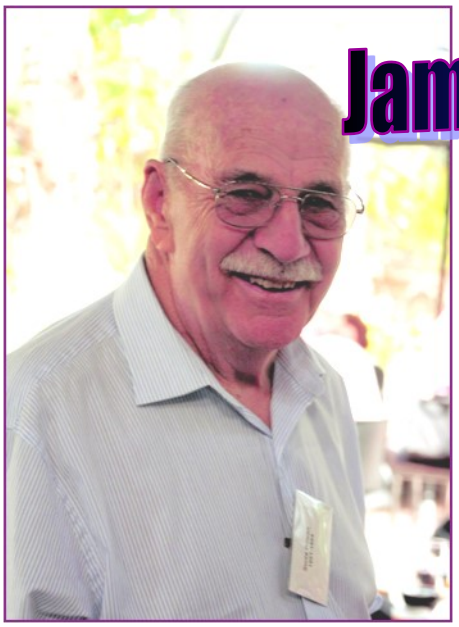
Extract from www - Article in Warwick Daily News on 27 Jan 2006 - "Aub Warrener reckons the 1947 turf wicket at Slade Park (which many St Catharine's girls will recall quite well as an early morning training venue for athletics in Term 3) was a shade greener when he played for Queensland Country in 1947 compared to yesterday. Warrener took 3-47 bowling his left-arm seamers from the Wood Street end in 1947 against the touring Indian side and took a one-handed catch to be the toast of the town. His wickets included the Indian captain and vice-captain. Yesterday, Warrener joined former Test umpire Lou Rowan and the Wheatvale and RSL Diggers captains for the toss at the Australia Day game. The outfield has improved since 1947. The new fence is much better, it was just an old picket fence then, he said. The players from each team lined up in front of the clubhouse for the national anthem.



The 2006 game brought back many memories of post-war cricket with former opener for QLD, Wilf Brown, the game umpire for Aub."

Aub also took an active fighting role in the Save our Slade process.

He is sorely missed.



James Stephen Rowan 1937-2017

Association Past President and Honorary Life Member Number 10

Steve Rowan was born on 5 July 1937. He had a brother who passed away in 1939 and one sister. His father was a casualty of the Second World War having been killed in the North Africa Campaign while serving as one of the Rats of Tobruk. This meant that Steve and his siblings were some of the many of our era who were raised as Legacy kids.

His early years were spent in Charleville where he spent some time living in a hostel in town run by the Bush Brotherhood in order to attend Primary School. Here he met Rob and David Vickers whose father was part of the Flying Doctor service. All three boys later went away to Slade for further education.

At school Steve passed Junior in 1952 and Senior in 1954. The Valete for Steve in the 1955 Slade Magazine also indicated that Steve was in the Cricket team and a Sergeant in the Cadet Corps.

After leaving school Steve had a number of varied occupations. He tried his hand in the transport industry running his own company. To help balance the budget he also drove taxis in Brisbane.

He established himself as a Marriage Celebrant at which he achieved a high degree of success carrying out weddings, naming ceremonies and burials. In this pursuit he fulfilled some unusual requests including one wedding on skis, and one underwater. Steve recalled to Jim Biggam that on one of his busiest weekends he conducted as many as nine weddings beginning with one on Friday. Another couple even approached Steve to solemnise their vows during a parachute jump. (Steve drew the line at that one.)

In his working life we know that whilst he was a keen Brisbane resident, he did spend time in Sydney and a less tropical Glen Innes in Northern NSW.

In 1962 Steve attempted to duplicate the efforts of Tom Ahearn, another Past Student, and win a seat for the Liberal Party in the Queensland Parliament. Unfortunately for him he was not successful.

Steve married for the first time in 1961. The wedding took place in Toowoomba. Two boys, Tony and Craig, resulted from this union. Steve married a second time in the 1990's.

Steve was ever a staunch supporter of the Past Students Association in its various forms as his Honorary Life Membership confirms.

Within the Slade School Past Student's Association, he served as Vice President in 1988-1990, 1990-1991, 1993-1994 and 1994-1995. He was also President in 1991-1992, 1992-1993, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002. At various times he was a Committee member and in the 1970's he was Treasurer for a time.

During his terms as President there were two notable reunions arranged at the school, the first in 1991 to mark 40 years since his enrolment at Slade. This reunion, for which another Slade Old Boy, and well known camp oven cook, Ned Winter, catered, was highly successful both in the Brisbane gathering at the Johnsonian Club and at the school. Whilst this reunion was meant to coincide with this particular milestone and initially aimed at students who enrolled in 1951, it attracted a much wider attendance, including many who were at the school prior to 1951. One such notable example was the 1951 School Captain Adam "Pom" Clark.

With the closure of Slade at the end of 1997, it was uncertain what would become of the past students' Association. At a well-attended meeting at the Rugby Club at Ballymore it was decided that if possible the Association should continue to exist and part of its charter was to explore if it would be possible to reopen the School. Following on from this meeting Steve was elected President with Ann Einersen (nee Carpenter, then Curtis – St Catharine's 1959-1962) as Vice President and Steve Cooke as Treasurer. (Our much loved Ken Mardon was elected Patron). This trio set about arranging, among other things, the second big reunion in 2001 to mark what would have been Slade's 75th Anniversary which was enormously successful.

Steve also made the effort to attend other reunions in places as far away as Sydney and Townsville.

In addition to his Association efforts over the years, Steve was also Secretary for the 2/15 BN. A.I.F. Remembrance Club Inc. This was the battalion in which his father had served in the Second World War. As his father's son, Steve was entitled to Honorary Life Membership but was never one to sit back and let others do all the work. In his usual way he gave his various roles his all and was never afraid to voice his opinion.

Following his National Service Steve served in the CMF achieving the rank of Warrant Officer. As the venue for his memorial service might suggest he was a committed Honorary Life Member of the RSL with strong ties to the Coorparoo branch.

Steve's community service extended to a long involvement with the SES. In this capacity he was in the thick of organising clean up operations after the 1974 Brisbane floods. His contributions to the SES were recognised with Service Medals.

In his later years, Steve did not enjoy the best of health, but remained determined to conquer his aliments. (He had every intention of attending last year's Breakfast Creek Reunion but when old school friends, David Jackson and Jim Biggam called to pick him up it was clear he was in no shape to go.)

Steve lost his long battle with health issues and was called home on 8 March 2017. Sadly he will not see his eightieth birthday in July but is now at rest. He will be missed by his many friends.

Editor's Note: Our thanks to Ted Ross and Jim Biggam for the information contained in this tribute to Steve. Also worthy of mention is the fact that Steve and Ted have the unusual honour of sharing consecutive roll numbers in both the Slade and Honorary Life Membership registers of our Association!

Below: Our VP, John Bayliss hard at work in January repairing the Slade Badge on the front of the Old Boys War Memorial Honour Room.

Valé

FRANK, Delanne 1967 - 2016

FRANK, Delanne Gwen passed away 25th October, 2016. Delanne was at Slade from 1983 to 1984 for Years 11 and 12. Born 15/12/1967, Delanne hailed from Kowanyama Qld. Sisters Jennifer Carol Frank and Raelene Denise Frank also attended Slade.

Colin Cedric Senior noted Delanne's passing on Facebook referring to her as Sister Delanne Frank Zingle and mentioning both Jennifer and Raelene.

HAXTON Harry Ernest 1947 - 2016

HAXTON, Harry Ernest passed away peacefully on 27th August, 2016 after a long illness. He was privately cremated at his request. Harry lived at Tenerife for approximately 12 years before his death. Born in Stanthorpe, 15/3/47, a surviving twin, he started at Slade in 1961, did Junior in 1962, Senior in 1964, was a Sergeant in the Slade Cadet Corps and served as Head Sacristan. He owned both File Force and Haxton Pty. Ltd. for some 22 years. He is sadly missed by his daughter, Jordanne, his sister Naida and brothers James and David.

KAJTAR, Laszlo 1954 - 2016

KAJTAR Laszlo, also known as Les, passed away Wednesday 12th October, 2016 aged 61.

A service to celebrate Les's life was held at Allambe Gardens, Parkview Chapel, 129 Nerang Broadbeach Road Nerang on 25th October 2016.

Born 10/8/1954, Les spent one year at Slade, Sub-Senior, in 1971. He was also a member of Slade's 1st XV that year. He came to Slade from Madang in PNG.

MARTIN, Michael 1954 - 2016

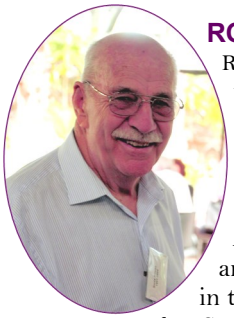
MARTIN Michael Robert passed away 7th January 2006 from thyroid cancer.

Michael's valete from the Slade magazine is as follows

MARTIN, M. R., 1953-58.
Junior, 1958;
Scholarship, 1956;
Swimming;
Athletics Teams.

Michael's sister, Diane, now Cairns, also attended St Catharine's 1953 - 1958.

ROWAN, James Stephen 1937 - 2016

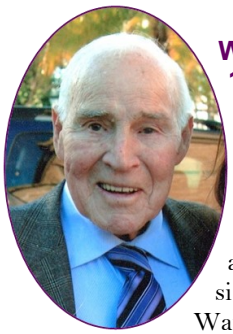


ROWAN James Stephen (better known to us as Steve) passed away 8th March, 2016.

A memorial service was held in honour of Steve at the Coorparoo RSL Friday 17th march 2017.

At school Steve passed Junior in 1952 and Senior in 1954. The Valete for Steve in the 1955 Slade Magazine also indicated that Steve was in the Cricket team and a Sergeant in the Cadet Corps. He was a dedicated member of the Old Boys' Association and served several terms as President when the SSPSA admitted St Catharine's Old Girls to its ranks.

WARRENER Aubrey (Aub) William 1927 - 2016



WARRENER, Aubrey William was born at Swanfels, 28th March, 1927 and passed away 7th September, 2016.

Aub attended Slade from 1941 to 1942, His brother Raymond (deceased) also attended Slade from 1943 to 1944. His sister, Adele attended St. Catharine's Warwick around 1944 and 1945.

The valete entry for Aub from the 1943 Slade magazine is as follows:

Warrener, A.W., 1941-42. - Junior, 1942; Athletics, 1942-42; Cricket, 1941-42;
Football, 1941-42; Tennis, 1942. Colours in Athletics, Cricket and Tennis.

Adele (Del) Warrener married Ian Macdonald and their son John Warren Marquis Macdonald (1758) attended Slade from 1966 to 1968 doing Junior in 1966 as part of Slade's Agriculture venture

Editor's Note: In the last Kinawah reference was made to Mary Bagita in the Vale entry for Sally Bagita who attended St Catharine's from 1965 to 1967. Flora Clark (1955 to 1964) was good enough to let us know that Mary Bagita was in the class of 1964 although she wasn't sure exactly which years Mary attended. Flora also thinks Sally and Mary were sisters.

Our thoughts and best wishes are also extended here to Helen Moloney, Judy Williams and Walter, Ken and Malcolm (dec.) Robb on the recent sudden loss of their mother, Judy Robb.

worthy of their forebears

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- **Dust off** a few old memories by opting to stay in **dormitory accommodation** at the school. **Please note this is a premium time for visitors to Warwick so if you do not wish to stay at the Slade Campus you will need to book early:**

Our AGM on Saturday afternoon and sumptuous dinner in the Slade Campus dining room may be topped off with breakfast next morning at the school, a tour of Warwick , Sunday markets in Leslie Park or ... simply enjoy doing your own thing.

You might also like to go on one of the two steam train excursions to Hendon, departing Warwick Railway Station 10 am and 2 pm Saturday July 29.

If all or any of these options appeal to you let us know ASAP.

We'd love to see you there!

Contact Jenny Schonfisch: 07 3279 8197 bonniedoon07@bigpond.com

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SCPSA Inc

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.

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The Facebook page now has 231 members. As it is a closed group you will need to ask permission to join. Be ready to enter in a brief run down about yourself once accepted. The post from Margaret Carter (Miller), (MC) below, Feb 25 sparked quite a conversation! Here is a tiny bit of it...

... in Warwick over Christmas ... driving down Acacia Avenue (the laneway that ran behind the old St Cath's School). Could not believe that the old hospital building was still there. Does anyone remember 'Gebby'?

Elizabeth Ann Raymond Feb 25
OMG, except for looking a bit overgrown, it doesn't seem to have changed much!
MC: If I remember correctly the Chapel would have been to the left of this photo ???
EAR: Yes Margaret, that's right. How long ago were you at St. Cath's? I was there 1956/57.
MC: 63-68. I started in grade 8 with Pat Flood.
Pam Christopher (Aldridge)
I remember Gebby (Mrs Gillespie), dear old thing.
Judy Hartley (Donovan)
Oh yes..I spent some time in there...chicken pox and acute tonsillitis. I remember there was an old wind up gramophone on the balcony. Would the building at the back be Mytton House?
EAR: Yes, it was behind Mytton House. We used to walk from White House to Mytton House for meals in 56/57.
Koi Patty Rima
Yes Margs, I remember Gebby. She was a sister of one of the nuns (I think). Anyway just read that there's a reunion in October. Can we all try and go? I'll round up the girls here. There's Ueri, Vaili, Dawn and husband Sam who went to Scots and Petronella. Please pray for us.
Maree Kay
How could we forget Gebby, Sr Rachel's sister? The old hospital looks [like] the old Nissen hut it is. The chapel is no more but up the road, one of the houses looks like it has integrated some of science lab into it. Most precious to OLD, old girls is Mytton House in Palmerin St.
(Lyn Kennedy)

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☺ Dear Tech Support...Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewellery applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0. Also, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as: NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and House cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail. What can I do?
Signed, Desperate

Dear Desperate...First, keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating syste Please enter command: I thought you loved me.html and try to download Tears 6.2. Do not forget to install the Gu 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewellery 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Farting and Snoring Loudly Beta version. Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources. In addition, please do not attempt to re-install the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0. In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve both memory and performance. We recommend Cooking 3.0. Good Luck!