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A HALL FOR MORE SEASONS

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OUR CENTENARY WEEKEND, OCTOBER 20/21, HAS NOW COME AND GONE AFTER JUST

over a year in the planning. Progress started and stuttered a little due to large numbers of late RSVPs but the occasion was a great success with lots of history celebrated in St Catharine's old Assembly Hall by the 150 or so who attended. The hall has undergone a great many transformations since it was officially opened and blessed in 1954. It was the focus of a vibrant existence on the old St Catharine's Campus where countless stage productions, formal speech days, daily assemblies, movie nights, socials, public examinations and more took place. Following the closure of St Catharine's, the hall was relocated in three sections to Slade School in 1977. After Slade closed at the end of 1997, Churchie, through Brisbane's Anglican Church Diocese, was appointed custodian of the Campus. It sold off parcels of the property and then the remainder to Warwick Regional Council. When Warwick Christian College bought the campus, it was thankfully preserved as a school, rather than the housing development it might have become. Community groups have since made use of the hall, one of them branding it **Slade Hall**. But this all changed on October 20, when a new sign was unveiled, proudly proclaiming it: **Assembly Hall, formerly of St Catharine's** adorned with the classically simple Warwick Christian College logo. This was orchestrated in strict secrecy as a lovely surprise for us by the supportive menfolk on our committee. The hall is showing its age and transformative history but, all dressed up in glad rags, it shone for the celebrations. Butterflies mirrored the **Born to fly upwards** of St Catharine's motto and satin runners on snowy napery recalled the school war cry and colours, a fittingly gracious setting in which to enjoy the superb luncheon prepared by Kel Williamson and his team. We couldn't have felt more like VIPs.



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YOUR CLASS
celebrating a
MILESTONE in
2019 or
2020?

CAST YOUR
NET WIDER
FOR LOST
CONTACTS
AND
ADVERTISE
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Editor's Notes...



THIS KINAWAH is chiefly given over to the celebration of reunions—not just the recent 100 year **BIG DO** in Warwick but also our annual get together that we have fondly come to know as the **Brekky Creek Lunch**, this year moved back to its original time slot, the first Saturday in November. Now into its second decade, this is an occasion many of us don't like to miss and this year, the Slade class that graduated in 1968 made a special effort to round up as many as they could with a wonderful roll up as the result. Past students from as far away as Townsville and Weipa in the north, Penrith in the south and Yuleba, and Emerald further west all joined us and a great time was had by all.

This issue of Kinawah is liberally sprinkled with news and photos of the celebrations in Warwick. A great many ladies were unable to attend due to advanced years, infirmity and the enemy of distance but are eagerly awaiting a newsy report of all that transpired so my aim is not to disappoint!

As was signalled in the last Kinawah, the souvenir book, **Gone But Not Forgotten**, has been launched in honour of the Centenary occasion and is now available for sale. As promised, the cost is just \$10 per unit plus \$5 postage and handling. Already, glowing reports have come back from those who collected their copies on the reunion weekend both with regard the book but also concerning the entire weekend. The mood surrounding the occasion was clearly buoyant, nostalgic and emotional and was made even more special by the presence of so many of our wonderful past students from Papua New Guinea. More about both these aspects in following pages...

I am looking forward to hearing from you... Joan White

Till next time

Best wishes for you and your family
for a Safe and Joyful Christmas
and a Happy New Year.



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. Back at the start of the alphabet again enlisting your aid to track down lost contacts...

Jacqueline BAYARD

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Miriam CAVANAGH

If you know any of the above who may have died we need to know. Can you otherwise help put us in touch with a missing contact? Please let us know. We especially value the find of an email address when it comes out of cyberspace as this is the most cost effective means by far of communicating with our large group. Contact details for us appear below...

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Cookie's Corner

AS AN ASSOCIATION IT APPEARS WE ARE PRESENTLY IN THE MIDDLE OF A PARTICULARLY PURPLE PATCH.

■ Firstly, last month's 100 year celebrations for our girls in Warwick were an outstanding success.

■ Secondly, after the AGM in August when **Gloria Coombe, John Deshon** and **David Carstens** were admitted as SCPSA Honorary Life Members, all three have now been duly presented with their HLM certification. The newly designed HLM certificates together with our brand new HLM Honour Board which had its debut at the 100 year celebrations in Warwick reflect the current direction and future of the Association.

■ Thirdly, on November 3, we had our most impressive roll-up yet at the **Brekky Creek Lunch**. Those old school ties seem to somehow be overcoming the tyranny of distance and drawing us closer together and not just in common experiences but shared purpose too.

■ It was both a pleasure and a privilege to be part of each of these events, all of which mark significant milestones for the current Management Committee. **My personal congratulations** to the organising committee of the October celebrations. Their meticulous planning and preparation yielded a most satisfying and well deserved result. We are particularly grateful also, to **Warwick Christian College** whose unstinting support of this occasion helped make it the success it undoubtedly was.

■ Fourthly, amid all the flurry of getting set up for the Centenary weekend, Helen Moloney, Jacque Baxter and myself took time to talk to the students graduating from WCC this year. Briefly we outlined the relevance and purpose of a past students' association, invited questions and offered membership of SCPSA. All thirteen signed up on the spot which, put together with Holly Clifford's existing membership, adds up to a total of **fourteen WCC students now among our current members**. Congratulations to each and every one of you!

■ Last but by no means least, I welcome **new Kinawah sponsor, Sutton's Juice Factory, Cidery and Café** on the New England Highway at Thulimbah near Stanthorpe. David Sutton attended Slade 1960-1965 and is happy to catch up with past students in their travels.

Until next time...

PLEASE NOTE

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for old website:
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*Tis the month before Christmas,
We approach the year's close,
Summer days stretch out swiftly,
Season's Greetings bestowed,
Treat each moment as precious,
Take good care on the roads.*



Merry Christmas from all of us. Here's to a season of love and harmony.



Membership

The momentum of recent reunion activity and renewed connections has seen a corresponding increase in currently paid up memberships which now stands at 151.

If you have been thinking about reconnecting with the school and the Past Students please contact me via the membership email at: scpsa.membership1@bigpond.com or call me on **0418 987 900** to facilitate your membership. Enjoy a wonderful Christmas.

John Bayliss

Congratulations to our new SCPSA Honorary Life Members



HLM No 15: David Carstens



HLM No 16: Gloria Coombe



HLM No 17: John Deshon AM



WARWICK
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Christ Community Character

2018 and Beyond...

WHAT A GREAT YEAR! WHAT A LOT OF CHANGES! WHAT A LOT OF IMPROVEMENTS! WHAT A FUTURE!

It has been a great year because so many of our students have participated in so much. 2018 has overflowed with the joys of growing up in a safe, supportive environment allowing representation at local and district level sporting events, Southern Downs Youth Council, singing in the Park and being witness to the Queen's Baton Relay through Warwick in the lead up to the Commonwealth Games. All students got to dress up as farmers, cowboys, Hawaiians and book characters in house colours. Coming soon now to the close of the academic year, our fourteen Year 12 students will soon complete their secondary education which has been achieved in an exemplary manner. Of these fourteen, all but two (who weren't wishing to) will receive their QCE. 2019 sees our first single-strand Year 7 class – more exciting times ahead! On a more historical note, it was great to see so many past students assemble on Campus to celebrate 100 years since the Church of England Girls School opened in Warwick. I was fortunate to meet the PNG contingent who assured me this had been a great time.

WHAT A LOT OF CHANGES! In the middle of the year, our Preps moved into their beautiful new, bright and large learning area in Roberts House. This was a major milestone for the College as it saw the first conversion of dormitory space into classrooms. The plan for the school is to refurbish all existing dormitories into modern, functional and spacious classrooms within in the next three years. The new Year One room across the courtyard from Prep should be ready for the start of 2019. We are also looking to improve the main school entry and play area now that many of our less functional buildings have been removed. A new amenities block and a food technology room in the second science lab are the two major building works planned for next year. We have accepted a quote from a local business to clean the roofs of many of the more historic buildings. All of this is to bring the school into the twenty first century while seeking to restore some of its former glory.

WHAT A LOT OF IMPROVEMENTS! We finished the year with all secondary students having their own laptops, with specifications capable of the wide variety of work they do. Years 5 and 6 now get the mobile laptop labs for their work – a lot of happy people. Another of the more challenging but satisfying improvements has been our new motto, *Christ, Community, Character* which better reflects the direction of Warwick Christian College. Our student uniforms have also changed, and staff will be wearing new uniforms next year. Watch this space.

WHAT A FUTURE! From the start of 2019, a wide range of Vocational Education and Training (VET) certificate courses will be available to all students from Years 10 to 12 on both campuses. At the Hub, we have refocused our efforts to work with more students who really want to make a success of their last few years of schooling during these year levels. In Primary, we continue to see great educational and social outcomes and are hoping to get to single strand year level classes in the next two years. Across the whole school, we will continue to educate for eternity while equipping for life. That is, we will teach about and honour the Lord Jesus Christ, prepare students to have excellent character so as to best serve their community.



Gone But Not Forgotten...

PRESERVE THE MEMORIES ✓ ORDER NOW ✓ PURCHASE DETAILS BELOW ✓

Almost every old girl present at the Centenary Celebrations in Warwick wasted no time in purchasing her own special commemorative souvenir book produced for the occasion. Much of the founding history of the three Anglican schools established in Warwick is shared by both male and female past students and of common interest to all of us. We already have several copies pre-ordered and need only purchaser's name, postal address and payment to dispatch to anyone else who would like one.

\$15 covers cost of the book plus postage and handling (within Australia).

INTERNET BANKING TRANSFER INFORMATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

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Reference 100 yr Book plus YOUR NAME

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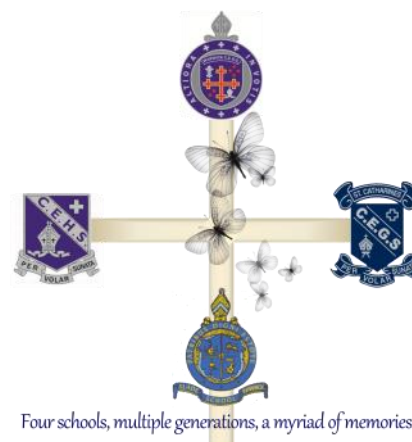
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DIGITAL IMAGES PROJECTED IN THE HALL DURING THE CELEBRATIONS PLUS SELECTED PHOTOS TAKEN ON THE DAY

Complete set @ **\$12** each may also be ordered and pre-paid by contacting Helen Moloney: hmoloney@aapt.net.au (07 46 4635 0573)

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Reference 100 yr Pics plus YOUR NAME



Four schools, multiple generations, a myriad of memories...

Focus On Our PNG Connections

Voted unquestionably as the highlight of the Centenary event, the PNG girls lent their special magic to the occasion. Nobody in attendance would dare claim that anyone could have made more effort in order to celebrate with us. Untold paperwork was required of each of them to apply for travel visas and all were meeting regularly to prepare for the weekend it was announced. We were all enchanted with their matching custom-made and designed garb with Islander-inspired accents, in our old school colours.

The girls at right from left to right are: Carolyn Mom (Ueri Mefaramu), Sally Bagita, Pauline Fox (Bona), Legu Bate-Lee, Petronella Kavanamur (Akuru), Emily Taule (George), Catharine (Gongi) Simon, Mea Mallard (Solomon), Meili Lohia (Sibona), Erue Stephens (Lawrence) and Vaili Kekedo (Vai Sisa).

Philippa Wetherell, formerly Philippa SSA and a teacher for many years in PNG is holding the exquisite Bird of Paradise metalwork plaque presented by the girls. Mea and Erue are standing with Beth Calcino (Harding).

Catharine Simon is next to Kathy Fabila (Inman) who now lives in Brisbane and who brought her sister, Diana, and parents, Valma and Thomas from PNG to share the occasion with us.

Below right we have PNG expat, Dawn Tam (Wormwell) with Erue, Jocelyn Martin (Wright), Gloria Mogridge (Cooper), Margaret Tiller (Fraser), Beverley Nelson (Telford), Lois Speed (Goodwin), Legu, Margaret Stewart (Ree) and Judy Gillam.

In 1958, the first Papuan girls to become part of St Catharine's community were Dawa Solomon and Dineh Dickson. As with all the girls who were to follow from over the Torres Strait, these two girls charmed everyone with their grace and gentle natures. Dawa's health did not allow her to travel from PNG but her sister, Mea, came in her place from Townsville and Dawa actively supported the fundraising for the fourteen who were able to join us.

Another lovely serendipity was meeting the grown children of Sally (Jack and Mary) and Petronella (Julia and Winifred). Also Meili was accompanied by her husband, Sibona. Seeing all these girls again as adults after so many years was both a blessing and a highly emotional experience for all of us but one we would not have missed for the world. Original contributions from Kathy, Vaili and Carolyn are included in the special souvenir book.



Remember to Weekend of Weeekend



*Time to get ready
It's nearly time for the show
A huge thanks to everyone
Who helped it just ... flow!*



LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!
GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME EVERYONE. HAVE A GREAT DAY!

ALMOST READY TO GET UNDER WAY ABOVE: Serviette rings and slide show by Helen Moloney (Ivan Johnston is helping adjust the projector—Mytton House Dining Room, on the screen). Jacque Baxter, Meili Sibona, Mea Mallard, and Erue Stephens decorate tables (satin runners in school colours, floral centrepieces and cake by Jenny Schonfisch and her sister Roslyn). Origami butterflies on the blue banner by Pat Spies. Dispensing name tags and good wishes, Judy Stevens, Jan Doyle and Pam Christopher.

BELOW CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: (1) Pauline Fox, Vaili Kekedo, Dawn Tam, Carolyn Mom, Erue Stephens, Catherine Simon, Legu Bate-Lee and Mea Mallard. (2) Mary, Jack and Sally Bagita, Barbara Henning, Marie Janzekovic, Vicki Schroder, and Susan Jackson (3) Wide shot of the gathering enjoying the fruit platter for desert and showing the screening printed with St Catharine's badge on the lower walls and some of the photos and memorabilia on display.





100 Girls for 100 Years in 2018!

- 1 Joan Waldon (Taylor 1945-46), Beth Calcino (Harding 1941-46), Betty McKenzie (Thompson 1941-44), Joan Campbell (Hinton 1944-47), Madeline Blyth (Eagar 1942-44), Joan Austin (Beckinsale 1944-47) and Gloria Coombe (Donovan 1940-44)
- 2 Only two of our past St Catharine's teachers were present: Philippa Wetherell chats to Judy Nave (Pace 1955-60)
- 3 Audrey Smith (Welsh 1949-50), Fay Wright (Welsh 1958-62) 4 Trudie Hodges (Redmond 1964-69) and Julie Hornbrook (1966-69)
- 5 Karen Thomas (Hutton 1966-72) and Emily Taule (George 1968-71)
- 6 Jenny Schonfisch (Croft 1959-60) with Carmel Wickham 7 Meili Sibona and Erue Stephens
- 8 Marion Mackenzie (Knowles 1961-64) Dawn Tam (Wormwell 1962-65) and Kristine Myers (Clothier 1965-70)

From the feedback that people have been kind enough to send in following our 100-year celebrations it seems we achieved the outcome we were hoping for. After so many months of meetings and careful planning, the weekend came and went almost too fast to take in. It has taken a week (or three) but the organising committee has almost managed to come back down to earth and stop dreaming about all the little things we might have forgotten or never even thought of at all!

Those who were unable to join us missed a treat. All who spent both magical days with us had a thoroughly enjoyable and nostalgic time tripping down Memory Lane and meeting old friends and others from different eras. I will attempt to outline

here a little of what transpired outside of what has already been covered elsewhere in this Kinawah.

Further re the presence of our PNG school fellows: they came prepared to perform for us and as the first official item on the program, they didn't disappoint. One of my warmest memories from school days is of the graceful harmonies and dancing that was the PNG highlight of New Girls' Concerts each year. A total surprise to us were the gifts they bestowed on the committee including a beautiful piece of engraved wall art fashioned out of beaten metal and displaying PNG's internationally recognisable Bird of Paradise emblem. This will be taking pride of place alongside other precious memorabilia in the Founders Room.



At 91 years, and one of several St Margaret's students evacuated inland to Warwick during World War 2, Gloria Coombe was the most senior of those attending the celebrations. She was presented with her Honorary Life Membership certificate and had the honour of ceremonially cutting the cake during the afternoon's proceedings. The original Old Girls Association (OGA) actually came into existence due to Gloria and the late June Stidolph. Both girls instigated the first Old Girls Reunion Dinner which took place in 1951 with Sister Kathleen presiding and Miss Cant in attendance. Gloria was a founding member of the Brisbane branch of St Catharine's OGA and contributed old girls' news for the school magazine for many years.

The youngest member of SCPSA, Holly Clifford, gave a short animated address outlining her observations of the schools behind the history of the campus where Warwick Christian College now operates. The College's acceptance, encouragement and support of SCPSA and of our much anticipated St Catharine's 100 year reunion has been unflinching and invaluable. To be able to revisit places that we never dreamed would mean so much to us long after it seemed they were lost to us forever is something almost too precious to put into words.

One of the items on the program we were keeping under wraps until it came to pass was the installation of a plaque in honour of Sister Angela. This was at Lyn Kennedy's suggestion and quickly found traction with the organising committee. Of all the Sisters, Angela is the one who is most frequently spoken of and a page about her and her special influence is included in the souvenir book. It was a bonus, therefore, that the room where she taught Speech and Drama to so many of us was close at hand and the plaque was displayed on the big screen and mounted on the door of the room concerned. Philippa Wetherell, better known to many as Sister Pip at St Catharine's 1967-71, responded with her personal testimonial about Angela. After leaving the SSA Community, Philippa taught in PNG for several years. After returning to Australia she gained her Theology degree, was ordained an Anglican priest, obtained her driver's licence and spent eight



years in ministry ranging far and wide around South Australia's Eyre Peninsular. She now enjoys an active retirement in Melbourne where she also keeps herself occupied with several meaningful volunteer activities.

After this program item, the special souvenir book, *Gone But Not Forgotten*, subtitled *A Short History of Anglican Education for Girls in Warwick, Queensland*, was officially launched in the hall. Including many rare and beautiful old photos, unseen by most of us before and sourced from different archives, it was warmly received. Details of how to order your copy appear on page four.

Dinner on Saturday night was well attended as was the 8.30 service at St Mark's on Sunday morning and Sunday lunch. Formal proceedings on Sunday closed with a short address from Sister Pip and singing *The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended*.

Over the weekend Kel Williamson and his hard-working team provided magnificently, for us not only in the beautifully prepared and thoughtful meal selections but also for those of us accommodated on site. Kel, who came to the campus with Churchie for three months then stayed on in caretaker and Jack-of-all-trades mode after they left, has been a member of the school community for longer than any of us were ever at school. He has been managing serious illness for the past several months and is retiring at the end of this school year. As School Chef and Campus Co-ordinator, his contribution to our Association over the last twenty years has made annual reunions incredibly special and he will be sorely missed. SCPSA has very few Honorary Members but is proud to honour Kel as one of them.

Now is a good time to mention one final thing and that is the assistance and encouragement we received from our Management Committee boys. They were unflinching supporters and cheerleaders from the beginning and couldn't have done more to help as sounding-boards, fetchers-and-carriers and willing doers of anything we asked. They put in a huge effort in the days immediately before the weekend itself and stayed close at hand to help us throughout. It was a Sr Angela CSF team effort and the whole team earned their stripes in the fifteen months since the concept was first suggested.



**PRECIOUS
KEEPSAKE**

C.E.G.S. Warwick Hat Band
originally belonged to **Ida Keenan**
(1927-31)
Mother of **Judith Nave**
(Pace 1955-60) and
Trudie Hodges
(Redmond 1964-69)

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- (1) Fay Wright (1958-62), Jill Anthony (Gardner 1961-64), Katrina Simpson (Lockwood 1954-63), Marion Mackenzie (1961-64), Beverley Nelson (Telford 1951-63), Flora Clark (Reis 1955-64), Heather Sense (Thompson 1959-62), Janet Koina (Hunt 1959-60)
- (2) Helen Moloney (1962-67) (3) Holly Clifford (WCC 2012-15)
- (4) Petronella Kavanamur (1968-71), Diana Yung (Inman 1971-73), Sister Pip (1967-71)
- (5) Kay Dorward (Whybird 1966-69) (6) Joan White (Clothier 1965-69), Lynne Johnson (1959-62)
- (7) Pam Somerset (Mclver 1958-59), Gail Hannam (Grundy 1960-61)
- (8) Deb Rigney, Helen Spinks (Tite 1972-74)
- (9) Ruth O'Donoghue (Postle 1964-66), Kathy Grout (Beech 1964-68)
- (10) Joan Waldon (1945-46), Joan Austin (1944-47), Denise Busk (Paget 1950-53)
- (11) Diane Barnham (Grayson 1968-69), Trudie Hodges (1964-69), Julie Hornibrook (1966-69), Margaret Carter (1964-66) (12) Pauline Fox (1960-63), Erue Stephens (1961-65)
- (13) Koi Rima with Sister Pip



2018 BREKKY CREEK LUNCH: NOVEMBER 3



Ian Baker, Madeline Blyth and Geoff Orr



Sharyn Oakhill and Trudie Hodges



John Redmond, David Herbert, Trudie Hodges, Paul Holland, Judy Redmond and Dave Hodges



Cris Roy, Rick Wiseman, Nigel Faulkner, John Farquhar and friends



Ray Dickson



Jacque Baxter, Nicholas Taylor, Wal Holcombe, Tony Roy and friend



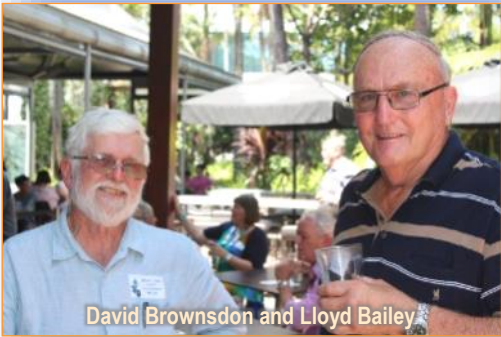
Kel Williamson, Lyn Williamson, Joan White and Sharyn Oakhill



Laurie Boyd, Julie Boyd, Jacque Baxter, Roger Frizzell, Bev Williams, with Helen Harris and her family



Richard Noon



David Brownsdon and Lloyd Bailey



Percy Tesch



Garry Peterson, Anne Clark, Doug Clark, Robert Willson and John Noakes



Pam Hobson, Cheryl Christelow, Bruce Mauch, Judy Williams, Lee Hartog, Helen Mofoney, Ross Thompson



Noel Ricketts



Ross Dight, Stephen Cooke, Bill Kajewski, Peter Slader and Richard Cleal



Peter Hansford, Paul Masson, Doug Muir, John Stibbard



Lyn Noon, Laurie Reidy



David Sutton, Colin Roberts, Ros Sutton

JOHN ARMBRUSTER 1937-2018

He was a patient teacher of farming skills, generous, compassionate, strong willed and stoic...



“For everything there is a season...”

WITH THE SOUTHERN DARLING DOWNS being gently transformed from thirsty grey to tender green shoots after recent storm rains, the words spoken by the Ecclesiastical writer, struck a familiar chord with all those who gathered at St Mark's in Warwick to mourn the passing of John Armbruster.

John was someone who was deeply concerned with seasonal cycles in nature and in life. In 1947 his family moved to the distinctly rural setting of Warwick from Bulimba in Brisbane to take up the task of rejuvenating and running the Royal Hotel, opposite the GPO in Palmerin Street. The family also took ownership of what was to become the family farm, "Amaroo", at Junabee. This, John operated as a dairy farm following his years as a student at Slade 1948-1953, then Gatton College, and it remained his place of residence for the rest of his life.

He became an active member of Junior Farmers, applying himself to the demanding routine of daily dairying schedules together with all the extremes that prevailing weather conditions were wont to throw at him.

John was remembered both as a bit of a joker

and an enthusiastic participant in life. One instance was cited of his finishing the evening milking, showering, dressing and driving on to Brisbane for a party lasting into the wee hours, then returning home in time for the early morning milking.

His personal life was lived at a less hurried pace. He met his future wife, Betty, in 1965 and they married in 1970. In due course three daughters arrived, Kate, Jennie and Christine. Sadly, John and Betty lost Kate to Leukaemia in 2012 and his scattering of her ashes in the frigid waters off Port Fairy, according to her wishes was a deeply poignant memory shared with all at his Memorial Service.

A member of Southern Downs Steam, John was passionately interested in all things concerning transport. He visited every transport museum in Australia and still others overseas. This he incorporated into working trips to the United States and the United Kingdom to further

study agricultural practices.

He was keenly interested in conservation issues and even in his last days, in failing health, kept up-to-date with discussions and negotiations between Landcare, the Southern Condamine Alliance and Queensland Natural Resources Management with the formation of a new regional organisation in the Southern Region of Queensland supporting community-based natural resource management.

John's typical "on the farm" attire of soft, well-patched, cut-off overalls and elastic sided boots was fondly recalled as were his critical and creative thinking and adept negotiation and facilitation skills. As such he was a patient teacher of farming skills, who was generous, compassionate, strong willed and stoic.

*“A time to weep and
a time to laugh...”*



*...John was a few years ahead of me at Slade
but his parents are well remembered.*

*They had a hotel in the main street and my mother
always stayed there when she came to visit me.*

His father, Vic, is famous in the Rugby League world.

*He was a tough forward who played for
Toowoomba and Australia!*

*I remember Monty Marshall getting him up
to footy training a few times.*

Mike Rippin, Slade 1951-1958

“How can the dead be truly dead when they still live in the souls of those who are left behind?”



Roy Tweedie 1927-2018

TWEEDIE, Roy Lindsay, late of Maroochydore, Queensland, passed away 27th September, 2018 aged 90 years. Roy's son, Garry, notified us earlier this month of his passing. He was kind enough to say how much Roy enjoyed Kinawah, adding that as a past school teacher, his father was always interested in what was happening at the various schools he attended or taught at.

Roy's valet in the 1946 Slade magazine:

Tweedie, R.L. - 1942-45. Junior 1943; Senior 1945; Cadet Lieut; Prefect.

All in all there were four members of the Tweedie family who attended our group of schools.

They were

Betty Tweedie, now Beal:

St Catharine's Warwick 1944 - 1948

Gregory Arthur Phillip Tweedie: Slade in 1966

Roy Lindsay Tweedie: Slade from 1942 to 1945

Patricia Tweedie: CEGS Warwick 1934 to 1935

[Advice by Veronica Commins, nee Speechley: Pat, cousin of Betty Tweedie and Roy Tweedie, attended CEGS 1934 to 1935 - due to illness then went to Glennie.]



John Armbruster 1937-2018

ARMBRUSTER, John Douglas, late of Junabee, via Warwick, passed away peacefully on 18th October 2018 aged 80 years. A large gathering of family and friends including several past students attended John's Memorial Service at St Mark's in Warwick, 26th October.

John's Valet from the 1954 Slade Magazine:

Armbruster, J. D., 1948-53 - Junior, 1963; Scholarship, 1951; Swimming Team

We believe that John was also associated with a Southern Downs Facebook page where there are a great many old and interesting St Catharine's photos posted.

John's sisters, Susan and Anne both attended St. Catharine's. Anne was awarded an OAM in the General Division in the 2008 Australia Day Awards for Service to the Environment and Education through the monitoring, conservation, planning,

rehabilitation and management of urban waterways. Their father, Vic Armbruster, took ownership of the Royal Hotel in Warwick following his discharge from World War 2 service in the army. He was also an Australian Rugby League representative. We believe Vic was entered in a Warwick/Toowoomba Rugby League Association Hall of Fame but are unable to confirm this.

Athol Busk 1933-2018

BUSK, Athol, husband of Denise, nee Paget (St Catharine's 1950 -53) passed away suddenly 25th June aged 85 years after 58 years of marriage.

How Long?

On a wing and a prayer, fluttering hopeful and free
First feelers were floated – might this be or not be?
An affair to affirm that centennial mark
Re-assemble as old girls, celebrate and remark...

How long has it been? Is that really you?
It's so good to be here—all a bit like a dream.

Across ages and eras, over state lines and seas
Common schools, diverse backgrounds, recollections flow free
Different pasts, common threads, loosely woven in time
Gathered neatly together, aged like cellared fine wine.

How long has it been? Yesterday meets today
In a flurry of friendship, realised fancies and dreams.

Per volar sù nata, born to rise and to soar
Winged hope cloaked with substance, reaching upwards for more
Altiora in votis, seeking things higher too
Aloft in the slipstream amid the bright blue.

How long has it been for you and for me?
We're a few decades older, no longer grass green.

Were we ever so young, full of brio and brass?
Not a care in the world as we tripped off to class
Timetables and schedules, assembly, meal queues
Thick stockings, suspenders, under formal dress blues.

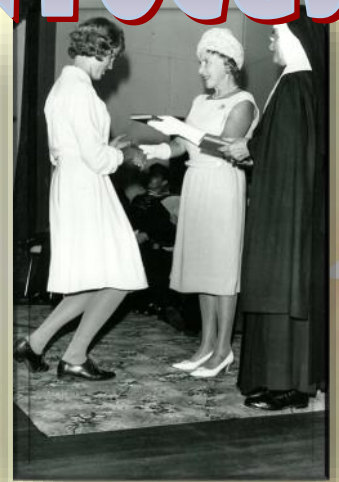
How long has it been? Much too long I am sure
So much and so little marks the years in between.

Lined faces like road maps smile and nod in recall
Former teachers, shared memories, many milestones and more
Old school friends, more stories, all come to the fore
'Remembered with embroideries'...
remember Henry...and Agincourt?

How long has it been? Will we do this again?
Pause and savour the moment, absorb what it means.

Joan Clothier White 17/10/2018

THE HALL: 64 YEARS IN FOCUS



ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL WARWICK

The public are cordially invited to be present at The Blessing of the new Assembly Hall by The Lord Archbishop of Brisbane, on Thursday, 20th April, at 3 p.m. The play—"The Importance of Being Earnest" will be staged at 8 p.m. on April 29th.

ADULTS 3/6 — CHILDREN 1/6



Angela Patricia Daniels, 1933 - 2015

Sister Angela S.S.A., L.S.D.A., F.T.C.L., taught Speech and Drama here in this room between 1959 and 1968 instilling a lifelong love of Drama Language and Literature in her many students. She was Sister in Charge of St Catharine's C.E.G.S. 1967 and 1968.

Angela's compassionate leadership as a teacher was a hallmark of her subsequent career in Social Work and profession into the Community of St Francis in England.



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WARWICK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE





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 Facebook page is 300 members strong as of November 11, 2018...



Why butterflies?



If you are wondering why we chose a butterfly motif as the decorating theme for our 100 year celebrations this is the reason. We took the intent of *per volar sù nata*, that good old familiar St Catharine's motto, and opted for butterflies rather than birds because of the wonderful metamorphosis that characteristically and magically transforms the immature larva into its fully developed, beautiful adult stage in the life cycle of this insect. The metaphor seamlessly applies to girls going through those growing pains of adolescence to finally find their wings and emerge, rising to reach their full potential.

Christmas is a time for celebration and gatherings. May you spend your time meaningfully with those close to your heart and enjoy a safe and wonderful Christmas.

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