



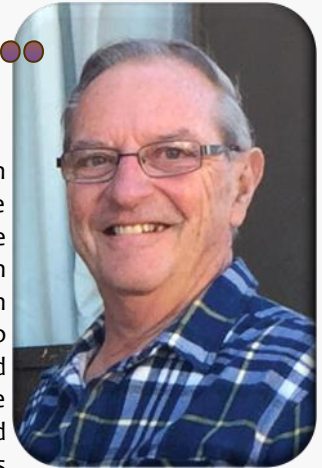
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A Man for All Seasons...



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Sadly, 2019 was our first AGM in many, years with Kel Williamson unable to join us. Kel acted as loyal custodian of the Slade Campus right from the time he came to Warwick with Churchie in 2000. For five years The Anglican Grammar School was in sole control of the assets that the founders of Slade and the Church of England Girls' School, later St Catharine's CEGS, worked so hard to bring to fruition. Then Kel continued in a caretaker capacity, unpaid and unacknowledged in the years after Churchie left its Glennie Heights campus until Warwick Christian College purchased it and brought it back to life as the educational institution it was always intended to be. We could not have asked for a more dedicated keeper of the single remaining physical legacy of our shared heritage than Kel and we owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude. When it came to catering for annual reunion dinners and the successful 2018 St Catharine's Centenary celebrations, no request was unable to be accommodated even though he was struggling with deteriorating health. Sadly Kel passed away September 8th and, entirely fittingly, the celebration of his life was held in St Catharine's Hall at the Slade Campus September 14th which was packed to overflowing for the occasion. Kel's work colleagues have put up a sign in the school dining room proclaiming it **Kel's Kitchen** and the Association had the honour and privilege of installing a buddy bench in his memory just outside Roberts House. Wearing many hats, Kel was a vital link between the past and the present and we miss him greatly.

Political machinations, religious conflict together with ambition and pursuit of power provide a suite of gripping moral dilemmas in Robert Bolt's play, *A Man For All Seasons* set in 16th century England. Released in 1966 as a multi award winning movie, the play was compulsory study for many of us with the denouement being the execution in 1535 of Thomas More during the reign of Henry VIII. Happily not a single one of those dramas was in evidence at our Annual General Meeting on August 3, 2019! The meeting was held in the Founders Room where the outgoing Committee was re-elected for the incoming financial year with the welcome addition of Timothy Sommerlad. 2019 marked Tim's final year as a student at WCC and he was warmly welcomed to our ranks as our WCC Student Liaison. In his brand new role Timothy presented a cheque from the Association to WCC Principal, Carmelo Rubio. This seemingly small gesture represents a significant rite of passage for the Association. Without the ongoing reciprocal support of the college, the eventual demise of the Association would have been likely and the current committee is making every effort to ensure that such an unhappy outcome does not eventuate.

Those of us who studied Latin at school will recall that *gratissimum* translates as welcome!

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Editor's Notes...



Putting together this Kinawah has been a bit of a slog for me. On returning from a lengthy visit with family in England last year I spent a good many weeks on the sick list. An intimidating number of emails subsequently required attention plus a number of other complications presented further challenges. However, for better or worse here is the first edition for the year.

Farewelling Kel last year was a blow to us all. He has been such a support to us over the years and now we have to accept that he has moved on to a better place. He is sorely missed.

We have received lots of welcome feedback to share from our readers concerning the recent fires and floods. It is wonderfully heartening to hear from far and near and marvel at the ease of communication in the modern era.

Looking at George and Ethne Hannaford's story takes me back to my childhood when my family settled on a green bricalow block in the Wandoan/Taroom area. When we moved on to Dad's selection, not long after heavy flooding in 1959 there was no easy road access to our property, no telephone, no electricity and all the fences needed to be put in place at the same time as contending with thick scrub. Every single bit of it was "do it yourself" and on an extraordinarily tight budget too.

Many thanks to those who have supplied news and articles for this edition of Kinawah. We also welcome new committee member and WCC Student Liaison, Tim Sommerlad with some news on what some of the Recent WCC graduates are doing. Thank you Tim.

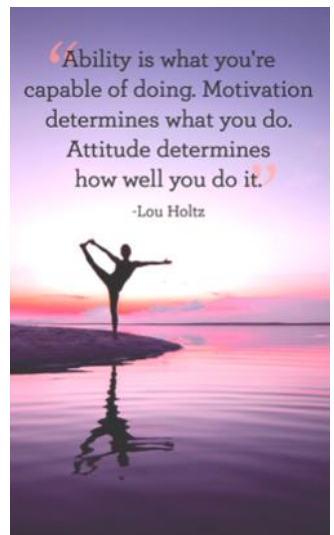
Till next time, Joan White

Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. Charles Swindoll



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Cookie's Corner

FIRST KINAWAH FOR 2020 SEES US BACK INTO THE SWING OF A NEW YEAR AND WE HAVE PLENTY GOING ON TO SHARE...

■ As this Kinawah is being prepared we have been thrust headlong into the mayhem surrounding the current coronavirus crisis. I don't recall another situation that compares even a little bit with this and it's global. I suspect the economic repercussions, especially in tourism, hospitality and finance that are yet to unfold will be felt for years to come. I feel for all those of us who have been affected in any way and trust that we will all be able to weather the storm.

■ I can't let George and Ethne Hannaford's 70th wedding anniversary go unremarked. What a wonderful achievement and sincere congratulations from myself and the Association!

■ We are delighted to announce a date and venue for our 95 year celebrations next year as shown below. Expect more details about this in the near future.

■ The annual Brekky Creek lunch is on this year November 7. As enjoyable as this always is, we expect it to be well attended so quarantine the date now so as not to miss out!

■ So much has happened in recent months by way of extremes causing hardship on so many fronts. Between severe drought, bushfires, loss of property and stock for those on the land and subsequent flooding, the country has taken a huge hit. So far as we know, none of our number have lost homes in the fires but it has been a narrow squeak for several of us.

■ This ANZAC Day I will be away as I will be in Charleville for celebrations commemorating the 30th anniversary of the devastating floods that swept through there in 1990. Seems a bit like déjà vu in some respects.

Until next time...

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November 7

Brekky Creek Lunch

November 11

Remembrance Day

Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now. Author Unknown.



Membership

The momentum of recent reunion activity and renewed connections has seen a corresponding interest in currently paid up memberships which currently stands at 133. Membership renewals will shortly be sent out. We are appreciative of your support and look forward to its continuation in the future.

If you have any questions 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.

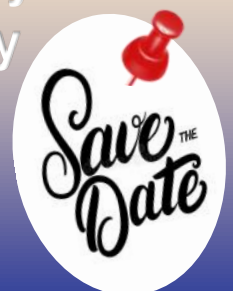
John Bayliss

2021 Slade Celebrations: are you on board?



We are pleased to announce our 95 year celebrations to take place Saturday **2nd October, 2021** at the Glen Hotel 24 Gaskell Street, Eight Mile Plains.

More details to follow shortly...





2020 off to a flying start...



It's been a great start to the year with nearly fifty new students including ten new Preppies. They have settled well into their new routines, are making new friends and enjoying the culture and learning at Warwick Christian College. The facilities are looking much improved with lots of painting and work completed over the holidays. And, thankfully, rain is falling, and green grass is the flavour of the month. When you are next here, you should see it looking even better still. Our aim is to keep improving the facilities till they are the best they can be.

Homework is and was probably a hot topic in your time at school, especially at the start of a school year. So I've included a staff member's summary of the findings of a recently published article about homework and the link to it.

A small amount of regular homework can be beneficial to students, especially in stemming the tide of low performance. Homework can also be beneficial for parents in that they can monitor content and performance. The article discusses the need for the 'right' homework, although it doesn't clearly state what that is. It also outlines the issue of diminishing returns, again without clearly stating how to avoid that.

<https://www.cis.org.au/commentary/articles/back-to-homework/>

We've had an excellent start to our co-hosting Christianity Explored with the Rose City Presbyterian Church in our Dining Hall. I'd like to encourage you to re-visit the basics of Christianity through a course like this or one like it. Eternity is before us all and we have a chance in this life to secure a glorious eternity through a friendship with Jesus Christ Who died to pay the sins of all of us – if we seek Him with sincerity.

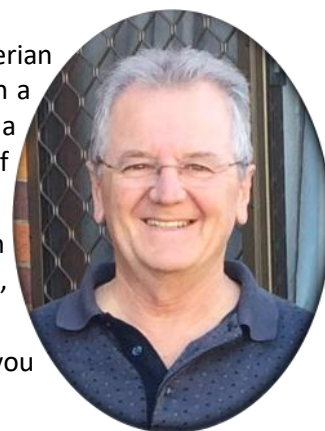
Our commitment to the Warwick community remains to provide quality affordable Christian education to all. The heart of our school remains that all our students will be known by name, valued and inspired, and challenged to succeed.

I hope to see you again here or in Brisbane. I've tried to include interesting thoughts for you. If you would like to address any subjects, please email them to me for the next edition of Kinawah.

Thank you for your support

God bless you

Carmelo



Gone But Not Forgotten...

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Almost every old girl attending our 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 and its predecessor in Stanthorpe is shared by both male and female past students and of common interest to all of us. We still have several copies available and need only purchaser's name, postal address and payment to dispatch to anyone else who would like one.

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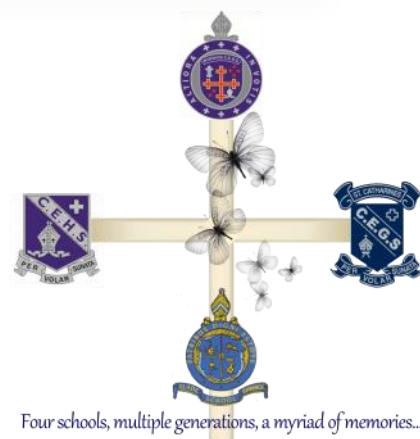
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Four schools, multiple generations, a myriad of memories...

Of droughts and flooding rains...

The country has suffered some of its notorious extremes of late. During the bushfires which ravaged Queensland's Sunshine Coast Jacque Baxter was busy helping out with relief efforts in that area. The following are responses from far and near...

Great to hear from you again. From the PNG Chapter of ex-students, our thoughts have been with those of you who have been affected by the bush fires.
Kind regards, Carolyn Mom (Ueri Meferamu 1966-1968)

All good up the Top end at Weipa . Poor wet season so far but great to see down South getting much needed rain. Regards David Brown (1967-1973)

At long last there is some water flowing along the Balonne/Culgoa river system. Although there was some rain in western Queensland, a lot of the flow came from further upstream (Condamine River). At the moment, there is flooding in the St George/Dirranbandi area which will eventually work its way into NSW and hopefully into the Darling. this will give a huge boost to water storages and many farmers will benefit from the flood after their country dries out. There will most certainly be swarms of mozzies and sand-flies to contend with, but it'll be worth it to get a good soaking. My cousin at Dirranbandi informs me that they have plenty of the essentials: Beef, Beer and Bundy! Raymond Hammond (1962-1969)

Will not say much but Robertson missed the bushfires, even if all around. However, in February we had just short of 31 inches of rain. Tried hard to blow some out west and to Stanthorpe but to no avail. Happy though that my hometown of Tenterfield now has a full dam. With best wishes Ted Ross (1951-1955)

In replying to your request for news of how we fared during the bushfires, here is how it affected me as a city slicker protected from most of it all. I live in a part of Sydney surrounded by bush. One fire was only 3km from my home, a fire that made world headlines at the time and was obviously scary for those living nearby. It was impressive to watch the wonderful firies spring into immediate action - we watched the aerial water bombing and fire retardant being dropped to extinguish the flames. Other than that close shave, nothing much happened to most of us in the city. But seeing the bushfire devastation adding to drought and other suffering of people in country areas was heart rending, as was knowing that so many animals perished. Kind regards Gayle Avery (1960-1962)

No news of anyone else but I can tell you that Toowoomba has had beautiful rain and even some follow-up. Cheers Pam Somerset (1958-1959)

We look forward to the First Edition for 2020 of 'Kinawah', the Year seemingly to have flown, but it is only the Beginning of March! Possibly the Dramas of the End of 2019 and the Beginning of 2020 have caused Time to fly by, impacting on all of us in some Way, the 'Virus' affecting us all. In Canberra, we had Heatwaves from late October, SE Queensland and Northern NSW then targeted by Bushfires. The Festive Season was a Non-Event here, as extreme Heat continued, with the Advent of the devastating Fires on the NSW South Coast & Gippsland, Victoria, both Areas totally decimated. We thought we suffered, with Air Pollution & Smoke, not able to travel in the Holidays, like Wartime Restrictions! The most frightening Aspect for me was the Pall of Smoke which issued from a Fire in the National Park to the South, quite close to the Suburbs, actually sending Embers into Crace, a Northern Suburb where we live. When the Wind changed, often bringing Temperatures down from the Mid-40's to a Welcome 25°C, the Sky turned Sepia, the Sun Burning Red! 'Apocalypse' is the only Description. The worst Scenes, which you would have seen also, those of the Native Animals forced to flee their Habitat. Fortunately, Rain arrived, so Flora and Fauna can hopefully rejuvenate. The Firestorm at the Coast, I had Nightmares about, Residents forced into the Sea on Boats to escape the Flames, SLSC coming to the Rescue with Food and First Aid, unsung Heroes. We do feel for those who lost Lives, particularly the RFS Guys and those from the USA, out here to help us, as well as People who lost Homes, Properties, Livestock and Livelihoods. Community Spirit is wonderful, particularly in the Country, as you know, Joan, these People are like a Phoenix, Rising from the Ashes, Survivors All, but the Yards are Hard. Sorry I have gone on about all of this, but it has impacted all of us so much. Barbara Brown-Beresford (1962-1963)



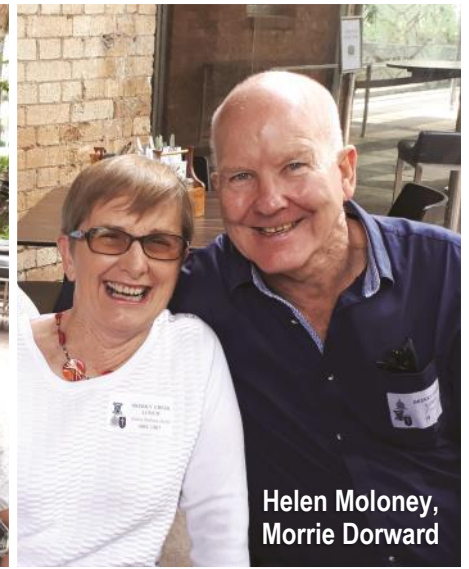
BREKKY CREEK 2019 HAPPY SNAPS



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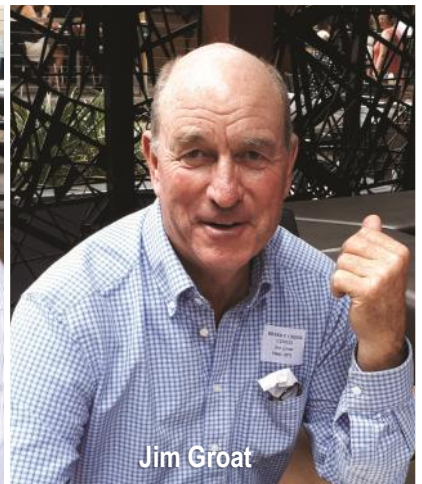
Jacque Baxter, Leigh Hartog, Pam Hobson



Roslyn Suffton, Roger Frizzell, Helen Harris, Jenny Schonfisch



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OUR RICH INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS:

At our 2018 Centenary celebrations the PNG contingent lent a poignant strength to the occasion. This aspect of the reunion was highly emotional as most of us never expected to see any of these valued school fellows ever again once our time at St Catharine's was over. I can confidently say that every one of them worked harder than anybody else so as to be able to attend and we will all treasure the time we could share with them. With all the fundraising, expense and complicated travel requirements that they needed to satisfy in order to join us they didn't come empty handed either. They gifted the Association with a beautiful framed PNG themed picture and distributed various other gifts. One of these gifts was a book titled *A Thousand Coloured Dreams* by Josephine Abaijah who attended our sister school, St Gabriel's in Charters Towers and which I devoured cover to cover. The book gave me some long overdue insight into many things I confess to being totally ignorant of. More about that in a subsequent Kinawah. This preamble is simply by way of an introduction to the following about Dawa who was one of the first two PNG students to be enrolled at St Catharine's in 1958 thus beginning a wonderfully rich tradition.



APPROACHING 76 YEARS OF AGE, DAWA SOLOMON REFLECTS on a life that began on Kwato Island in Milne Bay Province. She has fond childhood memories of fishing on the reef and looking for shellfish and of her grandmother, Garoinidi. She attended Kwato Mission School until Grade 6 before winning a scholarship to St Catharine's in Warwick in order to pursue her secondary schooling. This was not Dawa's first experience of boarding school, however. She clearly remembers getting up as early as 4.00 am at Kwato Mission School to gather firewood and making bread for breakfast. She brushes this off as simply being what was accepted back home in her own village. If rostered on to cook lunch this also needed to be prepared before school began. Startling first impressions of differences noted upon going away to school in Warwick include electric lighting and travelling by train. Dawa clearly recalls being unable to really believe she was in Australia until she saw Sydney's iconic harbour bridge. Fellow Kwato Mission School student, Dineh Dickson, accompanied Dawa to St Catharine's where they both did Grade 7, skipped Grade 8 and moved straight into the first year of high school, at that time, Grade 9. After leaving St Catharine's, Dawa enrolled at Port Moresby Teacher's College for a two year primary teachers training course but, in her second year was selected to begin high school teacher training and finished the two year course in one year. After graduating Dawa was posted to Kila Kila High School and was there just seven months before being awarded a United States government grant to study at the University in Hawaii. There she successfully completed a Bachelor of Arts in Pacific History and then focussed on employment options. Returning to Port Moresby, Dawa was appointed director of the Department of Education vocational centres. She then worked for a time with Jacaranda Press as the research officer while the company was working on a project in Port Moresby. She later worked for several government ministries including the Prime Minister's office. Highlights include being awarded MBE in



1978 for her work in the Public Service and being presented with the Logohu Medal for services to the church and community by Princess Anne in 2005. Asked what advice she might have for the modern generation she says *"One thing I always stress is to stay focussed on the basics—on what you can do and the talents you were born with. And the knowledge you gain, make use of it properly. Education is not just going to school. You can learn from home. You can learn from the elders. Know what to use from what you have gained and when to use it."* As the above photo suggests the information for this story is taken from a previously published article centred around an interview with Dawa's grand-niece, Nedi Lavett. Dawa was unable to attend the centenary celebrations due to health issues but all those who knew her remember her fondly. Instead she was represented by her sister, Mea (holding the flag below).



Left to Right: Carolyn Mom (Ueri Meferamu), Sally Bagita, Pauline Fox (Bona), Legu Bate-Lee, Petronella Kavanamur (Akuru), Emily Taule (George), Catharine (Gongi) Simon, Mea Mallard, Meili (Lohia) Sibona, Erue Stephens (Lawrence) and Vaili Kekedo (Vai Sisa)

Hannaford family still holding strong 70 years on...

Platinum Wedding for George and Ethne



When George Hannaford married his wife, Ethne, at St Margaret's Anglican Church in Sandgate February 4, 1950 neither of them could have foreseen the twists and turns that their lives might take or dared hope that they would celebrate that most rare of anniversaries, a Platinum wedding 70 years later.

George, who attended Slade 1943 to 1945 was well acquainted with all the hardships including overcrowding and shortages of just about everything that were associated with living in a boarding school under wartime conditions. Slade, like St Catharine's had to somehow stretch to accommodate a good many extra students from other schools evacuated from areas closer to the coast.

From sheep to crops, on to chocolates and retirement to the Gold Coast, George and Ethne Hannaford eventually gave up farming for the sweet life.

Following their marriage they lived on the family property, 'St Omer', Stanthorpe which is the locality from which George came to attend Slade. There was no telephone, so the family, together with their neighbours, installed army phones and were able to keep in touch for emergencies and help each other out with shopping. Later, the men built a party telephone line to Silver Spur and the PMG, now Telstra, paid for a connection to Texas. George's father, Stanley, gave the land for a bowling club to be established in Texas and George helped to get it started.

George and Ethne grew wheat and barley at 'St Omer' and had the first harvester in the area as well as running sheep. While they were interested in growing crops, the 26-inch annual rainfall simply wasn't sufficient for this.

Finally, after many years cropping and running livestock between Stanthorpe and Texas and later Cambooya, the Hannafords had a complete change of life plan, buying a confectionary business at the Gold Coast in 1984.

The business, The Chocolate Kingdom, specialised in handmade chocolates.

George and Ethne raised two sons, Jeffrey and Ian, both of whom attended Slade during the 1960s.

For many years George was secretary of the local Graingrowers Association, Warden of All Saints Anglican Church, a councillor and later chairman of the Cambooya Shire Council.

Ethne was involved in the CWA in various positions, the

Toowoomba Historical Society and the All Saints Church Guild. Both George and Ethne were on the committee to run local sports days and gymkhanas.

In their new business venture at the Gold Coast, as well as learning the art of chocolate making, George kept busy as the founding president of the Gold Coast Unit Owners' Association, a position he held for almost a decade.

In retirement, George and Ethne threw themselves into life at their retirement village where they have been active on the Home Committee and Constitution and busy participating in plenty of group activities.

Things haven't been all plain sailing for the couple though. The family has had to contend with an instance of mistaken identity when their son, Ian, was falsely implicated as being involved in an unsolved murder case.

Then, older son, Jeffrey, a Chartered Accountant, also known as Hairy, was coward punched at a hotel in 2018. This has caused immense trauma in his life with far reaching repercussions that are ongoing to this day.

Resilient as ever though, the happy couple's celebration of their platinum wedding anniversary was highlighted by the opening of congratulatory cards from the Queen, the Governor-General, the Prime Minister and other dignitaries.

We offer George and Ethne sincere congratulations and the warmest of wishes. To support Jeff and his family we most strongly endorse Danny Green's current **Stop the Cowards' Punch** campaign.



Hairy does the job

A Chartered Accountant with a sense of humour



Jeff Hannaford is a Community Chartered Accountant and Trouble Shooter who has been in business since 1978 when he opened up his first office in Inglewood. His business has now grown with another two offices in Texas and Millmerran. Don't delay, contact Jeff now and take pleasure in the experience of good old fashioned service. For a free insight into what changes you could make to your business, call Jeff on 0429 894 937

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Historic building gets new lease of life

In the year 1948 a fund was established by the Old Boys Association to build a dedicated War Memorial Building in memory of Slade past students who paid the supreme sacrifice whilst serving their country in WWII. Appropriately enough, on Remembrance Day in 1950, the foundation stone for the commencement of this building was laid at a service conducted by then Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Geoffrey Fisher. Since its opening the building has received limited maintenance so it is with great pleasure we now announce that the Warwick Christian College has completed a detailed program to completely refurbish the entire building with SCPSA happy to contribute \$5,000 towards this.

The building now houses two new up-to-the-minute classrooms, the honour boards for the fallen, as well as the museum and reference library.

Past Students are encouraged to call at the college when passing through Warwick and see this wonderful refurbishment of the Memorial / Museum. As is proper procedure, be sure to check in at the office first.

WCC Awards Night 2019

Flying the flag for SCPSA at WCC Awards night held in the Warwick City Hall in 2019 were Steve Cooke, John Bayliss, Leigh Nisbett, Helen Moloney and Peter Ramsay. Steve is seen here with Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor, Tracy Dobie. Last year's bursary recipients were Peter Iseppi and Makayla Reeves.



Where are they now?

We are delighted to welcome several recent WCC graduates to the ranks of the Association. Tim Sommerlad reports...

The new year has come upon us faster than anticipated. We're already into March, which means that things will be cooling down again - a pleasant change for those affected by the all too present bushfires. It also means that our uni students across NSW and QLD are getting under way with another year of studying and hard work. For some, this will be a year of new experiences, making new friends, and finding new ways to procrastinate. For others, uni life is a little more comfortable now and 2020 finds them one step closer to realising their dreams.

Grace Quach, former school captain at WCC, is setting her sights on an Honours degree in Pharmacy at UQ in Brisbane. In her own words, "It basically means I have no social life." On a more positive note, she has settled into the student lifestyle quite nicely, and she enjoys cooking for her friends in her "spare time". Grace hopes to own and manage community pharmacies in the near future.

Thiart Kruger, also a former school captain and previous SCPSA bursary winner, is entering his second year of study at UNE in Armidale, working for his Bachelor's in Pharmacy. In addition, he is currently acting in the role of Resident Assistant, providing pastoral care and a listening ear for students who might need it. Outside

of uni, he is enjoying roller-blading, working the sound desk at Armidale City Church, and getting plugged into a Bible study group during the week.

One of our gap-year fledglings flew the nest earlier in February. After a year recuperating from life as a student, **Audrey Hanna** has decided to take the plunge yet again, moving down to UNE to begin studying law. She's been learning the ropes these last few weeks, checking out her classes and deciding which teachers to avoid. As she puts it, "It's like I'm in a little boat and there's something lurking in the water - I'm not sure if it just lives there or if it's sizing me up for a meal". Audrey is interested in criminal law in particular and hopes to become a lawyer.

In the wake of 2019's rampant bushfires, I am pleased to declare the majority of the past student body safe and well and relatively untouched by the natural disaster. Especially when others have been forced to leave their homes, and others still losing their property and livelihood to the flames, I speak on the behalf of every student when I say that we have all been richly blessed to come through this tragedy unscathed.

A huge thank you is in order to everyone who contributed to this article with their experiences since graduating from WCC. That's all for now, Tim Sommerlad.



BEVAN STANLEY MEREDITH 1927 -2019

In 1948 Bevan Meredith was appointed to the teaching staff at Slade School, Warwick where he was Chapel House Master that year and put in charge of the swimming team. In 1949 he became the Master of Atkinson House and because of his spiky hair he was affectionately nicknamed "Pineapple".

During this period when Slade School was administered by the Bush Brotherhood of Saint Paul, Bevan was deeply influenced by Headmaster, Brother Byam Roberts.

Shortly afterwards, in January 1951, Mt Lamington in the Northern District erupted killing up to 4,000, mostly Papuans but some non-indigenous people, including the staff at the Martyrs' School which had been established following World War II. It had been set up as a memorial to the Anglican Martyrs of Papua New Guinea. Brother Byam was attending a principals' meeting at Toowoomba Grammar School when news of the eruption came through and upon learning that some students and staff had died and that the buildings had been destroyed, he felt compelled to go to Papua and re-establish the school. In 1954 Bevan went to be with his old friend and to teach at the newly re-established School some eighteen kilometres from Popondetta, a small administration centre for The Northern District. Bevan taught at this school until the end of 1958, his Papua New Guinea roots becoming firmly implanted.

From 1959 to 1961 he was a student at Saint Francis' Theological College, Milton, Brisbane. At the end of three years study he was made a deacon (1961) and was appointed to the Parish of Saint Thomas, Toowong. In 1962 he was priested for Papua New Guinea but remained at Toowong for further priestly training before returning to PNG. At the end of 1963 Bevan was appointed to the Managales, a remote district with no roads or any of the services we take for granted. To help him travel along the bush walking tracks he was given a small motor bike from Australian friends. Early in 1966 I heard the sound of a motor bike coming through the jungle at The Martyrs' School. Eventually Bevan Meredith emerged covered in mud. I was standing in the clearing near the main school building, the Mission House, and with a very big grin on his face he threw the bike's key to me and said, "Take it for a spin, son" and disappeared into the Mission House. Being ever obedient (?) I did as I was told somehow managing to get it moving and did not fall off!!!!

In 1967 Bevan was consecrated as an assistant Bishop in the Church of God and was appointed to the New Guinea Islands, with his home in Rabaul, New Britain. During this time a nearby mountain erupted and all of Bevan's belongings were covered in thick volcanic ash. Most were destroyed. Bevan was not terribly worried about the loss because he was certain he would be able to replace the necessary things and move on.

From 1990 he was installed as the Archbishop of PNG and fulfilled that office until his retirement in 1995 when he returned to Australia, buying a home at Bray Park in Brisbane and worshipping for many years at Saint

Faith's Strathpine. About three years ago he moved from Bray Park to Symes Grove Anglican Home and lived out the rest of his life there.

Bishop Bevan was much loved and certainly will be missed. He last attended the annual gathering for past Slade/St Catharine's students at the Breakfast Creek hotel in 2017. He was certainly the oldest there!

I treasure my memories of him and was able to be at his funeral on 30th December 2019 in Saint John's Cathedral. Other past students also attended. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen. *Rob Nolan (Slade 1965-66, Martyrs' Memorial School 1966-67)*

Editor's Note: As reported in a 2017 Kinawah, Bevan celebrated 50 years as a Bishop in February of that year. The above photo which he sent to us and which was displayed at his funeral shows him resplendent in his ceremonial cope plainly displaying Slade's saxe blue and gold. The mitre he is wearing is of bark cloth and was made by the Sisters of the Community of St Mary's in PNG. Bevan also had a mitre to match the blue and gold cope and mentioned that as it had been carried in his back pack over mountains, valleys, swamps and rough seas in PNG for 30 years it was in dire need of a clean.



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



Graham Andersen

ANDERSEN, Graham Leslie. Graham's Funeral was held at the Mt Gravatt Crematorium, Mains Road, Macgregor, Saturday, 29th September, 2012.

Graham started at Slade at the age of 9½ years going into what was then the lowest year level, Sub Junior. He repeated Sub Junior in 1937 then went back to the Scholarship class in 1938 when that class was first introduced to Slade. Towards the end of the 1980s Graham let us know that when his parents moved from St George to Brisbane they transferred him to Churchie. Here he completed Senior in 1944. Eventually Graham entered Pharmacy and qualified in 1949. He married Somerville House girl, Hilary Trotter in 1951. Hilary and Graham had five daughters and at the time we heard from him last, had thirteen grandchildren. In 1980 Graham and Hilary, a high school Maths teacher, went to live Denmark for three years allowing Graham to experience the earth of his Viking ancestors and to learn the Danish language which he continued to read consistently. Retirement with no more obligations or long term planning brought Graham the enjoyment of peace on his own terms. describing this as a magnificent time.

Tony Barr

BARR, Anthony Murray 'Tony' Late of Nambour passed away peacefully Sunday, 12th November, 2017 aged 70 years. Tony's Funeral Service was held at the Gregson and Weight Chapel, Nambour, Friday, 17th November, 2017. Tony was enrolled at Slade School as a seven year old in 1957. His early years were at Highfields House, later Edwards House (Scholarship) then Barnes House. Tony left Slade at the end of 1964 joining the Australian Navy where he served in Naval Communications. He saw sea duty aboard HMAS Sydney (then converted to a supply transport vessel), completing numerous trips to Viet Nam. He also served on the destroyer, HMAS Vampire. After leaving the Navy, Tony accepted a Queensland Government position for a number of years before establishing a successful interstate trucking operation. After selling the business Tony moved to the Sunshine Coast to live with his wife Gloria.



Reverend Rae Edith Brown

BROWN Rae Edith, nee Foster, late of Durack, passed away peacefully 07.07.2017 aged 78 years. A service celebrating Rae's life was held at Church of the Holy Spirit, Algester, Friday, 14th July, 2017 where Rae was remembered as beloved wife of Ossie, much loved mother of Cameron, David, Craig, and their Families; sister of Ruth, Ted (dec'd) and Art (dec'd).

Rae was a student at St Catharine's CEGS 1952-1953.



Graham Macdonald

MACDONALD, Graham Donald,

21.6.1928 - 7.12.2019 died peacefully at home and was privately cremated.

Graham is survived by his wife, Beth.

He was father and father-in-law of Megan and Michael, Doune and Steven, Paula and Mark and grandfather of Isobel, Alistair, Charlie and Lucy.

Bishop Bevan Meredith

MEREDITH, Bevan Stanley

14.8.1927 - 17.12.2019, former house master at Slade and Archbishop of Papua New Guinea, late of Taigum, passed away 17th December 2019, aged 92 years. Relatives, friends, past students and colleagues gathered to celebrate Bishop Bevan's life at St



John's Cathedral, Brisbane City, Monday 30th December 2019.

The above photo was taken after his consecration as Bishop at St John's Cathedral where is showing his pectoral cross to his brother in law, the Reverend George Tung Yep and his nephew, Philip Tung Yep.

Wynn Munnings

MUNNINGS, Wynsome Rose "Wyn", nee Boatfield, passed away peacefully on 1st November 2019, aged 88 years. Relatives and friends attended a celebration of Wyn's life at St Matthew's Anglican Church, Drayton, 7th November 2019, followed by a private interment at the Garden of Remembrance. Wyn was wife to Norman, mother and mother-in-law of Lynette and Bevan; Helen and Pat; Peter and Kate; David and Sue; Paul and Saskia; and Megan and Ben as well as grandmother to twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Gwenda Sorensen

SORENSEN, Gwenda R was born 29th April, 1936, in Roma and lived in Injune. She went to St Catharine's CEGS from 1951 to 1952. Gwenda worked for Australian Estates in Injune then transferred to their Brisbane office and continued working for the Stock and Station Agency business for thirty-six years before her retirement.



Ranald Twidale

TWIDALE, Ranald Joseph was at Slade 1954 to 1956. He sat for Scholarship 1955 and was a member of the school athletics team.

“Death is not extinguishing the light. It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.” Rabindranath Tagore

worthy of their forefathers



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- I think there is a world market for maybe five computers. Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943
- There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home. Ken Olson, chairman and founder of Digital equipment, 1977
- This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us. Western Union internal memo, 1876
- 640 kilobytes [computer storage space] ought to be enough for anybody. Bill Gates, 1981
- Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons. Popular Mechanics, 1949
- A politician visited a small town and asked the villagers what their needs were. We have two basic needs honourable Sir, replied the village leader. Firstly, we have a hospital but no doctor. On hearing this, the politician brought out his phone. After speaking for a while he told them that there'd be a doctor there tomorrow and asked for the second problem. ... secondly Sir, there is no mobile phone coverage anywhere in this village.

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