



# 2022 WARMING WINTER ISSUE

# KINAWAH

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## Southern Downs wakes up to Jack Frost

Blow, blow, thou winter wind, thou art not so unkind as man's ingratitude;  
 Thy tooth is not so keen, because thou art not seen, although thy breath be rude.  
 Heigh-ho! sing, heigh-ho! unto the green holly: Most friendship is feigning, most loving mere folly:  
 Then, heigh-ho, the holly!

Freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky, that does not bite so nigh as benefits forgot:  
 Though thou the waters warp, thy sting is not so sharp as friend remembered not. Heigh-ho! sing . . .

*As You Like It: Act II Scene VII William Shakespeare*

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### FOR THOSE AMONG US WHO MIGHT STILL BE CLINGING TO MEMORIES FOND (OR OTHERWISE) OF WARWICK,

2022 winter temperatures must surely have revived recollections of fogging breath, frozen water pipes and walking to St Mark's for early morning church services.

Girls at St Catharine's prior to 1965 feel rather envious of the brown track suits that Sister Lois introduced for winter wear from that year. From that time the navy woollen overcoats on the uniform list which many of our parents could ill afford were rarely worn. Our track suits were anything but glamorous and only worn within the school grounds but made a huge difference to our comfort, especially that of our PNG girls.

Slade boys endured the short back and sides required of them along with rather Spartan living conditions but vividly remember football training and matches which helped them keep warm. The sporting equivalent for our girls was Netball—which we all referred to as Basketball until the American version of this court sport commandeered the name—and Hockey. Ah yes, those were the days! The pics at right are of Quart Pot Creek at Stanthorpe and the two below show Black Gully Reserve, Toowoomba July 11.



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## Editor's Notes...



**I HAVE HAD A FEW STOPS AND STARTS WITH** finishing this Kinawah. I did have it under way before we headed off for our trip from late April returning just after the May Federal Election date. It was a long time to be away and getting back to normal after such extended travel took some little while when coupled with falling victim to winter ills. Fortunately we tested negative for Covid but still took a some time to get back on deck.

After the break, it required some effort to pick up the threads of the May June edition from where I left off but fortunately it has all come together now.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge all the behind-the-scenes efforts of our hard working Archivist and Patron, Ted Ross. As has been lamented on many occasions we aren't always notified when we lose one of our number through death. Not all families choose to lodge a death or funeral notice and even then these notices only send up a red flag if the name is recognised which doesn't always happen. Ted spends a lot of time searching the Ryerson Index and Ancestry records to arrive at the Vale lists that we publish. In the course of this research, he also happens upon some intriguing family connections and stories some of which are shared here. The Douglas, Brookes and Hudson families are a good case in point and feature this time. Many of us will be able to readily relate to the ritual of writing and receiving letters while confined to quarters at boarding school and two of these letters are shared on page 13.

I would also like to acknowledge the visit of Warwick Christian College Principal, Jason Gay to pay his respects to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra in March and the photos he has supplied of his visit to the wall of honour and Tom Clark's name, our own unknown sailor, unknown no more. Jason's visit warms my heart.

The AGM notices have all been sent out and we look forward to a productive meeting and clear direction for the coming year.

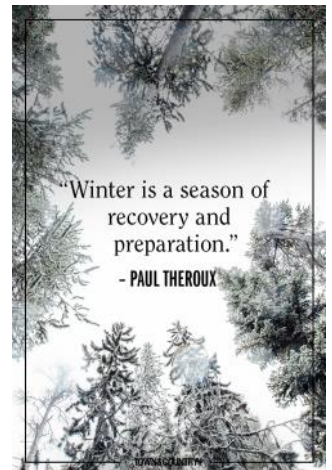
As we continue to shiver through a winter that is chillier by far than many we have experienced in several years we spare a thought for those who are sleeping rough and those who have been displaced through war and other hardships.

I conclude with these words from Michael Altshuler:  
"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot."

Until next time, enjoy the read Joan White

"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold."

**Aristotle**



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# Johnno's Corner

**WE HAVE HAD A BIT OF A HIATUS SINCE LAST KINAWAH** (even Joan has been off travelling to South Australia) so now time to 'get back on the horse' and get on with things.

■ I wish I could say the Charleville Catchup was a roaring success but I would be lying if I didn't say I was a little disappointed with the roll up of past students from within the area it was meant to attract. However a big thank you has to go to all who made the road trip from out of the area and to

Brian Reynolds for booking the RSL and being the local contact. It was also good to see Bruce Whip and his wife roll up—Bruce's first Past Students function since leaving Slade in 1974.

■ The 'gold star' goes to Denis Cleaver (Manual Arts teacher and Head of Boys Boarding '79 to '82) for determination in wanting to attend this event. Denis, currently at Rockhampton Grammar drove out for the Catchup with a comfort stop at Miles and then on to Mitchell. When leaving a rest room in Mitchell, Denis was patting his pockets looking for his wallet. A couple of other travellers noticed Denis's concern, asked him his name and had he stopped at Miles. Upon Denis's confirmation, they advised him that they had found his wallet at the Miles stop and left it on the steps of the Miles Police Station whereupon Denis drove back to Miles, found his wallet, turned around and continued on to Charleville. The sad thing for Denis is that there were no past students from the 80's in attendance.

■ I personally enjoyed visiting Charleville for the first time. Then it was on to Quilpie where I caught up with Ross McKellar—hadn't seen him since 1976—to Thargomindah to say g'day to Danny Gray and Irene Woods, set cruise control on 90, sat back to watch big sky and red rocks go by on my way back through Cunnamulla, St George, Nindigully, Goondiwindi and Warwick.

■ This year SCPSA members (Joan White, Steve Cooke, Peter Ramsay, John Bayliss) took part in the WCC ANZAC Memorial Service. Jason Gay has been very accepting of our Association and has been proactive with learning about the school's place in the history of Warwick. For this we thank him and look forward to a strong continued relationship. For me the biggest challenge is getting some engagement with 80's through to 1997 past students. I am all ears for any good ideas so please do not hesitate to contact me.

■ For the time being we will continue with Brekky Creek in November as it has been a continued success and the regional roundups may have to be an ongoing experiment.

■ And as usual, on a final note, remember to get in touch with your old school mates, don't wait for them to pick up the phone. You do it, it may just make their day. Until next time, take care.

Johnno.

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**STILL TO COME IN 2022**



**July 21-31**  
**Jumpers and Jazz in July**  
**Warwick**

**July 23 starting 2.00pm**  
**SCPSA AGM: Club Glenvale**  
**564 Boundary St Toowoomba**

**July 27**  
**WCC celebrates its 15th year**

**November 5**  
**Brekky Creek Lunch**

**November 11**  
**Remembrance Day**



# SCPSA Membership

As of June 30, the total number of financial members stands at 132. This takes into account 7 Vietnam veterans and now, with the recent death of Gloria Coombe, 5 Honorary Life Members and 19 members from the previous financial year who did not renew membership. There are also several past Warwick Christian College students who did not extend their membership. Invoices have now been sent out for those whose fees now fall due and there will be a further membership update after the July 23 Annual General Meeting.

Should you have any questions about this or anything else concerning membership, please contact me via the membership email at: -

[scpsa.membership1@bigpond.com](mailto:scpsa.membership1@bigpond.com) or call on 0412 973 831.

I very much look forward to hearing from you. Nigel Faulkner



**Saturday, November 5**  
**11.00 AM FOR LUNCH**



**Breakfast Creek Reunion**  
**2022 ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER**  
**Slade/St Catharine's/WCC Past Students**  
**2 Kingsford Smith Drive - Breakfast Creek. 4020**

- There will be an area set aside for us at the front.
- Buy your own drinks and meals
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# Happening now at 70 Horsman Rd...

Dear SCPSA

**THE STUDENTS AND STAFF HAVE SETTLED INTO THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR WELL.** Our enrolment numbers are continuing to grow as positive word-of-mouth spreads throughout the region. Construction projects have almost finished with the new Adventure Playground already open and the Prince House conversion days away from being signed off.

In May I had the opportunity to fly to Canberra for an education conference and I made sure I visited the Australian War Memorial. While there I found our recently identified 'unknown sailor' Thomas Clark's name on the Roll of Honour. It is crucial for us today to continue to reflect on those who came before and live a life that honours their sacrifice and continues their legacy.

In July this year we will be celebrating 15+ years of Warwick Christian College. We would love for you all to celebrate with us on July 27 from 3pm – 7pm at the College. There will be live music, free rides, yummy food, and tours of our great facilities. We look forward to seeing you there!

God Bless,

  
Jason Gay  
Principal



# Regional Roundup

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ROUND THE DOWNS:

### Lizzie, one of 100 Most Inspirational Women

As part of NAIDOC Week, the Chronicle recently noted Lizzie who was at Slade 1980-81, as an influential community leader.



A proud and passionate Mardigan woman, Lizzie Adams has strived to lead by example and help those in our region.

The CEO of Goolburri Aboriginal Health Advancement Co Ltd for the past 18 years, Lizzie is also the founder and executive director of the Jaydon Adams Memorial Foundation, in honour of her late son.

She is also director for the school of Rural Medical Education Australia, and a founding member and committee member of Protea Place\*.

In the sporting area, Lizzie is President of Toowoomba Brothers Senior Rugby League Football Club and was the first female appointed to the Ipswich Jets Rugby League Football Club where she is a director.

In addition, she also represents the region on a state level as director on the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak.

“When I was born, I wasn’t even registered as a human being . I was born as flora and fauna” she said.

“To be here and doing what I’m doing, I’m very proud.”  
\*Protea Place provides practical and professional support for women in need.

### Landmark Darling Downs wind farm to be completed in 2024

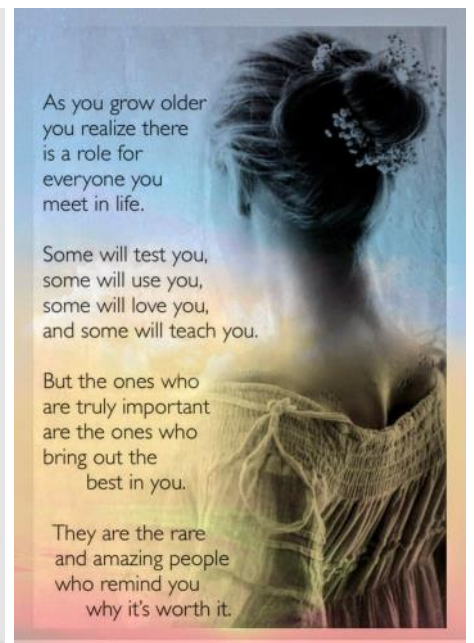
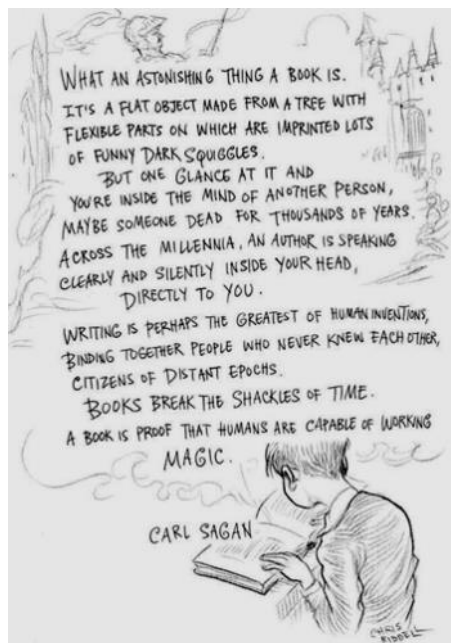
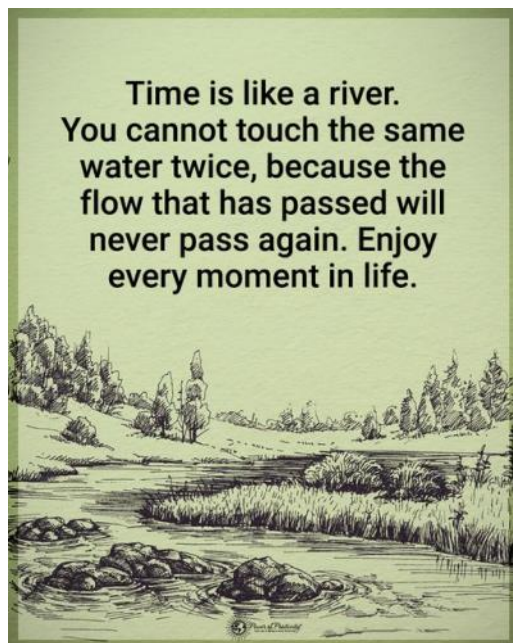


ACCIONA Energía has begun the construction of the MacIntyre complex, between Warwick and Millmerran, the largest wind farm in Australia, with a total capacity of 1,026MW and an associated investment of AU\$2 billion (€1.3 billion). The MacIntyre complex consists of two wind farms: MacIntyre (923MW), owned by ACCIONA Energía (70%) and Ark Energy (30%), where the construction works have kicked off; and Karara, owned by Queensland’s public utility CleanCo, which will also operate it.

The wind farms will use 180 Nordex Delta 4000 turbines with a power rating of 5.7MW, the latest generation of turbines by the German manufacturer. ACCIONA Energía will operate the MacIntyre wind farm, which will be the company’s largest wind farm in the world and will triple its renewable production capacity in Australia.

Construction of the complex is expected to be completed in 2024, thanks to an ongoing project acceleration plan to make up for the delay caused by the Covid19 pandemic and associated supply difficulties.

The MacIntyre complex will generate clean electricity to supply nearly 700,000 homes and avoid the emission of around 3 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> each year, thus contributing to Queensland’s ambitious decarbonization goals. Additionally, ACCIONA Energía has a large photovoltaic plant under development in Aldoga, and it has signed an agreement with Stanwell Corp to supply renewable electricity from this facility to its green hydrogen production plant.



**HICCUPS WITH BIGPOND ISPs**

On every occasion bulk emails are sent out to the general membership, large numbers of them are returned undelivered and, almost without exception, the emails bouncing back in this way have bigpond as their internet service provider. Now while I am aware that this notice will not do much good to those concerned, I am making this known to all the email recipients in my address book. The issue is a source of considerable frustration particularly as great efforts are made to keep contact details as current and accurate as possible.

One possible reason for this is the capacity for bigpond email inboxes is more limited than it is for other ISPs. This means if inboxes are not cleared regularly they are unable to receive mail. One of the messages I receive regularly is this: "address couldn't be found, or is unable to receive mail at present" or [the recipient] "is receiving too much mail at present".

**EXTENDED JERSEY DEADLINE**

When Terry Stehbens made the offer to source and order updated custom-made jerseys for our past students in response to suggestions that this would be enthusiastically received, we all thought it was a great idea and that uptake would be much greater than its has proved to be. We are again extending the ordering deadline which is now the end of July. This is the dead set cut-off date to order your jersey. One person who seemed most enthusiastic at the outset, still hasn't placed his order so this is his last chance. Now it's over to you!



Our choice of venue for the 2022 Annual General Meeting has been cause for some concern with one or two of our long standing members. For those who feel strongly that our AGM should be held without fail in Warwick, this option is no longer as straightforward as it once was. Gone are the days when Kel Williamson was able to put on a spread for us in the old familiar school dining room. For Kel, catering was his joy and expertise but the current WCC management has moved away from this direction and other options and venues in Warwick are growing more limited. Added to this, some past students have been shown to be reluctant to travel to Warwick, to the point where they deliberately avoid attending an AGM. Sadly, a considerable number of us who live in and around Toowoomba have historically shown themselves unwilling to make the effort to travel to Warwick but will attend get togethers in Toowoomba. These factors all led to our choice of venue for this year.



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# What you said: hearing back from our readers

It is always good to get feedback after a Kinawah has been sent out especially when comments show that recipients have actually read it! It also serves to keep conversations lively and flowing.


**Re the passing of Joan Austin:**


 **Paul Holland 1962-67** So sad. Joan was a lovely lady whose company I enjoyed on many occasions. A great mate of Madeline Blyth, they shared many good times together and lived near each other in the same retirement village. I miss the trips we had together with Pete Ramsay to Warwick Slade reunions. Rest in Peace, Joan.

**Re the group of six St Catharine's alumni outside Womens College, Queensland Uni:**

 **Lyn Kennedy 1960-61** Thanks JOAN, very moving. I loved that bit **not ladies but scholars!** Cheers.


**Re mention of the sinking of the Voyager in the special Remembrance Day issue of Kinawah:**


 **Ian Jones 1956-59** John Davies, School Captain and a great athlete was lost when the Voyager was sunk in 1964.


 **Eddie Wickham 1964-65** In the January/February edition of Kinawah, *Connections*, there was reference to Rector William Hoog officiating at the wedding of Patricia Scrymgeour. I was baptised at St. Marks by Rector William Hoog on 25<sup>th</sup> February 1951. In the middle 1950's I clearly recall William Hoog visiting my parents property at Karara where he very

much enjoyed feasting on our home grown strawberries and fresh cream. He also held church at Thane however the church is no longer.









**Our Breakfast Creek catch up in November is an occasion that we all look forward to each year. Looking through some old emails recently I happened upon this one from 2017, again from David in Weipa and thought we'd give it another airing and the Brekky Creek function a bit of a plug!**

 **David Lindsay Brown 1967-73** Last year I attended the Breakfast Creek reunion for the first catch up in 44yrs. It was absolutely great to catch up with friends that were in the same grade, plus some from above and in the below grades . Am hoping to attend the day again this year. Regards

 **Suzanne Paykel (Baker) 1959-68** I just want to thank you so much for the article you wrote concerning Angela. The paragraph where you mention your last meeting with Angela could have come straight from my pen. I was at Kelvin Grove teacher training, and Angela met me under the similar conditions. it had been so strange to see her out of her flowing blacks, and then Angela cooking me a meal. Never dreamed that I would lose contact of her, but two years later I was in New Zealand. It is sad that I got so close to seeing her in Birmingham when I continued my search for her in England . I had been informed that she did have Multiple Sclerosis. Life definitely is not fair.

 **Carmelo Rubio (past WCC Principal)** So nice to get the Kinawah - the story of Thomas Clark brought tears to my eyes - so happy to hear he is no longer unknown. God bless you

## *And now, to jest for just a moment*


-  **When I was young, I was extremely poor; however, after many years of hard work, I am no longer young.**
-  **I used to be in a band called The Hinges. We supported The Doors in the 60s.**
-  **My leg keeps making a mooring noise. I think I have a calf injury.**
-  **I'm just on my way to fix Cat Stevens' caravan... Awning has broken.**
-  **So David Hasselhoff walked into a bar and ordered a beer. The bartender said: "It's a pleasure to serve you Mr. Hasselhoff."  
"Just call me Hoff," said the actor.  
"Sure," said the bartender. "No hassle."**
-  **A typo on a tombstone is a grave mistake.**
-  **A very philosophical friend asked me "What is Earth without art?"  
I just looked at him and said "Eh"?**
-  **Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron". The other says "Are you sure?"  
The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive."**



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**THE OPPORTUNITY IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE (through old boy, Terry Stehbens at the Redcliffe Friendly Grocer) for Slade past students to purchase a brand-new reproduction of the Slade School jersey worn with pride by many of us in years gone by. As a bonus, these will also fit better than the one you actually wore!**

The jersey, to be supplied by Canterbury, a well-known and respected brand, will be a quality garment with prices depending upon the final design and the total number of items that will make up our order.

A mock-up (next page) showing how the finished item might look has been provided by Terry Stehbens along with details you will need to supply to secure your individual order. In keeping with today's conventions, and unlike the jerseys worn in our own school days, this layout has the facility to include player names and numbers on the back and years of attendance at school on the front (or not if this is what the majority opts to order). Terry has filled in his own details in the mock-up which illustrates this and at this stage it is planned that the final design include the Slade School badge (logo supplied by us). Slade girls might prefer no name and/or team number – according to individual preference. The option is also on the table for team nicknames to be used.

Once details are settled, Canterbury will ship the jerseys to Terry's business premises from where he will take responsibility for mailing them out to those individuals who have ordered them.

Your completed order form will need to be sent directly to Terry Stehbens with correct name, years at school, sizes, other preferences/details and full current contact details.

Terry's email: [redcliffefriendlygrocer@bigpond.com](mailto:redcliffefriendlygrocer@bigpond.com)

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Terry's postal address **255B Victoria Avenue, Redcliffe, QLD 4020**

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Name to go on Jersey		Yrs at Slade	Number
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Best Contact Phone		Your Email	
Postal Address			
Date			
Other (if required)			

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**To streamline our ordering process, completed order form and payment to be submitted NO LATER THAN 31 JULY 2022**

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Payment by cheque or money order payable to Terrence Stehbens and posted to 255B Victoria Avenue, Redcliffe, QLD 4020

# PROPOSED COMMEMORATIVE SLADE JERSEY



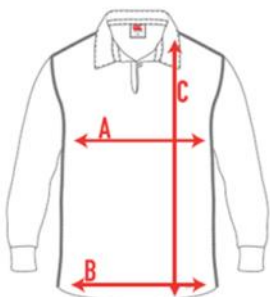
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# Canterbury Sizing Guide

### HOW TO MEASURE

- A - CHEST WIDTH
- B - HEM WIDTH
- C - BODY LENGTH



ADULTS MEASUREMENTS	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
<b>A - Chest Width</b> <i>Measured at underarm seam, 2.5 cm from arm hole</i>	50	53	56	59	62	65	68	71	74	77
<b>B - Hem Width</b> <i>Measured 5 cm above hem edge</i>	50	53	56	59	62	65	68	71	74	77
<b>C - Body Length</b> <i>Measured from high shoulder point to hem edge</i>	70	72	74	76	78	80	82	82.5	83	83.5

LADIES MEASUREMENTS	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
<b>A - Chest Width</b> <i>Measured at underarm seam, 2.5 cm from arm hole</i>	42	45	48	51	54	57	60	63	66
<b>B - Hem Width</b> <i>Measured 5 cm above hem edge</i>	40	43	46	49	52	55	58	61	64
<b>C - Body Length</b> <i>Measured from high shoulder point to hem edge</i>	60	63	66	69	72	75	78	81	84

# Primary School Netball team: competition aces



St Catharine's 1967 Primary School netball team, coached by Miss Little enjoyed considerable success during the winter season...

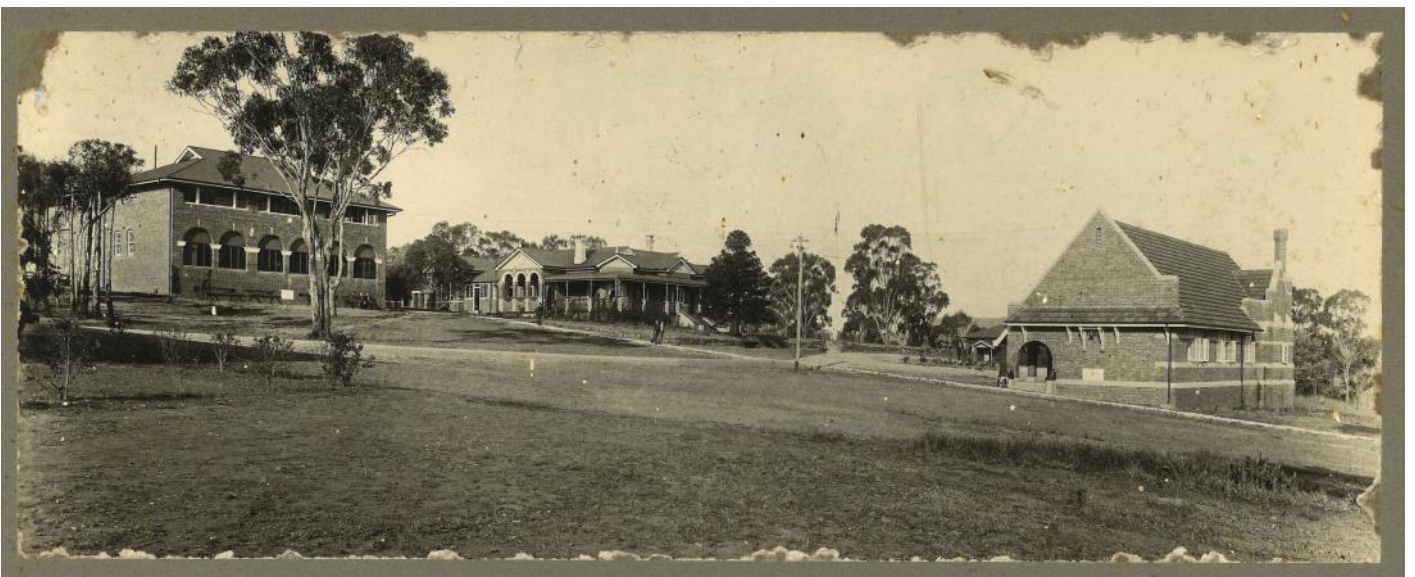
As per the school magazine of that year the Year 6 and 7 girls are mentioned as follows:

Centre	Jillian Frizzell (Captain)
Goalie	Thelma Holland
Assistant Goalie	Kerrie Humbley
Attack Wing	Karen Hutton
Defence Goalie	Helen Watkins
Defence Assistant Goalie	Judy Arthur
Defence Wing	Pauline Dean
Reserve	Jane Ferrier

Front to back they are Jillian, Pauline, Judith, Thelma, Kerrie, Karen, Helen and Jane. Sadly we are only in contact currently with Jillian, Karen and Kerrie.

## St Catharine's / St Catherine's ?

At some point during the somewhat complex history of the Anglican girls schools that we are familiar with, the spelling of the saint's name was altered from Catherine to Catharine. This is all rather interesting since the *Italian* lady concerned was born Caterina di Jacopo di Benincasa 25 March 1347 in Siena, (not long before the Black Death ravaged Europe). The Anglican school in Stanthorpe preceded the Church of England Girls' School, (CEGS) Warwick before both schools merged to become St Catharine's CEGS in Warwick after 1936. As best can be determined, the Stanthorpe school was St Catherine's while its later iteration came to be spelled St Catharine's. On another note, is anyone able to date the old photo below or supply any names at all for the 1923 netball team at right?



Nostalgia is a file that removes the rough edges from the good old days

# Douglas: medical tradition and connections

**T**HE DOUGLAS FAMILY DESCENDS from **John Douglas** and his wife **Ann Douglas** (née Asher) who arrived in Moreton Bay on the *Conrad* in 1855 from Morayshire in Scotland. Their son, **Alexander Douglas**, was born in 1858 on the goldfields at Rocky River near Armidale in New South Wales. Alexander became a Methodist minister and married **Ada Eugenie Edmonds** in 1884. They had one daughter, Ann, and **six sons: George, John, Walter, Hedley, William and Ralph**.

The eldest son, **George Alexander Clarence Douglas** (1885-1966), took his medical degree at Edinburgh, Scotland (1912) with distinction and was awarded the Vans Dunlop Medal and Scholarship. He was then awarded a Bachelor of Medicine by UQ in 1923. He completed his Master of Surgery at Melbourne University (1927) and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1928. He practiced at the Brisbane General Hospital from 1912 to 1955.

*"My uncle [George] was a pioneer of orthopaedic surgery in Queensland, in particular the closed management of bone fractures,"* said William (Bill) Douglas (MBBS 1956) who attended Slade in 1942 and died in 2021. *"During the First World War he served in the Australian Army (1917-1918). He was one of the first three Fellows of UQ's King College. Together with Dr AV Meehan he was a co-founder of the Montrose Home for Crippled Children and stayed on the committee until his death. He was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1939 for his services to orthopaedics in Australia."*

**George's eldest son, George Alexander Scoullar Douglas** (1916-1982), completed his medical degree at Melbourne University (1942). He served in the Australian Army (1943-1946) and after the Second World War worked as a general practitioner on the Redcliffe Peninsula. His granddaughter, **Helen Louise Maclean-Buttfield** is a medical practitioner in New South Wales.

**The third son of Alexander and Ada, Walter Douglas, married Meta Brookes\* and three of their sons are UQ Medicine graduates: Edward, David and Jonathan. Jonathan's son James is also a graduate.**

**Edward Alexander Brookes Douglas** (1929 - 2011) first did a degree in dentistry (1951). He then studied medicine at UQ and completed his MBBS in 1957. Edward specialised as a radiologist working in the United States of America in Boston where he was a pioneer in the use of computed tomography. From 1983 until his death in 2011 he practised as a specialist radiologist in Sydney.



From left to right: Dr Bill Douglas, Dr Ki Douglas, Dr David Douglas and Dr Jon Douglas

**David Brookes Douglas** completed his MBBS 1962. He has practised as a specialist physician in occupational medicine since 1976, having previously been a procedural GP in country Queensland. David has had a variety of roles including former Deputy Director of Medical Services and Head of Scientific Policy for UK Government Health and Safety Executive; Colonel Consultant to the Australian Army; he was Foundation President of the Australian College of Occupational Medicine and is a recipient of John Sands College Medal, RACP. He is currently working as a consultant physician in occupational medicine. David's wife, **Ki Douglas** (née Aghassy) is a University of Sydney MBBS graduate (1979). Ki is also a recipient of the John Sands College Medal of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

**Jonathan Brookes Douglas** graduated in 1964. He was the Chairman of the Board of the Wesley Hospital 1998-2002 and is currently the Chairman at Q-COMP since 2001. He was also a recipient of the John Sands College Medal from the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. In 2005 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for service to medicine, particularly through a range of medical and administrative roles, professional organisations, and specialist training programs for physicians.

Jon's eldest son, **James Alexander Douglas** graduated in 1990. He was the Director of The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH) Sleep Disorders Clinic (2002-2015) and is a Senior Staff Specialist TPCH in thoracic and sleep medicine, VMO Holy Spirit Northside and private

practice.

The youngest son, **Ralph Edmonds Douglas** (1896-1964), graduated in medicine from Sydney University in 1926. During World War One he served as a second air mechanic in the fledgling Australian Flying Corps and had the notable distinction of driving the truck carrying the body of the German Air Ace Captain Manfred von Richthofen (the Red Baron) to his funeral which was conducted with full military honours by the AIF. He later became Lt Col in the RAAMC.



*"Much of his working life was spent as a general practitioner at Ashgrove where he had a large obstetric practice,"* Bill said. *"The area was then known as 'Nappy Valley'."* In 1945 he moved to Wickham Terrace working in Firhall until his retirement. He did much to help returned soldiers during this time. His hobby was a lifetime interest in photography. Ralph's wife, Muriel Gertrude Douglas (née Webb), was the daughter of Dr William Simpson Webb (1852-1938). Through her, the Douglas family is connected with another large branch of the Queensland medical tree.

Fifth son, **William Joseph Fletcher Douglas** (1894-1947), was a teacher before World War One. He served in France with the Second AIF and was wounded in action at Pozières in July 1916 and again at Ypres in September

1917. After his convalescence he attended Sydney University completing his MBBS in 1926. He returned to Queensland where he worked as a general practitioner at Newmarket and was an honorary medical officer at the Brisbane General Hospital. William married Frances Alice Douglas (née Morley) and their eldest son, **William (Bill) Alexander Charles Douglas** graduated in 1956.

"I studied medicine at UQ with the assistance of a Legacy scholarship (1951)," said Bill. "I was awarded the Harold Plant Memorial prize in 1956 and awarded Empire Rheumatism Council Fellowship to United Kingdom in Rheumatic Disorders in 1962. I also established the Department of Rheumatology at Princess Alexandra Hospital in 1972."

"The teaching facilities have changed a bit. My first year (1951) was mostly spent at the George Street campus where we did botany and biology in the dilapidated main room of Old Government House. Physiology was taught in another old building near the Bellevue Hotel. Physics and Biochemistry were the only subjects taken at St Lucia. Second year was spent at the Anatomy school which was a World War two army hut in Victoria Park and

there were a few lectures at the Medical School. Third year was Pathology and fourth year was Social and Tropical Medicine taught at the Medical School. The final two years were spent at the hospitals at Herston and also the Mater. We worked hard, but also had time for lots of fun with sport and other entertainment. There was a high standard of teaching and I had great role models."

As mentioned earlier and in the Valé listing on page 15, Bill Douglas attended Slade in 1942. It would seem he was one of those students relocated inland when Japanese invasion was feared imminent.



The Douglas clan crest is "on a chapeau, a green salamander surrounded by fire".

The clan motto is "Jamais Arrière"— "Never behind".

Clan Douglas is a Lowland clan, taking its name from the Gaelic 'dubh glas' meaning 'black water'. In the early 12<sup>th</sup> century,

'Theobald le Fleming' was granted the Douglas lands in Lanarkshire, by the



Abbot of Kelso, and his son was styled Lord of Douglas. He was the first man to assume the name.

The Douglasses became one of the most powerful families in Scotland. Sir James Douglas, who died in 1330, was known as the 'Black Douglas' and fought beside Robert the Bruce during the Wars of Independence. Shortly before Bruce died in 1329, he asked Sir James to take his heart in a casket to Jerusalem and place it in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. On his way to Jerusalem, Douglas fought against Moors in Spain, supposedly throwing the casket into their throng during battle, shouting "Lead on, Brave Heart!" However, Douglas was killed in the battle. Other stems of the clan are the 'Red Douglasses' who were the Earls of Angus, the Drumlanrig and Queensbury Douglasses, and the Morton sept.

The clan is armigerous, as it has no chief. Though there is no official clan seat, Drumlanrig Castle in Dumfries and Galloway has lots of Clan Douglas memorabilia, while Tantallon Castle in East Lothian was built for the 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Douglas.



## \*Douglas/Brookes/Hudson family connections

There are several schools in our Association group, and it is interesting to find connections over the years. One such connection is through two Brookes girls, both at St Catherine's Stanthorpe leading to one more relative at St Catharine's Warwick and two more at Slade School.

Following up on an entry for Lorna Brookes in a St Catharine's Old Girls address book from around 1972, information has been found for sisters Meta and Lorna Brookes who would have attended St Catherine's Church of England Girls' High School, Stanthorpe around 1914 and 1916. Meta and Lorna were the daughters of James Henry Brookes and Emma May Brookes (nee Taylor). Their home was "Glentanner", Dalveen, Queensland. James Henry Brookes was a well known cattle judge in the 1920's. Individual information for each girl is as follows:

**Meta Brookes** was born 29 October 1899 and passed away in Brisbane on 25 June 1997 aged 97. Meta married Walter Mather Douglas on 12 March 1924.

The following has been taken from St Catherine's Stanthorpe magazines:

- 1914 Best All-Round Girl Prize
- 1914 Form V Prize
- 1914 General Knowledge Prize
- 1914 Physical Culture Prize - Senior
- 1914 Prize for Religious Knowledge - Senior
- 1915 Form V.A

- 1915 Best All-Round Girl
- 1915 Head Girl
- 1915 Neatness Prize - School
- 1915 Needlework Prize - Senior
- 1915 Physical Culture Prize - Senior
- 1915 Senior Prize - disqualified for Form prize due to absence - work highly commended
- 1915 Sports' Captain
- 1915 Sports Committee Member
- 1916 Full Prefect
- 1916 Left at Easter - to go St Margaret's
- 1916 Senior Form
- 1916 Sports Captain
- 1916 Sports Committee Member
- Confirmed 1915
- Form VA 1915
- Passed 1914 Junior Public Examination
- Prefect 1915
- Secretary and Representative for Form VA - The Debating Society - 1915

**Lorna May Brookes** was born 25 November 1901 and passed away on 9 March 1997 aged 96 at Akooramak, Warwick. Lorna married Donald Armstrong Cameron on 6 August 1932. In 1960 she married second husband, William Hanmer Stratford Newman. Information from St. Catherine's Stanthorpe

- magazines:
- Form IV 1915
  - 1915 Junior Prize - 5th

- 1915 Physical Culture Prize - Junior
- 1916 Probationer Prefect
- 1916 Junior Form Prize

Through Ancestry the following information has also come to hand -

Susan Gill has indicated that Meta and Lorna were her grandmother's first cousins and that Susan's mother, Nereda Ann Hudson, 29/10/1926 - 15/07/2008 - married Jeffrey Kenneth Gill - and attended St Catharine's Warwick in 1942 and 1943.

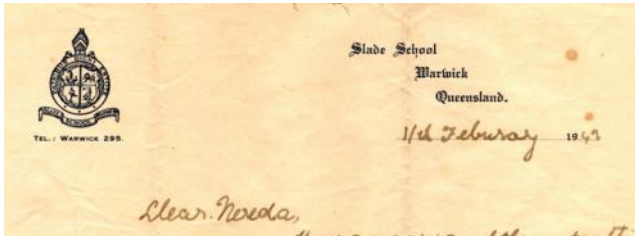
Further, Susan's uncle **John Morton Markwell Hudson** went to Slade in 1942, where he completed Scholarship in that year. Sadly, John who had been living at Newstead in Brisbane passed away 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 aged 93.

Yet another member of the Hudson clan, **Eric Landsborough Hudson** attended Slade in 1934-35. Eric was born 7 June 1918 and passed away 14 June 2011 aged 93.

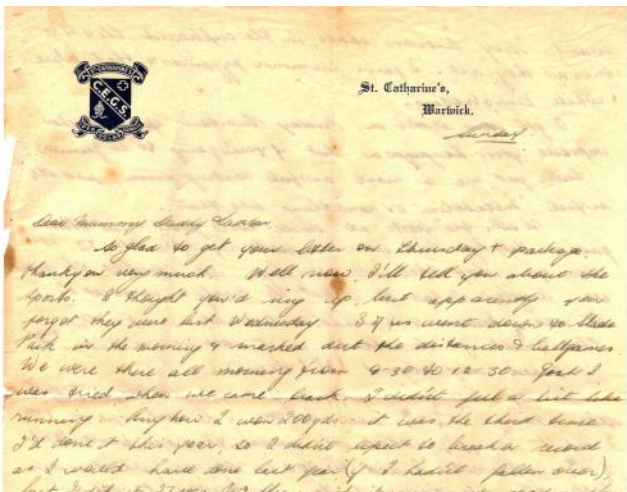
Eric was a first cousin to Nereda and Morton, so it follows that he was a second cousin to the Meta and Lorna Brookes.

Susan has also passed on the somewhat surprising snippet that both Meta and Lorna were known for riding their horses down the main street of Warwick in their 80's.





Dear Nereda  
 How are you and the rest getting on?  
 I am waisting [sic] a school envelope so you can have the badge.  
 Did you see the river overflow? Took a picture of it and am going to send it to mummy when it is developed which will be in 2 weeks time.  
 We went to church on Sunday night and I got sopping wet because my raincoat leaks so now I wear it inside out.  
 My blazer arrived last night and it's a beaut so now I wear it nearly all the time.  
 They say 12 ft of water is coming down from some place and I suppose there will be another flood.  
 Well this all I can say so good buy [sic].  
 Your loving brother  
 Morton.  
 P.S. I am in the Cadets.



Dear Mummy Daddy Hudson  
 So glad to get your letter on Thursday & package. Thank you very much. Well now, I'll tell you about the sports. I thought you'd ring up, but apparently you forgot they were last Wednesday. 3 of us went down to Slade Park in the morning & marked out the distances & ballgames. We were there all morning from 9.30 to 12.30. Gosh I was tired when we came back. I didn't feel a bit like running. Anyhow I won 200 yds - it was the third time I'd done it this year, so I didn't expect to break a record as I would have done last year (if I hadn't fallen over), but I did it 27 secs. Mr Olsen said it was quite good anyhow but I don't think it was. In the 100 I got a very bad start & just managed to win but when Mr Olsen told me it was a record 11 ½ same as All Schools last year I nearly died. I still don't know how I did it in sand shoes and a bad start - wish I'd got a good start & it would have been about 11½. By the way, Morton Doyle does it in about 11½, he certainly has improved. Ray Warrenner does it 11½. Allan Donovan is pretty good too as well as good at hurdling. Charles is Athletics captain there and I am here...



Nereda Hudson (left) 1942 CEGS



Meta Brookes 1912



James Henry Brookes



Lorna Brookes

*From The Brisbane Courier, Monday 19 October 1925*

Throughout the whole State, in fact throughout the Commonwealth, the death will be regretted of Mr James Henry Brookes, better known as Harry Brookes, a well known pastoralist and sportsman.

The late Mr Brookes was born at Birmingham in 1866, and came to Queensland at a very early age. He was educated in Brisbane, and became associated in cattle with the late Mr William Baynes. Subsequently he purchased the cattle property of Glentanner near Dalveen, and he also had a stud Shorthorn farm near Maryvale, many of his cattle were well known in show rings.

Mr Brookes, who had been a member of the committee of the Queensland Turf Club for about 20 years, raced some very fine horses, including Sweetheart, Boscobel, Gozard, Braw Laddie, and Sycee. Some years ago, he transformed Glentanner into a sheep property, and for the last 15 years that had been his home, excepting for intervals that he spent in Brisbane.

Mr Brookes was a man of very genial disposition, and he took a very great interest in the development of athletic sports and other public movements. For probably 20 years, he had been an active member of the committee of the Royal National Association; and throughout his life, he earned the reputation of being a sportsman, always ready to give practical encouragement to sailing, rowing, boxing, cricket, football, and other forms of sport being a member of several sporting bodies, including the Royal Yacht club.

As a young man, Mr Brookes was a fine amateur rider, and throughout the Commonwealth, he was known as a very keen judge of horses. The late Mr Brookes married the youngest daughter of Mr Edward Taylor, and he has two daughters, the youngest [Lorna] being unmarried, and the eldest [Meta] being Mrs Walter Douglas, of Brisbane. Mrs Henry Baynes is a sister. Mr Brookes had been ill for about three months, suffering heart trouble, which caused his death.

*Funeral Notice - the Brisbane Courier, Tuesday 20 October*

The funeral (motor service) of the late Mr Brookes will take place to the South Brisbane Cemetery this afternoon, moving from St Andrew's Church of England, South Brisbane, at the conclusion of a service commencing at 2.30. The interment will be private, and it is requested that no flowers be sent.

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

### Thomas Ahearn 1930-2021

AHEARN Thomas Gipps late of Clayfield, passed away peacefully, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021, aged 91 years. Husband of Sonia (Dec'd); Father of Jane, Timothy (Dec'd) and Rosemary; Father-in-law of David and proud Grandfather of Tim, Elizabeth-Rose and Timmy. Privately cremated. Born at Nanango, Queensland, to Leslie Norman Ahearn and his wife Hilda Christina (née Hansen), Thomas was educated at the Toowoomba Anglican College and Preparatory School, Slade School, Warwick, and Toowoomba Grammar School before going on to the University of Queensland. He was the Senior Chemistry Master at The Southport School in 1949-50 and in 1957 established the company TH Ahearn and Co which he ran until 1997. 28<sup>th</sup> June 1952 he married Sonia Rochelle Davies (Dec'd 2016) and together they had a son and two daughters. Ahearn won the seat of Sandgate for the Liberal Party at the 1957 Queensland state election, defeating Harry Dean of the Labor Party and the sitting member, Herbert Robinson of the Queensland Labor Party. Ahearn held the seat for one term, losing to Harry Dean in 1960. Valette - T. Ahearn, 1944-46. - Junior, 1945; Colours in Cricket, Football, Tennis. Prizes - 1944 - Form VB Prize; Voigt Cup (Senior Tennis Champion) 1945 - Form VA Prize 1946 - Form VIB Prize 1946 - Voigt Cup (Senior Tennis) Tom's brother, Robert Lima Ahearn also attended Slade. Robert passed away 25/8/1974. The photo of Tom above is from Slade's 1946 1<sup>st</sup> XV



### Eric Blackwood 1926-2022

BLACKWOOD Eric Ralph, known as Ray, late of Shute Harbour died 12<sup>th</sup> April aged 96 years. A small family service for Ray was held at Bundaberg 19<sup>th</sup> April. According to our records, Ray attended Slade 1940-41. He sat for Junior in 1941 and was awarded a Form VB Proficiency Prize in 1940. Ray worked as a senior executive in the Bank of NSW until his retirement in 1981. He was a keen sailor and lived at Shute Harbour in retirement with his wife until recent years. In 1979 Ray published “The Whitsunday Islands – An Historical Dictionary” via the Central Queensland University and in 2019 he also published in CD “The Whitsunday Islands – An Historical Encyclopedia” available from the Proserpine Historical Museum. His brother, John, who passed on the news of his passing, tells us that Ray had a wonderful life. He is survived by his wife Mavis, Daughter Roz and Son Vaughan. Ray's two younger brothers, Glynn and John also



attended Slade 1945-48 and 1951-54 respectively. Ray served as a Flying Officer in the RAAF. Posting at the time of his discharge, 13<sup>th</sup> November 1945, is listed as General Reconnaissance School.

The photo of him below was supplied by his brother John.



Also from our archivist, Ted Ross, we include this excerpt from an older email concerning Ray from his other brother, Glynn: “He was the clever one of the family - 8 straight As in Junior, and thereafter floated easily to the top management of the International Division in the Bank of NSW. I always felt sorry for 'the Boss' who was expecting another brilliant student when I followed some years later - *sic transit gloria.*”

Ted adds however Glynn did okay with, he thinks, Dow Chemicals.

### Eric Campbell

CAMPBELL Eric Graham, passed away 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 from information recently located by Ted Ross following several queries from past students. This photo of Eric is from the 1944 Slade 1st XV. His Valette: Campbell, E.G. - 1942-45. Junior 1943; Senior 1945; Prefect; Colours in Football, Swimming; Half Colours in Cricket. 1942 - Junior Loquor Prize.



Note: Our hard working archivist, Ted, has been exercising due diligence in checking through the Ryerson Index, Ancestry.com plus any other available records he is able to access in order to keep our records updated to the best of his ability. What is often unsaid is that we aren't always notified by family members when one of our own passes away and we are only able to publish information that is passed on to us.

Ted also adds that the Trevor Campbell who appears next to Eric Campbell's name on an old running list of past students', also with no contact details of any kind, came to Slade from Cunnamulla 1952-

# Valé

56 and sat for Scholarship in 1956. The only information about him that has so been found is that according to the 1980 Electoral Roll he lived at 6 Elvin Place, Bracken Ridge.

### Henry and Iris Corderoy

In the early 1940's two of our past students whose parents were Henry Allan Corderoy and Esther Jane Corderoy (nee French) were enrolled at Slade and St Catharine's. They were:

**Henry Morgan Corderoy** attended Slade from 1940 to 1941. His valete read 1940-41, Senior 1941; Football; Sub-Prefect 1941. What his valete did not mention was that he was Dux in 1941. Henry passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2007 in Mentone, Victoria.

**Iris Valerie Corderoy** attended St Catharine's from 1940 to 1942 from Scholarship to Junior in 1942. Iris was a member of the 1940 Athletics team. Ancestry records indicate that Iris passed away in Warana, Queensland on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 seven days short of her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Iris married Neil Pavy McAskill. Both Henry and Iris served in World War 2. Iris was a late entry joining the navy in March 1945 and being discharged in July 1946. Henry was in the army.

### Judith Cutmore 1937-2022

CUTMORE Judith Ann, nee Carstens, late of Warwick, passed away 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 aged 84 years. Relatives and friends gathered to attend a celebration of Judy's life, at St Mark's Anglican Church, Warwick, on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Judith attended St Catharine's from 1945-46 for Years 2 and 3 and returned in 1951-52 in IV form. A 1952 and 1953 reference in Old Girl's notes mentions Judith announcing on Warwick's local radio station, 4WK.

Judith married Percy Vesta Cutmore who was a nephew of past (original) students Victor and Roy Cutmore. Judith is the sister of David and Ian Carstens, both of whom were students at Slade 1949-52 and 1954-56 respectively. David is SCPSA HLM No 15. An interesting side note in the Occupation field in our Data Base lists Judith's occupations Office Duties, Home Duties and Brickies Labourer.

### William Douglas 1932-2021

DOUGLAS William Alexander Charles, FRACP, FRCP, known as Bill and late of Chapel Hill, passed away peacefully on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021 after a short illness aged 88 years. His funeral notice notes the following:



Beloved Husband of Bettina. Loved Father and Father-in-law to Kirsten and Mark, Gil, Anna and Mark, and Robert. Proud Grandfather and Great Grandfather of their families. Brother of Donald. A funeral service for Bill was held at Christ Church, St Lucia 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. Bill attended Slade 1942.

### Allan Fell 1935-2022

FELL Allan Scott sadly passed away on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 aged 86 years. Husband of Ailsa, Father of Alison, Craig, Paul and Rodney. Retired AirTraffic Controller. A funeral service for Allan was held 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 at Centenary Memorial Gardens, Sinnamon Park. Allan was at Slade 1945 and won Form IIIC Prize in that year.

### George Irwin 1916-2016

IRWIN Abraham George Irwin, QX16385 late of Bundaberg, born 13<sup>th</sup> April 1916, died 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016, he missed his 100 by just 1 month. Abraham was a prisoner of war in WW2. He did well to reach the age of 99. This photo is cropped from a group shot of the 2/26 Australian Infantry Battalion (<https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/P01364.001>) we believe in Malaya in 1941. His Valette: A. G. IRWIN, 1929. - Junior, 1932; 1st XV., 1932.



### John Scrymgeour

SCRYMGEOUR John, late of Warwick passed away 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021, aged 80 years. Husband of Dawn, Father of Richard, Dianna and Margaret, Brother of Elizabeth Coughtrie, Brother-in-law of Ray and Patria Hildred, Meryl and Greg Wilson and Uncle to their families. A funeral service for John was held at St Mark's Church, Warwick, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, followed by interment at Warwick Lawn Cemetery.



*They fought the good fight, they finished the race they kept the faith.*

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

As always, we are deeply appreciative of information that you are able to contribute about any of our number we have lost. Please be sure to pass on anything that should be included in our Valé or Obituary notices.

*"Be the things you loved most about the people who are gone."*

Worthy of their Forebears



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.



Facebook is the 21st Century way to find out many things. Kathy Fabila (1972-75) took the initiative of establishing this page 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 for past students to reconnect with one another in a respectful, non-confrontational way.

Our aim is to get everyone connected again, to share stories, our families and continue friendships from where we left off decades ago. Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.

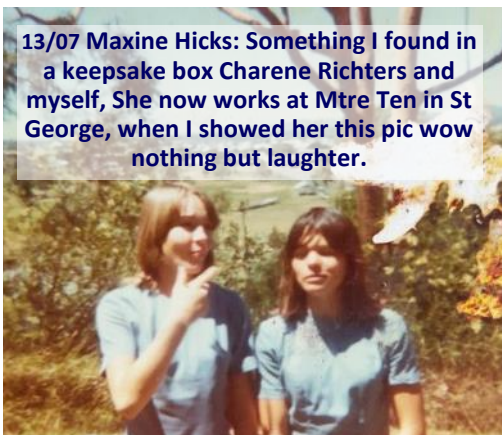


11/05/2022 Denis Cleaver: 1979 Girls Hockey Team

BACK ROW: Kayleen Stafford, Frances Thurston, Ann Dodd, Teresa Cause, Diane Andrews  
 FRONT ROW: Joanne Collyer, Katie Seaton, Karen Thurston. Me. Rhonda Gorringer, Jenny Kite, Susan Kite.  
 Maxine Hicks: Wow so many memories there



11/05/2022 Denis Cleaver: 1980 Under 14 Tennis Team  
 BACK ROW Kerry Frost, Jason Millard, Robert Lasserre  
 FRONT ROW Rohan Thorogood, D Cleaver, Andrew Baxter



13/07 Maxine Hicks: Something I found in a keepsake box Charene Richters and myself, She now works at Mtre Ten in St George, when I showed her this pic wow nothing but laughter.



19/05: Viriya Boakham: Another good old days photo.



21/06: Jim Wiseman: Caught up with Barbie for a lovely meal and a great chin wag in Mareeba. Thank you Barb, it was wonderful.