



IN THIS ISSUE

Reflections on changes of season	1
Editor's Notes	2
2022/2023 Committee	3
Johnno's Corner	3
Brekky Creek Lunch	3
Happening now at 70 Horsman Road	4
Checking in with Rob Nolan	4
Here there and everywhere:	5
• 2 noteworthy watering-holes with respected close connections to us	
What you said: hearing back from our readers	6
RUOK? a conversation that can change a life	7
Covid in PNG, the more far reaching effects	8
Round the ridges and and back again	9
Humour, clearly a most excellent medicine	10
Jest a little longer	10
Nostalgix	11-13
• Some of the ways we spent time out of class	
• Gracious homes, unique part of our proud heritage	
Glengallan, saga on an epic scale	14-15
Valé	16
• Erwin Spork	
• William Deshon	
• Pat Bailey	
• George Rivers	
Facebook Update	17-18

CONGRATULATIONS to Allora boy Matt Denny on his Commonwealth Games Gold Medal for Discus with a career best throw of 67.26m 4/8/2022 Birmingham. Fantastic effort!



Reflections on changes of season

SPRING AWAKENS AND ENLIVENS US IN A WAY NO OTHER SEASON DOES. We remember what new life looks like, we recall possibilities that are just around the corner, and we remember that beauty comes in small packages.

It's a great time for meditation as we grow ourselves – and with spring in mind, here are five reflections on how our minds, hearts, and spirits are healed during the flowery months.

New life and new beginnings are all around us. Each waking flower is a symbol for something new taking shape within us.

Everything blooms in its own time. In our lives, just as in nature, patience forms the most beautiful things we experience.

Colour and light are vital to life. Spring feels good because it reminds us how deeply we need variety and vividness in our surroundings.

Great things are waiting beneath the surface. Only when the flowers bloom do we realize the potential that existed beneath our feet all this time.

The important things are the simple things. Grass, rainfall, sunlight, a single flower – the smallest things matter still, because no one else can experience them for us.

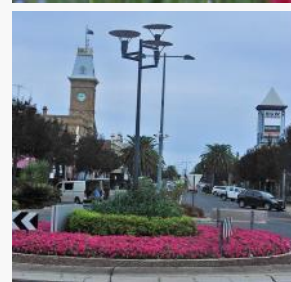
<https://www.mindfueldaily.com/livewell/spring-reflections>

FOR MANY OF US, A MUCH CHILLIER WINTER than we have had in recent years, especially when coupled with soaring rates of Covid infections, has presented challenges. Ageing joints, other ills and understandable anxiety due to domestic and global uncertainty have all given us good reason to pause and reflect. For those who have already lived through one World War and other conflicts, it can be harder to find optimism when they think about what the future holds. Many of our most senior members still carry the loss of close family members and other loved ones due to war and are justifiably not ready to consider the possible loss of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in the event of fresh armed conflicts. Then, as we must also remember and acknowledge, others of us have served in various branches of the armed services in various peacekeeping engagements and recent wars. They also know first hand the pain of losing good mates. Others of us simply feel as if everything has all been too much and are just plain weary of it all.

This brings me neatly to the topic of RUOK. The first RUOK day was held 29 November 2009, but the annual timing was later moved to the second Thursday of September. The **RUOK** slogan was established from extensive research proving that **communication with people positively impacts their mental state. When people are NOT okay, they are not, as a rule, naturally inclined to reach out and seek the help they need.** This means it is always appropriate to be aware and ready to ask **RUOK?** As noted on pages 3 and 7, **RUOK DAY** this year is **September 8.** Is there someone you are concerned about and feel you should ask **RUOK?**

High-profile personality, **Gus Worland**, is a strong advocate of looking after mental health, in particular, for men. He took the initiative of launching **Gotcha4Life** in 2017, a charity with the goal of reshaping men's attitudes towards mental health, after losing his mentor and friend, Angus Roberts to suicide. **Gotcha4Life** is a not-for-profit foundation with the ultimate goal of arriving at zero suicides—an ambitious but worthy target. Its programs aim to create meaningful mateship, build emotional muscle and strengthen social connection in local communities.

And to echo SCPSA President, John Farquhar, it is always the right time to pick up the phone—or if you live somewhere handy, call in—for a chat with your old school friends.



SCPSA Inc
www.scpsawarwick.com

Editor
Joan (Clothier) White
28 Teesdale Avenue
Toowoomba QLD 4350
0428 344 853
kinawah.editor@gmail.com

John Farquhar President
15 Quambone Street
Worongary QLD 4213
0401 917 811
johnfarquhar6009@gmail.com

IMPORTANT
Are the contact details we have for YOU current or about to change? Don't forget US when you change your address or email service provider.



IS YOUR CLASS celebrating a MILESTONE in 2022, 2023 or 2024?

CAST YOUR NET WIDER FOR LOST CONTACTS AND ADVERTISE HERE OR, ALTERNATIVELY, FACEBOOK!



Editor's Notes...



RIGHT NOW, GOLDEN WATTLE CLUSTERS ARE brightening parts of the bush where they grow wild and filling the air with sweet perfume in urban landscapes where they have been planted. We anticipate the rebirth that is characteristic of spring. In Australia we arbitrarily count the first day of September as the change of season but in other parts of the world it is less clear cut. In some places the official start of spring is marked at the vernal equinox. In others it may be celebrated as lyrically as 'when you hear the first lark sing!', larks being symbolic of joy, hope, and laughter. They start singing with the sunrise, scattering brightness and warmth with their cheerful songs. The bare tree branches of winter give way to budding green leaves during the spring. Warming temperatures and increased daylight spur the growth of new leaves on trees, causing a burst of green from Earth's plant life that gives the season its signature colour.

All that optimism can be quite heady but, for those who are struggling with failing health, family complications or economic hardship, as many ARE doing in the current environment, it can be a greater challenge to find it. You may already know that I volunteer with other seniors as a mentor here in Toowoomba's FlexiSchool. This school is for students in years 10 to 12 for whom this is a big effort - often after failed attempts elsewhere - to complete secondary school. Most combine traineeships with classroom lessons and all are grateful for the layered support that allows them this opportunity. Many come from challenging backgrounds and all have proved that they deserve this second chance. At Flexi, we will again be exploring the importance of RUOK? this year. The two poems on page 7 I wrote with last year's Year 10s and tweaked just a little more this year. The RUOK movement is also noted elsewhere in this Kinawah. The recent unexpected death of ARL coach, Paul Green has left the general community in shock and struggling with unanswered questions so this is a timely reminder of the importance of finding and keeping better mental health. What we see on the exterior of someone we thought we knew quite well is not always a true indicator of what that person might be coping with internally.

Staying in touch with our good friends in PNG also means caring about the broader situation there. More about this on page 9.

I conclude here with these words from Yoko Ono:

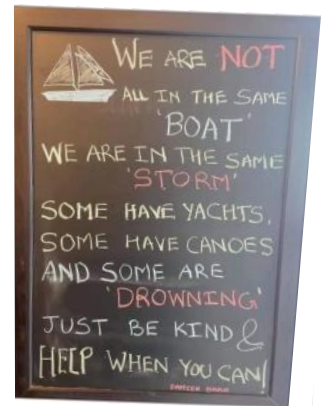
*"Spring passes and one remembers one's innocence.
Summer passes and one remembers one's exuberance.
Autumn passes and one remembers one's reverence.
Winter passes and one remembers one's perseverance."*

Until next time, enjoy the read and stay OKAY. Joan White



"Be kind whenever possible. It is ALWAYS possible."

The 14th Dalai Lama



2022/2023 Committee

EXECUTIVE

President	John Farquhar	0401 917 811
Vice President/Membership	Nigel Faulkner	0412 973 831
Secretary	Martin Taylor	0421 834 660
Treasurer	Cris Roy	0468 883 563

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Archivist/Patron	Ted Ross	02 4885 2227
WCC Student Liaison	Grace Quach	0447 370 054
Slade CEGS Student Liaison	Lizzie Adams	0427 004 673
Kinawah/Contacts	Joan White	0428 344 853
Pastoral Coordinator	Rob Nolan	0439 784 457
Museum/Website	Leigh Nisbet	0418 156 296
Assistant Archivist	Helen Moloney	07 4635 0573
Area Reps	Ray Dickson	0419 702 657
	Paul Masson	07 4623 5307
	Peter Ramsay	07 3245 4706
	Irene Woods	07 4655 3078

johnfarquhar6009@gmail.com
nigel.faulkner@hotmail.com
mmbtaylor@hotmail.com
crisroy1@gmail.com

cro56704@bigpond.net.au
thien.an.graceq@gmail.com
lizzie0adams@gmail.com
kinawah.editor@gmail.com
rw.nolan@bigpond.com
leenis@bigpond.com
hmoloney@aapt.net.au
dicksonsare@gmail.com
pbmasson@bigpond.com
peterramsay47@gmail.com
woodsfamily06@hotmail.com



Johnno's Corner

THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2022 IS RU OK DAY. Part of our charter is to provide a forum of care, companionship and support for needy members.

■ Mental health has fast become the scourge of the world all over, particularly in first world countries where we supposedly have 'everything' at our disposal. It is such a complex issue and is as individual as the person having difficulties. I think part of the solution is to be a bit selfish. I mean this in a good way. We need to look after ourselves first before we can adequately help others. We need to get rid of any unnecessary stresses in our lives that are not serving us well. Limit which 'news' we listen to and be careful with 'social media' and 'influencers'. In Waylon Jennings song 'Luckenbach Texas' he sings of a couple who are feudin' like the 'Hatfields and McCoys' while keeping 'up with the Joneses' while working a high stress job. His solution is to sell her diamond rings, put on some old jeans, move away and get back 'to the basics of love'. It can only be up to us to find the answers wherever they may be.

■ Two blokes doing a great job are Nigel Faulkner and Cris Roy. This will be Nigel's 10th 'bash' with Variety Qld where they have raised funds for sick kids in regional Australia. If you have an urge to help, please send all you can spare to Nigel's Variety Bash link. A disadvantaged child will be very thankful.

■ 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. **John Farquhar**

DOMAIN NAME NOW
for our revitalised website:
www.scpsawarwick.com
STILL TO COME IN 2022

September 8
National RUOK? Day

September 23
Spring Equinox

November 5
Brekky Creek Lunch

November 11
Remembrance Day

November 16
WCC Primary Awards Evening

November 17
WCC Secondary Awards Evening



Your attitude, not your aptitude will determine your altitude. Zig Ziglar



WHILE YOU ARE READING THIS, presumably sitting comfortably at home, Nigel and Cris are carefully negotiating the backroads of Western Queensland in their regulation, finely aged vehicles, very likely kicking up a few dust clouds while raising the necessary funds to help disadvantaged children for the Variety Children's Charity. We look forward to hearing a little about their adventures when they return safely home and if you would like to support them it's still not too late to hit the 'donate' button.

If you go looking for a friend, you're going to find they're scarce. If you go out to be a friend, you'll find them everywhere. Zig Ziglar



2022 DATE

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
- Partners etc. are more than welcome
- No speeches or formal proceedings Catch up with old classmates in a relaxed atmosphere

TO LEARN MORE CONTACT:
Richard Cleal: 0447 447 236
rcleal@bigpond.net.au



WARWICK
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Christ Community Character

Happening now at 70 Horsman Rd...

Dear SCPSA,

The last few weeks of school have been busy with STEM (Science, Engineering, Technology, Mathematics) Week, Book Week, and Grandparents Day.

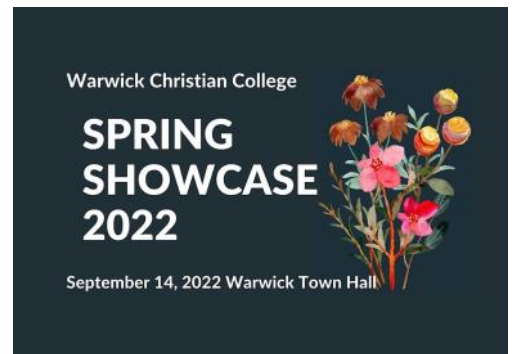
These events help the community and inspire students to try new things.

During STEM Week students coded robots, constructed paper planes, flew drones, participated in Science and Math quizzes, and investigated the properties of bubbles.

Book Week is always a lot of fun, and this year did not disappoint. We had our annual Book Week parade where students dressed up as their favorite literary character. There was also a poetry competition which saw students write and recite poetry about this year's theme, Dreaming. The festivities culminated on Friday with Grandparents Day. Our senior members of the College community were given a concert from our students and served traditional Devonshire tea by our Secondary students.

All in all, there is a lot of fun being had at Warwick Christian College.

God Bless,
Jason Gay
Principal



Check-in time with Rob Nolan...

I trust this finds you well and that if you have contracted Covid19 during the past 30 months, it may not have been too serious. Jan and I both experienced a very mild dose, a one day sore throat and tiredness. I feel deeply sorry for those people who have been shut down in nursing homes unable to have relatives and friends visit. Their days are long enough without being locked away in their rooms.

Our annual gathering at The Breakfast Creek pub will soon be upon us. In the past I have found this a great social event, catching up with some old school mates and others who attended one of the three schools covered by our association.

If anyone is feeling a bit down or would like to "chew the fat" I am very happy to take phone calls. 0439784457. Remember, not one of us is an island, we thrive on interaction and friendships.

On 18th September I am retiring again! My first attempt was February 2014. I offered to do a six month locus at Moggill. After the six months I had a letter from the Archbishop appointing me to the parish. Thus it turned out to be a rather long six months! I have enjoyed it greatly and the Archbishop has been happy knowing where I am! I am finishing this appointment on 18th September and looking forward to more time with Jan and our families.

With best wishes to each of you. Do not forget the Reunion in November. It is a very relaxed occasion and lots of fun.
Robert Nolan (1964-1965)



HERE THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Two noteworthy watering holes with respected close connections for us ...

The following article, titled *'If the walls could talk'* featured immediate past Kinawah editor, our own Helen Moloney. It was printed in a Toowoomba Regional Council edition of, *Bold*, and focuses on Helen's role in preserving some of the history and presence of an iconic Drayton destination. Drayton and its Inn hark right back to the days of Steele Rudd and is the place where Benjamin Glennie conducted church services in his early efforts to establish a thriving Anglican community on the Darling Downs. Now read on...

Vice-Chair of the Toowoomba National Trust, Helen Moloney, opens the door to the Royal Bull's Head Inn, leading us through the early days of settlement in our region. Helen has always loved history. After retiring as a school teacher in 2012, she was able to pursue her passion for the past by volunteering at the Royal Bull's Head Inn.

"It is essential for us to educate ourselves on where we have come from, understanding the roots of our community so that we can grow into tomorrow" she maintains.

'Established in 1847 by ex convict William Horton, the first timber slab of the Bull's Head Inn was constructed as a hotel to entertain a constant stream of visitors.

'As Toowoomba wasn't established until the early 1850s, Drayton was a popular destination for weary travellers between Moreton Bay and the Darling Downs.

'At the time, the Bull's Head Inn was the best Inn west of Ipswich because it offered an upstairs bathroom.

In 1860, the Inn became known as the "Royal Bull's Head Inn" after being visited by the first Queensland Governor, George Bowen.

'Then, in 1879, Richard Lynch purchased the Inn to be the family home for almost 100 years until the National Trust acquired the property in 1974.

'After extensive restoration and reconstruction, the Royal Bull's Head Inn was opened to the public in 1985 as a museum.

'Fast forward to the present and the Inn is the oldest building still standing in the Drayton and Toowoomba area.

'Today the Royal Bull's Head Inn has been preserved and presented to display what it would have looked like when used as an Inn. It also tells the Lynch family's story with some of their furniture and personal belongings on display.

'If the walls of the Royal Bull's Head Inn could talk, they would tell us about laughter that filled the halls, the different faces that travelled through its doors and moments from the daily life of the Lynch family.'



The Hebel pub closed for 12 months, breaking the hearts of the locals until a local grazier bought it and re-opened it.



Heather Ewart, much travelled host of the ABC's popular *Backroads* program informs us a country town needs a good publican. This publican should be someone who understands the importance of a meeting place for locals and passers-by, especially in remote parts, somewhere to have a laugh, and spin a yarn or two in both good and bad seasons...

Frank Deshon owns Hebel's entire commercial business portfolio.

The Hebel Pub, in outback south-west Queensland and close to the New South Wales border, is just such a place and its publican, Frank Deshon, comes with loads of Slade connections.

This historic one-time Cobb and Co coach stop sadly became the pub with no beer when it closed its doors in 2020. That was until a local family, headed by grazier, Frank Deshon rode to the rescue and bought it. "Frank's viewed as a hero around here," claims one patron. Frank said "We had to save it. The local pub is the best thing for mental health out here in the bush. It

heals the heart and mind. It's where you share your stories, where people have wakes and birthdays."

Considering so many of our past students hailed from more remote centres, Frank's sentiments ring 100% true for those of us for whom attending boarding school was the only means of gaining the education we received.


Frank Deshon may never have attended Slade but he is the son of Douglas Deshon (Slade 1950-55). Doug and his older brother, Bill (Slade 1950-54) are second cousins to John Deshon (Slade 1952-58, Honorary Life Member No 17) and Rob Deshon (Slade 1952-61). John recalls that one year at Slade, 3 of the 4 of them played together in the same champion Rugby team. More sadly, Frank's grandfather—Bill and Doug's father—died on the Sandakan march in Borneo in 1945, a year after John and Rob's father died when his Wellington bomber crashed in the Peak district. Sadly, we have learned that Bill died several years ago. He is listed in our Vale notices on page 16. World War II left its mark on so many of us...




Coincidentally, Heather Ewart's programme aired just as Paul Kelly, appearing with Frank Grabowsky, visited Noosa and John tells us he was privileged to attend this special performance. The show was appropriately titled, "Please leave your light on". As has been widely noted in various tributes, Kelly was a close friend of the late, great Archie Roach who died July 30.


What you said: hearing back from our readers

So many lovely responses expressing gratitude for both the May/June and July/August Kinawahs have come in, I won't reproduce them here so as not to appear too anxious to pat myself on the back. Stephen Hull, Jane Morse, Barry Dance, Barry Riddiford, Gordon Shirley, Robert Vickers, David Carstens, Helen Moloney, Jenny Schonfisch, your appreciation means a lot! Also, several responses have shed some additional light on a few of those unknowns.


 **Richard Busser 1957-64** I know who the football kicker is in that last photo (of the Slade First 15s Rugby Union team). It's Kim Becker who I'm sure played on the wing. He had a blazing turn of speed also being a great sprinter in athletics. That shot would have to be from the early to mid '60s. Kim is still around SE QLD and firing on all cylinders - at least I saw him (and their delightful ladies) when Robert Davies visited from Canberra. We shared a lunch at The Spirit House (Yandina) about a year ago (before the vandals struck). It was delightful. Also, in that list, could the missing name '?' Gordon' be Jean Gordon? * We Slade boys didn't see many St. Cath's girls in those days (early/mid '60s), but Jean really stood out as quite striking (I thought).


***Editor's Note:** I didn't notice that I left the Gordon concerned unidentified on page 12 of the July August Kinawah. She is in fact, Karen Gordon, and so far as I am aware, we know nothing at all of her current whereabouts or status.

 **Graham Smith 1961-65 re: the bottom right photo on page 13...** I am 99.9% sure the player with the ball is Kim Becker, likely from '63 or '64...Peter Ramsay, Rob Nolan and others from that era might confirm the identification...**re: the top right photo on page 11...** nice to see the 1928 tennis photo of my dad, Arthur 'Chub' Smith from 1928...my goodness, that is almost 100 years ago. Thankyou for your work on Kinawah... always enjoy reading it...

 **Marlene Maher (Young 1951-56)** First of all, I don't know how I managed to get onto the mailing out list but I am so pleased I am...I featured in the tennis photo with Pat Haggard, Anne Armbruster and Judith Schwennesen. I have been living on the Gold Coast for the last 20+ years. I trained as a teacher after leaving School then I moved to New Guinea on my way to England hoping to meet up with the Gunther girls but unfortunately, they had just come to Australia for leave. I stayed in Port Moresby for some months before moving to Lae to carry on with my trip to England. Not to happen. I met my husband and married there. After some years in Lae, we were transferred to Djarkarta [sic] for a couple of years. Then back to Port Moresby for another couple of years before leaving Moresby for Canberra so that our two girls could start school in Australia. We were in Canberra for a number of years before retiring to the Coast. Met up with Pat for a coffee or two while I was in

Canberra as she was living there also. I also made contact with Judith but have since lost her address. That's a pity. I met Anne once when I got a group of girls together who were at St Cath's the same time as I was there just after I came to the Coast. But life gets busy and complicated and haven't followed through with that. Doesn't cover me in glory does it? You should always make time for friends. When I read the Newsletter I note that the 1951-56 group of girls don't have many representatives attend any of the reunions or get together. I wonder why that is so - is it because we are getting more mature (old).

 **David Carstens 1949-52** As a dedicated Warwick-ite, and Slade Campus Supporter, I really appreciate the local stories. In particular I take special interest in the Solar Generator story and the St Mark's Content in this issue and the Wind Farm activity in the May-June issue. Best Wishes.

 **Bruce Steel**** I really enjoyed this month's edition and have printed a copy for Ann [Donovan] to read. Of course, I paid Jennifer out over her photo. Jen took on the role of my big sister way back in our single digit days when it was obvious I was going to be the only one. She still tries to tell me what to do occasionally. I found an article on Slade oval with Allan's [Allan Donovan] photo last weekend. I will get them all together over the next 12 months and put them plus photos on a USB storage [stick] for you.

I see reference to William Hoog who I knew as Archdeacon Hoog. He married Mum and Dad in 1950 at St Mark's.

When our cousin, Adrian Charles, was the rector at Christ Church, St Lucia, in the 60's I was one of Adrian's altar boys. Adrian then went to England (Canterbury Cathedral) for a year and he asked Archdeacon Hoog to come out of retirement to look after St Lucia for the year. What a lovely old fellow with a good sense of humour.


If the Slade crew need an Adrian history I can ask his children John and Jenny as I talk to them regularly. I'm also in touch with the Hutton girls as their Dad Edgar was my Dad's step cousin (I think that's how it goes. They were like brothers. Lynette, Dianne and Karen caught up with us and had lunch with Mum just before her first fall that led to the nursing home. I haven't seen them since Covid started.

**** Editor's note:** Bruce's mother, is the late Gloria Coombe, SCPSA Honorary Life Member No. 16. Bruce attended St Catharine's for a brief time in the early grades so can legitimately claim to be one of our old girls! Re Adrian Charles going to Canterbury for a year: On one of our trips to the UK to visit our daughter and her family who live in Cambridgeshire, Canterbury Cathedral was a 'MUST SEE' destination on my list. What a charmingly picturesque old walled city it is! The movie, starring Paul Scofield about the martyrdom of (St)Thomas Becket was one we were dutifully walked down to King's Cinema in Warwick to see upon its release in 1965 and of course, dates back to Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, introduced to us in English classes all those years ago. I recall, the opening lines of the prologue to be: 'Here bygynneth the Book of the tales of Caunterbury'. You may also have forgotten that Canterbury Tales is notable for being the earliest work written and printed—between 1387 and 1400—in the common tongue rather than Latin. Also, the two unidentified girls in the 1969 Hockey Team can now be named as Janell White, aka "Chicken" and Leah Hutson. Plus the T Streeton named in the 1968 Slade A Tennis team should have been Tony, not Tim as I mistakenly put.



JACANDA ALPACA FARM STAY 86 Mount Norman Road, Wallangarra 4383 ☎ 0409 194 520

Stunning views of Girraween National Park
 Close to historic Tenterfield
 Handy to Granite Belt wineries and other attractions





email: fred@jacandaalpacas.com or visit [Jacanda Alpaca Farmstay](#) online to check amenities, availability, and guest reviews...

RUOK? a conversation that can change a life

RUOK? Day is a national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, "Are you OK?" and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot signs that someone they care about might be struggling with life. RUOK? Day—the 2nd Thursday in September—this year is 8/9/2022. You don't need to be an expert to reach out – just be a good friend and a great listener. Use these four steps and be part of a conversation that could change a life:

- 1) Ask RUOK? 2) Listen 3) Encourage action 4) Check in

To find more tips and resources visit <https://www.ruok.org.au>



NOT Really OK Today

Today, my OKAY went AWOL for the day,
Escaped, sad to say, turned tail, ran away.
Can't say where it went, but to my dismay,
My good mood grew wings, up and just flew away,
Best aims and intentions disappeared, led astray,
Went missing in action, decamped, MIA.

Today, my OKAY went AWOL for the day,
Things went dreadfully wrong, and I lost my OKAY .
I don't know the reason my OKAY blew away:
Yesterday was OKAY but today just ISN'T OKAY .
I must say, today hasn't been my best day,
But any day now, I'll find my OKAY
And then it will be "Goodbye and Hooray"
To my MAJORLY MISLAID, MISERABLY MISSING OKAY.

Joan Clothier White 12/09/2021

RUOK Today?

There's a day in September
That's a recognised day to say
"RUOK?"

Downunder this day is our set aside day,
To meet each other halfway
When we reach out and say... "RUOK?"

But, EVERY day's the right day
To reach out and say
With real care and concern
"RU REALLY OK?"

They say that OKAY on any old day
Is the word understood in ANY language today
Better than any other word, or phrase.

So, TODAY'S the BEST day
To reach out and say
With real care and concern
"RU REALLY OK?"

Let's say and do as we may
So that everyone STAYS OK.
Do it now. Don't delay.
Okay?

*Joan Clothier White
09/09/2021*



CAFÉ • JUICES • CIDER



SUTTON'S
Juice Factory & Cidery
www.suttonsfarm.com.au

Varietal Apple Juice • Preserves
Apple Cider • Apple Brandy
Apple Cider Vinegar • Apple Syrup

Open 7 Days
9.30am - 4.30pm
07 4685 2464
10 Halloran Drive
Thulimbah
adj. New England Highway
Ref. J6

CAFÉ OPEN EVERY DAY

Covid in PNG, the more far reaching effects

From time to time we make mention of our valued friends living just across the Torres Strait and whom we fondly remember from our school days. We had the very great privilege of getting to know them and to admire their sporting talent and other fine personal attributes. When we become laser focussed on our own struggles it is easy to forget others courageously, stoically and quietly managing in even more challenging circumstances. Some of the content of the following article may be distressing for some of us but is worthy of our thoughtful care and prayers.

The COVID-19 pandemic in Papua New Guinea—PNG shows no sign of ending, and its worst legacy might be its effect on other diseases, such as tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, and malaria as Chris McCall reported in *The Lancet* January 15, 2022.

Among wooden huts overlooking a broad, muddy river, volunteer Arnolio Palima detects and treats four to five cases of malaria a month in his village of Mipan, PNG, using rapid tests and boxes of Mala-One, a combination of the anti-malaria drugs artemether and lumefantrine. His pay is low, but his work is essential, and has become a lot harder during the COVID-19 pandemic. “Even though it is something like charity work, it doesn’t matter. It is good that we save a life,” he said.

Mosquitos are everywhere, there is no telephone, and no doctor. PNG adopts ground-level approaches to tackle malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV/AIDS, which together cause huge amounts of disease and death in the country. But these efforts have been severely affected by the pandemic. Transport on the Fly River, Mipan's lifeline to the outside world, has been badly disrupted by the pandemic. At times, in a bid to stop COVID-19, the military patrolled the river and, according to one witness, sometimes pulled guns on people they suspected of crossing the border into Indonesian territory. Amid the restrictions, medical supplies have not always arrived and outreach teams have not come.

Meanwhile, PNG's COVID-19 epidemic has worsened. As of August 18, officially just over 44, 824 cases had been reported, with 663 deaths, but these figures represent only confirmed cases, and ample anecdotal evidence suggests that the true number of cases and deaths is probably higher. Many areas have no testing facilities for COVID-19. Vaccination levels are dismally low (on Dec 16, the Government reported that 283 915 people had received at least one dose; the country's total population is around 9 million). And knock-on effects of the prolonged disruption on other health services are being seen.

These problems are not unique to PNG. In its 2021 Results Report, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria pointed out that COVID-19 threatened to undo much progress it had made worldwide over the past 20 years in the fight against tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, and malaria, still three major global killers. Peter Sands, executive director of The Global Fund, said key results of its programmes went backwards for the first time in 2020. “COVID-19 has been the most significant setback in the fights against HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria, that we have encountered in the two decades since the Global Fund was established, exacerbating existing inequalities, diverting critical resources, stopping or slowing access to treatment and prevention activities, and putting vulnerable people further at risk,” explained Sands.

The 2021 Results Report from The Global Fund showed that globally 18% fewer people were treated for tuberculosis in 2020, the number of HIV tests taken declined by 22%, and the number of suspected malaria cases tested declined by 4-3% compared with the previous year. The Global Fund vice-chair Roslyn Morauta is a former first lady of PNG. Morauta told *The Lancet* money was redistributed to tackle COVID-19, leading ultimately to shortages in other areas. This should not have happened, she said, as money from international donors had been set aside to tackle COVID-19. It had bad effects on a weak health system, in a country with an increasing population, many of whom are poor. “You are seeing that now with closure of services,” she said. “You cannot underestimate how badly broken and dysfunctional the health system is. The waste in the system is extraordinary. Workers may work for months and not get paid.” Government officials did not respond to requests for comment.

In Rabaul, on the offshore island of New Britain, PNG, Al Maha, deputy chief physician for the New Guinea islands, said deaths at

home have soared. Many might be undetected COVID-19 deaths, but there could be other causes. Locally around half of the COVID-19 cases have been in health workers which has put patients off presenting to hospital, explained Maha. At one time, he said, villagers were putting up barricades and even throwing their own relatives out of home due to fear of COVID-19. In such conditions it has been impossible to adequately run routine clinics, including a once very active home visiting service for tuberculosis.

“We had several facilities all shut down at the same time. We have had big gaps in clinic attendance,” said Maha, adding that he had seen cases of treatment failure in people with HIV/AIDS related to not obtaining or taking their antiretroviral medications.

In Port Moresby General Hospital, recently over-run with COVID-19 cases, Josephine Telenge, infection prevention and control coordinator, described a similar picture. Many clinics had been shut and patients who needed to collect regular medications for tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS could not get them: “Our patients did not know where to go. All of the other clinics were also closed,” said Telenge. Common diseases like malaria were only being diagnosed as emergencies, and follow-up of infectious diseases was not really happening, Telenge explained. With the hospital now admitting as many as 150 patients with COVID-19 a day, the problem is not going away, although the tuberculosis clinic at least has now reopened.

Medical microbiologist Gabriella Ak said testing for HIV/AIDS in Port Moresby General Hospital had decreased by 15% in 2020 and 2021 compared with previous years, while malaria testing had dropped by 32%, reflecting the current thinking of clinicians as much as failure of patients to present. “Numbers have gone really down. They have just put everything on the shelf and are just concentrating on COVID. Clinicians have just gone COVID crazy and are leaving everything else.” Besides the three diseases that The Global Fund focuses on, Ak said the hospital had also recently had some nasty cases of sepsis and badly infected scabies.

Health officials dealing with each of tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, and malaria also said they had seen the effects of the pandemic on routine care. Reporting of tuberculosis cases stood at 30 411 in 2020, a drop of 6.7% on 2019, according to National Department of Health figures. Narantuya Jadambaa, a medical officer with WHO, said there had also been an increase in cases of drug-resistant tuberculosis, particularly in the first half of 2021.

This article was sourced from <https://www.thelancet.com>

This aside, the PNG friends with whom we are in contact are taking sensible precautions to stay as safe as possible and living their day to day lives as best they can. Vaili Kekedo, who we knew as Vai Sisa at school, recently messaged me the group photo below of Pauline Bona, Catharine (Gongi) Simon and Vaili as those of their group who were able, met quietly together at Pauline's home. Catharine and Vaili are both members of our Facebook page which has been a wonderful way of reconnecting.



ROUND THE RIDGES AND BACK AGAIN

WHAT'S WHAT IN AND AROUND OUR OLD STOMPING GROUND AND FURTHER AFIELD

FROM WARWICK TO SCOTLAND FOR A TATTOO

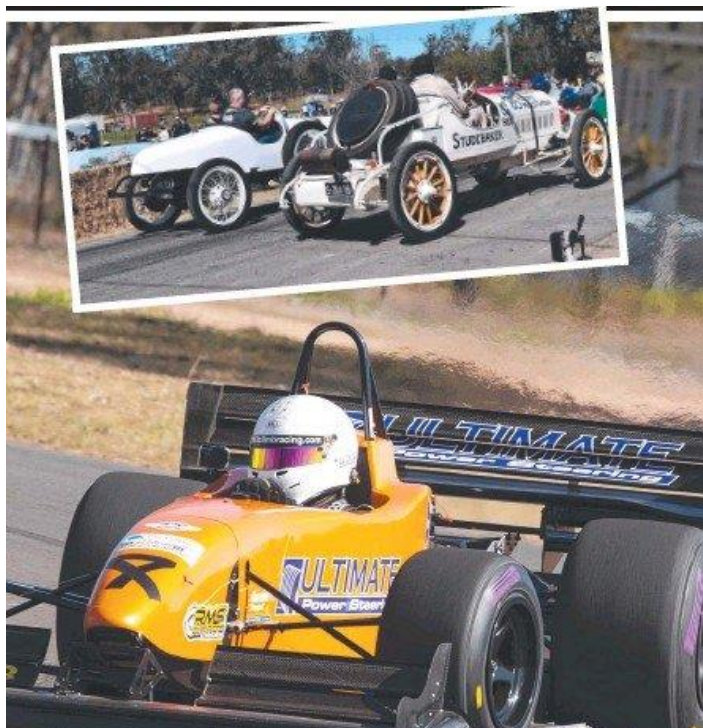
Journalist, **GREG JOHNSON** described recently how he had been invited to join the Society of St Andrew of Scotland despite the small fact that hearing the bagpipes renders him teary. Listening to them at Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers and Stanthorpe Apple and Grape Festival parades is a guarantee he will be reaching for his dark sunglasses. One of Greg's fellow members, or 'Clansmen', Rory MacFarlane, is a piper of distinction, hails from Warwick and attends Scots PGC. At the exact same time readers were browsing Greg's article, Rory and four of his classmates were in Edinburgh, Scotland, taking part in the renowned Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Prior to this, the four pipers and drummer accompanied Brisbane Boys College Pipe Band to participate in the World Championships in Glasgow where they were placed 6th in Grade 4b - that's 6th in the world. What an outstanding achievement. But that is only the beginning of this marvellous adventure. The group also played at historic Edinburgh Castle for 26 performances.

Each UK summer, the tattoo stages spectacular performances of bagpipers and drummers and draws crowds of 260,000 and more than 100 million 'spectators' via worldwide television.

More than 800 performers from across the world are taking part in this year's tattoo. For young clansman and piper, Rory, this will be a memory never to be forgotten.



Leyburn sprints: historic past, enduring present



THE HISTORIC LEYBURN SPRINTS were written up as making an epic return following Covid interruptions on the weekend of August 20-21. Billed as one of the biggest motorsports events of the year, it attracted thousands to see some of the nation's most celebrated drivers hit the track for an action packed day of racing.

Motorsports Australia president, Andrew Fraser described the event as truly historic for the sport, with community pride running deep in Leyburn's motorsport traditions.

For those who may not be aware of the origin of the Leyburn Sprints, here's a snapshot of its history (and it's quite a story).

Leyburn, Darling Downs, QLD, population approximately 300, was identified by the US Airforce in the early 1940s as an ideal spot to build and operate a secret airstrip. The service personnel based at the site were named as the 'Z Special Forces'. They were

strategically placed to protect Brisbane, and to run special highly secret missions to insert and supply intelligence gathering parties behind Japanese lines. So secret was the airstrip and the covert operations hosted there, that the locals didn't even know that it existed, albeit less than three miles from town!

Then, after the end of World War II, the runway became a centre of attention when it hosted the running of the 1949 Australian Grand Prix, the first to be held in QLD. The Grand Prix organisers had sought out disused wartime runways in Southern QLD, due to the well-kept and flat nature of like tarmacs. Originally it was planned to hold the race at Lowood. However, a local church congregation's protests against the event being staged on a Sunday vetoed this.

So the 1949 Australian Grand Prix took place at Leyburn on 19th September. In spite of the distance from major centres, over 30,000 spectators began arriving at 2.00a.m. to enjoy the thrill and spectacle, the ending of the fuel rations after the war being a major factor in the high attendance figures. The public, once again, able to enjoy freedom from harsh war restrictions embraced this opportunity with relish.

Attendance was seriously underestimated - traffic was bumper to bumper, all food was sold out by mid-morning, and the trackside crowd were risking their lives for a good view (one driver moved them back temporarily by spraying them generously with gravel on his way past). So large was the crowd (organisers were only expecting about 3,000) that gatekeepers were overwhelmed, and began throwing entry money into a large pile inside a makeshift tent.

After 35 laps (150.5 miles), the race was won by John Crouch from NSW driving a French Delahaye. Second place went to Ray (Laddie) Gordon in his MG TC Special, and third place to Arthur Rizzo in a Riley Nine Imp.

The airstrip then continued to be used by Toowoomba Auto Club and the QLD Motor Sporting Club for a time. In May 1952 Les Taylor, driving a Fiat 1400, overcame several unexpected hazards to rewrite the International Endurance record books. The airstrip was suffering from a lack of maintenance so Les and his supporters first had to clear it with scythes - then, hours into the 24h, in a unique rustic twist, it needed to be cleared of sheep! The attempt was stopped after 12 hours, with records broken, and after a clearly very tired pit crewman tried to clean the windshield with a jam sandwich while handing Les a chamois to eat!

A young Jack Brabham also won the QLD Road Racing Championship at Leyburn in 1953, before moving his sights to the European motor racing scene and the rest, as they say, is some mighty impressive history!

The airstrip fell into some disrepair and was fenced off as part of a subdivision of the property surrounding it.

In 1987, a memorial to the men of 200 Flight and Z Special Unit was unveiled. In 1999, a monument to mark the 50 year anniversary of the Grand Prix was erected at the site.

In the mid 1990s, a contingent from the Historic Racing Car Club of QLD travelled to Leyburn, where they met with local identity, motor racing fan and competitor, Mike Collins, to discuss the possibility of running an event to mark and remember the Australian Grand Prix at Leyburn in 1949.

It was planned that the Sprints would only be run up to and including 1999, to mark the anniversary, but so great was the popularity of the event, it has endured. The event is unique. It is quite possibly the only motor racing event in Australia, if not the world, where its start line is in front of the only hotel in town! Drivers vie for trophies made locally out of grey slate, mined from quarries outside Leyburn.

The Sprints is a major fundraiser for the community organisations of Leyburn and the surrounding rural areas, and has proved to be a major event on the regional QLD events calendar, with businesses from Leyburn and other centres such as Clifton, Warwick, Millmerran and Pittsworth

Humour, clearly a most excellent medicine...

Mark Twain said that “Humour is the great thing, the saving thing after all. The minute it crops up, all our hardnasses yield, all our irritations, and resentments flit away, and a sunny spirit takes their place.” He’s not wrong. Humour may very well be *THE* great thing. Humour touches upon nearly every facet of life — 90% of men and 81% of women report that a sense of humour is the most important quality in a partner, it is also a crucial quality for leaders, and it’s even been shown to improve cancer treatments.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A SENSE OF HUMOR?

Being funny is possibly one of the best things you can do for your health. You can almost think of a sense of humour as your mind’s immune system. People at risk for depression tend to fall into depressive episodes when exposed to some kind of negative stimuli, and afterward, it becomes easier and easier for them to relapse into depression. But, reframing a negative event in a humorous light acts as a kind of emotional filter and thereby preventing the negativity from triggering a depressive episode.

Humour doesn’t just guard against depression. It also improves people’s overall quality of life. Researchers have found that people who score highly in certain types of humour have better self-esteem, more positive effect, greater self-competency, more control over anxiety, and better performance in social interactions. Not all kinds of humour are made equal, however. In the same study, the researchers identified four types of humour: affiliative

humour, (designed to strengthen social bonds); self-enhancing humour, (a bit like having a humorous view of life in general); aggressive humour, (mocking others); self-defeating humour, (where an individual encourages jokes pitching at themselves as the target or self-deprecation).

The positive contributions described above only occurred when individuals scored highly in affiliative and self-enhancing humour, while aggressive and self-defeating humour was associated with poorer overall well-being and higher anxiety and depression. So, when cultivating your sense of humour, it’s important to strive for the right kind — besides, all but the most socially challenged can see that it’s a trashy thing to make fun of others, anyhow.

In addition to working as a mental immune system, research has shown that humour can actually improve your physical immune system. Laughter can also improve cardiovascular health and lowers heart rates, blood pressure, and muscular tension. Aside from improving your health, laughter can lead to greater creativity and productivity too. A study from North-eastern University found that volunteers who watched a comedy were measurably better at solving a word association puzzle that relied on creative thinking as compared to control groups that watched horror films or quantum physics lectures. This is because laughter lights up the anterior cingulate cortex, an area of the brain associated with attention and decision-making.

This information is from <https://bigthink.com/neuropsych/humor-lif>



And now, to jest for just a little...longer!

At the risk of causing possible offence I offer the following, after thinking long and hard about it and apologising in advance to anyone who might take a dim view of the subject matter or who are unable to find the lighter side.

In the year 2025, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in the United States, and said, "Once again the earth has become wicked and overpopulated, and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save two of every living thing along with a few good humans, thy sons and their wives." He gave Noah the blueprints, saying, "You have six months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard -- but no Ark.

"Noah!" He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed.

"I needed a building permit. I've been arguing with the inspector about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbors claim that I've violated the neighborhood zoning laws by building the Ark in my yard and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the Development Appeal Board for a decision.

"Then the Department of Transportation demanded a bond be posted for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they wouldn't hear about of it.

"Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the spotted owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls -- but no go!

"When I started gathering the animals, I got sued by an animal rights group. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodation was too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space. I am required to apply for 834 different licenses to keep wild beasts on private property.

"Then the EPA ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on Your proposed flood.

Further, the pitch to water-proof the ark has been banned by the EPA as inimical to the environment.

"I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on how many minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building crew.

"Immigration and Naturalization is checking the green-card status of most of the people who want to work. The scaffolding to build the superstructure is not OSHA-approved and is forbidden to use except for private structures less than five cubits..

"The trades unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union workers with Ark-building experience.

"To make matters worse, the IRS seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species.

"So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 100 years for me to finish this Ark."

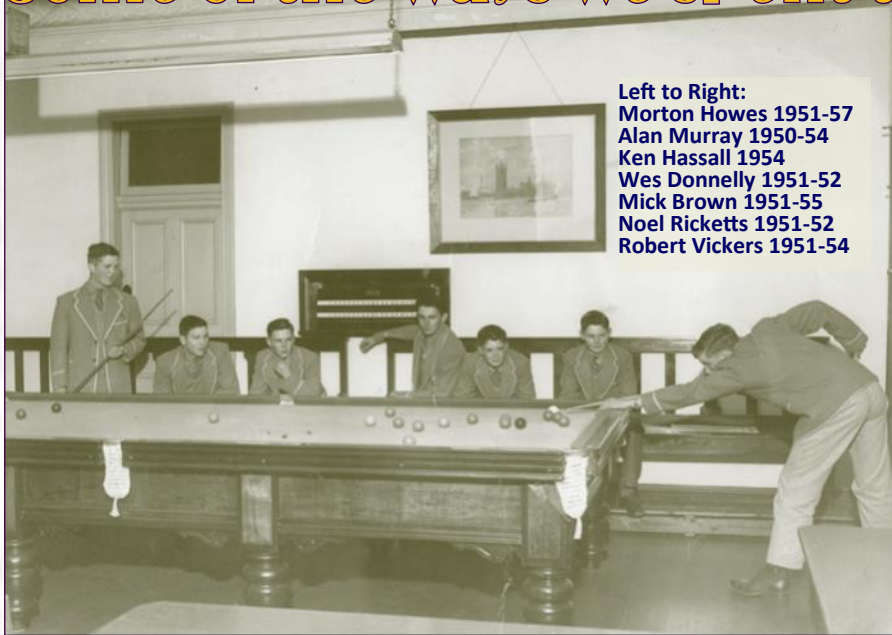
Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in wonder and asked, "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?"

"No," said the Lord. "The government beat me to it."

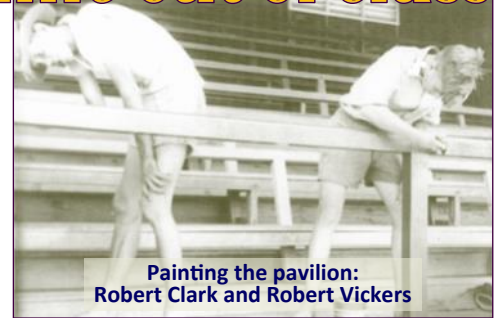


Nostalgix ~ the way we were ~ Nostalgix

Some of the ways we spent time out of class



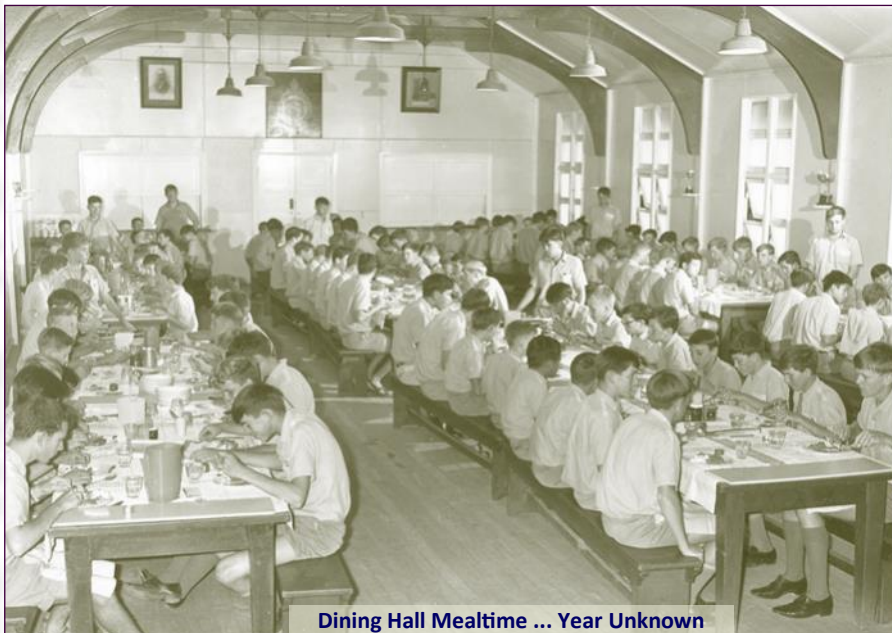
Left to Right:
Morton Howes 1951-57
Alan Murray 1950-54
Ken Hassall 1954
Wes Donnelly 1951-52
Mick Brown 1951-55
Noel Ricketts 1951-52
Robert Vickers 1951-54



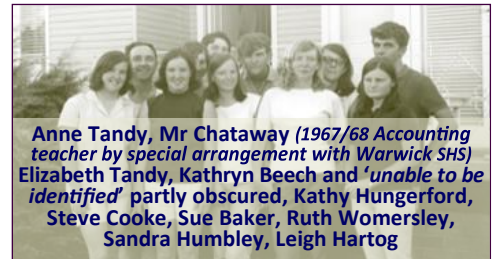
Painting the pavilion:
Robert Clark and Robert Vickers



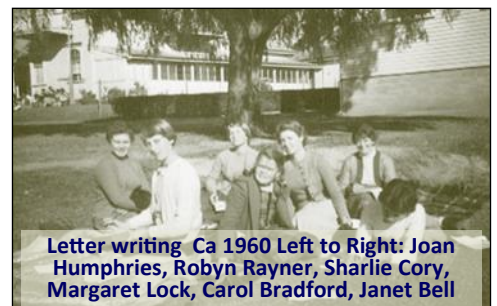
1954 The First SHOOTING TEAM gained 2nd highest score in QLD while competing for the EARL ROBERTS TROPHY Left to Right: Back: Cpl. Kim Price, Sgt. Michael Brown L/Cpl. William Deshon; Front: U/O. Robert Vickers, U/O. Morton Howes



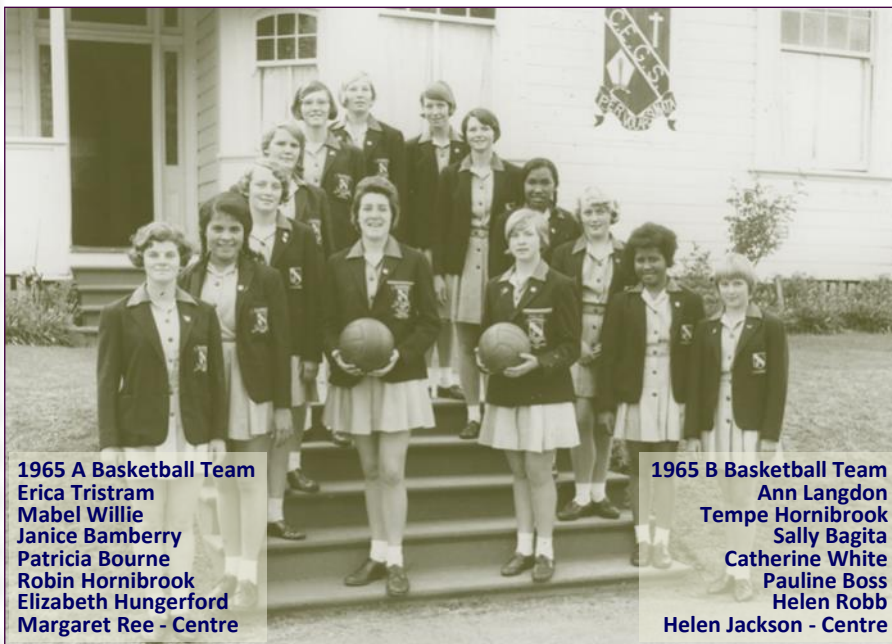
Dining Hall Mealtime ... Year Unknown



Anne Tandy, Mr Chataway (1967/68 Accounting teacher by special arrangement with Warwick SHS) Elizabeth Tandy, Kathryn Beech and 'unable to be identified' partly obscured, Kathy Hungerford, Steve Cooke, Sue Baker, Ruth Womersley, Sandra Humbley, Leigh Hartog



Letter writing Ca 1960 Left to Right: Joan Humphries, Robyn Rayner, Sharlie Cory, Margaret Lock, Carol Bradford, Janet Bell



1965 A Basketball Team
Erica Tristram
Mabel Willie
Janice Bamberry
Patricia Bourne
Robin Hornibrook
Elizabeth Hungerford
Margaret Ree - Centre

1965 B Basketball Team
Ann Langdon
Tempe Hornibrook
Sally Bagita
Catherine White
Pauline Boss
Helen Robb
Helen Jackson - Centre



Ca 1967: Koi Rima, Helen Smith, Sally Clarke



1961 production of The Admirable Crichton: Left to Right: Lynne Johnson, Gail Grundy, Carol Bell, Flora Whittaker, and Janet Bell

Nostalgix ~ the way we were ~ Nostalgix

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

Further information, plus - did you know...

WITH ASSISTANCE FROM SOME OF THE MEN THAT THE FRESH YOUNG FACES PICTURED GREW INTO, we share the following. Military Cadets in some schools was voluntary, whereas at Slade it was obligatory. In 1954 the Slade School Cadet Corps comprised two Platoons. Cadet Under Officers were Robert Vickers and Morton Howes; Cadet Company Sergeant Major was Gordon Meiklejohn; Cadet Company Quartermaster Sergeant, was Bob Cotton; Cadet Platoon Sergeants were Mick Brown, Steve Rowan, George Martin, Gordon Cox; Cadet Section Leaders were Ted Ross, Ken Dance, Kevin Donovan, Colin Johnston, Kim Price, Jim Biggam; Cadet Lance Corporals were John Blackwood, Godfrey Redshaw, Bill Deshon, Ron Hendry, Ron Ladner, Noel Newman. Two teachers ran the show, Commanding Officer, Lt. Tommy Atkinson and 2IC, Lt. J. Jackson. The Cadet Corps trained with World War 1 vintage .303 army rifles and attended army camp two weeks annually in December at Greenbank or Harristown, Toowoomba. The highlight of the year for many in 1954 was the Cadet Corps providing a Guard of Honour under Mort's command at St. John's Cathedral in Brisbane for the Queen's visit in 1954. Mort recalls Ted Ross, our Patron and HLM No 11, being a great guy at school—a real quiet achiever. I am happy to report that while we have sadly lost a few of these fine young men, we are still in regular contact with a good many of them.



1954 Cadet Officers and N.C.O.s

Back Row:

Cpl. E. Ross
L/Cpl. G. Redshaw
Cpl. K. Dance
Cpl. J. Blackwood
L/Cpl. B. Trevethan
L/Cpl. W. Deshon
Cpl. K. Donovan

Third Row:

Cpl. C. Johnstone
L/Cpl. P. Bailey
Sgt. A. Murray
Sgt. S. Rowan
L/Cpl. R. Hendry
Sgt. M. Brown
L/Cpl. R. Ladner
Cpl. K. Price

Second Row:

Cpl. J. Biggam
C.Q.M.S. R. Cotton
Sgt. G. Martin
Sgt. D. Russell
L/Cpl. E. Donovan
Sgt. G. Cox
L/Cpl. N. Newman

Front Row:

Sgt. K. Hassall
U/O. R. Vickers
Lt. T. Atkinson (O.C.)
Lt. J. Jackson (2.I.C.)
U/O. M. Howes
C.S.M. G. Meiklejohn

Names on pp 11 to 13 in alphabetical order WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Sally BAGITA contact via PNG
Paul BAILEY Deceased
Suzanne BAKER (Paykel) current member
Janice BAMBERRY current contact
Kathryn BEECH (Grout) current contact
Carol BELL current contact
Janet BELL (Billing) current contact
Jim BIGGAM current member
John BLACKWOOD current contact
Patricia BOURNE NOT KNOWN
Pauline BOSS NOT KNOWN
Carol BRADFORD (Hinz) current contact
Michael BROWN current contact
Robert CLARK NOT KNOWN
Sally CLARKE current contact
Stephen COOKE current member
Sharlie CORY no current contact
Susan CORY Deceased
Robert COTTON current contact
Gordon COX Deceased
Derek CURTIS Deceased
Barry DANCE current contact
Kenneth DANCE current contact
William DESHON Deceased
Errol DONOVAN Deceased
Kevin DONOVAN current contact
Westerly DONNELLY NOT KNOWN
Lois GOODWIN (Speed) current member
Gail GRUNDY in current contact
Leigh HARTOG current member
Ken HASSALL NOT KNOWN
Ronald HENDRY NOT KNOWN
Morton HOWES current contact

Robyn HORNIBROOK Deceased
Tempe HORNIBROOK NOT KNOWN
Sandra HUMBLEY (Mollenhagen) current member
Joan HUMPHRIES NOT KNOWN
Elizabeth HUNGERFORD NOT KNOWN
Kathy HUNGERFORD (Thompson) current contact
Helen JACKSON (McGlinn) current contact
Colin JOHNSTONE NOT KNOWN
Ronald LADNER current contact
Ann LANGDON NOT KNOWN
Margaret LOCK NOT KNOWN
Katrina LOCKWOOD NOT KNOWN
George MARTIN current contact
Gordon MEIKLEJOHN Deceased
Alan MURRAY Deceased
Noel NEWMAN NOT KNOWN
Heather POSTLE (Gruhl) current contact
Kim PRICE NOT KNOWN
Robyn RAYNER (Shutt) current contact
Godfrey REDSHAW NOT KNOWN
Margaret REE (Stewart) current member
Noel RICKETTS current member
Koi RIMA contact via PNG
Helen ROBB (Moloney) current member
Steve ROWAN (HLM 10) Deceased
Ted ROSS (HLM 11) current member
Donald RUSSELL NOT KNOWN
Helen SMITH (Sanderson) current member
John STARKY Deceased
Anne TANDY NOT KNOWN
Beth TANDY NOT KNOWN
Bruce TREVETHAN current contact
Erica TRISTRAM Deceased
Robert VICKERS current member
Christine WATKINS NOT KNOWN
Flora WHITTAKER NOT KNOWN

Catherine WHITE (Wildschut) current member
Mabel WILLIE contact via PNG only
Ruth WOMERSLEY current contact

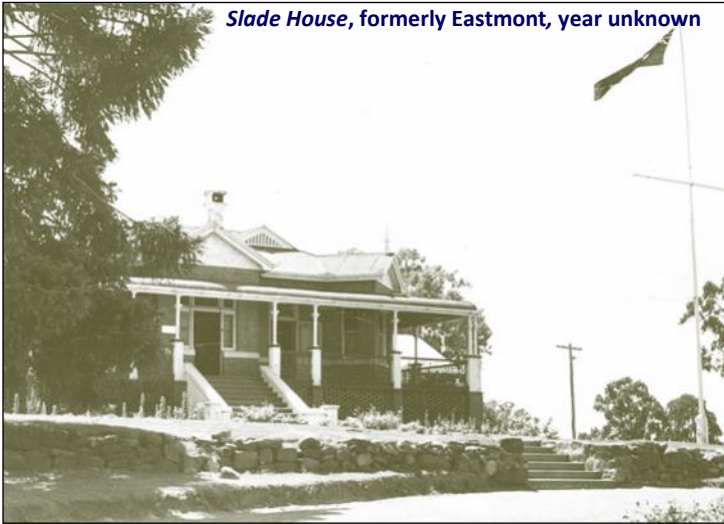
And FINALLY, still on the subject of cadets...



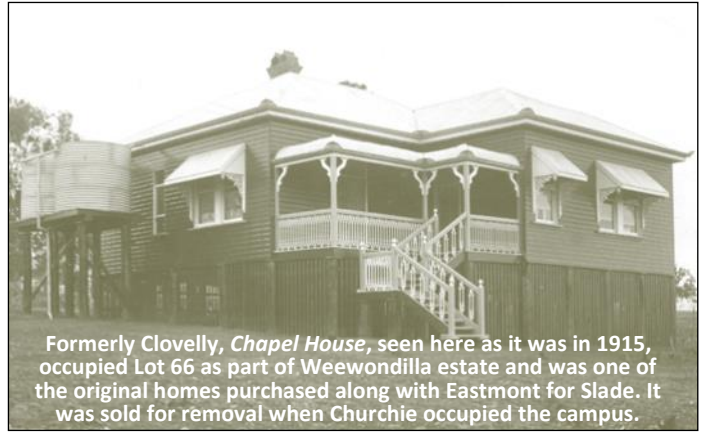
Derek Curtis at Slade 1948-1951. Also in the photo is John Starky and you can just see Barry Dance's face to the right.

HEAT WAVE didn't affect the energy and enthusiasm of these Slade College cadets, who charged with vigour and determination in field exercises at Enoggera camp yesterday.

Gracious homes, unique part of our proud heritage



Slade House, formerly Eastmont, year unknown



Formerly Clovelly, *Chapel House*, seen here as it was in 1915, occupied Lot 66 as part of Weewondilla estate and was one of the original homes purchased along with Eastmont for Slade. It was sold for removal when Churchie occupied the campus.



Formerly Listowel: *Mytton House*, including St Catharine's dining room, dormitory, and at times, classrooms, is now a private residence again.



Glengallan, managed and part owned by W.B. Slade. For a summary of the property's complex history, see pages 14-15.

At first incorporating dormitory, chapel, staff quarters and classrooms, *White House* was destroyed by fire 1983. Girls are Katrina Lockwood, Susan Cory, Heather Postle, Christine Watkins and Lois Goodwin.



Saturday, August 7, 1999 THE CHRONICLE

Homestead shut after safety report

The historic Glengallan Homestead near Warwick has been temporarily closed.

Glengallan Trust chairman and Warwick Mayor Cr Bruce Green said a safety inspection carried out at the homestead and an inspection of the road to the property had prompted the closure.

The board was concerned about the safety of volunteers and the public.

"The only prudent course was to close the building to the public," he said.

Cr Green said the homestead would receive \$2 million in funding for restoration work.

"A team of heritage architects, historians, landscapers and people with interpretive skills will be appointed next month to start detailed planning of the restoration," he said.

Although work will not start for some months, it was decided work required to make the building safe would be better left to be done during restoration works, Cr Green said.

Tours of the historic build-



CLOSED: The Glengallan Homestead has been closed temporarily because of safety concerns.

ing on the New England Highway will also be suspended, despite the tours income-generating ability.

"We could not expose the public and homestead volunteers to the risks that were clearly identified," he said.

Formerly Glenlyn: purchased by St Catharine's, opened as a boarding house in 1963, renamed *Glover House*. It is again a private home.



Renovated Glengallan Homestead open again as a visitor centre.

Glengallan, saga on an epic scale

Familiar to most of us, Glengallan Homestead is 15 kilometres or so north of Warwick on the original Darling Downs, so named by Allan Cunningham in 1827. The name, Darling Downs later came to encompass the wider surrounding region of open rolling country with rich, deep soils which drew European pastoralists to the area.

In 1841-42 the Leslie brothers sold approximately 42,000 acres (17,000 ha) to brothers Colin and John Campbell, Scottish immigrants, who named it Glengallan Run. The Leslies noted that they had disposed of the buildings and the right of the lower part of the run for which they had no use and that they had received £250 for it which may have included Glengallan. As early as 1844, Campbell and Co were in liquidation, but the partnership recovered and after 1844 it appears that licences for Glengallan were issued in the sole name of Colin Campbell. Another brother, Archibald, managed the property from 1845-48 and during this time the stock numbers increased but disease broke out in 1847. Glengallan was unsuccessfully offered for sale in November 1847.

The Campbell's first encampment had been at Freestone Creek, an area now known as Campbell Plains, but this proved unsuitable for sheep due to wooded areas and dingo habitat so the camp moved to Glengallan Creek, known as Gap Creek, near present-day Mt Marshall.

The three Campbell brothers died in 1853. Robert Tertius Campbell, (unrelated) subsequently gained the lease of North Branch of Swamps Run in 1849, continuing to lease Canning Creek until 1852. RT Campbell transferred his interest in Glengallan to his partner Charles Henry Marshall, and then moved on to the newly opened Burnett District.

Charles Henry Marshall was appointed Magistrate in 1849-50 and took John Deuchar into partnership in 1855. Marshall was an active member of the Church of England, and in 1858 gave 11 acres (4.5 ha) of land in Warwick to the church as the site for a parsonage and glebe. A parsonage, named Hillside, was built on the site for Rev'd Benjamin Glennie. In late 1864 Charles Marshall arranged for Deuchar to buy out his interest. Marshall retired from the partnership and departed for England in April 1865, but returned to Australia due to Deuchar's later financial difficulties in 1870. During their partnership, Marshall and Deuchar established the much acclaimed Glengallan Merino flock and Shorthorn stud.

By 1865 Marshall and Deuchar had pre-empted 18,172 acres (7,354 ha), which grew to 31,166 acres (12,612 ha) by the end of 1867.

By 1864 Glengallan's Head Station complex included two houses, stables and a kitchen, with new stables having been built prior to 1858. In 1866 it was described as resembling a village, connected by verandahs and covered ways!

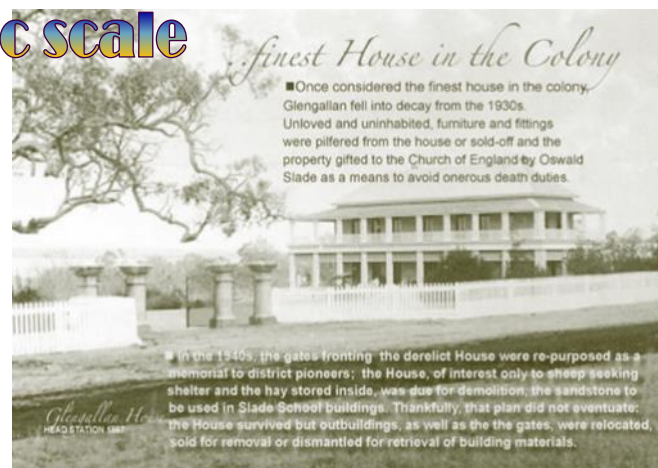
Glengallan Homestead was constructed in 1867-68. It is thought that Deuchar had been planning his house for quite some time. The extant office/store building with cellar was constructed in 1864 from local sandstone, perhaps both an experimental and integral part of the total concept using various sizes of sandstone block, unlike the regular masonry of the house or the irregular stonework of the verandah foundation.

Deuchar had intended to build a much larger house, possibly in a U-shape plan, although he only had time and resources to build one wing of the Homestead. The *Warwick Examiner* and *Times* predicted during its construction that Glengallan would become one of the most splendid gentlemen's residences in the colony.

Sandstone for the Homestead was quarried on the property, near Swan Creek at Yangan, the coarser and softer verandah sandstone coming from Karcaruda, a former settlement and railway siding near Swan Creek.

Construction of Glengallan was supervised by Warwick builder Thomas Wood, possibly for architect Charles Balding, based in Ipswich and whose practice extended to the Darling Downs. It has been suggested that Richard George Suter may have taken over from Balding who left the colony in 1867. Reports of the cost of the house vary between £5-12,000, and a gala opening party was held on 16 September 1868. The Deuchars hosted many social events while at Glengallan, with house guests including Governor Bowen and his family.

Nine months after the opening party, Glengallan was offered for



sale. The cost of the pre-emptive purchase, building a grand house, a drought, and buying Marshall out of the partnership all contributed to Deuchar's financial ruin. In 1865 Deuchar had taken sole control of the management of Glengallan, contracting to purchase it by taking out a mortgage with Marshall to be paid out in ten years but was unable to meet his payments. Hence, in early 1869, Deuchar, who also had significant other debts, tried to sell Glengallan starting in May 1869. It failed to attract a satisfactory bid at auction and in August the Bank of Australasia started legal proceedings for the payment of an outstanding overdraft. A later proposed sale of Glengallan did not go ahead because Deuchar was declared bankrupt whereupon Marshall exercised his pre-emptive, and secured, rights as mortgagee and took possession of Glengallan.

Marshall returned from England in November 1870 and stayed until 1873 at which time he took William Ball Slade into partnership. He again retired to England where he died in August 1874. Nevertheless, the partnership continued with Marshall's share being transferred to his widow, Charlotte Augusta Dring Marshall, until 1904 when the property was sold.

In WB Slade's time at Glengallan, changes occurred resulting from the increased diversification of the property into dairying and crops. In the open areas fostered by the Aboriginal land management practices, before European settlement, pasture dominated by nutritious grasses had developed. These grasses did not survive intense stocking, particularly when fencing became standard practice, and less nutritious grasses took their place. A gradual decline in the carrying capacity was noted during the period 1860-1880, and the solution to improve the feed resulted in lucerne becoming a major crop.

WB Slade was born in Somerset, England. After some legal training he migrated to Sydney in 1861 where his elder brother was practising as a solicitor. After some pastoral experience in New South Wales and Queensland, Slade married Sophia Thompson at St Mark's in Warwick, and became manager and partner of Glengallan. Here Slade grew the Shorthorn stud to 1,000 plus pedigree females, one of the largest in the world. The Merino

stud had such prestige that Slade maintained a closed flock until 1916. In that time he developed a heavier-fleeced flock, with wool that was stronger, longer and often brighter.

Shepherding was abandoned in favour of fenced paddocks and Glengallan concentrated on stud sheep and cattle, with fat lambs becoming important once rail transport and refrigeration came into the economic realm. Recognised as the best manager in the Darling Downs, Slade transformed Glengallan from a traditional pastoral stud property to one where intensive cultivation of lucerne and other fodder supported stud stock and wethers bought for fattening from western properties. Further diversification



included dairying and a substantial piggery.

The original timber shingles to the roof of Glengallan were sheeted over with corrugated iron and stormwater drainage was introduced. Pipes were installed at the northwest and southwest corners of the house, with sandstone capping pieces. Pipes also fed into the roof tank.

In 1885 Glengallan covered 42,000 acres (17,000 ha), but from 1896 to 1904 Glengallan was progressively broken up into smaller units. The Agricultural Lands Purchase Act of 1894 was the instrument by which many of the large estates on the Downs were broken up. Under this Act, the Glengallan partnership restored its capital and recouped drought losses in three major subdivisions between 1895 and 1904, when the partnership came to an end. Slade actively offered his property to the Government and lobbied local Members of Parliament to assist in ensuring his offer was accepted.

In 1904, after the three major subdivisions, Slade retained 3,000 acres (1,200 ha) and repurchased the Glengallan Homestead block for £10,265. Later in 1904, Slade transferred the Glengallan Homestead and accompanying 482 acres (195 ha) to GH Gillespie, a member of a firm of Victorian Millers. By 1907, Clara Gillespie was farming the Glengallan Homestead portion with her son Alexander Frederick Gillespie.

Naming his smaller estate East Glengallan, Slade built himself a home and continued the Glengallan Merino and Shorthorn studs. He acquired properties near Warwick and at Gore, towards Inglewood, for his family. In 1912 East Glengallan was subdivided with eldest son Oswald Carey Slade (1882-1956) managing the Merino stud. Slade's other son, Adrian, also managed or was proprietor of award-winning studs.

WB Slade is celebrated as the archetypal Anglo-Australian patrician of Warwick, being patron, office-bearer and benefactor of show societies, his church, Masonic Lodge and the Warwick branch of the Royal Society of St George. His great avocation was cricket, and he donated Slade Park to the Queensland I Zingari Cricket Club, which formed in 1868, being one of the foundation members and Captain for almost 30 years. He established annual cricket matches at Glengallan and a pavilion was constructed. In 1932 he was appointed CBE. He died 18 April 1938 and is buried in the Warwick cemetery.

It is not widely known that Slade established a school, which had opened by 1886, and paid for its construction, desks, furniture and teacher. This was taken over by the Education Department in 1891, and was closed and relocated in 1904 when that portion of Glengallan was purchased by the government. Slade also gave 2 acres (0.81 ha) to the Anglican Church, and St Andrew's Church was opened in 1908.

The only alteration made to Glengallan Homestead by Slade is thought to be the timber partition in the first floor northern room to accommodate children's bedrooms. By 1904 the structures at the head station consisted of Glengallan Homestead, with the rear cedar wing, kitchen and bath house attached, sandstone office/store, two storeyed stables, buggy shed, and servants quarters. The garden comprised a tennis court (often used for cricket practice) to the northeast of the house, a gravel/cobbled semi-circular drive lined by semi-circular garden beds and an extensive shrubbery, a lawn with a central circular garden, a tree lined drive (planted by Deuchar), and a box hedge separating the formal garden from the productive gardens.

An orchard was located on the southern side of the house and was terraced down to Glengallan Creek which was fringed with willows. A vegetable garden was also located on the southern side or behind the house. The settlement was described as giving the appearance of a picturesquely scattered township, and included many outbuildings and a large complex of structures nearer to the woolshed.

Clara Gillespie was declared insolvent in July 1910, and it seems that the property was transferred to her son Alexander Frederick Gillespie in January 1912. Financial problems plagued AF Gillespie, and during his occupation there appears to have been no new buildings erected and some may have begun to deteriorate. The Glengallan Homestead portion was apparently transferred to Oswald Carey Slade (son of WB Slade) in July 1918. AF Gillespie died in 1926-27.

Oswald Carey Slade installed a manager, and it is recorded that the Atkinson family lived in the main house in 1927. Another manager and his family occupied the house from 1931 until he retired due to ill health in 1944-45. This was the last family to live at the house. During OC Slade's ownership, the property further deteriorated with the area between the house and the office/store turned into a farmyard.

In 1919, Glengallan was described as being approached via a winding drive over a quarter mile long, with magnificent pine trees lining either side of the drive, a neat picket fence of 270 yards (250 m) surrounds the garden area, broken by a substantial gateway of stone pillars and iron gates. It also had cobbled areas to the north side of the house and approaching the office/store doors, a fernery, small vineyard, homestead enclosure and adjacent small paddocks irrigated by pipes which were supplied by elevated tanks filled by a pump, stables with feed room and harness room, buggy shed for three vehicles, and a couple of six-room cottages for married men and their families. Much of the infrastructure which originally supported Glengallan would have been disused or much modified by this time.

The two-storeyed stables burned down, probably in the late 1920s, and a stone-paved and corrugated-iron roofed shed was erected partly over the site. In the early 1930s the first floor of Glengallan House was unoccupied and the servants quarters, a long narrow timber building comprising rooms opening onto a verandah, was demolished. The stone pillars and iron gates were taken in 1940 to Leslie Park in Warwick, repurposed to commemorate the centenary of the arrival of the Leslie brothers and establishment of Canning Downs.

In 1946 the kitchen and bath house were removed to other parts of the property, and later that year the cedar wing was dismantled and sold to Eddie Mogridge of Tannymorel. It has subsequently been moved to Swanfels. The remains of a cemetery is located at a distance from Glengallan House.

Oswald Carey Slade was childless. In 1931 he transferred East Glengallan to the Anglican Church, subject to a life tenancy as a means to avoid crippling death taxes.

In 1949 Mr and Mrs OC Slade gave Glengallan Homestead to the Anglican Church which had plans to dismantle it and use the materials to build the War Memorial Science Block at the Slade campus but this did not eventuate. The school leased the property to various people for farming purposes.

After ownership of the property was assumed by the Church, little development was undertaken and sadly, Glengallan Homestead was left often open and used as shelter by goats and birds, and many of the fittings were removed. In 1972 the property was transferred to the Smith family but was left unoccupied, its remaining gardens were turned into paddocks, and the slow creep of soil from cultivated paddocks above was allowed to continue. The only visible structures were the main house and the sandstone office/store.

A 1975 report noted that the structure was in reasonably good condition, some sheets of corrugated iron had blown off the roof and the verandahs had deteriorated. By 1983 the southern verandah had collapsed. The eastern verandah was unstable, water was entering the building and more corrugated iron sheets were missing.

In 1983, a group of fourth year architecture students from the University of Queensland made a set of measured drawings of Glengallan House. These were followed up by a conservation analysis funded by a National Estate Grant in 1983, 1984 and 1986, carried out by the Department of Architecture University of Queensland. Recommendations for the conservation and management of Glengallan were made, but no organisation was willing to undertake them. In 1993 Glengallan House and its surrounding grounds were gifted to the non-profit Glengallan Homestead Trust which was formed in 1993.

Since then archaeological excavations have been carried out, mainly involving the drainage, water and sewerage systems. However, works have also been carried out resulting in some damage to the property. These works include removal of black soil overburden, provision of water, power and telephone, the installation of a toilet block and septic system, excavation for rebuilding of verandah walls, construction of a shed, and some removal of the verandahs. Roof repairs include new structural members being inserted, and re-sheeting with corrugated iron. Some of the original timber shingles have been retained in situ.

Note: Information for this article has been taken from Wikipedia. For a fuller, much more detailed account, go to [wikipedia.org](https://www.wikipedia.org)



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

Erwin Spork 1934-2022

SPORK Erwin Edward, late of Clayfield, passed away peacefully, attended by family at Wesley Private Hospital, 27th July, 2022 aged 88 years.



A funeral service to farewell Erwin was held 5th August at St Mark's Anglican Church, Clayfield. Erwin was Chairman of Centor, having been Mr Centor since he helped found the Company from its beginnings in 1951, dedicating his life to the business and its people.

During his professional life, he did every job in the Company and was personally responsible for a number of Patents. He leaves a legacy which includes folders upon folders of his designs and drawings. Erwin travelled across the globe to help establish Centor's first Export customers and loved to tell the story of how a Sheikh left him in his hotel room for four days in Saudi Arabia, awaiting an order for sliding door hardware. His son, Nigel, recalls, “In our last conversations, we discussed our progress with everyone's help in re-arranging the Eagle Farm factory to make 300sqm of space for the new paint line. We discussed the extraordinary lengths our people were going to in North America to help clear the backlog of doors. We spoke of everyone's excitement in making the new Twinpoint lock in our Strykow factory and the wonderful conversations we will have with our UK and EU customers about a new type of wide-angle folding door. Dad was delighted to see the graphs showing the successes of our growing China team in bringing screens to new customers. “Dad will be buried in his favourite Centor shirt, awarded to him in December, with the Platinum Arm Patch recognizing the milestone of his achieving 70 years of loyal and unwavering service.

“His foundation was his marriage to Mum, Mary, and two years ago we celebrated their Diamond 60th Anniversary together with hand-written congratulations from the Queensland Premier, the Prime Minister of Australia, the Governor General of Australia and Her Majesty the Queen.”

Erwin years at Slade were 1948-1951 and he was a classmate of the late Adam Clark. His enrolment information states that his home town at time of entry was Gladstone.

Thank you, John Deshon for this image of Erwin from the order of service from his funeral.

William Deshon 1938-1996

DESHON William Frank Hill, formerly of Dirranbandi and later of Lightning Ridge, passed away peacefully 18th December, 1996 aged 58 years.



He is buried at Cumborah Cemetery, Walgett Shire New South Wales. Bill and his wife, Jill, had five children: Benjamin, Samuel, Nicholas, Adam and Simon.

Bill's years at Slade were 1950-1954.

This photo of him was cropped from the 1954 Slade 7st 7lb XV team.

Bill was a brother to Douglas Deshon and cousin of John and Robert Deshon.

George Rivers 1934-2022

RIVERS George William, late of Kenmore, passed away peacefully 20th August 2022, surrounded by his family.



George is survived by his wife, Helen and their children, Elizabeth, Marion and David and their families. George's wife, Helen (Creswell) was a St Catharine's student 1957-1958.

A service of celebration for George's life was held at Centenary Memorial Gardens, Sumner 30th August.

Our records show that George came to Slade from Tenterfield and was there 1948-1950.

The photo at left was kindly supplied by George's daughter, Elizabeth.

Pat Bailey 1932-2022

BAILEY Trevor Patrick (Pat), late of Beauaraba Living, Pittsworth, and formerly of Bollon, passed away peacefully 23rd August aged 90 years. Pat is survived by his wife, Elva and their children, Wendy, Trevor and their families.



A service celebrating Pat's life was held at the T.S. Burstow Chapel, Toowoomba 31st August.

Pat came to Slade from Booroomba Station, Bollon. He was a student there 1946 to 1950 and was a member of the 1949 First XV team.

This photo of Pat is the one selected by his family for his order of service.

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.



St Catharine's/Slade School Facebook

Our Facebook page has 523 members as of September 1, 2022 and continues to grow strongly

Look what we're seeing and sharing on Facebook!

Facebook is the 21st Century way to find out many things. Kathy Fabila (1972-75) took the initiative of establishing this page 6th July, 2014 for our past students to reconnect with one another in a respectful, non-confrontational way. The rules of our closed group include being kind and courteous, no use of hate speech or bullying, no promotions or spam and to be protective of everyone's privacy. 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.



Posted 16/08/2022: From Act Two, the shipwrecked scene, part of St Catharine's 1968 production of James Barrie's THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON. Cast members from left to right: Sandi Evans, Barbara Whybird, Karen Bromley, Libby Hutton, Trudie Redmond, Julie Hornibrook, Pamela Dight and Kathleen Ree who played the title role. Backdrop was painted by Joan Clothier. This Act was also performed at the Twelfth Night Theatre in Brisbane as the school's highly commended entry in the Jean Trundle competition that year, against the better known, larger Brisbane schools. It is pleasing to note that all the members of the cast shown here who were in Sub Senior at the time are current SCPSA contacts.



Bonus Facebook Extra!

June 25 **Michelle Connolly** posted these pictures and several more after a recent trip down memory lane in Warwick...



August 23 **Colin Cedric Snr** 1st Football team 84/85, I'm pretty sure we went through undefeated that year.



B/R: Wilson Aitorea, Ross Andrews, Tony Pryor, Eddie Diro, Steven Anuba, David Lander, Wayne Keighley, F/R: Andrew Wallace, Jerald Schefe, Peter Steadman, Charles Clapperton, Tom Girdler, Donald Cedric, Colin Cedric
*Thank you to **Irene Woods** who supplied the names of this 1984 team.



August 24 **Colin Cedric Snr**

... a surprise visit from Mr Graham Dorman, Good to catch up with you (Sir) and your wife / friends. Fr Dorman was attending the funeral service of our "Late Bishop Arthur Malcolm"... in Yarrabah Aboriginal Community, Queensland, Australia.

