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New page, whole new chapter

HOW VERY ABRUPTLY ALL THAT WE KNEW AND THOUGHT WE KNEW CAN BE IRREVOCABLY AND UTTERLY ALTERED, perceptions, reflections and direction turned around in a moment, leaving us to question our place in the world and the way we view ourselves and others in it. 8 September, 2022 marked such a moment and the close of an era. For those not yet born before Elizabeth II took the throne as Queen, she, who has been a constant for so many, is the only monarch they have ever known. Reason told us she could not live forever but we grew so used to her enduring presence that news of her death still shocked profoundly. We envisage interesting times ahead. The Queen is portrayed here wearing the George IV State Diadem, so familiar to us all on countless postage stamps.

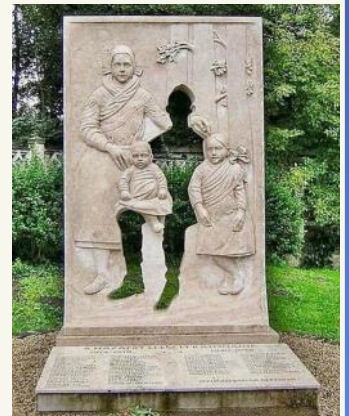


11.11.11 & the punishingly steep price of peace

THIS DAY EACH YEAR, WE MARK REMEMBRANCE DAY by wearing poppies—not the hybrid ones so prized by those who breed the fancier strains mind you, but the common red poppies readily seen growing wild in farmers' fields throughout Europe. It can be easily forgotten that many of the land battles that were fought in the great wars of the first half of the 20th century were waged in and around these same farmers' fields and villages. To this day, farmers ploughing their fields in Belgium and France do so using tractors with specially reinforced under-plating as defence against unexploded ordnance still lying in the soil and still deadly. None of this will be lost on those who have been fighting so fiercely and so resolutely to maintain control of their homeland this year in Ukraine.



Red poppies were among the first to flower amid the churned-up battlefields in the First World War. In soldiers' folklore, the vivid red of the poppy was a reminder of the blood of their comrades which had soaked so recently and freely into that soil. It has been noted that wars do not determine WHICH SIDE WON so much as WHO IS LEFT after it is all over. The free standing sculpture pictured at right is a telling image and poignant reminder of what a family can look like after one of its own is lost to it forever. Sadly many of our more senior past students have experienced this loss and grief first hand.



In England in 1919, the British Legion looked for an emblem that would honour the dead and help the living. For the reasons outlined above, the red poppy was adopted as that emblem and since that time this humble wildflower has been the emblem of remembrance.

Our own Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia adopted this in 1921 announcing that they and other returned servicemen's organisations throughout the British Empire and allied countries had passed resolutions at their international conventions to recognise the poppy of Flanders fields as the international memorial flower to be worn on Armistice Day enforced at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month 1918 at Le Francport near Compiègne.

Red poppies are worn on Remembrance Day for three reasons. Firstly, in memory of the dead who rest in Flanders Fields; secondly, to keep alive respect for the cause for which they laid down their lives; and thirdly, as a tangible and visible bond of the esteem and fraternity between the servicemen of all allied nations and, out of regard for France and Belgium, our common battleground.

Those who have lost their lives in armed conflicts paid a steep price but so too did the families who were then forced to go on without fathers, brothers, sons, daughters and friends. Our own many past students who died so young in World War II were among our brightest and best and all were, without exception, of immeasurable loss to their families and communities. May they rest in peace.

In Flanders Fields

by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.



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Editor's Notes...



AS WE LEAVE THE LAST OF SPRING IN OUR WAKE heading into summer, there is plenty to ponder on the home front and abroad. Who of us has power to predict how the future will play out? We can but do all we can to stay informed and positive, keep faith and prepare as best we can for what comes.

Our Brekky Creek pics show what a great get together this lunch has grown into. If you couldn't make it, by all means enjoy the pictures!

Again we mark, Remembrance Day, this year, in the sincere hope that the ongoing war in Ukraine and escalating tensions elsewhere do not culminate in yet another full blown international conflict and mobilisation of our own armed forces on a massive scale.

With a third la Nina here already we hope not to see more extreme flooding and storm damage than has affected so many already. To date we have not been made aware of anyone belonging to us who has been severely impacted. Nearer to Warwick, we hark back to the tornado that wreaked havoc on Killarney 54 years ago in November 1968. This freak event hit close to home for those of us still at school at the time. For a brief account of the event see Page 4.

As promised, we feature the adventures of our Variety Bash veterans, Nigel and Cris, back home safe and sound after achieving fundraising targets and taking in some stunning landscapes and truckloads of unforgettable experiences along the way.

It is always inspiring to learn how others of us are working away quietly in various communities. Our personal passions are as diverse as individuals are. Be impressed with their stories on Pages 12 and 13.

With the Rabaul pics from David Herbert—Page 14—we include a little bit of backstory for this pearl of the Pacific which is well known to PNG expats and locals. David and Stephen Hull have deep Rabaul roots so this story is personal to them and to others like Leigh Nisbet too. I know we ran a Rabaul story last year but this perspective put together with David's images was too compelling to ignore.

Thank you to our 'Canberra correspondent' Barbara Pfaff for 'Our Elizabethan Era' (Page 16). Searching online for images of stamps to illustrate Barbara's story was quite a trip down memory lane for me—way back when it cost no more than 1½d and even 1d to post a letter!

If you are one of those who missed or lost some Kinawahs, this is a reminder that issues may be downloaded now from our evolving SCPSA website. If you have never visited the current website which is finely curated by Leigh Nisbet, I strongly encourage you to do so. It is a far cry from the rather more haphazard one of old and is loaded with information, photos and much more for you to explore at your leisure. Just key in www.scpsawarwick.com to your internet browser and spend some time rekindling some of your own of memories.

Until next time, enjoy this jam packed edition and stay OKAY. 😊 Joan

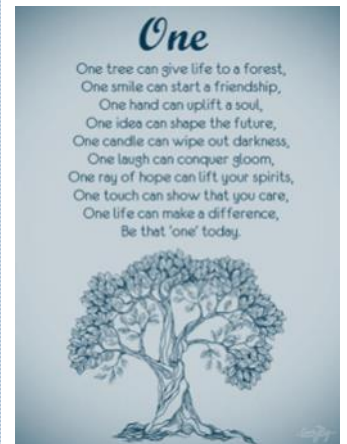
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I dream of giving birth to a child who will ask:

“Mother, what was war?”

”

Eve Merriam



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Johnno's Corner

REMEMBRANCE DAY 11th NOVEMBER 2022, 104 years after the guns fell silent on 'Flanders Field'. This is the day that we pay special attention to all those who have given their lives in the service of our Country. Not only those that died but those who supported loved ones who had to serve.

Mothers who lost an only child, returned soldiers who had to be nursed for the remainder of their lives. Families who endured violent and alcoholic fathers who knew no other way to deaden the horrors of war. It is a time to remember how our grandparents got on with life after those wars, a time when there was a gate in the back fence where neighbours swapped eggs and vegies.

■ Please take time to remember 'them' and to give thanks for the privilege of living in the best country in the world. I think it was Napoleon who said 'eternal vigilance is the price of liberty'. I have always advocated some form of national service either military or non military. In my view the 1975 dissolving of the Federally funded School Cadet System is an act of national shame. School Cadets gave young boys a much needed energetic outlet along with the learning of important leadership and life skills. More than ever our young people need something meaningful in their lives other than social media influence.

■ This year's Brekky Creek catchup was a great turnout. A big 'thank you' to all who made the effort to come along. Leslie Noon from Cairns, Dale Weller from Sydney and a 'GOLD STAR' to Vietnam vet, Terry Keys, joining us all the way from Perth. Thirteen paid their annual subs, thank you. From my calcs about 75% of you receiving this newsletter do so by the grace of the 25% of us who pay for you. The old 'life memberships' were voted away some years ago because the Association was going backwards financially. Your subs pay for our insurance, printing, postage and museum costs, WCC bursaries and miscellaneous other donations to affiliated worthy recipients.

■ Congratulations to the '72's, being your Golden Anniversary. Driving home I was thinking that there was a big roll up of blokes from 1972 and then my Maths slowly kicked in !!!

■ Thoughts go out to all our Farmers at this time of year when winter crops are harvested, summer crops planted and hail storms dodged. I hope that whatever comes your way, you are able to profit from it or have the resilience to go again.

■ 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**

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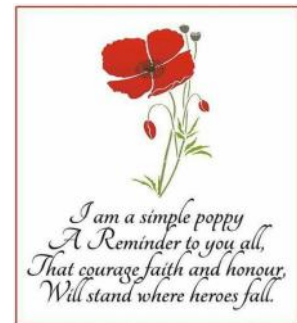
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STILL TO COME IN 2022

**November 11
Remembrance Day**

**November 16
WCC Primary Awards Evening**

**November 17
WCC Secondary Awards Evening**



Your goal is not to be better than the other man but your previous self.



SCPSA Membership

During our recent travels around western Queensland, in several places we visited, we thought about past students of ours who came away to boarding school from the outback. How very different Warwick must have seemed to them when compared with what they were used to. How many of them have we lost contact with over the years and how many of these school fellows of ours might be pleased to meet up again and renew friendships with old school mates?

In more recent years our Slade Campus Past Students' Association, has moved with the times and become an even more inclusive and wider reaching body. Clearly it is the ideal vehicle through which we are able to accomplish this. As we make new contacts all the time, most people are more than happy to be put back in touch with each other, especially when they are not even living in the same country! Communication is key and we are exploring new avenues to build on what we are already using. We are always interested in your input and comment, whether via Kinawah, or through our much visited Facebook page and look forward to hearing from you.

Sadly, a small number of our long-standing members have again moved across to our deceased list but as of November 11, total number of SCPSA financial members stands at 173.

Only a handful of members from the previous financial year have not, as yet renewed their membership. Invoices were sent out for those of us whose fees fell due as of July 1 and there will be a further membership update to reflect the current status in the new year.

Should you have any questions about this or anything else concerning membership, please contact me via the membership email at: - scpsa.membership1@bigpond.com or you are welcome to call me or leave a message on **0412 973 831** if I am unable to answer straight away.

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

Pages 3, 9 and 13 showcase some of the wonderful wide open spaces between Bedourie and Boulia



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Happening now at 70 Horsman Rd

Checking in with now and revisiting then...



A shot of Remembrance Day déjà vu in the picture above for our Slade old boys who will have vivid recollections of making use of the improvised rifle range at the bottom of the cliffs below the campus. Many an uncomfortable hour was spent drilling, firing and becoming familiar with the weapons on hand during their Cadet training.



WCC 'Best School Exhibit' in Warwick Rodeo parade



Looking back on the 1968 destruction of Killarney

EVERYONE remembers Cyclone Tracy, which devastated Darwin in 1974, but few outside the little border town of Killarney recall the tornado that wreaked havoc on the community six years earlier November 2, 1968, the local school was having its annual speech night and residents were gathered in the Capitol Theatre for the event. The storm hit around 8p.m. and when people stumbled out of the theatre in its wake they were met by scenes of devastation. Rubble was everywhere, with no electricity to light the way. It was fortunate so many people had been in the theatre, where locals had held the doors closed at the height of the storm, keeping those inside safe. Most of the buildings in the town's main street had been destroyed. Those still standing had been severely damaged. All the churches, the show pavilion and most of the buildings along Acacia Street were flattened. In the light of day, the town looked like a war zone. 200 homes were destroyed and a young girl died. Army personnel, electricians, telephone workers and many volunteers came to tackle the mammoth clean-up. The Bowls Club became an outlet for food parcels and clothes, all of which had been donated. The Co-op repaired its damage and became a very important source of materials. The abattoir also kept going and kept the town afloat. Many people whose businesses or houses had been destroyed left the town to find a future elsewhere, but many other families rebuilt their homes and were part of Killarney's regrowth. All the churches and halls such as the Show Pavilion, the RSL and the Masonic Lodge were rebuilt. The school was repaired and the children were able to go back to class the following Monday. Eventually Killarney became a town again. In the aftermath, the community came together to rebuild their town. <https://www.thesenior.com.au> and <https://www.couriermail.com.au>

IN THE 'SPIRIT OF ENDEAVOUR' depicted in one of the quadrants of the Slade crest, those boys not still encumbered by public exams made trips out to Killarney on the back of the good old red International truck owned by the school and helped residents with the clean up. Steve Cook vividly remembers the chaotic fallout and destruction with sheets of corrugated iron tangled in power lines and one uprooted tree which had totalled a brand new Mercedes sedan behind a doctor's surgery .

TORNADO SMASHES TOWN

This double-storey Killarney building with shops at ground level and flats above had its roof blown off and front blown out.



BRISBANE, Saturday. - The worst pocket tornado in Queensland's history smashed into the tiny town of Killarney in a 100 m.p.h. rampage last night. REPORT, PAGE 4

MOTHER NATURE unleashed her fury in Killarney amid the backdrop of Slade/CEGS Junior and Senior public examinations in Warwick...

FRONT PAGE NEWS STORY SOME DAYS AFTER THE FACT IN

The Sun Herald

← Sydney



14TH BREKKY CREEK LUNCH WILL ATTENDED AND ENJOYED BY ALL

1970s standouts



Decade notably represented:
 Stuart Hazell blew réveille for a '70s reunion with the response plain to see right here on this page.

At the back left to right: Nigel Faulkner (1974-78), Don Gilmour (1970-71), Peter Gilmour (1971-73), John Farquhar (1973-78), Cris Roy (1974-78), Pauline Maud (Page 1969-74), Katie Page (1969-73), Stuart Hazell (1969-72), Walter Holcombe (1970-72).
 Front: Trevor Roy (1972-73), Lyla Irving (Page 1969-73), Dale Weller (1971-74), Lesley Knezevic (Noon 1969-77), Kathy Fabila (Inman 1972-75), Philip Cover (1968-72), Ted Woodrow (1968-71), Tony Roy (1969-72)



Second Row: Cris Roy, Nigel Faulkner and John Farquhar, Dale Weller, Kathy Fabila and Lyla Irving.
 Third Row: Geoff Brown (1970-72), Peter Gilmour, Richard Hill (1969-72), Don Gilmour with Stuart Groat (1962-66). Fourth Row: Stuart Hazell, Ted Woodrow, Philip Cover, Walter Holcombe.



1960s super duper somebodies L-R

MORE 14th BREKKY CREEK LUNCH HAPPY SNAPPS



Di Cory '52-'62, Judy Fletcher '56-'62, Susan Armbruster '47-'62 Jenny Aiken '62-'65 Terry Keys '58-'60, Andrew Bode '59-'62



Nancy Aiken '60-'64, Jocelyn Wright '61-'65, Jean Gordon '62-'64, Lesley Baker-Finch '62-'64, Gloria Cooper '62-'63 Cheryl Caulley '63-'64, Margaret Thorsborne '63-'66 Ross Thompson '62-'65, Steve Cooke '64-'68.



Judy Donovan '61-'64, Djenan McDougall '61-'67, Trudie Redmond '64-'69, Julie Hornibrook '66-'69, Barbara Whybird '67-'70, Kay Whybird '67-'69 Walter Robb '67-'69 Jacque Baxter '66-'69, Laurence Boyd '62-'70, Geoff Orr '57-'64.



Judy Gillam '62-'65, Jean Gordon '62-'63, Margaret Ree '62-'65 Jill Anderson '59-'64, Lesley Baker-Finch '62-'64, Margaret Fraser '62-'65 John Bayliss '63-'67, Ron Mauch '63-'65.



Four Noons meeting up from southern, central, far north and western QLD

Noon family: Charles '63-'72, Richard '60-'68, Lesley '69-'77, Noon '60-'65 Phil Hoare '62-'65, Terry Stehbens '62-'65, Damien Walsh '62-'65.

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What you said: hearing back from our readers

It was good to hear back from Philippa Wetherell after the September October Kinawah was dispatched. Philippa was on St Catharine's CEGS staff 1967-70 although at that time we knew her as a youthful and energetic Sister Philippa SSA. We were delighted to have her join us in 2018 to share her own recollections for our centennial celebrations at the Slade Campus in our old St Catharine's Assembly Hall. On that occasion the hall's new status and signage was unveiled declaring its previous history—a surprise gift to us from the SCPSA boys and Warwick Christian College.

Philippa Wetherell I have enjoyed all the editions since you managed to find me and made contact. I am amazed at the amount and variety of material you manage to glean from different sources.



I was so pleased to read about St Mark's contribution to Jumpers & Jazz, the tower of Flowers - so colourful and involving so much creativity. Did you say that the schools had made a contribution to the restoration of the stained-glass windows in St Mark's?* It is a beautiful building and bears testimony to the significance of Warwick in the history of Southern Queensland.

The photographs of St Catharine's sporting teams in recent editions have been of particular interest to me. In the one before the latest there was one of a basketball team, and I was delighted that I could recognise each of the girls, and some I knew over the four years plus a term that I spent at the school. I am trying to think of the name of a girl in a current photo, one who wasn't named, so I hope one of the others in the team will remember her. Do you have present contact with Susan Feez whom I knew at both St Aidan's and St Cath's? I was not able to know what many of them did after leaving school, and I am sorry that we have lost touch with so many, girls like Pam Hardie and Ruth Greenup especially, also many others in photos from 1967/8 to 1971 when we (the SSA Sisters) left the school and Warwick.

Do you have an email address for Sharon Hubbard as I would like to tell her of my quite vivid remembrances of living in the house I knew as "Glover" It had some fascinating features and I had some good and not so good experiences there with Year 12 girls. [Do] continue your very important role, keeping alive a significant part of the history of Warwick as it reaches out from the schools, past and present, and even with a future through Warwick Christian College.

***Note:** As mentioned in the July August Kinawah, the Slade Campus Past students' Association made financial contributions (in both 2020 and 2021) towards the restoration of St Mark's stained glass windows which were sorely in need of some TLC. Sadly we have no current information about Sharon Hubbard.

Donald Bonthron 1943-50

... I was no student, played sport to an average ability not leaving any mark on anything. My brother [Bill]* had much more ability in sport and what he achieved later in his life. Some of the students that come to my notice I remember. Unfortunately most have left this world. I just want to thank you and others for sending me the Kinawah.

**** Note:** Don's late brother, William Napier Bonthron attended Slade in 1943 and again from 1948 to 49. For all those familiar with

old-school ABC regional radio, Bill's 'on the ground' opinion was regularly sought and broadcast on wide ranging grass roots issues. Bill was awarded the MBE. He also received an AM for his services to the pastoral industry and had not long been invested as a Member of the Order of St Johns at the time of his death in 2008.

Robert Vickers 1951-54 What a great [September October] issue. Something for everyone. You should have been a journalist. Your Kinawahs are a great, accurate historical record.

Walter Robb 1967-69 Photo [below] ... was probably 1970. At the head of the table on the left are (L to R) Martin Jones and Bruce Clark. Next to Bruce is William Frost, I think.



Greg Tweedie 1966-66 You may remember me from 1966 (6th Form only). I'm currently living in the USA but will be moving home to Qld later this year. I'll look forward to the next meet up [at the Brekky Creek].

Lynne Johnson 1959-62 I've been thinking a lot about it being 60 years since our Senior class was together at St C's for the last time as students. Then last month ... I found the pic attached - Pat Spies [Marshall], Moi, and Liz Lupton [Wicky]. In 1962 we were Marsh, John and Wicky. Sadly, Wicky has since died and we've lost touch with Marsh.



"The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart."
— Elisabeth Foley

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HERE THERE AND EVERYWHERE

The origins of Remembrance Day, Armistice Day and how the end of WWI was greeted in Australia



THE REMEMBRANCE DAY TRADITION WAS INAUGURATED IN 1919 BY KING GEORGE V, as a lasting reminder that hostilities formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" of 1918 in accordance with the Armistice which was signed by representatives of Germany and the Entente between 5:12 and 5:20 earlier that morning. "At the 11th hour" is a reference to the passing of the 11th hour, or 11:00 a.m. on that day. World War I officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles 28 June 1919. Armistices had been agreed previously with Bulgaria, (Turkish) Empire and Austria-Hungary. Interestingly, the German government had sent a message to American president Woodrow Wilson to negotiate terms on the basis of a recent speech of his and the earlier declared "Fourteen Points", which subsequently became the platform of the German surrender at the Paris Peace Conference, which took place the following year.

Also known as the Armistice of Compiègne (French: *Armistice de Compiègne*, German: *Waffenstillstand von Compiègne*) from the place where it was officially signed at 5:45 a.m. by the Allied Supreme Commander, French Marshal Ferdinand Foch, it came into force at 11:00 a.m. Paris time on 11 November, 1918 and marked victory for the Allies and defeat for Germany, although not formally a surrender.

The actual terms, largely written by Foch, included the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front, withdrawal of German forces from west of the Rhine, Allied occupation of the Rhineland and bridgeheads further east, the preservation of infrastructure, the surrender of aircraft, warships, and military materiel, the release of Allied prisoners of war and interned civilians, eventual reparations, no release of German prisoners and no relaxation of the naval blockade of Germany. The armistice was extended three times while negotiations continued on a peace treaty. The Treaty of Versailles, which was officially signed on 28 June 1919, took effect on 10 January 1920. As a fateful postscript, fighting continued up to 11 a.m. of the 11th November 1918, with 2,738 men dying on the last day of the war. en.wikipedia.org et al

AS GUNFIRE CEASED ON THE WESTERN FRONT on the morning of November 11, 1918, Australia's first war correspondent, Charles Bean, dispassionately observed "the gates to the future silently opened". The armistice which secured the end of World War I had been signed at dawn, finally marking the conclusion of a four-year conflict that had claimed more than 60,000 Australian lives.

Confirmation would take several hours to reach Australia, where

crowds were gathering in the streets at the very first whispers of the news.

In every town and city, people rejoiced at the end of 'the war to end all wars' — and the beginning of a new chapter in Australia's history.

News of the signing of the armistice prompted wild celebrations in Sydney's Martin Place.

Crowds ran out of control in Melbourne, derailing tram cars, even crashing one through the front window of an office building.

Adelaide crowds had gathered outside newspaper and post offices awaiting news since the early evening of November 11. As soon as it came out they were singing patriotic songs, up and down the streets and enthusiastically waving flags. A band practising outside the railway station joined in with the crowd as well.

Spectators held an Armistice Day procession along Flinders Street in Townsville where cinema and theatre performances were stopped as the news broke.

News took longer to reach some country areas, going out through the post office and down the railway lines but parties began in rural towns as news of the armistice reached them. As soon as they heard the news people got out of bed banging kerosene tins and walking up and down the streets singing patriotic songs.

School children in Canungra dressed in costumes of different countries for the town's Armistice Day procession. Impromptu celebrations started as soon as locals heard the news. The mill hands stopped work and the whole head of steam was blown off by tying down the whistles, startling the countryside for miles around.

The celebrations in the rural Victorian town of Kaniva included a mock funeral held on July 19, 1919 for Kaiser Wilhelm II, who was blamed by many for starting World War I. Here the town delayed formal celebrations until 1919 when most of their troops had returned home.

More than 3,000 Australian nurses had volunteered for service in WWI and Armistice Day celebrations were held for them in Kempsey.

The celebrations, no matter how joyful, could not make up for the devastating impact of the war. The losses, of course, were extreme — 60,000 men that really couldn't be easily replaced.

So it was that in many ways, Australia in the interim years was a nation in mourning."

Still left to arrange was the huge task of bringing troops home — an exercise that would take nearly a year. Once home, they would be faced with the challenge of readjusting to civilian life.

The fact was these men came home, mostly, completely changed by the experience. They had been out of sight — never out of mind — on the other side of the world, fighting a war that was probably inconceivable to most Australians in an era when communication was much more limited than we are used to and the release of news was strictly controlled by governments who were strongly invested in preserving morale at home as well as their own agendas. The people at home had never really known what our battle weary returned servicemen had done.

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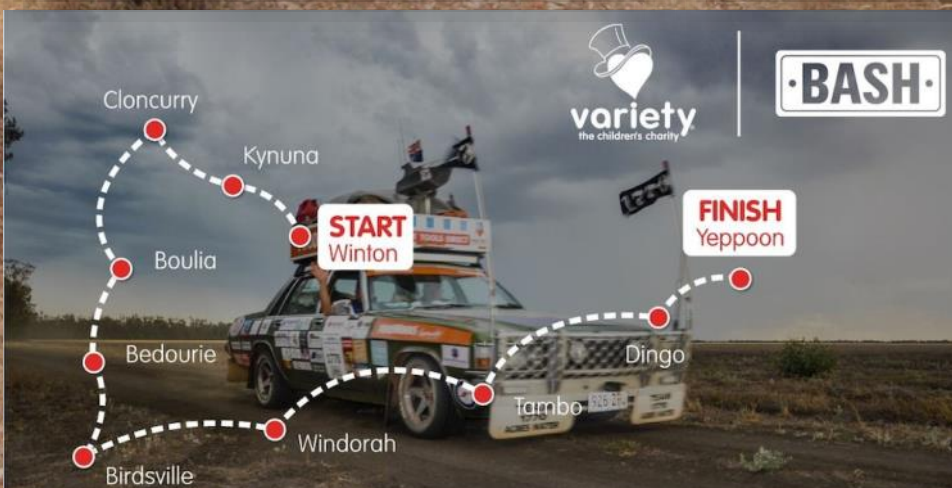
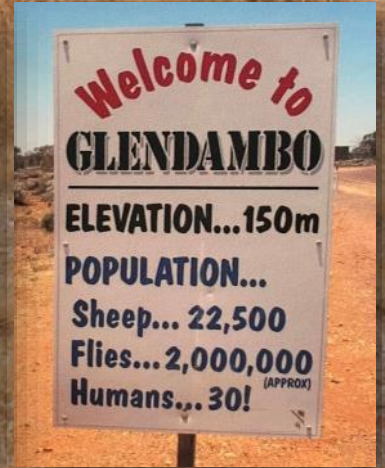
Sadly, as those of us who were taught Modern History by Miss Cant will recall, those anxiously awaited peace terms that were hammered out in the Treaty of Versailles sowed the seeds for World War II. Germany was punished so severely that its people's discontent became a fertile breeding ground for Adolf Hitler to peddle his warmongering propaganda 20 years later...

"Peace does not mean an absence of conflicts; differences will always be there. Peace means solving these differences through peaceful means; through dialogue, education, knowledge; and through humane ways." 14th Dalai Lama



Variety Bash QLD 2022: 5,500km plus Odyssey

THE GOAL OF RAISING \$2.3 MILLION TO ASSIST CHILDREN IN NEED OF A LEG UP thus enabling them to fulfil their potential was an ambitious one. Nevertheless, "Team Queenslander's", setting out to raise funds for this year's Variety Bash, met this challenge and Nigel and Cris were proud to be part of it. The two good school friends, along with teammates, Garry McFarlane and Mark Hansen, like all of their fellow bashers, put in an impressive tally of miles, before they even reached the starting point in Winton. Just a few of their travel pics, posted on Facebook and shared here and elsewhere in this Kinawah give us a tantalising glimpse of their adventures. Nigel at the wheel of his 1978 XC Falcon wagon and Cris driving his Mitsubishi Challenger were obliged to cooperate with some very wet unsealed roads part of the way but made the most of the camaraderie, team spirit, scenic outback destinations and wide open spaces. As an added bonus, while on the track they met several groups of those children directly benefiting from funds raised. Many of our past students are 100% familiar with plenty of the terrain they travelled through between 29 August to 7 September because this is where trainloads of us traditionally came from, on our way to boarding school in Warwick. These pictures will represent a little bit of déjà vu for them. Great concept. Worthy cause. Unwavering focus. Well done and ... PATRIBUS DIGNI ESTOTE.



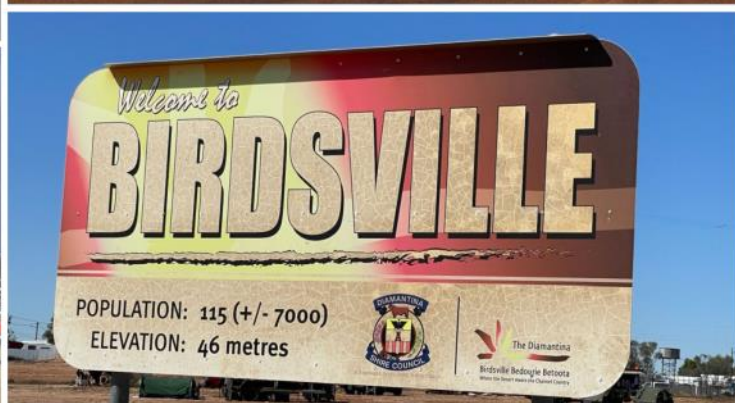


***09/09/2022 "Thanks to the Variety Bash for your extremely generous gift to our [Tambo] school community. On Tuesday the Variety Bash was in town with over seventy cars and four hundred participants. Every student was presented with a bicycle. Yes you read that right — 78 faces lit up like Christmas trees with this special gift. Variety Bash's core belief is to ensure no child is left behind or disadvantaged. This organisation certainly delivered and their support is truly appreciated." *just one small sample of Variety's impact in 2022**



AROUND THE RIDGES AND BACK AGAIN

WHEN PICTURES TELL THE TALE MOST TRULY...



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Special honour bestowed upon one of our own

SEVERAL SCPSA INDIVIDUALS FROM OUR RANKS have come up for special mention in this issue because of their own personal involvement past and future in various community endeavours. We are enormously proud of them and of the recognition and honour that has come their way. Congratulations and well done!

AFTER MORE THAN A TWO YEAR DELAY on account of COVID-19 restrictions, **Leigh Hartog**, was one of just two Penrith businessmen and philanthropists to be awarded the highest accolade the City of Penrith is able to bestow on an individual.

Managing Director and Owner of civil construction company, JK Williams, Leigh Hartog and Former Penrith Mayor John Bateman OAM, were each awarded the title of **'Honoured Citizen of the City of Penrith'** at a ceremony on the night of 29th September in official recognition of their contribution to the community.

Joining JK Williams in 1974 and purchasing the company in 1992, Leigh Hartog was acknowledged as contributing to Penrith's development while employing over 200 people. His donation of earth moving and project management services to community organisations along with sponsoring sporting groups, Council events and individuals was cited as among his contribution to Penrith. Leigh also donated and improved land along that part of the Nepean River which now forms part of the Great River Walk.

Accepting this award, Leigh, who attended Slade 1963-1968, where he sometimes answered to "Dirk" responded that he was "honoured" to be recognised, saying "It is very humbling, and we don't get involved with these things for recognition, but it is lovely".

"We try to pick projects that mean something to people connected to JK, and we do it because we love supporting Penrith and making it a better place."



Leigh, along with fellow recipient Mr Bateman is also a member of the Nepean Philanthropists which provides funding to medical research.

SCPSA members, John Bayliss and Jacque Baxter joined Leigh for the occasion, clearly in Penrith Panthers territory!

**This story is adapted and sourced from an article dated 30 September written by Emily Feszczuk for the Western Weekender*



Rabaul to the Rose City: DAVID HERBERT BRINGS HIS BRAND TO WARWICK

AS FAR BACK AS 2019, WARWICK AND THE SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL (SDRC) was seeking expressions of interest for the design and set up of a fit-for-purpose wastewater treatment plant for the city. After several stops, starts and stumbles during the lengthy tendering process and rejections by SDRC of various proposals put forward by interested businesses, in 2022, the Heal Group, of which David Herbert—Slade 1965-1967—is Managing Director, was awarded the contract.

Until now, wastewater from Warwick's sewage treatment plant is graded Class 3 and is discharged either directly into the Condamine or used to irrigate certain pastures with specific checks and balances in place. It would seem the efficiency and cost effectiveness for which the Heal Group's reputation is internationally recognised won the day and persuaded the council that, at the end of the day, they had made the most appropriate choice for the city. The wastewater, after it has been polished, according to stringent specifications, will be certified Class A which qualifies it for unrestricted use at the end of the process. It is planned that the end product will be purchased for use by a number of Warwick's horseracing principals. The following includes some of the impressive résumé attached to David's company which helped to swing the deal.

Over the last three decades, from its modest beginnings in 1978, the Heal Group, has geared itself to provide cost effective, modern and versatile services in all areas of water, wastewater, and solid waste management. It is an Australian group of companies that has grown to encompass a fully integrated environmental engineering group in the water, wastewater and solid waste industry. With systems now in use from the highlands and islands of New Guinea, the South and North Pacific, and the Indian Ocean, Hong Kong Harbour, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan in Central Asia, the Heal Group strives to always provide the best, most appropriate and cost-effective solution to any application.

One of the achievements of which the company is most proud was the 1996 commission to design and project manage a 'floating' plant that was a world first and is still in use today in Hong Kong.

The Heal Group successfully completes contracts by exercising the discipline of initiating, planning, executing and controlling the work of its team to achieve specific goals sought by individual clients. When undertaking a new project, the team consistently aims to produce a unique product designed to meet any and every aspect required, with the green initiative to bring about beneficial change to the environment.

The Design Team is also capable of Environmental Assessment and Studies i.e. the Maanshan Lakes Trial for bio-remediation of the Lake System covering some 153 acres that had been hand dug during Chairman Mao's Great Leap Forward. The Lakes, once bio-remediated, will again be a beautiful feature of the Central Chinese City of Maanshan.

The Design department of the Heal Group's management team also specialises in trouble shooting, and effecting the most appropriate solutions for problems that arise with water quality in all facets of industry and civic applications. With good reason the company is known for excellence in environmental design, engineering and project management in all facets of water, wastewater and solid waste management.

If you would like to find out more about the Heal Group, you may do so by visiting <http://www.heal.com.au>

OPPORTUNITY is missed by most people **BECAUSE** it is dressed in overalls and **LOOKS LIKE WORK!** Thomas Edison

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September 26 **STEPHEN HULL, 1969-72** posted: These Kukris were presented to me by some of the Nepalese men I had the honour of working with during 5½ years in Iraq and Afghanistan. Now I get the opportunity to help one of them (Dal Bahadur Tamang Thokar and his community) by building a school. So yes, for me it is personal. But how about you? Want to learn how to build using earth bag technique? Drop me a message. Come for anything from one week to a few. Why not link it to a look around Kathmandu and Nepal before or after your time on the build site. Do a trek or just take in the sights. All ages and families welcome.



RE 'FUNDING' Stephen hopes to raise some money for his group to equip the classrooms with early learning items. He plans to raise this money, take it to Nepal and convert it to local currency to buy what is needed in Kathmandu. He will write to donors and post on Facebook to show what their funds bought. One army mate has given \$500 already saying that if others raise \$2,000 more he will put in another \$500—a truly impressive initiative! Stephen can be messaged via Facebook or contacted by email: stephen.hull56@gmail.com

And for a bit more Remembrance Day tone, Stephen's father fought on Kokoda and then Finschafen/Lae. After this he went into Rabaul in late 1945 until part way through 1946 to repatriate the 90,000 Japanese soldiers held there. He then returned to Rabaul in the early 1950s. So you see Rabaul is clearly born and bred in his DNA—in fact he is heading back there for six days next year across ANZAC Day celebrations. With this in mind, Stephen has been working closely with an old Year 5/6 classmate. The two men plan to go up with a group for this very special occasion. Having not been back since 1982 when serving with the PNG Military in Lae at their Defence Academy, Stephen expects this visit will be a very emotional one. *Footnote: If you have been following recent Facebook posts you will know already that Stephen has been working with Disaster Relief Australia on Operation Mactier in support of flood recovery for Victoria. PATRIBUS DIGNI ESTOTE. And may the force be with you Stephen Hull!*

EARTHBAG BUILD NEPAL

Be part of an eco-friendly earthquake resilient construction of a rural school for Nepali children who do not have a school nearby. Experience life in an off the beaten track picturesque valley.

When: 27th March-9th April or 10th April-16th April 2023.

Accommodation: Camp or stay in a village home stay

Who can volunteer: Builders, carpenters and plasterers and anyone who is fit and keen to roll up their sleeves.

Price: NZ \$60 per night

Includes:

- Return transport from Kathmandu to Nuwakot
- Accommodation and all meals/snacks, tea/coffee and water
- On the ground coordination

Not included:

- International flights to Nepal
- Travel insurance
- Hotel in Kathmandu
- Nepal tourist visa



About First Steps Himalaya

First Steps Himalaya has been working in Nepal since 2009, building and transforming classrooms and training early years teachers to provide quality education in rural village schools.

Changing the lives of children, teachers & parents through education to create generational change.



CHANGING LIVES
one classroom at a time

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MADLINE BLYTH was presented with this award from the QLD Maritime Museum at Southbank recently which recognised her as its longest serving volunteer. Madeline's maritime links date back to her father who served as Brisbane's Harbourmaster in WWII. One of her brothers was one of the 645 lives lost when HMAS Sydney was sunk off Freemantle, by the German raider HSK Kormoran in 1941, the same disaster that ultimately brought about last year's widely publicised identification of Thomas Welsby Clark as OUR unknown sailor. The outback panorama below at 6.00 o'clock was taken during Cris and Nigel's recent Variety Bash adventures.



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Rosemary Remembrance Cake

Recipe makes approximately 10 slices

Nigella Lawson's Rosemary Remembrance Cake recipe is as memorable its unusual combination of ingredients as it is for its pale gold finished appearance and distinctive rosemary tinged aroma. You might like to give it a whirl in your kitchen in honour of Remembrance Day this year. Some of the quantities are given in both metric and imperial measurements which a good many of us are not too young to remember!

Ingredients

FOR THE FILLING

- 1 eating apple (approx 180g / 6oz in weight)
- 2 sprigs fresh rosemary (1 small and 1 long)
- 1 teaspoon caster sugar
- zest and juice of ½ lemon
- 1 teaspoon butter

FOR THE CAKE BATTER

- 225 grams butter (8oz)
- 150 grams caster sugar (plus 1 tablespoon)
- 3 large eggs
- 300 grams plain flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder

METHOD

- 1) Peel, core and roughly chop the apple and put into a saucepan with the small sprig of rosemary, the teaspoon of sugar, the lemon zest and juice, and butter. Cover the pan and cook on a low heat for 4-8 minutes until the apple is soft. How long this takes really depends on the variety of apple you're using. Experiment to find what suits your individual preference best.
- 2) Leave to cool, and fish out the rosemary sprig when it is cold.
- 3) Preheat the oven to gas mark 3/170°C/150°C Fan/325°F. Line a loaf tin (23 x 13 x 7 cm or 9 x 5 x 2¾ inches) with a loaf liner, or butter and line the bottom with baking parchment.
- 4) Put the cooled apple into a food processor and blitz to a pulp. Then add the butter, 150g / ¾ cup of sugar, eggs, flour and baking powder and process to a smooth batter.
- 5) Spoon and scrape into the loaf tin and smooth the top. Sprinkle the surface with the remaining tablespoon of sugar and then lay the long sprig of rosemary along the centre of the cake. On baking, the rosemary sheds its oil to leave a scented path down the middle of the cake.
- 6) Bake the cake for 50 minutes or until a cake tester comes out clean, then leave to cool on a rack. Slip the paper-lined cake out of the tin once it is cool.



ESSENTIAL TRIVIA NIGHT CHEAT SHEET FOR THE 'race that stops a nation'

1. **The first Melbourne Cup was run in 1861**, and was won by a horse with the name of Archer. Inaugural prize money consisted of 710 gold sovereigns and a hand beaten gold watch. Archer and his jockey, John Cutts, then backed up again in 1862 for another win and in so doing, became the first multiple winners of the great race.
2. **During WWII the Melbourne Cup was run on Saturdays**. This change occurred between 1942 and 1944. During these years, one third of the Australian male population had to tune in for the race from several different theatres of conflict.
3. **It is one of Australia's most attended events**. In the beginning only a few thousand of people would attend the Melbourne Cup, but in the years since the numbers have risen to over 90 thousand! Because of modern day technology such as the internet and the television, viewer numbers have also risen to a startling 5 million.
4. **No horse has ever won the Melbourne Cup from barrier 18**. Since 1924 no one has ever been successful in the Melbourne Cup from barrier 18. No one is quite sure why and the mystery remains. Surely, one day the jinx must be broken!
5. **It's more than just a horse race**. The race is the day's biggest event but along with that there are many smaller non-sport related events going on. "Fashion on the field" is an event where men and women come to show off their exquisite dresses, suits and hats, with big prizes up for grabs.
6. **Only one female jockey has ever won the race**. Australian jockey Michelle Payne rode Prince of Penzance to victory in the 2015 Melbourne Cup, becoming the first female jockey to win the event!
7. **The famous golden cup was first awarded in 1919**. In 1861 the first placed jockey John Cutts received a golden watch, while later winners received a silver punch bowl. In 1887 the winner collected a golden horse shoe instead of a silver punch bowl. In 1894 the winner of the race did not receive a prize at all. The race of 1980 was the first horse race to offer a 1-million-dollar prize. Now the prize money has risen to a stunning 6.2 million dollars.
8. **Makybe Diva is the only horse to win the Melbourne Cup three years in a row!** The cup was won by the mare in 2003, 2004 and 2005. The 1890 Melbourne Cup had 39 horses in the race which is the most in the history of the race.
9. **Melbourne Cup day was declared a public holiday in Melbourne in 1877**. This ensured crowds flocked to the track for the event.
10. **Trainer Bart Cummings holds the record for the most Melbourne Cup wins** and his horses have won a record 12 times.
11. **The record for the slowest ever time to win the Melbourne Cup** is also held by Archer who previously won the race but came home at another time with a time of 3 minutes 52 seconds.
12. **In 1972 the race was altered to the metric distance of 3200m**, 18.7 metres or 61.5 feet short of two miles.
13. **The youngest jockey to ever win the race** was Peter St Albans who was eight days short of his 12th birthday when he rode Australian mare Briseis to victory. The official age required was 13 years of age, which is the official age recorded for Peter St Albans in the race.
14. **The largest ever crowd to attend the Melbourne Cup** was in 2003 when 122,737 people attended.



* **2022's Melbourne Cup is run and won a little ahead of publication of this Kinawah but the above list of race trivia still makes for a fun read.**

SCPSA & PNG sights set squarely on Rabaul

BOARDING SCHOOLS TRADITIONALLY PROVIDED reliable access to a secondary education for children of expat Australians living in what is now Papua New Guinea—PNG. Staff and past students from our schools share a long standing intertwined past with PNG and maintain strong ties with the country to this day. In 1958, our schools welcomed the first of what eventually became dozens of PNG nationals on scholarships to our ranks. They unfailingly provided us with abundant athletic excellence and were a valued and respected part of our school community over some decades.

Sadly, long after our years at school were well behind us, we lost touch with them. Class reunions came and went with their absence keenly felt and no remedy in sight for how this might be fixed—that was until the advent of Facebook! While there may be several negatives associated with this and other social media platforms, for this they are a great tool. Together with the amazing bush telegraph that our former PNG friends already employ, we make the most of this useful resource. While we currently have limited contact with our Slade PNG old boys, we are in regular contact with many of our old girls and were thrilled to have them join us in 2018 to mark 100 years since the establishment of CEGS in Warwick.

Even so, few of us have a complete grasp of the huge shift that leaving homes and families for the entire academic year represented for these students or what their lives at home might have really been like. The now independent PNG may be a short distance across the Torres Strait from us but the topography, culture and way of life is differs greatly, and never more so than the dynamic vulcanology of the region.

PNG is located on the Pacific Ring of Fire stretching in an arc from the north coast of New Guinea near the border with Indonesia, to Bougainville Island in the east for about 40,000 km around the Pacific Ocean. Here the tectonic plate of the Pacific meets several surrounding continental plates with the result that seismic tremors occur over and over and again. Most of the world's volcanic eruptions which are also the most severe occur in this zone.

Famous active PNG volcanoes include, Manam, Karkar, Lamington, Langila, Ulawun, Rabaul and Bagana. While we may recall a handful of tremors in some places in mainland Australia in our lifetime, nothing truly compares with this.

Speaking of Rabaul, David Herbert (Slade 1965-67) notes a few eruptions, one in 1933 plus another minor one during the Japanese occupation. Children in PNG were all drilled in the rules of evacuation and after many false starts in 1994, the volcano blew in a big way, erupting again in 2006. It has been coughing and spluttering ever since. David says there are good days and weeks and bad. When the wind blows up the harbour, orange sunsets take centre stage—shades of Vietnam! He forwarded the picture below of Rabaul, post eruption, taken from the Volcano Observatory in the southern caldera wall depicting one of these sunsets. David has watched from what remains of the Yacht Club in the spewing red hot ash and pitchfork lightning

into the mouth of Tavurvur near Rabaul, describing it as surreal, apocalyptic, even a bit like a side view of Danté's Inferno, top level. He calls it simply, nature, or even Guyer,* both beautiful and a little frightening.

* *urbandictionary.com defines guyer as the obsessive and relentless sharing of humorous links, most often sent in groups of random and unrelated topics.*

****RABAUL IS A TOWNSHIP IN THE EAST NEW BRITAIN PROVINCE OF PNG** lying about 600 km to the east of the island of New Guinea. It was the provincial capital and most important settlement in that province until it was destroyed in 1994 by falling ash from a volcanic eruption in its harbour. Ash was sent thousands of metres into the air, and the subsequent rain of ash caused 80% of the buildings in Rabaul to collapse. Afterwards, the capital was moved to Kokopo, about 20km away. To this day, Rabaul is continually threatened by volcanic activity, because of its location on the edge of the Rabaul caldera, the flooded caldera of a large pyroclastic shield.

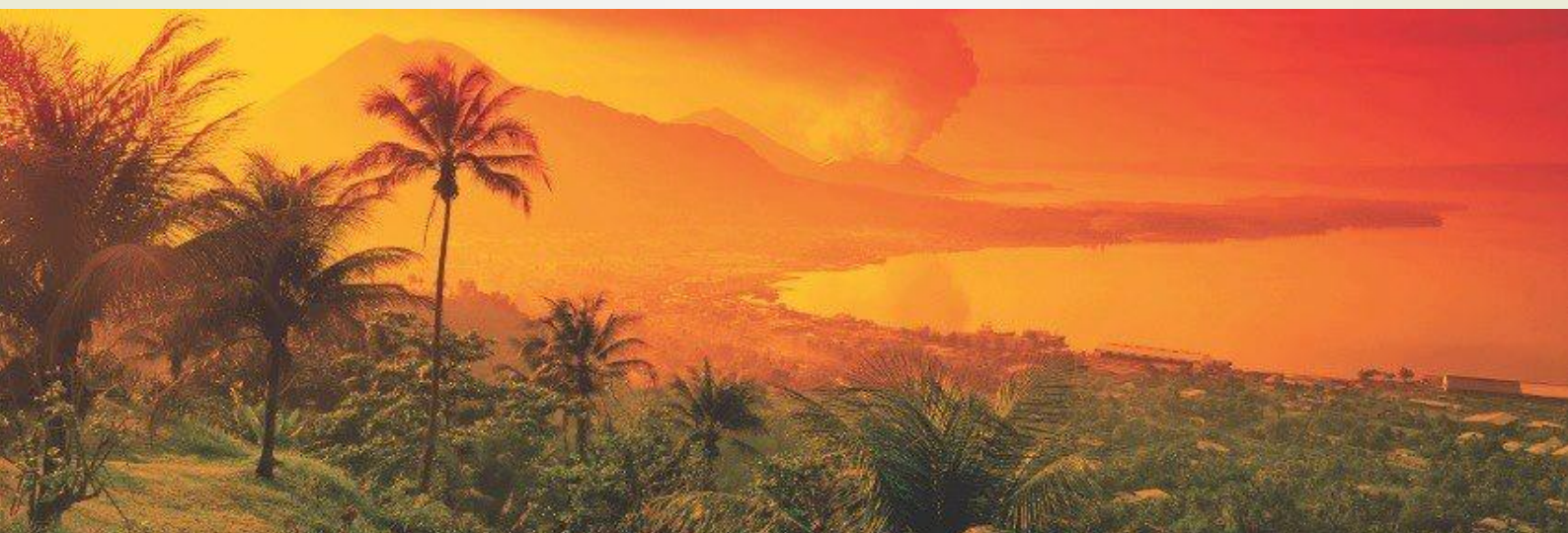


To provide a little extra background, the town of Rabaul was planned and built around the harbour (**Simpsonhafen**—Simpson Harbour) at the time Germany was administering New Guinea between 1884 and 1919. Rabaul was selected as the capital in 1905, and its offices were transferred there in 1910.

In World War I, Rabaul was captured by the British Empire and later became the capital of the Australian-mandated Territory of New Guinea until 1937, when it was destroyed by a volcano for the first time. In 1942, during World War II, it was captured by Japan and became its main base of military and naval activity in the South Pacific. Settlements and military installations around the edge of the caldera are often collectively called Rabaul, although the old town of Rabaul was reduced to practical insignificance by the 1937 volcanic eruption already noted.

Rabaul is famous as a tourist attraction because of its volcanoes, but also for its scuba diving and snorkelling sites, spectacular harbour and other scenery, to say nothing of its World War II history, flora and fauna, and the culture of the Tolai people. Before the 1994 eruption, Rabaul was a noted commercial and recreational boating destination though fewer private small craft visit now. However, 10 to 12 cruise ships stop by Rabaul each year, including the Queen Elizabeth, carrying up to 2,000 passengers. The map at right illustrates a little of Rabaul's historic past.

****Information courtesy of en.wikipedia.org et al**



Delving deeper into the health positives of humour

A SENSE OF HUMOUR can help us deal with tough times. Humour might seem like a soothing balm or a light diversion but humour is much more powerful than something that simply lulls us or calms us down.

In fact, it's an often overlooked tool to maintain good health. When we are bombarded with economic, social, political, and health problems, it's wise to turn to a not-so-obvious way to protect ourselves. The myriad of health benefits of humour and laughter are wide-reaching.

During moments of levity, while we are simply laughing at a friend's joke or a comedian's monologue, we're actually improving our health. Clinical evidence shows we are enhancing physical, psychological, and social well-being as well as being entertained by tickling our funny bones.

Doctors and mental health professionals cite plenty of research to remind us that laughter contributes to positive health outcomes. This article discusses some of the health benefits of laughter, both physical and psychological. It also covers some social benefits that laughter can bring.

Physical Benefits

At its most basic level, laughter exercises our diaphragm. It enables us to take in more oxygenated air and stimulates our lungs. During those moments of raucous laughter, we are relieving physical tension in your muscles.

Laughter Can Boost Heart Health

While those muscles relax during what seems like a minor activity, medical professionals inform us that we improve our vascular functioning, too. As we laugh at hilarious events, our cardiac health improves. Laughter increases heart rate and lowers blood pressure.

Humour Brings Comfort and Eases Physical Pain

Robert Bonakdar, MD, FAAFP, FACN, Director of Pain Management at the Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine, lightens the mood when he greets patients. He says he likes to bring laughter into the treatment room whenever possible. He commonly uses an ice breaker to help to put patients at ease and hopefully bring a smile to their faces.

This approach is purposeful. He's not only helping his patients feel more comfortable by bringing laughter into his practice, but he's also contributing to lessening their perception of pain.

We know that laughter has been shown in studies to improve our pain threshold, likely due to an endorphin-mediated opiate effect. What is interesting is that this appears to be independent of mood, meaning that it can

have a positive effect even when we are down.

ROBERT BONAKDAR MD, FAAFP, FACN

Let's say you have a migraine, but you're watching a hysterically funny Netflix show. As you watch and laugh, you may become at least somewhat distracted from the migraine pain and discomfort. But the distraction alone isn't what reduces your pain perception.

Proven processes are working behind the scenes in your body to increase your pain tolerance. Endorphins, for example, get to work. Because you're laughing up a storm, your body produces these natural painkillers.

Psychologist Scott Bea, PsyD, says that laughing heartily and a lot offers another physical benefit: Research shows it can improve sleep quality as well. Overall, extensive laughter supports the immune system, which makes us more resistant to disease. By laughing, we are increasing antibody-producing cells and enhancing the effectiveness of T cells in our bodies. These cells act like a defence army to combat illness. To sum up, physical benefits of laughter can include improving heart health, boosting pain tolerance, boosting immunity, and improving sleep.

Psychological Benefits

Humour can alleviate the stress and anxiety we deal with during a variety of difficult and challenging times.

Laughing Reduces Stress

Clinical evidence shows that humour reduces stress hormones. Cortisol is a major stress hormone that circulates throughout the body when stressed out. Decreasing levels of cortisol is important because high levels of cortisol tax your immune system.

When we're preoccupied with something funny, we can't simultaneously focus on the negativity. Humorous interludes can give us a break from worrying. That space, that place where we can let our hair down and breathe, in and of itself is beneficial.

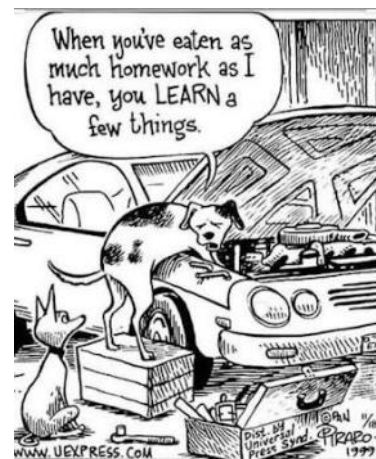
Humour can also provide healthy perspective. Perhaps after laughing, you might discover a new angle on a problem or realise that you've gotten through other difficult periods and are reassured. With a new perspective, it is possible to view threats such as challenges and problems as opportunities. Or you might intentionally find the funny aspects of your stressful problem. If you're embarrassed about something or need to forgive yourself for a mistake you made, you can use humour and laughter as a coping mechanism.

Next time: the social benefits of cultivating and exercising a healthy sense of humour.

This information is from <https://www.verywellmi> by Barbara Field and updated October 04, 2021 Medically reviewed by David Susman, PhD

A smile is a curve that sets a lot of things straight

- ❖ It's not my age that bothers me; it's the side effects.
- ❖ Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling.
- ❖ Apparently, RSVP-ing to a wedding invitation "Maybe next time" is NOT the correct response.
- ❖ "Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40-minute flute solo".
- ❖ I hate that I can't figure out how to operate my iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's past his bedtime.
- ❖ Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician.
- ❖ Geology rocks, but geography is where it's at.
- ❖ My friend's bakery burned down last night. Now his business is toast.
- ❖ The man who invented Velcro has died. RIP.
- ❖ Mum and Dad were trying to console Susie, whose dog Skipper had recently died. "You know," Mum said, "it's not so bad. Skipper's probably up in Heaven right now, having a grand old time with God." Susie stopped crying to ask, "What would God want with a dead dog?"



Postscript: November 5th and the Guy Fawkes custom

The date of this year's Brekky Creek lunch, November 5, was once known as Guy Fawkes Night. This was observed with fireworks, bonfires and not a lot of enlightenment as to the murky history behind the occasion...

IN 1605, in newly Protestant, post Tudor England, a group of religious dissenters, feeling aggrieved at the loss of all they had been accustomed to, set in train an act of political treachery—the notorious Gunpowder Plot. Subsequently, the famously unsuccessful Plot came to be celebrated as Guy Fawkes night. Had it succeeded, this would have killed off most of the English political order of the day, many of the royal family, aristocracy, leading gentry and merchants and demolished Westminster Palace, much of the Abbey and nearby buildings. The Plot to overthrow the king, official government, Church of England and restore Roman Catholicism, intended to enthroned the nine year old daughter of King James I, Elizabeth, as a puppet princess. The Plot was found out October 26, 1605, via an anonymous letter to William Parker, 4th Baron Monteagle. As a result, a search of the House of Lords on the night of November 4, found Fawkes with 36 barrels of gunpowder—enough to reduce the House of Lords to rubble—and he was arrested. Upon realising all had been discovered, most conspirators fled London seeking to enlist support along the way. A few made a stand at Holbeche House against the Sheriff of Worcester who was in hot pursuit with his men. In that skirmish, Robert Catesby, the chief conspirator, was shot and killed. At their trial on January 27, 1606, eight of the survivors, including Fawkes, were convicted and sentenced to be hanged, drawn and quartered. Most believed the government line that the Plot had been averted at the last minute by providential good luck. A show of relief and celebration was thought appropriate. Also, desire for a new festival had grown out of nostalgia for the lost rich traditional calendar of festivals from the Middle Ages—Merry England. Religious and secular celebrations, on the other hand, seemed far too few under the new order. A November event, right when winter was coming on, to celebrate delivery from the Plot offered an excuse for a merrymaking occasion. Bonfires and fireworks satisfied the need for a boost to the spirits plus a mix of patriotism and communal solidarity. Will for a seasonal festival also resonated at an emotional level. And so, the '5th of November'

was mandated by law from 1606 as a day of remembrance (until the Act was repealed in 1859) for the 'deliverance' of James I from assassination and to be celebrated in church services. Religious duty or not, people looked forward to a festival defying the arrival of winter—ever a cold, cheerless season in England. Guy Fawkes Night was not meant to celebrate its namesake so much as his failure. Some traditional festivities included burning Fawkes' effigy or 'the guy' atop a bonfire. The image below names and portrays the Gunpowder Plot conspirators with every salacious stroke of the caricaturist's art.



Guy Fawkes 13-04-1570 – 31-01-1606, AKA as Guido Fawkes, when he was fighting for the Spanish, was only one of the conspirators of the failed Gunpowder Plot but his is the name best remembered.

This Information is sourced from en.wikipedia.org and www.rm et al

**In Australia, Guy Fawkes Night and the sale of fireworks for private use was mostly discontinued from the 1970s after several serious injuries led to the introduction of laws to ban it. Here too, this date leads into our summer bushfire and storm season, nothing like a freezing English winter!*

Our Elizabethan Era A post war 'baby boomer's' reflection on the Queen's marathon 70 year reign.

ELIZABETH ALEXANDRA MARY WINDSOR wasn't 'Born to be Queen', but Queen she was, succeeding her Father at the age of 26. George V was a 'Reluctant' King, fearing that he had been handed a 'Poisoned Chalice' when his Brother, Edward VIII abdicated, preferring 'The Woman He Loved', Wallis Simpson, to the Throne of England. Elizabeth's Father, 'Bertie', was Crowned King George VI, conquering a Stammer to become a much loved Monarch, his Wife, Elizabeth, a strong Scottish Woman, by his Side. The Royal Family became Stalwarts for the British People particularly during WWII when they remained in London during the Blitz, refusing to leave, instilling Hope in the People. Elizabeth at 18 in 1944, joined the WTC, Auxiliary Territorial Service, driving Trucks and Generals alike, loving the Camaraderie of other Girls, 'Doing their Bit', learning Mechanics as well. Post War, a young Naval Officer, Philip Mountbatten became Equerry to the King, often seen on the Royal Yacht and Polo Matches at Windsor, the young Princess clearly 'smitten'. Of Greek Heritage, Phillip, Tall, Blond, Athletic, was a distant Cousin, his Uncle, Lord Louis Mountbatten, related to the Windsors. The War over, a Royal Romance—what better to restore British Spirits than a Royal Marriage? Phillip and Elizabeth married in a 'Fairytale' Ceremony, Bridesmaids recalling the Excitement of 'Yards of Tulle and Taffeta, Pearl Buttons spaced perfectly, sewn between'. Rehearsals were 'Stage Managed' by Prince Phillip, but went off smoothly on 'The Day'. Elizabeth and Phillip happy, a wonderful Future ahead. Two Children followed, after a Sojourn in Malta where the Couple enjoyed the Life of a Naval Lieutenant posted to Malta where Elizabeth became an amateur Photographer, carefree, sun tanned, sailing and picnicking in the Sun! She described this as 'Idyllic'. Settling in to Life with two young Children, Charles born in 1948, Anne, following in 1950, Elizabeth adapted to Clarence House in The Mall, Westminster and Time with her Children in Windsor Great Park. Horses always featured, as Phillip was a keen Polo Player. A Royal Tour to Kenya and Australia was mooted, Charles and Anne left in the Care of Grandparents, Queen Elizabeth and King George VI whose Health was failing after a Lung Operation. Sadly, when the Couple arrived at 'Treetops' in Kenya, they were greeted with News, the King had died. Young Princess Elizabeth was now Queen, at 26 Years Old. Her Family in Mourning, Elizabeth coped serenely and well with the Support of her Mother and Sister, Princess Margaret, now preparing for a Coronation Ceremony in Westminster Abbey. Despite the Loss of a beloved King in George VI, the Country rose on a Wave of Excitement, Post War Gloom replaced by Glamour! Footage from that Period shows a young Princess Elizabeth in a White Satin, Norman Hartnell Gown with her Attendants, Daughters of Lords and Dukes, resplendently 'Gowned', following the Princess down the Aisle, the Ceremony televised. I remember my Grandparents sailed over to London in order to view the Coronation with Family who had TV! The Commonwealth had a new Queen and Prince Consort, Elizabeth assuming her new Mantle with Aplomb and Assurance, always aware of her Role as Head of Church and State, a devout Christian, Defender of the Faith and Moral Values, Abdication never to be considered as her Uncle had done. 'Divine Right of Kings' was her Belief. A Royal Tour was organised, Australia on the Agenda, School Children, of whom I was one, very excited at the Prospect of a Glimpse of the Queen! My favourite Story from that Tour, seen through the Eyes of a 6 Year Old: a View from my Great Aunt's Verandah on Coronation Drive in Brisbane, HM Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip driving past in an Open Car, en Route from Government House to the City Hall for a State Dinner. She looked lovely in a White Strapless Gown and Diamond Tiara and Necklace, buttoning up her long Gloves, Philip still fastening his cuff Links. They were late as he had been catching up with Friends from Navy Days, (Elizabeth, 'not impressed'!) It remains a 'Cameo' Shot for me, a Moment in Time Forever. We remember our Queen affectionately, her Christmas Message Special to all of us. Christmas Evening always 'Marked' with the Queen's Christmas Message, drinking a Toast to Her Majesty as she 'wrapped up' another Year of Service. She once famously said: 'I cannot lead you into Battle, I do not give you Laws, but I can do Something Else. I can give you my Heart'. She did that, indeed', 'In Spades'! Elizabeth Alexandra Mary ruled with Grace, Dignity and Strength, 'God Bless Her'.

Barbara Pfaff—Brown-Beresford CEGS 1962-1963



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

Lucy Bosen 1959-2022

BOSEN Lucy Polly passed away in October 2022. Lucy was at Slade 1974-78 and came to us from Kubin Village, Thursday Island.



Lucy is remembered as a good all round athlete and was mentioned in school magazines as follows:

- 1976 A Hockey Team, Captain of A Tennis Team.
- 1978 Athletics Team.

Four other past students with the surname, Bosen attended Slade from the Thursday Island area. They are Edward Henry 1978-82; Flora 1980-82; and twin sisters, Elva and Mary Pauline 1985-85. We have no current contact with any of them but our thoughts are with them and their families at this sad time. We thank Stafford Cedric for passing this news on to us via our Facebook page.



Lucy Bosen – Shotput

Rosemary Rayner 1930-2018

RAYNER Rosemary, nee Akers passed away in 2018. Little is known about Rosemary’s time after school apart from the fact she was an accountant with Price Waterhouse and spent most of her life in Sydney. Rosemary came to St Catharine’s as a boarder 1945-47 from Charleville. She was a senior patrol leader at school with the Girl Guides.

Helen Wiseman

WISEMAN Helen Ross, previously from Yetman and Jondaryan, passed away 7th October, 2022 after a long illness. Helen may not have been a past student at either St Catharine’s or Slade but her three children, Rick, Jim and Suzie who came to us from Wallangra, all were. Sadly we lost Rick in 2021 and our thoughts are with Jim and Suzie and their families at this time.

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

Clerical focus on Yarrabah

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, JUSTIN WELBY, delivered the sermon at Queen Elizabeth’s funeral in September, wed Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in 2018 and will crown King Charles III next year. He also paid a visit to the seaside township of Yarrabah near Cairns on Monday October 17.

The small Aboriginal community of Yarrabah where a number of our past students live, is a long way indeed from Westminster Abbey but this is where Archbishop Welby ordained three First Nations women, Petronella Connolly and Valmai Connolly as priests and Ainsley Dangar as a deacon.

The Archbishop was in Australia on a two-week tour, visiting Thursday Island in the Torres Strait, where he spoke with islanders struggling with rising sea levels. He also visited flood-affected communities on the New South Wales North Coast as well as Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney.

The world’s most powerful Anglican, Archbishop Welby, expressed his wish to meet with indigenous Australians, then, when the opportunity to ordain the three women presented itself, he jumped at the chance. "It's such a treat to do an ordination, let alone do it in such an extraordinary atmosphere," Archbishop Welby said. "I felt very unworthy of it, very overwhelmed by the whole experience. This is such a remarkable thing to find myself doing, and how generous of them to allow me to do this."

Petronella Connolly, one of the newly ordained priests, said that being ordained as a priest, meant years of hard study. "There's been bible studies, teaching, hospital visits, working with the community, so having the Archbishop here is the icing on the cake. We're stepping up to be a voice for our people, to lift them up in all areas of life."

Stanley Connolly who was in Year 11 at Slade in 1981, inset below, and who, according to our records, passed away that same year, came to us from the Cairns area and is kin to both Valmai and Petronella as their brother-in-law.

Traditional owners also attended the service at Juyuga Holy Spirit Anglican Church. Valmai, Ainsley and Petronella are shown, also inset, below left to right.



Rosemary

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 lists 529 members as of November 11, 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.



Following a nostalgic visit for old times sake, Erica Womersley posted these pics several weeks ago: **St Catharine's Mytton House (above) and one-time school infirmary (below) which was a re-purposed army building was moved on site in 1946.**



BLAST FROM THE PAST—no idea of the approximate age of the oh-so-familiar St Mark's bell tower? This Warwick Daily News clipping dated August 12 1960 and recently posted on the Lost Faces of Warwick page helps give us some clue.



Facebook Extra: Take 2!



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PIC-COLLAGE

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

- (1) 6 Sept. Margaret Tabua met with Lee-Ann Cole, Michelle Connolly & Cherrylee Wachter in Darwin
- (2) 7 Sept. Colin Cedric Snr caught up with Sister Gillian Schrieber-Bann and Sister Verna Andrews-Harris at the Opening of the Yarrabah Jetty.
- (3) Just 4 country boys catching up over a coldie?
- (4) 9 Sept. William Docherty with Fiona Peckham n Rhonda Hill in Woorabinda.
- (5) 6 o'clock Variety Bash destination, Kynuna.
- (6) 16 Sept. Lizzie Adams posted this photo collage:

Firstly a big thanx to the anonymous nomination & thinking we are worthy of such an Award. OMG!!! Wot a night to remember. I'm still getting my head around this great recognition to Jaydon Adams Memorial Foundation Ltd (JAMF) being the DEADLY WINNER of the prestigious INDIGENOUS CHAMPION AWARD. A big thank u to THE BUSINESS disABILITY AWARDS OF AUSTRALIA TOOWOOMBA & DARLING DOWNS for holding this event TO RECOGNISE BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS ACROSS TOOWOOMBA AND DARLING DOWNS WHO SUPPORT, EDUCATE AND EMPLOY PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY. This is Proudly Sponsored by TURSA. There are many ppl & partners to thank for believing in us & all continuing to invest, support, volunteer for JAMF & my beautiful family who are my rock. It was an emotional night but to get a high level recognition from everyone was such a blessing & validation of meeting community needs. Thank u organisers & all others involved it was an awesome night all round. Big hugs & lub to u all.



Welcome to Kynuna...

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