

SCPSA – PRESIDENT’S REPORT 2021

2021 has seen the settling in of a new Executive Committee. As with all ‘changes of the guard’ there can be challenges and issues to be addressed with massaging egos and managing temperamental personalities. I am happy to report that this was not the case. We are the beneficiaries of a thoughtful and fiscally responsible previous committee that put good systems in place for us to carry on with.

Nigel has been a stalwart of the association for the last 20+ years as Treasurer. Nigel had to be the Treasurer as in his final year at Slade in 1978 he was Dux and also topped Accountancy, hence a career in Banking. We thank Cris Roy for stepping in as Treasurer to give Nigel a well earned rest, so Nigel can be the Vice President. Cris has always been pretty handy with numbers and is blessed with truck loads of ‘common sense’.

Thankyou Lizzie Adams for taking on the role of Secretary. I talked Lizzie into coming on board as we need someone from the 80’s to help attract that generation into being involved with the association. Lizzie has achieved a lot with her life since leaving Slade in the field of Indigenous Health and sport in the community.

We are also seeking past students from the WCC to be involved and appreciate Grace Quach putting her hand up for a Student Liaison role. This is now your chapter in the history of education in Warwick, in particularly on the hill overlooking one of the prettiest towns in Australia.

Joan White and the Kinawah. The pen is mightier than the sword. Joan has been the glue that has kept the association going with the work that she puts into producing the Kinawah. Her research is meticulous, her passion and enthusiasm for the people educated in these establishments is boundless. And on top of that Joan picks up a lot of fine detail that I and I am sure other members of the Committee miss or neglect. One needs a thesaurus at hand to properly acknowledge Joan’s contribution.

Leigh Nisbet is doing a fantastic job with the Museum and website. We are lucky that Leigh lives locally and is willing to put the time and effort into maintaining the Museum.

We are also grateful to Sean Greenacre, WCC Principal, who is accepting of the association and willing to work with us and to allow us the use of space in the War Memorial Science Block. I look forward to working with Sean in continuing our relationship with the College and assisting the current students where we can. We are also thankful to Sean for accommodating ‘old boys’ who infrequently drop in for a look around and would no doubt tell Sean where the best places to have a smoke are without being caught.

Earlier this year Joan and myself met briefly with Sean to introduce ourselves. We had a ‘walk and talk’ where Sean proudly showed us modifications to existing buildings and how they are currently being used.

Joan, Peter Ramsay, and myself attended a warm sunny ANZAC Day service at the College. It was great to see a School Cadet presence and students learning of the sacrifices that previous students made so that we can enjoy living in a free country.

This past year we have continued with the two student bursaries, a cash donation to the WCC for special needs equipment and a cash donation to St Mark's Church to assist with rejuvenation of stained glass windows.

I move that this President's Report be accepted.

John Farquhar