

SCPSA – PRESIDENT’S REPORT 2023

Thank you to all present here today who have travelled to Warwick to attend this year’s AGM.

I would like to thank the WCC for their continued support of this unique relationship where a ‘day school’ is now the custodian of the memories of past students who were boarders

For those who have not visited for some time, I hope you are able to take some time to reminisce and visit the school museum. Our museum is the result of many hours of dedication from Mr Leigh Nesbit and working bees organized by previous committees who put in the hard yards in the first instance to preserve items of historical interest for all of us to look back on and appreciate.

Things of note over the past 12 Months for our Association have been:-

- The reopening of Prince House after its conversion from a dormitory to class rooms. This is quite a ‘full life cycle’ event as the Architect for the initial girl’s dormitory construction was the supervising Architect for the repurposing of the original structure. The Architect being Mr John Deshon AM, a Slade past student, who in the 70’s had a major role in assisting Eddie Prince with the relocation of many buildings from St Catherine’s to the Slade site.
- The continuation of the successful Breakfast Creek reunion.
- An outstanding roll up from the 1970s era students at the 2022 Breakfast Creek reunion.
- 2 x Bursaries to WCC.
- Cash donation to WCC.
- Attend ANZAC Day memorial service at WCC.
- Attend WCC 15th Anniversary Fair 27 July, 2022
- The acknowledgement in our upgraded website of the monetary donation and contribution of the original, much more basic website courtesy of the late Alan Gilbert Wickham and the late Harry Ernest Haxton respectively.

I would like to thank the Committee for the time and effort that they have given.

Nigel’s continued counsel and experience as a long time serving member.

Martin for stepping in as Secretary.

Cris as Treasurer.

Joan’s continued ‘above and beyond’ effort with the Kinawah. I continue to say and do believe the Kinawah is the glue and backbone of our Association and each edition is eagerly awaited by many. Having said that some 540 of you receive the Kinawah however only 172 are financial members. This is an imbalance that needs rectification.

Leigh Nisbet continues to do a fantastic job with the Museum and website.

Ted Ross our Archivist is a constant ‘behind the scenes’ source of knowledge and assistance to Joan.

Grace Quach as WCC Student Liaison and past student of WCC.

Rob Nolan as Pastoral Coordinator.

Helen Moloney as Assistant Archivist and ‘awards attendee’.

The area reps- Ray Dickson, Paul Masson, Peter Ramsay and Irene Woods.

Kathy (Inman) Fabila continues to do a wonderful job overseeing the Slade – St Cath’s Facebook page. It was my intention to be more proactive with Facebook this past year however my time management is not the best hence nothing in this space has been done by myself.

It is my hope that the 2024 AGM will be held in Townsville so please keep that in mind as a good excuse for an extended road trip or extra long weekend in Townsville.

As your President I will continue to seek ways (encourage others) to promote the Association and encourage fellowship within the various peer groups.

I thank you all for your attendance and I move that this President’s Report of 2023 be accepted.

John Farquhar