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LOOKING FORWARD, LOOKING BACK

OUR PAGE ONE "MOMENTS" column in the May June issue of Kinawah listed events which took place on the world stage in 1926—Slade's foundation year. This time the column at right is given over to 1997, the year that Slade ceased operating as the school we all knew. And so, with this and the previous Kinawah, we bookend an era highly significant to us all. In doing so, a number of points challenge our collective thinking, these being:

1) Can it really be 28 years since 1997?—so many of the events listed seem far more recent than the figures clearly show.

2) Much of significance has taken place on the world stage since 1997, all seriously altering our perceptions—9/11, the pandemic, the war in Ukraine, genocide in Gaza, claims of international sabotage/hacking, new gun laws after the 1996 Port Arthur massacre and much more.

2) We can but marvel at how many everyday realities have been profoundly altered in just 28 years—practically universal access to hands-free smart phones incorporating powerful compact portable computer technology and social media to name a few (for instance, how many of us had even heard of an App back in 1997?)

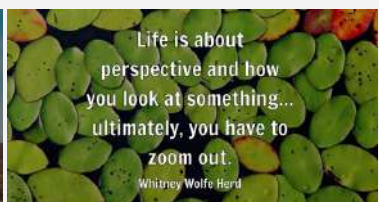
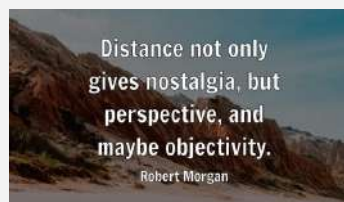
3) The age and environment in which we find ourselves now is very much one that is computer driven in ways altogether commonplace, from the means by which we routinely communicate, to the checkout, to the way we pay our bills—all without leaving home if we so choose.

4) Paradoxically, the more things change, the more they stay the same—lasting world peace seems as unattainable as ever (to the heartache of those of us who still mourn the loss of the many who fought so valiantly for it) along with freedom from hunger, epidemics, fake news and greater equity across a broad spectrum of concerns.

5) Yet, amid all the doom and gloom, good people keep on quietly and resolutely making a difference, not expecting to be showered with honour and glory and inspiring us by their outstanding example (that is if we even hear about them and what they do because, by and large, these people go about their work with little fuss and no fanfare).

For us, as we anticipate Slade's upcoming 2026 celebrations to mark 100 years since the genesis of our "school on the hill", we size up the vision of the founding group of individuals who helped create that future we are all now part of. That future, our very real present, will someday be consigned to the past and the historical record will be exactly what we make it. Put another way, the things we say and do make a very real difference and it's always a good time to embark upon a meaningful new project before it's too late!

Is the book of Slade and St Catharine's history actually closed and shelved for good? Or, might there yet be a vibrant afterlife which we all may still enjoy? What will be OUR legacy that we pass on to those who come after us as individuals and collectively? This is entirely up to us and what we do now and in the days and years to come...



1997 MOMENTS

Jan. 10: The Southern Ocean rescue of Tony Bullimore after being declared missing 5 days.

Jan. 18: Norwegian, Boerge Ousland, first person to cross Antarctica alone and unaided.

Feb. 23: 65,000,000 people watch *Schindler's List* on NBC TV uncensored.

Feb. 28: In the US, people who buy cigarettes have to prove that they are over 18.

Mar. 4: Brazilian Senate allows women to wear trousers.

Mar. 11: Paul McCartney is knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

Mar. 20: Liggett admits that cigarettes are addictive.

April 29: The 1993 Chemical Weapons Convention is signed outlawing production, stockpiling, & use of chemical weapons among the countries signed up.

May. 12: Russia and Chechnya sign a peace deal, after more than 400 years of conflict & Susie Maroney, becomes first person to swim from Cuba to Florida (110 miles - 177 km).

Jun. 26: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling is published.

Jul. 1: The United Kingdom returns Hong Kong and the New Territories to China.

Jul. 30: Thredbo Landslide.

Aug. 31: Diana, Princess of Wales dies in Paris.

Sep. 13: State funeral for Mother Theresa is held in India.

Sep. 15: google.com registered as a domain name.

Sep. 30: Gun buyback scheme ends in Australia.

Nov./Dec.: Slade School closed to our shock and dismay.

Dec. 18: HTML 4.0 published by the WWW Consortium.

Dec. 23: The US, Department of Agriculture estimates that to raise a child to 18 years old costs \$149,820.

Dec. 31: Hotmail is bought by Microsoft for \$400 million, and is relaunched as MSN Hotmail.

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Editor's Notes...



AS WE HASTEN PURPOSEFULLY TOWARDS our upcoming 2 May, 2026 occasion, we might recall frosty Warwick mornings, hot porridge vs cold Weet-Bix, football or hockey training, seasonal events such as eisteddfods/other performing-arts rehearsals, walking back to our dorms in the cold and dark after study/prep time and making good use the eiderdowns and extra blankets the boarders were required to supply.

We all felt the cold but none more so than those who had been uprooted from their tropical homes in PNG and the Solomon Islands. **And speaking of South Pacific origins, on PP10-11, we again feature the Patteson Cross** which found a home at Slade for many years right up until the school closed in 1997. Below is a pic of the cross from our archives—in its original, position in a rose garden. Part of its story is a smidgeon of early colonial history—the Mutiny on the Bounty, and Bligh's later pursuit of the mutineers. These events were not fully detailed in those long ago history lessons we sat in on!

Also, our P12 PNG Remembrance day story focusses on WWII's Kokoda Campaign as we acknowledge our PNG friends' support.

Landmark Moments #3 on P7 returns us to the era just after WWII and the resolution to build the War Memorial Science Block in honour of our own who had so recently lost their lives. The final result was a mighty effort and not without its challenges but proof positive of what is achievable with the determination to make things happen.

Keeping up Appearances, P8, features Tim Welk who this year was named an **Icon of the Road**. For those who might like to know, the SAR designation of Tim's Kenworth truck stands for the following: S (short bonnet) A (made for Australia) R (right hand drive).

Our P9 account of a 1923 St Mark's wedding provides a little something of special interest for St Catharine's girls as we continue to promote Slade's history and 2026 celebrations.

Also on P9, the Cowra Breakout story from Eddie Wickham relates a not-so-well-known chapter of NSW WWII history.

Our continued Internet safety awareness series, P13, features the first of a set of articles by industry professionals to assist businesses and private users.

Our "Not-too-well" list: **Paul Stevens, Colin Jackson, Peter Henning Margaret Edwards and Billy Barwick.** We wish them our very best.

Until next time, enjoy the read Joan White

"The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you can see." Winston Churchill



"I think perfect objectivity is an unrealistic goal; fairness, however, is not."

Michael Pollan



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Johnno's Corner

THE PROPOSED NEW 'UNDER COVER' AREA AT THE WCC looks like it will be a valued addition to amenities and be a great resource to all the various sporting activities that can be conducted there. From the photos I've seen it appears to be in the location of the old Chapel / Russ's Grade 8 classrooms. Always great to see 'the old school' keeping up to speed with today's teaching expectations and being well cared for.

- Great to see Tony Roy, Wally Holcombe and Wally Cover checking in on Peter Henning. Nothing much has to be said when old school mates get together— you just seem to carry on.
- The 'Centenary 2026 Task Force' is progressing well with planning and our reunion weekend is shaping up to be a great event. We are currently at about 170 confirmed interested attendees so get in now to avoid disappointment.
- Remember to ring your old mates and check in on them, it may just make their day.

Until next time, take care of yourselves. Johnno

"We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere."

Tim McGraw



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COMING UP IN 2025

- July 17-27** Jumpers & Jazz in July in Warwick
- July 23** PNG Remembrance Day
- Aug. 18** Vietnam Veteran's Day
- Sep. 6** SCPSA AGM Warwick
- Oct. 3-4** Australian Camp Oven Festival, Millmerran
- Oct. 4-6** Celtic Festival, Warwick
- Oct. 21-27** Warwick Rodeo
- Nov. 1** Brekky Creek Lunch
- Nov. 11** Remembrance Day

High School Reunion Truth

A lot has changed and who you were then isn't who you are now. The same is true for everyone else.

varsityreunions.com

LET'S MEET, CATCH UP & CELEBRATE

PAYMENT DETAILS TO REGISTER AS A SCPSA MEMBER OR RENEW EXISTING MEMBERSHIP:
 BSB: 124001 ACCOUNT NO: 90641027 ACCOUNT NAME: SLADE CAMPUS PAST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
 REFERENCE: **YOUR INITIALS AND SURNAME** APPLICATION FORMS FOR NEW MEMBERS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

2026 SLADE PAST STUDENTS ARE CELEBRATING MAY 2-3 100 YEARS SINCE SLADE'S FOUNDATION BACK IN 1926

Go to: www.scpsawarwick.com → Slade Centenary

2025 Brekky Creek Lunch

17th ANNUAL GATHERING FOR Slade/St Catharine's/WCC Past Students

2 Kingsford Smith Drive - Breakfast Creek. 4020

- Get together in an area set aside for us at the front
- Purchase 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

Saturday, November 1
11.00 AM FOR LUNCH



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Term 2 Highlights at 70 Horsman Rd

COMMEMORATIONS, PERFORMANCES: A TERM TO REMEMBER AT WCC!

As Term 2 comes to a close, we reflect on a vibrant season full of learning, growth, celebration, and connection at Warwick Christian College. Our students have embraced a wide range of experiences that have enriched both their education and their sense of community...

■ We kicked off the term with our **Whole School Cross Country** event – a joyful day filled with encouragement, perseverance, and house spirit.

■ Shortly after, our students showed leadership and heart during our **ANZAC commemorations**, beginning with a special service at the local Churches of Christ Aged Care Home, followed by our own school-led ANZAC service. Both events were made even more powerful by performances from our **student bagpipe players** and **choir**, who also proudly supported the town in the **Warwick ANZAC March**.

ANZAC Week continues to be an important time of honour and reflection for our College.

■ From there, the term gathered pace! We smiled for **school photos**, and welcomed our beloved guests for a delightful **Mother's Day Lawn Party** – a chance to celebrate the special women in our community with music, games, and heartfelt appreciation.

■ Our students also set off on many exciting adventures.

• **Year 11 and 12** explored Lennox Head on camp, enjoying cycling, surfing, team-building and beach walks.

• **Year 7 and 8** ventured to Burleigh Heads for bushwalking, kayaking and swimming.

• **Year 7** also visited the Queensland Museum to explore the fascinating **Ancient Egypt exhibit**, followed a few weeks later by

• **Year 8 Science students**, who engaged in hands-on learning at the **Sparklab Energy Exhibit**.

• **Year 5/6** deepened their history knowledge with a trip to Cobb & Co Museum in Brisbane, learning about Colonial Australia.

• **Our youngest learners in Prep** took their first excursion to the local library and park and enjoyed a visit from our local police!

• Our school also proudly participated in the **National Simultaneous Storytime**, joining over 16,000 locations nationwide, with Principal Mr Jason Gay reading aloud to our students.

■ **STEM*** Week's daily activities sparked creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving across all year levels, wrapping up with experiments and innovative designs, showing minds truly in action!

■ **The Border District Eisteddfod** was a shining moment for our Performing Arts students:

• **Our Junior Choir** won 1st and 2nd place in different categories.

• A **four-piece ensemble** earned a 2nd place finish.

• **Our adorable Tiny Tots Choir** (Years 1/2) placed 3rd. These talented students performed with enthusiasm and pride, representing our school beautifully.

■ **On the sporting front, our Secondary students competed in the Dalby Gala Day**, joining other Christian schools in volleyball, touch football, and netball. Our **Primary students** also travelled to Dalby for their own day of friendly competition.

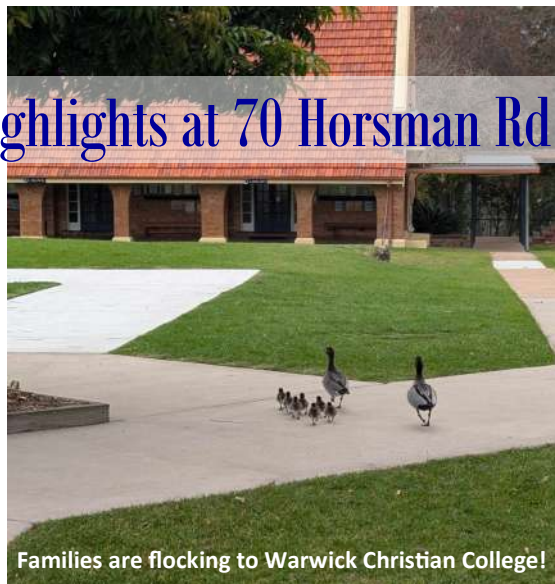
■ We celebrated creativity with our annual **Winter Talent Quest**, where students of all ages showcased their gifts in music, drama, and performance. Selected performers will go on to shine at our **Spring Showcase** at the local Town Hall later this year.

■ **Rounding out the term, our Year 11/12 students** engaged in a powerful and eye-opening session with **Queensland Fire and Emergency Services**, learning about road safety and the very real consequences of impaired driving.

■ **Meanwhile, our Year 10 students** are stepping into the world of work, as they undertake **Work Experience** across a variety of local businesses and organisations.

■ From classrooms to campsites, sports fields to stages, this term has been packed with moments of growth, joy, challenge, and success. We're so proud of our students and thankful to our staff, families and community partners for making Term 2 such a rewarding journey.

* For those of us whose more-than-likely-forgotten school curriculum from years ago almost certainly did not include such an offering, STEM is the new-age acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in the current and endlessly evolving education environment.



Families are flocking to Warwick Christian College!



Sister Act for old times sake at the Lyric Theatre




On March 8, just as Cyclone Alfred crossed the QLD coast, a group of past St Catharine's friends had arranged to meet together in Brisbane for lunch and to see **Sister Act** at the Lyric Theatre. Disappointingly, Alfred intervened causing this much anticipated outing to be rescheduled. Originally 11 girls from the 60s era had booked tickets to see the show as a whimsical reminder of their school days but Alfred's interference meant that this needed to be moved back to the following weekend, as the season was reaching its end. Unfortunately, not everyone was able to rearrange on such short notice. Still, those able to do so thoroughly enjoyed the show and this opportunity to lunch together. Here at the theatre are **Helen Moloney, Margaret Stewart, Margaret Tiller, Lesley Bullen, Jean Dowding, and Lois**


Burton. The lunch menu was not even a little bit like boarding school fare and the company, conversation and catch up was greatly enjoyed.


What you said: hearing back from our readers


Your input, as always, is greatly appreciated. Selected and edited reader responses are shared below.


 **Richard Busser 1957-64.** ...I was pleased to read of the doings of David Heussler; but also saddened to note the passing of his elder brother Robert. I'm afraid we were a bit tough on these kids early on at Highfields; but they proved resilient, and we all rapidly grew wiser in a few short years after a few tough experiences of our own.


Note: After the last "Dropped out of sight" list went live, Richard Busser passed on a last known, but unconfirmed, email address for Rob Davies. So, with fingers crossed, I emailed Rob, with a May June Kinawah attached and was delighted to hear back from him...

 **Rob Davies 1961-65** Thanks, Joan...After 40 years, my wife and I escaped from the golden cage of Canberra five years ago and are enclosed 'halfway to the beach' at Braidwood. My 'big brother' John was Slade's School Captain in 1959, then joined the RAN, and we lost him in VOYAGER in '64. I followed him into the Navy in '66 and lasted 30 years ... Rob Nolan was in my year, but I haven't seen him since Speech Day in '65. I last caught up with Richard, and Kim Becker, when we were at last allowed into Queensland during Covid a few years ago. My naval intake is celebrating 60 years since we joined up next year, so I doubt we'd be able to make a trip to Warwick as well, but would certainly be happy to receive Kinawah, if only to see who's doing what...and you might recognise the face on the right at my Graduation from the Naval College in 1967 !! →

 **Greg Suhr 1956-56** Thanks for a great read in the latest Kinawah and also for reminding Bigpond users like me to transition to another email address. *NB: It seems this applies mainly to those who were on 3G.*

 **Richard Simpson 1970-74** Looking forward to this centenary celebration. **Dick (Richard) Jenkin** was at Slade from 1972- 77. He was a pharmacist in Dungog, and now semi-retired to become an author and photographer ([Jenkin Photography](#)) after selling his pharmacy. His wife, **Lynn** is also an avid photographer and has a horse training business. Richard (now called Dick) grew up on Wantley Street in Warwick and was a day boy at Slade [1972-74.]

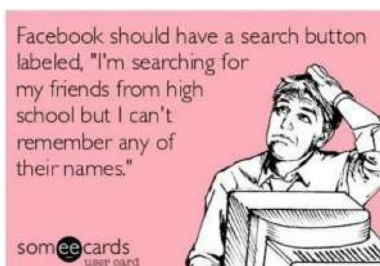
 **Jim Cover 1962-63** When I moved to [the] Inglewood area in 2018 I asked about Jim Trehearn and was told where he lived and was going to visit [him] but never did. I was informed late 2020 or 2021 he had passed. Andy Bode is correct when he says Malcom Twine joined the ministry. I visited him when he was serving at St George. He was later transferred to Pittsworth. Neville Barwick was in Tenterfield in 1982.

 **Rosie Hahn [Hamlyn 1981-82]** ... a quick note. I have found someone here at Wallumbilla who attended Slade back in the day. [He is] **Laurence Maunder: 1960-61** did Sub junior/ junior. He says he did an Ag Course. I asked if he was interested in the reunion, but no. He loves reading [the] Kinawah stories. Which I print out for him.

Editor's Note: Rosie's father, Walter Lloyd Hamlyn was at Slade 1948-1949. Unfortunately, Walter passed away at Taroom in 2014. Rosie's brother, **Leslie Hamlyn** was also at Slade 1981-1982. He is now based round Kingaroy.



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



"DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT" #6: CAN YOU HELP US?

This time we name persons enrolled at Slade (and staff) in 1997, its final year, all listed in the magazine of that year. We know next to nothing about the whereabouts of most of them. Are you able to tell us anything about the following:

Sibia Babia, Jason Bartholomai, Christopher Bergemann, Sandra Bergemann, Shane Bingham, Sharon Bowden, Marika Brailey, Samantha Bray, Adrian Brickley, Jeanna Brose, Adam Byrne, Alfreda Cheng, Jack Chou, Joey Choi, Sharran Condon, Bronte Coe, Brad Cummins, Kaine Davies, Benson Dettori, Roger Dettori, Ami Diallo, Ken Domjahn, Rebecca Domjahn, Stephen Domjahn, Nicole Drysdale, Nathan Ferris, Shaun Geddes, Jeff Gunn, Tiffany Hammer, Trevor Hart, David Hartshorn, Elizabeth Hartshorn, Tim Hartshorn, David Heard, Nick Hering, Ross Hentschel, Chris Hoffman, Nathan Hoffman, Daniel Hurman, Chris Jones, Arran Kabel, Alex Kemp, Tarsha Kuhn, Jenny Lang, Stuart Lang, Katherine Lawless, Kelli Linnett, Bianca Lokollo, Amanda Mauch, Ben Mann, Dainley McAllister, Lucinda McCosker, Greg Miskin, Jayde Moore, Katie Morris, Louise Morris, Tim Morrissey, Anna O'Farrell, Hugh Olsen, Chris Palframan, Sally Proctor, Gail Rickard, Neil Rickard, Ruth Rickard, Jenny Riddell, Karly Rossiter, Les Rogers, Vikas Sachathamakul, Jean Sam, Kieran Shephard, Storm Shepherd, Kylie Skinner, John Soo, Bethel Stacey, Jeremy Stevens, Edward Straker, Jonathan Straker, Zoltan Szilvassy, Karl Tabuai, Ian Taylor, Jason Werner, Josh Woods, Karen Wright.

1997 STAFF: Miss E Adenan, Mr J Barling, Ms M Bennett, Mr D Brailey, Mrs K Brailey, Mr D Carr, Mr R Cockrell, Mrs N Davies, Mr R Dawson, Mrs A Dunn, Mr P Eastwell, Ms B Fairweather, Mrs J Grandin, Mr R Grandin, Mrs C Hanneman, Mr D Hanneman, Mrs J Hoffman, Mrs S Morris, Miss K Morrison, Mrs J Page, Ms H Singh, Ms T Singh, Mr K Smith, Mr P Stevens.

Another life breathed into Slade campus...

HERE'S THE NEXT EPISODE IN THE "SAVE OUR SLADE" SAGA THAT WE HAVE BEEN RECOUNTING RECENTLY IN KINAWAH. We back up now a little to when Warwick Christian College, (WCC) began upgrading the campus prior to moving in. After Slade closed and Churchie left, SCPSA, its former Associations, and private members contributed upwards of \$25,000 towards works around the Slade Campus but the need was ongoing. As we know, the late Kel Williamson who had arrived with Churchie and never left Warwick, had seen the facility cared for as much as he was able and stayed on site until WCC became the present owners of the campus, and afterwards.



"Tradesmen start to spruce up Slade School campus" September 01, 2012:

"Construction is under way at Slade campus as the Warwick Christian College prepares to move in. Principal Terrence McCorkell said electrical work had been fitted throughout all buildings and termite-damaged floors replaced.

"Slade House is next on the list, with painters tending to the exterior this week.

"All the walls are solid brick, so we can't just gut it. We're going to make this the administration building and offices," Mr McCorkell said.

"The school welcomes any donations from businesses that would like to sponsor a room or the overall upgrade and can have rooms named after them with a welcoming plaque.

"Anyone interested should phone Warwick Christian College on 4661 7554.

"Mr McCorkell said all construction on the campus was sourced through local businesses and, in keeping with the initial promise of remaining a community project, the campus will remain available for community use on completion.

Students will move into Slade Campus during the last two weeks of Term 4 and return next year when the school officially opens.

"Currently we have 54 (enrolments) and we've got a commitment to enrolment for next year of 80 but I'm expecting 100 or more," Mr McCorkell said.

"He said he was excited to see the campus upgrade under way.

"It's exciting because this plan has been a long time in the making and the kids at school are all excited too," Mr McCorkell said.

"Completion of the entire campus will be dependent on enrolment numbers, and the school will develop the campus as the student numbers require.

"Slade Hall [the old St Catharine's Hall which had been divided into three parts in order to be transported to Slade in 1977] had a workout yesterday as principals from across the state met for their quarterly Christian School Australia meeting."

"Settling in to Slade" February 8, 2013:

The local press reported that Warwick Christian College high school students Jessie Mayer, Faith DeCourcy, Seamus Ryan and Nick Mansfield, pictured, 'love their new campus'. Tragically, Seamus passed away suddenly in 2021.

"With scenic views over town, historic buildings for classrooms and plenty of room to move, the Warwick Christian College is settling into its new home in Horsman Road nicely. Principal, Terrence McCorkell is excited to see the continued growth of the school.

"We are really enjoying our new location," Mr McCorkell said. 'There are lots more kids running around and there is lots more space. We are still the same school we were on Canningvale Rd and we will continue to keep our message the same.'

"The Warwick Christian College strives to create a non-denominational Christian ethos, catering for students from a variety of Christian backgrounds.



AERIAL VIEW OF SLADE CAMPUS 2010



"This year the college introduced a mothers' play group. Mr McCorkell said anyone was welcome to join the group.

"We want to include the community in our school," he said.

"We have lots of mothers from the college with young children and it will be great for them to all get together. Anyone with young kids is welcome to come along."

"This year all 90 students at the school are able to learn Mandarin. Like our sister schools in Brisbane, the students are learning the Chinese language which means we can also participate in exchange programs," he said.

"In July we will actually have 24 kids from Hong Kong visit our school. Coincidentally, it is at the same time Jumpers and Jazz is on so there will be plenty for the kids to look at."

"Mr McCorkell is a believer in teaching the children through real experiences.

"The children are working on a textile project at the moment," he said.

"It's not just any old textile project - the children are making quilts which will be donated to charity. I'm also planning a business project where children will have to come up with their own business and learn the lesson of profit and loss."

Landmark moments in the history of Slade #3

When the war is over: future firmed for next 20+ years

1946 SLADE SCHOOL REUNION MEETS IN MAY AND DETERMINES SOME CLEAR CUT OBJECTIVES:

At the Old Boys' reunion weekend in May 1946, better than 60 past students took the opportunity to visit the school. This was the first reunion that was able to be held since the outbreak of WWII and quite naturally, the cloud of our war casualties loomed large in the collective thinking. Nevertheless a full programme was put together as our way of honouring the sacrifice of our fallen fellows.

The Old Boys' Association, OBA, after its enforced period of inactivity applied themselves to putting into effect some newly defined objectives with a renewed sense of purpose.

At the Annual Meeting the proposal to erect a Memorial to our war dead was debated and the decision was made to raise funds for a new building. This was to contain two rooms for the teaching of Science, with its central feature to be an honour room to be an enduring mark of respect for those who had given their lives in the conflict. This room would contain a Reference Library and the Honour Roll including photos, where possible—a highly practical means by which Slade might benefit from some additional much needed infrastructure in such a way that due honour be given to those who should not be forgotten. Keith Dan noted his appreciation of this stating that Slade had so far managed without a purpose-built Science teaching facility and that this addition to the school would be most welcome.

A dedicated fund raising drive was embarked upon with the donation of a bale of wool from the Hammond family in Dirranbandi to kick things off—a most appropriate opening move from past students of a school that traditionally served a rural clientele. Additionally, the second annual Slade Fair was counted a great success with Charlie Olsen recording that it raised \$500 for the Memorial Fund. Charlie recorded some of the memorable proceedings as follows...

" A committee was formed of the staff, with Mr Olsen as organiser and the staff in charge of the following sections:

Games and Sideshows Mr Charles; Golf Course Mr Cook; Quiz Show Mr Moore; Catering Mr Smith; Entertainments Mr Dan; Stall Mr Hooper.

" All boys were allotted their various tasks. The highlight of the afternoon was the 'Official Opening'. The 'Official Party' led by [John] Bird* on his motor bike drove down the drive in an old truck with Bert Sniffley (Mr Charles), Billie Snooze (Mr Smith), Aunt Mary (Mr Stabler) and an attendant (Peter Rowland). They got out of the truck as the comb, pipe and drum band started 'God Save the King'. [Glynn] Blackwood unrolled the carpet up the path, as the band and guard of honour (in costumes of all kinds—swimming togs, football jumpers, gay dressing gowns and old clothes) were inspected.

" When the carpet was finished, it was rolled up again and put in front; Billie became a little annoyed and rolled Blackwood up in the carpet, but he was soon unwound again. So they went to the staff verandah where they were welcomed and Bert Sniffley opened the Fair. Billie Snooze received the Warwick Egg but the aim of the thrower was not good. Aunt Mary said a few words when she received a bouquet from a little girl of the quiz show. Then they went over to the Quiz Show.

" At night there was an interschool Quiz followed by a Mannequin Parade. The mannequins were well received and



Blackwood and Sue See earned applause.

The 'Popular Girl' competition was won by Corinne Harris* of St Catharine's." →

It is unclear if this pic of Alan Sue See and Niel Quirk in fancy dress was taken at the 1946 Fair or a subsequent one. What is absolutely clear is that all stops were pulled to ensure the success of the fundraising efforts. The Memorial Appeal continued its momentum alongside the 'Food for Britain' fund and various balls and functions, which were held in both



Warwick and Brisbane, contributing to the success of this venture.

Meanwhile the acquisition and purposing of 'Highfields', opened in 1946 for the younger boys, filled a growing need for Slade. It was quite a walk from this new dormitory accommodation to the dining room and classrooms for the younger boys but all have the fondest memories of the late Matron Walker who did her best to make it their home away from home while they were at school.

Other improvements were also becoming a reality at Slade. The old Slade dining room became the new library once the new dining hall was built and at the 1949 Old Boys' Reunion Dinner the gift of historic Glengallan Homestead to Slade was announced.

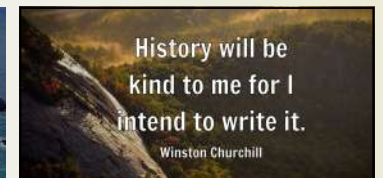
With the 50 year Jubilee celebrations looming, plans were afoot for them to be memorable. The Warwick Daily News reported that 'Operation Canterbury' was underway. Archbishop, Dr G.F. Fisher, was to visit Australia and the ceremony for him to lay the foundation stone for the Memorial Science Block at Slade was in his itinerary.



← Pictured here: Ian Naylor*, Eric Donaldson, Graham Wood and John Coleman formed an honour guard for the visit which featured a ceremonial march past—a milestone event. Tenders were called for the new building. First stage of the new



Science Block was in use 1955. The finished double lab facility was opened in 1964. Cost for the whole building was £20,000—a wonderful fundraising achievement.



Keeping Up Appearances in the Bush

TIM WELK, RECENTLY NAMED ICON OF THE ROAD



If you are a Facebook follower and already a member of our Facebook group you have probably already seen the following story posted by Wal Holcombe 12th March. ← Wal was at Slade 1970-1972 and Tim Welk was with him there 1970-1971. → Both boys played in Slade's 1970 Under 15 XV as these school photos indicate. Wal's hometown on enrolment was listed as Gleneagle and Tim's as Windorah. Tim's older brother, John, also attended Slade in 1970. This story is another reminder that boarding school was most often the only option for bush kids to go to school.



Below is the commendation that was given when Tim's award was presented. It's good to see those Slade links still being felt 55 years after school. Unfortunately, we have no contact details for Tim or John Welk.

WE ARE THRILLED TO INTRODUCE TIM WELK of Camrandale Transport, the next Icon of the Road.

In the early 1970s, a 'Boy from the Bush' dream became a reality. From hauling triple singles to transporting bullocks in mono six decks, Tim has traversed every Channel Country track that most have forgotten. The principles and values learned from the arrows remain true. As a family man, cattle carter, and businessman, you have made a lasting impact on the entire Southwest community.

Tim learned to drive trucks as a young boy in Windorah. Older truck drivers from Quilpie would pick him up while passing through Windorah and allow him to drive to their destination in the Channel Country.

Upon turning 17, Tim obtained his Heavy Vehicle license and began working for D'Hennin's Transport, Quilpie, driving a Mercedes Benz and pulling triple single decks at the age of 18 in 1973. Tim recalls that large Channel Country properties would send a telegram with the year's dates for all their trucking and adhere to those dates.

In 1984, McIver Brothers acquired D'Hennin's, and Tim had his first experience driving a Kenworth SAR. Tim managed the McIver's Quilpie depot for 10 years until 1994, when he decided to own his truck.

Establishing Tim Welk Transport was challenging, with a second-

hand truck and frequent breakdowns. After six years, he took a brief break to work as a newsagent, but the allure of trucks and the bush never faded, prompting his return to Quilpie.

In 2004, Tim launched Camrandale Transport, and nearly 21 years later, he operates eight prime movers pulling triple road trains. After 48 years of driving road trains, Tim finds the over-regulation of the industry to be increasingly burdensome and wishes any young newcomers to the industry the best of luck.

Congratulations Tim. It was great to have you recognised for the contribution you've made to the livestock transport industry over the years last night.

ALRTA in partnership with PACCAR and Dealer Industry group launched Icons of the Road, to recognise, capture and showcase the heritage of our livestock and rural transport industry, before it is lost.



We are also proud to offer our congratulations to Tim on his hard earned award in an industry that is a frequently underrated and far too often underappreciated sector of the national business landscape. Montana USA might claim the title of "Big Sky Country" but the panoramic shot above proves our own outback is its equal.

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1923 St Mark's wedding, of special interest to us

We have featured this delightful vintage photograph in a previous Kinawah of young Warwick lady, Miriam Rooney, better known to us much later on as Sister Rachel, Sister in Charge at St Catharine's 1959-1964. Lynne Johnson found the following description on Trove of this 1923 wedding at St Mark's, and one which many of the girls among our readers are sure to find simply charming. The post-WWI context is plainly seen in the descriptions of the men in the Allan - Rooney bridal party...

A WEDDING OF GREAT INTEREST TO A LARGE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS IN WARWICK AND DISTRICT was celebrated at St. Mark's Church of England on Wednesday, January 10th, when Miss Madeline Rooney, youngest daughter of the late Mr. S. T. Rooney and Mrs. Rooney, of Warwick, was married to Mr. William McKenzie Allan, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Allan, of Swanfels.

"Rev. W. P. Clover officiated. The church was prettily decorated by girlfriends of the bride, a large arch from which hung suspended a handsome wedding bell being a feature.

"The bride entered the church on the arm of her uncle, Mr. John Rooney, Mount Marshall, to the strains of the Wedding Hymn, sung by the choir. The service was fully choral, Miss Madeline Anstey presiding at the organ.

"The bride wore a handsome gown of duchesse satin and silk Malines, softly draped, forming an overdress, with pinafore effect of rich satin finished with swathed belt of satin. Her veil was held in place by a coronet of orange blossom, and she carried a shower bouquet of tuber-roses and white carnations and fern.

"The Misses Miriam Rooney (sister of the bride) and Jessie Allan (sister of the bridegroom) were bridesmaids. Miss Rooney wore a pretty frock of deepest cream taffeta with overdress to tone, of georgette caught with swathed belt and fastened with single gold tissue rose. Her bouquet was composed of pale pink and cream roses, penstemons and trails of asparagus fern.

"Miss Allan wore a dainty frock of petal pink taffeta and georgette, the georgette forming floating panels and softly caught with sash belt to tone. Her bouquet was of pink roses and fern. Both bridesmaids wore cream Leghorn hats with wreath of hand-made flowers fastened with gold tissue rose and finished with streamers of pink and lemon shot ribbon.

"Mr. C. Brooker, of Swanfels, acted as best man, and Mr. H. Anstey, of Swanfels, as groomsman. The groom and groomsmen wore their returned medals. After the ceremony Mrs. Rooney entertained her guests at Johnson's Cafe, the table decorations being carried out in roses. Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Allan left on an extended tour to the Northern Rivers, the bride travelling in a smart navy suit ornamented with military braid, and close-fitting black hat." <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/177274958?searchTerm=Allan%20Rivers>



Cowra Breakout: WWII chapter written in rural NSW

MORE THAN 1,000 JAPANESE MEN WERE INTERNED at the 12th Australian Prisoner of War and Internees Camp in Cowra, south of Parkes and Orange, and 300km west of Sydney in NSW, about half of them actually being merchant navy POWs.

In the early hours of a frosty morning, on 5 August 1944, they broke out of the camp. This was the biggest mass escape in WWII and one of the bloodiest in modern history. The escapees clambered over dead bodies and barbed wire. For many of the Japanese, it was a suicide mission and their final chance to regain lost honour as per the Samurai *Bushido* code. During the breakout, 234 Japanese prisoners died, 108 were wounded, and three Australian guards were killed. An officer was stabbed and killed during the subsequent hunt for escapees. About two-thirds of the Japanese prisoners in Camp B remained within the confines of the camp, either alive or dead. Over 300 men were recaptured in the 9 days after the escape. . .



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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'A' and 'C' compounds for Italians
'B' compound for Japanese non-commissioned officers and other ranks

'D' compound for Formosans (Taiwanese indigenous peoples) and Koreans, as well as Japanese officers.

Thick, entangled barbed wire almost 2.5 m high surrounded the complex. The six watchtowers were equipped with powerful searchlights, which gave the guards vantage points around the camp's perimeter. WWII was officially declared over with Japan's surrender in September 1945—our spring, signalling a fresh start as well as the end of hostilities. Most internees were eventually returned to their home countries or sent to other camps, but some individuals were granted permission to remain in Australia.

We fast forward now to 1960 when the Japanese Government made the decision to bring all their war dead from parts of Australia to be re-buried at Cowra. This was the beginning of the friendship between Japan and the town of Cowra. The serenely beautiful Cowra Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre which incorporates some of the finest elements of traditional Japanese garden design was established to recognize and develop the relationship between the people of Cowra Shire and the people of Japan, a relationship whose origins curiously began in the Prisoner of War Camp as we have just seen and read. The POW camp, once again a quiet expanse of grassland, now bears signage declaring it the "Cowra Peace Precinct".



Cowra Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre in 2025

Norfolk Island, curiously connected to Slade:

Several of us have visited Norfolk Island during various globetrotting adventures and were surprised to find the subject of this story at historic St Barnabus' Bishop Patteson Memorial Chapel, consecrated in 1880. The chapel, with its time-worn white cross, placed below identifying plaques, is inextricably tied to Slade—on more than one front! For many years this same cross, beautifully crafted out of iron in all of its stark simplicity was homed on the Slade Campus, installed on the path between Slade House and the War Memorial building. The late Peter Moore felt the Patteson Cross was donated in the 1930s. Our Archivist and Patron, Ted, suspects the connection between the cross and Slade may have come about by way of Canon Edwards who served with Fletcher Quintal during WWI.

The uppermost of the two plaques is inscribed with this wording:

THIS CROSS STOOD OVER THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHAPEL ON
NORFOLK ISLAND OF JOHN COLERIDGE PATTESON MARTYRED FIRST BISHOP OF MELANESIA
MURDERED BY NATIVES OF NUKAPU ISLAND IN 1871 PRESENTED TO SLADE SCHOOL
BY CAPTAIN FLETCHER E. QUINTAL OF NORFOLK ISLAND DESCENDED FROM MATTHEW QUINTAL
OF "THE BOUNTY" WRECKED IN 1789 ON PITCAIRN ISLAND.

The second of the two plaques reads:

THIS CROSS WAS RETURNED TO ST BARNABAS, NORFOLK ISLAND
ON THE CLOSURE OF SLADE SCHOOL, WARWICK, QUEENSLAND.
IT WAS CONSECRATED IN ITS RE-LOCATED POSITION BY
THE RIGHT REVEREND ADRIAN O. CHARLES AM RFD ED
A FORMER STUDENT AND STAFF MEMBER OF SLADE SCHOOL
AND BISHOP TO THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE
ON SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 1998

And so it was that our own latter day bishop, the late Adrian Charles, Slade 1942-1944, returned this artifact which had been fashioned in honour of a much earlier late bishop, John Coleridge Patteson, to part of the Pacific region which he administered in his capacity as a missionary until his untimely demise in 1871—127 years later. We can be certain Adrian Charles keenly felt the weight of this duty with a double sense of closure, both for Slade and the return of a Christian relic that had been part of Slade's history for so many years.



Editor's Note: In the 2023 September/October edition of *Kinawah* we ran a story about the Patteson Cross and the martyrdom of the bishop it honours. Already in this *Kinawah* we have variously noted the closure of Slade (shortly before the return of the cross to Norfolk Island) so it seems appropriate to make mention of this again. For those who might like to revisit the above story you may do so via www.scpsawarwick.com → KINAWAH. The photo above clearly shows the cross in front of the War Memorial Science Block shown here in its original livery. As the account on the previous page notes, this was first in use in 1955. Thank you Kay and Morrie Dorward for the beautifully clear pics taken at St Barnabus' Bishop Patteson Memorial Chapel which they were able to capture on a recent trip. Thanks too, to Jacque Baxter and John Bayliss for info and brochures sent to us following their own visit to Norfolk Island not so long ago. Simply loads and loads of early colonial history to unpack here. For more, see next page.



Norfolk Island, curly collage of circumstances:

NORFOLK ISLAND, AN EXTERNAL TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA, is located about 1,600 km northeast of Sydney between New Zealand and New Caledonia and is administered under the authority of the Commonwealth of Australia. People born on Norfolk Island are Australian citizens if one parent is an Australian citizen or permanent resident and passports and visas are not required when traveling there from the Australian mainland. This south Pacific island has a unique heritage and culture, with a significant Pitcairn ancestry among its population. The main language on Norfolk Island is English, but some Norfolk Islanders speak the local language Norf'k, a mix of Tahitian and Old English from the Bounty descendants. Norfolk Island's economic and social links are with Australia and the island's economy is heavily reliant on tourism.

Norfolk Island was settled by the British in 1788, just weeks after the First Fleet arrived in Australia, and was initially part of the Colony of New South Wales. It served as a penal colony, with two periods of transportation to the island from 1788–1814 and 1825–1855. In 1856, the descendants of the *Bounty* mutineers, who had been living on Pitcairn Island, were relocated to Norfolk Island.

Norfolk Island became a separate British colony in 1856, though it remained under the administrative status of the governor of NSW in 1897. In 1913, under the Norfolk Island Act (effective 1914), the colony became a territory of the Australian Commonwealth.

During World War II, Norfolk Island became a key airbase and refuelling depot between Australia and New Zealand, and New Zealand and the Solomon Islands. In 1979, Norfolk Island was granted limited self-government by Australia, with the island electing a government to run most of its affairs. From 2016, most Australian Commonwealth laws were extended to Norfolk Island, including Medicare and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Today, Norfolk Island celebrates its unique heritage, including the *Bounty* mutiny, with events like Bounty Day, a national holiday on the island which commemorates the arrival of the Pitcairn Islanders. Celebrations include reenactments, parades, wreath-laying, singing of hymns, and a community picnic highlighting traditional food. From a scenic viewpoint, the island is defined by pine trees and jagged cliffs. Sandy beaches include Emily Bay, with reef-protected waters. Norfolk Island National Park offers views over palm forests from Mt. Pitt. In the capital, Kingston, the Norfolk Island Museum traces the island's colourful past. The Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historic Area also retains a ruined British penal colony. [Google](#)



WILLIAM BLIGH was an outstanding sailor, an accomplished navigator and a cartographer. But we are told that because of an uncompromising attitude, bad temper and tyrannical leadership style, he is most often remembered as the captain of the *Bounty* at the time its crew mutinied, and also as the failed Governor of New South Wales who was overthrown by the military.

<https://australian.museum/about/history/exhibitions/trailblazers>

THE MUTINY ON THE ROYAL NAVY VESSEL HMAS BOUNTY occurred in the South [Pacific Ocean](#) on 28 April 1789.

Disaffected crewmen, led by acting-Lieutenant [Fletcher Christian](#), seized control of the ship from their captain, [Lieutenant William Bligh](#), and set Bligh and eighteen loyalists adrift in the ship's open [launch](#). The reasons behind the mutiny are still debated but if the mutineers thought to consign Bligh to his death on the high seas they were to learn otherwise. Bligh and his crew stopped for supplies on [Tofua](#), where a crew member was killed. Bligh navigated more than 3,500 nautical miles (6,500 km; 4,000 mi) in the launch to reach safety and then began the process of bringing the mutineers to justice. The mutineers variously settled on [Tahiti](#) or on [Pitcairn Island](#).

Bounty had left England in 1787 on a mission to collect and transport [breadfruit](#) plants from Tahiti to the [West Indies](#). A five-month [layover](#) in Tahiti, during which time many of the men lived ashore and formed relationships with native [Polynesians](#), led those men to be less amenable to naval discipline. Relations between Bligh and his crew deteriorated after he reportedly began handing out increasingly harsh punishments, criticism, and abuse, with Christian being a particular target. After three weeks back at sea, Christian and others forced Bligh from the ship. Twenty-five men remained on board afterwards, including loyalists held against their will, and others for whom there was no room in the launch.

After Bligh reached England in April 1790, the [Admiralty](#) despatched [HMS Pandora](#) to apprehend the mutineers. 14 were captured in Tahiti and imprisoned on board *Pandora*, which proceeded to search without success for Christian's party all of whom had hidden on Pitcairn Island where they had burned the *Bounty*. After turning back towards England, *Pandora* ran aground on the [Great Barrier Reef](#), with the loss of 31 crew and four *Bounty* prisoners. The ten surviving detainees reached England in June 1792 and were [court-martialled](#); four were [acquitted](#), three were [pardoned](#), and three were [hanged](#).



Christian's group remained undiscovered on Pitcairn until 1808, by which time only one mutineer, [John Adams](#), remained alive. His fellow mutineers, including Christian, were all dead, killed either by one another or by their Polynesian companions. No action was taken against Adams. Descendants of the mutineers and their accompanying Tahitians have lived on Pitcairn into the 21st century.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mutiny_on_the_Bounty

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Wednesday, 23rd July 2025: 44th PNG Remembrance Day

SINCE 1942, PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE DAY has been observed annually on July 23. This memorial day honours the service of the country's armed forces in World War I and World War II, as well as in peace-keeping and law enforcement. It is marked in these ways: A parade in the capital, Port Moresby, featuring the PNG Defence Force, Royal PNG Constabulary, and PNG Correctional Services.

The Prime Minister and Governor-General usually make official addresses. A service is held to dedicate the day to those who served.

PNG Remembrance Day is a day to:

- honour those who gave their lives so that others might live in freedom
- remember the courage and sacrifice of the country's forefathers
- remember the countless heroic tales of the Kokoda Trail.

THE KOKODA CAMPAIGN which forged enduring ties between Australia and PNG was a series of battles fought in Papua, New Guinea during WWII. It took place between July and November 1942, and was part of the Pacific War. What follows is a brief overview of how this unfolded.

1. The Japanese landed in Papua and established beachheads near Gona and Buna on July 21, 1942.
2. The Japanese forces planned to take Port Moresby by crossing the Owen Stanley Ranges via the Kokoda Track.
3. Australian and Papuan forces fought the Japanese to stop them from crossing the Owen Stanley Ranges.
4. The Australian troops relied on help from local Papuan civilians to carry wounded soldiers or guide them through the mountains.
5. With the assistance of PNG civilians, the Allies ultimately thwarted the Japanese invasion delivering a memorable first defeat on land of the Japanese Imperial Forces, a significant turning point in the Pacific war.

What was the historical significance of the Kokoda Campaign?

1. The Kokoda campaign is often compared to the Gallipoli campaign in World War I.
2. The campaign is considered to have marked Australia coming of age.
3. The campaign has been the subject of myths, including the idea that the Japanese outnumbered the Australians.

What has been done to preserve the Kokoda Track?

1. In 2008, Australia and Papua New Guinea signed an agreement to protect the Kokoda Track.
2. In 2015, the prime ministers of Australia and Papua New Guinea signed a Joint Declaration to preserve the Kokoda Track Region. *Wikipedia*

TWELVE POINTS TO NOTE CONCERNING THE KOKODA CAMPAIGN

- 1) Japan wanted to protect the port of Rabaul that they had already captured.
- 2) The Allies wanted to attack the port of Rabaul.
- 3) Part of New Guinea was under Australian administration.
- 4) Japanese forces attempted to land at Port Moresby in May 1942.
- 5) Japanese forces landed in Gona in July 1942.
- 6) The Kokoda Track links Buna (north coast) with Port Moresby (south coast).
- 7) The only VC of the Kokoda Campaign was won by Pvt. Bruce Kingsbury (inset).
- 8) The Japanese suffered their first defeat on land in New Guinea.
- 9) The American attack on Guadalcanal impacted Japanese forces in Papua.
- 10) The Australian forces turned the tables.
- 11) The Australians fought in terrible conditions.
- 12) Papuans helped the Australians incurring significant losses of their own.

<https://www.historyhit.com/facts-kokoda-campaign>

Note: At this time we too think of our PNG friends whose families' homes, personal safety and livelihoods were so severely impacted by this chapter of WWII history and the quiet and loyal support they provided to our troops. For a gritty, no-holds-barred account of this WWII engagement, "Kokoda" by Peter Fitzsimons is well written and very well worth a read. The updated 2010 and later editions now include an afterword which makes a compelling case for Kokoda to be recognised right alongside Gallipoli in terms of its significance.





Being safe online

THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S SAFER INTERNET DAY IS

"Together, for a better internet", and whether you're

a business protecting vital customer data or an individual trying to stay safe online, industry experts have advice for everyone.

The following information is from <https://www.cyberdaily.au/security/11686-the-industry-speaks-safer-internet-day-2025>



Safer Internet Day 2025 Tuesday 11 February

Together for a better internet

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Thomas Richards
Principal consultant – network security and red team practice
director at Black Duck SCAMMERS AND MALICIOUS ACTORS will continue to find creative and deceptive ways to achieve their goals.

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2025

Andrew Black Managing director of ConnectID

THIS INITIATIVE serves as a reminder of the ongoing effort required to make the web safe for all, particularly children. This year's theme, 'Together, for a better internet', couldn't be more relevant, especially here in Australia, where debates around digital identities, social media bans, and protecting the most vulnerable are heating up. It's a timely reminder of our collective responsibility to make the internet safer for everyone.

One of the biggest dangers is scams, which are evolving and becoming increasingly difficult to detect, with AI adding new challenges to user protection. For young people, this issue goes beyond losing money; it's about trust and safety in their digital lives. At the heart of this year's discussion is how we better protect them and further encourage more authentic interactions online.

A well-implemented digital identity system is a crucial step forward, alongside education, strong policies and better tools. Digital identity solutions significantly enhance accountability and verification in online environments, making it harder for scammers to impersonate others or operate anonymously without recourse. By ensuring users are who they claim to be, these systems can also help address larger issues, such as reducing the spread of harmful or unverified content that disproportionately impacts vulnerable groups, including youth. It empowers individuals to take control of their online presence while ensuring that systems uphold privacy and security.

In 2025, Safer Internet Day is a reminder that we need to push for a safer, more inclusive internet where scams and exploitation are harder to pull off. Whether it be new solutions, policies or education, every move towards a safer digital environment is a step towards a better future for everyone, and we all have a role to play in that.

Devin Ertel CISO at Menlo Security

THIS INITIATIVE highlights the critical importance of online safety. While the internet is essential, it also exposes users to numerous threats. Attackers can easily "touch" users online, often through phishing emails or malicious websites, making users a prime target. Therefore, a multi-layered security approach is essential. This includes comprehensive user education on cyber security best practices, cultivating a security-conscious environment where reporting suspicious activity is encouraged, and implementing a robust browser security solution.



Darren Guccione CEO and co-founder at Keeper Security

AS CYBER THREATS BECOME MORE FREQUENT and sophisticated, proactive security measures are essential to staying ahead of attackers. Safer Internet Day is a crucial reminder for organisations to implement a layered security strategy that includes privileged access management (PAM), advanced threat detection and flexible, secure authentication methods.

According to recent research, 80 per cent of organisations are already using or planning to adopt passkeys – reflecting a growing shift towards passwordless authentication. Passkeys and other passwordless solutions enhance security by reducing reliance on traditional passwords, which remain prime targets for phishing and credential-based attacks. In fact, 67 per cent of IT leaders report that their companies struggle to combat phishing, highlighting the need for stronger authentication measures. As passkey adoption accelerates, organisations must deploy PAM solutions capable of securing all credentials – whether passwords, passkeys or secrets – within a zero-trust and zero-knowledge framework.

This Safer Internet Day, prioritise security and usability by integrating modern authentication solutions while maintaining strong password hygiene. A layered approach remains the key to protecting sensitive data and identities.

We're already seeing AI's impact [through] malicious actors utilising it to craft new software and convincing social engineering ruses. Governments can use their regulatory power for enabling the internet industry to find ways to combat and prevent these attacks.

There will always be the cat-and-mouse game with cyber criminals, but larger internet providers should be putting a strong effort into making sure their users are safe. Wide-reaching campaigns usually have a signature or style that can be identified and stopped before damage can be done. Practising good digital hygiene continues to be the best way to prevent your account from being compromised: keep your software up to date, use long and complex passwords, and enable MFA whenever you can.

Stephen Kowski Field CTO at SlashNext Email+ Security

IT IS CRUCIAL TO HIGHLIGHT how AI-powered attacks in 2025 have made phishing more sophisticated and personal, with attackers now crafting highly convincing messages across email, chat, and collaboration tools that can bypass traditional security measures. Social engineering attacks have evolved beyond simple email scams, including deepfake voice calls and video manipulation that can fool even careful users into sharing sensitive information or transferring funds.

To stay safe, people should be extra careful when receiving unexpected communications through any channel – whether it's a Teams message, a voice call, or an email – and always verify requests through a separate, trusted channel, especially for financial transactions or sharing sensitive data. Modern security tools that can detect and block AI-generated content, alongside strong authentication methods like FIDO2, are becoming essential for protecting against these sophisticated cross-channel threats.

Eric Schwake Director of cyber security strategy at Salt Security

THIS INITIATIVE is a vital reminder of cyber security's critical role in our increasingly interconnected world. As organisations and individuals increasingly depend on digital services and applications, the attack surface grows, underscoring the necessity for robust security measures. This requires a holistic approach to cyber security that includes traditional security practices, a thorough understanding of the changing threat landscape, and the integration of advanced technologies to manage risk.

Establishing a strong cyber security framework involves a multifaceted strategy centred on API security. This starts with thorough API discovery, which provides full visibility into all APIs within an organisation's complete environment. Such visibility is essential for comprehending the potential attack surface and spotting vulnerabilities. Following this, organisations must enforce strong API governance, ensuring uniform security configurations, effective authentication and authorisation strategies, and compliance with industry standards.

Lastly, adopting advanced AI-powered behavioural threat protection is crucial for detecting and hindering malicious activities aimed at APIs. This process includes scrutinising API traffic patterns to identify irregularities and reveal concealed threats that might elude traditional security measures. By merging these components – discovery, governance, and behavioural threat protection – organisations can meaningfully enhance their cyber security posture and foster a safer internet for all.

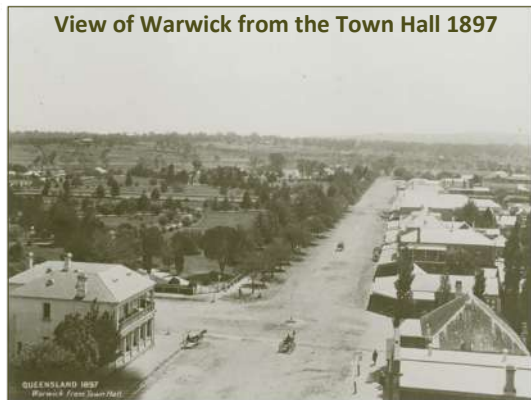
NOTE: It will be obvious to all reading this that SAFER INTERNET DAY (which I only just found out about) is now fully in our 2025 rear vision mirrors. Nevertheless, the data is relevant and fits our ongoing cyber safety awareness series. More info next time.

Think before you click – safeguard your digital voyage.

Looking at Warwick through a very old lens



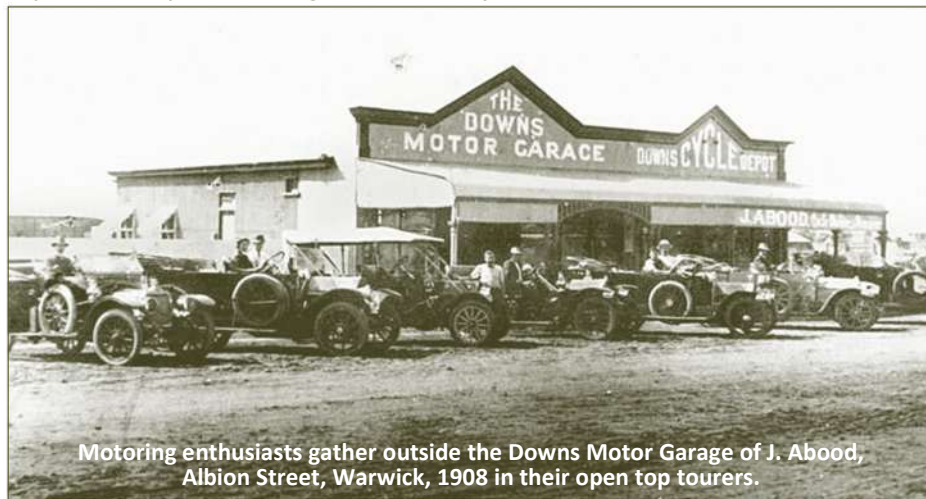
Club Hotel ca. 1925



View of Warwick from the Town Hall 1897

Waringh Waringh' or 'cold place' in their language, Warwick has long been home to the Githabul people, the traditional custodians of the area. First non-indigenous inhabitants of the area, Patrick and George Leslie established the Canning Downs run in 1840, which became a hub for the region and in 1847 Patrick Leslie gained permission to choose a site on the station which would become a town. Initially known as 'Canningtown', the settlement soon blossomed to include a general store, blacksmith, school and courthouse and was officially surveyed in 1849. Transport options to this important regional centre soon followed, with Cobb & Co coaches beginning a route to the township in 1865 and the railway from Ipswich reaching Warwick in 1871. Briefly Warwick found itself at the end of the line for the railway which led to a booming local industry. A brewery (1873), cooperative flour mill (1874) and brickworks (1874) were all established, along with the solidification of the township with the construction and consecration of several churches.

<https://warwickqld.com.au/blogs/discover/history>

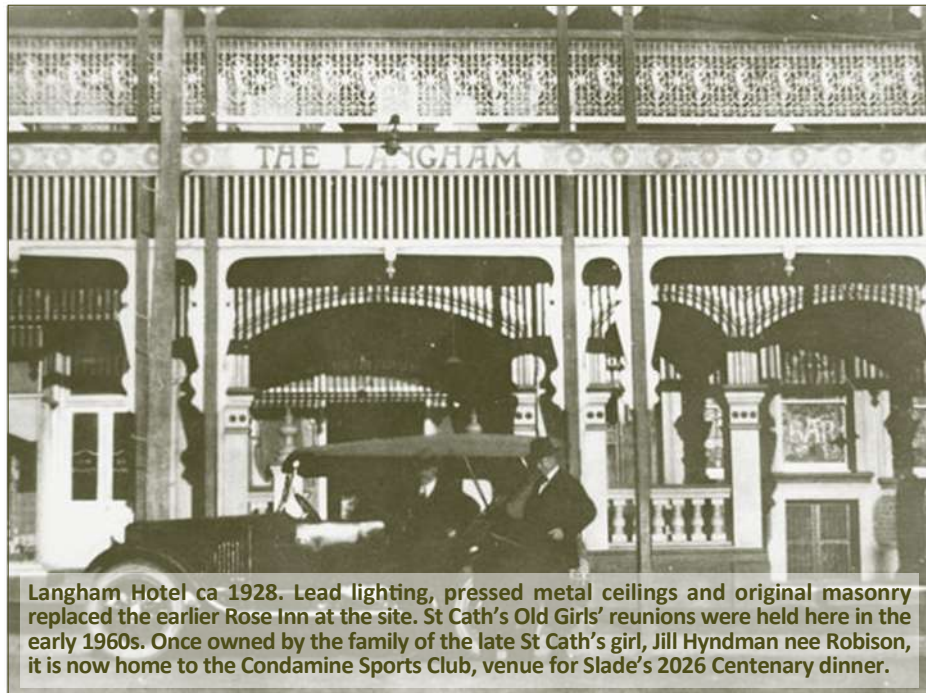


Motoring enthusiasts gather outside the Downs Motor Garage of J. Abood, Albion Street, Warwick, 1908 in their open top tourers.



Oddfellows Hall, 66 Albion St. 1890s (Story P15)

The member-owned friendly societies were originally established in the 1830s by community groups. The origins of friendly societies can be traced back to the burial societies of ancient Greek and Roman artisans and in the past shared some history with Warwick's Oddfellows.



Langham Hotel ca 1928. Lead lighting, pressed metal ceilings and original masonry replaced the earlier Rose Inn at the site. St Cath's Old Girls' reunions were held here in the early 1960s. Once owned by the family of the late St Cath's girl, Jill Hyndman nee Robison, it is now home to the Condamine Sports Club, venue for Slade's 2026 Centenary dinner.



Historic, Oddfellows/Glennie Community Hall

GLENNIE HALL: heritage-listed [community hall](#), 66 Albion St, designer [Wallace & Gibson](#), builder [E B Budgen 1880-1891](#), originally titled [ODD FELLOWS HALL](#), added to the [QLD Heritage Register 5 July 2001](#)^[1]. **What does this have to do with us? Well...more than you might think!**

The Oddfellows Hall was the [Royal Rose of Warwick Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows \(MUIOOF\)](#) Lodge at Albion Street's southern end. Wallace and Gibson were responsible for the entrance lobby and parapeted front rooms added in 1891.^[1]

[Allan Cunningham](#)'s exploration of the southern [Darling Downs](#) in 1827 revealed the potential of the area for pastoral and agricultural usage. Yet, it was not until the 1840s that pastoralists moved into the district. By the end of the decade, Warwick began to emerge as an administrative centre and a town serving the local pastoralists. The northern end of Albion Street, near the [Condamine River](#) ford, grew as the administrative and business area, but flooding caused movement away from this area by the 1870s.^[1]

While the first Oddfellows Lodge in QLD opened in [Brisbane](#) in 1847 it was not until 1871 that the Rose of Warwick MUIOOF was founded. Friendly societies believed in self-help, and by making regular set contributions members and their families secured benefits when ill, unable to work, for funeral service and clothes for the widow and family. Lodges were intended to practice universal brotherhood and be open to all religious persuasions. Each lodge was an individual financial entity run on democratic lines and the aim was for good fellowship, benevolence, charity and improving of morals. Lodges met fortnightly and often concluded with a paper or talk. They ran social events and raised funds to ensure profitability of the lodges. Oddfellowship practiced secrecy, wore regalia and had specified ceremonies. Acceptance into an Oddfellows lodge was after being medically checked, approval by members, payment of an initiation fee and the actual ceremony. Lodges employed a local doctor to look after members and paid for approved medicines from the selected pharmacist/chemist.^[1]

By 1878 there were two MUIOOF lodges in Warwick with the Loyal Rose Lodge meeting fortnightly in their Town Hall lodge room. Lodge members were actively involved in the community and raised funds by organising balls and athletic events. It was on 30 August 1880 that the local state parliamentarian, Jacob Horwitz, laid the foundation stone for the Oddfellows Hall at the southern end of Albion Street.

^[2] It was designed by prominent Warwick architects Wallace and Gibson with brickwork by Brother EB Budgen and cost £268. The hall was formally opened at the January 1881 meeting of the Loyal Rose Lodge.^[1]

In 1891 the Oddfellows moved to enlarge the hall again employing Wallace and Gibson. Tender for these additions that included an imposing front facade, front rooms and side verandahs was for £413/10/- total cost, over £600. The [Warwick Argus](#) of 25 July 1891 commented that builder John Longwill was making rapid progress with the Oddfellows Hall and *"The new front, which will be very imposing when complete, is now nearly high enough to obscure the main portion of the hall. When complete, the building will present a very neat and roomy appearance"*.^[1]

The Hall was used for fortnightly MUIOOF lodge meetings, WPO meetings and dancing classes, a venue for Oddfellows social evenings and rented as a hall to other local organisations, such as football clubs. Over 100 couples attended a fancy dress ball in the Hall when the first anniversary of the formation of Female Oddfellows was celebrated in August 1907. About 1908 a new floor was laid in the Lodge Hall^[1] at a cost of £80.

Old-age pensions (£26 per year) were introduced by the QLD government on 1 July 1908 and in September delegates from the various Warwick friendly societies met to discuss forming an association. By 31 Oct. 1908 the Warwick and District Friendly Societies Association was founded and office bearers elected. The Commonwealth Government's introduction of the old age pension in 1909 which was soon supplemented by an invalid pension and introduction of the maternity bonus in 1912, was the onset of the welfare state and a death knell for friendly societies.^[1]

Throughout 1909/1910/1911 the three Warwick MUIOOF lodges continued

to meet in the Oddfellows Hall and rent it out for social events and as a meeting place for other organisations. Perhaps the government social welfare legislation had reduced the number of members, or the need for a hall was no longer felt to be a necessity, or for some other reason, but by early 1912 the Royal Rose of Warwick MUIOOF was sold to John Lamb for a four figure sum. Lamb used the hall as a wine and spirit store in connection with his already established business. Lamb leased the business in 1915 to William Reuben McEwin. The hall ceased being used as a wine and spirit store about 1916.^[1]

The Church of England bought the Oddfellows Hall in 1921 for £800. Over £400 was spent on refurbishment adding modern conveniences. The hall was officially opened by the Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane, St Clair Donaldson 21 August 1921 as the home of the St Mark's Young Men's Club, renamed the Glennie

Hall in honour of Archdeacon [Benjamin Glennie](#) who served as Warwick's first parish priest until 1872.

St Mark's Young Men's Club was formed 10 August 1920 with 21 members and one year later membership had grown to 129. It aimed for the development of mental and social culture amongst its members. Fortnightly meetings incorporated public debating, mock banquets, preparing magazine articles, giving of papers, addresses from visiting speakers. Another important activity was social fund raising evenings such as dances.^[1]

While the Warwick MUIOOF lodges held their fortnightly meetings in the Masonic Lodge they continued to use Glennie Hall for social events as did other local organisations.^[1]

A dramatic change of use occurred when radio station 4WK began broadcasting to the district from Glennie Hall 6 May 1935, a 1920s innovation. Radio broadcasting was used for not only news broadcasting but for the spread of information and education and 4WK presented poetry in Children's programs, also providing intelligence on local happenings and helping to raise funds for organisations

such as the Lord Kitchener's Cheapside Mission.^[1]

[Rosenthal Shire Council](#) purchased the land from the Church by 20 December 1957 with the hall becoming the shire's admin. centre.

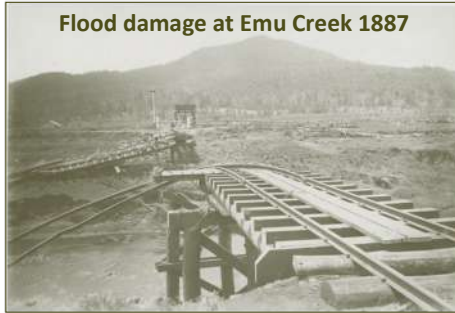
The shire used the hall for functions including QLD Health Department inoculations. Its long block of land allowed space for the Shire's heavy equipment and workshop. Heavy highway traffic proved problematic for moving machinery in and out. Rosenthal Shire adjoined [Warwick Town Council](#) but with various boundary changes.

Shire offices were always located in the Warwick CBD. It is likely a fireproof safe was also fitted to ensure secure storage of important council records.^[1]

Here is Glennie Hall as it was in 2015. →

The above information is sourced from Wikipedia.

*NB: As we have just seen, flooding has historically caused some serious problems for Warwick's residents and businesses. The normally benign and placid Condamine River, so desirable as a water source, has caused its share of damage over the years. **Warwick flood photos were all found at statelibqld.***



Flood damage at Emu Creek 1887



Children paddling in Fitzroy St 1893



Flooding at Victoria St Bridge 1911



HERE THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Green dot road program plus more advice for safer motoring; honey bees threatened by imported parasite.

GREEN DOT ROAD INITIATIVE = HANDY TRAVEL TIP

Aussie drivers' attention is being drawn to a **little-known marker** "seen more and more" on major **roads**. In NSW and QLD, drivers may have noted green reflective dots on signposts installed on the side of busy highways, but been completely unaware of their meaning.

While the simple circles may not appear important, they can in fact be a vital sign for travellers.

Experienced **caravanner** Keith 'Harry' Hodges, who documents his adventures **online**, said many recent campsite chats have revealed just how few people are aware of the **green dot road initiative** (GDRI).

GDRI was created some years ago by road safety advocate and truck driver Rod Hannifey who often found himself trying to find a good spot to pull over because he was tired — but by the time he found one, he would have passed it.

Approximately 500 meters from a safe place to pull over, drivers will notice three green dots under the standard red reflector. Getting closer, two green circles will appear on the post indicating the pull-over spot is about 250 metres ahead. Finally, one green circle appears just before the rest area.

"These green dots are found more and more on NSW and QLD roads," Hodges said. "They are not limited to just trucks, motorhomes or car and caravans, they are there for any motorists to pull over and let traffic past."

Approximately 500 meters from a safe place to pull over, the first cue is three green dots under the standard red dot; getting closer, two green circles indicate the pull-over spot is about 250 metres ahead; finally, one green circle appears just before the rest area.

SOUTHERN NSW: NEW ROAD MARKERS ROLLED OUT

In January, Transport **NSW** said it had marked **14 new green reflector sites** "on important freight routes" in the state's south to improve road safety. Since 2020, on average there have been 47 fatal crashes involving heavy trucks each year. The rollout of more reflective markers "will go a long way in enabling truck drivers to stop and rest on what can be very long journeys, particularly at night," Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Jenny Aitchison said.

Rod Hannifey calls this move a "big win": "Green reflector sites have made a real difference out on the road. Another driver told me it had saved their life. It's such a simple idea, but it's already saving lives," he said.

Although the concept was designed for heavy transport, you don't need to be a truck driver or towing a caravan to use the space indicated by the dots, as any motorist can pull up in the safe zone.

The sites can be used as a safe place to stop if you're towing a heavy vehicle and traffic is piling up behind, or if you need a break from driving. However, the areas are not suitable for overnight or extended stays.

Source: Keith 'Harry' Hodges/Facebook.

DRIVER/PASSENGER PRECAUTIONARY ADVICE:

Whether it's the freeway or a winding rural **road**, it's not unusual to see passengers here in Australia **resting their feet on the dashboard of a car**, especially during long trips. While those who practise this bad habit won't cop a fine if caught by **police or a camera**, this very common — yet legal — **move is incredibly "dangerous"**, authorities are warning us. "Never place your feet on the dashboard of a vehicle as it can have a life-threatening impact on you if you're involved in a crash," a Transport NSW spokesperson told Yahoo News Australia.

While it's not illegal for a passenger to place his or her feet on a dashboard, it is incredibly 'dangerous', authorities have warned. *Source: Transport for NSW/Getty*

"In the event of a crash, airbags deploy at high speeds and if a passenger has their feet on the dashboard they can be flung back, which can lead to things like facial fractures, brain injury, organ injuries, a torn spinal cord, or even death."

Taking to **social media** this month, the department also urged drivers to discourage such behaviour. The simple act of placing your feet on the dash of a car could put your life in danger, authorities have warned. Not only could **a passenger suffer severe injuries if there's a collision**, but propping



your feet up on the dash could also partially block the driver's view of the left side mirror, Transport NSW agreed with one of hundreds of Aussies who weighed in with their own opinion. While no one online admitted to doing it themselves, many cited passengers resting feet on dashboards "a lot". Others called the behaviour "gross" and "unwise".

"I hate it when I see feet on a dash, you never know when an accident could happen," a woman wrote. "Put your feet on the dashboard of my vehicle and you'll quickly learn what feet are for," another person joked.

Placing feet on the dash could lead a \$410 seatbelt fine

While a trip to the hospital should be enough of a deterrent, Transport for NSW told Yahoo the habit may also prevent people from wearing their seatbelt properly—landing the driver in the hot seat.

"Please make sure you wear your seatbelt low, flat and firm, over your hips and the sash should be across your chest and mid shoulder," the spokesperson said. Yahoo reported earlier this year that **drivers can cop a \$410 fine and three demerit points** if their passenger is found not wearing their seatbelt correctly.

The above information was sourced from Yahoo! News.

PARASITIC MITE THREATENS OUR HONEY BEES

Until recently, Australian honey bees have been some of the most disease free in the world. They have actually been imported into the United States in recent years to bolster their own at risk stocks due to intensive insecticide use and predation by parasites in US bee populations. In the news again, a recent intensive media campaign has heightened awareness of how the pollination that bees provide is so essential to agriculture and food production. We might even consider the honey that bees produce and we enjoy to be more of a side bonus when compared with their greater environmental importance. The rosemary and basil in our own suburban garden is almost never without bees in the blossoms and an excellent reminder of this. Now, however, our



beekeepers are warned that Australian honey bees are currently being threatened by the imported **varroa mite** parasite, a timely reminder too of the pressing need to police imported goods. Now to get to the real point of this article and the current issue:

The **varroa mite** is a parasitic mite that infests and kills honey bee colonies. As such it's the biggest threat to honey bees and the pollination industry in Australia.

THE MITE AFFECTS HONEY BEES BY

- feeding on adult and developing honey bees
- transmitting viruses to the bees

Disastrously, without treatment, infected colonies collapse within 2–3 years

The varroa mite originated in north Asia in the 1950s, spread to Europe in the 1970s, spread to the USA, southeast Asia, South America, and Africa and arrived in New Zealand in 2000

BEEKEEPERS ARE ABLE TO MANAGE VARROA MITES BY

- using chemicals to protect bees
- using mechanical treatments such as drone combs and brood breaks
- educating beekeepers on best management practices

CRITICAL CONCERNS ABOUT THE VARROA MITE ARE:

- it poses a threat to Australia's honey bee and pollination-dependent plant industries
- it poses a threat to food security
- it poses a threat to Australia's feral bee population
- it's a reminder of how important customs dept. vigilance is
- it's also a reminder of how fragile some essential species are.

Valé

“What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us”

As we compile feedback after requesting information about those we have lost touch with, more names are listed here of some we now know to have died quite some time ago. Unavoidably, some details are a little on the thin side. Also, we make note of the recent sudden loss of Bruce Stewart, husband of Margaret Stewart, a past President of our Association. Bruce has been a supportive presence behind the scenes for Margaret for many years.



Bruce Stewart

STEWART Bruce Gordon, deceased 23rd May aged 79 years. His life was honoured, 2nd June at St David’s Prebyterian Church, Toowoomba, with bagpipes of course for this former piper! A good sized posse of St Catharine’s girls attended to pay their respects. Bereavement Details: Husband of Margaret; Father and Father-in-law of Andrew and Kate, Fiona and Grant; Granddad to George, Mia, Tom and Lucy. Our thoughts are with Margaret and her family as they all come to terms with living without Bruce in the months ahead.



Lillian Jones and John Cooper

Trevor Hourn has let us know that Lillian Jones, nee Cooper (St Catharine’s 1947-53), deceased 12th September, 1999 in St George.

John Donald Sidney Cooper (Slade 1946-53) and Lillian were siblings of **Digby Robert Cooper** (Slade 1946-53) and Trevor says John died in Sydney some

years ago. He believes Digby may still be alive but we have no contact details of any kind for him. The Cooper family was a St George one. If you are able to add more information we would be most grateful.



James Trehearn

TREHEARN James Anthony died peacefully at the Inglewood hospital on 2nd November 2021 aged 74 years. James, also known as Jim, was at Slade 1962. His home town was Inglewood.

This picture of Jim is cropped from the larger Slade 1962 swimming team group.

Bereavement Details: Husband to Colleen (dec’d). Father and Father-in-Law to Colin and Lindy, Scott and Bronwyn. Brother to Simon.

Grandfather to Rachel, Duncan, Chante, Regan, Josh and Tyla. Great-grandfather to Anthony. This information was sourced from a Facebook post by Bull Family Funerals. We thank Jim Cover for passing on this information.



Andrew Pilcher 1945-2025

PILCHER Philip Andrew, late of Toowoomba, was farewelled at Burstows Funeral Chapel, Toowoomba 26th May after passing away in Cunnamulla. Sadly, we only learned of his death after the funeral. The above details were posted on Dirranbandi Community Hub. Andrew came to Slade from Thallon 1954-55. His brother, Robert, also attended Slade in 1955. Robert and Andrew were sons of Lorna Pilcher, nee Hill (dec’d) who was at St Catharine’s 1931-36. Unfortunately we have no current information about Robert at this time and no family details for Andrew either.

NOTE: Private funerals/cremations and often no published funeral/ death notices mean we don’t always know when one of us passes on. It is important to us that word of the loss of our school fellows is made known to us and for this we are dependent on information from you. Acknowledgement/due recognition is then able to be given and shared with the wider readership. While we are of course, always saddened by the loss of one of us, this is appreciated and especially meaningful to those of us who knew and remember our schoolfellows who come to our attention in this way.

“Grief is like the ocean; it comes in waves, ebbing and flowing.”



“Be the things you loved most about the people who are gone.”

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.

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.



Last Word...

LAST YEAR, my husband, Peter, and I were privileged to attend the funeral of a local identity* in Allora, just north of Warwick and it is highly unlikely that either of us will ever be present at another one quite like it. There were several obvious points of difference:

For one thing, the service was held in a large marquee in a paddock alongside the family farmhouse. It immediately became clear that extra seating was going to be needed outside and this was quickly brought. As per the funeral notice, due to limited parking, guests were welcomed from 8:30am and asked to wear suitable footwear for a garden service with a 9.30am start. Due to the extraordinarily large attendance, this time needed to be extended to accommodate the many people waiting respectfully to join those already seated.

By my estimation, there were well over 600 people who turned up to pay their respects for a greatly loved and well-thought-of local person. Most of Allora was surely present plus many more friends and acquaintances. A nearby paddock was set aside for supervised, orderly parking, and the road in, plus all available side roads, were soon filled with parked vehicles of all kinds befitting a rural community.

The deceased had been a local mechanic but was also a well known entertainer and his wonderfully appropriate vocals were played and warmly enjoyed by all present—all the more moving, for its simplicity and sincerity. A well-known Toowoomba-based funeral director was presiding and I am sure this farewell was something quite out of the ordinary for their firm too. The two-hour service was heart-warming, inspirational and incredibly personal, loaded with humorous moments and recollections, and it was all over far too soon!

The experience prompted me to think about how many of us had our beginnings in modest rural communities and the countless ways in which these towns and localities differ from larger more cityfied urban environments. It also sent me scrambling to find and reacquaint myself with a snippet I recalled from decades ago which neatly sums up some of these attributes better than I ever could. This is it:

"A little town is where everybody knows what everybody else is doing. They don't talk about it too much, but they do check the newspapers just to see who got caught.

"In a little town, your neighbour knows what time you leave in the morning and what time you're home at night without even opening his eyes; he can tell by the sound of your car. And he knows not only when the car goes, he knows where it goes. The chances are, if he didn't hear it come home at the expected time one night, he would sit up in bed and say - 'What was that?'

"If you live in a little town you are wasting your time telling fibs about your age, ailments or ancestors.

"A little town is where if you get a wrong number you can talk for as long as you like, if you want to. And in the good old days when yours was one short and two longs and theirs was two shorts and one long, you could listen in if you wanted to - but you rarely heard something you didn't already know.

"A little town is where there is hardly anything to do, but nobody's ever got time to do it anyway.

"In any old town, you'll probably find one bad person to every hundred good. In the city the good people feel uncomfortable. In a little town, it is the bad people who feel uncomfortable.

"Little towns have Lions Clubs, Chambers of Commerce, Apex, Rotary and the rest, and all the businessmen support everything they can. They'll help nearly everybody and yet nearly everyone goes to the big town to do their shopping.

"When they gossip in the small towns, they kind of cut down those who are up, but they quickly help up anybody who's down.

"A small town policeman has a first name. A small town teacher has the last word. The small town clergy is often a full-time coach. As for the fireman in a small town...that's everybody.

"And now, I hear you ask why would anybody want to live in one of these teensie-weensie, sneeze-and-you-miss-it towns? Oh, I somehow think there are lots of reasons. In the school play there's a part for everyone; in the town gaol there's rarely anybody; and in the town cemetery you'll always be among friends."

This quaintly memorable, piece originated from a newspaper clipping in an Oklahoma publication called "The Cushing Daily Citizen" which began its life as a newspaper in 1925 (just after our P9 wedding account) following on from the weekly "The Cushing Citizen" that started in 1918.

*PS. If you are wondering who Allora was honouring on this occasion, the recently deceased was John Denny, father of local Olympian and 2024 Olympic Bronze Medal winner in the Discus Throw in Paris, Matthew Denny who has clearly inherited John's singing ability. We were there to support Matt but also because of our athletics connections and to represent the Queensland and Australian Athletics community.