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2001, watershed dates at home and away SLADE 75th ACED BUT WITH A 9-11 CHASER!

2001 MOMENTS

- Jan. 1: The 3rd millennium & 21st century begins in accordance with the Gregorian calendar.
- Jan. 15: Wikipedia launched.
- Jan. 20: Inauguration of George W. Bush as US President
- Jun. 1: 11 Nepalese royal family members, including the king and queen, killed by Crown Prince Dipendra, (he dies 3 days later of self inflicted wounds)
- Jun. 9-10: 75th Slade Reunion
- Sep. 11: Al-Qaeda terrorist attack on the US. 2,996 people, including 2,977 victims and 19 hijackers, died in the attacks.
- Oct. 7-Dec. 17: The US invades Afghanistan, topples the Taliban resulting in a long-term war.
- Oct. 23: Steve Jobs introduces the first iPod
- Dec. 3: Enron files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy after a series of scandals
- Dec. 11: China becomes a member of the World Trade Organisation.

High School Reunion Truth
Facebook hasn't replaced the high school reunion. Facebook actually makes the high school reunion experience better.
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WHO OF US EVER DREAMED in all our long ago school days, that firstly, St Catharine's and then, close to 30 years later—Slade—might someday cease to exist? In our youthful experience/naïveté both were fixed, imperishable, everlasting. Alas, this conviction was proven sadly mistaken. Almost as abruptly as the events of 9-11, Slade closed at the end of 1997 firmly closing the door on a chapter for the several thousand of us who were schooled at three respected Warwick educational facilities and another in Stanthorpe. Alas, the Slade campus had been abandoned to an indeterminate fate until the Anglican Diocese granted the use of it to Churchie in 2000 as part of the Brisbane GPS school's Outward Bound initiative.

Fortunately for us, the new tenants gave approval for Slade to hold its 75th reunion at its old campus and this was celebrated on the weekend of June 9-10, 2001 with all due recognition and circumstance. Shared memories and photos were featured in the Warwick Daily News—but left a lingering, bitter-sweet aftertaste.

Then, mere weeks later, our equilibrium was rocked to the core when nineteen Al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four planes, crashing two of them into the twin towers of the World Trade Centre in Manhattan and the third into the Pentagon in Washington, DC. The fourth plane crashed just outside of Stonycreek Township, Pennsylvania, prevented by its hostage passengers and crew from reaching its objective—the US Capitol Building where legislators were in session. No one aboard the aircraft survived the crashes.

Victim tally lists the human damage → but in no way plumbs the depth of shock/grief that a modern world superpower could be targeted like this in peacetime. If the masterminds of the terrorist plot meant to make a statement on a grand scale, they achieved their aim. It dominated headlines around the world and triggered the War on Terror—the full extent revealed as our unfolding future with airport security stepped up many levels. Too easily we forget how fragile and precious peace actually is.

As a footnote, Churchie's tenure in Warwick proved to be shockingly short lived with the Anglican Church Grammar School withdrawing from the Slade Campus at the end of 2005.



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Editor's Notes...



WITH DAYS GROWING LONGER, our 2026 shindig is no more than a few short months away.

As per our P1 story: in June 2001, though it had closed by then, Slade held its Diamond Jubilee but, 9-11 events soon after precipitated a giant shift in global perceptions and tensions on the world stage. We also visit other reunions PP5-8, all significant in their own right. On this theme, we note (1) how many made the effort to attend and (2) that far too often, events like these are the last time many of us see each other. One reality that maturity brings into crystal clear focus is that seizing the chance to be part of enjoyable occasions like this is one of those options not to be missed if it is at all possible to do so.

Keeping Up Appearances P4: a nod to successes for Lizzie Adams, Gary Wallace and Steve Hull—sincerest congratulations from SCPSA!

PP9-10 recaps the Bush Brotherhood era at Slade. During its history, running "on a wing and a prayer" was more often the norm than not, as was "faith, fortitude and forbearance". Other Bush Brothers are also part of the Slade story but here we focus on the administrators.

Eddie Wickham has been compiling data documenting Australian Military service. You might be surprised to learn that this dates as far back as 1860 and appears PP12-13. Here Eddie meticulously details our involvement in overseas conflicts dating much further back than the Gallipoli campaign and WWI. Many of us have fulfilled military service and been deployed overseas but you, like me, might be surprised by the extent of our country's involvement in wars overseas.

PP14-15 also invites us to travel back in time to 1861 as we wend our way to Warwick side by side with Benjamin Glennie and his newly ordained assistant, James Matthews. This account provides a sharp contrast between that distant time and now. We also gain insight into the getting of Warwick's first C of E parsonage and its ties to us.

"Looking at Warwick through a very old lens" P16, gives us a glimpse of some of the early essential industries centred on the town. Most of us did not see a great deal of the city during our school years, but Warwick, as Queensland's first inland settlement and a true pioneer in that sense, justly deserves its historic status.

Visiting Warwick today, we can see that while many nationwide outlets have moved in to replace the original local businesses that we remember, the city retains the flavour and feel that we recall and may even view as a big plus in its favour. While not all of us came from small rural communities, a good many of us did and can easily relate to the familiar local sale yards, show grounds, cafés, hotels, the RSL and other establishments ubiquitous to country towns.

Until next time, enjoy the read Joan White

"A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor." Franklin D. Roosevelt

THE KEY TO SUCCESS IS TO START BEFORE YOU ARE READY

— Marie Forleo

"Ambition is the path to success. Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in"

Bill Bradley

Patience, persistence and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success.

Napoleon Hill

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Johnno's Corner

ONCE AGAIN JOAN HAS EXCELLED IN HER DILIGENCE REGARDING historical fact with putting together another very informative Kinawah. I was always under the impression that apart from the benefactors of Slade, Slade was managed by the Bush Brotherhood of St Paul. I was incorrect.

■ Is interesting reading that throughout the history of Slade with its financial challenges, it was constantly within a 'heart beat' of financial collapse. Sounds very much like what our farmers and business owners have to manage at various times.

■ The 'Centenary 2026 Task Force' is progressing well with planning and next years celebrations are shaping up to be a great event. The per head cost for the dinner is a modest \$70 which I think is pretty good in today's environment so get on to the SCPSA website and register your interest. RSVPs are rolling in thick and fast so don't delay.

■ Great to see Lizzie Adams and Gary Wallace recognized in this years NAIDOC celebrations for their achievements in their respective professional careers and great to hear of Steve Hull's work and adventures in India. Congratulations and a 'job well done' to you all.

■ Also good to see the 'Townsville Team' continuing with their regular catchups. I could think of worse places for a cold beer other than the Townsville Yacht Club !!

■ And as always, 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

*"When people cared about each other, they always found a way to make it work."
Nicholas Sparks*

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COMING UP IN 2025

Sept. 6 SCPSA AGM Warwick

Sept. 23 Spring Equinox

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

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You've learned to appreciate your classmates for who they've become, not who they were.
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LET'S MEET, CATCH UP & CELEBRATE

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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


2025 DATE

Saturday, November 1
11.00 AM FOR LUNCH


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What you said: hearing back from our readers

Your contributions, as always, are greatly appreciated. Selected and edited reader responses appear below.

 **Barrington Dance 1948-51** Thanks so much for these great stories, they so much remind me of the good old days I spent at Slade. Unfortunately I do not have any things left which I could send you. With my warm regards.



 **Eddie Wickham 1964-65** Your article on Tim Welk brought back memories of my time employed by the Diamantina Shire Council as a plant operator then foreman in Bedourie, Betoota and Birdsville from the start of 1973 to mid 1978. The photo of Tim's road train with the Dreamtime Serpent on the mesa in the background is near Betoota which is 170km east of Birdsville. The Dreamtime Serpent, a work of art by local indigenous people, represents the series of pathways travelled through Country to connect the river systems in the Channel Country of the Diamantina Shire. I recall D'Hennins Transport from Quilpie which serviced the properties through to Birdsville, one of their trucks, a Leyland Beaver is on show in the Diamantina Truck Museum in Winton. Congratulations to Tim for realising his boyhood dream and being named an Icon of the Road.

 **Richard Busser 1957-64** Re Billy Barwick on the 'not so well' list. Billy's older brother, Neville, was a senior student at Slade when Billy and I were smaller kids; although Billy was a little older than me. In 1969 I worked with Billy up at the A.M.L. & F. branch at Richmond in NW QLD. I was just the 'office boy' / book-keeper (sent up to sort out 'the books'). [Here] Billy Barwick was the stock salesman (and possessed of a fast, dry wit); and the boss was Tommy Axford (a top boss and very shrewd cattleman). I managed to 'steal' Joanne Dolgner from the shire council to be our office girl. It was a great little team which earned a lot of money for the company. Unfortunately, in 1970 I was posted as the replacement book-keeper in Winton when the incumbent there died. Ironically, it seems that because I made myself good at a job that no-one else wanted I became stuck with that slot. By late 1971 we went our separate ways. It was mutual.

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

Keeping up appearances and improving outcomes

WE ARE PROUD TO NAME LIZZIE ADAMS, CEO at Goolburri Aboriginal Health Advancement Corporation Ltd who was honoured in July with the Community Champion Award at the Toowoomba NAIDOC Dinner and Awards Night. This award celebrates her unwavering dedication to advancing Aboriginal health and wellbeing, a cause to which she has devoted her heart and soul. Lizzie's visionary leadership and passion as noted in an online citation has helped shape [Goolburri](#) into a beacon of cultural strength, healing and support.



WE ALSO MAKE SPECIAL MENTION HERE OF DR GARY WALLACE. Gary was awarded a University of QLD Professorship via the Medical Dept 15th July and even amid the excitement of this, he hasn't forgotten his roots. Gary, who holds degrees in law and medicine, specifically indigenous health, as well as national sports credentials, notes that this reflects favourably on Slade academic achievements as well as our Slade family as a whole. Gary was at Slade 1984-86 and Lizzie was there 1980-81, both recruited by Eddie Prince. Would that Eddie could see them now and all that they have achieved since then!

STEPHEN HULL'S APRIL TUK-TUK ADVENTURE was advertised in an earlier Kinawah this year. Steve, (Slade 1969-72), undertook this 3,100 km, 14-day odyssey as a member of one of two 2-man teams of mates from Downunder driving tuk-tuks, AKA auto rickshaws, powered by 4 stroke motors in challenging 43°- 44° temperatures. Setting out from tropical Fort Kochi, an old Portuguese settlement in Kerala in the far south of India, they planned their own route to reach Jaisalmer, also known as "The Golden City" in the Thar Desert in the north-west state of Rajasthan.



This Indian interlude took on an entirely personal focus for the teams when, as an extra bonus, they opted to use the opportunity to raise funds for a women's and children's charity at journey's end. Consequently, the experience took on three separate aspects:

planning and fundraising, the actual journey itself and finally, the time spent by the men at its conclusion in manual labour to help repair and maintain some of the Sambhali Trust buildings in what Steve refers to as the "empowerment centre". The desert location of Jaisalmer is, in effect, a not-quite-legal refugee settlement where displaced Pakistanis who otherwise have no home are all living. The final five days spent here was a deeply rewarding experience for the four mates since they were able to see first-hand the difference their efforts made at the coal face. All told, the men and their supporters raised \$15,000 AUD which was immediately used to acquire learning materials, sewing machines and other basic necessities to help the women and children become more self-sufficient and greatly improve their educational and future outcomes.

"DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT" #7: CAN YOU HELP US?

Investigating lost contacts, we focus here on past school captains that we have little current information for. Years they were school captain is shown beside their names. Can you supply any information at all about any of them, deceased, or otherwise?

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|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Shirley Kenaflake nee Morrish 1950 | Vicki Kaye nee Graham 1951/52 | Patricia Martyn 1953 | Gloria Ann McIntosh 1954 |
| Janice Denton nee Hollister 1959 | Ruth Greenup 1971 | Sew Hing Lui 1972 | Jill McNamara 1973 |
| Hellen Gorringe 1976 | Mary Louise Amos 1977 | Alexander Heaton 1977 | Gavern Carnes 1979 |
| Diane Andrews 1980 | Joanne Collyer 1981 | Samuel Bann 1983 | Charles Clapperton 1984 |
| Wilson Aitorrea 1985 | Stephen Gillespie 1986 | Julia Lai 1988 | Ching Agnes Lai 1989 |
| Jamie-Lee Freiberg 1989 | Mark Wachter 1990 | Cherrylee Farmer 1991 | Christopher Pui Yan Chau 1991 |

No School Captains seem to be named in 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997 magazines so we have no information about who they were or if school captains had ceased to exist by then. Not all of our Facebook members are on our email contact list either. Therefore we are not able to email all of them for the same reason. Your assistance in helping us fill in few of these gaps would be very much appreciated.

Reflections, recollections, shared pasts revisited

Reunions: a nexus, unique, all never-to-be-repeated, special occasions!

AS YOU WEND YOUR WAY THROUGH THIS AND THE FOLLOWING PAGES, you will see this Kinawah is largely focussing on the topic of reunions. If you've never attended a reunion and think you'd like to, you are fast running out of opportunities to make it happen! Over the years there've been many, some small, some larger. However, a centenary, like the one Slade is celebrating next year is most definitely one-of-a-kind, especially since none of the schools we attended are still operating and, in the case of St Catharine's, few of the buildings that we frequented still remain. In 2018, CEGS held its own centenary celebrations at WCC with the support of Kel Williamson and WCC and now, in 2026, it is Slade's turn to take its place in the limelight.

THE 1991 REUNION was tipped to be 'bigger than Ben Hur'. Held at the Slade campus, it aimed to pull together groups that had attended both Slade and St Catharine's in 1951. Consequently, in much the same way as John Bayliss is doing with Slade's 2026 celebrations, Digger Donovan, Ranald Morrison and Steve Rowan put in a tremendous effort in contacting/writing to/following up/persuading as many as possible to be there. Final results included 23 from Slade's 1951 sub-junior class and 7 of the surviving 11 students from Monty Marshall's 1951 Scholarship class—a great outcome. Added to this, a decision made at the 1990 reunion in Brisbane for the 1951 senior class to join the group, saw Adam Clark, Graham Wood and Erwin Spork attend this reunion. Advancing years and the tyranny of distance reduced the presence of that class in 1991.



← **School Captain lineup in 1991 L-R**
BACK: Jim Wiseman 1975, John Fordham 1974
MIDDLE: Vicki Shroder (Lyons) 1974, Pam Thornton (Dight) 1969, Flora Clark (Reis) 1964, Rhonda Fordham (Givney) 1978, Adam Clark 1951, Adrian Charles 1944
FRONT: Richard Wiseman 1976, Kenneth Hassall 1954.

Right now, in 2025, options for contacting one another are growing more and more wide reaching but, nonetheless, still require time and effort to achieve results. Due to the dedication and diligence of the one and only John Bayliss, we may now equal and even overtake that record total next year by the time all the RSVPs have come to hand. While on this subject, please note the strict February 2 deadline for this and that the private function room at the venue is filling fast.



← Former Bush Brother/Headmaster, "Boss" or Byam Roberts was also present at the 1991 reunion after he had been hospitalised the previous week due to a heart attack. In this 75th reunion picture, Bishop Adrian Charles, who also features in the past school captains group above, is flanked by Byam Roberts and incumbent Slade Headmaster at the time it closed, Robert Grandin .

For the 2001 reunion ↓ held at Slade while Churchie had the use of the campus, several people travelled quite some distance to be part of the celebrations.



Below at left and in attendance at the 2001 reunion: David Vickers, Ron Ladner (Slade Captain 1956), Jennifer Vickers and Eric Donaldson. Below are Bill Webb*, Ross Mace* and his wife Mary. As indicated by the asterisk, sadly we have no current contact details for either Bill or Ross. However, we are



looking forward to seeing 1956 school captain, Ron Ladner again in 2026. As we are aware, our schools serviced communities from overseas countries as well as more remote areas of Australia and this helped us to gain a better appreciation of others whose growing up was unlike our own. The majority of us consider this a privilege.

← At left, Aubrey Warrener greets Ray Landry from Canada and Bronwyn Wales* (nee Grayson) from Buderim. Meanwhile, flying the flag for the Society of the Sacred Advent and St Catharine's, were Sister June Ruth, Mother Eunice and Sister Dorothy.



We all may have come together from vastly different backgrounds, and in many cases different cultures but share a common bond that is like no other.

IMPORTANT: By now all those who previously expressed interest in attending in May next year have been sent official invitations. Many of them have already accepted and paid. If you have not yet expressed your interest and would like to attend you will need to contact John Bayliss as soon as possible to ensure your place.

John's contact details are: 0418 987 900 or jb.oldmanemu@gmail.com

ALL THOSE ENROLLED AT SLADE FROM 1926 UNTIL ITS CLOSURE IN 1997 ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND.

Reflections, recollections, shared pasts revisited

School days revisited

2001

HUNDREDS of students from Slade and St Catherine's renewed old friendships and relived tall stories at this weekend's 75th Anniversary reunion celebrations.

Reunion organiser Steve Rowan said the weekend was "absolutely marvellous".

"People have come from all over Australia and as far away as Germany and Canada," Mr Rowan said.

"It's a wonderful tribute to the school."

Mr Rowan said the reunion was just like old times. "Nothing has changed," he said. "We share a mateship, friendship, bond and tradition which is second to none."

"We're like a big family."

Mr Rowan said the memorial service and dedication held on Sunday embodied the true meaning of the weekend.

"The purpose of the memorial service is to remember the students who died in times of war and all those who have passed on since last we met," he said.

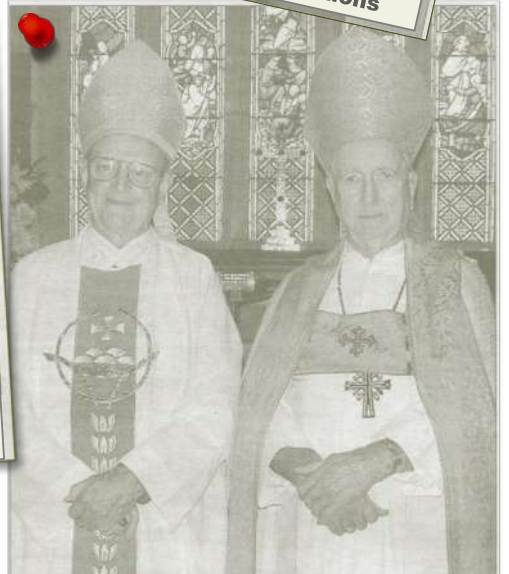
Slade's oldest student Ken Mardon raised the flag with the school's youngest student Dainley McAllister on Saturday.



First and last: Slade's oldest student Ken Mardon, 1926-1928, helps the youngest student, Dainley McAllister*, (Churchie & a 1997 Slade Old Boy) raise the flag on the 75th Anniversary reunion weekend



75th reunion organisers Steve Rowan 1951-1954 and Ann Einersen 1959-1962 at the flag raising ceremony to begin the weekend celebrations



Beaming Bishops: Past Slade student, Adrian Charles 1942-1944 and former staff member, Bevan Meredith teamed up to conduct St Mark's Sunday service



Traditionally, a game of football was played on Old Boys weekends between Slade's First XV and the visiting Old Boys team. In 2001, Scots played Churchie on the Slade oval on the final day of this weekend with Paul Holland wearing his old Slade jersey refereeing one of the halves. 2nd half strategy is being brainstormed at half time below.



Eddie Pryor 1950-56 and Lynne Pryor (St Cath's 1959 who met while at school) in front of the stained glass windows they designed and made for the school chapel



Of the adults named here, most are no longer with us. All present embraced the chance to meet up again when the opportunity arose—a not-so-subtle reminder for us all. Sadly, we have no current information for Slade/Churchie past student, Dainley McAllister.

Reflections, recollections, shared pasts revisited



1991



Ned Winter with his wife Margaret, was caterer and raconteur at the 1991 reunion, treating us to another of his legendary, signature, Australian camp-oven nosh-ups - a novel experience for several guests. A number of Slade past students addressed the formal function. Ned Winter (1949-1950) and Adam Clark (1950-51) were two of them. ↑

Lively Sydney Reunion Group convened by Ted Ross



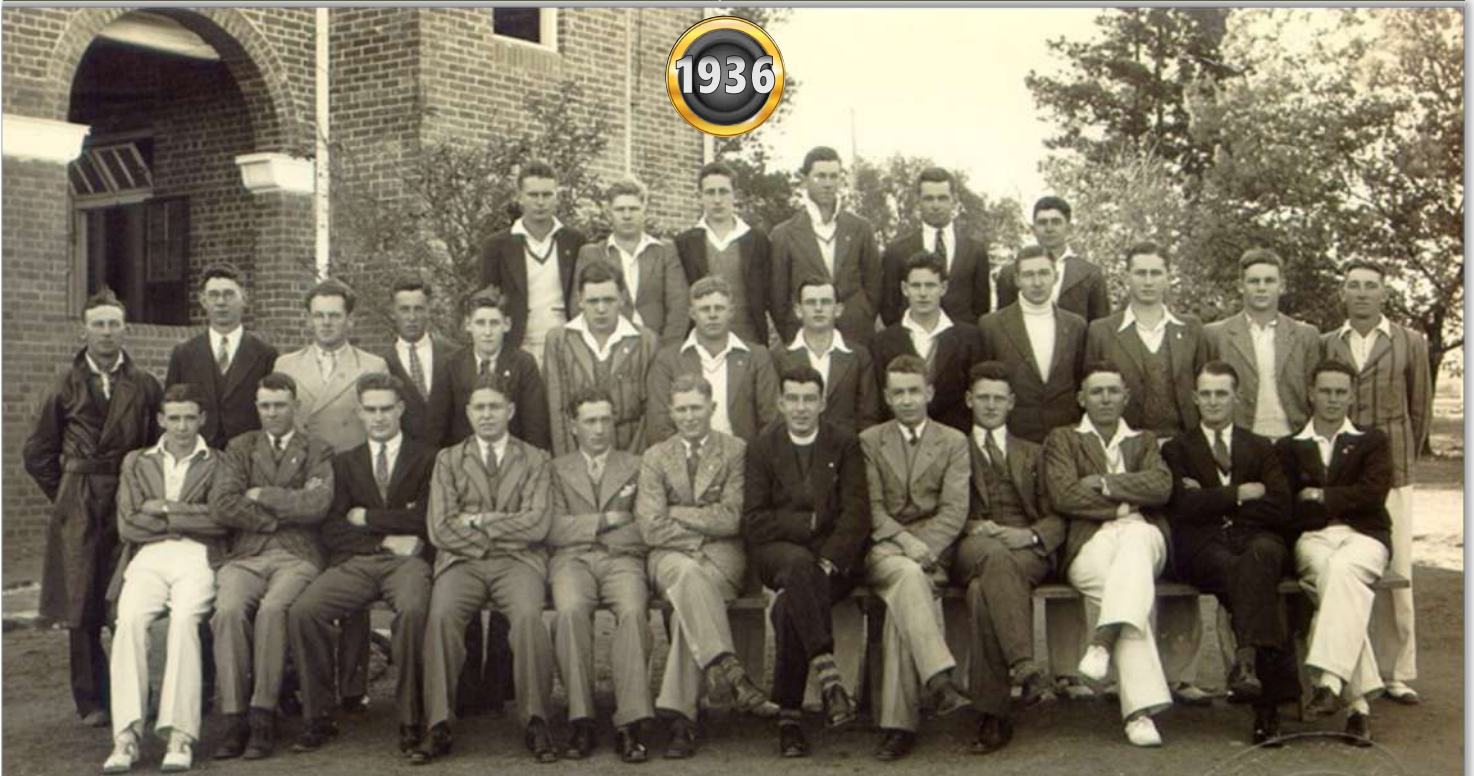
1990

L-R BACK: Don Ellis, Bob Starky*, Brian Self, Howard Breden, Keith Dan, Richard Harvey*, George Whatmore, John Casey, Ted Ross, Geoff Riley, Jim Chataway, Niel Quirk, Geoff Wilson, Staveley Hickson. FRONT: Steve Rowan, Joy Bannerman* (Joy Harvey was a past student at St Catharine's Stanthorpe) Joe Saunders, Ken Smith*, Richard Bannerman (Joy's husband)



1953/4

L-R: Les Stabler, David McCarthy*, John Armbruster, Ken Mardon, Unidentified As per recent practice in Kinawah, all names underlined are deceased. Those marked * we have no current details of any kind for. If you can help fill in any blanks we'd very much love to hear from you. PS: Love Ken's Slade pocket.



1936

Our thanks to Helen Sanderson, nee Smith, for the photo of this reunion group just 10 years on from Slade's foundation. Helen's father, Arthur John, AKA as Chubby, was at Slade 1927-1929, and he, along with all the other old boys attired here in their cricket whites had just played a match with Slade's First XI. Helen was at St Catharine's 1966-1969 and her two brothers, Harvey and Graham attended Slade 1957-60 and 1961-65 respectively. Chub in his whites, is third from the end in the front row and Bro. Alan Hughes, Headmaster at that time is seated in the middle of the front row. Are you able to supply any other IDs for us?

Reflections, recollections, shared pasts revisited:



In 1976 Slade celebrated its Golden Jubilee. 50 years on from the foundation of Slade in 1926, Geoffrey Luscombe of Randwick NSW was second pupil on the roll and the first boarder. Here he points to the photo of that first class to 1976 Headmaster, Eddie Prince. Also launched that weekend was "The Annals of Slade - the First Twenty Five Years", the publication that Charlie and Ester Olsen had spent the best part of the year putting together. Guest Speaker at the formal dinner was Archdeacon Byam Roberts. Rick Wiseman, 1976 School Captain moved one of the votes of thanks on this occasion. Sadly, all those named above have since passed away. Bridging two half centuries, this 1976 celebration and our 2026 Centenary one, a student's perspective from the 1967 Slade magazine, written by John Farquhar, is reprinted below...

THE WHOLE IDEA OF THE JUBILEE WEEKEND was to celebrate the 50th year of Slade School's education service from 1926-1976.

The weekend started on Saturday, October 12 at 1.30 p.m. That afternoon was set aside for Old Boys and Parents to sign the register and to have private or conducted tours of the school.

Saturday night was a social occasion when a formal dinner dance was held at the St Catharine's Hall. This was held for Old Boys and Parents of present students. Meanwhile back at Slade there was a social for present students and children of Old Boys.

On Sunday the 13th there was an "open air" Church Service which started at 10.00 a.m. This was a great success with upwards of 300 people in the congregation. Archbishop Felix Arnott conducted the service and the school was very privileged to have him here.

The vacant time from after the service until lunch was profitably used for conversation between Old Boys, Parents, Teachers and Students. An outside lunch was held and I'm sure the students

enjoyed the change in routine.

After lunch, an enjoyable game of football was played between Old Boys and the School's Open Team. As usual the Opens won, but the second half was continued for 10 minutes as the Old Boys needed time to even the score. The game left unbearable memories for one lad whose ankle was badly sprained.

Sunday night was exciting for most and a new experience for others as some students put on plays. All the plays which were performed took up a lot of time and concentration. Some of the items consisted of 'Pygmalion', 'Sunday Costs 5 Pesos', 'McGuinness Magee', 'The Willow Pattern', French Songs and a couple of others.

Monday was the last day of the Jubilee Weekend and the morning was set aside for Parents to take out their children for a drive or something of that nature. Lunch again was held outside on the lawn. This consisted of hot dogs, apple slice, soup and tea or coffee. At 2 o'clock on Monday was the anti climax of the weekend. At this time, everybody stood around with crossed fingers as the lucky number was drawn for the Datsun 120-Y. This was exciting for one and depressing for hundreds as a local resident [John Harrison] won the car.

Five other prizes were given out and a few people won handy electrical appliances.

This ended a very happy weekend and while parents were leaving for home the Slade School Old Boys Association had their annual general meeting and I am sure many useful things were decided.

2025 North QLD: a winning winter warmer



SCPSA NORTH QUEENSLAND LUNCH

On a beautiful, balmy North QLD July Saturday, six past students from Slade and St Cath's met together on the charming and picturesque deck of the Townsville Yacht Club for a convivial lunch and much anticipated catch-up.

It was a pleasure to welcome Bruce Whybird, son of Horrie, Slade Headmaster, during the years some of us were at the school, to his first NQ get together. Also, we just missed Barry Riddiford, another new attendee joining us because of a last-minute work commitment.

Mike Ripplin, Ron Cover and Eddie Wickham were also apologies. We are all of an age when clashing medical appointments should not be avoided. On the other hand, making the most of our retirement years whether we're enjoying grey-nomading or other individual interests should not be put off either! Unfortunately, we did not have the pleasure of Alan Meiklejohn and his wife Cathy's company this time. After many years of both being regular attenders at our gatherings, both have sadly died within the last 12 months. Their cheerful presence was sorely missed.

Concerning Slade's centenary celebrations in Warwick next May, it appears there will be a fair turn-up from the north. So, not a lot of us, but

PICTURED ABOVE LEFT TO RIGHT: Jenny Dickson, Ray Dickson, Jock McDonald, Bruce Whybird, Laurie Boyd, Natalie Ferris and Sandy Mollenhagen.

so long as we continue to enjoy our get-togethers, it doesn't matter. We'll have another gathering again early next year. **Ray Dickson**

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

Landmark moments in the history of Slade #4

"On a wing and a prayer"-The Bush Brotherhood Era

IN HIS FINAL HEADMASTER'S REPORT AT THE END 1935, the Rev. C Newton Mell, announced the handover of Slade to the Bush Brotherhood of St Paul in the coming year. The School Council would manage the affairs of the school until June 1936. In those early years, the boys had keenly awaited beginning-of-term picnics courtesy of Council Patron, W.B Slade, plus visits to Canning Downs where they enjoyed the hospitality of the Barnes family. Now, a new era was dawning with several operational changes in the running of Slade to be shortly put in place.

Negotiations had unfolded between the Archbishop of Brisbane, Dr J.W.C. Wand and the Bush Brothers. They would take responsibility for running Slade and Bro. Alan Hughes was offered the position of Headmaster. The Brothers' tenure at Slade, 1936 - 1958 came to an end when Bro. Peter Mayhew completed his term as Headmaster.

The Bush Brothers were often the primary or sole contact with the Church for many outlying families. There were other Brotherhood orders, but all operated around the basis of an almost monastic life, temporary vows including poverty, chastity and obedience, periodic returns from the bush to a community house for spiritual replenishment and answered to a warden or principal. Their duties included giving religious instruction in schools, holding services and administering the sacraments.

Of the different Brotherhood orders, the Bush Brotherhood of St Paul operated out of Charleville and Cunnamulla.

Bush Brothers were either unmarried or left their wives behind during their period of service, many recruited from England where life in the Outback was imbued with romantic appeal. Historically, Australian Bush Brothers were in the minority. The Bush Brothers originally rode horses but drove motor vehicles in later years.

As an aside, the Bush Brother with closest ties to us was the late Adrian Charles AM, Slade 1942-44, School Captain 1944, and later, a Slade staff member. Following his ordination, he ultimately became Assistant Bishop for the Western Region and Anglican Bishop to the Australian Defence Force.

It was ten years into the life of Slade, when the Rev. Bro. Alan E.N. Hughes became the first Bush Brother/Headmaster of Slade. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Master's degrees at Keble College, Oxford, was ordained Deacon 1929 and Priest 1930, coincidentally, this was during Slade's first decade.

The Headmaster's position was not one he aspired to when he joined the Brothers for his initial term but Hughes brought enthusiasm to the role as a fine scholar, teacher and administrator. With a family history of service to the Church in Sussex, he also served as School Chaplain.

Before his time at Slade, Hughes, as a Bush Brother in south-western QLD, had gained the respect of the Surat community. Over the years, scores of Slade boys came from this part of QLD and it gave its strong support for the creation of the new school chapel. This soon became central to life at Slade.

His years at Slade may not have been many but the upgrades Hughes made with funding from the Diocese were appreciable. The entry hall to Slade House was refurbished with newly acquired furniture, including a grandfather clock making an attractive first impression for visitors to the

school. However, the most well received upgrade by far was, hands down, the groundbreaking installation of a hot water system in Barnes House and we are assured there was no shortage of willing helpers to stoke it every afternoon!

Those heavy canvas shades, previously the only protection against cold, wind and rain, made way for the latest Aerolax blinds, improving appearances but, more importantly, the comfort of those living in the dormitory. The fortitude of those hardy souls who survived a decade of Warwick winters in open-air conditions and no hot showers challenges belief and inspires admiration! 1936 saw Slade honoured by

a visit from QLD's Governor. Escorted between two ranks of boys at Slade House, Sir Leslie Wilson was greeted by staff members and prefects, attended a service in the newly dedicated chapel and toured the grounds.

All playing an important part in Slade school at this time were cricket, football, tennis, life saving, rowing, athletics, shooting and cadets.

Fiscal stress continued to be a pervasive and integral part of

the fabric of Slade, taxing the fortitude and ingenuity of administrators.

In 1936 the 'Award for Teachers in Independent Schools' came into effect. This meant immediate substantial increases in salaries for teaching staff and Canon Edwards, Head of the Bush Brotherhood, was finding it close to impossible to oversee the affairs of Slade from as far away as Charleville. Added to this, Hughes announced his engagement to be married and his imminent return to England, whereupon Canon Edwards resigned as Head of the Bush Brotherhood of St Paul and came to Warwick to administer Slade himself.

Due to mounting debt, the Diocese made moves to close Slade, not the last time this issue would arise. In response, and with sacrificial resolve, Edwards undertook to keep Slade open, contributing his own resources and declaring that for three years Slade would be no liability to the Diocese beyond payment of the interest on the debt. When enrolments reached 112, he felt able to retire at which time he had virtually been working as Slade's unpaid bursar for some

years to see it through lean times—his gift to secure the future of "our Slade", a not-so-well-known fact.

A graduate of Ipswich Grammar School and former master at All Souls' Boys' School in Charters Towers, Rev. Bro. Byam Roberts, had taken up Hughes' prior duties in Surat. AKA "Boss", Roberts

came to Slade as Headmaster in 1939, just as WWII with its growing concerns, uncertainty and numerous demands was about to break out in Europe. During the ensuing conflict, as we are aware, several recent graduates lost their lives, others became prisoners of war while dozens more enlisted, several serving with distinction.

The war in the Pacific saw the conflict draw worryingly closer and coastal QLD schools were closed and evacuated inland.



A.E.N. Hughes
1936-1938



C.H. Edwards
1938-1939



B.W. Roberts
1939-1951



P. Mayhew
1953-1958



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"On a wing and a prayer"-The Bush Brotherhood Era



↑ 1936 Life Saving Team:
Back: Henry Barrymore Rowland
Instructor, Paul Gray Stephenson,
John Stuart Winterflood,
Mr Daintree
Front: Thomas Beech Wolley,
Thomas Welsby Clark

Rev. A.E.N. Hughes had the sad task of burying Pilot-Officer Rowland at Slinfold, UK, after he was killed in action 1941. Able Seaman Thomas Clark was a casualty of the sinking of HMAS Sydney off Fremantle 1941. All 645 members of Sydney's crew perished. Thomas's body was found adrift in a life raft, February 1942 off Christmas Island and only formally identified after exhaustive DNA analysis. News of this was released 19th November 2021, on the 80th anniversary of the battle. *Patrius digni estote*

classrooms were renovated and new sports ovals and tennis courts were pressed immediately into service, enjoyed to the full. In 1950, Slade's Silver Jubilee, saw the foundation stone for

When enrolments grew from 40 in 1939 to 106 in 1942 with 94 boarders, Roberts and Edwards were joined by Charlie Olsen and his wife, Ester, to assist. Hefty demands were made and met. Extra beds, desks and more besides were urgently needed as well as modifications to the chapel, hospital and dining room. Some domestic cleaning and other upkeep was done by the boys when staffing shortages became an issue. Thankfully, the war came to pass and not to stay but after peace was declared, measles and polio epidemics caused further emergencies. The Old Boys were active in fundraising and Kinawah came into being, funded by a small group of them. Highfields was opened to house the junior boys while sports at Slade brought inter-house and inter-school successes. Slade Cadets also excelled in shooting challenges.

The old dining room became the new library,

the Memorial Science Block/Honour Room laid by the most senior member of the Anglican clergy, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Geoffrey Francis Fisher. The Bush Brothers contributed £1,000 over a four year period towards furniture and fittings for the new science lab, also part of this landmark project.

In 1951 when Roberts left for Popondetta in PNG for the rebuilding of its Martyrs School after the eruption of Mt Lamington, it was the end of an eventful and jam packed chapter in the Slade story.



For a time the school was administered by acting headmasters, until the Rev. Bro. Peter Mayhew arrived in August 1953. He was to be the last Bush Brother/Headmaster of Slade.

Educated in England, and trained for the priesthood in Ely, near Cambridge, Mayhew, had served with distinction in his role as a Chaplain to the Forces. He was awarded an MBE while with the British forces in Burma which says much about the calibre of the man.

Under his leadership at Slade, agricultural facilities were planned and implemented as well as dietary and equipment improvements.

In class he taught Modern History, English (short sentences!) Latin, Logic and Divinity. When he left Slade to work for the Church in North QLD, Bro. Mayhew was lauded as "rigorously self disciplined and a man of much prayer". Yet, perhaps his most lasting legacy was his recruiting of Eddie Prince, whom he knew and recalled from his British army service, to Slade staff in 1956. Eddie, in later years further reshaped Slade as he wrestled with yet another onset of lean times, but that was as yet, still some decades in the future.

"On a wing and a prayer" describes this and every chapter of Slade's story but, so too does "Faith, Fortitude and Forbearance".



A vision realised: another "School on the Hill"

Timeline



Warwick has long been recognised as an educational centre. From 1850 with the establishment of Warwick National School, now Warwick East State School, the first of its kind in QLD, Warwick became a prominent "school town". From those very early beginnings, school buildings reflect a clear evolution from rudimentary timber slab construction to the more substantial masonry buildings which came later.

The first new settlers to the district, were of British stock and wasted little time in establishing church congregations according to the traditions they had grown up in. The need for faith-based education was clearly felt and followed in due course with the acquisition of the land and buildings that we grew familiar with during our school days.

In 2025 the only Christian schools still operational in Warwick are Assumption College, St Mary's College, Scots PGC, and Warwick Christian College (WCC). All are run as co-educational schools. Only Scots PGC is a boarding school.

As we have been recounting in recent issues of Kinawah, WCC, under the umbrella of Christian Community Ministries, currently owns the Slade Campus. It has done an extraordinary job of upgrading the facilities we once knew to reflect 21st century expectations around workplace health and safety and other concerns of the modern age.

Since WCC is not a boarding school, the dormitories that we remember have been converted to modern classrooms.

The College has been kind enough to provide us with the timeline at left giving us a brief overview of its history, which now includes its acquisition of the Slade Campus.

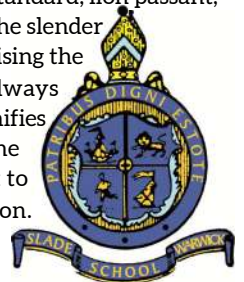
In 2023, WCC drones equipped with cameras captured the aerial views of the campus that are shown below.



Badge design/evolution/heraldic symbolism



Slade's school badge and hatband were designed by Miss Mary Harwood who was also the designer of the badge for the Church of England Girls' School ←left, where she was a teacher of Art. Slade's motto, *Patribus digni estote* - be worthy of your forefathers - takes its inspiration from the pioneering fibre of the founding forces behind both Anglican schools in Warwick. These attributes of faith, courage, enterprise and endurance are symbolised by the knightly standard, lion passant, ship setting sail and the figure of a runner. Each element is positioned within the quadrants formed by the slender arms of the central cross and is positioned and bound under the guardianship of a bishop's mitre, symbolising the Anglican faith in both the Slade and CEGS badges. Within the traditions of heraldry, choice of colour is always of particular significance. Silver, for example, signifies purity. The gold highlighted in the Slade badge signifies wisdom, glory, constancy and faith. The blue, represents truth and loyalty or devotion in common with the crests of CEGS and St Catharine's. Both designs clearly demonstrate the similarities we might expect to notice from the same designer. Miss Harwood may have passed away decades ago but her work lives on. Interestingly, the Slade badge we are all familiar with did not include the 'Slade School Warwick' scrolled ribbon until after 1932. All the Slade magazines printed before 1933 appear 'sans scroll', or without this later embellishment. A few years ago, this insignia, once the proud centrepiece on the façade of the War Memorial



Science Block, was in a state of crumbling disrepair following the closure of Slade. It has since been restored to its former glory thanks to the collective efforts of John Bayliss, Steve Cooke and Peter Ramsay, ready now to look out over further generations of students anew.



Australian Military Service, dating from 1860

Australians have been involved in overseas Military Service since 1860. The following deployments are those where Australian Service Personnel have made the ultimate sacrifice. Thank you, Eddie Wickham for researching this data.

- **New Zealand (1860-1864)**, as a result of disputes over land sovereignty between British / Colonial Forces and Maori tribes, around 2,500 Australians enlisted for irregular New Zealand militia units with an offer of entitlement to a land grant, subject to conditions. Some wives and children joined the Australians to settle in country. No Australian casualties were recorded by the Australian War Memorial, although some 20 casualties were reported.
- **Sudan (New South Wales Contingent March-June 1885)**, in the early 1880's a British backed Egyptian regime was threatened by an indigenous rebellion. After the death of General Charles Gordon at Khartoum in January 1884, the New South Wales Government offered assistance. The NSW contingent consisted of 522 infantrymen, 24 officers and an artillery battery of 212 men. They embarked from Sydney on the 3rd of March 1885, arriving at Suakin, Sudan's Red Sea port on the 29th of March 1885. The British government having decided to abandon the campaign, the NSW contingent sailed for Sydney on the 17th of May 1885. 9 servicemen died of disease. These were the first recorded Australian war casualties.
- **South Africa – Boer War (1899 to 1902)**, it is thought that some 16,000 Australians may have served in this conflict with 307 killed in action, 286 died from disease, and 38 accidentally killed or died from unknown causes.
- **China – Boxer Rebellion (1900-1901)**, Chinese resistance to the expansion of Western interests in China grew throughout 1899, and in March 1900 the uprising spread to a wider Chinese population, prompting Western powers to intervene, mainly to protect their territorial trade ambitions. At the time the bulk of Australian forces were engaged in South Africa's Boer War, so naval contingents were sent to offer support through coastal defence. The first contingents, sailed in August 1900. Australian personnel were not engaged in combat, however 6 died of sickness.
- **First World War (1914-1918)**, 331,781 Australians served with 61,678 killed in action and 155,000 wounded. The last death was attributed in 1921. There were some 102 major battles in 12 areas of operations in which Australia was involved. The areas of operations included: Egypt, Turkey, Mesopotamia, Sinai, France, Palestine, North Sea, Belgium, Jordan, Persia, Azerbaijan and Syria. The search for the 23,379 ADF personnel listed as Missing in Action continues.
- **Second World War (1939-1945)**, out of a force of 993,000 troops, 575,799 Australians served overseas with 39,657 killed in action or died in captivity, 66,553 wounded, some 8,000 taken prisoner by German and Italian forces, and 22,376 by the Japanese, of which 8,296 died under horrendous conditions. The last death was attributed in 1947. After Japan surrendered in 1945, some Japanese soldiers continued to fight on isolated Pacific islands. The last known Japanese soldier surrendered in 1974. There were 9 operational areas in which Australians were involved: The Atlantic, Air Crew Europe, Arctic, Africa, The Pacific, Burma, Italy, France and Germany. The search for the 12,114 ADF personnel listed as Missing in Action continues.
- **Australia – North Queensland Coast, Bomb and Mine Clearance (1947-1950)**, 4 Australians died during bomb and mine clearance operations in North Queensland waters.
- **Japan – British Commonwealth Occupation Force (1947-1952)**, Australia provided 13,500 troops to assist in enforcing the terms of Japan's unconditional surrender. 43 Australians died during the occupation of Japan.
- **Papua New Guinea (1947-1975)**, during the period of Australian Territorial Custodianship, 13 deaths of Australian service personnel were recorded.
- **Middle East – UNTSO; Operation Paladin (1948)**, the UN Truce Supervision Organisation was set up at the end of the first Arab/Israeli war which involved Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Syrian Arab Republic. Australia deployed 12 personnel to UNTSO. 1 Australian died during this operation.
- **Berlin Airlift (1948-1949)**, after WW2, allied forces were forced to fly vital supplies in as a result of the Soviet Union blockade of Berlin. 1 RAAF pilot died during this operation.



- **Malayan Emergency (1948-1960)**, on the morning of the 16th of June 1948, 3 European estate managers were murdered in two separate incidents in Perak by members of the Malayan Communist Party. On the 18th of June 1948 a state of emergency was declared. Australian military commitment began in 1950 with a total of 7,000 personnel. The Malayan Emergency was officially declared over on the 31st of July 1960, but Australian units remained in Malaya as a deterrent. 39 Australians died although only 15 deaths were as a result of operations. A further 27 were wounded.
- **Kashmir – UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (1948-1985)**, the group was to supervise the first ceasefire between India and Pakistan in Kashmir. Australia provided approximately 280 ADF personnel. 1 Australian died during this deployment.
- **Korean Conflict (1950-1953)**, under the auspice of the United Nations Command, and headed by the United States, some 17,000 Australians served, with 340 dead, 1,216 wounded, 30 taken prisoner and 44 Missing in Action (1 later retrieved). The search for the remaining 43 Missing in Action continues with little hope of retrieval from North Korea.
- **Malta (1952-1955)**, at the request of the British Government, Australia deployed RAAF No. 78 Fighter Wing to Malta. 3 Australians died during the deployment.
- **Korea Post-armistice (1953-1957)**, as part of the UNC Military Assistance Commission, Australia provided a total of 68 personnel through rotation, starting with an initial 6 members. 16 Australians died whilst monitoring the Korean armistice.
- **Southeast Asia – SEATO (1955-1975)**, mostly included countries outside of Southeast Asia that had interests in the region. Countries included Australia, France, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, United Kingdom, and USA. 12 Australians died during this 20 year deployment, mainly in 29 military exercises conducted.
- **Indonesian Confrontation (1962-1966)**, involved Australian, New Zealand and British troops defending the Federation of Malaysia against Indonesian incursion. 3,500 Australians under British command served with 22 dead, 8 wounded and 2 Missing in Action. In 2010 the 2 Australians Missing in Action were recovered and repatriated to Australia.
- **Vietnam War (1962-1973)**, Australia's role during this war was to help stop the invasion of South Vietnam by North Vietnam. This was achieved when North Vietnam was forced to sign the Paris Accord in 1973. DVA lists 60,416 Australians as having served, with a maximum of about 8,500 at any one time. 523 Australians died, 3,129 wounded and 6 Missing in Action. North Vietnam broke the Paris Accord in 1975 by reinvading South Vietnam. In 2009 the 6 Australians that were Missing in Action were recovered and repatriated to Australia.
- **Thailand (1962-1968)**, this deployment relates to the RAAF No. 79 Squadron Sabre jets at Ubon Air Base as part of SEATO arrangements and from 1965 to 1968 played a role in the Vietnam War where 2 Australians died.
- **Malay Peninsula (1964-1966)**, covers units in Malaya as part of the Far East Strategic Reserve, but not involved in confrontation with Indonesia in Borneo. 2 Australians died during this deployment.
- **Irian Jaya – Operation Cenderawasih (1976-1981)**,

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during Geociever surveying operations in Irian Jaya, Indonesia, two Iroquois helicopters of No 9 Squadron, RAAF, were sent from Wamena to convey an Australian Army party to an airstrip across the mountains. The two aircraft were returning from the aborted mission when one went missing with five personnel on board. The pilot was killed, the four others survived though three were seriously injured.

● **Western Sahara – MINURSO (1991-1994)**, this was a UN mission for which Australia initially provided 219 personnel. 1 Australian died during the mission, a female army doctor killed in an air crash, the first female to die in a multi national peacekeeping operation.

● **Somalia (1992-1994)**, Australia provided a battle group of 990 personnel to assist the UN peace keeping mission. 1 Australian died during this deployment.

● **Border Protection (1997 to present)**, 4 border protection officers have died on operational duty.

● **Bougainville (1997-2003)**, this highly successful unarmed peace-keeping operation was an unconventional one, that linked civilians and the military in a demonstration that showed how unarmed civilian peacekeepers, working beside their unarmed military counterparts, could achieve success in a conflict zone. 1 Australian died during this operation.

● **East Timor (1999-2003)**, was an International Peace Keeping Force (INTERFET) comprised of 22 nations and led by Australian Major General Peter Cosgrove. Australia's contribution was 5,500 service personnel with 3 non-combat deaths and 2 wounded in combat. During a further operation (2004-2013), 2 Australians died during this operation.

● **Afghanistan (2001-2021)**, Australia with 400 ADF personnel joined the United States-led coalition to disrupt the use of Afghanistan as a terrorist base of operations, to remove the Taliban from power, and to defeat al Qaeda in Afghanistan. Numbers gradually increased to 1,550 in 2009 with a total 26,000 ADF personnel having served through rotation. Operation Slipper concluded in December 2014 with about 300 ADF personnel remaining in Afghanistan as part of the Greater Middle East Operation. 47 Australians died and 261 wounded.

● **Iraq (2003-2013)**, the Australian government supported the disarmament of Iraq. Australia provided one of the four most substantial combat force contingents (2,058 personnel) during the Iraq war. Operation Falconer concluded in 2009 with about 300 ADF personnel remaining in Iraq as part of the Greater Middle East Operation. 4 Australians died during this operation.

● **Solomon Island – RAMSI Operation Anode (2003-2013)**, the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI) was an

Australian led operation with New Zealand, PNG and Tonga to aid in the security, law and justice, economic governance and improving the machinery of government. 1 Australian died during this operation.

● **Indonesia - Operation Sumatra Assist (2004-2005)**, was the ADF's contribution to disaster relief in Indonesia following the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake. ADF personnel were deployed within hours of the earthquake. On the 2nd of April 2005, a Sea King helicopter crashed off the west coast of Sumatra during the humanitarian efforts in the aftermath of the earthquake. 6 RAN and 3 RAAF personnel were killed, and 2 others were recovered alive.

● **Fiji (2006)**, during the Fiji coup, Australia positioned 3 warships in waters near Fiji in case of evacuation of foreign nationals was required. 2 Australians died when a Blackhawk helicopter crashed.

● **Greater Middle East (2014 to present)**, a follow on from Afghanistan and Iraq including supporting UN, NATO and International Coalition peacekeeping operations in the broader region. Operations include: Accordion, Asian, Augury, Fortitude, Manitou, Mazurka, Okra, Paladin and Steadfast. 3 Australians have died during these operations.

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There were two wars that the Australian Government did not commit forces to, however some Australians became involved. Consequently, casualties from these two wars do not appear on the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour:

● **Russian Civil War (1918-1919)**, Australians who were serving in the British army, and awaiting repatriation after World War One, became involved in the Russian Civil War. Some as part of the North Russian Expeditionary Force, and 150 in the British North Russia Relief Force. 10 Australians died and 40 were wounded.

● **Spanish Civil War (1936-1939)**, about 66 Australians, some of Spanish ancestry, were involved in the Spanish Civil War. Serving in other than a British or colonial army was illegal at the time, but the Australian Government took no action as no Australians were recorded as travelling to Spain during this period. At least 14 Australians died.

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It should be noted that the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour does not include those service personnel who have died during training, exercises or regimental duties within Australia. We also pay tribute to their service. 35,536 Australians are still listed as 'Missing in Action' from the First and Second World Wars and Korea. The Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour lists 103,044 Australians who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

This information is sourced from the Australian Institute of International Affairs, Dept. of Defence, Australian War Memorial, Veteran Affairs, State Library of Victoria, The Military Shop, Wikipedia and the book, "Where Soldiers Lie" by Ian McPhedran.

Every attempt has been made to ensure that the information provided in this document is as accurate as possible, given that some sources differ in numbers of service personnel, casualties and dates.



Getting to Warwick from Brisbane way back in 1861

WALKING WITH JAMES MATTHEWS AND BENJAMIN GLENNIE TO WARWICK

Reprinted excerpts from, "A Few Personal Reminiscences of the Late Archdeacon Glennie", "The Church Chronicle", 01/06/1900, prompted Rose O'Brien, a descendant of James Matthews, (below) to post the account below@ <https://roseobrienwriter.blog/2018/07/27/walking-to-warwick/>

FOR SOME YEARS ARCHDEACON BENJAMIN GLENNIE ↓

1861 rector of Warwick, had been the only Church of England clergyman on the Darling Downs. The eccentric Glennie loathed riding, so his travels around his huge parish were mostly undertaken on foot, and incredibly, this is the way he and James travelled from Ipswich to Warwick—on foot!



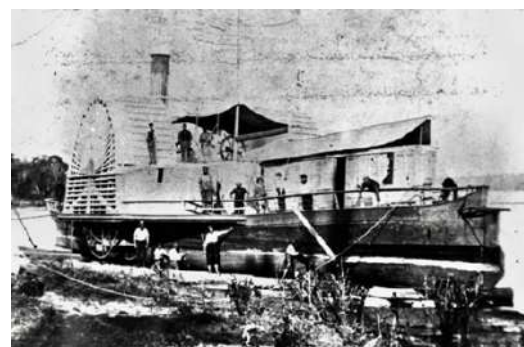
40 years later, in memory of Archdeacon Glennie 1812-1900, A.K.A. Apostle of the Downs,

← James Matthews described this trip in detail:

[1] The steamer left Brisbane for Ipswich on a Monday morning in September. The "Ipswich" was a side-wheeler with a rudder at each end, and a shallow draft for navigating difficult areas such as Seventeen Mile Rocks and the shoals of the Bremer River. 2018 commentary by Rose O'Brien is shown in blue.

↓ The "Ipswich". Photo from the John Oxley Library collection, SLQ*

Paddlewheels splashing rhythmically, smoke pouring from the tall funnel,



the steamer churned upstream, navigating the slow bends of the Brisbane River, past thickly-wooded, vine-draped banks that would one day become the suburbs of St Lucia, Chelmer and Fig Tree Pocket.

James may well have stood on deck with a mug of coffee, watching the passing scenery and talking to his new boss, Benjamin Glennie.

It was 1861, and the newly-independent state of QLD was actively seeking English migrants. James, my great-great-grandfather, was one of them. Aged twenty-three and ordained only yesterday, he had come to Queensland to work in Warwick as a curate.

James takes up the tale.

"On Monday morning, we started on our journey to Warwick, travelling to Ipswich in the steamer of the same name. The voyage occupied five hours. The next morning the real work of our journey began. The Archdeacon's old black horse was brought round and packed with a couple of valises and a pair of large saddle bags, consisting largely of my belongings, and off we trudged, the Archdeacon leading his horse."

That day they walked south for 20 kilometres, down the present-day Ipswich-Boonah Road. The two men would have encountered bullock teams dragging wool from the sheep stations, travellers on horseback and on foot, and the occasional buggy. Many would have recognised Benjamin Glennie. Perhaps they offered them a ride.

They spent that night with squatter William Watkins at Peak Mountain Station, near present-day Peak Crossing, its homestead set on a rise with a spectacular view towards Flinders Peak.

Peak Station 2018 →

"The following day we walked as far as Balbi's, an accommodation house at the foot of the Range."



All that Wednesday, covering over thirty kilometres over flat land and gentle hills, they would have seen ahead of them, through the trees, glimpses of blue mountain ranges.

In 1861 there were Aboriginal people living in this area – probably Ugarapul people. The two men must have met them on the road, but

James left no mention of it.

Ironically, most of the roads walked by Benjamin Glennie and James Matthews would have been based on ancient trails of the Indigenous people who had been walking this country side for many thousands of years.

The two travellers spent that night in Balbi's Inn, at the bottom of the range, beside the road to Spicer's Gap. I have driven up that rough, gravel road myself, to sit at Governor's Chair Lookout to enjoy its fine views east towards Brisbane and the coast.

↓ Looking towards Cunninghams Gap



"On Thursday we crossed the Range, going through Cunningham's Gap. There had been a heavy thunderstorm, the mountain streams were swollen, and we had to 'double-bank' to get over. The Archdeacon got into the saddle and I jumped up behind."

Wheeled traffic took Spicer's Gap, but riders and foot-travellers often took the bridle trail through Cunningham's Gap. This would have been a tough journey up hill, but we are told Benjamin Glennie was fit – as per James's account he would vault a fence rather than stoop to go under it – and James was young. Looming cliffs and tall trees, the calls of bellbirds and whipbirds, cool air smelling of the rainforest: in 2018 these are still exhilarating, even though the way up the range is now a harsh slash through the forest, made noisy by semitrailers.



↑ "Forest, Cunningham's Gap" Conrad Martens, 1856. Watercolour. QAG collection From the top of the Range, the two followed Gap Creek west to William Jubb's Inn, a low



building overlooking the stream. In 2018, a farmhouse occupies the old inn site beside the present day Cunningham Highway.

← The site of Jubb's Inn, above Gap Creek, Cunninghams Gap in the background 2018

"On crossing the last creek, I fell off into the water. Fortunately

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I had not far to walk to the inn, where Jubb rigged me out in a suit of his clothes while mine were being dried. He was a much bigger man than me. There was no one near with a camera, I am thankful to say.

"On Friday we lunched with Arnold Wienholt at his station Maryvale, in the afternoon proceeding onward to Glengallan, where we were put up for the night by that prince of squatters, John Deuchar."

All the land between Ipswich and Warwick was held by just six or seven squatters, members of the colony's aristocracy. The Deuchars of [Glengallan Station](#) were famous for lavish hospitality in the sprawling cedar house where the travellers spent the night. A few years later a new homestead was built, the elegant, now restored mansion visible from the highway.

"After breakfast on Saturday morning we wended our way to Warwick, where we arrived in time for midday dinner, taking care to walk through the principal streets of the town so as to announce that the parsons had arrived and there would be church tomorrow."

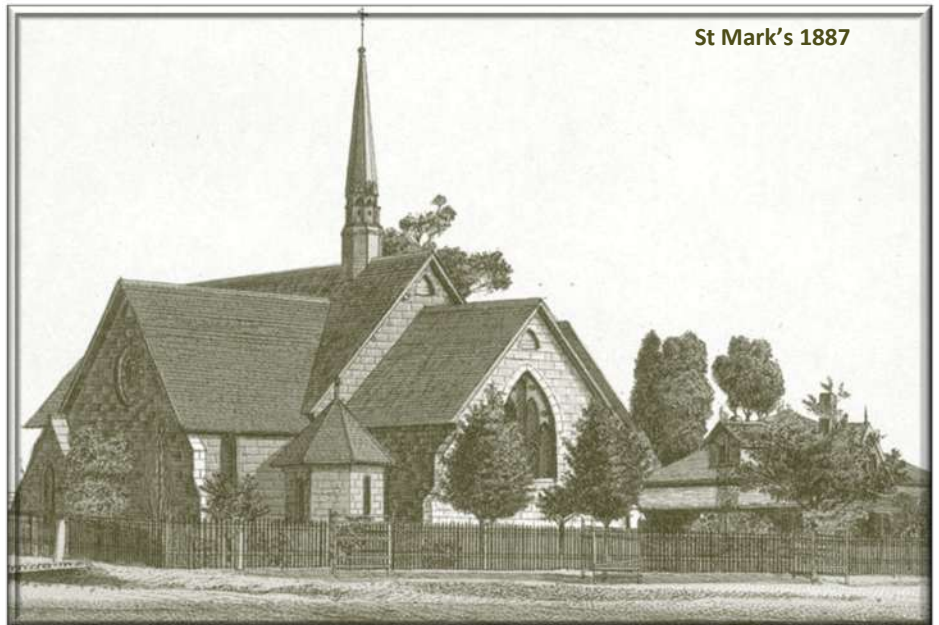
Perhaps one day that walk to Warwick by Benjamin Glennie and James Matthews will be recreated. They were walking for a spiritual purpose, so it would be a kind of Queensland "Camino", like the pilgrims' pathways through Europe and Spain that are now so hugely popular. Great walks exist in Queensland, too, along ancient Indigenous pathways. We should pay more attention to them. Although they don't pass through quaint medieval towns, they are just as old. The bridle

trail through the forests of Cunningham's Gap was probably one of them.

James Matthews married a Warwick girl named Mary Margetts. According to a family story he met her on the Spicers Gap road, a year or so after his long walk, when Mary's hat blew away, and James caught it. People journey, and people love. Some things will never change. **Below James's great-great granddaughter, Rose O'Brien is walking the old trail along Gap Creek** ↓ [SLQ* State Library of QLD.](#)



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As the incumbent of Moreton Bay and the Darling Downs, Benjamin Glennie held Church services in Warwick at the Horse and Jockey Hotel in the very early days. Later on, services were held in the old Court House in Alice Street until a timber slab church was constructed on the corner of Grafton and Albion Streets in 1857. ↓ This was in the grounds of the present church and had some rudimentary living quarters. A more comfortable parsonage was finally built (see account below).



During his time in Warwick, Glennie built the first purpose-built parsonage, "Hillside". His first residence was in McEvoy St, but when this proved inadequate he had plans prepared for a new parsonage on the outskirts of Warwick overlooking the growing township.^[1]

The land on which Hillside was later built was purchased by [Edward Wyndam Tufnell](#), the [Anglican Bishop of Brisbane](#) in 1865 for £58/3/1.

Plans were prepared for the parsonage in 1862-64 by Brisbane architect, Benjamin Backhouse, in partnership at the time with [Thomas Taylor](#). The contractor was William Craig. A newspaper report, August 1867, suggests that the parsonage had just been completed and that various members of the congregation were presenting Glennie with £120 of drawing-room furniture.^[2]

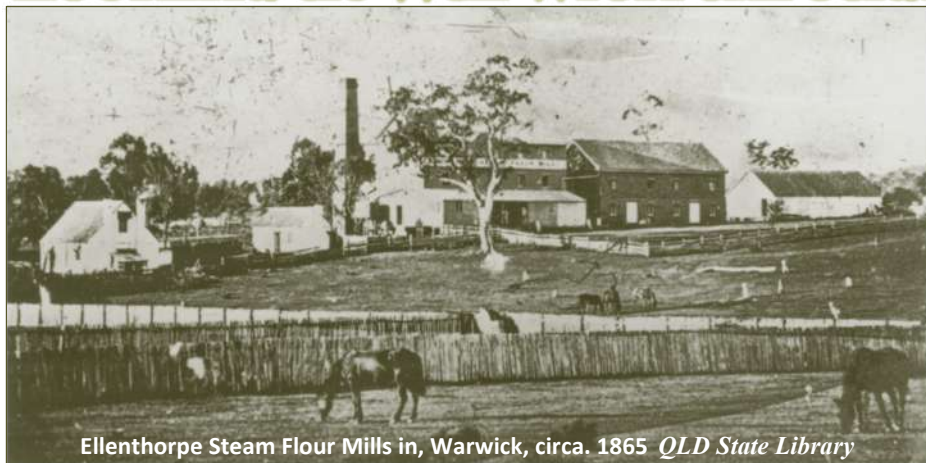
Glennie remained in residence at the parsonage until he was relocated to Drayton in 1870, and soon after, when James Matthews was the rector at Warwick, it was decided that Hillside was too far from the church and another parsonage was planned. Hillside was transferred to the Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese in 1872, and another rectory was constructed in the church close.^[3]

In 1878 Hillside was leased for a period of seven years to a George Sumner Renwick Dines and then passed from the Anglican Church and changed hands many times, until it was bought by local architect [Conrad Cobden Dornbusch](#) on 19 September 1908 for £1,150. The large block of land on which Hillside was situated was gradually subdivided and from the original 16-acre (6.5 ha) lot only 1 hectare (2.5 acres) remains around the house.^[4]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hillside,_Warwick

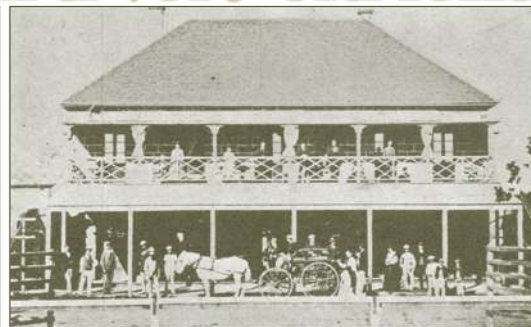


Looking at Warwick through a very old lens



Ellenthorpe Steam Flour Mills in, Warwick, circa. 1865 *QLD State Library*

This was the first mill in Warwick erected in 1861 by Charles Clark and James McKeachie on the Condamine River, facing Wantley Street. Adjacent to the mill was a general store where the farmers could get goods as part payment for delivered grain. An early advertisement in the Warwick Argus 1860 reads: 'Gristing. The undersigned are prepared to grind wheat for anybody who will bring not less than 10 bushels. Chas. Clark & Co., Ellenthorpe Steam Flour Mills, Warwick'



Cosmopolitan Hotel 1873. *QLD State Library*



Criterion Hotel ca 1886. *QLD State Library*



J. Horwitz & Co. Steam Flour Mill, Warwick, circa. 1880 *QLD State Library*

In 1874, the Ellenthorpe Steam Flour Mill passed into the hands of Jacob Horwitz. The (Warwick) Examiner and Times, May 1876, reported: '...at the Metropolitan Exhibition just held in Sydney, the Warwick flour from Messrs. Horwitz & Co.'s Mill, attracted considerable attention, and succeeded in gaining highly favourable remarks from judges in that section...' J. Horwitz worked the mill successfully for about 12 years finally disposing of it to F. Kates in 1886.



Glengallan Divisional Board building 1901.



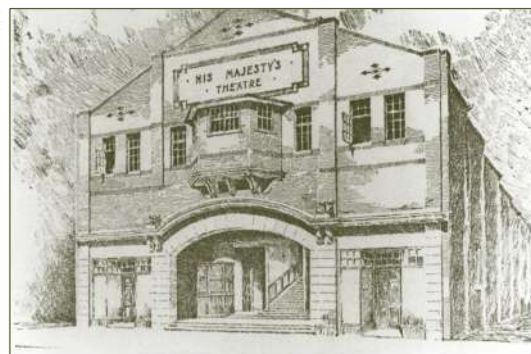
Commercial Hotel circa 1899 *QLD State Library*



McEniery's blacksmith forge circa 1910 .



Warwick Farmers' Milling Company Limited Flour Mill, 1904. *QLD State Library*
The Queensland Steam Roller Mills operated by Charles Hayes & Co., was purchased on 1 January 1891 and profitably operated by the Warwick Farmers' Milling Company. Although four farmers invested in this mill and served on the directorate, the directorate was a mixture of business people, including two storekeepers, a grazier, a publican and a cordial manufacturer.



His Majesty's Theatre, Warwick, 1920

Architects for His Majesty's Theatre in Warwick were Atkinson & Conrad of Brisbane. The theatre officially opened on 18 December 1920 and was billed as capable of seating 1500 people.

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*"Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day."* Alex MacLean

Following requests for information about those we have lost track of, we enter here more names for some who passed on several years ago. Again, a few details are a little on the brief side and those listed, appear, as usual, in alphabetical order and this time include two past school captains.

Robin Becker 1924-2012

BECKER Robin Ewart, late of Clermont, and formerly of Oakey, QLD, deceased 10th March 2012. His funeral service at All Saints' Anglican Church, Clermont, 14th March 2012 was followed by interment at the Clermont Lawn Cemetery. Robin was remembered as a Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great-grandfather.

Notice of the above appeared in the Rockhampton Morning Bulletin & Central Queensland News and online March 13-14, 2012 by Mark Crawley, Chief Executive Director Isaac Regional Council - Funeral Directors.

Born 13.19.1924, Robin Ewart Becker, also known as Bob, attended Slade 1938-41 where he was school captain in 1941. Rob's Valete: Becker, R. E. - 1938-41. Junior 1939, Senior 1941, Tennis (Capt. 1941), Cricket, Football, Sub-Prefect 1941. 1940 - Form VI Prize.

Bob's brother, Keith and sister, Marion were also enrolled at our schools 1939 and 1943-47 respectively. Unfortunately, we have no current information about either of them at this time.



First Tennis IV and Premiers 1941

Robin Ewart Becker (Captain), Wallace Layton Mitchell, Mr J.B. Campbell (Coach), Robert Bruce Kille, Geoffrey Allan Todd. Robin is the last of this team to be added to our deceased list. We can only assume the same can be said of the coach.

NOTE: Private funerals/cremations and often no published funeral/death notices mean that we don't always know when one of us dies. It is important that the passing of our school fellows is made known to us and for this we depend upon information from you at the coal face. Acknowledgement/due recognition is then able to be given and shared with the wider readership. While we quite naturally saddened by the loss of any of us, this is appreciated and especially meaningful to those who knew and remember their schoolfellows who are brought to our attention in this way.

On a final note, at this time we also convey sincere condolences to long standing committee member, John Bayliss, on the death of his mother, aged 97, who has been in failing health for some years.



James Gela 1963-2016

GELA, James Ian, passed away peacefully 6th July, 2016, at the Cairns Base Hospital aged 52 years. Bereavement details: Husband to Elsie Gela (nee Lewin); Father, Grandfather and Brother. Tribe: Peiudu - Darnley Island (ERUB). A Funeral Service for James, was held 30th July, 2016, at Cairns City Church, Manoora. This notice was posted by Burkin Svendsens Funeral Directors in the Townsville Bulletin 23/07/2016 .

James came to us at Slade from Thursday Island 1980-1981 and was School Captain in 1981. John and Josephine Gela from Thursday Island, 1982-83 and 1984 respectively, also appear in our records but at this time we cannot confirm that they are siblings of James. We have no current information for either of them at this time either.

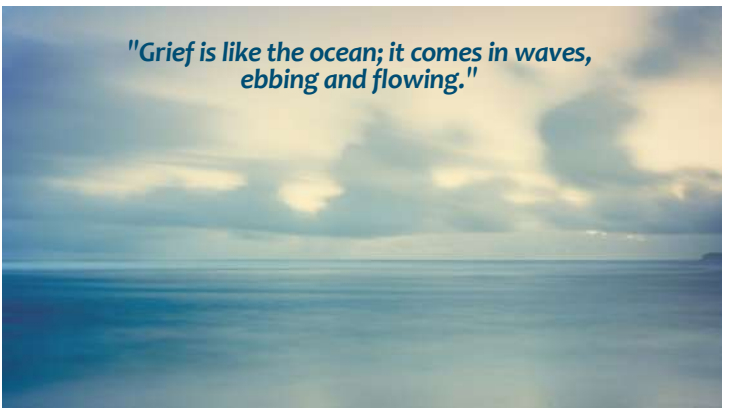
There is no Valete for James via Slade magazines



Ian Hillard

HILLARD, Ian George, late of Lowood and formerly of Corinda and Sherwood, passed away peacefully 1st July, 2025. Sadly these details are all that are available to us at this time as they have only just been conveyed to us by his family. Ian attended Slade 1953-1958. His home town at enrolment was listed as Sherwood.

Unfortunately, there is no Valete for Ian via Slade magazines either.



*"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...

PONDERING HOW PROMPTLY AND COMPLETELY PERCEPTIONS AND PATHWAYS CAN BE UPENDED when crises erupt in our lives can be a profound leveller. Events such as a sudden death or fatal accident involving a close friend or much loved family member have a way of occurring without warning. Circumstances like financial hardship, declining health, parents, children and friends becoming entangled in the many situations that arise with complicated family dynamics: all can crash into our lives from time to time, taking their toll and fast tracking a rearrangement of priorities. The here and now is not always neat and tidy, is often messy and endlessly challenging. All too often this is real life for many of us.

The above examples are stressors that can affect us on a personal level but the possibilities don't end there. Some of our most senior members, as well as our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, lived through war time conditions and remember vividly the hardships, losses and anxiety that war wrought. Others of us have been deployed on battlefronts and experienced many of the challenges associated there first hand. For these veterans, Anzac days and other days of remembrance have a vastly different significance when compared with what the rest of us know and understand.

As Eddie Wickham's detailed accounting of Australia's military service reveals, our involvement in conflicts overseas dates back a long way—all of 165 years if my maths has not let me down too badly! We can only hazard a guess about Australia's population around 1860 and in the years shortly after but can be certain that the losses incurred due to these engagements were keenly felt, even if not widely known. It seems that following Federation and WWI, Australia's fighting presence was acknowledged more at an international level even though it may have actually been seen as a quasi British arm in WWI.

Mercifully not often, but now and again, another of those once-in-a-lifetime events comes along out of the blue and finds us on the back foot, searching for answers, reasons and a clear pathway forward. This may happen at a community or regional level. Recently, and in the not too distant past, we have seen severe flooding, bushfires, ethnic tensions and even an instance deemed to be domestic terrorism.

The pandemic has also wreaked death and economic hardship at home and globally. The fallout from Covid is still being felt and likely yet to be fully revealed. Many suspect that information circulated for public consumption about this is being carefully curated in much the same way the imminent danger to Australians at home was downplayed during WWII. With the bulk of men of fighting age overseas, we were highly vulnerable and the need for panic to be averted was deemed both prudent and necessary.

Another unforeseen event, noted already in this Kinawah, blasted into our collective consciousness in 2001 with the 9-11 terrorist attacks. Those who survived the events of WWII immediately recalled all too clearly the many ways that work places and defence forces were, of necessity, soon mobilised, modified and armed to accommodate our previously remote island nation placed on a war footing. It was no great stretch to envisage the past being brought back to life to be relived all over again.

Such is the nature of trauma. It arrives, it evolves, it encompasses a complex inter-related chain of events and people, expanding in ever widening circles exactly like the proverbial ripples in a pond. Even many years later, memories thought long forgotten suddenly resurface and are felt all over again.

Trials and tribulations will almost certainly beset us. They are part of the human condition. If you are someone fortunate enough to have managed to cruise through life and not experience them, then you are in the minority. The rest of us are left to make the best of the hand we are dealt.

How we cope with setbacks that disrupt our lives shows what we are made of. Our forebears gave of their best in their own hour of trial intending to pass on a legacy to us that might see us free and clear of the hardships that they had to contend with. We can but do our best to be worthy of their example.

