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Pondering contacts, networking etcetera. REFLECTIONS ON THE POTENTIAL OF CONNECTIONS

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"Peace is not the absence of conflict; it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means."
Ronald Reagan

THE THOUGHT HAS, ON OCCASION, BEEN VOICED, living as we do in the present, that while we may be connected/tethered by innumerable devices—all as close as our fingertips—paradoxically, as individuals, we have never been LESS connected.

Further to this, communication nowadays is often pared down to textspeak, a kind of shorthand code that would have epically displeased our English teachers!

Surprisingly, even office communications via skype and SMS are becoming the norm. SMS, very much like email, can at least be rationalised as being "in writing" and therefore referenceable in a way that face-to-face or telephone conversations may not be.

With communications like this now commonplace, it seems the art of conversation is rapidly being lost. Working remotely has also brought about a shift in social interactions for many.

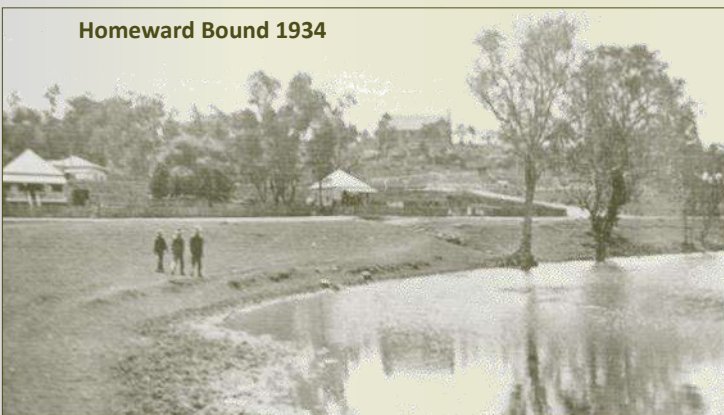
All those years ago, living and attending classes together as we did, for the boarders at least, there were ample opportunities to talk about those things we shared in common and cared about—playing different sports, participating in various other activities on offer, mostly without the need for notes passed in class (a girl thing?) There was no need for any "NO PHONES IN CLASS" rule as these handy dandy devices had yet to be invented—a thing sure to blow the minds of our grandchildren and great-grandchildren!

There were also options while at school for those of us who came from more remote places to spend weekends and school holidays with school friends whose families generously opened their homes to us and made us feel welcome—yet another chance to connect and get to know one another on a deeper level.

Also, the trip to and from school was quite an adventure for many of us. Paul Simon's lyrics for "Homeward Bound" come readily to mind, evoking a whole swag of memories: "I'm sittin' in the railway station, got a ticket to my destination..."

For many of us, school provided a home of sorts even if it didn't much resemble the one we departed each term. At day's end, returning to the dorm was a homecoming of a different kind.

Our 2026 reunion provides an opportunity for still another homecoming. As the lyricist wrote in 1966, "Home where my thought's escapin', home where my music's playin'... silently for me"



Homeward Bound 1934

1949 MOMENTS

- Jan. 26: Aust. citizenship is born
- Feb. 17: First President of Israel, Chaim Weiz is installed
- Mar. 1: Indonesia seizes Yogyakarta from the Dutch.
- Mar. 28: Fred Hoyle, English astronomer, coins the term *Big Bang* (intended to be derogatory)
- Apr. 4: – NATO is formed
- Apr. 18: Republic of Ireland formally declared
- Apr. 23: Chinese Communist troops take Nanjing.
- May 1: A moon of Neptune, Nereid, found by Gerard Kuiper.
- May 11: Israel admitted to the UN, as its 59th member
- May 20: AFSA (predecessor of the NSA) established.
- May 23: Federal Republic of Germany is established.
- Jun. 8: George Orwell's Nineteen eighty-four published in London.
- Jul. 19: Kingdom of Laos formed
- Aug. 1: 4th Geneva Convention is agreed to.
- Aug. 14: Pakistan becomes independent
- Sep. 7: Federal Republic of Germany officially founded
- Sep. 19: UK government devalues the pound sterling from \$4.03 to \$2.80 → 30% devaluation against the US dollar
- Oct. 1: People's Republic of China officially proclaimed.
- Oct. 2: Soviet Union recognises the People's Republic of China.
- Oct. 7: German Democratic Republic (East Germany) est'd.
- Nov. 28: Winston Churchill speaks in support of the idea of a EU, but does not see the UK as part of it
- Dec. 7: Retreat of the government of the Republic of China to Taiwan ends, with Taipei declared its temporary capital city
- Dec. 10: Robert Menzies Liberal/Country Coalition elected to office
- Dec. 16: Sukarno elected president of the Republic of Indonesia.
- Dec. 17: Burma recognises the People's Republic of China.
- Dec. 30: India recognizes the People's Republic of China.

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Editor's Notes...



WITH WINTER AND SPRING NOW IN OUR WAKE, our Brekky Creek Lunch Nov 1, was enjoyed by all.

Our 2025 AGM held in the Founders' Room September 6, saw outgoing committee/area reps continue in their roles for another year. Another important item of business was that of conferring Honorary Life Membership upon Nigel Faulkner, Helen Moloney and Peter Ramsay for their substantial contributions to SCPSA extending over many years. Certificates were formally presented at the Brekky Creek. We offer our warm congratulations to all three honourees.

For a wrap up and pics of our 17th Brekky Creek Lunch: See PP 6-7 Well deserved congratulations are also due at this time to Scott Gorrige and Gary Wallace for career/community achievements and consequent recent recognition. See P5 for more details.

Remembrance Day: At this time, we include several items with a "Remember when" theme: Excerpts from a 1953 Slade prospectus start P10. For a more recent article, the Vietnam service of Slade's last ever serving headmaster Robert Grandin, see P4. The year 1966 links this story with the death of Madeline Blyth's father, Captain Kingsley Eagar, P3. In addition, we visit an essential article from diocesan archives re Slade's own Canon Edwards' WWI service as a military chaplain P13. It's likely only those who have fulfilled active service fully appreciate the significance of THIS specific duty.

Our Valé page lists several figures, central in their local and wider communities. We've been severely tried by the losses of recent weeks.

On our "not so well" list is Pat Tite, 1953 St Catharine's head girl. We think of all those living with ill health and their families too.

A pleasant recent visit from Jane Morse, saw some photos from the 1949-50 era of St Catharine's brought to us. Expect to see a few of them soon. Jane, Helen and Adrienne Slade, the daughters of Adrian Slade, and grand-daughters of W.B. Slade, all attended St Catharine's but sadly, we have no enrolment details for them.

1936: Fledgling city of Warwick connects with wider QLD P15, may reveal why country boarders found Warwick more familiar than some. From the outset, Warwick businesses were established to suit what is a historic rural past. All offer a unique window into the long ago. Due to space constraints, the original Trove article has been edited some. The tone plainly shows colonial thinking of the time, even as it overlooks the fact that those "who blazed the trail" displaced the original occupants but is as interesting as it is dated.

"The optimist lives on the peninsula of infinite possibilities; the pessimist is stranded on the island of perpetual indecision."

William Arthur Ward

Until next time, enjoy the read Joan White



"The true objective of war is peace."

Sun Tzu



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Johnno's Corner

I TRUST WE WILL ALL BE ABLE TO TAKE A MINUTE on Tuesday 11-11-25 to remember all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we take for granted today. I am also reminded that quite a few of our serving Defence Force members suffer various forms of grief and tragedy while serving our country in times of peace. It is my hope that these serving members are treated fairly and recognized for their service.

- As always, I am an advocate of a national service system. It is a constant concern of mine that we in Australia live an excessively privileged lifestyle compared to the rest of the world. I would urge everyone who has contact with young people to encourage them to be of service in some way to our country.

- A solid Brekky Creek rollup this year with the regulars. Understandably, the forecast storms kept a few away. With that said, my thoughts are with our farmers who are trying to get crops harvested. I hope you are able to manage whatever hand is dealt you.

- Slade's Centenary 2-3 May 26, is fast approaching so Slade past students hurry and get your tickets to avoid the last minute rush and disappointment.

Register now with John Bayliss: **0418 987 900** or **jb.oldmanemu@gmail.com**

- 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

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- STILL AHEAD IN 2025**
Nov. 11 Remembrance Day
Nov. 20 WCC Secondary Awards Evening
Dec. 3 WCC Primary Awards ceremony
Dec. 10 Human Rights Day
Dec. 21 Summer Solstice



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Madeline's legacy to QLD's Maritime Museum and to us

IN 2024, A LIFELONG DREAM WAS REALISED FOR MADELINE BLYTH when David Jones, a historian and archivist for the Queensland Maritime Museum, compiled the story of her father, Captain Kingsley Eagar. Jones acknowledged Madeline as the faithful and loving custodian of his story and collection which comprised a substantial but irreplaceable volume of personal writings, records, photos, newspaper clippings and other memorabilia. This limited-print publication is a unique accounting of a vanished way of life which portrays an era spanning a time when Britain was an undisputed naval juggernaut and two World Wars. Its navy's superiority, reinforced by an enviable domestic ship-building industry, was the target of Germany's Kaiser in WWI. It embraced cutting-edge technology, including a submarine fleet, and enabled Britain to settle parts of the New World. The process of signing indentures for a four-year (unpaid) apprenticeship aboard a three-masted iron clipper is detailed along with the doldrums, storms at sea and its voyages and destinations. A lifelong sea-faring officer, Captain Eagar emigrated to Australia and now a vanished way of life is meticulously recorded for us. Before the rail line from Brisbane to Cairns was built, mail and other supplies were brought by ship. The Eagar family's life in and around Brisbane is detailed and includes its own tragic dual brush with death wrought by WWII. Kingsley Eagar captained the famous steam powered tug, "Forceful" and its replacement was named "Eagar" for him. Captain Eagar died in 1966, his ashes scattered in the river while some of us were still at school in Warwick. Madeline's personal copy of this account is available for us to borrow and read and for this we sincerely thank her.



Saved by a storm over Long Tan, 59 years ago



EVER WONDERED WHO AND WHAT BOB GRANDIN was and did before serving as Slade's last headmaster? Having joined the RAAF in 1957, he was a helicopter pilot stationed in Vietnam and became involved in the Battle of Long Tan with ammunition supply and midnight evacuation of the wounded. His final posting was to the now RAAF Academy at Point Cook as a Flight Commander where he completed a Bachelor of Science after which he opted to resign his commission and pursue a path in education. The following hints at some of what was asked of our servicemen during the Vietnam conflict, variously called "controversial", "unwinnable" and more. Several of our men served there and the conditions of enlistment were very different from those that applied in WWI and WWII. I apologise in advance for any unpleasant reminders this article might raise for those who were there on that day.

WHAT WAS EXPECTED TO BE ANOTHER ROUTINE DAY shuttling rations and celebrities around Vietnam turned into one Dr Bob Grandin would never forget when he found himself flying into a monsoon and all hell broke loose. His new book '*Answering the Call – the life of a helicopter pilot in Vietnam and beyond*' was written from the log book he kept while stationed in Nui Dat. The book is also interwoven with stories of his life after Vietnam, revealing the difficulties he faced back home, the impact of the war on his psyche and relationships, and his struggles with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Dr Grandin launched his book at the RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre where the Iroquois helicopter he flew in Vietnam is on display. As we approach 60 years since the battle of Long Tan, it's time for his story to be told...

Flight Lieutenant Robert George (Bob) Grandin at the controls of his Iroquois helicopter.

It's all God's will: you can die in your sleep, and God can spare you in battle. Leo Tolstoy, War and Peace

"It was a bad time when we returned from Vietnam, but now we have the opportunity to tell these stories so people can understand what they did," Dr Grandin said.

"I'm just happy to be getting the story out that people have overlooked."

He is also editing author of newly released movie *Danger Close: The Battle of Long Tan*. Dr Grandin said watching the movie really put him back in the helicopter seat.

On 18 August 1966, he was the co-pilot on a No 9 Squadron Iroquois helicopter that flew over the enemy to resupply desperate soldiers engaged in battle at the Long Tan rubber plantation.

"I was a co-pilot in a support squadron so the first job of the day was to fly Little Pattie and Col Joye up to Nui Dat for a concert," Dr Grandin said.

"We thought it was just going to be a routine day."

But once he landed at the Australian Task Force base he soon found that the day was going to be anything but.

"The artillery started when we arrived and we soon discovered 6RAR had run into a huge enemy force nearby and they were running out of ammo," he said.

"My skipper, Captain Frank Riley, said that he would take the ammo."

At that time, it was not a sanctioned mission.

An Iroquois support squad had never done this before.

They would have to fly into the middle of a battle without any fire support of their own.

"As soon as I walked outside the briefing tent I said 'What the hell are you doing? This is a suicide mission'," Dr Grandin said.

"I said 'How are we going to get back?'"

"He said 'We probably won't, you don't have to come' but of course we did."

There was a very large tropical storm unleashing when they took off and visibility was so poor the only way they could navigate was by looking through the floor.

"I was looking down between my feet at the tops of the trees," he said.

"That storm was probably the thing that saved us; they probably didn't hear us."

"We found ourselves lost behind the enemy line and we only found our guys when they threw smoke."

The chopper lowered down but did not land.

After they guided the second chopper into position they rolled on their side and kicked the ammo boxes out.

"We just hovered over the rubber trees and the ammunition rained out on them," he said.

Dr Grandin believes the actions of the chopper pilots that day saved the lives of the infantry men on the ground.

"If we hadn't come they were all doomed; the whole time I was terrified," he said.

"I was just thinking a bullet is going to come in and hit the ammo and we would be blown up."

The Battle of Long Tan

18 August 1966, D Company, 6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (6RAR) fought a battle against more than 2000 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops in a rubber plantation near the village of Long Tan.

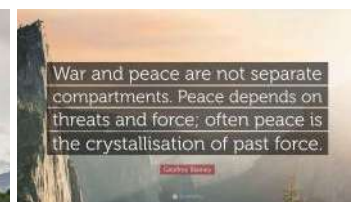
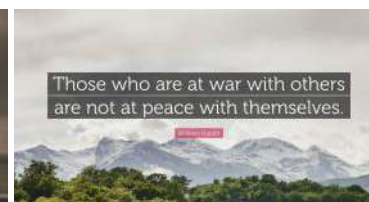
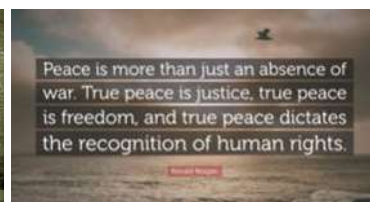
After fighting in torrential rain for four hours, and almost being overrun, they were supported by accurate artillery fire from the nearby Australian task force base, an ammunition resupply by two Iroquois helicopters from 9 Squadron, RAAF, and the arrival of infantry reinforcements carried by Armoured Personnel Carriers.

Eighteen Australians were killed and twenty-four wounded as a result of this engagement, which became known as the Battle of Long Tan. *Photo appears courtesy of the Australian War Memorial.*

Little Pattie sang in concert with Col Joye and the Joy Boys in Nui Dat as the Battle of Long Tan began nearby. Little Pattie was flown out of the danger zone shortly after. Col Joye and the Joy Boys were unable to be evacuated until next morning. * Col Joye died 05/08/2025*

<https://www.ipswichfirst.com.au/the-story-of-a-chopper-pilot-two-rock-stars-and-the-vietnam-war/> Monday, October 6, 2025

Bob Grandin lives in the hinterland of the Sunshine Coast and, we are pleased to say we have recently re-established contact with him.



What you said: hearing back from our readers

Your contributions, as always, are very much appreciated. See selected and edited reader responses below. It seems as if the September October "Reunion Special" Kinawah was very well received. Harvey Smith [Slade 1957-1960] was able to supply most of the names from the 1936 Reunion group which includes "Chub" Smith, his late father. As he is eldest of Chub's three children who attended our schools, perhaps he is in possession of the original photo. Names on page 14 were originally supplied by the late Frank Keenan 1928-1934. This information is gold for our archival records.



Remembrance Day: David Herbert reminds us that October 31st, as well as being Halloween, or All Souls Day, is the anniversary of the Charge of the Light Horse at Beersheba in 1917. This involved the Australian Mounted Division's 4th and 12th mounted infantry charging with bayonets in hand and rifles slung across their backs.

Bob Cotton 1951-54 Many thanks for your Sept Oct Kinawah - many pages of valuable retrospectives.

Carljen Ramsay 1946-52 I just want to say how much I enjoy the Kinawah. Thank you for all the interesting articles you find.

Spotlight directed on 70s, 80s era students:



OAM awarded 26/09/2025 to Scott Gorringer, Director at MurriMatters Pty Ltd and Yimburi Pty Ltd for Services to Indigenous Communities and Leadership Development. Scott, at Slade 1974-78, reflects how much this recognition means to him, acknowledging 20 plus years working with wonderful people. He expressed his thanks and appreciation to these peers for all for his learning as his award was announced.



Gary Wallace
Slade 1984-86,
Doctor of Medicine - MD,
LLB, Grad Dip Legal Practice
& Ethics, B.Ed (Sec)
Professor at UQ Medical &
Sport Science Depts. First
Aboriginal doctor appointed
to the Wallabies.

Gary is seen here in his official role at the Wallabies vs Argentina game in Townsville, September 5. He had hoped to be at the Brekky Creek but was unable to join us this time.



Our Sincere Congratulations to Scott and Gary on their outstanding achievements.

And, on a more light hearted note, I found the quote below attributed to George W Bush when searching for something meaningful with the theme of "Job well done":

"To those of you who received honours, awards and distinctions, I say well done.

And to the "C" students, I say you, too, can be president of the United States."

George W. Bush (Time to stop and smile a while!)

See more at <https://www.brainyquote.com/topics/well-done-quotes>

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



The following of our number have in most cases totally dropped off our radar. Some have emails, some not. Emails are being returned as undeliverable which might mean their email box has not been cleared for some time, they have changed to another email provider or they forgot to let us know. Many are among our older past students and may have been moved into care or even died. Sadly, we really don't know. In any case, if you are able to update us on the current status of any of them we would be grateful to hear from you. Here is the list which includes the years they were at school. This list also includes people named in historic photos that I have featured in Kinawah but have no current contact details for. Any and all help is always greatly appreciated.

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2025 Brekky Creek catch-up, a warm-up for next year's celebrations



Irrespective of the few spits of rain that threatened to put a damper on the occasion, the predicted severe storm cells held off long enough for all who met at the Brekky Creek to make the most of a relaxed lunch, a drink or two and a catch up.

If there was to be an award for the person making the most impressive effort to get to our 17th get together, the prize would go to **Rick Noon**. He made the 18 hour plus trip by rail

from Emerald, changing trains in Rockhampton, and met us seemingly only a little travel weary! It was also great to see **Peter Henning** who came along with **Wal Holcombe** and **Doug Brown**. Peter made it on to our "not so well" list a while ago.

Brekky Creek regulars, **Damien Walsh, Geoff Orr, Ian Baker, Doug Clark, Nigel Faulkner, John Bayliss, Steve Cooke, Ross Thompson, Tony, Cris and Trevor Roy, and Richard Cleal,** were all there and it was also good to see **Michael Milton, Jim and**

Sonja Cover, Paul and Beryl Masson. John Farquhar and the '70s boys were able to catch up with **Sandra Collins** (Munn '72-'75) who was hoping to see Rhonda Fordham (John and Rhonda Fordham) were unable to join us this time. Several '60s St Catharine's girls were also present. **Nan Sargood, Helen Harris, Jacque Baxter** (now back from her long awaited trip to Italy) **Helen McGlinn,**

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Friendships, good cheer and a fine occasion

2025 Brekky Creek catch-up, a warm-up for next year's celebrations



Our Brekky Creek gathering was also an appropriate occasion for presenting certificates to SCPSA's most recently named Honorary Life Members. Helen Moloney and Nigel Farquhar were on hand for this but unfortunately, Peter Ramsay was unable to be with us due to a previous longstanding obligation.



And, while on the topic of special occasions:

OCTOBER 31ST IS BEERSHEBA DAY,
the day set aside when we, together with the Australian Light Horse Association, remember the gallant charge of the Australian Light Horse troops and their loyal mounts to capture Beersheba and secure the wells so vital to the survival of the allies and the ultimate success of the campaign in 1917. We also remember the Walers, that hardy breed of Australian horses that were shipped overseas and used with great success in WWI.



Archival pics: Slade grows its presence in Warwick

Composite scanned panoramic view ca 1928



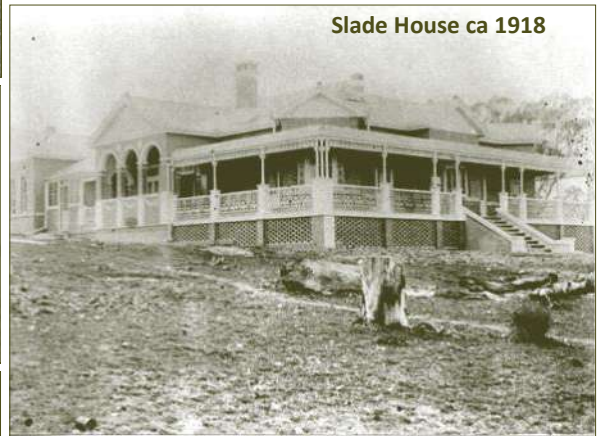
Rowing on the Condamine 1936



Chapel House ca 1915



Slade House ca 1918



Ca 1937. Government relief workers had completed extensive work on the grounds in the 1930s. *OldPics.*



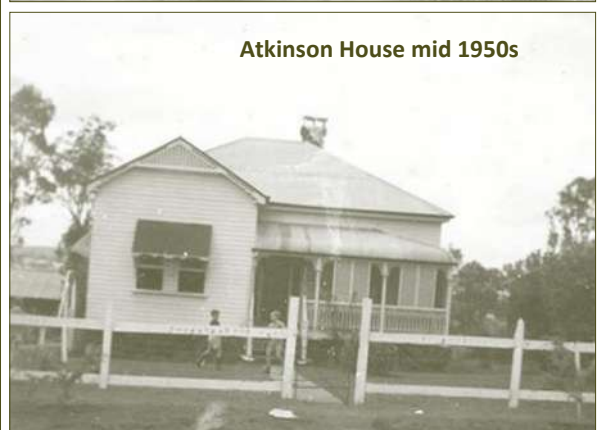
Oval and grandstand 1942



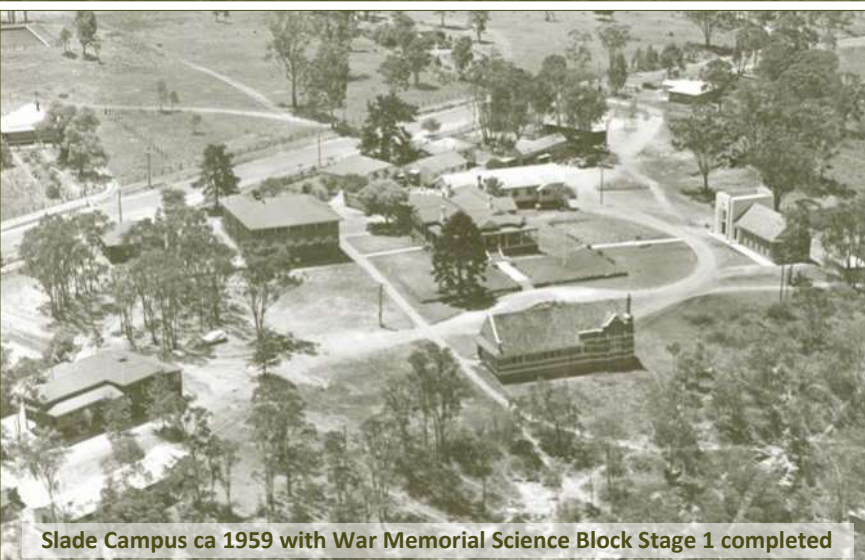
Rear entrance to Slade House mid 1930s



Atkinson House mid 1950s



Slade Campus ca 1959 with War Memorial Science Block Stage 1 completed



Landmark moments in the history of Slade #5

Growth, innovation, repurposing of materials on site:

SLADE MOVES BRAVELY AHEAD IN ITS 23RD YEAR:

At the start of the academic year in 1949, staff at Slade were: Headmaster, Rev. Bro. B.W. Roberts, C.E. Olsen, K.A. Dan, E.L. Farrell, J.R. Marshall, G.E. Locke, B. Meredith and G. Taylor* with School Matron Mrs E. McCarthy, Matron of Highfields Mrs M. Walker and School Secretary Miss M. Williams*.

Student leaders were: School Captain: Ron Comben
Prefect Edward Nussey*

Probationary Prefects: Don Ellis, Lionel Hyam, Terry Walker,
Macansh Captain Ron Comben, Barnes Captain Peter Moore
Sports Captains: William Bonthron, R. Comben, L Hyam.

Monty Marshall, an experienced teacher, well suited to working with boys, was the new Scholarship Master. He was also a very good sports coach credited with great improvement in the standard of the Primary School sport.

A recent period of growth in the Junior School called for several other changes. At the beginning of 1949, Mr Dan moved back to the Senior School.

Highfields had opened in May 1946, intended as separate accommodation for the younger boys.

Previously the private residence of Mr C.H. Highfields, the home had 14 rooms, spacious verandahs and was set amid two acres of well kept lawns and gardens. The chief downside for the younger boys was the 0.4km long walk from there to class and the dining room but under the motherly care of Matron Walker and oversight of Adrian Charles, it was a home away from home for its charges and grew substantially. Turn to P 12 for a photograph of Highfields as it was featured in Slade's 1953 Prospectus. The Highfields Notes in the 1947 Magazine stated:

"We commenced 1947 with increased numbers, and indeed during the year some of the oldest of our boys had to move to Atkinson House to provide beds for the smaller 'newies'. At present we are 32 strong, ranging from 6 years of age to 11 and 12 years."

Also at the beginning of the year, solid silky oak furniture arrived to fit out the school dining hall which was also used for screening films and the annual St Catharine's dance. This went on record as a substantial improvement.

Further renovations that had been carried out over the school holidays included painting and fitting out a new library. This was furnished with the repurposed newly polished and stained pine tables and chairs that had previously done duty in the dining hall. The secondary classrooms were also given a face lift and the bathrooms in Barnes House also came in for some attention.

After protracted negotiations, the use of the paddock across the road from the school was secured and solved the sports field problems for many years. This was big enough for two large ovals and one other small one. An ant-bed wicket was put in which was ready for use shortly before the end of the season with all work done by the boys but due tribute was also paid to the hard work and competence of the groundsman, Mr Farrell.

The new sports ovals were not the end of improvements to the school at this time. Previously the school only had the use of two tennis courts. The one over the road had been so neglected it had become unplayable and so the juniors were put to work on it after exams so that top dressing could be started during the holidays. Wet weather caused hold ups in the supply of ant bed but the work was ultimately completed. With the fence repaired the final result was declared a good court. Following this a start was made on the court alongside it almost immediately. This, however, presented a bigger problem as it had never been surfaced. It had been put down by relief workers in the Depression era, a good ten years ago, and never finished. A local surveyor, Mr Philp, took the levels so

the school might be able to finish the task under its own steam.

As well as this, a start was made on the large task of resurfacing the drive. A good supply of what was described as rotten stone was on hand where the sewer went through the rocks and the school truck was put to good use in carting this material. This task took a long time to complete but we are assured there was never a lack of willing workers so there was seldom a need to call on the unwilling ones.

In 1949 Brisbane's Branch of the Slade Parents' Auxiliary, in its second year successfully held events to raise money for the Memorial Fund. This prompted the establishing of a Warwick Parents' Auxiliary Branch which undertook the task of catering for the 1949 Reunion dinner.

This photo of the 1949 Slade Reunion Group includes:

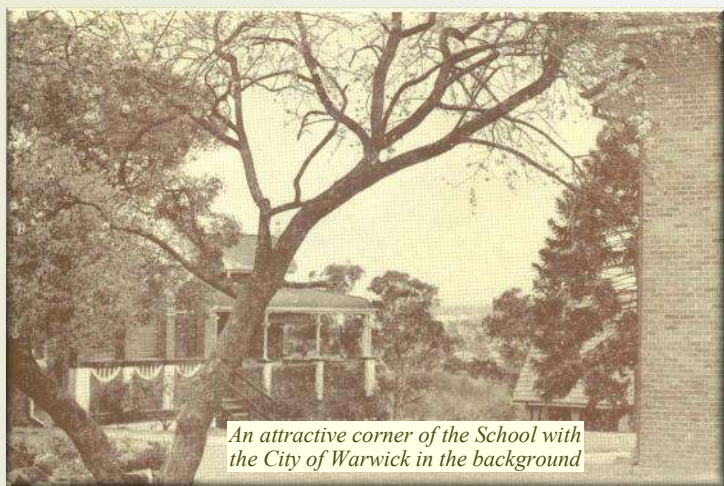
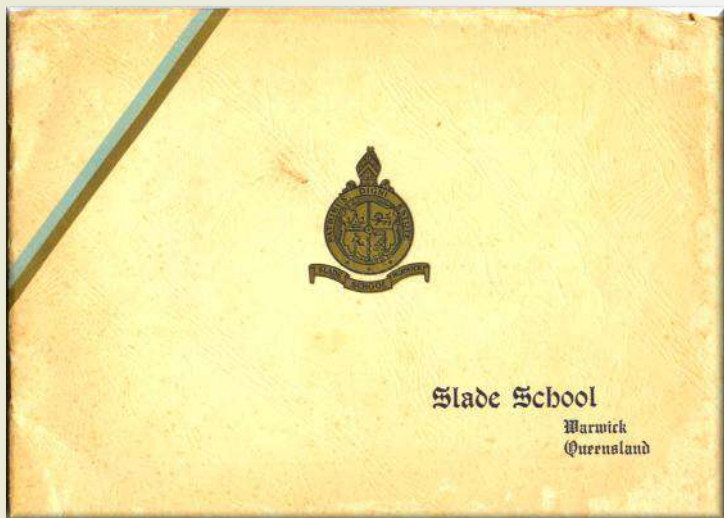


Ken Mardon, Brother Roberts, Sidney Sakzewski, Lachlan Woolcock,
Richard Harvey*, D. Jones*, Graham Hendry*, Donald McLay*,
Thomas Stabler, William Flower, Ian McDonald, Leslie Stabler, Niel Quirk,
Max Imhoff, George Whatmore, David Markey*, Peter Collas,
Roy Tweedie, Charlie Olsen, Philip Thomas, Peter Rowland.

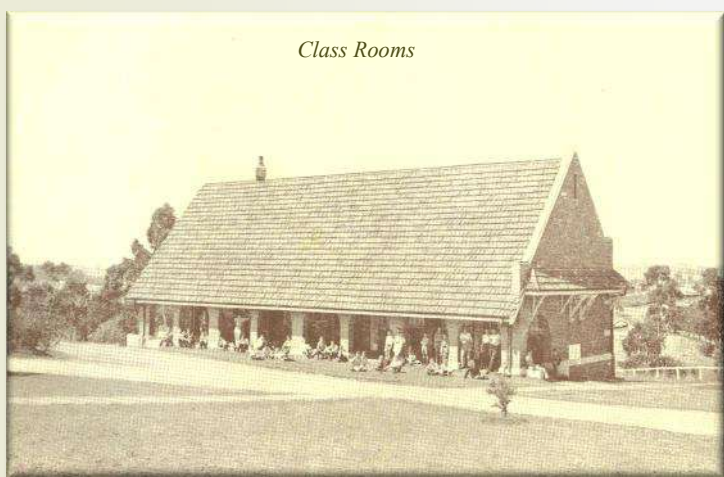
Among the announcements made on the 1949 reunion week-end was the gift of Glengallon to Slade and that the Memorial Fund had passed the £3,000 mark. As an aside, the AGM voted to fund Kinawah up to £20 per annum.

The above information again comes from Charlie Olsen's records.

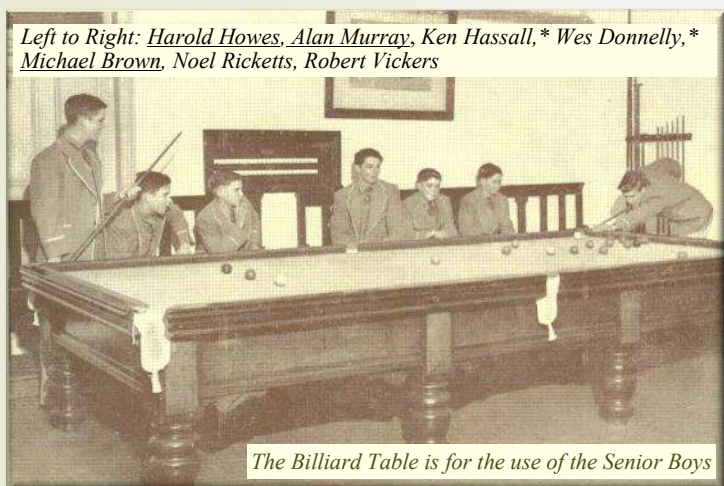
"Remember When"



An attractive corner of the School with the City of Warwick in the background



Class Rooms



The Billiard Table is for the use of the Senior Boys

Left to Right: Harold Howes, Alan Murray, Ken Hassall, * Wes Donnelly, * Michael Brown, Noel Ricketts, Robert Vickers

We glance through the 1953 Slade Prospectus...

Many of us pursued careers in education after leaving school. The descriptions following reflect some differences between 1953 and much later years. This Slade Prospectus, published after the hardships of WWII, describes Slade in glowing terms, noting with pride its school management assisted by a staff of Graduates and Trained Primary Teachers, with a qualified Matron on site. Terminology, punctuation and capitalisation is as it appeared in the original publication. References again to Warwick's "healthy climate" may prompt a smile or two.

HISTORY:

Slade School was founded in 1926 to provide a Church Secondary School for boys in the healthy climate of the Darling Downs.

The School derives its name from the late Mr. William Ball Slade, O.B.E., one of our most distinguished citizens, known and honoured elsewhere in Queensland. Mr. Slade was a loyal and generous-hearted son of the Church. In response to an unanimous desire, he allowed his name to be associated with the institution which is now widely known as the Church of England School for Boys, Warwick.

The name of the School, however, is not merely personal; it is representative. Slade School is associated with Queensland's pioneers, more especially with those of the Downs. It is significant, indeed, that the School came into existence, just as the centenary of the discovery of the Darling Downs was about to be celebrated. During the past hundred years the Downs district has attracted to itself, and has produced, many of Queensland's best-known men. Undoubtedly one of the finest ways in which the Church may pay tribute to these men is by creating and building up a great educational institution wherein the rising generation of Queensland's sons are taught to develop the characteristics of their forefathers, such, for instance, as faith, hope, chivalry, courage and endurance. Such is the aim of Slade School, for which the inspiring motto was chosen:- "Patribus digni estote."

MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL: The School is the property of the Church of England in the Diocese of Brisbane, and since June 1936, has been placed under the control and management of the Bush Brotherhood of S. Paul, Charleville.

SITUATION AND GROUNDS: The School is situated on high ground to the north of Warwick, overlooking the Condamine River, in the foreground, and the town in the distance. The grounds are about twenty acres in extent, 1,650 feet above sea-level. They include a very fine Sports Ground, with full-sized Oval, a Junior Cricket Ground, two Tennis Courts and practice wickets. The main wicket and two practice wickets are of turf and the Junior wicket is of concrete. There is a third Tennis Court in the School grounds, and a fourth for the sole use of Primary boys is being constructed. Barnes Park, a large area adjoining the School Oval, has been made available to the School for sporting purposes by the Warwick City Council. This area will contain two full-size and one small oval.

The School grounds have been carefully planned and present a most attractive appearance, with extensive lawns, shrubs, rose gardens and native trees.

BUILDINGS

Slade House, built of brick, with fine verandahs, contains the Headmaster's Study, Staff-room, Office, Library, Reading Room, Kitchens, etc.

Barnes House is a brick building of two storeys, fitted with the latest Aerolax louvre blinds, having sleeping accommodation for 76 boarders and two resident masters. It contains fine sleeping-out dormitories, bathrooms, with hot and cold showers and lavatories.

Atkinson House is a wooden residence which houses 16 Primary boys and a resident master. Plans are being prepared to raise this building to provide adequate sleeping and dressing accommodation for 44 boys.

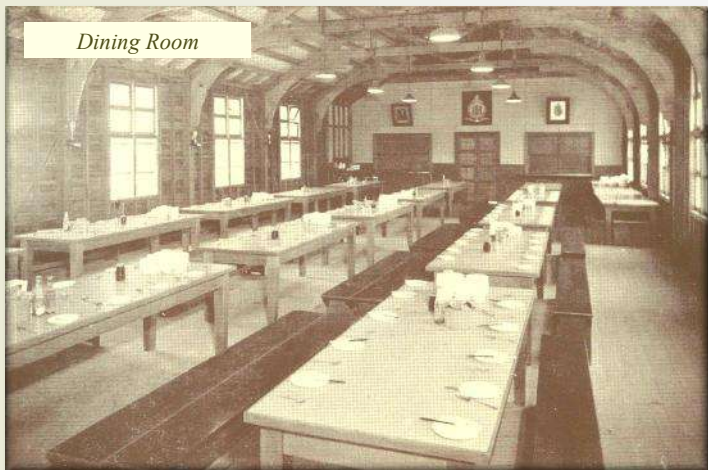
Chapel House includes a very beautiful temporary Chapel and a dormitory for 23 boys under the supervision of a resident master.

The Secondary Classrooms form a handsome brick building in Gothic style, with tiled roof, well lighted and ventilated, opening off arched cloisters. The building contains four classrooms.

The Primary Classrooms are in a large wooden building on the western side of the School grounds, so that the small boys are well away from the bigger boys.

The present Science building is to be replaced shortly by the Old Boys' War Memorial Science Block. This magnificent brick structure will contain an Honour Room and Reference Library and a Physics and Chemistry Laboratory. These laboratories will be most modern and well equipped with scientific apparatus.

The Dining Room is a new building, beautifully furnished with silky oak



Dining Room

tables and forms built to accommodate 180 boys comfortably. The Hospital is a detached cottage containing comfortable wards, sunny verandahs, dispensary and Matron's accommodation. The Music Room provides an attractive room for the teaching of music and for choir practice.

Highfields is the residence for the boys up to age of 11 years. It is attractive old home standing in extensive grounds a short distance from the School. It is in charge of a Matron and resident master. The boys have their meals and lessons at the main School.

RECREATION ROOMS: The Secondary Recreation Room is equipped with two ping-pong tables, indoor bowls, darts, quoits and tables for cards, draughts, chess, etc. The Primary room has a ping-pong table and benches for woodwork, model building and other handicrafts. A full-sized billiard table is available for use of Senior boys.

LIBRARIES: Secondary and Primary Libraries are well stocked with fiction and reference books. Reading rooms are supplied with the daily newspapers and a number of suitable magazines.

TERMS AND VACATIONS: The School year is divided into three terms of about 13 weeks each. The Christmas vacation is of eight weeks, the May vacation two weeks and the August vacation three weeks. Boys are expected to remain at the School for Easter. At mid-term boys are allowed to go home or stay with friends approved by parents.

DAILY ROUTINE:

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------|
| 6.15 a.m. | ... | ... | Physical Training or Swimming |
| 7-7.45 a.m. | ... | ... | Preparation |
| 8 a.m. | ... | ... | Breakfast |
| 8.45 a.m. | ... | ... | Chapel |
| 9.5-10.25 a.m. | ... | ... | Class Work |
| 10.25-10.45 a.m. | ... | ... | Break |
| 10.40-12.45 p.m. | ... | ... | Class Work |
| 12.45 p.m. | ... | ... | Dinner |
| 1.45-3.45 p.m. | ... | ... | Class Work |
| 3.45-5.30 p.m. | ... | ... | Sport and Recreation |
| 6 p.m. | ... | ... | Tea |
| 6.45-7.45 p.m. | ... | ... | Preparation |
| 7.45 p.m. | ... | ... | Chapel |
| 8-9.30 p.m. | ... | ... | Preparation (older boys only) |

(Primary boys go to bed at 8 p.m. and Sub-Juniors at 9 p.m.)

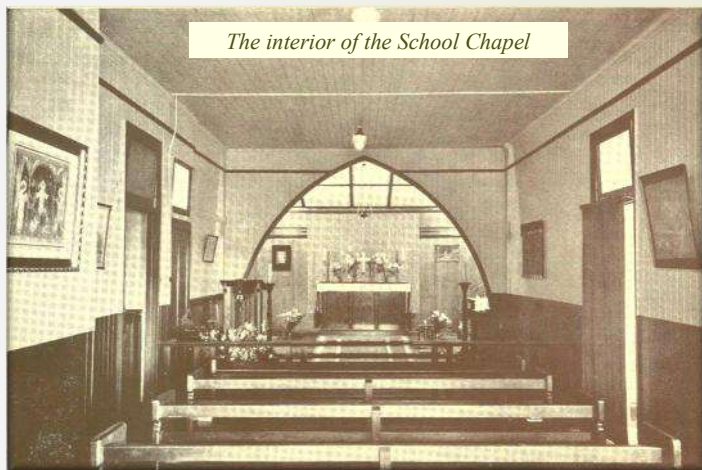
Minor alterations, such as deletion of morning preparation, are made to suit weather conditions.

COURSES OF STUDY: The curriculum is arranged to meet the requirements of the Public Examination System of Queensland. Boys in the Primary School are prepared for the State Scholarship Examination and those in the Secondary School for the Junior and Senior Public Examination and for Matriculation at the University. The regular course in the Secondary School includes Divinity, English, History, Geography, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Bookkeeping and Business Principles and Economics. Training in Singing is given to boys of the Middle and Lower School.

GAMES: Participation in games is compulsory, unless adequate reasons are given for exemption. The compulsory sports are Cricket in summer and Football and Athletics in winter. Other sports available are Tennis and Swimming.

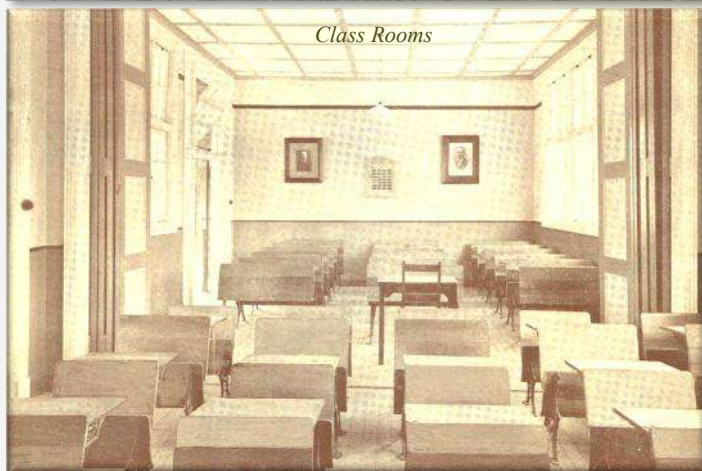
CADET CORPS: Boys join the Cadet Corps in the year they attain the age of 14. Musketry training is given at the Warwick Rifle Range and at a miniature range in the School grounds. All Cadets attend an annual camp in Brisbane lasting seven days.

HEALTH: The health of the boys is attended to by Matron, who is a

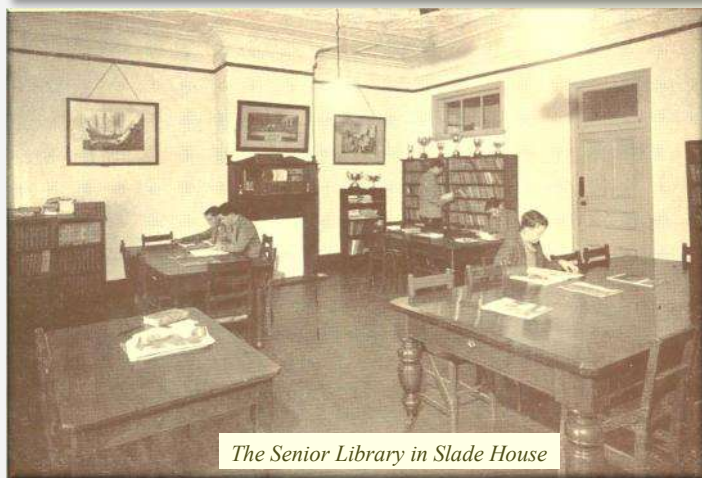


The interior of the School Chapel

The 1st XI, Cricket Oval with School buildings in the background, and a part of the beautiful view of Warwick and the surrounding hills in the distance



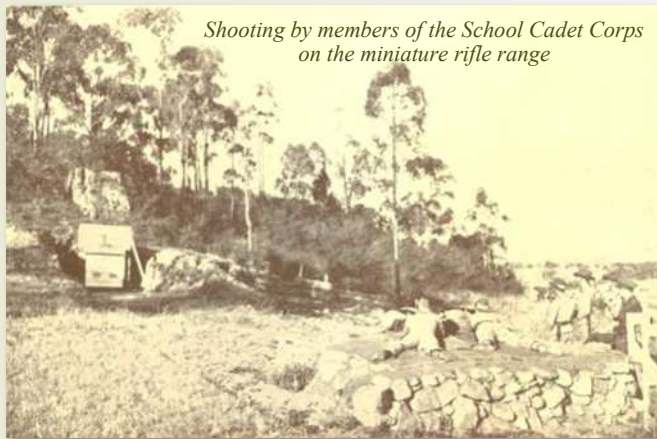
Class Rooms



The Senior Library in Slade House

qualified nurse. A medical man, whom parents have the right to choose, though the School has its own doctor, is called whenever necessary. Fortunately, owing to the splendid climate, there is normally very little illness. It should be noted that the School, is completely sewered.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Pocket Money It is recommended parents supply approximately £2 per term for pocket money and incidental expenses—this to be given into the care of the Headmaster; 2/6 week or 1/3 (for Juniors) for pocket money, and the balance to be used at the Headmaster's discretion.



Shooting by members of the School Cadet Corps on the miniature rifle range



Pavilion at No. 1 Oval



"Highfields" the Junior House for the smaller boys



The School Sanatorium and Matron's accommodation

**SLADE SCHOOL, WARWICK
CLOTHING LIST:**

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 suit of mid-grey material, for best. | 4 pairs underpants (if worn) |
| 1 coat, for ordinary use—sports coat for preference | 8 handkerchiefs |
| 2 pairs trousers, or knickers (for school wear) | 1 uniform pullover |
| 2 pairs khaki shorts (for after school change) | 1 tie (obtainable at the school) |
| 4 uniform shirts (obtainable only at the school) | 2 pairs shoes; 1 pair sandshoes |
| 2 or 3 white shirts | 1 pair slippers (optional) |
| 2 or 3 pairs white trousers or knickers | 1 overcoat (warm) |
| 2 khaki shirts (for after school change) | 1 raincoat |
| 4 pairs socks or stockings (uniform if stockings) | 1 felt hat (grey) |
| 2 pairs pyjamas for summer and 2 for winter | 1 dressing gown |
| 4 singlets (cotton or wool) | Serviette ring, brush and comb, comb, nail scissors and nail file, toothbrush and paste |
| 2 blankets and eiderdown (for winter) | |
| 6 dozen Cash's names. | |

Note: Boys must wear whites for cricket practice and on the tennis courts—two sets or three. Boys in First XI must wear long whites or creams for matches. Long trousers should not be worn by boys under the age of fifteen years without permission.

In summer boys may wear sandals without socks. All articles should be named with Cash's woven names in full. No responsibility is accepted with regard to loss of clothes, unless all articles are clearly marked with initials and surname in full. Every care is taken of boy's clothes, but the School cannot accept responsibility for loss by fire, accident in laundry or carelessness of owners. The School hatband, tie and badge are supplied to boys after their enrolment. All school uniform requirements are available only at Voigt Bros. Warwick, where suits and other clothing requirements may also be purchased.

**SLADE SCHOOL, WARWICK
Scale of Fees per term (Payable in advance)**

Board and Tuition

An inclusive charge covering House and Table Linen, Laundry and Mending, Sports, Library and Church Collection £48 per term

Special Concessions

Reductions are made for brothers, for sons of clergy, and boys who have sisters at St Catharine's Church of England Girls' School, Warwick.

Concessional Allowances

The scholarship allowance of £17 per year for two years to Junior, and £19 for a further two years to Senior Public Examinations, is made direct to the school by the Education Department, and term fees for boys eligible for this allowance are thereby reduced accordingly.

A living allowance is also available subject to the income of parents or guardians. Application forma may be obtained from the Secretary.

Extra Subjects (Optional)

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---|------|
| Music, Piano, Violin etc. | £4/4- each | Carpentry (at Technical College) ... | 8/- |
| Elocution | £4/4- | Science (fee for materials) | 7/6- |
| Dancing | 2/ per lesson | Typewriting and Shorthand may be arranged on application to the Headmaster. | |

Enrolment fee of £1/1/- should be forwarded with completed application form. A term's notice or half a term's fee is required before the removal of a pupil.

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Canon Edwards: a whole other perspective



This Remembrance Day we honour the WWI service of Canon Cecil Howard Edwards. We know him best as the one-time head of the Bush Brotherhood of St Paul who, in 1938 stepped in to act as Slade's Bursar and Chaplain when Bro. Hughes returned to England. But, prior to this, he had another existence that we recount here. In WWI, twenty or more clergy from the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane served as Military Chaplains, ministering to soldiers on troop ships, in training camps, and amid action at the front. Our C.E. Edwards was one of them.



REV. CECIL HOWARD EDWARDS 1877-1965

Born 21 March 1877 at Kingston-on-Thames, Cecil Howard Edwards migrated to Australia like so many other young men. He became a lay-reader in Townsville, then received his theological training at St Francis' College, when it was located at Nundah. He was made deacon 30/9/1906 and ordained priest 19/05/1910, served as a curate in Charters Towers 1906 -1910 and Charleville 1910 -1913 and succeeded David John Garland at Holy Trinity in Woolloongabba in April 1913. This tenure was interrupted by his WWI chaplaincy 1916-1919. Fortunately, for our benefit and the sake of history, his diary provides a faithful record of those years.

Here we learn that he initially served as chaplain on transports between Sydney and Port Said in Egypt. This was essential work in demonstrating the pastoral care of the Church to young men as they were being ferried into mortal danger at the other end. Apart from regular celebrations of the Eucharist on ship's deck, weather permitting, chaplains organised concerts, boxing matches and gave confirmation instruction. Edwards' diary is full of references to these events. After several transports to and fro, Chaplain Edwards finally disembarked in Egypt at a late stage in the Gallipoli campaign and records giving Holy Communion to men about to depart for the Dardanelles. He was spared going there himself but recorded taking a transport after Gallipoli to Marseilles and finally landed in the Australian Camp on Salisbury Plain where men trained for the Western Front.

Padre Edwards then accompanied troops to combat mainly occupied in burying the fallen and celebrating the Eucharist in Gun Pits where one needed to keep out of enemy sight. This then is the melancholy routine of frontline chaplaincy, to act as stretcher bearers, bury the fallen usually at night, comfort the dying and wounded, write letters home for them and write to the next of kin, clearly all essential for both troop and home front morale. Plus, it is what the home front expects.

Of course, chaplains as human beings are exposed to all the same diseases and discomfort as the combat troops, not to mention the effects of artillery barrages. But as

officers, they were able to go on leave to England—from Boulogne to Folkstone being no real distance and from there to London a matter of minutes rather than hours. Padre Edwards was keen to revisit the haunts of his youth, writing about church visits and his delight in the celebrations in the great cathedrals and in famous parish churches such as St Matthew's, Westminster.

Back at the front, weather permitting the Padre rode, by pushbike, although it appears he also had access to a motorbike for some of the time. After the Armistice was signed, the opportunity for longer trips by train meant visits to Paris. He even dined at the famed Hotel Majestic where the international delegates to the Paris Peace Conference were staying, thus rubbing shoulders with men who frequented the corridors of power. He recorded assisting at Mass at St George's Church in Paris where yet another former English-born QLD priest, namely Father Frederic Cardew, was the long-time Rector (1907-1934).

Padre Edwards obviously greatly enjoyed his post war travel, brief though it was. It included after Paris, Rome indicating his great interest in art and culture in general. He came back to Woolloongabba and served until 1925 and then, after an energetic ministry in the Brotherhood of St Paul, he became chaplain of Slade School, Warwick until 1943, retired to Melbourne where he served until his death in 1965.

The Brisbane Diocese Archive Centre inherited much of his personal effects when he died as he never married and did not have a family to pass them on to.



Some of these include his war medals, his diary, and several photos.

The photo of him at left on a motorcycle is from his days in the Bush Brotherhood, when it appears the Brothers were switching over from riding four legged horses to "horsepower" of a very different kind.

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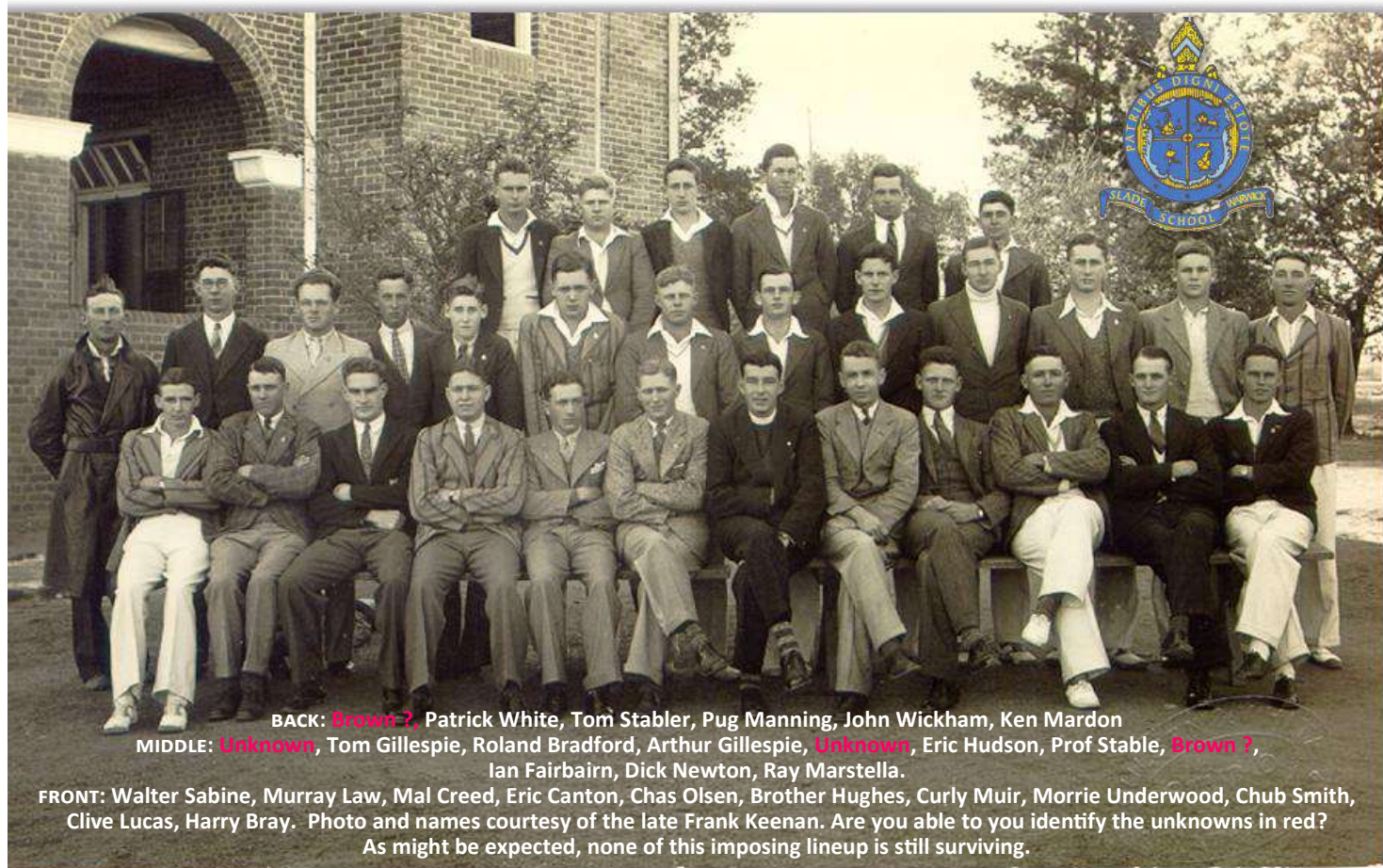
A LITTLE BACKSTORY may help explain Australia's ready response in World War I: When war plans of the Kaiser's Germany threatened England, this did not just mean from Land's End to John o' Groats. *England* meant the entire British Empire. In 2025 many have forgotten or never learnt about the ambitious acquisition of colonies in the South Pacific, Asia, Africa and the Americas pursued by European powers in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries since control of most of those territories has been relinquished or handed back.

At the beginning of the 20th century, Britain was a sea power to be reckoned with, its territory including far more than what we now know as the United Kingdom. For this reason, Germany's war-aim at sea was to deliver knock-out blows to British shipping including ports both in home waters and overseas and the Kaiser had built his navy to do precisely that. Consequently, if we do not understand precisely what imperial German policy was, we do not understand the political reasons for resisting them. It was naïve to argue that because Australia and New Zealand were so far away from the flash point of conflict in Europe we were in no way existentially threatened.

Concerning certain anti-British Australian historians who argue that the Great War was none of our business: some are reluctant to admit that we were in real danger at that time as this would cancel out their anti-British agenda. Realistically, our self-perception in 1914 and much later was that *we were British*. When men like Canon Garland, Canon Edwards and Archbishop St Clair Donaldson (as noted in our P13 account) migrated here, it was to just another part of "greater Britain" and it was "greater Britain" that was threatened by the Central Powers in 1914 so logically those in British territories stood up to defend the Empire. Another reason so many readily enlisted in both 20th century World Wars is that during the preceding economically depressed years, many were glad of the regular pay that the military provided. They were well aware of the risks but needed to support their families and consider their security. Plus, it was an "all hands on deck" situation and there were deeper concerns besides. The spiritual welfare of fighting men was naturally a major concern for the Church. Young priests volunteered to serve as chaplains. While the Salvation Army and the YMCA did extremely valuable welfare work for enlisted men, the Church could not be seen to neglect those who had offered their lives in defence of the Empire. We are told that the Church had a more refined concept of the Empire as an instrument in the service of almighty God than other players in the game. It was this that animated Canons Garland and Edwards and is revealed both in letters and articles as well as in the practical things initiated such as recreation huts and hostels in camps both at home and overseas. *Note: Most of the information for this article was drawn from the complete article about Canon Edwards on P13.*

Old Boys after the cricket game, 1936 Reunion weekend

HOW VERY YOUTHFUL AND FRESH FACED THEY ALL LOOK—AND THAT INCLUDES THE HEADMASTER!



BACK: Brown ?, Patrick White, Tom Stabler, Pug Manning, John Wickham, Ken Mardon

MIDDLE: Unknown, Tom Gillespie, Roland Bradford, Arthur Gillespie, Unknown, Eric Hudson, Prof Stable, Brown ?, Ian Fairbairn, Dick Newton, Ray Marstella.

FRONT: Walter Sabine, Murray Law, Mal Creed, Eric Canton, Chas Olsen, Brother Hughes, Curly Muir, Morrie Underwood, Chub Smith, Clive Lucas, Harry Bray. Photo and names courtesy of the late Frank Keenan. Are you able to you identify the unknowns in red?

As might be expected, none of this imposing lineup is still surviving.

AND...HERE ARE A FEW PIECES OF NOSTALGIA FOR THOSE OF US OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER

As we are aware, 1926 was a highly significant year for us. Below is a selection of the coins minted the year Slade was founded from left to right: a gold sovereign, a copper penny, a shilling (we are told this one was almost not circulated), a sixpence, a threepence and last and yes, it most certainly was the very least...a copper half-penny, also called a ha'penny.

How many of us ever saw a sovereign?
Most likely very few, I'm thinking.



Fledgling city of Warwick, connects with wider QLD

WARWICK 1847-1936: Via Trove, the following Brisbane Telegraph story appeared 2/06/1936 so all references to "today" relate to 1936, just 10 years on from the foundation of Slade.

On June 29 Warwick will proudly and enthusiastically celebrate its assumption of city status to which it was deservedly raised recently by proclamation in the Government Gazette. Since those far off days of 1847 when Patrick Leslie, first squatter in QLD, chose the site for the first business and social meeting place for the pioneers of the settlement of the Darling Downs there have been many interesting and colourful events in the history of the centre which was first known as Cannington and was afterwards called Warwick.

The history of Warwick and district is really the history of the Darling Downs. Alan Cunningham is credited with discovering the Downs in 1827 and the Gap which bears his name in the following year. Patrick Leslie squatted in the vicinity of Warwick on the Condamine River on the site of Toolburra station. So the first and second pages of the history of the Darling Downs were written by Cunningham and Leslie in that part of it which afterwards came to be known as the Warwick district.

Patrick Leslie came from NSW to the Darling Downs in March, 1840, accompanied only by a solitary and faithful servant, Peter Murphy, a brave and gallant man, a convict sent to Australia from Dublin in the ship *Countess of Harcourt* years before. Patrick Leslie was later able to persuade Governor Gipps to grant him an unconditional freedom.

Following Patrick Leslie came his brother Walter, who brought with him the pioneer sheep of QLD (5,000), saddle horses (10) bullock teams (2), drays, and a team of horses. His assistants on the journey from Sydney were 22 ticket of leave convicts, later described by Leslie "as good and game as ever existed and equal to any 40 I have ever seen." And so these were the pioneer settlers of the Darling Downs and the Warwick district. Two freemen squatters – and 23 convicts, men of the good old bulldog breed whose only offence, perhaps, had been that they had trapped a rabbit for the family dinner on the big man's preserves in England. But British stock was needed in the colonies and men would not come out voluntarily! Murphy's Creek, near Toowoomba was named after Peter Murphy, who died at Charters Towers in 1878.

It is on record that Patrick Leslie crossed the Condamine between Talgai and Tummaville Stations at a spot known today as Leslie's Crossing. The Leslie Brothers established their head station at Toolburra, but disposed of it in 1841 to William Gordon and went to Canning Downs, which was to become an outstanding centre in QLD for the breeding of cattle and horses. The station in the early days stretched from the borders of the township to Killarney.

Supplies obtained by the Leslies had to be brought from Brisbane via Cunningham's Gap soon after they had squatted on the pasture land they had chosen for their flock of sheep.

According to the records, W. and G. Leslie in 1844 occupied an area 22 miles by 12 miles, had 150 horses, 1,500 cattle and 12,000 sheep.

1845 ownership record: Rosenthal, Aberdeen Company; Glengallan, Colin Campbell; William Gordon, Maryland, M. Marsh; Gladfield, Neil Rosa. These were the founders of settlement on the Darling Downs – the men who blazed the trail.

By 1847 incoming settlers had grown enough for a common meeting and business place to be established in their midst. So Patrick Leslie in that year selected a site for the township of Warwick. The first land sale on July 31, 1850, saw Patrick Leslie among those who bought township lots. These first lots were on the sand ridge known to the aborigines as Gooragbwy which Patrick Leslie's men had used as a convenient fold for the Canning Downs sheep.

Because Leslie's choice of a site near the railway station was subject to flooding, the town gradually took shape west of there.

Albion Street later became the principal street of the town and some of the early buildings, both timber and stone, may still be found in and adjacent to the thoroughfare. One long wooden building whose shingled roof was replaced only several years ago with one of corrugated iron, is said to have been Warwick's first police station. It is related that in 1837 when Warwick had its record flood – with a 35 feet rise in three hours – the water came up to the corner of Albion and Fitzroy Streets where the old Queen's Hotel then stood.

There are still two or three of the early hotel buildings of Warwick to be found in Albion Street. Here squatters from all parts of the Warwick

and the Downs assembled in those days and discussed the many problems of early settlement. One of Warwick's first hotels was located on the corner of Albion and Helene Streets where now stands the home of the clerk of the Glengallan Shire Council (Mr. C. P. White). Another hotel linked with the colourful early days – the Warwick Hotel,



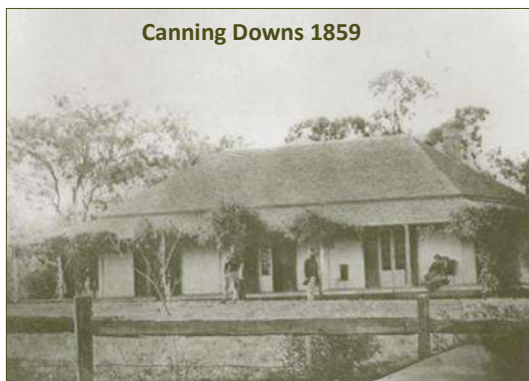
still stands on the corner of Albion and Victoria Streets, and the building ceased to be used as licensed premises only seven or eight years ago. Tattersalls and the Downs Hotels in Albion Street, also very old hotels, are still occupied as licensed premises. Such was the genesis of the township and now the city of Warwick.

It is on record that Sir Charles Fitzroy, Governor of NSW, visited Warwick in 1854 to see for himself this wonderfully rich country of which so many good reports had reached Sydney, and dined with Dr. Labbatt, at Canning Lodge.

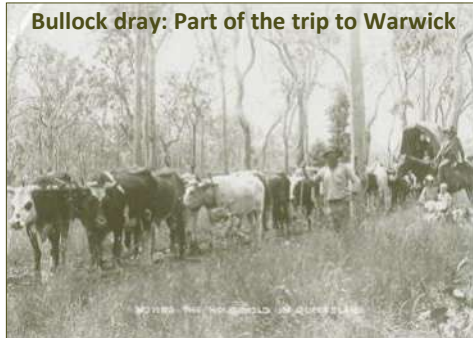
In 1859 QLD was proclaimed a colony and Sir George Ferguson Bowen was appointed Governor. In 1860 he paid his first official visit to Warwick, crossing the main range from Brisbane on horseback via a rough bridle track through Cunningham's Gap. He received an enthusiastic welcome in Warwick, the township being gaily decorated for the occasion, and a triumphal arch erected over the Helene Street bridge leading into Albion Street. The arch, it is recalled, was surmounted by the Union Jack, the QLD flag and the Creek flag. The business houses also displayed German, Prussian, and French flags.

Over the Cunningham's Gap route came most of the early settlers who approached the Downs from Brisbane. Among these, one still living in the vicinity of Warwick and a notable figure at the Back to Warwick celebrations last year, is Mrs. Eliza Thompson, now 95

years of age. As per the usual practice in 1861, the year she arrived in Warwick, she went from Brisbane to Ipswich by paddle steamer and thence by bullock dray to her final destination. Mrs. Thompson relates that she was too fearful of the dray capsizing to ride in it up the range, so she rode a horse, carrying her child in front of her. [Photo below, QLD Images PICRYLm is of a family moving house in QLD in the very early 1900s as Mrs Thompson did] Upon arrival



Bullock dray: Part of the trip to Warwick



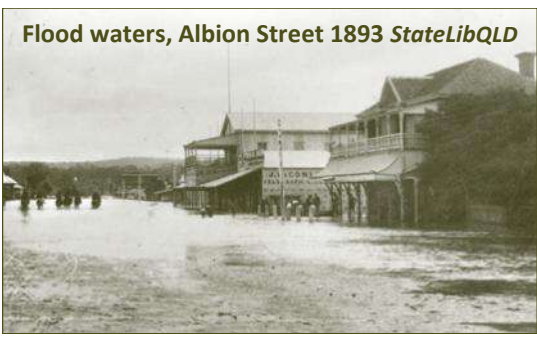
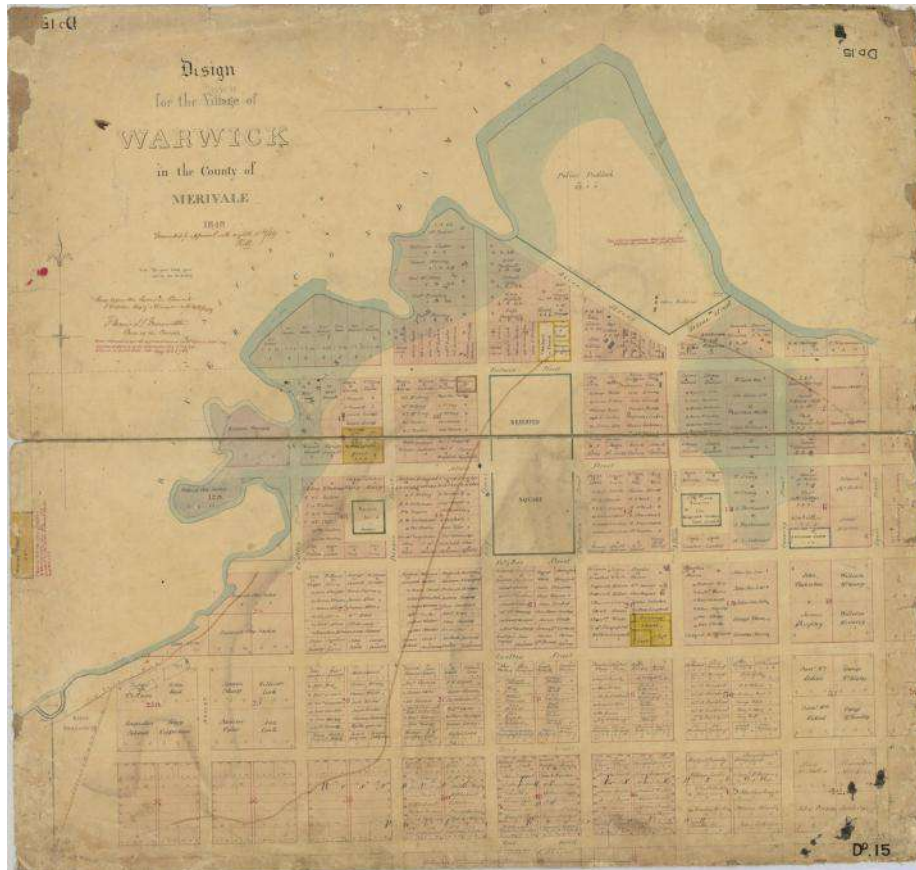
the new Warwick settler lived in a bark hut near the town and in close proximity to Rosenthal Creek.

Warwick had long supported direct rail access to Brisbane by way of Cunningham's Gap. This, was to be an extension of the line from Maryvale on the Downs side of the

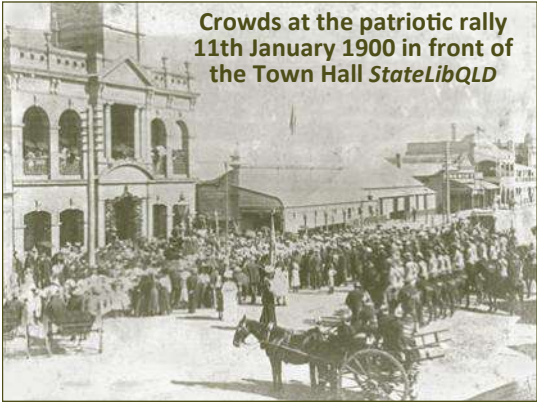
range to Mt Edwards on the other side...

For the next instalment of this long ago chapter in the early days of Warwick and what happened concerning the rail link see our 2026 January February Kinawah.

Looking at Warwick through a very old lens



Flood waters, Albion Street 1893 *StateLibQLD*



Crowds at the patriotic rally 11th January 1900 in front of the Town Hall *StateLibQLD*

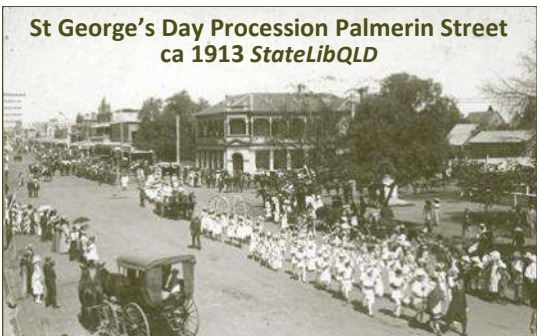


Central Railway Station ca 1910 *StateLibQLD*

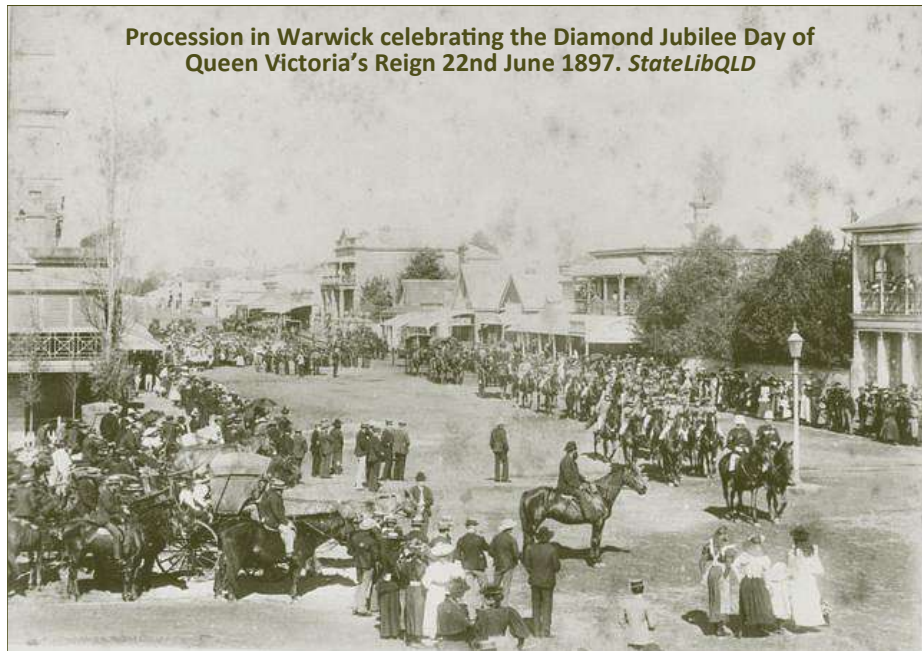
↑ Design for the Village of Warwick in the County of Merivale, by Hill, 1849
 In 1847 the NSW government asked the Leslie brothers to select a site for a township, to be called Cannington. It was eventually named after Richard Neville, 16th Earl of Warwick.



Palmerin and Grafton Streets Corner
 QLD Royal Hotel on right 1880s-1900.
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St George's Day Procession Palmerin Street
 ca 1913 *StateLibQLD*



Procession in Warwick celebrating the Diamond Jubilee Day of
 Queen Victoria's Reign 22nd June 1897. *StateLibQLD*



↑ Crowd gathers for the start of the
 Dungarees March 1915 and ↓
 Aerial pic of 1927 Warwick *StateLibQLD*



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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 with whom we have lost contact, we include in this list more names, some of whom we have only recently learned deceased some time ago. Again, some details are a little sparse but we very much appreciate your ongoing input with this.

Ken Dance 1934-2025: AVOWED BRONCOS SUPPORTER



DANCE Kenneth Alfred Benham, late of Durack and formerly of Home Hill, passed away 23rd September aged 91 years. A funeral service for Ken was held 3rd October at Mt Thompson Memorial Gardens and Crematorium where he was remembered as a man who brought fun and laughter to all who knew him. Bereavement details: Husband of Del (dec’d), father of Stephen, Michelle and Malcolm (dec’d) and their families. Ken attended Slade 1950 - 55. This photo is of him as one of Slade’s 1954 Servers. Ken’s older brother, Barrington “Barry” was also at Slade 1948-51. Our thoughts and prayers are with Barry and Ken’s daughter, Michelle in their time of loss.

Margaret Edwards OAM 1931-2025:



EDWARDS Margaret Louise, nee Henning, late of Roma passed away 22nd June 2025 aged 93 years. Bereavement Details: Wife of Gordon (dec’d); mother of Jan, Kim, Mark, Brad and their families. A funeral for Margaret was held at St Paul’s Anglican Church, Roma, 30th June. One of the extended Henning family who attended our schools, Margaret, who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2018 for service to her community, was at St Catharine’s 1945-1946.

Colin Jackson 1956-2025:



JACKSON Colin James, late of “Rockvale”, Injune, passed away 25th October aged 69 years following a battle with cancer. Colin’s life celebration service was held at Injune Churches Together 31st October followed by interment at the Injune Cemetery. Bereavement Details: Husband of Rita; father and father-in law of Jess and Steven Stower; Lee and Sally Jackson; Pop-Pop of Hadley, Annie, Redding and Jimmy; brother and brother-in-law of Greg (dec’d) and Anne. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. Colin’s father was William Henry Jackson, (at Slade 1946-1948). Colin was at Slade 1970-1973 and was school captain in 1973 with Jill McNamara. Colin’s brother, Greg and sister, Susan also attended Slade 1972-1976 and 1971-1975 respectively. I hope to bring everyone Colin’s obituary in a later Kinawah.

Jill McNamara death date and other details not known:



MCNAMARA Jill passed away some years ago after a battle with breast cancer. Jill attended St Catharine’s and then Slade 1968-73 and was close friends with the late Emily Taule (George) from PNG Jill was 1973 Slade co-school captain with Colin Jackson. Two brothers, Grant and Philip were also at Slade (1972-76 and 1974-78 respectively). We have no contact details for either of them at this time. Thank you, Dawn Johnson for notifying us of Jill’s passing when she noticed her name in the “Dropped out of Sight” list in the last Kinawah.

Lynne Pryor 1943-2025:



PRYOR Lynette Sandra, nee Donovan, (Lynne), passed away 29th June aged 82 following several years of declining health. This photo of Lynne shows her as part of St Catharine’s 1959 swimming team. As we know, there was a formidable Donovan presence at our schools. Lynne, one brother and one sister came to us from Toobeah. These were/are Richard Henry (dec’d) at Slade 1953-56 and her sister, Judy,

St Catharine’s 1961-64. Lynne met her future husband, Edward Pryor while both were still at school in Warwick. As noted in Sept. Kinawah, Lynne and Eddie designed and made the beautiful stained glass windows in Slade’s chapel. Our thoughts and prayers are with Eddie and Judy Hartley at this time and we thank Judy for letting us know.

Keith Stevenson 1941-2025:

STEVENSON Keith Robin Norman passed away peacefully 10th July in Biloela aged 84 years. The notice of Keith’s funeral via Callide Dawson Funerals listed his children as: Rebecca Cowan, Catherine Hill, Charles Stevenson and Jeremy Stevenson. A Funeral Mass was held for Keith at St Joseph’s Catholic Church, Biloela 23rd July then interment at the Biloela Lawn Cemetery. Keith began serving at St Mark’s parish as Assistant Curate in 1968 and was also Slade’s Chaplain during his time there. In his life after Slade, Keith found a second calling as a writer. We thank Margaret Melton for notification of Keith’s passing.

Lionel Weldon 1945-2025:

WELDON Lionel Leslie, late of Toowoomba and formerly of Wandoan, passed away 9th October aged 79 years. A funeral for Lionel was held 21st October at Toowoomba’s TS Burstow Chapel. Bereavement details: Husband of Gail; father and father-in-law of Liza and Mario, Pop to Thomas, Livia, Leo, Marcus, Abbi, Rose (dec’d) and Allegra; brother and brother-in-law of Sheryl and Alan, and John. Lionel was at Slade twice between 1954-62 with two enrolment numbers. Sheryl, attended St Catharine’s 1966. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lionel’s family at this time.

Ned Winter 1935-2025 MILMERRAN’S OWN CAMP OVEN KING

WINTER Edward Henry, late of Pittsworth, formerly of “Ned’s Corner”, Cecil Plains, and “Shirlo”, Bollon, passed away 14th October, 2025 aged 90 years. A large gathering of relatives and friends respectfully attended a celebration of his life at the HumeRidge Church of Christ in Toowoomba 30th October.



Bereavement Details: Husband of Margaret; father and father-in-law of Gay-Lea and Garry, Melinda and Mark; grandfather (Dar) to Jason and Erin, Reilly and Cheyenne, Noah, Brynlea; great-grandfather to Pia, Braxton and Hugh. Our thoughts are with Ned’s family in their time of loss. A full obituary is planned to be published in a subsequent Kinawah. If you are a Facebook user, Ned’s daughter, Gay-Lea, administers Ned Winter’s FB page. Because of his substantial community involvement, there are several tributes and extra information about him on other community FB pages also. Ned attended Slade 1949-1950. His brother, Arthur, was also there 1949-1952. Unfortunately we have only now learned while checking in with Ned’s wife, Margaret, that Arthur, last known to us to be living in Barcaldine, passed away four years ago. An online search for **Arthur Kenneth Winter** who, according to our records was born in 1938, turned up no further information.

PLEASE NOTE: Today’s private funerals/cremations, often with no published bereavement notices, mean we don’t always know when another of us dies. It is important that the loss of our school fellows is made known to us. Therefore we rely on information about this coming from you at the coal face. Acknowledgement/recognition is then able to be shared with the wider readership. While we are as always, saddened by the loss of our fellows, this is greatly appreciated and especially meaningful to those of us who knew and remember our past students who are brought to our attention in this way and here on this page.

At this time we also think of Graham Littleton in Crows Nest on the death of his wife, Peggy, 24th September. Graham attended Slade 1955-58,

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

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...

IT IS WITH HEAVY HEARTS THAT WE ANNOUNCE [name of late identity] recently passed away following a long and courageous battle with [cause of death] [or a short or long illness]...

How many times have we read or heard a notice which closely resembles the above in our social media or other published news feed? More often than we would like, I would suggest.

Also more often than not, it happens that when we actually check our dates we find a lot more time has passed than we realised since we had last been in touch with that someone we cared about. It wasn't that we never thought about him or her. Rather it was more a case of other things getting in the way or perhaps we told ourselves there would be plenty of time for that visit or phone call that we genuinely MEANT to make but had put off until a more convenient time.

As I have been preparing this and the last several "Reunion Special" issues of Kinawah, I have had occasion to think many times that every one of the reunions mentioned was the last time a fair chunk of the group attending ever saw each other. This gives us excellent reason to accept that reunions are of greater significance that we might at first think. It also provides some excellent reasons to examine more circumspectly the value we place on friendships and our own priorities.

The ageing process should involve the getting of wisdom and by wisdom, what is meant here is not the accumulation of a vast stockpile of facts acquired during a lifetime. Rather, wisdom IN THIS SENSE encompasses lived and learned life experiences that inform personal opinions, judgements and decisions about the many things that we encounter in our daily lives. Wisdom, when measured by this yardstick is, by its very nature, a highly individualised asset. Because lived experiences differ greatly between people, one person's wisdom may not always resemble the wisdom of another but that is the nature of individuality and that singular individuality is what makes for richness and diversity in the relationships we form with one another throughout our lives.

Concepts surrounding life, death, immortality and grieving vary greatly between different eras, cultures, generations and the traditions we have grown up with and absorbed within our own families.

Some observations on this theme include the following and illustrate the timelessness of this theme:
HARUKI MURAKAMI: "Death is not the opposite of life, but a part of it." contemporary Japanese writer
CESAR SANTELICES: "Death is a distant rumour to the young." 21st century Chilean writer
MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO: "The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living." 106BC
BOB MARLEY: "Beginnings are usually scary and endings are usually sad, but it is everything in between that makes it all worth living." 1945-1981

ELISABETH KÜBLER-ROSS: "It's only when we truly know and understand that we have a limited time on earth and that we have no way of knowing when our time is up that we will begin to live each day to the fullest, as if it was the only one we had." 1926-2004 (check out Elizabeth Kubler Ross's birth year!)

It seems the older we get, the more we grow to appreciate how short and how precious life is. Here are some questions we might ask ourselves concerning our upcoming reunion celebrations next May.

Do I regard the time spent at school and the friendships formed there as mostly positive in my life?
 Are there a few of those friends I would like to see again and to laugh together with about old times?
 Am I able to make the trip to Warwick? Who else that I remember might actually be there if I come?
 Would I like to see our old haunts again for old times' sake? How might I best plan to attend?
 If you are leaning in a positive direction, towards the 2026 occasion you know how to RSVP. Over to you!

