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"Celebrate what you wish to see more of" IN HONOUR OF PROVIDENCE AND GOOD LUCK

WINSTON CHURCHILL ONCE RAISED HIS GLASS with these words: "I prefer not to wish anyone health or wealth—but only luck. Because most people on the Titanic... were both healthy and rich. But very few of them were lucky."



It can not be denied that Churchill had his own unique perspective and way with words. However, while it is unlikely most of us will ever be cast adrift in icy seas, the nature of luck, toasts and resolutions gives us cause to pause and think: "A senior executive survived the 9/11 attacks because he took his son to his first day of kindergarten." Luck also saved these: "Another man lived because it was his turn to buy doughnuts." "One woman survived because her alarm didn't go off." "Someone else was late because of a New Jersey traffic jam." "One missed the bus." "Another spilled coffee and had to change clothes." "Someone's car wouldn't start." "Another returned home to answer a phone call." "One man simply couldn't catch a cab."

BUT the thing that struck John Marks, the writer of these words, most strongly was the man wearing new shoes to work that day who stopped in at a pharmacy because he needed band-aids for his suffering feet and the need for that band-aid saved his life!

Churchill died 61 years ago. He led Britain through two taxing World Wars but the weight of the words voiced by this wily old statesman resonate just as clearly today.

Perhaps next time we are confronted with one of those days when nothing is going to plan—the keys went missing, we're getting every light red, not a single one green, or we suddenly need a band-aid, it just might be luck in disguise or divine timing!

It's easy to see the glass is half empty without stopping to think that the same glass is also half full—or to bemoan the need for that band aid. The difference is in the **WAY** we see it.

New Year's resolutions, if we make them, are personal pledges made at the beginning of each year to improve aspects of our lives, whether through self-improvement, adopting new habits, or achieving specific goals. They are a way to set intentions for the coming year and encourage positive change. A resolution to be more aware of the blessings we have and deciding to be more grateful for them can be modest but achievable. We are **ALL** able to actively seek something each day to be thankful for. Grateful people are happier and more pleasant to be with.

1980 MOMENTS

- Jan. 6:** GPS time epoch begins at 00:00 Coordinated Universal Time
- Feb. 22:** *Voyager 1* confirms that Janus, is a moon of Saturn.
- May 1:** First recorded use of the word "yuppie" in Chicago.
- May 8:** W.H.O. certifies Global eradication of smallpox.
- May 18:** Eruption of Mt St Helens in Washington State kills 57 and causes US \$3billion in damage.
- May 22:** *Pac-Man* released in Japan. It became the highest ever earning arcade game.
- Jun. 1:** Launch of 24-hr news, Cable News Network (CNN)
- Jun. 10:** A statement by Nelson Mandela in prison, is published by the ANC, the party he leads.
- Jul. 19:** Moscow Olympics begin, boycotted by 82 countries due to the USSR invasion of Afghanistan.
- Aug. 1:** 4th President of Iceland, world's 1st female democratically elected as head of state, is Vigdís Finnbogadóttir.
- Aug. 17:** Azaria Chamberlain taken from an Uluru campsite.
- Sep. 5:** Gottard Road Tunnel the world's longest highway tunnel, 16.3 km, opens in Switzerland.
- Oct. 14:** Kim Jong Un anointed North Korean President.
- Nov. 4:** Ronald Reagan elected 40th President of the US.
- Nov. 7:** Steve McQueen dies of a cardiac arrest aged 50 following a cancer diagnosis and surgery.
- Nov. 10-12:** NASA space probe, *Voyager 1* makes its closest approach to Saturn, flying within 124,000 km of the planet's cloud-tops and sends the first high-resolution images of the world back to scientists on Earth.
- Dec. 8:** Murder of John Lennon, musician and peace activist outside his New York City home by Mark David Chapman who is arrested shortly afterwards.
- Dec. 16:** During a summit on the island of Bali, OPEC votes to raise the price of petroleum by 10%.



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Editor's Notes...



WHERE DOES THE TIME GO? 2025 is now well and truly in our rear view mirrors and we have already seen off the better part of January. If you are like me, it's a case of "fingers crossed" that events at home and abroad bring us a far less turbulent year than the one just past. Admittedly optimism can be a challenge to maintain at times.

Slade's centenary celebrations are now front and centre in our sights and preparations are well in hand to make this time together something that will be warmly remembered for years to come. The cut off date to RSVP for this is now less than a fortnight away so if you were a student or teacher at Slade at any time during its history and would like to be part of this reunion weekend, you need to contact John Bayliss as per the **information P4 ASAP!**

Australia Day is always a day of reflection for me as it is also the anniversary of my father's death. I sometimes feel relieved he is no longer here to worry about the wars and threats of wars looming now like thunder clouds over the international landscape. Like many of our fathers and grandfathers, he never forgot his WWII service. Some Australia Day thoughts appear P3.

This time, **Bob Grandin** has written an article for us outlining **Slade's Twilight Years**. His perspective on this critical period of our history is an interesting read. As I said on P4, 1997 was the end of an era but it was not the end of the story and we are part of that story.

In this Kinawah, we wrap up two unfinished articles, serialised in previous issues: our **"Staying safe online"** feature and an assessment of the **new Social Media laws for Under 16s**, effective now in Australia. Also, we bring you **what's new for senior drivers** as of January 20.

With heavy hearts we publish obituaries for Ned Winter, Colin Jackson and Audrey Giori. I hope to have a tribute for Leon Billing next Kinawah. In this vein, it will be seen that we have a very much longer than usual number of entries on our vale page this time—too many to list on the front page. Most of those entries have come to light because Walter Robb has generously used his own resources to investigate those named in our "dropped out of sight" lists and this is the result. His assistance is much appreciated.

*"The strength of the team is each individual member.
The strength of each member is the team."*

Phil Jackson

Until next time, enjoy the read Joan White



"Many of life's failures are people who did not realise how close they were to success when they gave up."

Thomas A. Edison

Not all storms come to disrupt your life. Some come to clear your path...

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Johnno's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! If those well meaning resolutions made in the heat of jovial festivities have bitten the dust, maybe we can now turn our minds to something a bit more mundane like joining a yoga class !!!

■ Happy Australia Day to all as well. I hope you are able to 'get your Aussie on' and have a great day celebrating what means most to you and all that is great about this country of ours . Last year my wife and I visited Poland and

part of the trip was a visit to Auschwitz and Birkenau. I have seen what lunatics and bad government can do. We are the 'Lucky Country' and never forget it.

■ The Bondi shooting was absolutely heart breaking. Out of this we can only hope that all levels of Government, Police and relevant authorities across the nation share information and get to the 'why'. I believe we have enough laws in place, just need a bit of common sense and backbone to bring it all together.

■ I had the privilege of having a beer and catchup with Scott Gorrige OAM the other night. Since leaving Slade, Scott has been on a journey to not only better himself but to help his community and Australia. Check out his website 'Murri Matters'. I know we will be hearing a lot more from him in the future.

■ The good old Australian Summer is turning it on with floods up north and bushfires down south. Make sure you check in with any of your mates in those affected areas.

■ I attended Col Jackson's funeral service on line. Was great to know that Col was a successful cattleman and proactive contributor to his community. A good 'grass roots' leader. I remember when Col was in the school rock band 'The Yech' with Kevin Boyce, Nicki Taylor, Peter Kleinhanss and David Borthistle. The famous Deep Purple guitar riff from 'Smoke on the Water' got a hell of a workout and you could hear it a mile away while catching yabbies down along the Condamine. The good old days !!!

■ The Centenary, 2-3 May 26, is fast approaching. John Bayliss has been doing a fantastic job rounding people up with about 150 now paid up of 200 available seats so get in touch with John ASAP to avoid missing out. It will be a great weekend for all to catch up.

■ A thought to leave you with that I picked up the other day about life: "We are not going to get out of this alive so we may as well make the most of it".

■ 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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COMING UP IN 2026

- Jan. 26** Australia Day
- Feb. 10** Safer Internet Day
- May. 2-3** Slade Centenary Warwick
- Nov. 7** Brekky Creek Lunch
- Nov. 11** Remembrance Day



Johnno's shed flying the flag aloft.

"To get the full value of a joy, you must have somebody to divide it with."

Mark Twain

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Australia Day in 2026

Recently someone in our local paper wrote about growing up in Moree and accompanying his parish priest each weekend to the "mission" for mass to be served because Aboriginals couldn't attend church in town. However, this did not stop him from making lasting friendships there. He also related Saturday afternoon "at the pictures", and his mission friends having to sit at the front of the theatre craning their necks but also the way that "townies" managed to beat the system by rolling Jaffas down the aisle to them!

The writer remembered, as a 16-year-old "bank Johnny", earning the princely sum of \$10 per week gross, \$5 of which he paid his mother as board, and needing to supplement that sum by working each day of his three week's annual holiday.

At times he was a "grease monkey", council dog licenser, tractor driver and stick picker. It was in that last "profession" that he had a significant interaction with Aboriginal men, picking them up each morning at the mission and heading for distant paddocks to pile up logs, branches and sticks for burning, in preparation for cultivation. Many of us are all too familiar with the demands of this kind of work! These days, we have thankfully moved on from the era that the writer described above and our Aboriginal fellows can be whoever they'd like to be – lawyer, judge, police officer, doctor, nurse, electrician, plumber, teacher, actor and God help us if they ever turn their backs on sport, else our trophy cabinet will be quite bare!

Over the past, almost 300 years, Australia has welcomed hundreds of thousands of immigrants from practically every country in the world. They came in vast numbers from Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, China, Afghanistan and, even New Zealand to contribute to the country we are today...

On a personal note, one of my most enduring memories of working as a technical official at both the 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Sydney, is one of an overseas visitor remarking "I've got to hand it to you Aussies. You've really shown the rest of the world how to live." It is my sincere hope this ethos will never be lost but 9/11 and other world events have rather complicated things since then. Recent events notwithstanding, Australia Day is again upon us; how about this year we celebrate as a nation no matter where we've come from?

Happy Australia Day everyone.



Slade School, 100 years of history and memories:

WHEN SLADE CLOSED ITS DOORS IN 1997, IT WAS THE END OF AN ERA BUT NOT THE END OF THE STORY. If you are one of those who reads Kinawah, or follows our Facebook page, you know that on the weekend of May 2-3 this year, all past students and staff on our contact list who attended Slade from its brave beginnings in 1926 until its closure in 1997 have been given notice of the historic celebrations taking place at this time. You should also be aware that our active past students' group now operates under the banner of Slade Campus Past Students Association (SCPSA) which has done its best in the 29 years since Slade's closure to maintain contact with as many of us as possible.

▶ If you have not kept up with us since leaving school, you may not be fully aware of the role that SCPSA fills. For some years now, past students of both St Catharine's CEGS and Slade have operated as a single association. As outlined on our website, which is currently curated by Leigh Nesbit, SCPSA aims to provide an environment for past students to meet and collaborate in events with the object of:

- ▶ establishing cordial fellowship among members of the association
- ▶ promoting/advancing the interests of the Slade campus (the sole remaining property representative of our schools)
- ▶ acting as custodians of the history of the schools we represent
- ▶ promoting care, companionship and support for members
- ▶ raising funds as deemed appropriate for the benefit of the campus

The foregoing brief preamble is the start of a planned series of articles introducing our website and to explain a little of the scope of what it encompasses. Its URL is www.scpsawarwick.com and you will find it a treasure trove loaded with information and photos providing useful articles, memories and summaries of SCPSA business.

▶ CEGS successful centenary celebrations in 2018 saw a ton of memories shared. After CEGS ceased to operate as a separate entity after the Sisters withdrew, several of its buildings were moved to Slade and its old campus and sports grounds were soon filled with new housing. As has been well documented in more recent issues of Kinawah, Slade could easily have fallen victim to the same fate. Happily, an active "Save Our Slade" campaign was launched in Warwick ably supported by local people, few of whom were actually past students of Slade and this was narrowly avoided.

▶ The Slade Campus is now owned by Warwick Christian College and as such is properly appreciated, maintained, upgraded and used for the purpose it was founded and built to fulfil. To comply with modern day health and safety requirements, buildings with asbestos and other buildings that had suffered termite damage have been removed. So too, have many of the old original eucalypts which were deemed to be unsafe after successive years of drought.

▶ At the time of CEGS centenary, after negotiations between a delegation of old boys and the College, St Catharine's Assembly hall which had previously been divided into three sections and relocated to Slade in Eddie Prince's time (a massive undertaking) and subsequently labelled Slade Hall, was officially re branded Warwick Christian College Assembly Hall, formerly of St Catharine's, an emotionally charged and momentous unveiling. In all the excitement on the day, the full significance of this was a little bit lost, although greatly appreciated. It is belatedly and gratefully acknowledged now!

▶ Slade's centenary celebrations, now just a few weeks away, will be as momentous as CEGS centenary was and most likely to be the last major occasion of its kind that we will attend. We have done our best to personally contact as many people as possible to ascertain individual interest/availability. If you would really like to attend and have been dithering about contacting us or accepting your RSVP, you need to contact John Bayliss as soon as possible (see details below) to secure your place. Our reunion dinner is being held at the Condamine Sports Club (the old Langham Hotel) in a private upstairs room with a 200 person capacity and is a not-to-be-missed special occasion.

▶ A visit to the Slade Campus and the museum is also on offer. Visiting times for this will be provided when you RSVP.

▶ Are you on board? Are you in contact with other past students we may not know about? If your answer to either of these questions is YES, you are rapidly running out of time to respond.

▶ We look forward to hearing from you!

NOW JUST 13 SHORT WEEKS FROM AUSTRALIA DAY!



2026

SLADE PAST STUDENTS ARE CELEBRATING

MAY 2-3



100 YEARS

SINCE SLADE'S FOUNDATION BACK IN 1926

Don't miss out! Contact John Bayliss now: 0418 987 900

See also: www.scpsawarwick.com → Slade Centenary

What you said: hearing back from our readers

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



Eddie Wickham 1964-65 ...Two items in the

November-December issue of Kinawah stood out for me, one long before my time: First, the charge of the Australian Light Horse to take Beersheba on October 31 [1917] and save the wells. It must have been hard for the horsemen to bid farewell to their trusted mounts when the troops came home, man and horse would have relied on each other to survive. Second was Bob Grandin, the final headmaster at Slade. What those two RAAF helicopter pilots and crew undertook to resupply ammunition to Delta Company 6 RAR in the Battle of Long Tan was nothing short of heroic and probably saved the entire Delta Company from destruction until reinforcements arrived; an unsanctioned mission, they just did what had to be done. From my understanding of the Battle of Long Tan, I am sure that [in this] there were others that did likewise.

As has been the normal, without our Kinawah Editor Joan White and Archivist Ted Ross the magazine would not be the excellent read that it is, especially looking back at the history of Slade/St Catharine's and Warwick.

Don Hunt 1963-63 (Hunt 1) Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to you all. Thank you for all the effort you guys put in every year... It always brings back great memories of my years at Slade

Ron Cover 1966-70 Thank you so much for the newsletter. I don't know where you find the time...I am retired but I seem to be more busy now than when I had my own business to run. Enjoy a

peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year.

David Herbert 1965-67 After Bondi, my reflection: get out of the mindset of shock – horror and the punitive consequences being thrust upon us. It is a deeply felt tragedy that 16 people have been killed and 40 injured, in Australia but since the October hostilities, (possibly engineered), 70,942 plus a further 171,195 have been killed by Israel, I find it hard to reconcile the two, and our "Australian" reaction to this. We then have Ukraine, Somalia and all the others, then in the USA, there were 27 gun related deaths in December to the 20th alone. I find shrill screams for political advantage disgraceful, self-serving and a crude attempt at point scoring; we are well aware of those doing same, adding to knee jerk reactions simply to be seen doing something to deflect the Banshee who is presently screaming. We are the poorer for this—the tragic deaths and the political opportunists that believe they can score a point, regardless of the outcome.

Richard Busser 1957-64 My very best wishes to all who keep 'things Slade' alive...In light of the recent terrorist atrocities: may 2026 be much kinder to all; and our leadership pursue actual statesmanship rather than mere political band-aids.

Bob Cotton 1951-54 Thank you for the thoughtful Christmas greeting. I also appreciated the contribution by David Carstens. My time at Slade overlapped with his.

Janice Cusack (Martin 1969-69) Re Roger Trussell Martin: Roger is a past pupil of Slade [1949-50]. Attached is full photo of when he was at school there. He is my uncle. My brother, Phillip Martin, went to Slade in 1969-70 until we moved to North Queensland.



The power of sticking together ~ a few thoughts

In an era when many workplaces are remote, when we can order our groceries online and we hardly have to leave our homes for anything, it can be all too easy to isolate ourselves from others. But it's crucial to remember that we humans are social creatures by nature, wired for connection and with a deep need for community.

As the Jacobean poet John Donne once wrote, "No man is an Island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the Continent, a part of the main." In other words, we rely on each other. We need one another to fulfill our basic needs for love and connection, to provide purpose and meaning in our lives, and to fall back on when times get hard.

Our ability to collaborate and cooperate with one another has led to some of humanity's greatest accomplishments. It's only by remaining united in the face of obstacles that seek to divide us that we can continue to strive toward a brighter future. Below is one of 24 quotes emphasising the importance of sticking together. <https://inspiringquotes.com/24>

"No one can whistle a symphony; it takes a whole orchestra to play it." Halford E. Luccock

Strolling down Memory lane in SCPSEA's Honour Room we revisit Names, Dates and shared History...

SLADE SCHOOL
PETER STEPHENSON MEMORIAL SCHOOL HONOUR BOARD

YEAR	CAPTAIN	DUX	RHODES PRIZE
1954	K.M.HASSALL	R.AL.VICKERS	K.M.HASSALL
1955	G.A.COX	N.R.NEWMAN	G.A.COX
1956	R.L.LADNER	F.W.HUNT	R.L.LADNER
1957	D.G.BATCHELOR	D.G.BATCHELOR	D.G.BATCHELOR
1958	I.BRYANT	J.P.DESHON	I.BRYANT
1959	J.S.DAVIES	P.B.PRICE	J.S.DAVIES
1960	H.BREDEN	M.CHAN	H.BREDEN
1961	R.WATSON	A.HO	R.WATSON
1962	M.HILL	P.CURTIS	M.HILL
1963	J.J.REIKEN	M.HILL	J.J.REIKEN
1964	P.D.GOODWIN	J.A.NOBLE	P.D.GOODWIN
1965	J.A.HOFLAND	R.J.BBETON	J.A.HOFLAND
1966	K.J.BECKER	W.D.MASON	K.J.BECKER
1967	J.D.REDMOND	I.HART	J.D.REDMOND
1968	S.G.COOKE	J.D.REDMOND	S.G.COOKE
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R. M. STEPHENSON MEMORIAL PRESIDENTS BOARD

1946	R.W.A.MUIR	1969	E.J.ELLIOTT
1947	R.W.A.MUIR	1970	A.H.DUNSTALL
1948	C.E.OLSEN	1971	A.H.DUNSTALL
1949	G.S.SAKZEWSKI	1972	H.E.HAXTON
1950	K.J.L.MARDON	1973	P.K.MAIN
1951	K.J.L.MARDON	1974	J.H.PRINC
1952	R.J.PIKE	1975	J.H.PRINC
1953	K.J.L.MARDON	1976	J.P.DESHON
1954	E.L.ROBINSON	1977	J.P.DESHON
1955	L.R.SMITH	1978	D.R.CARSTENS
1956	N.A.QUIRK	1979	D.R.CARSTENS
1957	N.A.QUIRK	1980	P.J.BAXTER
1958	A.H.DUNSTALL	1981	P.J.BAXTER
1959	N.A.QUIRK	1982	C.J.NANTES
1960	N.A.QUIRK	1983	C.J.NANTES
1961	N.A.QUIRK	1984	E.C.LARSEN
1962	A.H.DUNSTALL	1985	C.LARSEN
1963	A.H.DUNSTALL	1986	C.LARSEN
1964	P.K.MAIN	1987	D.R.CARSTENS
1965	P.K.MAIN	1988	D.R.CARSTENS
1966	A.M.KIDD	1989	A.EINERSEN
1967	D.R.CARSTENS		
1968	E.J.ELLIOTT		

HONOUR BOARD
DUX OF SCHOOL
 From GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR 1959

1959	KATHLEEN BARROW
1960	JOYCE KNOWLES
1961	ELIZ WILKINSON
1962	LYNNE JOHNSON
1963	ELIZABETH WICKHAM
1964	DIANA ROBERTS
1965	MARION KNOWLES
1966	LESLEY JOHNSON
1967	MARGARET FRASER
1968	MARGARET THORSBORNE
1969	MARGARET MILLER
1970	ELIZABETH TANDY
1971	SUSAN FEEZ
1972	PAULINE WOODGATE
1973	SUZANNE HICKS

YEAR	CAPTAIN	DUX	RHODES PRIZE
1971	J. GROAT	D.S. STUBBIN	J. GROAT
1972	S. HAZELL	A. LANG	S. HAZELL
1973	C. JACKSON	B. WHYBIRD	B. WHYBIRD
1974	J.M. FORDHAM	J.M. FORDHAM	
1975	M.L. BRUTNALL		
1976	R.J. WISEMAN	W.K. LUI	
1977	V.A. DYONS		
1978	R.B. WISEMAN	B.J. GIVNEY	
1979	H.J. GORRINGE		
1980	ADHEATON	M.M. TAYLOR	
1981	M.L. AMOS	N.T. FAULKNER	
1982	D.J. FARQUHAR		
1983	R.M. GIVNEY	G.H. CARNES	
1984	G.H. CARNES		
1985	L.A. DODD	T.A. CAUSE	
1986	M.F. GADSBY		
1987	D.J. ANDREWS	J.M. COLLYER	
1988	J.L. GELA		
1989	J.M. COLLYER	P.W. CAUSE	
1990	P.W. CAUSE	T.C.S. BOOTH	
1991	S.S. BANN		
1992	CT. CLAPPERTON		
1993	W. AITOREA	A. WONG	
1994	S.C. GILLESPIE	R. FERRIS	
1995	W. DOCHERTY	P. WONG	
1996	J. LAI	J. LAI	

S. S. O. B. A.
R. M. STEPHENSON MEMORIAL PRESIDENTS BOARD

1989-91	Mrs. ANNI EINERSEN (Carpenter)
1991-93	Mr. S. ROWAN
1993-96	Mrs. M. MACKENZIE (Knowles)
1996-02	Mr. STEVE ROWAN
2002-04	Mr. PAUL HOLLAND
2004-06	Mr. GARNET BUDGE
2006-08	Mr. HARRY HAXTON
2008-12	Mrs. MARGARET STEWART (Rec)
2012-14	Mr. RAYMOND DICKSON
2014-	Mr. STEVE COOKE

SLADE SCHOOL
S. S. O. B. A.
HEADMASTERS BOARD

1928 - 27	A.B. DOUGLAS
1928 - 31	F.M. McKEOWN
1932 - 35	C.N. MELL
1936	C. DAINTREE (ACTING)
1936 - 38	A.E.N. HUGHES
1939 - 51	B.V. ROBERTS
1952	(E. OLSEN (ACTING))
	(L. WILSON (PROV. CHARGE))
1953	(J. BROWNING (ACTING))
1953 - 58	P. MAYHEW
1959 - 66	K. ADAN
1967 - 73	H.J. WHYBIRD
1974 - 90	E. PRINCE

HONOUR BOARD
CAPTAIN OF SCHOOL
 From GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR 1959

1959	JANICE HOLLISTER
1960	ROBYN SCHWENEGEN
1961	DOREEN HALTER
1962	JUDITH FLETCHER
1963	DIANA ROBERTS
1964	FLORA REIS
1965	MARGARET REE
1966	MARGARET THORSBORNE
1967	JENNIFER DONOVAN
1968	RUTH WOMERSLEY
1969	PAMELA DIGHT
1970	KRISTINE CLOTHIER
1971	RUTH GREENUP



Reproduced here from our photographic records is a precis of some of our shared history all finely captured for posterity on various honour boards. Names, dates and captions tell their own story. Astute observers will note that in some instances, this information stands in need of updating. Your membership fees help fund work of this nature which is undertaken by the Association. Honour boards are displayed in the museum in the War Memorial Science Block along with other memorabilia holding special meaning for us.

Landmark moments in the history of Slade #6 Slade – The Twilight Years 1991-1997

We welcome the following perspective of Slade's final Headmaster on his tenure at Slade...

WHEN I WAS APPOINTED PRINCIPAL of Slade in 1991, I came from St Barnabas' School in North QLD, which had a shared history through the Bush Brotherhood. Both schools had transitioned to providing education for young aboriginal children from all over Australia. However, the Northern Territory Government's decision to build a boarding school in Darwin, meant the end of grants for NT children travelling to QLD for their education. At the same time, the QLD Government was developing secondary opportunities in remote areas, with hostel accommodation. This impacted heavily on enrolments at Slade.

The School Council, led by John Deshon, and I decided that an opportunity lay in building on the work Eddie Prince had developed to access the rapidly growing field of education for overseas students. These students needed boarding facilities, pre-university qualifications and English language education (ESL). We had staff in Rob Dawson to lead the ESL, boarding facilities we could adapt to the needs of the young people from overseas, staff to teach Senior Studies, and the full fee-paying students to provide a generous income. It was decided to promote the school as "The International Senior Secondary College of Slade School". After a few trips overseas, supported by the Department of Trade and External Affairs, we had a good initial cohort and a growing prospective enrolment. It was also decided to promote the school within the local community. The goal was to provide another alternative for Warwick students. There was an immediate, while small, response to this initiative.

With the Year 10 Junior Certificate no longer a point of departure from school, the goal was opportunities for ALL students to complete Year 12. My focus was on the individual nature of learning and providing educational opportunities that allowed all children to demonstrate what they were able to learn. The Junior School (8-10) was restructured away from the rigid curriculum approach that caused all children to follow the same pathway at the same rate of progress, to an individualised one that allowed different pathways, rates of progress and content developed by the student to demonstrate learning. A computer-based program, Kidmap, was introduced to manage each student's progress through the National Curriculum of the junior secondary years. I enrolled in a Doctor of Education course at QUT to support these innovations with study and research.

The international profile of the school grew with the employment of teachers from China, Japan and Indonesia. Students undertook year-long exchanges to Japan for Year 10. Student cultural trips were undertaken to Indonesia where Slade students interacted with local students. Students from Japan were hosted when they did a trip to Australia.

Home groups integrating students from Years 8 to 10, combined with an outdoor education program built teamwork, responsibility and care, developing a true sense of community. This was reflected in community projects students participated in: Daffodil Day, 40 Hour Famine and Door-knocks for various charities. One student group lobbied the Mayor's Office with the design and costings for a Skate Park beside the river which was eventually realised. Others attended Aged Care facilities as care visitors and a Student Christian Movement assisted the chaplain in chapel.

On the sporting field we were delighted to have representative players in netball, hockey and cricket and one boy received a scholarship for the Broncos Rugby League team from Wayne Bennett. As day student numbers rose we were able to compete in local sporting events. Some worked towards Duke of Edinburg Awards

with projects in Landcare. A small Saller Stud was introduced and students attended Warwick and Toowoomba shows, the Brisbane Exhibition and Farmfest. Excursions to Canberra, Moreton Island and Yarraphini Ecology Centre in NSW formed a significant part of their experience.

The most important achievement of the school was young people engaging with the school learning program, many from positions of prior disengagement. Excellent results were achieved each year in national English, Science and Mathematics competitions. Significant achievements were made in a National Earthworm Award, where the Junior School worked cooperatively to enter projects centred on the Condamine River, and another on Queensland Electricity Options, winning the competition on both occasions, firstly against schools from QLD and then all other States of Australia. Academically, one student, Andros, achieved an OP1, being the highest possible score at year 12, indicating Slade's program did not disadvantage academic students. Subsequently, Andros returned to our Speech Night the next year passing on to students how he believed that Slade provided excellent preparation for Tertiary Studies through its focus on independent responsibility, self-direction and self-reliance, unlike many students in his experience at university who had attended traditional schools.

Following my time at Slade I was employed to work at a Learning Institute in Rowan University in New Jersey, USA, because of international recognition of the work I had done at Slade. I had two books published based on this work, "Following Vygotsky to a Learner-Centred School" and "Future Schooling as a Community of Young People". I also did a PhD on "The Crisis in Traditional Schooling from the Perspective of those that have been Excluded". There is little doubt that the program at Slade was ahead of its time, and it has been a disappointment for me that this could not be recognised within the Anglican Schools Commission.

From 1991 to 1997, Slade enrolment grew from 70 to 200. Boarding peaked at about 70, but remained around 50 as, following an initial surge, overseas students preferred city-based schools. Day student numbers grew from zero to over 150 establishing a sound basis for the future. Parents, recognising the value of Slade's education for their children expressed great disappointment at the closure of Slade. Regrettably debts needed to be realised and development and sale of some of the land the school held was not viewed as a long-term option.



Robert Grandin



Being safe online

TO CONTINUE OUR THEME OF "SAFER INTERNET USE": Like it or loathe it, use of computers and the internet is here to stay. Ultimately it is to our own benefit to stay abreast of emerging trends as far as is reasonable. The following information is from <https://www.cyberdaily.au/security/11686-the-industry-speaks-safer-internet-day-2025>



authentication are fundamental steps in staying secure online.

At Proofpoint, we advocate for a human-centric approach to online safety. Organisations often provide specialised training on the risks of GenAI but the general public frequently lacks access to such resources. To help bridge this gap, we

MORE RE SAFER INTERNET USE

Adhil Badat - Chief Operating Officer at Rackspace Technology
AS OUR RELIANCE ON THE INTERNET GROWS, so does the need to understand the data that powers it. With individuals spending an average of 6.35 hours online daily, the sheer volume of data being shared, stored, and analysed calls for greater visibility into how it's managed. The challenge isn't just about staying connected, it's about knowing how to engage with online systems safely and responsibly while preserving the opportunities they offer.

Data literacy provides this critical understanding. For individuals, it means having the knowledge to navigate online spaces securely, make informed decisions about how their data is shared, and recognise potential risks. For businesses, it's the ability to meet regulatory requirements, foster transparency, and embed ethical practices into operations. The first step is implementing ongoing data literacy programs that address areas such as data ethics, model interpretation, and compliance standards, so organisations can ensure employees at every level are equipped to handle data responsibly.

Collaboration is also essential. Working with your respective data governance function to integrate AI ethics and responsible data practices into corporate training can empower teams to confidently interpret and manage data while adhering to legal and ethical obligations. This combination of education and accountability creates a culture where trust is prioritised, systems remain resilient, and innovation is balanced with responsibility. Data literacy isn't just a tool, it's a life skill we need to embrace early, before consequences catch up to us.

Kate Musgrove Managing Director, Asia Pacific at Bazaarvoice
 With the internet flooded with content, authenticity is everything. Consumers crave genuine experiences, whether they're scrolling through social, shopping online, or engaging with brands. In fact, our research shows that 88% of consumers say authenticity is key when deciding which brands to support.

But with the rise of fake reviews, scams, and misleading content, trust is at risk. Consumers are more cautious than ever, and brands that fail to ensure transparency can quickly lose credibility. Businesses must take an active role in protecting their customers by fostering genuine conversations, verifying user-generated content, and rejecting fraudulent activity.

On Safer Internet Day, we're reminded that authenticity isn't just a competitive advantage - it's a responsibility. Brands that champion transparency help create a safer, more trustworthy online marketplace for everyone.

Adrian Covich - Vice President, Sales Engineering APJ, at Proofpoint
SAFER INTERNET DAY is growing increasingly significant, particularly as Australian teens spend an average of two hours online daily. With rising concerns around scams, privacy, and digital well-being, the Australian government has implemented a world-first law prohibiting children under 16 from using social media platforms.

While outright bans on social media and GenAI tools may seem like straightforward solutions, they are far from comprehensive. Numerous online threats and risks persist, highlighting the continued need for awareness and education. Safer Internet Day embodies this mission, emphasising that creating a safer online environment is a shared responsibility among parents, schools, policymakers, and businesses alike.

As we commemorate Safer Internet Day in a rapidly advancing AI-driven landscape, it's essential to recognise and address the emerging risks posed by new technologies. While GenAI unlocks exciting opportunities, it also introduces threats like deepfakes, misinformation, and potential data privacy breaches. Understanding these risks, maintaining strong password practices, and enabling multi-factor

offer the following simple tips to empower individuals to navigate the digital world securely.

Think before you click: If something is too good to be true, it usually is. Attackers prey on our emotions and use things like urgency or desire to get the best deal in order to make us do things that we normally wouldn't.

Ensure your devices- computers, servers, apps, IoT devices, cable modems, smart watches - are running the latest software updates. This often happens automatically but some systems are not configured to do this.

Check the privacy settings and use two-factor authentication: Be sure you examine the privacy settings on mobile apps to protect your sensitive information while also utilising two-factor authentication whenever it's available.

Safer Internet Day serves as a vital reminder that online safety isn't just a one-day event - it's a year-long responsibility. It offers a chance to shine a spotlight on the steps individuals and organisations can take to strengthen online security and foster a safer digital environment for everyone, every day.

Krishna Vishnubhotla - VP of mobile application security strategy at Zimperium

PASSWORDS ALONE WON'T PROTECT YOUR ENTERPRISE if attackers compromise or control your employee's mobile device. Strong authentication and back-end security are critical, but client-side attacks - such as malware, fake devices, rogue networks, and phishing attacks - can bypass even the strongest passwords and undermine server-side defences.

Attackers don't need to crack credentials if they can steal them directly from a compromised device or manipulate sessions to gain unauthorised access. This Safer Internet Day, go beyond passwords - enforce mobile threat protection, zero-trust policies, and real-time device risk assessments to ensure that compromised mobile endpoints don't become a backdoor into your enterprise. Because if they own the device, they own the data.

Steve Stavridis - Regional Vice President - APAC, OpenText Cybersecurity

SAFER INTERNET DAY is a reminder for businesses to prioritise online safety for their customers and the wider community. Cybersecurity should be the foundation of any technology offering. For digital-first businesses, data privacy and protection needs to be at the core of every decision. With the recent passing of the 2024 Cybersecurity Act Bill, building resilience against cyber threats and preventing unauthorised access to sensitive company and client data is not optional - it's essential.

Strong defence against scams and attacks starts with integration. OpenText's cyber security solutions prevent threats outside and inside the perimeter, ensuring that data is protected and recoverable to minimise downtime. Powered by OpenText Threat Intelligence platform, we significantly reduce the risk of unauthorised access on devices, at the user, and on the web.

As a rule of thumb: if something seems too good to be true, it probably is. Common sense and proactive planning remain the strongest tools in cyber security. Safer Internet Day is a reminder to act - educate yourself, your staff, and your customers on cybersecurity by implementing security awareness training.

The best time to strengthen your defences is before an attack occurs.

Don't be safety blinded,
 be safety minded.



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We look at new rules re social media for under 16s

Under-16s in Australia are now banned from using major social media services including **TikTok, X, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Snapchat** and **Threads**. They are not permitted to set up new accounts and existing profiles are being deactivated. Why is the Australian government banning social media for under-16s?

The ban is the first of its kind and is being watched closely by other countries. The government says it will reduce the negative impact of social media's "design features that encourage [young people] to spend more time on screens, while also serving up content that can harm their health and wellbeing".

A study commissioned earlier in 2025 found 96% of children aged 10-15 used social media and that seven out of 10 of them had been exposed to harmful content including misogynistic and violent material as well as content promoting eating disorders and suicide.

One in seven also reported experiencing grooming-type behaviour from adults or older children, and more than half said they had been the victim of cyberbullying.

Which social media platforms are covered by the Australian ban?

Ten platforms are currently included: Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, X, YouTube, Reddit and streaming platforms Kick and Twitch.

The government assesses potential sites against three main criteria:

- ▶ whether the platform's sole or "significant purpose" is to enable online social interaction between two or more users;
- ▶ whether it allows users to interact with some or all other users; and whether it allows users to post material

YouTube Kids, Google Classroom and WhatsApp are not covered as they are not deemed to meet those criteria.

Under-16s will also still be available to view most content on online platforms which do not require an account.

Critics have called for extending the ban to cover online gaming sites like Roblox and Discord, which are not currently included.

In November, Roblox [said it would introduce age checks](#) on some features.

How will the Australian ban be enforced?

Children and parents will not be punished for infringing the ban.

Instead, social media companies face fines of up to A\$49.5m (US\$32m, £25m) for serious or repeated breaches.

The government states these firms are required to take "reasonable steps" to keep kids off their platforms, and should use multiple age assurance technologies.

These could include government IDs, face or voice recognition, or so-called "age inference", which analyses online behaviour and interactions to estimate a person's age.

Platforms cannot rely on users self-certifying or parents vouching for their children.

Meta, which owns Facebook, Instagram and Threads, [began closing teen accounts from 4 December](#). It said anyone mistakenly kicked off could use government ID or provide a video selfie to prove their age.

Snapchat has said users can use bank accounts, photo ID or selfies for verification.

Other countries are debating the best ways to protect from online harm:

["It's insulting they think we can't handle it": The Australian teens banned from social media](#)

[The new social media ban for U16s has left big tech scrambling](#)

Will the Australian social media ban work?

Some fear that age assurance technologies may wrongly block adults while failing to spot underage users.

The government's [own report](#) found that facial assessment technology is least reliable for teenagers.

There are also questions about the scale of the potential fines.

"It takes Meta about an hour and 52 minutes to make A\$50 million in revenue," former Facebook executive Stephen Scheeler told the AAP news agency.

Critics also argue that the limited scope of the ban - even if properly implemented - undermines its ability to protect children.

Dating websites are excluded along with gaming platforms, as are AI chatbots, which have recently [made headlines](#) for allegedly

encouraging children to kill themselves and for having "sensual" conversations with minors.

Others argue that educating children about how to navigate social media would be more effective.

Some teens told the BBC they would set up fake profiles ahead of the deadline - although the government has warned social media companies to identify and remove such accounts. Others have switched to joint accounts with their parents.

Commentators also predict a surge in the use of VPNs - which hide a user's location - as happened in the UK after the implementation of age control rules there.

Communications Minister Annika Wells conceded that the ban may not be "perfect".

"It's going to look a bit untidy on the way through," she said in early November. "Big reforms always do."

What about data protection?

Critics have also raised concerns about large-scale collection and storage of data required to verify users' ages.

Australia, like much of the world, has had a series of high-profile data breaches where sensitive personal information was stolen and published or sold but we are assured the legislation incorporates "strong protections" for personal data. These stipulate that it may only be used for age verification and must be subsequently destroyed, with "serious penalties" for breaches.

How have social media companies responded?

Social media companies were aghast when the ban was announced in November 2024. They argued it would be difficult to implement, easy to circumvent, time consuming for users, and would pose risks to their privacy. It was also suggested it might drive children into dark corners of the internet and deprive young people of social contact.

Snap - which owns Snapchat - and YouTube also denied being social media companies.

Days before the ban was due to take effect, YouTube [said the "rushed" new laws would leave children less safe](#) as they will still be able to use the platform without an account, removing "the very parental controls and safety filters built to protect them".

YouTube's parent company, Google, was reportedly considering a legal challenge over its inclusion but did not respond to a BBC request for comment.

Though included in the ban, YouTube has denied being a social media company

Despite its early implementation, Meta warned the ban would leave teens with "inconsistent protections across the many apps they use".

At parliamentary hearings in October 2025, TikTok and Snap said they opposed the ban but would follow it.

Kick - the only Australian company covered by the new law - said

it would introduce a "range of measures" as it continued to engage "constructively" with authorities.

A day ahead of the ban, Reddit said it would comply but it had "deep concerns" about the law which "undermines everyone's right to free expression and privacy".

How do other countries regulate social media for young people?

Denmark has announced plans to ban social media for under-15s, while Norway is considering a similar proposal.

A [French parliamentary enquiry](#) has also recommended banning under-15s from social media, and a social media "curfew" for 15 to 18-year-olds.

The Spanish government has drafted a law which would require legal guardians to authorise access for under-16s.

In the UK, [new rules](#) introduced in July 2025 mean online companies face fines or even jail for executives failing to implement measures to protect young people from seeing illegal and harmful content.

Meanwhile, an attempt in the US state of Utah to ban under 18s from social media without parental consent was blocked by a federal judge in 2024. Author: Helen Livingstone Sydney 10 December 2025

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cwyp9d3ddqyo>



What's new for Senior Drivers: 70+ from Jan 20, 2026

FOR MOST OF US, DRIVING WELL INTO OUR 70s = independence, staying socially connected, attending medical appointments, and maintaining control over daily life. As from **20 January 2026**, that independence will continue — but under **updated driving licence rules for seniors aged 70 and over** across **Australia**.

The new rules introduce clearer, more consistent checks focused on **health, safety, and fitness to drive**, reflecting Australia's rapidly ageing population.

WHAT CHANGES FROM 20 JANUARY 2026

Australia does not have a national maximum driving age, but states and territories manage licence conditions for older drivers. From 20 January 2026, updated frameworks will apply more uniformly, especially for drivers aged **70, 75, and 85+**.

KEY CHANGES AT A GLANCE

- ▶ More consistent medical assessments for drivers aged 70+
- ▶ Clearer review intervals as drivers age
- ▶ Greater use of conditional licences instead of full cancellations
- ▶ Faster action where serious medical risks are identified
- ▶ Stronger emphasis on ability, not age alone

"The aim is to keep older Australians driving safely for as long as possible, not to take licences away unnecessarily."

AT WHAT AGE DO THE NEW RULES APPLY?

- ▶ **Drivers aged 70–74:** increased focus on medical self-reporting
- ▶ **Drivers aged 75–84:** more regular medical assessments
- ▶ **Drivers aged 85 and over:** possible on-road driving tests or annual reviews

Exact requirements still vary by state, but the **assessment process is becoming more consistent nationwide**.

MEDICAL CHECKS: WHAT SENIORS WILL BE ASKED TO DO

Medical assessments are the core of the new rules. From 20 January 2026, seniors may be required to:

- ▶ Provide a medical certificate from a GP
- ▶ Declare conditions that could affect driving
- ▶ Undergo more frequent reviews if health changes

Conditions commonly assessed include:

- ▶ Vision and hearing
- ▶ Cognitive health
- ▶ Mobility and reaction time

Heart, neurological, and diabetic conditions

"For most healthy seniors, this is a straightforward check — not a test designed to fail them."

CONDITIONAL LICENCES WILL BE USED MORE OFTEN

One of the most significant changes is **expanded use of conditional licences**.

Instead of cancelling licences outright, authorities may impose conditions such as:

- ▶ Daylight-only driving
- ▶ Staying within a set distance from home
- ▶ Avoiding highways or peak traffic
- ▶ Mandatory vehicle modifications

This approach allows seniors to keep driving while reducing risk.

WHY THE RULES ARE CHANGING NOW

With Australia's population ageing rapidly, by the early 2030s, around one in five Australians will be over 65. With more older drivers on the road, authorities are under pressure to balance independence with safety.

REASONS BEHIND THE UPDATE

- ▶ Growing number of senior drivers
- ▶ Better understanding of age-related health risks
- ▶ Advances in vehicle safety technology
- ▶ Calls for fairer, ability-based assessments
- ▶ Road safety experts stress that older drivers are not automatically unsafe — but medical conditions need to be managed responsibly.

WHAT HAS NOT CHANGED

Despite the headlines, several things remain the same:

- ▶ There is **no mandatory retirement age for driving**
- ▶ Seniors are not being forced off the road
- ▶ Healthy drivers can continue driving
- ▶ Appeals and review processes remain available
- ▶ Age alone is not grounds for licence cancellation.

WHAT SENIORS AND FAMILIES SHOULD DO NOW

To prepare for the new rules, older drivers are advised to:

- ▶ Book regular health check-ups
- ▶ Discuss driving openly with their GP
- ▶ Understand state-based renewal rules
- ▶ Renew licences early, not at the deadline
- ▶ Family members are encouraged to support seniors through the process rather than discourage driving prematurely.



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Q&A: NEW 70+ DRIVING LICENCE RULES EXPLAINED

1. Are seniors banned from driving after 70?

No. There is no maximum driving age.

2. When do the new rules start?

20 January 2026.

3. Who is most affected?

Drivers aged 70 and over, especially 75+.

4. Will I need a medical test?

Many seniors will need a GP medical assessment.

5. Can my licence be taken away automatically?

No. Decisions are based on fitness to drive.

6. What is a conditional licence?

A licence with limits, such as no night driving.

7. Do the rules apply nationwide?

They are becoming more consistent, but states still manage licences.

8. Are on-road tests mandatory?

Usually only for drivers aged 85+ or where concerns exist.

9. Will this cost more?

There may be minor costs for medical certificates.

10. Can I appeal a decision?

Yes. Appeal rights remain unchanged.

11. Do car safety features help?

Yes, modern safety tech may support continued licensing.

12. Are these rules permanent?

They will be reviewed regularly as the population ages.

WHY THESE CHANGES MATTER

For older Australians, driving is closely tied to wellbeing, independence, and mental health. The new 2026 rules recognise that reality while responding to genuine safety concerns. By focusing on **health, capability, and fair assessment**, the updated system aims to keep seniors driving safely for longer — rather than forcing them off the road because of age alone. For most healthy drivers over 70, the message is reassuring: **if you're fit to drive, you can keep driving**.

To read the full article, go to <https://www.childlaw.net.au/new-driving-licence-rules-for-70-seniors-in-australia-from-20-january-2026/>

HERE THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Warwick Police Station upgraded, Leo's Little Shop, Southern Downs Steam and the CCA makes our news!

HISTORIC WARWICK POLICE STATION UPGRADED

One of QLD's oldest Police Stations, originally built in 1900, Warwick Police Station has just been restored to its former heritage glory, while also incorporating a modern two-storey extension. Renovations unveiled late last year, include a new scenes-of-crime lab, conference room for major incidents and a wellness area. Additional features include office space, a conference room for major incidents and disaster management, a new laboratory and a forensic vehicle examination bay.

Also part of the site's \$21 million upgrades were modifications of the watchhouse and a new wellness area. QLD Police Deputy Commissioner Mark Kelly said the renovations would boost regional policing capabilities for the area's 60 policing personnel, including 32 general duty officers and several specialist units. "The challenges faced in regional policing are complex and ever evolving," he mentioned.

As part of the station's reopening ceremony, 12 officers were presented with medals in recognition of their dedication, courage, and significant years of service. <https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/103918>



LEO'S LITTLE SHOP SUPPORTS FAMILIES IN THE LOCKYER

In the salad bowl of Australia, served up on a small suburban street, there's a fruit and vegetable seller like no other. Six-year-old Leo teeters on his tippy toes to reach some of the shelves in the grocery store out the front of his house. But make no mistake, Leo's Little Shop is the talk of the town. As reported on A Current Affair, young Leo teeters on his tippy toes to reach some of the shelves in the grocery store out the front of his house. The primary school student is even expanding, opening his second shop and employing his friend, 11-year-old Jess. And while Leo might be the boss, mum, Barbara, is the brains behind it all, having taught her son from an early age to work hard and save, helping him upgrade the wheels on his red motorbike toy, and most importantly to bank his profits after setting his own weekly wage.



But as small business operators are aware, there are challenges, like theft. Recently Leo's Little Shop had security cameras installed after it was robbed.

For the past three years, Leo Tyers and his family have run a fruit and vegetable stand out of Gatton selling goods from local farmers that have slight imperfections and can't be sold in stores. For those three years the business has provided Christmas hampers for local families in need and last year donated 100 of these hampers for families in Gatton. Well done Leo!

<https://9now.nine.com.au/a-current-affair/leos-little-shop-queensland-six-year-old-grocer-taking-his-fruit-and-vegetable-stall-to-the-street/fe2fa33f-3fa7-42e0-9d08-97e0f2238d45>

EXPLORE SOUTHERN DOWNS STEAM RAILWAY:

It's a fantastic place to visit and brings a whole lot of déjà vu for those of us who travelled to school by train. The Southern Downs Steam Railway Association Inc (SDSR) is a volunteer, not-for-profit tourist heritage steam railway.

Formed in 1996, the SDSR has been operating on QLD Rail main lines in the heart of the picturesque Southern Darling Downs and Granite Belt Regions of Southern [Queensland](#).



Lines run on include:-

Southern Line – South to Stanthorpe & Wallangarra, and North to Hendon, Clifton & Toowoomba.

South Western Line – West to Inglewood, Goondiwindi, and Toobeah.

With a focus on people "experiencing the magic of steam on the Southern Downs", SDSR offers train journeys to meet most tastes. From short family journeys to Hendon and Clifton, to the full day out retracing the Sydney Mail run to Wallangarra, SDSR's journeys are all different, unique, and steeped with a touch of magic. Why not consider joining the magic soon.

For more info visit: www.southerndownssteamrailway.com.au

GHOST BAT TO BOOST DEFENCE CAPABILITIES

The Federal Government is investing around \$1.4 billion to advance collaborative air capabilities. This will transition the MQ-28A Ghost Bat into a fully operational war fighting asset for the Australian Defence Force.

It was confirmed last December that the Australian-designed and manufactured MQ-28A Ghost Bat – AKA a Collaborative Combat Aircraft (CCA) – had successfully engaged an aerial target with a live weapon. In a landmark test, the Ghost Bat deployed an AIM-120 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile against an Australian-made Phoenix Jet Uncrewed Aerial Target at the Woomera Test Range in South Australia.

This funding announcement, coupled with the successful live-fire test, advances Australia's CA technology position globally and includes new contracts with Boeing Defence Australia (BDA) for six operational Block 2 MQ-28A aircraft and the development of an enhanced Block 3 prototype.

\$10 billion plus on drones is set to be invested over the next decade.

<https://www.minister.defence.gov.au/media-releases/2025-12-09/funding-boost-australian-made-ghost-bat>



New city of Warwick makes its mark and connections

CONTINUED FROM WHERE WE LEFT THE STORY LAST TIME: For many years Warwick advocated for direct rail communication with Brisbane by way of Cunningham's Gap—an extension of the line from Maryvale on the Downs side of the range to Mt Edwards on the other side...
WARWICK 1847-1936: Via Trove, the following Brisbane Telegraph story appeared 2/06/1936 so all references to "today" relate to 1936. Some well known family names may be recognised in the text.

The line was actually sanctioned, but was never proceeded with past Mt Edwards. In the Loan Diversions Bill passed by Parliament last year [1935] the list of balances of loan appropriations (money never spent on the purpose for which it was raised) included: 'L'pswich to Warwick, Via Recta, £352,731 1s. 6d.'" Warwick now has given up hope of ever obtaining the railway and is concentrating its effort to induce Government to build a good road over the range to connect existing good roads to Mount Edwards on the one side and to Maryvale and beyond on the other side.

The coming to Warwick of the railway in 1871 gave a big impetus to the town as did the extension of the steel rails to Stanthorpe in 1881, to Wallangarra in 1887, to Killarney in 1885, to Goondiwindi in 1908, to Dirranbandi in 1913 and from Warwick to Maryvale in 1911.

Great interest was taken in Warwick in the election of its first representative in 1860 to the first QLD Parliament, which resulted in Mr. St. George Richard Gore being elected by 71 votes compared with his opponent's (Mr. Wienholt) 58. When Parliament assembled it was Mr. St. George Gore's pleasant duty to nominate as Speaker Mr. Gilbert Elliott, the member for Wide Bay, a former officer of the Royal Artillery.

The following members have represented Warwick in the QLD parliament: May 21, 1860, to May 22, 1863, St. George R. Gore; Jul. 21, 1863, to May 29, 1867, Arnold Wienholt; Aug. 7, 1867, to Aug. 27, 1868, George Clark; Nov. 17, 1868, to Jul. 13, 1870, Edmond L. Thornton; Nov. 16, 1870, to Jun. 21, 1871, V James Morgan; Jan. 6, 1874, to Oct. 2, 1878, James Morgan; Nov. 7, 1871, to Sep. 1, 1873, Charles Clark; Jan. 14, 1879-87, Jacob Horwitz; Jul. 20, 1887, to Feb. 22, 1896, Arthur Morgan; Oct. 25, 1898, to Jul., 1906, Arthur Morgan; June 16, 1816-1898 Thomas Joseph Byrnes; Jul. 24, 1906, to Dec. 31, 1907, Thomas O'Sullivan; Feb. 5, 1908, to Apr. 9, 1935, George Powell Barnes. Since the retirement of Mr. Barnes from politics Warwick has been represented by Mr. John Healy.

The next interesting page in the history of Warwick opens with the incorporation of the area as a municipality in 1861. The original crest adopted for council letter paper, even in those early days, was of the proper conception, for it symbolised the chief industries of the district – wool, wheat, and mining.

The first election of Warwick Council took place July 12, 1861, Mr. A. E. Halloran being the returning officer. The election for nine aldermen resulted: James Jones Kingsford 94, Thomas McEvoy 87, William Craig 78, James Morgan 71, James Allen 70, George Kennedy 56, Samuel William Aldred 52, Charles Beevor Daveney 45, Patrick Fleming 45.

The first Mayor was James J. Kingsford, a son of the Rev. Thomas Kingsford, who was the first Presbyterian minister in Warwick, and grandfather of the present Town Clerk, Mr. Frank J. Kingsford.

Arthur Morgan, who was Mayor from 1886 to 1889, afterwards became Sir Arthur Morgan, and Premier of QLD. The John Healy who was Mayor in 1891, was the father of the present member for Warwick, Mr. John Healy. Jeremiah Allman, who was Mayor in 1895, was the father of the present Mayor, Alderman John Allman. F. Grayson, who was Mayor in 1892; represented the Cunningham electorate in the State Parliament for many years. John Archibald (1890 and 1897) was the father of Mr. R. J. Archibald (Director of the Brisbane Milling Company), Jacob Horwitz (1876) was a pioneer business man, and a representative of Warwick in Parliament.

No less than three former Mayors of Warwick became members of the Legislative Council of QLD: Sir Arthur Morgan, Hon. J. Archibald, and Hon. T. A. Johnson.

Today's Warwick is an attractive city, with its tree-lined bitumen macadam streets, grass plots with pine and palm trees down the centre of the main thoroughfare (Palmerin Street). Recently the face of the business street has undergone change and the visitor, after an absence

of some years is agreeably surprised at what he sees.



The shop frontages are as modern as in any QLD country centre. By night the shopping centre is a blaze of light as a result of the creation of a "Big White Way," a brilliant and uniform lighting scheme to which the business community has subscribed wholeheartedly and commendably.

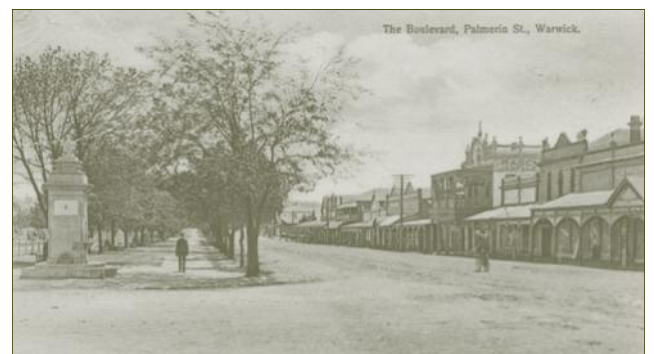
Progress in the business centre indicates the confidence traders have in the future of the town and district. In 1935 plans submitted to the Town Council represented an outlay on buildings of £32,476, exceeding the 1934 figures by £3,912 and the 1933 figures by no less a sum than £30,685.

The main street impresses visitors with the modern appearance of shop fronts, up-to-date sales facilities inside, and the beautifully laid out parks which border on the side of Palmerin Street for two blocks of its length and facing portion of the business area of the town. These are Leslie and Cunningham Parks, each of which covers 10 acres of land. At the entrance to Leslie Park are the Great War Memorial and Gates, the monument flood lit at night.

Near the entrance to Leslie Park stands a monument to the late Mr. James Morgan, an early State member for Warwick; in Cunningham Park is a memorial to the late Richard St. George Gore, the first member for Warwick. For many years the St. George Gore monument stood in Albert Street, off Palmerin Street.

Proposals at times in the early days to divert these parks, or portions of them, to other purposes than that for which they were established were fought strenuously and successfully by the citizens of the town. When the railway was built as far as Millhill, just across the Condamine River on the outskirts of the town, it was proposed to establish the Warwick railway station in Cunningham Park and carry the line towards Stanthorpe right through the town. This was defeated as was another plan to cut up the Palmerin Street frontages of the two parks into business blocks.

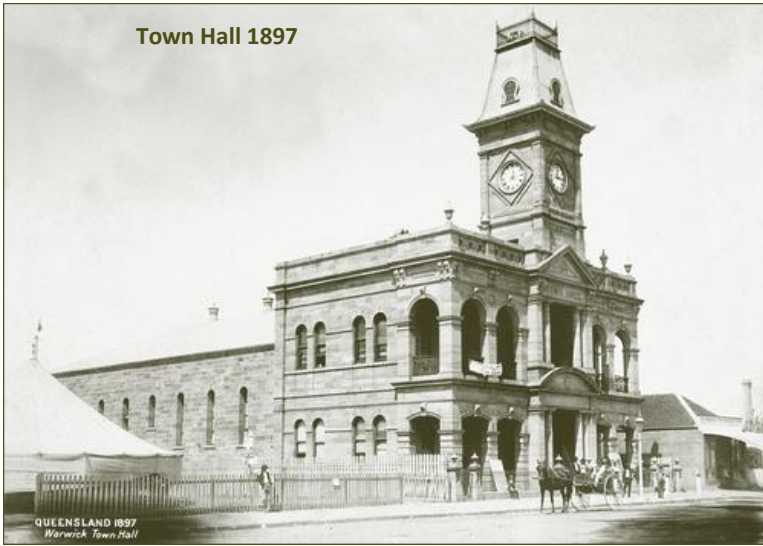
The municipal garden is in Leslie Park. The plots have been carefully laid out, are well tended and there is an abundance of beautiful trees and shrubs. Here indeed is one of the show places of this capital of the garden area of the State. Besides the two parks in the heart of the city, Warwick also has other big park areas in Victoria Park, Queen's Park, Slade Park, and Morgan Park. The latter park, which is on the outskirts of the town, is the site of Warwick's aerodrome upon which many improvements have been carried out and which is suitable as a landing ground for the largest of aeroplanes.



Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success. Edward Everett Hale

Looking at Warwick through a very old lens

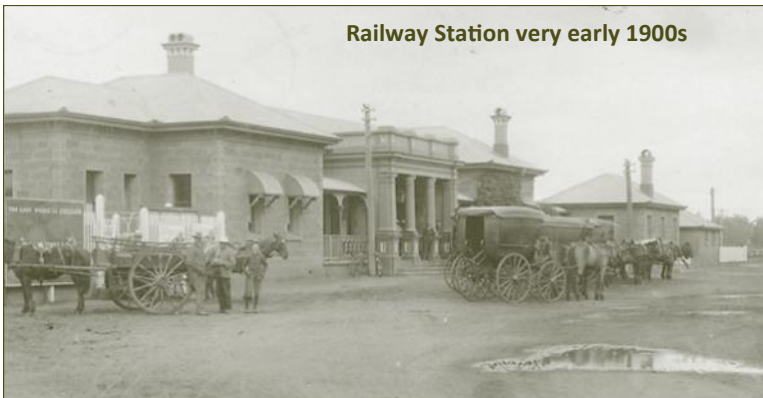
Town Hall 1897



Police Station very early 1900s



Railway Station very early 1900s



Fire Station 1930s





NED WINTER 1935 -2025

Known far and wide as “The Camp Oven Cook”, Ned was a drover, a shearer, a songwriter, a poet, a tourist director, a yarn spinner and a fair dinkum Aussie legend.

EDWARD HENRY WINTER, known simply as Ned, was born 30th April 1935 at St George, South West QLD, the fourth of seven children to William and Maggie. His older brothers were Bill, Jack and Hugh. Then Margaret, Arthur and Pat came after Ned.

Ned once wrote that he'd been up a lot of dry gullies in his 90 years, some filled with happiness, while others flowed with tears. He claimed to have knocked about bars, and lived under the stars but never saw himself as a success. We know differently.

His life began humbly. When Ned was just seven, his father died suddenly from a heart attack, leaving Maggie to raise seven children on a remote sheep property 35 miles from Bollon, their nearest town. Life was tough: long days, dusty tracks and few luxuries. With no father figure, young Ned became a bit of a wild one. A larrikin, rat bag and holy terror were some of the names people used to describe him and he probably earned every one of them.

Ned's schooling took him from Bollon State School, to St Mary's in Charleville and to Roma. Expelled at 13 for smoking he never touched a cigarette again.

He finished Grade 6 and 7 at Slade, a bit embarrassed to be older than the others but proud that he'd finally seen it through. Here, one of his fondest memories was marching as a cadet. Grinning, he recalled being the only one in step.

If you ever travelled to Ned's Corner by coach in the late 90s or early 2000s you might recall the red carpet being rolled out and being greeted with this little poem recited by one of his grandchildren:

“Wind, wind, the wicked wind,
blew the girl's dress high
And God was just and blew the dust
into the bad man's eye.”

Ned beat an early speech impediment with gritty determination: “I couldn't say “s” words, he joked, but I could say the “f” ones. His sense of humour never left him.

He had a deep love for animals, especially dogs and horses. His horse, Show Off, would let Ned stand on his back and would count with his hooves.

After Slade, Ned went home to “Shirlo” to help run the family property. Supplies came only once a fortnight and they'd ride

all of 17 miles to pick them up.

In the late 1950's, Ned went droving through Isisford and Dirranbandi leading mobs of up to 5,000 sheep. Those years out bush gave him stories that he'd tell and retell for decades, every telling somehow getting a little better!

His love of horses and rodeos saw him work as a pickup man at rodeos, fearless and full of life. One time he and a mate dressed up as Mr and Mrs Longbottom and walked all the way from Bollon to St George just for a laugh and a bit of publicity. Ned was never afraid to make people smile.

Music was another lifelong love. He'd listen for hours to Tex Morton, Slim Whitman and Marty Robbins, later teaching himself five guitar chords, singing in a rich voice that held its own with any of them.

Ever the dreamer, in 1964, Ned began an outback tour business, “Souwest Tours”, a bold idea, way ahead of its time, driving guests from Brisbane out west in his little 10 seater van, to see the beauty of the bush that he loved so much. The money didn't last but the memories most certainly did.

Then in 1966, Ned met a Brisbane girl. Margaret Newlove at a mate's wedding. It was a “country boy meets city girl” true love story with a few funny beginnings like a bounced cheque and some eyebrow-raising aunties. They feel deeply in love and married in 1968.

Ned and Margaret began married life back at “Shirlo” and soon welcomed their two daughters, Gay-Lea in 1969 and Melinda in 1971. When it came time for schooling, they made the move to Brisbane so the girls could stay close to home. Ned tried his hand at carpentry, truck driving for Riverina Stockfeeds and even factory work, all jobs he did with pride though his heart belonged in the country.

In 1978, the call of the bush won. Ned and Margaret took over “Shirlo”, the family farm. One of Ned's proudest moments was shaking hands with the estate agent as he congratulated him on clearing the “Shirlo” debt.

In 1984 “Shirlo” was reluctantly sold after being 75 years in the Winter family.

Then, on settling in Toowoomba it wasn't long before Ned found a new adventure. He volunteered at the Jondaryan Woolshed shearing, spinning yarns and cooking camp oven meals that drew crowds and laughter alike.

Ned and Margaret then bought 13,000 acres of scrubby country between Cecil Plains and Millmerran, “goanna country” as he called it. Here he built his dream, “Ned's Corner Roo Retreat” with corrugated iron,

Cyprus logs and plenty of sweat to create a true bush experience with hearty camp oven meals, music, poetry and laughter all shared under the stars.

Ned's reputation as a story teller and camp oven cook soon grew, catering for parties, local and international bus tours, school trips and charity events. Along the way he met R.M. Williams, Dawn Fraser, Gina Jeffreys, four Queensland premiers and the Sultan of Brunei at Expo 88. But fame never mattered to Ned. People did. He greeted everyone with the same warmth and handshake.

In 1999, with Gary Fogarty, Ned founded the Australian Camp Oven Festival. What began as a local idea, grew into one of QLD's biggest events drawing thousands every year. When Ned last visited the event in 2024 he marvelled at how a simple dream had become something extraordinary.

Being a true bush mechanic, Ned was great at fixing almost anything. As long as he had wire and pliers, he'd “Cobb&Co” everything together. Then there was his “carving the meat” renown. When the family catered, as host, Ned would start out carving the meat at the front of the line but his impulse to yarn meant someone else would need to take over the carving so he could go to the end of the line and talk to those at the back.

The family closed Ned's corner in 2005 but Ned never actually retired. He'd cook a few dampers, head down to the Condamine River and strike up a conversation with absolutely anyone, especially grey nomads.

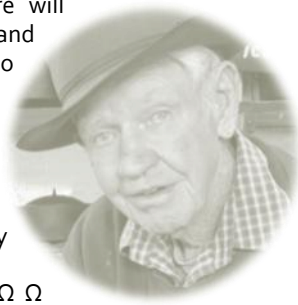
He kept sharing his poems and stories, winning a bronze in 2004, the swagman's award, for his original poem, “That Outback Country”.

Hard as it was to sell Ned's Corner, as his health declined, Ned and Margaret happily moved near to Pittsworth, closer to family, surrounded by love, visits and stories. He still lit up talking about maps, history or his beloved Aus-

tralia and nothing made him happier than time spent with his treasured daughters, grandchildren and great-grand-children, affectionately known to them all as Dar.

Ned's camp fire will never die down and the stories will go on forever. His handshakes, his yarns, his good humour and his endless curiosity is already greatly missed.

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COLIN JACKSON 1956 - 2025



Colin's heart was always on the land and, after Slade, he returned home to Injune where he made his life as a hard working cattleman, a respected member and leader in his local community .

tons and tons of cotton seed with a post hole shovel – no sense wasting money on a bigger shovel when you already had a perfectly good one! Plenty of donated and willing labour from loyal friends in the district in those struggling early years was gratefully received. A drive around "Rockvale" today, reveals Colin's hard work in every direction—the cattle a great source of pride and all infrastructure, well maintained and upgraded. Always there was a one-year plan, or a five-year plan floated in shared conversations. Colin has left a rich and lasting legacy for his family and the district!

Community involvement in Injune by Colin spans 50 plus years. He proudly served as a Bungil Shire Councillor for five years from 2001 to 2006—four of those years as deputy mayor. Essentially a social being, Colin would visit the Injune Hotel on a Friday evening after the monthly Council meeting in Roma with the guise of "consulting with his constituents", always a very enjoyable time and always returning home "happy".

Colin was a member of the Dawson Callide Catchment Association, Advance Injune, the Injune Parthenium Action Group and the Injune Race Club and served as President or executive member of these bodies at times.

For many years, Rockvale cattle were drafted

"Rinse all dishes before you put them in the dishwasher (they might sometimes be loaded before Colin had a chance to reorganize it.)

"Remember to R-O-O-L-L-L the brand onto that calf, kids—that's the way.

"Stubby lids in the Nescafe tin, fellas. Glass and tins in the separate bins around the corner

"And did I tell you about the little black pony and that bucked me off every day and how Dad just told me to get up and hop back on?"

Colin was one of a kind – and was adored for it. He gained enormous satisfaction nurturing younger generations, sharing his knowledge and experiences, such as taking them into his team on a social sporting day, giving pointers on how to play the game, discussing the finer points of cattle breeding/dog handling, urging thinking about how to repurpose or modify a broken part instead of throwing it away, driving that big truck to drop off stragglers, or teaching grandkids, to drive the buggy when they were barely old enough to see over the steering wheel as they sat on his lap. It was so rewarding to see the younger generation gravitate towards him at the Campdraft and races to tell yarns, laugh and create new memories. Colin enjoyed every minute.

Colin lived his whole life in Injune—and nothing could have made him happier. He loved everything about Injune's community, firmly believing you must give back for your community to prosper.

An excerpt from Rita's personal little volume of motivational quotes suits Colin perfectly: "To love what you do and feel that it matters – how could anything be more fun!" Apparently flood fencing in mosquito infested creeks, mustering in 40 plus degree heat, or making the ABC news as the coldest spot in the state on that day was all fun and it all mattered!

The only time Colin ever wore shorts was when he and Rita were fortunate enough to manage an odd sojourn to the Sunny coast for a week of R&R after the branding muster was done.

During one overseas trip, Rita recalled standing in the crowd at the Trevi Fountain in Rome when Colin reeled her handbag off her shoulder and blurted "If you can't look after that bag properly, give it to me!"

In January 2025, with retirement just around the corner, Colin's diagnosis of Stage 4 lung cancer was a huge shock to all. Nine months after the initial diagnosis, and putting up the fight of his life he lost the battle 25th October.

Colin is warmly remembered as a wonderful husband and father, a larrikin and a man of his word. He loved his children, Jessica and Lee and together with their spouses, was proud of their wonderful achievements and the fine contributions they were making towards their communities. He loved his grandchildren and his extended family unconditionally.

All those who knew him feel richly blessed for the privilege of having him in their lives.

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COLIN JAMES JACKSON was born 3rd April 1956. More recently, when the nurses in hospital asked him for his date of birth, he'd reel off "3-4-5-6". Some found this amusing – others not so much. After a 3½ day labour, in Roma hospital, Colin's Mum Elsie, delivered her first-born son, who weighed in at a healthy 9lb 2oz.

"Rockvale" was Colin's home from the day he was born and he loved everything about it, including adventures growing up with his siblings – Susan Ann, and Gregory William.

Colin attended Injune State School for Years 1-7, also enjoying a full life, mustering, fencing, building cubby houses, playing cowboys and Indians (with real horses of course) running amuck with his "Maintop", cousins and playing all sports on offer.

Colin came to Slade in 1970, the school, his father, William Henry, also attended 1946-1948. Colin excelled in all sports and was school captain in 1973. But, his heart, was always in the land, and after Slade, he returned to Injune, working at Simon's sawmill and on various properties in the district, all the while methodically and quietly, building his small breeding herd of Santa Gertrudis-cross cattle.

Colin and his wife, Rita were both born in 1956, just two months apart. They met in January 1977 on Rita's second day in Injune. Colin was wicket keeper for the Injune Eagles who were playing at the local cricket oval. As the new school teachers in town. Rita and a friend thought this might be a fun place to spend their Sunday afternoon and the rest, as they say, is history. Colin and Rita married in April 1978 and in 2025 both looked back on a treasured 47-year partnership.

Focus in the early years was on saving money, and in 1980, their first property, "Talcabah", was acquired for the princely sum of \$12 an acre. Colin was in his element.

Firstborn, Jessica, arrived 1984 and son, Lee, 1986. After living and working at South Westgrove for four years, "Rockvale" was purchased from Colin's parents and from 1987, became the family's permanent home.

Never afraid of hard work, Colin thrived on it. No matter how hot, how cold or how long the day was, he wore his long-sleeved shirt, jeans, work boots and hat and put in a full day. In the 1990 recession, interest rates hit 20% and droughts bit hard. Colin shovelled



"The Yech" Slade 1973. Band lineup: Nick Taylor, Col Jackson, Peter Kleinhanss, Kevin Boyce* and David Borthistle*

at the Injune Campdraft. Colin loved all of this: the camaraderie of mustering with the Campdrafters, the two-day road trip walking the cattle into town, and watching the weekend's skilful competition. Best of all, he loved to watch his beautiful cattle go around the arena. He was justifiably enormously proud of them.

Colin actively enjoyed all sports available: cricket, football, tennis in earlier years, later on, golf and bowls and was once Injune Golf Club and Bowls Club champion in the same year.

In the week following his passing, family and friends gathered to speak warmly of a Colin who impacted everyone. A few examples of his own uniquely subtle training:

"Train your eyes to see in the dark, guys. No need to switch the lights on in the buggy when you're driving home after dark.

"Keep that kitchen bin lid clean – there will be an inspection.

AUDREY GLIORI 1931 -2025



As those of us who were boarders at our schools know, non teaching members of staff were an important part of our daily lives and contributed in many ways to quietly make us more comfortable. They were rarely mentioned in annual reports or school magazines but were nonetheless an essential, if sometimes less seen, ingredient in making both Slade and St Catharine's the operational communities they became. We acknowledge here Audrey Gliori as one of them.

AUDREY JOYCE GLIORI passed away peacefully 29th November, 2025 with family by her side at Meilene Nursing Home Bundaberg aged 94 years, where she had been cared for during the past four years. Her life was celebrated in a private family ceremony.

Audrey and Dario Gliori's six children were Geoffrey (killed tragically in the 1994 Moura Mine Disaster) Ronda, a school teacher married to former Maryvale Principal Rob Roy, Lyn, initially a local office clerk, Elsa a school teacher who taught at Wheatvale and Glennie Heights State Schools, Valda who began her career in local government working at Warwick Council Libraries and Art Gallery, and Marco (poet and recently retired Southern Downs Councillor) who was Audrey's youngest child born whilst the family lived at Leslie Dam.

Audrey came to the Southern Downs region with her husband, Dario to live and work at Leslie Dam during the construction of the spillway wall (1st stage) which was officially opened in 1965. The family then move into Warwick where Audrey was employed by St Catharine's and later Slade. At Slade she became head of housekeeping and Dario was employed as a Groundsman at both campuses before he passed away

suddenly in 1981. Audrey continued in her role at Slade until her retirement. She is remembered by former staff and students as a kind, hardworking motherly presence whose care for students and standard of cooking proved popular and memorable. The Gliori family often hosted Slade boarders during school holidays when Dario would teach carpentry skills to the boys and Audrey would spoil them with her home cooking.

Upon hearing of Audrey's passing, one former male student wrote to the family, "I lost my mother around the same time as Mr. Gliori (Dario) passed away and your mother was very kind to me through this period as I was only a young student at Slade, away from my family and having to deal with the loss of my mother. I am so glad that I have met her and had her as a part of my life since 1980. We have all lost a beautiful lady, but we will have many fond memories to cherish forever."

Upon her retirement, Audrey purchased one of the first blocks of land at Churches of Christ Retirement Village, but due to some delays in construction, she sold and moved to Bundaberg where she lived independently until suffering a stroke four years ago.

A modest lady, Audrey, often volunteered in the background, including her committee

duties for The Warwick Pensioners and as both lecturer and mentor for Weight Watches.

Marco, credits her for his poetic talents. "Mum always had country music playing throughout the house whilst she did her household chores, sowing in me the rhythm of the ballad. Travelling as a performer I would often call mum before my shows to chat about the little things in life, she had the ability to ground you, and I often joke how she sounded as if she could find a solution to any problem with one suggestion... 'I'll make a cup of tea'."

Audrey Gliori always had a cuppa and some fresh baked biscuits ready for visitors. She gifted her crocheted and knitted garments and doilies to family and friends, freely passing on such skills to those who sought her guidance. Her house was filled with music and fresh flowers from her own garden, fond memories and forgiveness, a healing presence that only a mother who has suffered and sacrificed herself can offer, and a pride in her family that she has shared and celebrated throughout her life.

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We thank Marco for this outline of Audrey's life and for the above photo of her which was taken with three of her grandchildren.



The photo below left, lists 1989 Slade staff members in left to right order as follows :

Row 3
P. Stevens, C. Carrie, J. Farmer, G. Johnston

Row 2
C. Lewis, T. Roberts, D. Ethel, J. Trition, R. Dawson, A. Gliori

Row 1
J. Hoffman, J. Nordstrom, G. Dorman, E. Prince, J. McKeen, E. Wirth, R. Testa

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*" Say not in grief 'he is no more' but live in thankfulness
that he was" Hebrew proverb*

Following requests for information about those with whom we have lost contact, we list here 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.

Valentine Antonieff* [see CM notice below]

ANTONIEFF Valentine Andrew: Slade 1926-1928, from Red Hill. QLD Courier Mail 22/07/2021: late of Lutwyche died 08/12/2001. Valentine's Brother Gregory Andrea was at Slade 1946-47 and we have no contact details for him.

Olga Antonieff* [see Ancestry note below]

ANTONIEFF Olga (Valentine and Gregory's sister): St Catharine's 1947. Date of death given as 02/05/2002 as per Olga's grand nephew, Hohn Zegenhagen's Ancestry tree.

Ross Barnett* [on Pittsworth, Mackay, Emerald elect. rolls]

BARNETT Ross Alexander: Slade 1946-1947, late of Yeppoon, formerly of Brookstead, died 18/08/2018 aged 81 years.

Neil Bayley*

BAYLEY Neil Matthew: Slade 1946 from Northgate: QLD death record 01/07/1968

John Beresford* 1932-2002 [Ryerson death notice]

BERESFORD Ronald John Eric: Slade 1944-1948. QLD Country Life 08/08/2002: late of Toowoomba, formerly of Eulo.



Leon Billing 08/04/1944-06/12/2025

BILLING Leon John passed away 6th December in his home town, Goondiwindi, aged 81 years.

Bereavement data: Younger brother to Edward; Husband of Jan (dec'd) father to Cathryn and Charles, Daniel, Stephen and Sonya and Gregory and Helen; grandfather of James, Lucy, Hannah, Luka, Austin, Jordan, Mia and Ada; Great Grandad to Hazel and Charlie. A memorial service for Leon at Holy Trinity Church, Goondiwindi was held 16th January . Leon attended Slade 1950-1960 and Edward 1950-1955, both enrolled from Yetman, NSW. Leon's obituary is planned for next Kinawah.

Morris Bott* 1933-1982

BOTT Morris William: Slade 1946-1947 from Clifton. Death date as per QLD register, 17/01/1982.

Cecil Easton* QLD Probate Index 26/07/2024:

EASTON Cecil James: Slade 1945-1949, late of St George.

Charles Farndon*

FARNDON Charles Francix: Slade 1945-49 from Mitchell. QLD Country Life 19/09/2002: late of 'The Station', Roma, formerly of 'Glendonell' and Injune died 09/09/2002.

Ted Foster* 1942-2008

FOSTER Edward David: Slade 1946-1950, late of Nundah and formerly of Stanthorpe. Death date is listed as 24/11/2008



James Hill 1941-2025

HILL James Deuchar died 3rd November, 2025. James and his wife, Annie, have four children and grandchildren between them. James and brothers, Michael, Ian, Peter and Richard came to Slade from Thallon: James 1952-1956, 1955-1962, 1959-1965, 1965-1968 and 1969-1972 respectively.

Lionel Mace* 1934-1995 [see Mace Family Tree below]

MACE Lionel Arthur, Slade 1945-1948 from Morven. Mace Family Tree has Boggabilla as residence, death date 08/12/1995.



Roger Martin 1935-2025

MARTIN Roger Trussell, passed away in Warwick, 31st October aged 90 years. Notice 15th November: "Husband, father, grandfather, teacher, carpenter, referee, sportsman, fisherman and Leslian."

Roger's Memorial Service held at Lesley Dam Fish Stocking Association Shed, Friday 28th November, clearly honoured his ties with Lesley Dam. Roger was at Slade 1949-1950 and was a well respected Warwick High School teacher for many years before his retirement.

David McCarthy* 1936-2008 (29/01/1939 - 23/07/2008 ??????)

MCCARTHY David John: Slade 1945-1953 from Warwick. A South Australian headstone bearing his name provides these family details: husband of Rosemary; father of Jane, Paul, John and Martin. Can anyone confirm this is OUR David McCarthy? Eric Donaldson and Ted Ross tell us David's career path was as a Chemical Engineer, likely with a PhD in this field which took him to study overseas, also that he is Matron McCarthy's son, and that he is related to the McDougall clan from the Boonah area.

Donald McLay*

MCLAY Donald Colquhoun: Slade 1943-1948. QLD Gold Coast Bulletin 29/10/2012 probate notice: late of Hope Island, death date, 06/09/2012, .

Ian Naylor* 1934-2012 [Ryerson Index notice]

NAYLOR Ian Robert: Slade 1948-1950 from Applethorpe. QLD Courier Mail 13/02/2012, death date 09/02/2012 aged 77 years, late of Upper Kedron.

Robert Royes* 1931-2006

ROYES Robert Claude: Slade 1946-1947 from Alpha. Bowen Independent funeral notice, 22/06/2006, late of Collinsville; death date as per Pollard, Weatherburn, Walters, Green Family tree, 18/06/2006, Bowen.

Donald Thorne* 1931-2006

THORNE Donald Blair: Slade 1942-1944. QLD Courier Mail death date 15/06/2006, late of Redland Bay aged 78 years.

Paula Townsend* 1931-2006

TOWNSEND Paula Ellen nee McKee or McPhee: St Catharine's 1947-48 from Mackay. QLD Courier Mail 28/08/2014, death date 25/08/2014, late of Shorncliffe and Stafford.

Arthur Winter* 1938-2021

Funeral Notice QLD Country Life 22/07/2021

WINTER Arthur Kenneth late of Barcaldine and Roma, died 16/07/2021 aged 82 years.

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 and for this we rely on details about this from you at the coal face. Acknowledgement/recognition is then able to be shared with our readership. While we are always, saddened by the loss of our fellows, this is greatly appreciated and even more meaningful to those who knew and remember persons who are brought to our attention in this way and here on this page.

"Tears are the silent language of grief." Voltaire

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...

A NEW YEAR MARKS A FRESH START ON THE CALENDAR, full of hope and potential. It's also an ideal time to reconnect with those we care about. Whether we're marking the occasion in person—face to face in our own circle, or far from each another, thoughts and best wishes can mean far more than simply a canned/offhand "Happy New Year"!

As we grow older, and hopefully wiser, a better appreciation of the time we have available to us moderates our decisions and interactions. Furthermore, the range of options by which we are able to interact with each other is night and day removed from what was available to us not so long ago. Many of us are also old enough to remember a time when that trendy new invention, the telephone was not always found in everyone's home. This meant that when we needed to speak with someone who didn't live near to us, a walk, drive or ride to a neighbour's phone was what was called for to do this.

Remember trunk line calls, party lines and ring patterns based on Morse Code? Before the days of STD (Subscriber Trunk Dialling) my family's telephone number, Taroom 216K—long-short-long—caused a 1970s Sydney telephonist to become quite adamant that someone was pranking her when she was asked to connect to it. Now, in 2026, land lines are becoming obsolete and mobile phones have all kinds of hi-tech, optional extra functions which make them far more than a simple phone, and no rotary dial in sight either!

The long and the short of this preamble is to say that with such a wide choice of options at our fingertips it has never been easier to keep in touch even from opposite sides of the world and, for most of us, with immediate access—meaning no weeks-long wait for surface mail to be shipped from overseas as was the norm once. Incidentally, we are not forgetting that third-world countries and the more remote places on the planet still do not enjoy the ease of communication that most of the rest of us do. I am sure Stephen Hull has seen this first hand during his many and varied globetrotting adventures.

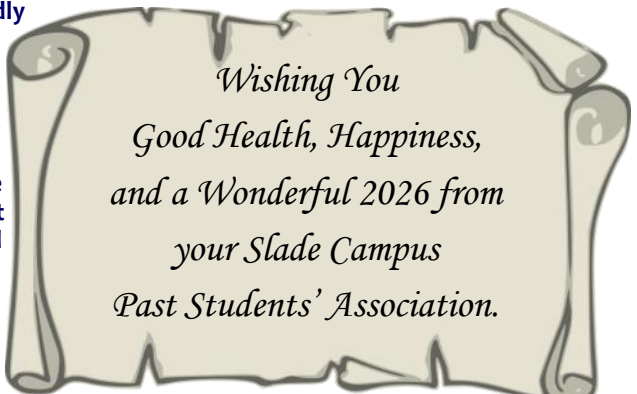
While a simple "Happy New Year!" might get the job done, there are lots of ways to say what you mean, depending on who your intended recipient is. A visit or a phone call to someone you know who is housebound or bedridden or bereaved and home for their first Christmas/New Year alone can be a wonderful pick-me-up. A note, a card, an email or a text, perhaps even one with a humorous quote or meme, may not be the same as an actual letter but nevertheless is a personal communication, it is in writing and may be revisited, reread, shared and chuckled over again as many times as the recipient's heart desires.

Plenty of us recall the weekly obligation of writing home from school. I can't speak for Slade boarders but, at the southern end of town there was always a session timetabled for this. Letters home could be sent in a sealed envelope but other letters going out from us went in the mailbag unsealed to allow all outgoing communications to be monitored (no illicit notes permitted).

At the other end of this action was mail-call, usually after lunch on week days, all of us eagerly hoping for our names to be read out so we might enjoy news from the outside world. I vividly recall reading the first letter from home in my Grade 8 year. It sharply reminded me of all those everyday, familiar things that seemed so far away—the only recollection I have of actually feeling homesick at school.

This year the opportunity has been made available for past Slade students to reconnect with the old days once again in the full realisation that this will be the last occasion of this type for many of us. As we speak, a good many have already made firm plans to be there and revisit their old stomping grounds, now in enormously updated and renovated condition to reflect 2026 safety standards and expectations.

If you are unable to attend this May 2-3 event, you might like to send us a note, text, email or even an old-school letter that could be read out and shared at this historic celebration. There will be a boatload of remembrances/chuckles/honest sentiments/congratulations to be had.



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Good Health, Happiness,
and a Wonderful 2026 from
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