



SCEGGS Moss Vale Old Girls' Union - April 2008

Newsletter

Greetings!

Congratulations to Sue Milliken on being awarded OFFICER (AO) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION - Order of Australia for service to the film and television industry through a range of organisations, as an advocate for the development of the industry, for support and encouragement of Indigenous film makers, and as a producer. Joining with our other two members Pam Perry and Fran Hills.

What a wonderful year for reunions. Judy Friend (Cameron) and I attended the combined SCEGGS Queensland reunions last year and met up with a number of old Moss Vale Girls. Note the May breakfast on Sunday 4th, unfortunately I will be unable to attend as my mother turns 95 on that day but you can be assured there will be other Moss Vale girls there and plenty to talk about with girls from all the SCEGGS schools.

Looks like you all had a lovely time at the November dinner too, see Martha's report and pictures below.

Lunch in the city was a great success as you will see from the photos later in this newsletter. The reunion for the year of '58 was well attended and we had a table of eight from the 40's.

Don't forget Back to SCEGGS Day Saturday 26th July 2008 12.00pm in the SCEGGS Darlinghurst Great Hall contact Marilyn Cook marilyn@sceggs.nsw.edu.au for information – this may be of interest to those of you who can't join us in Moss Vale.

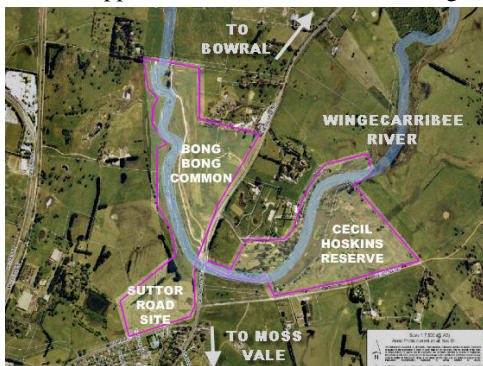
We are still in discussion with the Wardens at Christ Church Bong Bong in relation to having plaques dedicated in memory of deceased principals.

Best wishes,

Anne

Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens

We are hoping that we will be able to have a plaque here commemorating our school and are liaising with the committee who have approached us via SCEGGS Darlinghurst.



The plan is for a unique botanic gardens presenting a balance between the historical site of Bong Bong Common, horticultural and natural landscapes, a nature reserve and passive recreation, all situated on the riparian corridor along the banks of the Wingecarribee River.

Bong Bong Common - On the banks of the Wingecarribee River, not far from the bridge is the site of the initial European settlement in the Southern Highlands. Between 1821 and 1831 a single row of government buildings was erected providing housing for constables and soldiers, a lockup, a store, a school and a post office.

Follow this link for more information <http://www.cwebb.com.au/shbg/index.htm>

Queensland breakfast – Sunday 4th May – Gold Coast

8.30am Sunday buffet \$19.50 at the Palm Meadows Golf Club Parkview Restaurant, Gooding Drive, Carrara (near the Carrara Markets)

Queensland lunch – July 2008

12 or 19 July – details to be confirmed. Contact Marilyn Cook, Alumni Relations Co-ordinator, SCEGGS Darlinghurst Direct: 9339 9439 Email MARILYN@sceggs.nsw.edu.au

Old Girls' Weekend at Dormie House – 25-27 July 2008

This weekend will follow the format of those of recent years – please contact us if there is anything you would like to organise, I will be only too happy to assist you.

Friday – many of us travel down on the Friday and make a weekend of it – you are welcome to join us!

Saturday afternoon Judy Friend (Cameron) has kindly invited us to Afternoon Tea at her new home in Mittagong – join us from 2pm - turn into Louisa Street (**opposite** turn off to Frensham, Motel Melrose is on the corner of Old Hume Hwy and Louisa) then **second on right** is Ernest Street, Judy is at no. 9, down a right of way, probably best to park in street, electric gate, press button on post, watch out for dog poo (and dogs). Please contact Judy (02) 4872 4086 judy_friend@bigpond.com.au.

Saturday evening we will meet in the bar area at 6.30 for the school birthday dinner in the Dormie House dining room at 7.30 pm. (As I was typing that I thought wouldn't it be nice if we could be at school, as I am Hon Pres would I get to finally ring the gong?)

Sunday we will attend Holy Communion at Christ Church Bong Bong at 9.30 and then adjourn to The Briars for morning tea / lunch.

Rates per night will be:

Bed & Breakfast - Single \$125 & \$185 for twin share (\$92.50 pp)
Dinner Bed & Breakfast – Single \$160 & \$255 for twin share (\$127.50pp)
Dinner only - \$39.50 – please book and pay directly to Dormie House.

Don't forget to book soon if you haven't already done so – there are limited rooms available as many of us have already booked.

Dormie House: phone: +61 (2) 4868-1800 dormie@mossvalegolfclub.com.au

Old Girls' Dinner – Monday 10 November 2008

More details in the October Newsletter.

November Dinner - 2007



Margaret Duckworth(48) Shane (Browne) Leddin(68) Morna (Davey) Staunton(53) Ann (Saunders) Bartlett(49)



Clyth (Taylor) Hoult(67) Sue (Burney) Corey(64) Suzi (Farren-Price) Metz(67) ?



Helen (Madigan) King (61) Lesley (Cummins) Perry(61) Sue (Le Good) Carter(61) Wendy (Thorpe) Kelly(61)



Chick (Petherbridge)Gordon(46) Betty (Monckton)Payne(46) BarbaraWilliams(43)



Pamela (Nisbet) Patterson(45) Robin (Hume) Le Mercier(45), Chick (Petherbridge) Gordon(46)



Judith (Bray) Smith (42) Judith Young (44)



Susan Berry(70) Sarah (Thompson) Bursle(70) Jenni (Hind) Schneller(70)



Pip(Berry) Palmer(72), David Palmer(68) Wendy (Warner-Bubb) Smith(74) Helena (Boddington) van Breda(70)



Wendy (Warner-Bubb) Smith (74), Helena (Boddington) van Breda (70), Robyn (Warner-Bubb) Geale (70)



Judith (Bray) Smith (42)
Martha (Knox) Birch (70)

What a great night it was, with a turn-up of 28. Everyone had someone with whom to reminisce and the conversation flowed. Quite a few new faces and a surprise in one being an "Old Boy". David Palmer (68) was at Moss Vale in early primary school 1955-56. He has married an Old Girl, Pip, so they both attended (I think Pip came along to back up his story) and it was very interesting to have David's perspective on his time at SCEGGS. The buffet style dinner was very good and an ample supply of wine was enjoyed by all. We sang a few verses of the School Hymn and Song, always surprising how we all remember the tune and join together in the singing with such enthusiasm. Judith Smith was honoured as the most senior member of the group and cut the cake and we finally bid farewell to each other after a very energetic evening of conversation. Looking forward to doing it all again this November, Monday 10th at 6.30 for 7.00pm. Bookings and payment preferred for catering, more information will be out in the September Newsletter.

Martha

(Photos supplied by Martha – we hope we don't have your name wrong! Anne)

Lunch in the city



Alumni year '58 reunion

March 1st saw a group of around 40 "Old Girls" gather at the Westin Hotel in Sydney, with the special focus being for those of us who left school in 1958, thus marking our 50th anniversary of leaving SCEGGS Moss Vale.

From that class of '58 there were several who attended, travelling from Cairns, Melbourne, distant parts of NSW and of course from many of Sydney's suburbs. Using their birth surnames, i.e. those by which we knew them at school, among all present were Rosemary Evans (a close friend of mine, with Gai Willis), Jan Greenaway, Barbara Ingrey, Lesley

Klineberg, Jan Neville, Janet Paine, Pam Perry, Anne Roberts, Gillian Roseby, Jan Swann, Laurel Tindall and Carol Wilkie-Smith. Also there were several from the classes of 1957 and 1959 as well as those from other years and a former headmistress Val Horniman. Among my friends was Margaret Cowley from the class of '57. Marg has spent most of her adult life outside Australia, returning home to Sydney in recent years. Those of us at lunch included those who have been married – some more than once, those who have never married, those who have been widowed or divorced, and many who are grandparents, some like Gai Willis (Wiles), very new ones! Some of us have worked in PNG (Gill Roseby and myself), another in remote Aboriginal communities (Pam Perry), most have travelled extensively and some I know have worked in England, Canada and the USA. Ruth Cameron from England was there with her sister Judy who has moved to Mittagong after years living in and around Byron Bay.

The talk was deafening, photos were taken, old snaps shared around the tables and general good will, laughter, sharing old memories and finally the School Song sung with some emotion in increasingly frail voices for some of us! An occasion to remember. Thanks to our faithful organisers! **Fran Awcock (Hills)**

Vale

Janice Hall passed away in February 08.

Bob Blomfield 28 December 2007 (or Mr Graham as he was affectionately known to some of you) - It is with much sadness we heard of the death of Bob and we would like to extend to his family our sadness at their loss of such a much loved man. Beloved husband of Mary (deceased). Much loved father of Bill, Tim and Meg and father-in-law of Philippa, Jackie and Paul. Special grandfather (Kip) to Tim, Lizzie, Nelson and Jordan. Brother of Bruce (deceased) and Allan Blomfield.

We made a donation to the nominated recipient on behalf of all Old Girls.

Jo Surgeoner (Sutton) and I both attended the service at St Faith's, what a wonderful joy it was to be there for such a moving Thanksgiving Service and to learn so much more about Bob and Mary from their family and friends.

Jill Cribb nee Laycock, - November 2007 - Jill was of the class of '52 a year ahead of me, **Morna**.

I can only include information that is sent to us, so if you know of others who have died please let us know. **Anne**

Correspondence

I am sorry I haven't written to thank you for organising such a fantastic lunch - it was brilliant and I know must have been a lot of work. Some of us have changed and some of us haven't!!! Wendy Holland and Jan Stapleton came up to Bowral to see Rae and came over for coffee - it was great as Ruth was here. More of the same !! **Judy Friend**

Dinner was good. Food lovely. I only knew about 6 of the 28 people. Duckie, Ann Bartlett, Shane Leddin, Sue Corey, Barb Williams & Martha. I was the first to leave. **Morna**

Thanks Bootsie,

You do such a great job keeping us all in touch.

Andy & I were returning from Toowoomba about a months ago and decided to take a bit of a side trip and had a night in Armidale so we could catch up with Jill (Larke) for breakfast. As is everyone else, she is exactly the same and was great to see her again after all these years.

Had breakfast with Judy (McKinnon) and her husband when we were cycling through Narrandera several months ago which was terrific and also saw Kayleen a couple of weeks ago when she was in Bathurst with her berries - all these new friends!!! Happy Christmas to everyone. Much love **Julie Young**

Just wanted to thank you again for re-connecting me with an important part of my life, SCEGGS.

I contacted Marcia Petherbridge and Judy Morgan and had fun and interesting responses from both of them. I hope we can keep in touch.

I trust that your year is going well and that you continue to have good results and more new members as a result of the e-mails you printed in the Newsletter. With best wishes, **Darilyn Finn**

Not so much correspondence this time round – keep in contact and send us anything you want to share with others. I am working on getting a website up and running and maybe even managing it myself – my next challenge! **Anne**



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Please keep these dates in your diary or on your fridge

Lunch in the City - March

First Saturday in March, Restaurant Mosaic, Westin Hotel, Martin Place

Old Girls' Weekend at Dormie House - July

Falls on the weekend of the 4th Sunday

Old Girls' Dinner - November

Second Monday at twin Towers Motor Inn, Pacific Highway, Artarmon.

Queensland Combined OGU

Gold Coast Breakfasts May and November – 1st Sunday

Brisbane AGM in July

We will endeavour to keep to this cycle for our functions, makes it easier for us all to remember!

Best wishes

Anne and Martha

Anne Worboys
Honorary President

Martha Birch
Honorary Secretary



Class of '67

Are you in this photo? Thank you Vicki, Sue, Bootsie & co. **Anne**