



SCEGGS Moss Vale Old Girls' Union – April 2016

Annual Newsletter

Welcome to our Newsletter for 2016.

Below you will see photos of many happy faces of those who attended the luncheon in March. I have tried to use the most flattering photos, check out the unflattering ones on the web. Also listed below are apologies received. In all over sixty members responded to our invitation.

Martha, and her classmates, are planning a reunion in October 2016, see details below. Sue, Rhondda and I are planning a weekend in Moss Vale in the latter half of 2017; please contact me if you are interested in joining us. We will probably just do the usual, stay at Dormie House, attend Bong Bong on Sunday and adjourn to The Briars for lunch after the service.

Please advise Martha of your email address, it is important that we send as many Newsletters and Invitations via email as we no longer have access to free printing and the postage is crippling. As you will see from the correspondence below, there are many ways around the delivery issue: emails can be sent to family and friends!

Don't forget to send your photos for inclusion on our website sceggsmvogu.org.au, they will be of interest to your classmates and everyone else too!

We would like to thank Elly (Ware) McIntyre 1977, for donating a copy of the 1970 edition of Lux for our archives. We are very grateful. All donations of Lux and school memorabilia are most welcome.

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Anne Worboys, Honorary President

Treasurer's Report SCEGGS Moss Vale OGU 2015-16

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the number of Old Girls who have made generous donations to the OGU. We rely on your continuing support and if you are not a Life Member, consider the small fee of \$50 for continuation of your subscription to the Newsletter and support of the Website.

Cheque Acc		Credit	Debit	
	Balance carried forward 18.6.15	\$877.94		
29.06.15	S Carter Donation	\$100.00		
29.06.15	Postage		\$89.50	
3.07.15	JR Montgomery Membership	\$50.00		
17.7.15	D Isadore Donation	\$47.85		
23.7.15	J Kennedy Donation	\$50.00		
20.08.15	Pon Singh Donation	\$1,111.11		
24.09.15	Term Deposit Interest	\$271.35		
25.09.15	T/F to Term Deposit		\$1,000.00	
		\$1,630.31	\$1,089.50	
	Total Balance			\$1,418.75
Term Deposit				
	Balance carried forward 18.6.15	\$8,100.00		
25.09.15	Deposit	\$1,000.00		
	Total Balance	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,100.00
Cash on hand				
18.6.15	Balance	\$56.20		
01.07.15	Membership	\$50.00		
23.07.15	Donation P Whiting	\$50.00		
25.07.15	Donation J Beverley	\$50.00		
15.02.2016	Postage		\$98.00	
	Total	\$150.00	\$98.00	
		Cash Balance		\$108.20
	Total funds available April 2016			\$10,626.95

Martha Birch, Honorary Secretary/Treasurer

Hot off the press

The Class of 1970 are holding a reunion in the Southern Highlands on the weekend of 15-16 October. Starting with a lunch at the Briars at 12.30pm on the 15th and partying on over the weekend. Feel free to book accommodation locally but please contact us

to let us know you are coming. Stay for the day or the whole weekend.

For more information: Jann (Piddington) or Martha (Knox), contact can be made via this webpage.

SCEGGS Gold Coast Breakfast

Sunday, 1st May at 8am, Emerald Lakes Golf Club, Carrara, Qld. \$16.00 per person, payable at the door. RSVP 26th April to Lynne Shaw (Darlinghurst, 1971). Lynne can be contacted via the SCEGGS Moss Vale or Darlinghurst website.

Annual Luncheon 11 March 2017

Once again we plan to meet at LB's Restaurant in the Harbourview Hotel, 17 Blue Street, North Sydney. Meet in the foyer/bar at 12 noon for lunch at 12.30pm. Invitations will be emailed and posted in January, 2017.

Correspondence

When Dragons Whisper, Haunted by the Shadow of Tiananmen - Correction!

Miss Valerie Horniman (Headmistress 1965-72) has asked me to advise you that information in our previous newsletter was incorrect. "The initiative for me to teach in Chinese Universities came from Chinese academic friends "I was always employed by the Chinese University in question. My relationship with CMS was as an Associate, that is, members of CMS prayed for me as 'Val in East Asia'."



Class of '64



Howard (Senior) House and the Rose Garden



L – R is not sure which of the first two is Kerrie Kreig and don't know the other one, Pam Baxter, my sister Lynda, school friend from Roseville Girls College Lyndal Tearle, Charmain Love, Pam Vincent.

March 2016 Reunion Luncheon at North Sydney Photos: Bronwyn MacR and Anne W



March 2016 Reunion Luncheon at North Sydney

Attendees: 1953: Sue (Moore) Entwistle, Jill (Slade) Fisher and Rae (Abernethy) St Claire-Groth
1956: Carolyn (Chown) Cropper, Jo (Sutton) Surgeoner, 1957: Jane Borton, Heather (Newport) Bray, Rhondda (Hellyer) McCallum, 1958: Jane (Neville) Byrne, Anne (Roberts) Hardy, Julie (Angus) Harvey, Jan (Greenaway) Montgomery, Pam Perry, Anne (McGrath) Tyas,
1960: Julie, Sue (Wilson) Cooper, Ros (Shaw) Currie, Trixie (Hermann) Hawke, Julie (Gibbes) Hughes, Bronwyn (McLernon) MacRitchie, Margaret (Dean) Rockwell, Anne (Bennett) Worboys, Penny (Young) Galbraith
1962: Shane (Browne) Leddin, 1963: Joyce (Milligan) Thorpe, 1965: Di Gould, Judy (McCutcheon) Kennedy,
1966: Robin (Scott-) Charlton, Katharine Moss,
1970: Susan Berry, Martha (Knox) Birch, Robyn (Warner-Bubb) Geale, Jenny (Hind) Schneller, Helena (Boddington) van Breda
1974: Jocelyn (Hegerhorst) Keller, Wendy (Warner-Bubb) Smith

Apologies: 1946: Darilyn (O'Shea) Finn, "Chick" Marcia (Petherbridge) Gordon 1947: Betty (Ash) Payne
1948: Margaret Duckworth 1952: Robyn (Witney) Weller 1954: Michele (Bowman) Massie
1955: Judy (Cameron) Friend, Rosemary (Searle) Ryan, Joan (Ingrej) Stoneman
1956: Margaret (Varley) Oxford 1958: Ruth (Cameron) Thomas 1960: Lindsay (Ulrich) Watts
1962: Robyn (Dunshea) Brierley 1963: Sue (Burney) Corey, Heather (McIntyre) Galvin, Jan Newland
1965: Jayne Beverley 1967: Julie (Ollerenshaw) Rutledge 1968: Ann (Rudder) Anderson
1970: Jann (Piddington) Harry (?) : Diana (Henderson) Holgate 1971: Shelley (Fraser) Fredericks
1972: Sancha (Grey) Donald 1965-72: Valerie Horniman 1974: Penny (Butler) Sutton
1977: Elspeth (Ware) McIntyre

Correspondence

Helen (Adams) Walne (1956) Greetings Martha and thank you for the newsletter.

I think I became a life member about 10 -12 years ago – Sue Milliken generously paid it for my birthday. I can't recall if I sent you the blurb about the SCEGGS reunion down here in Hobart last October. There was a good photo of us with Jenny Allum. When is the next newsletter due? I'll try and send you something.... it's great reading about everyone's news. Best wishes

Pon Singh (1975) ...If I remember correctly I have a lifetime membership. I am still living in Thailand and want to make a donation to the SCEGGS Moss Vale Old Girls' Union. At the moment I can donate the sum of AU\$1,111.11.

I live about 10 kms north-west from the centre of Hua Hin, moved about 2 years ago. I still rent in Bangkok and go there, usually every 2 months for about 2-3 weeks... I got tired of the Bangkok traffic and smog. No beaches, but there are hills and going to a beach is a short trip. The beach is in central Hua Hin. My dog, Aria, and I go for great beach walks but she likes walking around home as there are more interesting smells than at the beaches. Aria is a novelty item here as she is a big dog, being half Irish Wolfhound/Great Dane. Very popular, with kids. In Sept 2015, I went to Europe for 5½ weeks. I rented an apartment in Bonn, and went to Berlin, Vienna and Paris. Bonn has the Beethoven-Haus Museum and I am a big fan of Beethoven. He is my favourite composer of all time, western music, and eastern music, everything included. I named my first piano Ludwig, which lives in the Bangkok house. I recently bought a Yamaha (lives in Hua Hin), which I named Van, and when I get a Yamaha grand piano, I will name it Beethoven! So then I can say to everyone: meet Ludwig Van Beethoven! I am working on a composition, which is a tribute to Beethoven and Bach. Every now and again I have asked myself why did I have to write a musical tribute to Beethoven and Bach? It's not easy because the piece will need to have a lot of integrity as I so admire the 2 composers. I want to record this piece in Bonn. I am going back there around mid May or beginning of June next year so hopefully I will be able to find a recording studio there and also hopefully I will have other new pieces to record there as well. I have recorded some of my compositions on 2 CDs. I like them, some more than others but I never record any piece unless I like them enough..... My best regards to the OGU.

Jan Newland (1963) Yes, no problem with posting photos on Facebook. ...Also, did you get the class photo – probably 1964? It is good that someone is collating all this info. I was good at sport and there was a fantastic photo of me on the wall somewhere in the school going over a vaulting horse – would love to see that one surface.

Annette Ritchie (1963)

Would love to come along in March and will join when this rush is over. I haven't changed my name. Well, I did, but it's back to the original now! I left school in 1962. I was in the same year as Ros Paspaley. I just came across the clipping for the reunion. It was too late to attend unfortunately. Would love to get in touch with some old school friends.

Carolyn (Hellicar) Mitchell (1965)

My situation hasn't changed and I am still living on our boat, the "Kristiane". At this moment we are in the Panama area and will be going through the Canal early March, 2016, crossing the Pacific Ocean, and back in Sydney to live, in November of this year. Thanks for all you do with regard to the OGU and I look forward to meeting with you, and others, in a few years' time.

Anne (McGrath) Tyas (1958)

Earlier this month I attended the 170th anniversary of Christ Church Bong Bong. You will be pleased to hear SCEGGS girls were

mentioned as part of the history and there was a good photo of old girls at the 2012 reunion at the service. So we are not forgotten at the church.

Rae (Abernethy) St Claire Groth (1953)

Wonderful luncheon. Thankyou so much for organising it all, it went so smoothly. An old girl, in my class of 1951-52, is Anne Davidson. She has had a lot of illness and lives in Hunters Hill. Her nephew, James, would love to get her to our next luncheon. Anne is not on the net but you could perhaps list her under James address, hope this is possible.

Shane (Browne) Leddin (1962)

Many thanks for your organising the luncheon – it was a great day.

Bronwyn (McLernon) MacRitchie (1960)

Here are the photos from the reunion yesterday. Not all as clear as I like, but easy to see the faces. Thank you for a great lunch and get together.

Peter Lloyd Margaret (MacDonald) Keeling's (1959) grandson

I am happy to receive any information for her through my email address as she doesn't have one. Margaret is sorry she is unable to attend on the 12th of March but thanks you for the invitation.

Beverley Thompson (1951)

Thank you very much for sending me an invitation to the OGU lunch on 12 March. Unfortunately I cannot join you on this occasion, but would very much like to catch up with you all at some future function. Would there be others from the school years 1947-48 attending? Sadly, Anne Bartlett passed away last year - she was a member of Middle Harbour Probus Club, where I was also a member. I do enjoy reading the newsletters you have sent me and appreciate receiving them very much. I have recognised a few names from my school days. Having been out of the business world for many years, I have just got the hang of this 'tablet'. Unfortunately can't print from it, but this is my email address (withheld).

Julie Hughes (1960)

Thank you for this reminder. I was alerted of this reunion lunch again some weeks back by Ros Currie. I haven't been free to join you for a few years but have 12th March already marked on the Calendar, so God willing, am hoping to be able to meet up with you all again. God's blessings, meanwhile.

Sue (Moore) Entwistle (1953)

Hope this finds you well and well watered as we have been---now my garden is getting dry and pump is on the blink. See you soon.

Elizabeth (Symons) Casimir (1965) Thank you for your Newsletter... I was sad to learn that Anne Bartlett had died. We lost contact with her after Bill and I left Sydney to retire to Byron Bay. Many of our Sydney friends have stayed connected and have come to stay over the years but sadly Anne wasn't one of them. She was a lovely person, very quiet and gentle. I think it was me that reintroduced Anne to attending the OGU reunions. I recall driving her to her first one in a long time. It was one held in Moss Vale, mid 1990's. I have some movie footage of the trip but unfortunately no stills. Anne shot those, I believe. My mother had her 95th Birthday on Friday (19th June). She shares that date with my best friend from SCEGGS, Denise (Jones) French. This year will be our 50th since leaving school. Because of distance we don't see a lot of one another however Denise and I did a wonderful trip together in 2011 on the cruiser, *Lady M*, along the Kimberley Coast. She is amazing; still running a sheep farm in country WA. My mother lives near us at Feros Village in Bangalow and one of the carers is a SCEGGS OG. Her name is Meriel ? (Merilyn (Tidd) McBeath (ed)) She was possibly in class of 1970 as she came to the school after I left. I gave her OG union info but don't know if she has followed that up. There is another SCEGGS OG who has a Mum in Feros' Care at Bangalow. My eldest daughter turns 40 in September, so feeling much older these days however, my youngest is 23 and a constant reminder to us that we aren't too old after all.Again, thank you for keeping us all connected.

Louise (Glanville) Hannemann (1977) Thanks for the newsletter Martha, and I am afraid I am not sure if I have paid a \$50 Life Membership or not. Please let me know if I have not and I will send the \$\$ via EFT. I will need your banking details too please. I too, enjoyed the reunion in December and I know quite a few more of our year, Form 3 in 1974, who would have loved to have made it but for various reasons were unable to. Maybe, another time. Thanks for your newsletter and all the work you do.

VALE Christine (Chew) Holley (1970) 23.3.1952 to 16.1.2016

I am writing to let you know that my wife Christine Holley will not be able to attend the reunion as she passed away on the 16th January, 2016. Regards, Lindsay Holley

On leaving school Christine trained and worked as a florist, then in fashion, moving on to customer service for Medibank. After meeting her husband, Lindsay, and marrying in 1974, the greatest joy in her life was adopting their son, Patrick, in 1985. The family moved from Sydney CBD to Tamworth, Hornsby and Gosford. They ran a couple of businesses, then Chris finally working as receptionist at IGT, until her retirement due to poor health.

Christine had a great love of life and an enthusiasm for all it had to offer. She loved people, flowers and dogs, especially King Charles Cavaliers. She displayed absolute and total devotion to her husband, son and her extended family. She was involved in charity work such as pet therapy for children in hospital, pet safety for school children and then helping with the victims of the Bali bombing, supporting one child through to completion of High School.

Throughout her long illness, she was never a burden. Always courageous and open to helping others to learn from her own experience. Although Christine only spent a brief time at Moss Vale, she made good friends and was a lot of fun and always good for a joke.

She will be sadly missed by all her 1970 classmates.
