



# SCEGGS Moss Vale Old Girls' Union

## Annual Newsletter- April 2018

### November 2017 Lunch at "Eschalot" Berrima



Judy Friend (Cameron), Janelle Pegler (Harris), Rae Mackenzie (St Clair Groth), Frannie Furner (Staplefeldt) and Robyn Weller (Witney)



Shane Leddin (Browne), Rhondda McCallum (Hellyer), Anne Tyas (McGrath), Sue Cooper (Wilson), Jan Gluth (Kirkwood), Gillian Rutledge (Ollerenshaw) and Vicky Dodge (Chauncey).

### Class of '72 reunion October 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 at The Briars



From L-R 3 girls not from '72: Carolyn Chaplin, Jocelyn Hegerhorst & Jenny Pearce. Then, Back Row: Lorraine Hodgson (partially obscured by Lyn Haug (Charlton), Helen Bradley, Jan Wortz (Menzies) peaking over: Margaret Hart (sister of '72's Joy Hart), Joy Brabham (Hart), with the beads), Ms Peerboom (Maths teacher with the scarf), Susan Head, Anne Morison (Burbridge), squeezed between Susan & Sancha), Sancha Donald (Gray), Mary Butterworth, Haidee Lea (English). Kneeling along the front Jeannie Dobney, Pip Palmer (Berry) & Penny Roberts (Deaton).

### March 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reunion Luncheon in North Sydney



L-R: Mel White (Fisher) '74, Rosemary Smith (Cunes) '75, Helena van Breda (Boddington) '70, Martha Birch (Knox) '70, Gillian Rutledge (Ollerenshaw) '65, Jocelyn Keller (Hegerhorst) '74, Pip Friedrich (Pilkington) '74 and Debbie Rose (Negri) '74



Heather Bray (Newport) '58, Barbara Knight (Ingrey) '58, Jan Montgomery (Greenaway) '58, Anne Tyas (McGrath) '58, Anne Hardy (Roberts) '58 and Robyn Palmer (Smyth) '58



Sue Cooper (Wilson) '60, Roslyn Currie (Shaw) '60, Margaret Rockwell (Dean) '60 hidden, Joyce Thorpe (Milligan) '63 Katharine Moss '66, Bronwyn MacRitchie (McLernon) '60, Shane Leddin (Browne) '68, Trixie Hawke (Hermann) '61 hidden and Anne Worboys (Bennett) '60



Rhonda McCallum (Hellyer) '57, Jill Fische (Slade) '53, Sue Entwistle (Moore) '53 and Joan Stoneman (Ingrey) '55

Not photographed: Jan Neville '58 and Jo Surgeoner (Sutton) '56 & Carolyn Chown (Cropper) '56

**Welcome to your 2018 Newsletter.**

There were a number of reunions this year, two in the Southern Highlands and the second in North Sydney. Thank you all for your input to this year's edition. It makes for a much more interesting read. Thank you also for all your emails. We are always interested to hear about reunions that you have held or planning, also in receiving photos old and new that we can add to our web and Facebook pages [www.sceggsmvogu.org.au](http://www.sceggsmvogu.org.au) **Remember, if you are now on email, please let us know.** Don't forget to keep the first Saturday in March each year free for future reunions. They are great fun!

***Luceat Lux Vestra,***

Anne Worboys, Honorary President

**Treasurer's Report**

Martha Birch, Honorary Secretary/Treasurer

<b>Treasurer's Report SCEGGS Moss Vale OGU 2017-18</b>				
Acc	161599296	Credit	Debit	
<b>Balance carried forward 5.4.2017</b>		<b>\$2,617.54</b>		
6.4.17	Postage stamps		\$149.85	
6.4.17	Newsletter printing		\$175.89	
10.5.17	Sue Kelly donation	\$50.00		
31.5.17	Bank Interest	\$1.52		
2.6.17	Margaret Oxford donation	\$100.00		
25.7.17	Website fees		\$35.90	
23.8.17	Website name registration		\$136.50	
25.9.17	Term Deposit interest	\$273.00		
29.9.17	T/F to Term Deposit		\$1,000.00	
30.9.17	Credit interest	\$0.79		
31.10.17	Credit interest	\$0.13		
30.11.17	Credit Interest	\$0.12		
30.12.17	Credit Interest	\$0.13		
31.1.18	Credit interest	\$0.13		
24.2.18	Credit interest	\$0.11		
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$425.93</b>	<b>\$1,498.14</b>	
<b>Total Balance</b>				<b>\$1,545.33</b>
<b>Term Deposit</b>				
<b>Balance carried forward 5.4.17</b>		<b>\$9,100.00</b>		
29.9.17	T/F from Savings Account	\$1,000.00		
<b>Total Balance</b>		<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10,100.00</b>
<b>Cash on hand</b>				
<b>5.4.2017 Opening Balance</b>		<b>\$87.70</b>		
10.4.18	Envelopes for Newsletter		\$6.00	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$87.70</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>	
<b>Cash Balance</b>		<b>\$81.70</b>		<b>\$81.70</b>
<b>Total funds available</b>				<b>\$11,727.03</b>

**NEWS FLASH!**

This is the book, "A Spanish Love Affair", written by my cousin Susan Alexander. Available from Amazon.

She went to Moss Vale in 1963 - I left in 1962. She won the tennis competition for Smith House. Then went to Redlands in 1964, I think. Thanks for organising the dinner - food & service were excellent.

Cheers,

Shane Leddin (Browne) '68

## Reunion at Briars: Class of '72 – and friends!

Over the October long weekend, 17 Old Girls and one ex-teacher had a wonderful reunion at the Briars – 45 years after leaving school. We had a very long lunch in a private room at the restaurant, followed by an “after-party” for those staying on at the Briars. Some of the girls arrived (early) on Saturday afternoon and were able to start the festivities the evening beforehand, as well as attend Christchurch Bong Bong on the Sunday prior to the long lunch.

For those who stayed on the Sunday night, there was brunch the following morning at the Cecil Hoskins Reserve. The weather was warmer than expected and lent itself perfectly to the picnic brunch. A special delight was Helen Bradley (Brelaz) coming all the way from the USA to join us, and Mary Butterworth coming all the way from the UK. Sadly, some of the “girls” (and another ex-teacher) who would have liked to join us, were prevented by various circumstances, leaving us wondering about a “next time”! *Jeannie Dobney, Class of 1972*

## November 21-24 Dormie House Moss Vale

It turned out to be a “50’s” reunion. Rhondda, Sue, Anne, Joyce, Katharine and Shane stayed at Dormie. Janelle, Rae, Anne Roberts (thank you Anne for suggesting such a delicious venue) and Frannie live in Bowral, Judy in Mittagong, Gillian in Nowra, Jan Gluth in Gerringong and attended the lunch at Eschalot Berrima. See photos above.

## March 2018 Reunion at North Sydney

This year 30 attended the lunch and we were all in good voice for the School Hymn and Song, led by a very able choir. We had tables representing the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s. There was a lot of chatter and catching up all round. The alumni year reunion of 1958 was well represented to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Correspondence



Hi Anne, does anyone look familiar in this old photo - I am sure I have seen it before but can't really place it!!??? Think it is a photo of a sports team.

Regards, *Rosemary Manusu (Campbell) (1956)*

*Heather's response:* I have a couple of names in the photo. 2nd year, around 1959.

Back row left to right? ? ? Could be Jenny Hoggard, ? Pat Read, definitely Bronwyn McLernon.

Front row ? ? Kerry Wolstenholme, Sue Aitcheson.

Maybe others can correct me. It looks like day girls in the back row. They were in my class at some stage. Cheers, *Heather Galvin (McIntyre)*



As always, wish I lived closer and could come.

Mother managed to live in her own unit until her 103rd birthday. She had community help for about 9 hours a week. However, she needed to move into residential care about 6 weeks ago and is now appreciating breakfast in bed and having more help when she needs it.

Friends continue to take her to "Sing Australia" choir each Wednesday, her many church friends and gardener call in, and one of her "children" visits Hobart from interstate each month. Mother is making an effort to settle into her new surroundings and join in various activities. She is at Hawthorn Village, 23A Wells Parade, Blackmans Bay - just down the hill

from where she has lived for 30 years and in her own community.

The photo of four generations was taken in April with me, our daughter Miriam and her daughter, Clara.

Hope life is being good to you, Anne. It was fun to see you and Sue when you were in Adelaide.

Enjoy "old girls" and give my best wishes to those who knew me when we were all considerably younger! *Ruth Butler (Prescott)*.

## Vale

### Gay Daniel (Laurance)



I am writing to let you know that my mother, Gay Daniel (Laurance), died on 6th April 2017, aged 86 years. She had attended SCEGGS Moss Vale and often told stories of her time there. Born 11th June 1930, I suspect she finished school in around 1947.

Late of Zetland, Port Macquarie and Mosman, died peacefully surrounded by family in Cherrybrook.

Daughter of Guy and Esme Laurance, sister to Gerald (all dec). Loved mother of Mark and Denise, adored by son-in-law Brian and grandchildren Ben, James and Francine.

Fiercely independent, she was passionate about the arts and loved playing bridge. She adored her friends, family and neighbours. SMH

I would be most grateful if you could update any relevant records. Kind regards, *Denise Jepsen* (daughter, and SCEGGS Darlinghurst old girl, 1972-1974)

### Elizabeth Payne (Ash) passed away suddenly on 19th October, 2016.



Betty Ash, known as Bash at school, attended SCEGGS MV as a boarder from 1941 - 1947. Betty, and her younger sister Mary (dec 16/2/2009), were sent from Melbourne to SCEGGS together, having been weekly boarders at Tintern C of E Girls Grammar School in Melbourne from the ages of 9 and 6 respectively. Betty enjoyed her years at SCEGGS. She played hockey, cricket and basketball receiving pockets in all three. She was a prefect in 1946 and 1947.

As Betty and Mary were unable to return to their home in Melbourne during those seven years, School holidays were spent at Throsby Park and various guest houses in Moss Vale. During those years, horse riding brought great enjoyment and she won many ribbons at gymkhanas, although, always riding other people's ponies. There is no doubt that SCEGGS provided for them, not only a secure home but good training in self-reliance amongst other skills. After completing the Leaving Certificate, Betty moved to Sydney where she commenced training as a radiographer. She lived at the CWA club in Kings Cross and worked with Dr Nisbet at his practice in Macquarie Street and later at the Repatriation Commission. Dr Nisbet's daughter, Pam Patterson (Nisbet) was at school with Betty at SCEGGS MV. In 1951 Betty married Bill Payne, a medical student at Sydney University. They were very happily married for just over 65 years, living in Wahroonga and Beecroft. Betty had three daughters: Sally, Fiona and Brigid and 5 grandchildren. She was an energetic and busy person with a wide range of interests: a competitive golfer, playing well into her seventies; a keen bridge player and had enjoyed weekly Duplicate up until recent times. She loved the garden and her home. Although Betty did not continue with riding she was passionate about her dogs, be it a dachshund or cocker spaniel and had only recently acquired George, a miniature dachshund and a great pal.

Over the years Betty kept in touch with school friends and she always looked forward to the reunion lunches and dinners. It was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with 'mates' from those Moss Vale years. *Sally Cook (Daughter)*

### Susan Ruth (Hutchings) Metcalfe



*"You either get bitter or you get better. It's that simple. You either take what has been dealt to you and allow it to make you a better person, or you allow it to tear you down. The choice does not belong to fate it belongs to you." Josh Schipp*

From the Funeral Service Sheet for Sue at St John's Anglican Church, Wagga. It said a lot about Sue and the way she coped with the rheumatoid arthritis, developed in her early twenties, that certainly didn't define her but made her into a person who was loved and admired by family and her many friends. She lived a full and happy life, she always greeted you with a smile and never a complaint crossed her lips.

Born 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1938, she spent most of her youth on "Dromore" Station north of Cooma, where her Father was a property manager. It was here she developed her lifelong love of horses.

At the age of eight she started boarding at Canberra Grammar School but ran away and fortunately was returned to her parents. Her next school was SCEGGS MV, and despite the fearsome reputation of Matron Wood she fell in love with the school and enjoyed being there until she matriculated in 1955. Sue was Captain of Tait House and a Prefect; she also played in the teams of Cricket, Tennis, Hockey and Basketball. On Sundays, the students walked up the hill to Christchurch Bong Bong and there she sometimes got to play for the hymns. In the early 60's, she moved back to Wagga Wagga to be near her parents who moved from "Dromore" to manage "Grong Grong" Station. She met Ron Metcalfe, at a party and began a marriage that lasted almost 55 years. Their life began at Rosewood on "Jananee", covered with stringy bark suckers, big trees and rabbits. They aimed to get back to farming country and after 5 years of hard work they were able to move to "Maderia", between "The Rock" and Lockhart where they worked and raised their three children: Lisa, Nickola and Anthony.

Her painful disease made an impact on her life. She had the ability to rise above this and keep doing the things she loved. Sue was the chief Riding Instructor of Children at the Rock Pony Club. The Rock Show Society honoured her with Life Membership for her years of service. The N.S.W. A.P.S.B. Welsh Pony Assoc' awarded the "Sue Metcalfe Perpetual Trophy" to The Best Led Pony Exhibit at The Rock Show in honour of the thirty years of contribution and devotion to the horse community throughout N.S.W. Sue and Ron developed a large garden together even hosting an Open Garden. The garden was a place she loved to be. She continued to help Ron on the farm. He was able to buy a special truck so Sue with the kids jammed beside her could still drive the grain to the Silos at harvest time. He was also able to adapt a special hand operated clutch on the tractor so she could continue to assist him. Ron also cared for the children while Sue was in hospital recovering from her many operations, three hip replacements, fused ankles, a metal femur inserted, plastic knuckles, chronic skin ulcers, fingers and toes gone missing. In the end, her leg as well. In her indomitable style, she commented, "I am glad it's gone, one less thing to worry about".

There were a few SCEGGS girls living in our area, namely Rosaree Goodman/Strong (nee Lockett), Ann Pulvertaft (nee Crawford), Janis Gooden (nee Cornell), Sue and myself. Ro gathered us together and with our school hats and tie we would gather for lunch and reminisce on our school days and wonder at the wisdom of our school board who closed our school down. The day didn't end until we sang the School Hymn or Song. *"Luceat Lux Vestra" Sue Hutchings!!* *(Mary O'Connell (Bouffler))*

