



SCEGGS Moss Vale Old Girls' Union

Newsletter November 2019

Welcome to your second Newsletter for 2019.

I have made plans for our annual lunch will again be at North Sydney for Saturday 7th March, 2020 – the cost will be \$45pp. An invitation will be send in January, please pass it onto your peers and friends.

I have decided I will retire at the 2020 reunion. So put your heads together and nominate a younger member to carry on in my place as President. I will still be around to support the new President, but hopefully she was have ideas of her own on how best to manage the OGU.

Luceat Lux Vestra, Anne Worboys, Honorary President

There has been a lot of sad news this year. Our thoughts are with the family and friends of deceased 'Old Girls'.

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Barbara Frances Williams 27/9/1926 - 14/3/2019 – Past President



2010 Dinner Left to Right **Back Row:** Kathleen McCredie (54), Margaret Duckworth (48), Robyn (Hume) Lemercier (44), Leonie (Edwards) Bisiker (70), Jennifer (Hind) Schneller (70), Deborah Vidler (70), **Middle Row:** Betty (Ash) Payne (47), Judith (Bray) Smith (43), Helena (Boddington) van Breda (70), Jann (Piddington) Harry (70), Victoria (Chauncy) Dodge (70), Martha (Knox) Birch (70), **Front Row:** Chick (Petherbridge) Gordon (44), **Barbara Williams** (43), Judith Young (44), Susan Berry (70),

Born 27 September 1926 at Vacluse which, apart from various changes, was her home base for the rest of her life.

Her secondary schooling was as a boarder at SCEGGS Moss Vale which she loved. She admired and respected the Headmistress and made many lifelong friends. The Moss Vale O.G.U. was very important to her in later life.

After school she enlisted in the W.R.A.N.S., was appointed to Harman where she found work interesting and stimulating.

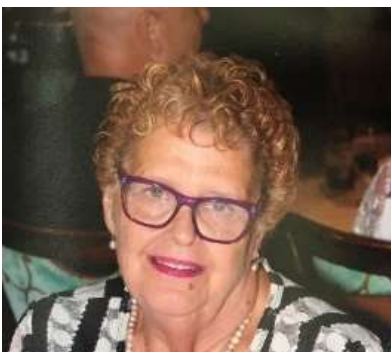
Following the war she trained at the Australian College of Physical Education, taught at N.E.G.S. and later went to England.

She settled in London, taught at two schools, enjoyed a very satisfying life and could have remained but her Mother became ill and Father summonsed her home. She nursed her Mother back to health, later her Father became ill and died.

Sometime later she was appointed to SCEGGS Wollongong in a part-time positions as she felt she should spend time with her Mother who later moved to Mowll Village.

Barbara's health deteriorated and eventually she had to sell her flat in Vacluse and move in to 'care, first at Randwick and latterly at Croydon where the nursing care was very good indeed and where she died on 14 March 2019.

Barbara had always said that she would like on any death notice Past Pupil of SCEGGS Moss Vale. ***Kath McCredie***.



Dear Martha and Anne, I note that Louise was receiving notifications from SCEGGS news. I was assisting Louise in her final difficult months with emails and bills and hence just notifying a few people in case news had not already reached you.

Louise **CROWDER (Weiland)** (Qld. Combined OGU)(my father's wife of over 32 years and my step mum) sadly passed away on 15th April 2019 and a funeral was held this week on the Gold Coast.

Consequently perhaps you would let her class mates know and remove Louise from further email.

Kind regards, ***Jeanie Crowder***



Robyn BAUER (Francis)

Robyn was born on March 12, 1945 and passed away on Thursday, October 10, 2019.

Robyn with her husband Dennis resided in Huntsville, Alabama for 6 years, and in Chelmsford, MA and Westford, MA for 12 years and in Sierra Vista for 23 years. She loved to swim and her most important job was a fulltime mom, wife, and taking care of her family. She will be sadly missed by her family and all who knew her.

Robyn was raised in Sydney and attended the Sydney Church of England Girls' Grammar School (SCEGGS) Moss Vale, and, later, the Prince of Wales Hospital School of Nursing's Accelerated program. After receiving her nursing degree, Robyn enjoyed traveling in England and Europe working as a nurse.

Robyn and Dennis were married in Sydney on December 30, 1969. After returning to the US, they resided in West Hempstead, New York. They returned to Sydney in July 1970. Eight years later, the family returned to the US. She and Dennis travelled frequently to Sydney to visit family and friends (although she was not very fond of flying).

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Robyn came to SCEGGS in sixth class.

Robyn's father owned K.D. Francis chocolate factory and you can be assured the classes she was in always had the sweet stall for the fetes.

Robyn participated in all sports, guide company, school and chapel choirs.

I remember one day when in upper Howard Miss Graham asked why she was wearing a cape at the end of school term. Before she could reply two cooked chickens fell out and down the stairs. They were for our midnight feast.

Another incident I remember Robyn came to Badham's House and whispered. Don't tell anyone but Howard burnt down last night.

After school Robyn went to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and qualified as a Registered Nurse.

Her friend Dorothy McGrath asked her to be a bridesmaid at her wedding. There the best man was Dennis Bauer. They later married and had 2 girls and 1 boy and they moved to America, where Dennis was from.

Robyn's health took a downturn and she was in a nursing home where she passed away from complications of Parkinson's and heart failure. **Heather Galvin (McIntyre)**



Margaret & I in Uniform 1948



Margaret Ellen VANDERFIELD (Cotter)

Aged 86 years. Passed away with family at her side on 23 March 2019.

Margaret and her sister, Ann, were born in Sydney and attended school at SCEGGS Moss Vale, Margaret was there for four years, then became a Nurse at Sydney Dental Hospital before she married. Margaret had four children and eight grandchildren, unfortunately Margaret's first born son died from Haemophilia at an early age. Margaret met and married Roger Vanderfield who was the Registrar at the North Sydney Hospital, who later became a top referee in Rugby. **Ann Tedder (Cotter)**

You may have heard from her sister Anne Cotter, but if not, please note that **Margaret VANDERFIELD** died peacefully last week. We have remained great friends since school days and I will miss her very much.

I have moved to Bowral and if there are any old girls down here who were at school in the 1950's I would be grateful of their names. I left school, after doing the leaving certificate in 1951. As I am now 84, I suspect there are not many still living. I am in good health. Kind regards **Marya Everett (nee Crawford)**



Vale - Ruth SAINSBURY, It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of Ruth Sainsbury, Music Teacher at SCEGGS Moss Vale. A dedicated teacher who brought wisdom, wide experience and humour to the classroom. Ruth was highly skilled in choral education and instigated inter-house choral competition with the fundamental belief that Music is for all, not just the talented. Girls at SCEGGS were given many opportunities through her for choral performance as well as musical excursions and incursions. These included performances at local and not so local community events, church celebrations, eisteddfods and countless freezing hours under the school pine trees! Her exceptional teaching skills and cheerful commitment to Music Education, especially at SCEGGS, will always be remembered and valued by those who were taught by her. **Helena van Breda (née Boddington, 1970)**



Class of '53 in happier times at their reunion at **Morna's** (deceased) house. **Franny** (front row 2nd from right), **Gretel** (back row centre) and **Noema** (front row on left) are all in this photo.

Gretel Elizabeth Pickering

Gretel PICKERING (Moore)



Passed away - 28th May 2018. Late of Maleny and formerly Sydney.

Good morning Anne,

... My strong memory of Gretel was her amiability. Joining in our activities. I think she especially enjoyed cricket scoring under the pine trees. I also remember an incident while we were marking white lines on the tennis court. We took the top off the marking machine and for some reason it sprayed over Gretel and ruined her uniform. I think Gretel was a strong influence on the Old Girls Union. Love **Jill Fisher**

I first met Gretel when she was on the committee of the OGU. She was very enthusiastic and would get everyone involved in whatever the next function was to be (the Union was quite social in those days circa 1958). With Gretel's enthusiasm membership grew considerably. I also recall Gretel being very glamorous. After moving to Maleny with her husband and girls Gretel happily welcomed any Old Girls that called by, as I did with my husband come years ago, we had a very happy catch up. **Vale Rhondda McCollum (Hellyer)**

Noema ROWE (Graham)

14.11.1935-19.5.2018. Beloved wife of Rex (dec). Mother of Susan, Rex Leonard and Rohan. Mother-in-law to Janet and Denise. Grandmother to Aaron, Katherine, John, Bridget and James. It's time to be reunited with Rex. Rest in Peace.



Back: Bouff and Gillian
Front: Noema, Gretel, Franny



Back L-R: Franny Furner, Gillian Stapledon, Jill Phelps and Morna Davey
Front: Bouff, Jill, Gretel and Bev West



Frances Russell STAPELFELDT (Franny Furner) Passed away - 31 March, 2019 Late of Bowral Aged 82 years. Dearly loved wife of Graeme. Loved mother of Johanne, Kathryn and John and Stephen. Cherished Ma Ma of Adrian and Alysha, and great-grandmother of Jordan and Arizona. Your memory we will always treasure, in our hearts you will stay forever.

Mrs Millicent PRESCOTT

Dear Ruth

Not sure if you would be aware of this tribute to mother.

I would hope there would be a similar memorial in the next SCEGGS Journal.

I'll circulate this to my network of "gels" from the Class of '56.

Kind thoughts and warm wishes, **Helen Walne (Adams)**

What happy memories I have of Mrs Prescott's History classes, always for me an interesting subject. We did love to side-track her onto stories of growing up in India, which led to extra homework and reading to catch up on what we didn't cover in class.

Anne Worboys (Bennett) Class of '60

