



SCEGGS Moss Vale Old Girls' Union - October 2011

Newsletter

Greetings!

We have had a busy year and caught up with so many of you, lots of new faces which is exciting for all.

We had a wonderful convivial reunion at Moss Vale this year, as always. We were joined by both the Classes of '61 and 71. We were made very welcome at Bong Bong and the lessons were read by two of the girls from the class of '61 Wendy Thorpe and Lesley Cummins.

Don't forget to keep these annual dates in your diary:

Lunch in the City – March, first Saturday - Restaurant Mosaic, Westin Hotel, Martin Place – 3 March 2012

Old Girls' Weekend - July falls on the weekend of the 4th Sunday - Dormie House, Moss Vale – 22 July 2012

Old Girls' Dinner – November, second Monday - Twin Towers Motor Inn, Pacific Highway, Artarmon

Queensland Combined OGU – Gold Coast Breakfast; Brisbane AGM – July (www.sceggs.nsw.edu.au).

Does anyone know when our OGU commenced? It is mentioned in the history that in 1914 the Bowral branch OGU was formed. "SCEGGS MV a Brief History 1906-1974", compiled by Margaret Duckworth, let me know if you would like me to send you a transcribed copy (no charge) or you can download a photocopy of the original from our website.

Martha has lengths of '**The School Hall**' curtains for sale, they can be ordered on the form below.

We look forward to seeing you soon at a reunion or of hearing of your get togethers.

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Anne Worboys, Honorary President

Old Girls' Dinner – Monday 14th November 2011

Twin Towers Motor Inn, Pacific Hwy, Artarmon at 6.30pm. The cost for this excellent dinner is \$45 per person, and includes wine, cheese platter and the school's birthday cake and coffee.

Martha Birch, Honorary Secretary

Lunch in the City – Saturday 3rd March 2012

We will once again be meeting at the Mosaic Restaurant in the Westin Hotel, Martin Place, Sydney. The cost per person for an excellent meal and an inspiring venue will be around \$50 for two courses, tea, coffee and petit fours. I will confirm details early in 2012 by email, if you are not on email please let me know you are interested and I will ring you to let you know final details. Contact *Anne* for bookings.

SCEGGS Southern Highlands Reunions

Please contact *Rae St Clair Groth (Abernethy)* for details.

Can it possibly be 50 years since Speech Day 1962?

We wish to contact the 15 girls who were in UIV that year. Also those members of our class who left before the Leaving Certificate. Plans are underway for a reunion at Moss Vale to coincide with Old Girls Weekend in July, 2012. *Please contact – Robyn Brierley (Dunshea)*

Alumni Year '61 reunion

This weekend in Moss Vale there were 20 "old" girls celebrating our 50th anniversary of leaving SCEGGS Moss Vale.

Dinner on Friday night at Sutton Forest Inn for 7 of us, which included a slight brush with the local constabulary (the breathalyser showed negative!) was the start of a wonderful weekend.

Lunch on Saturday was held at Centennial Winery, Bowral, with wine tasting and a light meal to follow – this time no sign of Mr. Plod. We all rushed back to Dormie House or various homes and farms in the area, to change for dinner at Dormie House. A wonderful night with lots of chatter, photos, squeals of delight as old friends were recognised and even singing, when we cleared the dining area with our renditions of the School Song and Hymn. What we lacked in talent we more than made up with enthusiasm. A wonderful surprise appearance for dinner was Miss Maslan, our

sport mistress in 1961 – a great favourite with us all. She came all the way from Tasmania to be with us for the weekend.

A thick frost blanketed the area on Sunday morning, when we all arrived at Bong Bong Church for morning service. Lesley Cummins and Wendy Thorpe read the lessons from the St. James Bible, while we all shivered in the pews. Photos were taken in the church of us all after the service and the parish had even provided tea and coffee with wonderful home-baked slices and cookies to warm us up.

Then off to Sue Le Good's beautiful home in Canyonleigh where a wonderful lunch was prepared. Lesley Cummins had arranged for a special treat- a tier of cupcakes bearing the school crest – truly a work of art. Sue and her talented husband showed some of us around her garden and art studio – and even saw a photo of Sue riding horses with Princess Ann!!

We all traded names and addresses, emails etc. and decided to meet again in three years when the majority of us turn 70 years old!!

In attendance were: Sue Carter (Le Good), Juno Adamson (Gemes), Ruth Butler (Prescott), Gillian Plaistow (Smith), Diana Bradhurst (Keeling), Margaret Palmer (Maslin) – Sports Mistress, Robyn Carrier (Shepherd), Sandra Ellis (Conrad), Val Smith (Ower) , Cas Burrige (Horton), Margaret Copp (Stewart) , Helen Fitzgerald (Maloney), Caroline Barraket (Jennings), Carolyn Kinsela (Hill), Sue Forster (Davies), Lesley Perry (Cummins), Helen Madigan (King), Sue Stewart (Sanderson), Trixie Hawke (Herman), Colleen Bray (Hickey), Bronwyn Murdock (Flook), Wendy Kelly (Thorpe), Carolyn Conlan (Johnson), and Penny Jools (Williams).

Special thanks go to Lesley Perry, Sandra Ellis and Anne Worboys for going to so much effort to get us all together.

It is always interesting to know what your classmates are doing these days, so the following is a short list of some of the wonderful things the class of '61 are doing:

Gillian Smith – Gillian works tirelessly for the Heart Foundation and rather than just collect donations, she climbs mountains, is planning a walk across Australia in 2014 and won a Gold Medal for Australia in the Master's Games in the USA in cycling.

Val Ower is President of the Welsh Pony Association here in Australia and has travelled the world representing this group. She also travels extensively around Australia judging events involving the Welsh Pony.

Carolyn Houghton has returned to Australia after living for 17 years in Greece. She is now living back in Moss Vale, where she is involved in arts and pottery.

Helen Maloney is a well-known wildlife and Botanical Artist with an exhibition currently showing at the Bungendore Wood Works. Her work is truly exquisite.

Maggie Stuart , who once worked as a psychiatric social worker, is now living in Tasmania and has become an artist.

Colleen Hickey has just left Sydney, to travel to Mongolia, stay in a Yurt and play polo. Her late Husband was involved in the game, and she still loves it.

Wendy Thorpe is living in Queensland where she and her husband have joined the Grey Nomads, travelling all over Australia in their Winnebago.

Ruth Prescott, whose list of achievements are many and include a stint of teaching in Kenya, gave a short talk at dinner on Saturday, on her parents, in particular her father, who had died recently. She was accompanied by her sister, Jane, and it was wonderful to see them both again.



Helen Madigan, Wendy Kelly, Lesley Cummins and Sandra Ellis



Robyn Carrier and Lesley Cummins



Sue Stewart, Val Smith, Di Bradhurst, Wendy Kelly, Helen Madigan and Lesley Perry



Di Bradhurst, Trixie Hawke, Gillian Plaistow, Margaret Copp, Sue Sanderson & Robyn Carrier



Sue Stewart, Robyn Carrier and Di Bradhurst



Robyn Carrier and Sandra Ellis

Moss Vale Reunion

Year of '71 joined us on Saturday for lunch, among them Robbie Hindmarsh (Springett), Elizabeth Varley, Jan Beare (Marsh), Victoria Dodge (Chauncy), Jane Bootes, Wendy Lower, Julie Faint (Long).

Also in attendance: Sue Milliken, Joan Sutton (Surgeoner), Jan Kirkwood (Gluth), Jill Chauncy (class of '34), Sue Wilson (Cooper), Shane Leddin (Browne), Joyce Thorpe (Milligan), Katharine Moss, Alice Miller, Margaret Duckworth, Carolyn Horton (BurrIDGE), Jane Prescott (Durrant), Wendy Powers (Thornton), Robyn Weller (Wittey), Rhondda Hellyer (McCallum), Judy Cameron (Friend) and Rae Abernethy (St Clare Groth) Helen Shepherd (Sherringham).



Top: Lunch and wine tasting at Centennial Winery

Left: Lunch at the Briars

Right: Bong Bong

Correspondence

Hi Anne, Was lovely talking (at length) this morning. My questions re the following old girls are as follows...

- 1) Cathy Duncan - Tamara (Simpson) Metaxas wanted to know how Cathy died, which she heard had happened somehow (I sent her a newsletter). Tammy is from Year 1960 I think, like yourself, and living in Athens. She recently lost her husband,
- 2) Carolyn (West) ?Magnusson - Does anyone know her contact details? Last I visited her in a NSW country town, when she had a few young children and was married to Stig Magnusson. She was a close friend of mine and we dreamed together in the fields of SCEGGS, where we were given the job of looking after 2 calves (May & June), mostly spoiling them.

I hope there may be some information. Thanks again for your help. Ann Pollock (Farago)

I have sent a message in the past looking for an old school friend that attended SCEGGS Moss Vale from the late fifties. Her name was or still may be Jacqueline Brown. Her family resided in Sydney and New Guinea. I am keen to know if anyone can give her my email address and ask her to contact me. Thank you for the help. *Joanne Lennard*

Hi Martha, ... Jacqueline was born in 1950 or 1951 as we were at school together in Fairlight until she moved to New Guinea in and around 1959 or 1960. Jacqueline was then sent to SCEGGS Moss Vale later so I may have the timeline incorrect. We corresponded for some time and then of course life took off and we lost touch. Jacqueline resided with her Grandparents when she lived in Sydney and then joined her father in Papua New Guinea. It was from there she was sent to Moss Vale. I did read on the Face Book site that some of the other girls commuted in school term breaks back to New Guinea with her. They called her Jackie Brown. We shared a lovely friendship together and were both upset when she moved away. I am sure she would want to reunite. Thank you for your help. *Joanne Lennard*

As always I really enjoyed the newsletter keep up the good your efforts are really appreciated. My back problem doesn't allow me too much mobility these days and the eyesight in the left eye prevents me from driving beyond Maleny, oh well that's life. Just a small correction about Rosaree Lockett she was suffering from Multiple Myeloma a very rare cancer of the blood for about 4 years, I last saw her and Pat Louw (Reynolds) at the Mapleton for lunch she was diagnosed a few months later. Both Pat and Rosaree were Wagga born and lived in town so were lifelong friends, both married South Africans met in London and lived in South Africa. Ro and her first husband returned to Australia to Ro's property at Lockhart where he died during a game of tennis, she then married a local Peter Strong and stayed there. She left Moss Vale in 1950 and as Sue and I started 1951, we met her thru the Lockhart girls i.e. Mary Bouffler and Janis Cornell. Her funeral service was on Friday 15th April her 76th Birthday. Her full name was Rosaree Theresa Lockett she had 2 children and was very active in many ways in Lockhart. Pat Louw (Reynolds) 3rd husband died last year in Brisbane where they had lived for years, I last spoke with her just after Ro died. Sorry about the gossip snippets hope you enjoy them I do. Cheers, *Gretel*.

Sue reminded me last night that Rosaree played the organ every Sunday, *Gretel Pickering (Moore)*

Hi Anne, Home from the River shack today and printed off the OGU Newsletter, I always love reading it but find there is a bit of a hole where our year is concerned. I see that Joyce Thorpe and Shane Leddin are mentioned (pleased that they are holding the flag for the year of '62, even though I think Joyce went back again in '63).

I have been missing in action myself, with the time we spent in Brisbane and then my year as Chairman of our Inner Wheel District, which ends on 27th June.

Next year will be our 50th Anniversary of leaving school and it would be good to organise the girls to attend one of the OGU functions. The last time we got together was our 25th celebration and I managed to track down most of them for that. I was wondering whether you or Martha could tell who is on you mailing list at this time from our year and then I will try to track the others. I would love to join you at Dormie House in July so I will keep my fingers crossed.

You and Martha do a great job and I am sure we all appreciate the work you put into keeping us informed.

Kindest regards, *Robyn (Dunshea) Brierley*

Dear Anne, I really enjoyed the special Old Girls' Reunion. It was terrific to catch up with the girls, some of whom I had not seen for years. Have enclosed a few photos which you may like for your records. Le Good's garden was amazing, it must look great in Spring and Autumn. You do a good job Anne, in keeping us all in touch and the Newsletters etc. Well done. We are lambing at present and so far a good result, quite a few twins and 2 sets of triplets. (Thanks for the photos of your triplets.) Need rain badly, as does out West, for the crops. I hope to attend Dinner in November at Artarmon. Take Care *Trixie*.

Vale



WENDY STARK (MORTON)

Cheryl (Fitzgibbons) Wolf has asked me to say thank you for the Newsletter.

In reading the Newsletter we have discovered that the OGU may not have been informed of the death last year of Wendy Stark (nee Morton) who was at SCEGGS with Cheryl in 1962-4 approximately. Wendy passed away on the 24 March 2010 and was buried on 29 March 2010 near her home. Wendy died of cancer. She is survived by her husband Bob and two boys Justin and Travis and had 4 grandchildren. She lived at Kellyville for the past 15 years. Cheryl and I attended her funeral. Cheryl was the only friend from SCEGGS who attended.

Cheryl and Wendy had stayed in contact regularly and we had dinner with Wendy and Bob a couple of months prior to her passing. She was her usual optimistic and bright self. We knew she had had some illness but were unaware of the extent of the cancer. We were quite shocked when Bob rang and gave us the news.

Cheryl, Kay Pittman and Sue Farren-Price, all SCEGGS friends, were bridesmaids at her wedding about 1970.

You may wish to include this info in your next newsletter.

With Kind regards, *Michael Wolf*, Vice President, Chevalier Past Students. Photo supplied by Bob Stark, Wendy's husband.

Thank you Michael, we did mention Wendy's death in the April 2010 newsletter but not in detail. *Anne*



ROSAREE THERESA LOCKETT

Rosaree with Pat Louw (Reynolds) and Gretel Pickering (Moore). Rosaree was born in Wagga Wagga on 15th April 1935. She was the only child of Alice & Ted Lockett & lived a wholesome & happy life with her parents in Narrandera. She was educated at Narrandera High School & finally finished her education at SCEGGS Moss Vale.

In 1956 Ro & good friend Pat Reynolds at the age of 21 set off with huge amounts of luggage to see the world.

Ro enjoyed the Lockhart community & worked at the Museum, she was President of the Brookong Craft Shop which had over 50 members. Ro opened her family home & garden to raise money for the Smith Family & the Museum. Ro enjoyed retirement & loved to travel. Life was too good to be true and in 2007 Ro was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. Ro has always been cheerful & even this did not destroy her happy disposition.....

SUSAN CRAWFORD (SCARF) Year 1956



Photo 1: Sue acting up with Judy Friend (Cameron) Helen Walne (Adams) during Saturday bedlinen changing on the verandah Senior Dorm...taken by Sue Milliken

It is with great sadness that we write of the passing of our dear Susan (Sue), whom we all called Pud. She had battled cancer for some time and succumbed in February this year leaving behind two sons, Clyde and Donald, Clyde's wife CASSIE with whom she had a close relationship, and two granddaughters Carys and Ella whom she adored. In her latter years Sue devoted all her time to her family, playing bridge at competition level in her spare time. Always focussed on her fitness, once she retired from her work as a Careers Advisor at Hornsby Girls High, she enjoyed swimming daily at a pool near her home on the Northern Beaches of Sydney.

Prepared by classmates Geraldine Wegner (Elliott), Sue Milliken, Carolyn Chown (Cropper) Jan Bowen (Oldfield) Helen Walne (Adams)

MR. PRESCOTT



Our dear Father, Alwyn Prescott, was "promoted to glory" on 11th July 2011. It was a peaceful passing and all "children" were with him in the days beforehand, and attended the service to celebrate God's goodness and his life.

As an engineering student and then a lecturer at Sydney University, Father was very active in sharing his faith through his church, the Evangelical Union, youth camps, CMS League of Youth, and a weekly beach service on Balmoral beach with CSSM.

In 1943 Father was ordained and served Christ and the church faithfully for the next 65 years in the parishes of Normanhurst, Austinmer, Moss Vale, Pittwater, Milsons Point and Battery Point.

Love, Ruth.

SUE HAYES

I had news about a girl from our year, Sue Hayes, who died recently. I will be sent info re her memorial service
Martha

Thank you family and friends for providing these obituaries, which are available on www.sceggsmvogu.org.au

NOVEMBER DINNER at Twin Towers Inn, Artarmon

Please post your cheque before 5th November 2011

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