



# SCEGGS Moss Vale Old Girls' Union

## Annual Newsletter- April 2017



The Young Ones at the March Reunion



The Oldies at the March Reunion



The In Betweens at the March Reunion



All of us at the March Reunion



Sue, Morna, Lucy, Carole, Jill & Lesley on The Farm 1951



Sue (on left) celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday-March Reunion



Kalomyra on the Hamble – Warsash Ferry



Wendy at her home



Sue, Helen & Anne in Hobart



Sue, Ruth and Anne in Adelaide



Class of 1970: L to R: Deborah (Scandritt) Hutchinson, Jenni (Hind) Schneller, Martha (Knox) Birch, Marion (Gibson) Huho, Victoria (Chauncey) Dodge, Robyn (Warner-Bubb) Geale, Belinda Henwood, Helena (Boddington) van Breda and Ann (Fieldhouse) Nelson.

Welcome to your 2017 Newsletter.

We held a very successful reunion in March at North Sydney, attended by over 30 'old girls' from the 40's to the 70's. Singing the School Song and Hymn brings tears to my eyes, so many memories and you do it so well! (Thank you to Duckie and Shane for leading us.) We plan to meet again next year at the same place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in March.

How about sending us your stories for the next Newsletter or for Bronwyn MacRitchie's proposed anthology, see Bronwyn's email below in correspondence. Also please send me interesting history or photos for inclusion on our webpage [www.sceggsmvogu.org.au](http://www.sceggsmvogu.org.au).

Rhonda McCallum (Hellyer) celebrated her 60 year anniversary, if you are interested in having a year reunion please contact Rhonda via our webpage. Details of other reunions planned for this year below.

*Luceat Lux Vestra,*

*Anne Worboys, Honorary President*

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report SCEGGS Moss Vale OGU 2016-17				
Acc 161599296		Credit	Debit	
	Balance carried forward 1.4.2016	\$1,418.75		
6.04.16	J Harry Membership	\$50.00		
8.04.16	T Cosgrove Membership	\$50.00		
26.4.16	Snap Printing for Newsletter printing		\$210.18	
26.4.16	Officeworks for Label blanks		\$71.00	
9.5.16	Newsletter postage		\$130.50	
27.05.16	J Newland Membership	\$50.00		
31.05.16	Credit Interest	\$1.37		
10.06.16	Donation for Valerie Horniman Funeral		\$50.00	
4.08.16	Website		\$136.50	
24.09.16	Interest from Term Deposit	\$223.49		
21.10.16	Donation from Judith Seymour	\$50.00		
13.02.17	Donation from Pon Singh	\$1,111.11		
24.2.17	Membership J Dobney	\$50.00		
9.03.17	Donation from Bev Thompson	\$211.00		
	<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>\$1,796.97</b>	<b>\$598.18</b>	<b>\$2,617.54</b>
	<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$8,100.00</b>
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	<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>\$56.20</b>		
17.5.16	Envelopes		\$12.00	
5.9.16	Postage		\$3.20	
3.03.17	Name cards		\$9.50	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$56.20</b>	<b>\$24.70</b>	
	<b>Cash Balance</b>			<b>\$87.70</b>
	<b>Total funds available</b>			<b>\$10,805.24</b>

Thank you to our generous donors, your donations help to defray the costs of printing, postage and web hosting.

*Martha Birch, Honorary Secretary/Treasurer*

## Reunion for the Year of 1972

(i.e. Sancha Gray's year) Format: a long lunch on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, just for the Year of 1972 (i.e. anyone who was ever in the same class with Sancha).

We are planning the following: When: **Sunday 1 October 2017** - Where: Briars, Moss Vale

The following day i.e. **Monday 2nd** (of the long-weekend) there will be a picnic brunch at Cecil Hoskins Reserve open to everyone i.e. other years, partners, ex-teachers, etc...If you can help us locate anyone from the year of 1972 please put them in touch with Jeannie Dobney via our webpage.

If you are interested in attending either day and/or would like updates about the event closer to the time, please also let Jeannie know.

## November 21-24 Dormie House Moss Vale

**Three night mid-week reunion for all years.** We plan to have lunch with the Southern Highlands contingent and just generally visit our favourite haunts. Please let Anne know where you would like to have dinner and if there is a consensus she can make a group booking.

Rates for bed & breakfast packages are: Standard double - \$179.00 per night (for 2 people in room) or - \$149.00 (for 1 person in room); Deluxe - \$209.00 per night (split beds if needed); View - \$219.00 per night (split beds if needed). Dinner is an 'a la carte' menu: 2 courses for \$45.00, 3 courses for \$60.00.

Please book with *The Dormie House Team* ph.: 0248 681 800 [www.dormiehouse.com.au](http://www.dormiehouse.com.au) [dormie@mossvalegolfclub.com.au](mailto:dormie@mossvalegolfclub.com.au).

## Class of 1970 Reunion, Southern Highlands, 15-16th October 2016

A small group of the Class of 1970 met for an intimate get-together at the Briars for luncheon on the Saturday. There were 13 of us out of a possible 50, which was a little disappointing but we made the most of having a small group to connect with and catch up on everyone's news.

We hope to repeat this again soon with plenty of notice to attract a larger number. Not in photo: Joy Batty, Pim (Ross) Grogan, Jann (Piddington) Harry and Janet McNicol.

## March 2017 Reunion at North Sydney

We had a very enjoyable reunion, attended by over 40 'old girls', receiving apologies from a further 25. Photos on page 1.

Those who attended were: Sue Cooper (Wilson) 1960, Anne Worboys (Bennett) 1960, Joyce Thorpe (Milligan) 1963, Di Gould 1965, Robyn Weller (Witney) 1953, Mary O'Connell (Bouffler) 1953, Jan Gooden (Cornell) 1951, Sue Entwistle (Moore) 1953, Frannie Furner (Staplefeldt) 1953, Rae St Clair-Groth (Abernethy) 1951, Anne Hardy (Roberts) 1958, Rhondda McCallum (Hellyer) 1957, Shane Leddin (Browne) 1962, Debbie Rose (Negri) yr 11 1974, Pip Pilkington (Friedrich) 1974, Jen Jones/Taylor 1975, Carolyn Mitchell (Hellicar) 1965, Gillian Rutledge (Ollershaw) 1965, Jill Fisher (Slade) 1953, Helen Gardiner 1975, Belinda Henwood 1970, Martha Birch (Knox) 1970, Susan Berry 1970, Jennifer Costello (Chambers) 1970, Margaret Duckworth 1948, Susan Aisi (Kalo) 1972, Roslyn Currie (Shaw) 1960, Margaret Rockwell (Dean) 1960, Julie Brackenreg 1960, Leonie Leonard 1964-65 yrs 7-8, Judy Kennedy (McCutcheon) 1965, Jocelyn Keller (Hegerhorst) 1974

## Correspondence

It's been a busy 12 months for me with reunions in Sydney, the UK, Hobart and Adelaide.

What fun to meet up with school friends you haven't seen for many many years. Last year I had a lovely visit with my classmates Kalomyra in Sarisbury Green near Southampton and then went on a magical mystery tour by various trains to visit Wendy in her 'Lilac Cottage' near Chippenham (I loved the Lilacs in Moss Vale, so was quite envious of Wendy and her Lilac bushes). See photos on page 1.

Sue Cooper (little Sue Wilson) and I cruised to Hobart and Adelaide earlier this year and met Helen and Ruth for coffee.

We had so much to talk and reminisce about! *Anne Worboys (Bennett) 1960*



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 Manus (Campbell) (1956)*

Sorry I missed the lunch last Saturday, I was quite looking forward to it. I believe I missed quite a delicious meal too.

Lots of us have memories from our time at SCEGGS Moss Vale; this is evident with the reminiscing when gathered together. I would like to collect these memories and put them together in an **anthology for everyone**. (Unless this has already been done.) I love hearing these stories.

Would you be able to send an email to see if there is any interest?

Short, long or in-between, it's all great stuff. Could be impressions, memories, incidents or just a bit of history. There are loads of stories there and I'd like to put it together.

I would be happy to receive these via email. If anyone would prefer snail mail, that's okay too. Also - maiden names and dates would be helpful. Absolute accuracy is not necessary - it's all about impressions. If facts are your thing, then great.

Let's see what happens. Thanks Regards, *Bronwyn MacRitchie (McLernon) 1960* via our webpage.

Feb 17, 2017, Dear Martha, It is with regret that I tell you that the **Queensland branch of the SCEGGS OGU** has closed through want of support. This is very sad for those older members who still remember the school (Moss Vale & Redlands prior to 1976) with pleasure. As this is the case I can no longer pass your info on to members. Perhaps you could do it through *Michelle Kadi at Darlinghurst?* Kind regards, *Lucy Crowley*.

Ormiston, QLD 4160. Dear Ms Birch, Please find enclosed cheque for \$50.00 (fifty dollars only) as a *donation* towards the cost of postage for the Newsletter. I was *Judith LOWRY* at Moss Vale from 1948-52. I regret that I am unable to attend the various luncheons and reunions. Thank you very much for all the work you and the other ladies to, on producing the Newsletter, and the \$10,000 in our bank account!! The April Newsletter was wonderful! Yours sincerely, (Mrs) *Judith B Seymour*

Mosman, Dear Martha, I do like to hear news of Moss Vale, but I left aged 13 in 1943, so am about to turn 87. I don't think I would know anyone at your get-togethers. It would be fun if I did. Jennifer Nisbett was in my class. Best wishes, *June Temple (nee Bousche)* **PS I did my last 5 years at Darlinghurst School but liked Moss Vale the best!**

## Vale

### Thoughts on Miss Valerie Horniman, Headmistress at SCEGGS Moss Vale from 1968 to 1972

Miss Horniman died on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and there was a memorial service for her on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

As the Headmistress of a Girls' Boarding school, Miss Horniman appeared to many of us as a reserved, neatly dressed, rather strict, Christian and somewhat enigmatic woman. We were to gradually discover that one could glimpse an intelligent person, possessed of fairness, insight, who loved a joke and seeing others have fun and succeed. She did her best to help students achieve their goals in and we express our gratitude for the benefits that still flow from her encouragement. Her interest in and support of music and the arts steered school life in her time there.

Many years later, perhaps thirty-five years later, when she attended an "Old Girls" dinner in Sydney, we were able to hear her stories and adventures while teaching in China. It dawned on us how young she must have been when she was Headmistress. What responsibilities she had taken on as such a young woman! And we wondered if she had actually been a little frightened by what she faced.

A vivid memory, many senior students have, is being invited at short notice one cold morning into the Headmistress' flat, to sit around on the carpet in the living-room warmth, in front of her small black-and-white TV. What a rare privilege to witness man's "giant leap" the first landing on the moon, in grainy images, on that little TV. One student relived the living-room scene recently in mid-May, watching a time-worn Buzz Aldrin sign copies of his new memoir at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC, USA. It was titled: "No dream is Too High".

This description, "no dream is too high", seems apt for Valerie Horniman, too, in how she taught and lived.

### **Shepherd** (nee Barham) Fiona Campbell

Passed away suddenly at home 14/4/16 in Melbourne on April 2016. Daughter of Raymond (dec) and Mollie. Loving wife of Richard. Devoted mother of James and Louisa. Doting grandmother of Mirabelle.



Janette **Sandwell** (Jan Innes) died on 29 September 2016 Aged 77 Years

Dearly loved wife of Adrian. Much loved mother and mother-in-law of Anthony and Sarah, Craig and Anni, Kim and Drew. Beloved Ma of Jessica, William, James, Heidi, Nicolas, Sonny, Knox and Van.

"At Peace With Her Lord".

Jan's funeral service was held at St John's Anglican Church, 43A Belmont Street, Sutherland on Friday 7th October, 2016.