



SCEGGS Moss Vale Old Girls' Union

Newsletter - September 2012

Greetings!

Just a short note from me, as we have lots of contributed copy, thank you! **Note the change of date for the dinner.**

As usual it was exciting to see so many old and new faces at our Moss Vale Reunion. I hope someone is planning the year of '63 reunion for next year?

Luceat Lux Vestra, Anne Worboys, Honorary President

Old Girls' Dinner – Monday 19th November 2012

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

Martha Birch, Honorary Secretary/Treasurer

Lunch in the City – Saturday 2nd March 2013

Join us for lunch 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 2013 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.

Alumni Year '62 reunion

Twelve girls from the 1962 Alumni Year were at our weekend. We were able to contact another 11 who were unable to come. They sent their news and good wishes.

Our first meal together at "The Exeter Café" was a wonderful occasion. An elated group of ladies greeted each other – some hadn't met for 50 years. We were pleased to see Helen Gibson who came from Trangie via Canberra, with her sisters. Pauline, who lives in Moss Vale hosted Grace, Helen and Margaret. The Exeter Café was a perfect venue – friendly hosts, good food and pleasant surroundings. After the meal we went various ways – we browsed in furniture shops and craft outlets, visited Grace's mother at Bundanoon, and did other things.

A highlight of the weekend was the dinner at Dormie House. Dormie House was celebrating Christmas in July, so the room was quite festive and ham and turkey were on the menu. During the evening people chatted animatedly and perused SCEGGS memorabilia. Bronwen Young found in a Lux magazine, a poem she had written about us all. Our singing of the school song inspired 2 other male guests to give us an impressive rendition of their school songs. Those of Mosman Prep and Shore School. (We were all very noisy and laughed a lot, *Anne*)

Breakfast was a cheerful occasion. Everyone enjoyed the luxury of a cooked breakfast and more enthusiastic conversation.

Another highlight was the service at Christ Church Bong Bong. The congregation welcomed us warmly on arrival and Elizabeth and Robyn Edwards' brother David, led the service. We enjoyed Helen's relaxed reading of the first lesson about Jesus healing the sick woman and raising Jairus' daughter. I read the second lesson from Psalms and it was very perplexing. Rector Dean Reilly delivered an inspiring sermon. The church looked splendid – having recently been renovated. Bronwyn McLernon played the organ when we sang the school hymn, and as we left the church. We were provided with a delicious morning tea and lingered in the church taking many photographs.

Lunch at the Briars was also very fine. We had a private room – "The Bong Bong" room. Again the food was excellent - I enjoyed the crumbed brains! (I was the only one who made that choice).

The weekend was a great success. Everyone was at ease and enjoyed each other's company. Thanks to Anne Worboys for organising it so well. *Shane Leddin*

Moss Vale Reunion

I will leave the photos to speak for themselves, sorry I couldn't use all of them in the newsletter; view them soon on our website www.sceggsmvogu.org.au. Thank you to Pauline Rice and Bronwyn MacRitchie for the photos and to Bronwyn for gathering the profiles. Thank you Margaret Duckworth (Duckie) for your good wishes and congratulations on becoming an octogenarian!

Attendance List: Sue Cooper (Wilson) 1950-1958, Sue Corey (Burney) 1959-1962, Rhondda McCallum (Hellyer) 1953-1957,

Joyce Thorpe (Milligan) 1961-63, Katharine Moss 1961-1966, Bronwen Wolfson (Young) 1958-60, Penny Galbraith (Young) 1957-59, Shane Leddin (Browne) 1957-62, Margaret Reeks (Minehan) 1958-1962, Pauline Rice (Gray) 1957-1961, Helen Langdon (Webb) 1960-62, Grace McEachern (Thomas) 1958-62, Marion Huhu (Gibson) 1964-1970, Trixie Hawke (Hermann) 1956-60, Robyn Brierley (Dunshea) 1959-62, Di Gould 1962, Jan Driver (Carey) 1958-60, Helen Meads (Gibson) 1958-60, Bronwyn MacRitchie (McLernon) 1955-60, Shirley Daley (Webb) 1962-65, Anne Bootes 1962-1967, Gillian Rutledge (Ollerenshaw) 1962-65, Barbara O'Brien (Gibson) 1959-64, Heather Galvin (McIntyre) 1952-61 and Sue Milliken 1954-56.



Dinner at the Post Office Cafe & Bar



Class of '62 Exeter General Store



Dinner at Dormie House



Enjoying the Buffet at Dormie House



Class of '62 at Bong Bong

Vale



(Colleen) **JANE BURATTINI (JENKINS)**, 26 June 1952 – 17 March 2012.

Jane was at SCEGGS Moss Vale in the 60's. *Katharine Moss*

Correspondence

9.5.12 - Dear Martha, Just read and, as always, enjoyed the Newsletter and just wanted to share some further P. L. Travers information. A local orthopaedic surgeon organised a fundraising day involving his joint replacement patients, buying and planting over 20,000 daffodil bulbs at Bradman Oval, Bowral. This is a great initiative and the money will go towards the planned life-sized statue of Mary Poppins, so the local connection continues. Kind regards, *Stefani Cummins* (nee Ireland) 1970.

17.05.12 - Thank u very much for the newsletter, always nice to read and see some girls I remember. I live in the UK near Bath in Wiltshire and would be **interested in getting in touch with any old girls residing in the UK**. I have some photos I will try to forward to you. *Wendy (Chapman)* 1960.

19.6.12 - Does anyone know what happened to Miss Kemp (German) Mrs Williamson or Williams (German/French before Miss Kemp) and guitar and the lovely Miss Brown who taught History in '73 and also the female Indian teacher we had for science in '72 and '73? *Robyn Northdurft* 1972 – 73

24.8.12 - Hello, I am trying to contact my cousin, **Kay Pittmann**, who was at the school in the early to mid-1960's. She lived in Kangaroo Valley at the time when my Aunt owned the Guest House. She was married to Peter Brown, from London and, after having a cleaning business in Sydney, they bought a yacht and were last seen sailing in North Queensland. I thought perhaps she was in contact with the alumni and someone had a current email or other contact. Thank you, *Luke Atkins*.

Dear Anne, Many thanks for your latest newsletter which was awaiting me when I returned home from holidays. I do enjoy reading them and it was wonderful to see that Penny Clarke (Plaugmann) has made contact. I was a friend of Penny's while she was at school but we lost touch when she went to England. I would love to contact her if I could have her email address please.

Also saddened to read of Jan Oldfield's death, and thought the words of our classmates and friends were lovely and painted a great picture of "Holy". I was in constant touch with her sister and sister-in-law through the CWA Executive, but have had a fair bit on my plate of late and have taken a step back from positions in CWA...let the younger ones take the reins....hopefully. *Marg*

Again many thanks for all your efforts, I for one truly appreciate the hard work and the newsy letters which are a blast from the past. *Marg*

Hi Anne, ... I guess there may be someone out there that remembers me, with Janet's death one realises just how long we have been around. I know the Sydney based girls keep in touch, but those a little further afield seem to have slipped off the radar. I do keep in touch with Sally Kierath (Richardson) and Gwyneth Bish (McKay) spasmodically that is everyone has such busy lives it is

easy to lose touch. Again thanks for all the hard work you and your cohorts have put into our Old Girls' reports and events. It is just a pity I can't get to any of the social functions and I guess there are many more like me...there in spirit if not in person !!!
Marg Oswald (McGregor)

Many thanks for your very interesting Newsletter again this year, I always enjoy it, and love to catch up on all the news. I will be attending the Old Girls Weekend, I just need to book in. Kind Regards, *Gillian Rutledge (Ollerenshaw) 1965*

Wow! Didn't know there was an Old Girls Group, got a copy of the newsletter from Marya Crawford, would have loved to be at the re-union in Bowral. Margaret and I went to SCEGGS 1945 - 50, remember Ann Saunders and Margaret Duckworth well. Have photos and memorabilia. **There's sure to be other old girls in Canberra, can you advertise it?** In the recent newsletter Robin Ellis made a comment 'wonder what became of all those old girls etc. We remember her from school, as we too are quite old girls. Would love to have more info, and be on the mailing list, ...*Ann Tedder (Cotter)* Thank you, it would be nice to print my em in the next newsletter (especially if there are some of my 'old' friends who read it.) What is your website address. *Ann*

Hello Anne, Here is the list of cups still with me. Anne Bootes happily took the Athletics cup, however she declined the house cups, so there are still quite a few here, as follows:

House Drama, Inter house Netball, Inter house Swimming, House Chess, Inter house Hockey, Junior house Relay, Golf cup, House Netball, Overall best house, Senior Swimming champion & Junior Swimming, Open doubles Tennis & Singles House Tennis, Junior Athletics, Senior House Relay & Softball, Bowral Open Choir, Inter house Scholarship cup & cup for Individual merit. Cheers *Rhondda McCallum (Hellyer)*. **Please contact us if you are interested in having any of these cups.**

Anne Blakemore (Frensham) is looking for Serena Barlow, please contact us if you know Serena's whereabouts.

Once again I thoroughly enjoyed Old Girls' Reunion and the Service at Bong Bong. ...It is always good to catch up with the girls, and am already looking forward to next time, and am hoping to attend the March function. Take care, *Trixie Hawke (Hermann)*



Emails in response to my email about the sale of the SCEGGS property and including excerpts from 'Lux' and from 'Sculptor of Spirit' The Story of Angela of Stroud. *Anne*

Address: Lot 3 Suttor Road, Moss Vale, NSW 2577- Property For Sale Details:

Price: POA

Bathrooms: 10 - Bedrooms: 12

View this property at allhomes.com.au

Thanks for notification of the book ...I visited Angela with Michael Williams about 10 could be 15 years ago. She was wonderful - that was a great Claire Monastery. Hope it's still going. Buy the old school eh! Could be a hotel for Pixies? All Best, *Juno Gemes*

I drove past the gate a month or so ago, and it was all for sale. It made me rather sad. I left there at the end of second year high school, in 1963. *Robin Charlton*

Hi Anne, Thanks for forwarding this info, most interesting about the sale of the property - I don't recognise a lot of the buildings, seems they have torn down the old central one and rebuilt? I have a picture of Howard that I took myself and it looks much the same though. Best wishes, *Pat McKay (Walsh)*

Thank you for sending the photos. It was great to see it again. It is amazing just how clear our memory of it still is. Still keeping busy and can't believe that we are all approaching 80. (not all that quickly). A group of silly girls on a tractor or smoking cane in the sewing room, is a long way back. By the way my daughter called her second daughter Lucy and she never knew that that was my nickname at school. Give my love to anyone you come across, *Barbara (Lucy Harman) Steel*.

Thanks for the photos, Anne, they are really great and lovely to see our school in beautiful colour. Wish I was multimillionaire and could buy the property!! I have just returned from 3 weeks in the States with my friend and ex SCEGGS girl, Pamela Miles (Duffey) and I know you email newsletters to her so she will be delighted to get this. I will be talking to her on Skype on Saturday so will get her reaction. My apologies for not being able to attend the weekend in Moss Vale but will try and make sure I go next year. Will see you at the dinner in November. *Ann Bartlett (Saunders)*

Dear Anne and Martha, Someone got in before I did with the news of ex. school 3 Suttor Rd., being up for sale. Nil to add, but if I do then will let you know. Alas, I'll not make the week-end reunion (and we're only down the road so to speak) as family duties call in Townsville again over that time for a couple of weeks (army family.) Apologies, and greetings to any and all who may remember me. Shall attempt to make the Nov. luncheon in the city. Am sure you'll send on relevant info. Happy O Gs week-end meantime. Re. info. which may be useful. The "Moss Vale Post Office Cafe and Bar" is open on Friday nights from 6 pm. It's best to book as it gets very busy I'm told. ... Yes, it is the original P O. Haven't eaten there yet but word from friends who have, its most pleasing. *We enjoyed our Friday night dinner, Anne*

Thank-you both for all your wonderful efforts to keep all of us OGs so well informed you well deserve all sincere compliments. Best Regards, *Robyn Weller ("Witney.")*

Dear Anne, Thank you very much for keeping me in the loop. I was shocked at the state of the school buildings and am very glad that my dear mother (Miss Graham) will never know. I do hope that the next owner takes measures to remedy the damage. All other articles also of interest. Best wishes, *Tim Bloomfield*

Any responses to this correspondence will be forwarded by email. Anne and Martha

Some Profiles from Old Girls' Weekend

JOYCE THORPE (MILLIGAN) - Married to Wendy Thorpe's brother, Bob Thorpe. Accountant with two children and two grandchildren.

PENNY GALLBRAITH (YOUNG) - Lived at home breeding horses, competing and judging all over Australia. Travelled overseas several times and moved to Range Road, Mittagong for five years working for my father with stud cattle – mainly new European breeds. Married a grazier in Sutton Forest (next door to K. Moss’ family). I have five children and now eight going on nine grand children and loving being their “Da”. Two live in Toowoomba, two in Tamworth, two in Newcastle and two + on our farm.

BRONWEN WOLFSON (YOUNG) - Nurse at Children’s Hospital Westmead. Did nursing and went to England 1969 then South Africa 1972. Married there and came back to Australia in 1976. Currently living in Eastwood. Three Children. Daughter is a missionary in Spain - Son is a Virgin pilot with two grandsons - Son who lives at home.

GILLIAN RUTLEDGE (OLLERENSHAW) - 1962–1965 Year 10 - Joined accountancy firm in Nowra and still employed there today. Married Neil in 1971 and have a daughter and two sons. We now have a granddaughter Olivia, 18 months old. I have just returned to Girl Guides as a leader as the unit was about to close.

HELEN GIBSON - Married three times. Went nursing at Mater Hospital after first marriage broke up. Nursed in Tumburumba and Warren after travelling overseas. Had a brief marriage after returning to Trangie to the family farm. Present husband John have been together 25 years but married for only 4 years. Raised three stepsons. When walking broke right femur in fowl yard eleven weeks ago. Will go back to work at Trangie Hospital.

JANN DRIVER (CAREY) - 1958 – 1960 - Two grown-up children living at home. I have been a member of Long Reef golf club for 30 years. I really enjoy my golf and the friends I have made there.

HEATHER GALVIN (McINTYRE) - 1952 – 1961 - Live on Lake Macquarie and play golf three times a week when not raining. Second marriage for twenty-three years. Combined total of eight children, nineteen grandchildren, one great grandchild.

BRONWYN MacRITCHIE (McLERNON) - 1955 – 1960 - My final year of school was spent in WA (1961) where I lived with my aunt and younger sister and brother. Returned to NSW in 1962 and spent six months as a Jillaroo on a sheep station in Cobar. 1962 – 1965 nursing at Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick while also studying music at the Conservatorium of Music in Sydney. 1966 Punch Card Operator for several years while also working intermittently as a waitress and cleaner to earn extra money for an overseas trip. Joined a Rock Band when I turned 18 playing keyboard/guitar/bass and left in 1969 to travel to Scotland, where I was married. I returned to Australia in 1971 (very homesick!) resuming music studies at the Conservatorium and have worked as a Specialist Music Teacher in Primary Schools and continue private teaching today. I have three children (two girls, one boy) and five grandchildren, single and living in Newcastle. I have recently taken up watercolour painting as a hobby.

SUSAN COREY (BURNEY) - Great to see you all. I’m living in Oatlands on my own!!

SHIRLEY DALEY (WEBB) - 1962 – 1965 - Nursing aide for thirteen months then helped on my parents farm. Married 1975 and have two children. Started work at Tudor House as housemaid then cooked for a number of years. Started a Car Detailing business in 1979 and am still cleaning cars.

BARBARA O’BRIEN (GIBSON) - 1959 – 1964 - Did teaching, then commenced law but didn’t finish. Married a farmer and had three children and have four grandsons and fifth grandchild expected in November.

ROBYN BRIERLEY (DUNSHEA) - Married to Bob for forty-seven years and have four children, twin girls and twin boys. Have eleven grandchildren. Now live in Kurrajong and previously lived in Concord and Melbourne 1971 – 1978. Worked for family real estate business until girls were born and spent twelve years looking after children. Worked for brother, Trevor, in his Commercial Real Estate until 1992. Moved to Kurrajong in 1993 and bought a Newsagency/Post Office, then owned Café “Goodie Gumdrops”. Retired in 2001.

GRACE McEACHERN (THOMAS) - Teacher training when I left school. First appointment was a two teacher school at Rosewood near Tumburumba. Married Robert McEachern in 1967. Have four children and ten grand children who all now live quite close. One son is severely disabled and lives at home with us. Lived in Canberra for five years for disabled son to have therapies etc. Became a teacher Librarian in 1992 and now work in that capacity at our local high school. Our other sons now run our farm as their secondary jobs. My mother is 97 years old and has enjoyed catching up with my school friends from SCEGGS. She has many happy memories of those years.

MARGARETY REEKS (MINEHAN) - After I left in 1962 I began my education at ANU where I learnt quite a lot about the world and managed to pass (just) before going to Sydney University for a ‘stimulating’ Dip ED, all of which ‘equipped ‘ me to teach adolescents. After twenty years of total dedication to my classes, I abandoned them and became a school counsellor, continuing to serve State education as well as having a psychology practice. With a couple of marriages, three children and lots of travelling, I continue to “let my light shine”!

NOVEMBER DINNER - Monday 19th November at Twin Towers Inn, Artarmon
Please post your cheque before – 5th November 2012

To: Ms Martha Birch, 11A Nolan Avenue, Clovelly NSW 2031
Enclosed is my cheque/money order made out to “SCEGGS Moss Vale OGU” for \$45.00 for the November dinner.

Name.....**Alumni Year**.....
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