



Under the Moreton Bay

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*A Newsletter for Old Scholars
of
Woodlands, St Peter's Glenelg and St Peter's Woodlands*

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

New things are happening in the Old Scholars' Association! A new year with a new President, it's going to be a big year with lots of new beginnings.

You are probably already aware that, working together with St Peter's Woodlands School, the Old Scholars' Association help with your class reunions, hold an annual dinner for old collegians and their partners at the school, and participate in St Margaret's Day celebrations and the Back to SPW barbeques. Last year a new group of business people started meeting regularly for breakfast.

Our committee meets a few times a year to organise these events, discuss scholarship offerings, as well as manage the finances of the Association and keep up with the correspondence and database. We're proud of our long history of students from Woodlands, St Peter's Glenelg and St Peter's Woodlands Grammar School, and the relationship we have forged with St Peter's Woodlands. With such a large base of people, that grows each year with SPW graduates, there are plenty of opportunities to build friendships and business relationships with people who hold a similar value system as a result of being educated in the same surroundings.



**Amy Smedley
(Adamson'98)**

This year is a great time for you to get involved with the Old Scholars' Committee. Why volunteer and what is involved?

- We need your help to keep our Association functioning – volunteering your time is a valuable service to your fellow old scholars.
- We have opportunities that can help you build your own career by gaining valuable experience in financial management, event coordination, and secretarial responsibilities.
- There is a lot of flexibility in when and how you are involved.
- You will be invited to collaborate and offer your skills on a variety of events and activities.
- It's a great opportunity to build new relationships with a supportive and enthusiastic group of people.

We'd like to hear from you! What kind of events would you like to attend? Would you like to help organise them, or be a member of the committee? Let us know if you'd like to be in an Old Scholars sports team, band, mums and bubs group, or would like to start something new. Send us an email with your thoughts!

You can contact us via the Old Scholars email oldscholars@spw.sa.edu.au, or by phone to either **Karen Schaumloffel (Phillips'79)** Phone: (08) 8295 4317, or **Amy Smedley (Adamson'98)** Phone: 0412 811 247.

DIARY DATES 2015

Class of 2010 5-Year Reunion:	Friday 13 March, 5.30-7.30pm. Barbecue at St Peter's Woodlands.
Business Breakfast:	Tuesday 24 March, 7.00-8.30am at Cotto Espresso, 173 King William Rd. Hyde Park.
Back to SPW - Year 7s of 2014:	Friday 27 March, 5.30-7.30pm. Barbecue at St Peter's Woodlands.
Business Breakfast:	Thursday 28 May, 7.00-8.30am. Venue to be advised.
St. Margaret's Day & AGM:	Thursday 11 June, 8.30am Service at St Peter's Woodlands, followed by morning tea and the AGM.
WA Annual Reunion:	Sunday 14 June, 2pm for High Tea at the Duxton Hotel, Perth.
Business Breakfast:	Tuesday 28 July, 7.00-8.30am. Venue to be advised.
Canberra Region Lunch:	Saturday 12 September, at 12.30pm. Venue to be advised.
Brisbane Region Lunch:	Sunday 13 September, 12.00 noon, on the Sunshine Coast. Venue to be advised.
Business Breakfast:	Thursday 17 September, 7.00-8.30am. Venue to be advised.
Fleurieu Lunch:	Friday 25 September, 12.30pm at the Hotel Victor, Victor Harbor.
Annual Dinner:	Friday 23 October, 6.30 for 7.00pm at St Peter's Woodlands.
Old Scholars' Golf Day:	Monday 9 November, 8.00am at Royal Adelaide Golf Club, Seaton.

For details of these events please refer to notices within this newsletter.



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ANNUAL DINNER 2015

The response to the changed venue for the Annual Dinner last year was encouraging, with an increase in numbers attending. Some ladies who attended had not been back to school in decades!! Many agreed that the old dining room was warm and cosy, more intimate and full of great memories. The meal provided by 'The Caterers' was excellent and as a consequence of all the good vibes coming from all corners of the room, the dinner will again be held at St Peter's Woodlands this year.

This is a dinner for ALL Old Scholars – from Woodlands, St Peter's Glenelg and SPW. Partners are most welcome to attend also! Put the date in your diary now and start asking your friends to join a table with you. The date is: Friday 23 October, 6.30 for 7pm. The former Boarders Dining Room in Nutter Thomas Building is the place to be on this night. More information and the booking form will be available later in the year. Here are some photos from last year's dinner.



1950s Table



(L-R): Caroline Potter (Astley'56) and Denise Wangel (Norton'50)



(L-R): Heather Cowden-Tonkes (McKechnie'64) and Annie Roberts ('85)

MUSEUM NEWS

More changes are about to take place in the Museum and Archives Room as part of our ongoing plans to create a more dynamic display space. The School is funding new display boards and display cabinets. In addition, the removal of some items of furniture and a rearrangement of others will provide a more practical and versatile area. We are also investigating the possibility of more appropriate lighting to both better protect the artefacts and to display them to the best advantage.

Once this work is complete we hope to have a mix of permanent and short term changing displays on a variety of themes. These short term themed exhibitions will also enable us to combine photographs and artefacts from all the schools now represented by the Old Scholars' Association: Woodlands, St Peter's Day School, St Peter's Glenelg and St Peter's Woodlands.

As storage is an ongoing issue as our collections continue to grow rather than lessen, we are also planning to make some minor changes to the general work area which will enable additional cupboards and shelving to be installed in order to alleviate this.

Of course, we are always pleased to receive donations of items to our collections. We are particularly in need of photographs and artefacts relating to St Peter's Day School and St Peter's Glenelg, so please check your cupboards and photograph albums!

As always, the School's Development Officer and Woodlands Old Scholar, Karen Schaumloffel (Phillips'79) is leading the way, in order to ensure the ongoing viability of the Museum and Archives. Thank you, Karen.

– Vivienne Hand

The Museum is open every Monday from **10.00am until 2.30pm** (closed public holidays, December and January). Please come and visit. Outside of those hours contact: **Karen Schaumloffel on 72216202, or email: kschaumloffel@spw.sa.edu.au**

ELAINE BALFOUR-OGILVY SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Tessa Manning, of Pulteney Grammar School, who was the successful applicant for the 2015 Scholarship. Tessa is the daughter of Janine Paris who attended Woodlands between 1975 and 1979.

Applications are now being called for the 2016 scholarship. To be eligible, the applicant must be a daughter or granddaughter of a Woodlands Old Scholar and must be in Year 11 and attending an Anglican school. Daughters and granddaughters of interstate Old Scholars are also eligible to apply. This scholarship aims to assist the winner with school fees for year 12. Holders of full scholarships to their current school are therefore not eligible.

Please contact St Peter's Woodlands Old Scholars' Association Inc., PO Box 747, Glenelg 5045, for more information. **Applications close 30 September 2015.** Interviews will be in Term 4, at St. Peter's Woodlands Grammar School, in the Old Scholars' Rooms.

THE COMMITTEE 2014-2015

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Committee members:

Deborah Arnold ('70)
Sue Burrows (Renshaw'63)
Alison Cleland ('74)
Julie Gameau (Grant-Williams'59)
Mary Trowbridge ('72)

Ex-Officio members:

Megan Papadopoulos (Thorpe'93)
(School Council member)
Karen Schaumloffel (Phillips'79)
Development Office

WHAT DOES THE COMMITTEE DO?

To keep this Association going one important task is to manage the finances.

The Treasurer should have accountancy skills and should be familiar with MYOB (or be willing to learn it). The Life Membership Fund holds the capital which is used to cover the shortfall in donations received for newsletters, postage, and stationery. It also covers expenses incurred from running the Association and holding functions for Old Scholars. The Association donates to SPW on a regular basis to cover the costs of book prizes, bibles for new Reception students, transition books for graduating Year 7s, and the new St. Margaret's Day Awards for Choir and Band members. We continue to offer the Elaine Balfour-Ogilvy Scholarship and the Millington Bursary every year. These funds have to be managed by a competent person on the committee.

ARE YOU WILLING TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE, TO LEARN AND ASSIST WITH THIS? Email: oldscholars@spw.sa.edu.au for more information.

Membership fees - Annual (\$25) and Associate (\$20) Membership fees should be paid by **30 April** of each year. **Life Membership** for Old Scholars is available for a once only fee of \$100. Send for an application form, or download one from our website. www.spw.sa.edu.au Look at our pages on the school website. Click the link 'Community' for the Old Scholars' pages, where there are diary-dates for functions and links to other features.

CHANGE

There are lots of sayings incorporating this little word – change. For example: **“CHANGE is the only constant in life”**. Heraclitus of Ephesus, the Greek philosopher, wrote this between 535 BC – 475 BC. Part of his doctrine was that change was the centre of the universe. **“Everything changes and nothing stands still”**. Plato, another well-known Greek philosopher and mathematician wrote this between 428 BC and 328 BC. How true these writings are.

One of our modern day sayings is **“Change is in the air”**. This is also true, not the least in the Old Scholars' Association. We have a new president. There are changes happening in our Archives/Museum. We have changed the venue for our Annual Dinner. St. Margaret's Day has become a celebration for the whole of St Peter's Woodlands School – an important change. There are more proposed changes in the air too. As we gradually integrate our Old Scholars' Association more fully into the St Peter's Woodlands community, it has been proposed by the Development Office that **our newsletter “Under the Moreton Bay” be incorporated into the St Peter's Woodlands newsletter**. The SPW newsletter will be enlarged and our news will be part of it. As we gain more and more SPW Old Scholars, this move is vital.

For those of you who may be concerned about this, this is not a new idea. When Woodlands was functioning as a school, Old Scholars' news and reunion notices were regularly incorporated into the quarterly “Woodlands News”, as well as the end of year school magazine. So the wheel has just turned full circle.

There will be more changes in the future. **In time the newsletter will go electronic**. What does this mean? Our newsletter is already sent out by email to hundreds of Old Scholars, but we also send, through Australia Post, over two thousand newsletters by conventional mail. With the ever increasing price of postage, unfortunately for Australia Post, we must do as other organisations have found themselves forced to do – send the bulk of our newsletters out electronically. We must look for savings in our postage costs. Old Scholars without email will continue to have their newsletters sent by conventional mail, but **PLEASE, if you have an email address, send it to the Old Scholars Association**. Email: oldscholars@spw.sa.edu.au and we will transfer your name to our email list. Thank you for assisting in this way.

ST MARGARET'S DAY – 11 June 2015

Have you put this date in your diary?

Last year's inaugural full School Service, celebrating St Margaret of Scotland in the School Chapel, was a wonderfully uplifting occasion. To have the Chapel full and to hear all those young voices singing the hymn of 'St Margaret of Scotland' was a real joy. This tradition will continue this year on **Thursday 11 June, Service commencing at 8.30am**. After the Service there will be morning tea in the dining room in Nutter Thomas building, followed by a brief AGM.

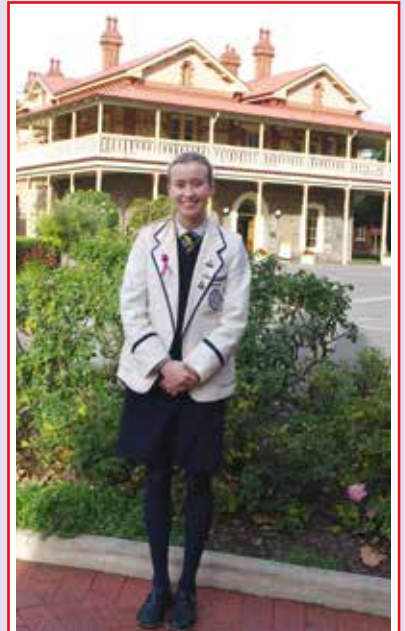
If you intend staying for morning tea, for catering purposes **PLEASE RSVP to Karen in the Development Office, 7221 6202 or email: kschaumloffel@spw.sa.edu.au**



The Chapel was full of children for their first St Margaret's Day.



The Choir preparing to process into the Chapel at the start of the Service.



Julia Sibly, Elaine Balfour-Ogilvy Scholarship winner for 2014, attended the Service and read the Woodlands School Chapter.

WHAT ELSE DOES THE COMMITTEE DO?

Can you imagine the amount of administration that is required to keep our “club” going with almost 3000 members?

As an Incorporated Association we must fulfil certain legal requirements. The database of members contact details must be kept up to date. Correspondence such as emails and letters must be answered. New email addresses have to be entered into the computer. Thank you letters for donations must be written. There are all sorts of little jobs that must be done from time to time. Functions have to be organised, or attended. The Association sends a representative each year to the Bangka Day Memorial Service, as we remember our Old Scholar Elaine Balfour-Ogilvy.

Young Old Scholars – Come and learn the ins and outs of running an Incorporated Association. Volunteer some free time to join the committee and learn how to manage a database, administer an Association with 3000 members and handle bulk emails. These are all useful skills to have. This is vitally important for the future of the Old Scholars' Association, if it is to continue.

Email: oldscholars@spw.sa.edu.au for more information. We would love to have some younger members on the committee with some fresh ideas. Supporting the Association is supporting your fellow Old Scholars. It's a great way to make new friends too!

NEWSLETTER COSTS. Thank you for all donations. We try to raise funds to cover our costs and very much appreciate your support at functions we hold.

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NEWS FROM ST PETER'S WOODLANDS



It is again a pleasure to write in this, the first edition of the 'Under the Moreton Bay', in 2015. As is highlighted in the enclosed articles, 2015 is a year in which a number of new beginnings are upon us, most significantly with the appointment of a new President, Amy Smedley (Adamson, '98). It was a pleasure to meet Amy at the 2014 Annual Dinner held for the first time in many years in the Nutter Thomas Dining Room. I am delighted to inform readers that Amy and I are meeting for lunch and a tour of SPW within the next week.

The school year began at SPW after a hectic building program that commenced in the week before Christmas 2014, and concluded in readiness for the children to begin the new school year in 2015. With over 840 children from early learning through to Year 7 commencing on day 1, they returned to see the conversion of upstairs Nutter Thomas into a Dance Studio, the complete renovation of the double classrooms in the Gillam Building to create modern, state of the art, learning spaces for our Year 6-7 Centre, a beautifully renovated Japanese room that enables children to step into life in Japan, a newly created Multi-Media studio and two pianos conveniently placed in the school yard so that children can 'play' during their down times.

2015 is also the launch year of our new Strategic Plan 2015-2019, with the core values of Wonder, Courage, Respect and Service at the heart of all that we do. In essence, our key result areas over the next 5 years will focus on preparing our students to live, study and work in a vastly different and ever evolving world. In particular there will be developments in learning and teaching programs, faith and well-being, enhancing the skills of staff, engaging our parents and the wider community, and ensuring our leadership and governance matches the needs of the day.

Another significant priority for this year is the undertaking of a feasibility study to explore the opportunities for long day care as part of our Early Learning Centre. In our rapidly changing world there is clearly a need to provide quality care alongside excellent early learning programs for preschool aged children. Therefore our feasibility study, to be completed by the end of Term 1, will help shape our direction from 2016 onwards.

In closing, I would like to commend the work of Karen Schaumlöffel (Phillips '79) for her ongoing support of the St Peter's Woodlands Old Scholars and her untiring efforts in our Development Office. In addition I would like to thank Megan Papadopoulou (Thorpe '93) who, as an ex-officio member of your committee, is a tireless servant of SPW through her voluntary work on the School Council and as Chair of the School Council Finance Committee.

I look forward to seeing many of you here at SPW, where you are always welcome.

Christopher Prance
Principal

The Commander Sandra Coulson CSM Young Achiever Scholarship

St Peter's Woodlands Grammar School is pleased to announce a new Scholarship which is being introduced this year.

SPW gratefully acknowledges Woodlands CEGGS Old Scholar, **Commander Sandra Coulson CSM RANR (Heaver'70)** (right) who has donated *The Commander Sandra Coulson CSM Young Achiever Scholarship*.



This scholarship is a wonderful opportunity for a St Peter's Woodlands Year 6 student to receive 50% remission of fees for their final year in Year 7 at SPW. The Year 6 student must displaying qualities of service and leadership as well as commitment within the school or the wider community. They will also be a high achiever. They will be expected to participate fully and to the best of their ability in the life of the School and they will contribute widely to the School's co-curricular program.

Sandra has achieved a great deal both professionally and personally since leaving Woodlands CEGGS. Woodlands, with its faith based education, provided Sandra with the foundation on which to build that achievement. The Commander Sandra Coulson CSM Achiever Scholarship will enable her to give another Young Achiever both recognition now, and assistance to continue to achieve, in the hope that they too will be an achiever throughout their life.

We thank Commander Sandra Coulson CSM for her generous support of SPW; by acknowledging the education she received at Woodlands CEGGS she will support other young people who continue to receive quality education in these beautiful surroundings.

10 YEAR REUNION YEAR 7 SPW CLASS OF 2004

On Friday 21 October 2014 just over 20 students from the SPW Class of 2004 gathered for a tour of the school and reunion dinner at the Holdfast Hotel. With only 52 graduates ten years earlier, this was a great turnout and testament to what a close group we were.



(L-R): Lucy Wood, Harrison Willey, Chris Alexander, Caitlin Dolling, Travis Bloom, Alex Fraser, Ashleigh Crago, Robert Londema, Craig Dand, Sunnilee Nanasi, Jacob Nuttman, Michael Dand, Jack Hoad, Nicholas Lambos, Brittany Wright, Steph Campbell, Kendra Pratt, Catherine Waters and Richard Strapps.

We had apologies from Europe, Melbourne and Geelong, and people had come from the Barossa and Darwin to be there! It was incredible to see how much the School had changed and grown during our tour, but rather poignantly just how much had stayed the same as well. After an excellent tour, thanks to our guide Karen Schaumlöffel, we walked to the Holdfast Hotel to continue reminiscing and catch up on the past ten years. Huge thanks must go to Karen for helping us organise the event, and also to everyone who made the effort to come. See you all next time!

Reunion and other Notices

WELCOME TO NEW SPW OLD SCHOLARS

Come to the back 2SPW BBQ on Friday 27 March, 5.30-7.30pm

An invitation to the SPW Class of 2014 has been sent out. Meet at the Shelter Shed for a sausage, bread and a drink and catch up with your school mates from last year. This is a great opportunity to exchange information about your new schools. Make the effort to come, but please let us know if you are coming otherwise we may not have enough sausages for you!

Reply to Karen in the Development Office **email:** kschaumloffel@spw.sa.edu.au **phone:** 7221 6202 or **book online:** www.trybooking.com/120518

BRISBANE Lunch 2015

On **Sunday 13 September** at 12 noon, the annual Queensland lunch will be held on the Sunshine Coast. Venue to be advised.

Contact **Karen Boynton (King'56)** on 07 5525 3169 or email: karenboynton@optusnet.com.au for further information.

Last year 12 Old Scholars met at the home of **Dorothy Williams (Proudman'46)** in Brisbane. The group included some interstate visitors and an enjoyable afternoon was had by all. As with all our regional reunions, any Old Scholar is welcome to attend.

CANBERRA Region Lunch 2015

This year the Canberra Lunch will be on **Saturday 12 September**. This is the first weekend of the Floriade so why not combine the two and make a visit to Canberra in the spring, when the weather and the flowers are wonderful.

Julia Pedler (Webster'74) will be contacting locals on her list, so if you suspect you're not on it and are interested in having a wonderful lunch with a great group of people, please contact her: Julia.pedler@pedler.id.au or ring her on 0416 170 012.

WEST AUSTRALIAN Old Scholars meet in June

High Tea at The Duxton Hotel. Libby has booked again for a 2pm start on Sunday 14 June, 2015. The high tea is scrumptious so why not come and enjoy it! Please put the date in your diary now. Invitations will be sent out closer to the day.

Any Old Scholar who hasn't been before and would like to attend, please email Libby Dadd (Pavy'69) at libby@daddgroup.com.au You will be made most welcome.



WA Group in 2014 with visiting Old Scholars' Secretary, **Margaret Steenvoorde (Donaldson'63)** (centre).

Rear (L-R): **Libby Dadd (Pavy'69)**, **Debbie Jacobs (Elix'65)**, **Jan Hay (Hooper'61)**, **Ann Clarke (Egerton-Warburton'62)**, **Hilary Brooke (Eggleton'63)**, **Jen Le Messurier (Maiden'60)**.

Front (L-R): **Sally Peters ('88)**, **Penny Smallwood (Staker'65)**, **Veronica Killner (Hope'63)**, **Margaret**, and **Susan Fielding (Ey'63)**.

The Duxton Hotel puts on a wonderful High Tea every year for the Old Scholars, and it is such a special treat, it shouldn't be missed.

BUSINESS BREAKFASTS- 2015

There will be four Business Breakfast this year, **24 March, 28 May, 28 July and 17 September**. Please note these dates.

This is a wonderful opportunity for young business professionals to do some networking and make connections with like-minded people who have a mutual school bond. The first one will be held at **Cotto Espresso**, 173 King William Rd. Hyde Park, 7.00 – 8.30am.

Amy Smedley (Adamson'98)

If you missed out on the Business Breakfasts last year and would like to be emailed about the next one on 28 July, please contact **Karen Schaumloffel** at St Peter's Woodlands: kschaumloffel@spw.sa.edu.au or 7221 6202

FLEURIEU PENINSULA LUNCH 2015

The inaugural lunch down on the south coast last year was a great success. The Hotel Victor put us in a special place in their restaurant and we even got table cloths!

In attendance were: **Emilie Knight (Kaethner'72)**, **Vivienne Hand, Sandi Hill (Geddes'64)**, **Jen Le Messurier (Maiden'60)**, **Eve Balfour-Ogilvy ('58)**, **Allison Muir (Renk'77)**, **Janet Renk (Basham'54)**, **Jan Almond (Halliday'58)**, **Rosie Giles (Redman'60)**, **Jacqui Harrington (Charles'53)**, **Mary Trowbridge ('72)** and **Maxine Kerr (Fraser'44)**. **Meredith Hastings (Renk'82)** sent an apology. We hope she can come next time.

It was a really friendly, happy lunch and it was decided to make it an annual affair on the last Friday in September every year. Fancy a visit to Victor Harbor? Make sure you get there this year!

This year it will be 25 September, 12.30pm at the Hotel Victor, Victor Harbor. You can pay for your meal on the day, but please book by 18 September so the hotel can be advised of numbers attending. Contact Sandie Hill, email: sandi.hill@bigpond.com or **Emilie Knight**, email: emilie@knight.net.au or oldscholars@spw.sa.edu.au

Given so much notice, we hope that you turn up in your droves! We know you are down there! So please come along.

The **Old Scholars Golf Day for 2015** will be held at **Royal Adelaide Golf Club** on **Monday 9th November at 8.00 am for an 8.30 am** shotgun start. For more details please contact **Diana Tallis** on (08) 8272 8549, 0439 881 180, or email: dianatallis@hotmail.com

OLD SCHOLARS' GOLF DAY 2014

A beautiful day greeted the 16 Old Scholars from Woodlands. Blue skies and a gentle breeze ensured good playing conditions. For those players who were less than happy with their performance there was respite from their misery at the halfway point of the course where a wonderful array of biscuits and coffee was provided thanks to the generosity of school delegates. Dreadful golf was temporarily put aside in favour of a chat and the chance to catch up on the news since last year's event.

Jane Hunter (Hockney'74) was victorious on 41 points followed by **Kerry Larsen ('91)** on 36 points. Unfortunately the Woodlands team was not the winner in the schools competition, but were third, tying with Girton and Annesley.

Although numbers were slightly down this year everyone involved in the day had resounding praise for the staff of the Golf Club and the effort made by all schools to make this a fabulous event.

We look forward to a strong turnout in 2015 to help win back the title of best golfing school.
– **Diana Tallis**

Reunion News



The Class of 1974 celebrated the 40th anniversary of our last year at Woodlands CEGGS by having two events on the weekend of 15 and 16 November.

Sixty fabulous women came together, some making the journey from New Zealand, Singapore, Alice Springs, Western Australia and Eastern States, for a cocktail evening at the Lyrics Room, Adelaide Festival Centre which was a truly memorable night of reminiscing, laughs and shared joy. Of course none of us had changed in the slightest!

Partridge House provided the perfect spot for a coffee and catch-up the following morning before a tour of the school. Thirty of us were thrilled to have Mrs Yvonne Scrutton, our much beloved Geography teacher join us, along with some of our mothers, sisters and daughters all with a common Woodlands history. The school tour, led by the super organised SPW Development Officer, Karen Schaumloffel, was informative and at times hilarious! Many buried memories, antics and adventures were recalled by boarders and day-bugs transporting us back to our 17 year old selves! The Chapel, Boarding House and Museum were among the highlights.

Creating a Facebook Group and using email enabled us to organise the celebrations from interstate as well as providing a platform for many thought-provoking (often late-night) conversations from Hong Kong, Singapore, London, New Zealand and all around Australia. This produced an air of anticipation prior to the actual festivities! We were able to 'find' almost all the 'girls' from our year and although not all were able to attend, were able to take part in some way.

Generous donations contributed by a few of 'the girls' helped make the weekend a huge success. A massive thank you to everyone who came together for a very special weekend. We can only strongly encourage all 'girls' thinking about attending future reunions to do so, if at all possible. You won't regret it.

Postscript: A superb and raucous follow-up lunch in January, in Melbourne, including a few women unable to make the November reunion, was just the beginning of further mini-reunions to come!

- Jane Morison and Margot Le Page



(L-R): Pam Selim (Bateman), Anna Candler and Helen Gasparanitos (Amis).



(L-R): Sally Wiadrowski and Margot Le Page.

CLASS OF 1973 41 YEAR REUNION

After all the fun and success of our 40 Year Reunion in 2013, we thought it'd be good to have annual reunions. So, on Saturday 1 November 2014, twenty of us met for lunch at the Edinburgh Hotel at Mitcham, for some reminiscing, catching up and getting to know each other again.

We'd love to see even more of our cohort in 2015. The **42 Year Reunion** is likely to be on **29 August**. (Hopefully the earlier date will make it easier for those with rural commitments to attend.) Note your diary now.

We know we don't have everyone's contact details so, if you haven't heard from us, please get in touch.

Email 1973woodlandsos@gmail.com

- Claire Murray



(L-R): Libby Sims, Cathy Stevens (Hilton) and Nicky Bevan at the 1973 lunch.

1984 30 YEAR REUNION

A very enthusiastic group met in October last year to celebrate 30 years since we left school.

We met at the school and wandered around the old buildings – it was amazing to see old classrooms transformed into a modern setting. The school looks fantastic and still very familiar.

Our group then went back to the Holdfast Hotel and continued to catch up over glasses of bubbles. It was a wonderful opportunity to exchange news, show each other photos and become new Facebook friends.

Many ladies came from interstate, and although we were competing with the Rolling Stones concert, there were enough of us there to have a brilliant time. A smaller but very keen group also caught up the next day at The Edinburgh Hotel. It was so good to see familiar faces; we are already looking forward to the next get-together.

- Jo Gray (Messenger)



The 1984 group at the Holdfast Hotel.



(L-R): Helen Buttery (Ford), Sarah Williams and Jo Gray (Messenger)



(L-R): Jane Higgins and Sarah McMahon (Durrant)

Reunion News

Frances Taylor (Harvie'42) has written of her stay last year on a cattle station N E of Alice Springs, where her daughter and family live. Aborigines also live on the property and have a shop and petrol station for their use. It is beautiful mulga country, with lots of space and RED DUST! Although generally flat country, there are also huge stony outcrops which Frances thought "very interesting stuff!"

Dorothea Hansen-Knarhoi (Brooks'52) recently was made Peppermint Grove (WA) Citizen of the Year. Dorothea has been a voluntary Art Gallery of WA guide since 1977. She has been involved in training guides for the Art Gallery, and was president of the gallery guides organisation from 1980 to 1982. For five years she was their chief archivist and workshop leader. In 2000 she was awarded life-membership, recognising 20 years of continuous service. Dorothea still conducts up to 15 tours each year and it is conservatively estimated that she has given the gallery more than 7000 hours of her time. A great contribution, Dorothea!

Pamela Fontainas (Baker'66) has retired from her job with the European Union. She has worked in Brussels, Wellington and Vientiane, where she met and worked with some wonderful people. Pamela is returning to Australia, to live in Coolangatta on the Gold Coast.

Jane Balfour-Ogilvy (Jolly'67), long lost Old Scholar, has found us again! After leaving school, Jane trained as a nurse at the RAH, then worked for two ENT specialists on North Terrace. Coming from Loxton herself, she met and married John Balfour-Ogilvy from Renmark. This was followed by moves to Melbourne, London and lastly Sydney. Jane still has family in Adelaide whom she visits from time to time.

Julia Pedler (Webster'74) has retired from her Government position in Treasury, (Canberra). Together with her husband she travelled to the US for nine weeks at the end of last year, spending eight of those weeks in Arizona. Visits to Monument Valley, Albuquerque, Santa Fe and driving on Route 66 were highlights. On returning to Canberra, a trip to Auckland for a Rotary Conference was next on the agenda. Julia now plans to take up contract work.

In addition to her roles as Co-ordinator of Investigative Cell Biology and Co-ordinator, Biology of Nursing Practice, **Dr Tania Crotti ('91)**, Senior Lecturer at the University of Adelaide, has been appointed Post Graduate Co-ordinator, School of Medical Sciences at that University.

Rebecca Smith (Conrick'91) has moved to the Barossa Valley with her husband Nick and their three boys. Rebecca is the director of Riverton Kindergarten and runs a B&B on their new property, *The Miner's Cottage*.

Verity Reinke ('95) recently featured in an article in The Advertiser which focused on South Australians who are doing "wonderful things in wonderful places". Verity lives in Essex, UK, where she works for the London Ambulance Service NHS Trust as Emergency Ambulance Crew. Her job involves attending emergency calls in London and driving the ambulance blue lights on and sirens screaming through London traffic! Wow! Verity's husband is a police officer in the Metropolitan Police, and she has a three-year old daughter, Aimee. Verity leads a very full life, loves her work which most of the time is very satisfying, knowing that she has helped someone in need.

BIRTHS

Rebecca Smith (Conrick'91) a son, Charles Henry John
Anna Forgan (Goldsworthy'97) a daughter, Millie Eliza
Sophie Duncan (Goldsworthy Yr10'98) a daughter, Molly May
Amy Smedley (Adamson'98) a daughter, Georgia Cate
Danielle Boland (Jervis'98) a daughter, Sophie

MARRIAGE

Ielona Price ('97) to Leigh Clifford

DEATHS

Evelyn Koshnitsky (Esau'31) AM BEM Joan Fennell (Brennan'38)
Jill Cowan (Bowen'41) Lucy Hughes (Richardson'42)
Jill Heap (Banks'44) Elizabeth Symons (Blades'47)
Rosemary Cross (Warnes'50) Sue Hodge (Hawkes'51)
Ann Gordon ('60) Diana Rylands (Gibson'74)

Baptisms in the School Chapel: Reilly McKenzie Thomas McInnes, son of **Jennifer Thomas ('81)** and Blake McInnes was baptised in the School Chapel, as was Sophia, daughter of **Danielle (Jervis'98)** and Daniel Boland. Father Andrew Mintern officiated at both baptisms.

Marriage in the School Chapel: **Ielona Price ('97)** recently married in the School Chapel. Rev'd Stuart Langshaw, former School Chaplain of Woodlands, conducted the wedding ceremony. **Luci Bubner ('97)** did all the flowers for the wedding.

Evelyn Koshnitsky (Esau'31) AM BEM died in Sydney aged 99 years and 5 months on 3 October 2014. Described as an Australian Chess Legend, and the "Mother" of Australian Junior and Women's Chess, much of Evelyn's work was with her husband Gregor (Garry) who had emigrated to Australia from Russia in 1926.

Evelyn was active in Junior Chess from 1951, and held the post of Secretary and Tournament Director of the Junior Chess league from 1965. She was President of the Australian Women's Chess League from 1978, editing the League's magazine for 10 years. In 1988 she was involved with the Bicentennial World Junior Chess Championships held in Adelaide. She was also appointed an International Arbiter of the Federation Internationale des Echecs – the ruling body of the game.³ Evelyn made her life's work the promotion of chess among the young. Her special passion was to get girls to play. She and Garry were heavily involved in developing junior chess in Australia, including programs to teach chess in schools.

Many Woodlands girls who played chess at school will remember her being at the Chess Club off Waymouth Street on Friday nights, when competition between schools was held. She was very approachable and loved chatting to the students. She was much loved in South Australia by hundreds, possibly thousands of school children who were taught and nurtured by her in the game of Chess. She will be greatly missed.

Old Scholars can use the Chapel for baptisms, weddings and funerals. We also have the music for "St. Margaret of Scotland". Any Old Scholar who wishes to tour the school, hold a reunion at the school, or who needs other information please contact Karen Schaumlöffel (Phillips'79) at SPW in the Development Office: (08) 7221 6202, email: kschaumloeffel@spw.sa.edu.au or Joanna Gray (Messenger'84), (08) 7221 6217, email: jgray@spw.sa.edu.au

Old Scholars – this **YOUR** page, but we need YOU to tell us about yourselves. Please advise us of interesting life events that affect you, so that we can put your news into the newsletter. Tell us what you have been doing, send us photos and pass on any news of achievements or awards you have received. Fill in the space on the back of the cover sheet, or email us!

EMAIL UPDATES

Please update your email address with the Old Scholars' Secretary if you want to be kept informed of Old Scholar events. Do it today at: oldscholars@spw.sa.edu.au

Keep in touch on the "**Woodlands Old Scholars' Association - Facebook Chapter**" which now has over 600 members.

NSW Old Scholars also have a group on facebook, so have a look at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/159066007602627/> If you wish to join this group, request it and you will be added in.

SOUTH EAST REUNION

A reunion lunch was held in the South East at the *Coonawarra Station Café*, Penola, on Sunday 16 November 2014.

Mr Christopher Prance, Principal of SPW, and twenty one Old Scholars including three Committee Members from Adelaide, **Margaret Steenvoorde, Mary Trowbridge and Sue Burrows**, enjoyed an excellent lunch, took over the café forcing a quick retreat by another small group, and generally had a great afternoon. It was wonderful to see **Dorothy Mitchell (Andrews'40)** and **Anna Young**, who completed Year 11 at Woodlands in 1998 before the school closed. They represented the entire history of Woodlands CEGGS/Anglican Girls School.

Mr. Prance gave an update on today's school and Margaret spoke about the OS Association and the need for young women to get involved at committee level. The afternoon ended with a group photo and an enthusiastic rendition of St Margaret of Scotland, until we ran out of words after about line 4. We should have checked the bookmarks kindly provided by Mr. Prance.



A happy group of Woodlands Old Scholars in Penola, about to leave for some wine tasting and shopping before heading home.



Mr Christopher Prance chatting with **Kathy MacIntosh (Mitchell'68)** (L) and **Dorothy Mitchell (Andrews'40)** (R). Both were boarders and in Sturt House.

FORESTVILLE HOCKEY CLUB IS LOOKING FOR WOMEN HOCKEY PLAYERS

You may not have been out on the hockey field for a while (or maybe you have) but we need you!

The Women's Grass Hockey Competition is played on Saturday afternoons, April until August, at Goodwood Oval. It is the last remaining grass competition in Adelaide and we have players ranging in age from 13-70 years. It is largely a social game but with a decidedly healthy sense of competition. All skill levels are welcome.

Come out and join other Woodlands Old Scholars who have rediscovered the joys of a good hit of hockey.

If you are interested please call **Anne Highet ('81)** on **0412 749 420** or email: nanne10@bigpond.com

Amongst the Woodies girls recruited by Anne are former school mates, **Sarah Ketteridge ('81)**, **Sharon Arnold ('81)** and **Jenny Messenger ('81)**.



Enjoying lunch in the Barossa Valley were (L-R): **Chris Best (Kearnes'66)**, **Di Hearn (Hartree'65)**, **Helen Ryan (Twelftree'65)**, and **Polly Taylor (Leeson'65)**.



Also (L-R): **Helen Dowdy (Mudge'62)**, **Deb Arnold ('69)**, **Jo Adams (Hicks'75)** and **Michele Keeley (Powell'72)**.

SUE BECK (EADIE'64)

Does anyone know where she is living? We have lost contact with her a long time ago and one of her best friends from schooldays is trying to re-connect with her. If anyone knows where she is could you ask her to contact us, please?

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