

# UNDER THE MORETON BAY

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

## NEW OLD SCHOLARS' LOUNGE •



St Peter's Woodlands have generously refurbished the former Lower Boardroom, or some may remember it as the Law Smith common room, and renamed it the Old Scholars' Lounge.

The Old Scholars' Lounge is available to all old scholars for meetings, gatherings or just a place to come together for coffee and chat.

In the near future further upgrades and changes will continue to take place around the school by displaying the wonderful history of the three schools, St Peter's Glenelg, Woodlands CEGGS and St Peter's Woodlands to our community. Memorabilia, photos and artefacts will be placed around the school with attached stories so that our current students as well as former students can relive the days of old as they tour the school.

Items previously held in the museum will now be on show around the school including a tribute to the life and legacy of Elaine Balfour-Ogilvy, displaying the honour boards, showcasing the importance of Japanese language in the school, historical items from boarding house days, old uniforms and so much more.

## 2021 & 2022 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As there was no Annual General Meeting held in June 2021 due to lack of members attending, I am combining both the 2021 and 2022 President's reports.

Old Scholars' provided refreshments for student activities as an opportunity to meet with the students and update them on Old Scholar Association activities:

- 2021 Year 6s recess cupcakes.
- 2020 Year 8s, had their reunion on 22 October 2021 at school and the old scholar representative was Jenny Thomas
- 2021 Year 7s, had their reunion on 29 October 2021 at school attended by Jenny Thomas and Pam Brown
- Final Assembly and Prize Giving on 8 December 2020 provided an opportunity for The Old Scholars to present a "Woodlands Old Scholars' Prize" of a book voucher to Jesse Neeskens.
- 2021 - The St Peter's Woodlands Awards night was held in the Michael Murray Auditorium at Westminster School. Lesley Woods attended as the Old Scholars' representative.

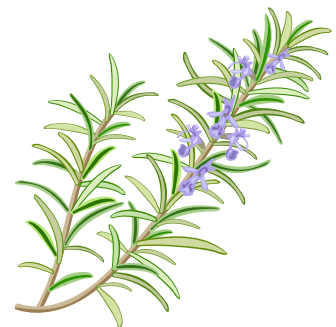
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## BANGKA DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

### Compassion - Courage - Dedication - Sacrifice

The St Peter's Woodlands Old Scholars' Association received an invitation to attend the 2021 Bangka Day Memorial Service at Government House on 14 February 2021. Jenny Thomas, a Woodlands Old Scholar ('80) and 2021 St Peter's Woodlands parent, attended and enjoyed the proceedings.

The 2022 Bangka Day Memorial Service was held on 13 February 2022 at the SA Women's Memorial Playing Fields at St Marys.



ELAINE BALFOUR-OGILVY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Sister Elaine Balfour-Ogilvy (Woodlands CEGGS Old Scholar '29) was one of the brave nurses who perished on Bangka Island's Radji Beach, Indonesia on 16 February, 1942. This amazing woman of the Australian Army nurses, sacrificed her life in World War 2. Her story and scholarship legacy lives on through the Elaine Balfour-Ogilvy Memorial Scholarship offered by the St Peter's Woodlands Old Scholars' Association.

The 2021 Elaine Balfour-Ogilvy Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Zoe Berry, who attended Walford Anglican Girls School. Her Great Grandmother was Muriel Anderson ('30) and her Grandmother - June Lendon ('53).

The 2022 Elaine Balfour-Ogilvy Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Mary Economos, who attended Walford Anglican Girls School. Her Mother is Christina Economos (Koumi '90).



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Ali Cleland, President, with winner Mary Economos, and Lesley Woods, Secretary/Treasurer.

## 2021 & 2022 MUSIC AWARDS

Chapel Music Awards were announced during the St Margaret's Day Chapel Service. The Awards are donated by the St Peter's Woodlands Old Scholars' Association and are given in recognition and celebration of the musical contributions to the life of the Chapel and the school by members of the Chapel Choir and Chapel Band.

The Old Scholars' generously supplied all participants with a certificate and members who had completed two, three or four years of service were awarded a book voucher.



— Alison Cleland ('74)  
President

## DIARY DATES

Month	Date	Event
October	Thursday 20th, 2022 Friday 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woodlands Old Scholars' Lunch</li> <li>• Class of 2021, 1 Year Reunion SPW Year 6</li> </ul>
November	Friday 18th Saturday 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class of 1991, 31 Year Reunion</li> <li>• Class of 1972, 50 Year Reunion</li> </ul>
December	Friday 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas on the Green</li> </ul>
January	Saturday 14th, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class of 1990, 33 Year Reunion</li> </ul>
March/April	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class of 2018, 5 Year Reunion</li> </ul>
June	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Margaret's Day Chapel Service &amp; AGM</li> </ul>
October	Friday 27th, 2023 TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class of 2022, 1 Year Reunion</li> <li>• St Peter's Glenelg 160 Year &amp; Woodlands' 100th Anniversary Soiree</li> </ul>

## OLD SCHOLAR EVENTS

### REUNIONS

The Old Scholars' Association organises reunion events with the assistance of year level organisers, for past students to reconnect. It is a wonderful way to maintain friendships that you have made through your involvement with your school.

Over the past year we have managed many get togethers with stories, laughter and old memories rekindled.

### CLASS OF '80 - 40 YEAR REUNION



### CLASS OF '20 - 1 YEAR REUNION



### CLASS OF '21 - 1 YEAR REUNION



## EVENTS CONT.

### CLASS OF '17 - 5 YEAR REUNION

They left as children five years ago and returned on Friday 13 May as outstanding young adults, 33 attended. A group of 15 staff members, who played a very special part in the educational lives of these young people during their time at SPW, stayed after school to catch up on the students' adventures of the past five years and their future plans.

The students had a tour of the school. They then were treated to a nibble in the staff room, pizzas and drinks were kindly supplied by the St Peter's Woodlands Old Scholars' Association.



### OLD SCHOLARS LUNCH

An Old Scholars' lunch was held on 27 October 2021 at the Glenelg Golf Club and attended by 64 old scholars with some holding their reunions there. The table flowers were posies of garden flowers, herbs and succulents in white china teapots.

### CLASS OF '55 - OLD SCHOLARS LUNCH



### CLASS OF '71 - 50 YEAR REUNION



### COMMITTEE MEMBERS



For more Class Reunion  
details visit:  
[spw.sa.edu.au/community/  
old-scholars/](http://spw.sa.edu.au/community/old-scholars/)



## EVENTS CONT.

### YEARS 3 TO 6 SPORTS DAY

The wonderful tradition of welcoming back our old scholars' to assist with sports day continues. The sense of supporting their old school and its students while also catching up with past classmates still brings so much joy and happiness.



### GOLF DAY

The golf day was held on Monday 15th November at the Royal Adelaide golf club and was won by Chrissie McBride, 43 points, followed by Anne Skipper, 37 points. Our winning team for the day with an average of 32 stableford points were: Michelle McCormack, Chrissy McBride, Jenny Malycha and Alexandra Maddern.



## OLD SCHOLAR SPONSORED EVENTS

### GRADUATION

A grand celebration was held on the lawns of Nutter Thomas where family members were invited to enjoy a truly joyous Graduation Dinner event in which students were presented with their Old Scholars' boxes, enjoyed a meal with family and friends and danced the night away in St Margaret's Chapel. St Peter's Woodlands Old Scholars' Association donated the Graduation Treasure Boxes to all students leaving in 2021.

The Old Scholars' gave each departing student a memory box with a letter from the President welcoming them as old scholars. Boxes also included a SPW Seniors cap from the Parents and Friends Association, a bible from St Peter's Anglican Church Glenelg and graduating photos.

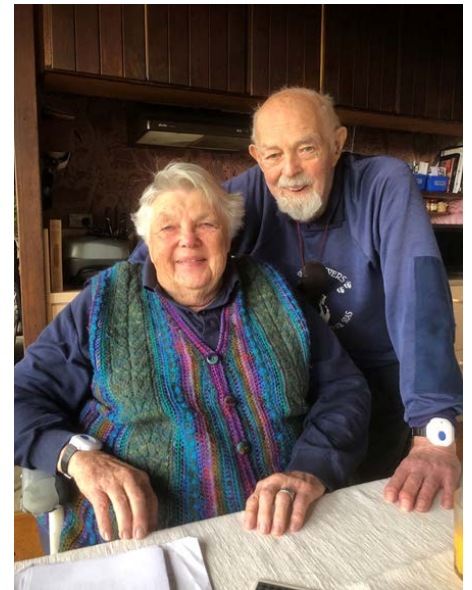
GRADUATION CONT.



OLD SCHOLAR NEWS

WOODLANDS ART TEACHER

Known as Mrs Eyre to Woodlands girls, Jaki always speaks with a lot of pleasure about her 26 years as an art teacher at Woodlands (1964-1990). Her teaching introduced new media and approaches, including pottery, copper jewellery, spinning and printmaking which contributed to growing art and craft space from one art room to three. Jaki's creativity and resourcefulness also helped in school productions including play-readings of *The Crucible* and *Our Town*, which were performed as fundraisers for Durham House's charity, Wanslea. The audiences were tempted with the offer of delectable suppers! Led by Val Lillington's energy, school musical productions included *The Little Sweep*, *My Fair Lady*, *The Sound of Music* and *The King and I*. For these, Jaki involved her family; their roles included building and painting sets and her son, Marcus, was an actor. Jaki also supervised the chess club, driving the team to matches in her VW camper. Following retirement, silk painting, pottery and quilting remained Jaki's passions. She continues to enjoy hearing news from students she taught. Jaki and Terry, who live in the house he designed and in which they raised their children, celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary in 2021.



REBECCA CLARKE - CLASS OF '90

Congratulations to Ms Rebecca Clarke (Class of '90 and Shaftesbury House Captain). Rebecca will be the next Principal of Methodist Ladies' College, Perth, commencing in January 2023. Rebecca is currently Principal at Walford Anglican School for Girls.





OLD SCHOLAR NEWS CONT.



VOLLEYBALL SUCCESS

Congratulations to five St Peter's Woodlands Old Scholars' who competed on the Gold Coast in April 2022 as members of SA State Beach Volleyball.

From Left: Katherine R (Class of '19), Isla B (Class of '20), Zephyr B (class of '20), Sienna O (Class of '19) and Maggie (Class of '17).

We are so proud of your achievements girls!



AUSTRALIAN OPEN

A huge congratulation to our old scholar, Edward Winter, (Class of '17) on his outstanding summer of tennis.

Edward, at only 17 years of age, played superb tennis to defeat former world No. 6 Gilles Simon during the qualifying of the senior Australian Open and continued his fantastic form through the junior Australian Open tournament making it through to the second round of both singles and doubles. He continued his form with wins in the junior event at Wimbledon.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN

School Captain Westminster School

Congratulations to Airlie Rouvray, (Class of '17), on a successful year as School Captain at Westminster School in 2022.



SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US

We'd love to hear from you. Stay connected with the Old Scholar community and share any achievements, life events or updates with us. Email: [oldscholars@spw.sa.edu.au](mailto:oldscholars@spw.sa.edu.au)



## BIRTHS AND DEATHS

### BIRTHS

#### HARRISON EDWIN JORDAN

Great grandson for Margaret Jude (Cleland) ('60), grandson for Wendy Jude ('80) and great grandnephew for Alison Cleland ('74).

#### BRYNN BENNETT

Grandson of Julia Drought ('74)

### DEATHS

#### BRUCE BURTON THORPE



Bruce Burton Thorpe, 19 January 2022, Headmaster of Woodlands CEGGS 1980 - 1994

Woodlands was a big part of Bruce's life and he was proud of and grateful for his time as Headmaster. His passion for education has impacted many of our lives positively. Bruce made many lifelong friendship with staff and parents.

Bruce Thorpe's memorial service was held in February 2022, in St Margaret's Chapel, with Rev'd Stuart Langshaw officiating. Speakers during the service included former staff member Mrs Anne Goodliffe and former student and now current SPW teacher and parent, Tassie Mangos.

#### ROGER JOHN TAYLOR



Roger John Taylor, OAM 19 June 2021, Principal of St Peter's Glenelg Anglican School and then St Peter's Woodlands 1984 - 2003

During Roger's time as Principal he led the school through many important changes including its move from Byron Street Glenelg to the Woodlands Campus in 1999. The new campus provided an environment where there was a happy disciplined atmosphere, high achievement, pastoral care, a Christian outlook and co-operation between home and school. Roger fulfilled those expectations and ensured that the school always provided high quality education for its students.

KATHLEEN ANN COLLINGS



Kathleen Ann Collings, 19 August 2022, Boarding House  
Mistress, Woodlands 1986-1998

Kath endeared herself to boarders, their parents and the staff throughout her 12 years at Woodlands. Kath's family said that she described her time at the school and the lifelong friendships and memories as being some of the best of her life. Kath Collings memorial service was held in St Margaret's Chapel and conducted by Rev'd Stuart Langshaw on September 3, 2022. At her request her ashes will be laid in the Chapel rose garden and a plaque will be attached.

AIRLIE KIRKHAM



18 June 2022, Airlie Kirkham, former Woodlands CEGGS  
student and Elaine Balfour-Ogilvy Memorial  
Scholarship winner, Author and poet, 1978 - 1982

The former scholar shined a light on her world in her own unique way from day one. She was talented and perseverant. She was creative and compassionate and a lover of music and opera. Airlie was a fighter and survivor after recovering from a near fatal car accident in 1991 to become an inspirational author and poet.

KEEP IN TOUCH

We'd love to celebrate the lives of those who have meant so much to you and the school community. Similarly, we love to join in the celebration of new life. Photos encouraged.  
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# ST PETER'S WOODLANDS OLD SCHOLARS' NEWSLETTER 2022

## GIVING TO THE ST PETER'S WOODLANDS OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION

Please consider giving a donation, as our other form of funds is the ever-decreasing Bank interest rates! Donation payments towards the Elaine Balfour-Ogilvy Memorial Scholarship, Millington Bursary and newsletter costs can be by:

- EFT Payments direct to the Bank Account: BSB 015250 Account Number: 405634781
- Trybooking - <https://www.trybooking.com/TXFC>
- Cheques payable to The St Peter's Woodlands Old Scholars' Association and post to 39 Partridge Street, Glenelg 5045

Thank you in anticipation.

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