



# MLC / Annesley College Old Scholars Association Inc



NEWSLETTER | SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Old Scholar,

I hope you are thriving and enjoying the fine spring weather. It is hard to believe that December is fast-approaching.

### **Future considerations for the Association**

The Committee has commenced the process of identifying possible scenarios for its future operation. The reasons for this are numerous including succession planning, using communication methods which are relevant to members, making more accessible the extensive and rich archive information that has been digitised as well as making the best use of our limited financial resources.

As our ideas develop, the Committee will be engaging members to seek their views on our thinking as well as listening to your views and ideas.



To commence this process, we are about to assess your interest in being part of the Association - as a committee member, office bearer and/or volunteer. Apart from the part time Executive Officer, these roles are unpaid, not onerous and great opportunities for camaraderie, laughter and sharing memories. If you would like to use your skills in administration, archiving/records management, finance/investment, fund raising, data entry, data base or project management, please fill in our survey.

### **Recent & future 2023 Events**

On 5<sup>th</sup> May we hosted another successful Drinks @ Gillingham where 100 old scholars had a wonderful time catching up with their friends as well as connecting with others they knew at school. Photos of the evening can be viewed at: <https://festivalphoto.com.au/2023-events/annesley-old-scholars-association-2023> using the access code: AOSA23.

The mid-year lunch at the Caledonian was well attended on Wednesday 14 June. It was wonderful to meet and converse with most of the old scholars who attended this happy occasion.

Jo Rossiter, Principal Annesley Junior School, and an old scholar, gave very informative updates at both events on the school's current achievements, enrolments, and future expansion of the school facilities. The school is growing well and there are exciting times with the refurbishment of Harris and other buildings for extra learning facilities for the students.

The end of year lunch will be held at the The Caledonian Hotel, on Wednesday 15 November 2023 (see booking form). The Association's AGM will be held on Monday 20 November 2023. It would be wonderful if you can make it. Contact details for these events are listed in this edition of the newsletter.

I look forward to keeping in touch with you during the process of engaging with you on the future possibilities for the Association.

Ngaityalya (Kurna, thank you)

**Anne Bosio** (Cooter '72)

**President OSA**

# PATCHELL LIBRARY HISTORICAL CENTRE

## PATCHELL REPORT

The most recent donation to our Patchell Library Historical collection prompted a read of the 1940 annual magazine to find the report of the holiday in Central Australia which took place that year. It is a whimsical composition reporting the event, but the author did not put her name to it, nor of anyone who went on it, except those of Rev. and Mrs Griffith, of Alice Springs, who organised their itinerary.

Our new donation is a photographic record of the holiday, which has been collated in a special monogrammed maroon album, illustrating aspects of the holiday. With a suitable inscription it was given to Rev. and Mrs Griffith in appreciation of their help and as a memento of the occasion.

The photos include the views of the places visited, but more interesting are those showing their transport on the back of a truck and on camels, and their outdoors dormitory.

The article includes some verses which begin “there were 17 girls on the Alice Springs train”, but a group photo shows 15 girls in uniform about to board the train and another with just the first names of a group of 11 – Una, Mary, Margaret, Helen, Marjorie, Cynthia, Evelyn, Jean, Lois, Joyce, and Edith. Two school mistresses, Miss Barclay, and Miss Brown, are in a photo with Mrs Griffith (are they the extra girls?) BUT most interestingly is a photo with just the initials JMH – Miss Harris in jodhpurs.

Archivist **Glenys Edwards** ('53)



## PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION UPDATE

Amidst the chaos the Archives, volunteers keep chipping away at our wonderful records and memorabilia. My current focus is the huge collection of photographs. I have nearly completed an initial sort by subject and, where possible, date. The next step will be appropriate storage and indexing.

Every Tuesday morning is a trip down memory lane!

**Margaret Hosking** ('72)



# NEWS OF OLD SCHOLARS

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## DEATHS

Alison Joan Kinsman ('45)

Rosemary Jean Murdoch (Gunning '54)

Anne Balfour Harkiss (Miller '68)

Beverley Joan Dudley (Robb '55)

Lois Laurel Riggs ('44)

Susan Claire Haddrick ( '70)

Miriam Christine Glazbrook (Reed '62)

Margaret Helene Hallo (McLean '45)

Alison Grant ('57)

## SNIPPETS

**Zoe Komazec** ('08) has been performing in the musical 'Mary Poppins' during the Adelaide season. She was featured in SA Weekend's 'My Saturday Ritual' in August.

**Rebekah McCaul** ('97) marketing manager for Alexandrina Cheese Company was also featured in the SA Weekend's 'My Saturday Ritual'.

### **A snippet from old scholar Yvonne Facy (Osmond):**

**Mrs Anne Marsh**, formerly Miss Tribe, who was sports mistress in 1957/58 celebrated her 90th birthday in July. Miss Tribe came from England at the invitation of Miss Harris. Mrs Marsh attends St Andrew's Church, Walkerville where we celebrated her birthday on 10th July before she left for England to celebrate with her family and friends. A vivacious lady, very much still full of life.

## 1970 COHORT LUNCH

On 9th June 2023, 17 of the cohort who began Year 8 together at MLC in 1966 met for lunch at Bongiorno Restaurant on Belair Road. There was a good atmosphere and lots of talking, and laughter took place. Sue Rundle had brought along some very old photos from her primary school days at MLC! Kerry Maxwell (Richter), younger sister of Bronwen Mullen (Richter) from Victor Harbor, who was a year behind us at school, joined us and many great memories were shared.

This was a fun get together and we hope to meet again next year. Both country and city old scholars were present. Our 50 Year Reunion did not happen due to Covid but perhaps we shall celebrate our 55th in 2025!

**Helen Flavel** (Henderson '70)



# REUNIONS 2023

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Old Scholars who wish to see the school during a reunion please contact Chris Lopez at [os@annesley.sa.edu.au](mailto:os@annesley.sa.edu.au) so that arrangements can be made with the school for a larger group and access outside of school hours (if available).

The following cohort reunions for 2023 are as follows. If you are having a reunion for your year please contact Chris at [os@annesley.sa.edu.au](mailto:os@annesley.sa.edu.au) so that all past student may be invited. We look forward to hearing from you for the these reunions.

## **20 YEAR REUNION** (Peer Year 2003)

**When:** Saturday 4 November 2023

**Where:** The Edinburgh Hotel, Mitcham

**Time:** 6pm

**Cost:** \$45 per person (Partners welcome)

**Contact:** Jo Rowe (Davey) **m.** 0429 027 447 **e.** [srjmrowe@outlook.com](mailto:srjmrowe@outlook.com)

**Booking link:** <https://fb.me/1NnNPStJ8HSctj>

## **30 YEAR REUNION** (Peer Year 1993)

**40 YEAR REUNION** (Peer Year 1983) was held on 24 June 2023 (see page 6 for more details).

**45 YEAR REUNION** (Peer Year 1978) was held on 16 September 2023.

## **50 YEAR REUNION** (Peer Year 1973)

**When:** Saturday, 28th October 2023

**Where:** The Caledonian Hotel, North Adelaide

**Time:** 12pm

**Join us on Facebook:** [MLC 1969-1973](#)

**Contact:** Rosie Burn **e.** [rosie\\_burn@hotmail.com](mailto:rosie_burn@hotmail.com)

**60 YEAR REUNION** (Peer Year 1963: year 8 1959), was part of our Old Scholars June Luncheon with invitations sent in April (see page 5 for further details). If you were unable to attend, eight boarders will have a **sleep-over at West Beach Caravan Park on the 17th and 18th October, 2023**. If you missed the callout and want to join us, text **Lorraine Penny McLoughlin on 0408 400 010** to see if there are spaces left.

## **VISITS TO ANNESLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL**

We have had some enquiries from old scholars in regard to a visit to the school. The Principal, Jo Rossiter, has confirmed that she is very happy to have past students visit. If you wish to visit during school hours it will need to be organised directly with the school through contacting:

Cat Rogowski, Executive Assistant to the Principal **e.** [Rogowskic@annesley.sa.edu.au](mailto:Rogowskic@annesley.sa.edu.au)

Please note that the new Bouncing Beans Café opens at 11am Monday - Friday (except Thursday).

# REUNIONS 2023

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## 40 YEAR REUNION

The class of '83 celebrated their 40th at the Earl of Leicester Hotel on 24 June. 35 people attended and enjoyed catching up and sharing their school experiences. Of course, a reunion isn't complete without a rendition of the school anthem and school song which were sung with gusto! Our caps were specially made to celebrate the occasion by one of our own. A great memento.

Regards,

**Gaynor Furnell** (Edwards '83)



## 45 YEAR REUNION - CLASS OF '78

On Saturday 16 September 45 of us met for our reunion. We could not have asked for a more perfect day; it was a very relaxed affair in Sally Watson's Garden. Several old scholars had never been to a reunion before, and some people had travelled quite a distance (Fliss from Perth, Jane & Lesley from NSW, Bronwyn from ACT, Marion from QLD and Linda, Rosemary, and Lyn from Victoria), and from regional SA, so it was wonderful to catch up with them.

There were lots of stories and memories shared, it is hard to believe it is 45 years since our cohort finished school so it was great to catch up with old friends and those with whom we might not have been friends and to find out what interesting lives we have had. We will set a date for our 50-year reunion very soon so that there is no excuse not to come. All in all, a great day.

There are lots of photos of the reunion on facebook page: "[MLC/Annesley Class of 78](#)".

**Sally Watson** ('78)



# REUNIONS 2023

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## 60 YEAR REUNION

### Diamond Jubilee celebration. Sixty years since we left MLC, really?

The women from the 1959 intake/ 63 graduation group, although minus maroon uniforms, still sounded like rowdy girls at the Caledonian Hotel in June 2023. Where were Miss Harris's beady eyes and striding figure with flowing black gown? I guess she'd be pleased to know many of us still have fun together. Jo Rossiter as old scholar and present Annesley Junior School Principal joined us and Bessie Hosking's niece Margaret shared stories with the boarders.

It was a happy day and contacts were exchanged to ensure we will repeat the event in a year or two.



**L to R:** Eyvonne Axford (now Price), Sandra Neill (Gutsche), Kathy Mudge (Miller) (back), Carolyn James (Carroll), Sandra Finch (Freeman), Rosemary Tucker (Simpson), Meredith Pascoe (Ochoto), Dianne McInerney (Rudd), Angela Gameau (Nelder), Vivien Tucker (Winn), Judy Ferguson (Earle), Helen Beaney (McIntosh), Lorraine Penny (McLoughlin).

### MLC BOARDERS LUNCH - we began at MLC 60 yrs ago!

On 18<sup>th</sup> August, fourteen of our group of Boarders who commenced at MLC in 1963 enjoyed a wonderful lunch together at Castello's Cucina - Living Choice, Fullarton. Four girls generously travelled from interstate to join in, so that was very special. We had such a great time and hope to make this an annual lunch.

### Christine Shetliffe ('67)

**Back row L to R:** Sue Ackland (Mc Callum) , Natalie Clark (Beck), Meredith Allan (Jessop), Carolyn Salter (Putland), Erika Kuhaupt (Beelitz), Ruth Woollacott, Margaret Abbott (Snodgrass), Ruth Graney (Battye), Andrea Miller (Tiver), Lynley Pilkington (Millard).

**Front row L to R:** Christine Shetliffe (Germein), Janet Gordon (Roefeldt), Colleen Gardner (Markey), Mary Haas (Bell).



Please **Like** our new **Facebook** page to keep up-to-date with the latest event information.

Find us at :

**MLC and Annesley Old Scholars Association**

# EVENTS 2023

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## MID YEAR LUNCH

In June we held our annual mid-year lunch at the Caledonian hotel, in North Adelaide, where, as usual, we were well looked after by the friendly staff and the ample food choices on the menu. Among those attending was a lively group of old scholars celebrating their 60-year reunion, some of whom hadn't had a catch up since leaving their school days behind them! We were sorry to see that our usual group of older generous attendees was down in numbers due no doubt to winter ills.

Old Scholars Association President, Anne Bosio, welcomed everyone, especially the Junior School Principal, fellow old scholar, Jo Rossiter, who gave an update of the school numbers (400 with a waiting list) and an overview of the new areas due to the upgrading of the buildings.

The usual fundraising raffle was held, and photos taken of attendees, thanks to committee members.



## DRINKS @ GILLINGHAM

On the very wet, cold, wintery night of May 5th, over 90 MLC/Annesley Old Scholars met to enjoy drinks, nibbles, and camaraderie in the majestic old Gillingham Hall. The atmosphere was electric, with beautiful fairy lights festooned across the ceiling and a display of old school uniforms from throughout the ages adorning pillars and across the stage.

Because so many came, a warm and friendly atmosphere was created in our beautiful old Gillingham Hall, with many groups of old scholars meeting and greeting each other plus a wide range of ages being represented.

A wonderful PowerPoint of old photographs of school buildings, headmistresses, teachers, students and events were displayed on the huge screen above the stage, and this collection of photographs was enjoyed by all.



AJS Principal, Jo Rossiter

# EVENTS 2023

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## DRINKS @ GILLINGHAM CONT.

Robyn Brown (Dolan, '70), MC for the evening, welcomed everyone before Old Scholars President Anne Bosio (Cooter, '73) gave the Acknowledgement of Country. Anne provided an outline of the activities planned for 2023, and introduced Jo Rossiter (Holland '95), the current Principal of Annesley Junior School. Jo spoke passionately and enthusiastically, clearly outlining the current situation of student numbers, staff, growth at Annesley, subject expansion plus the plans afoot to renovate and develop Patchell Wing in the future.

Ian Jenkinson once again capably served a selection of drinks all night, while Committee members, including Sue Stow (Davey, '70), Robyn Brown, Jenny Jenkinson (Opie, '71), Annie Hambour (James, '70), Helen Flavel (Henderson, '70), and Sally Watson ('78), handed around delicious platters of a variety of hot and cold savoury nibbles. A photographer from Festival Photos circulated and captured groups of former classmates enjoying catching up with each other. **To access these photos, go to [www.festivalphoto.com.au](http://www.festivalphoto.com.au) click link to Old Scholars Drinks 2023 and enter Access Code: AOSA23 to select your images.**

One of the best aspects of the event was the broad range of ages represented, from ladies who attended MLC back in the war years of the 1940s, to younger old scholars who were at Annesley in its centenary year 2002, plus a few from its last year of 2011. Mothers and daughters were there, sisters and cousins, and friendships were renewed as the night progressed.

Many thanks to the hard-working committee; to Ian Jenkinson for his help; and to Robyn Brown who spent many hours creating the PowerPoint display as well as MCing on the night. Chris Lopez managed the ticketing and background organising, and special thanks to Sally Watson for buying the drinks plus opening her home so often to the sub-committee who planned the event.

All agree that Drinks@Gillingham 2023 was a wonderful celebration of old scholars renewing friendships and celebrating successes.

**Helen Flavel** (Henderson '70)





# BOOKING FORM 2023

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The Luncheon will be held at The Caledonian Hotel, North Adelaide at 12.30pm

## NOVEMBER LUNCH

Date: Wednesday 15th November 2023

Cost: \$40

RSVP: 10th November 2023

**IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that we receive your booking by the due date for catering and table purposes:

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### Booking for Old Scholars Lunch:

Name:\* \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:\* \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph/Mob:\* \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Table Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (if known)

Please indicate any special dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

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### PAYMENT:

My preferred payment option is (please circle):    Cheque                      EFT                      Credit Card

**Cheques** payable to: *Old Scholars Association*

EFT is payable to:                      **BSB:** 105 - 125                      **Account No:** 462 079 540

Please include your *name* as your reference.

**Credit card** payment (please tick):     Master Card                       Visa                      **Amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Card no:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_                      **Exp:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**DONATIONS:** We would like to thank those Old Scholars who have generously donated during the past year. We are very grateful for donations from our Old Scholars. Please use any of the above methods to donate and help our Association continue its work. We will continue to provide a printed version at a current cost of \$4 each, to our older members who are and have been our most generous donors

**Donation Amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to: MLC / AC Old Scholars Association, 28 Rose Tce, Wayville SA 5034**

\*be sure to include your name and telephone number.

If paying by EFT an email with your name & table name would be very helpful: [os@annesley.sa.edu.au](mailto:os@annesley.sa.edu.au)