



MLC / Annesley College

Old Scholars Association Inc



NEWSLETTER | MARCH 2022

Dear Old Scholars,

I am both excited and humbled to begin this year as President of the MLC/Annesley Old Scholars' Association! I thank Sue Stow as outgoing President for her many years of service and appreciate the support of my strong team on the Old Scholars' Committee who are experienced and efficient!

I attended MLC from 1959 through to 1970 and have very fond memories of my 12 years wearing maroon! I saw many changes in the school buildings, staff and grounds during that time, and have some extremely strong friendships from those many years at MLC. Fortunately, I also had 3 sisters who attended – 2 older and one younger, so my contacts from my time at MLC are vast.



Fortunately, during 2022, we have some remarkable historical events to celebrate! On April 14th 1902, Methodist Ladies College opened its doors in Malvern with (arguably) 19 inaugural students, and two years later the college moved to the Greenhill Road Wayville campus we all remember! Hence this year, 2022, it is our school's 120th birthday! (see page 3). In 2012, Annesley Junior School was launched, offering co-educational, inquiry-based learning for pre-schoolers and Junior Primary students. It has now grown to provide an exciting learning environment for children from 2 years old through to Year 6, so this year we are celebrating its 10th birthday! There will be specific details concerning these exciting celebrations in later editions of the newsletter.

In 2020, my cohort's 50 Year Reunion had to be postponed due to the pandemic, but I am still hopeful that my group may be able to meet together next year for our 53rd reunion, without having to worry about border closures or international travel restrictions. However, I certainly look forward to the planned MLC/Annesley Old Scholars' Midyear Luncheon in June, the 120/10 Year joint celebrations which are yet to be announced, as well as other exciting Old Scholars' events later in the year.

I trust that you enjoy keeping in touch with friends and classmates from your time at school as much as I do, and that together we will be able to celebrate these important milestones for our school, the best school of all! I look forward to opportunities to meet and greet you as the year progresses.

Stay safe and well! Best wishes,

Helen Flavel (Henderson, '70)
President OSA

PATCHELL COLLECTION

One-offs

In our previous newsletter (August 2021) we listed some of our old scholars who have done 'incredible things'. We would like to continue with our 'one-offs', so here is part 2.

Emily Casely – Only qualified teacher of Physiotherapy in Australia in 1940

Coralie Soward (Hewer) – Mayor of Burnside in 1979

Cynthia Nelson – Senior woman diplomat in 1960s

Sally Newmarch – Olympic rower 1996

Rachel Buxton – Rhodes Scholar 1998

Jesse Trengove – Marathon runner

Ruth Osmond — developed cyto-pathology in 1960s

Recent Donations

Pictured are five donated post cards which belonged to Gladys Florence Lake Randell, a student at MLC 1907 –8. Gladys, known as Girlie, was a boarder at MLC and some of her postcard collection donated to us contained cards sent to her by her mother. Collecting postcards was very fashionable at that time and other cards were from overseas and sent to her Murray Bridge address.

Barbara May (James) A student at MLC 1942-47. Donated fee schedules, uniform information and enrolment acknowledgment papers for her daughters' times at MLC (1970s).

A 1934 photo of MLC students and a pin cushion made from a blazer pocket, donated by the daughters of Dorothy Holmes (Bottrall).



Art Students of the 90s will be pleased to know that Anne Leech, their former Art teacher, has donated 2 volumes of year 12 art, photography and textile design to our collection.

Were you a mouse in Bethlehem?

We have in our collection the hand written play 'The mice in the stable at Bethlehem', but there is no date as to when it was performed or whose class performed it? So, do you remember being a mouse and who was your teacher?

Patchell Archiving request:

We are currently sorting photos of stage productions, dramas and musicals, but many lack production titles and/or dates. Can you please send in names and dates for any you remember? Thanks.

Margaret Hosking
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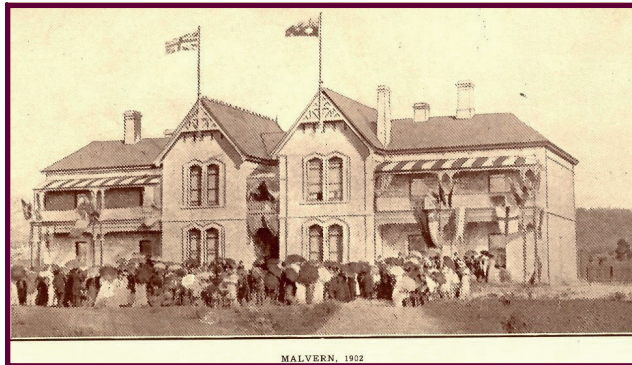
120 years of MLC / ANNESLEY COLLEGE

MLC 1902

In 1883 the Wesleyan Church Conference recommended that a Ladies College be established and three years later Mr Charles Drew gave £1000 towards this establishment. The money was placed in a Ladies College Building Fund and by 1902 it had grown to £1673.

In February 1902 the Ladies College Committee was offered the lease of the Malvern Grammar School built in 1899. The following month the Methodist Conference recommended that the college be established, to be opened after the Easter holidays and to be named the Methodist Ladies College

Thus, MLC was officially opened Saturday 12 April 1902 by the Governor of South Australia, Lord Tennyson.



The school opened Monday 14 April with either 19 or 21 students. Miss Edison enrolled 19 students on that day and two more on day two. This was followed by two more on day three, but with the opening date alongside their names. By the end of the first week there were 26 students and at the end of 1902 there were 57 students, 6 of whom were boarders.

The Malvern building had 30 rooms, enough space for 120 students including 50 boarders. One wing had four classrooms and an assembly hall, the other wing had a dining room and boarding accommodation for students. With only 6 boarders in the boarding house there was plenty of space for staff and the Casely family – Rev. and Mrs Casely, their three girls and Miss Josephine Casely, the Matron.

Lack of space was becoming a problem in 1903 and by the end of that year plans were made to move the school to its current site in 1904, into the building (now known as the Patchell Building), built in 1882 as a hospital. Bought by the Bible Christian Church in 1886, in 1892 it became Way College, a very successful boys' school, closing in May 1903, as it was considered that the Methodist Church did not need two boys' colleges, and the well-established Prince Alfred College prevailed.



Prize book 1903–this is our oldest piece of memorabilia in our collection, dating from the time MLC was at Malvern. It was presented to Miss Rosa Matters , for English, geography (equal), physiology, botany and Scripture.

(Information from 'To Grow in Wisdom' by Phyllis Twynam)



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NEWS OF OLD SCHOLARS

MARRIAGE

Jess Carver (2014) to Simon Dowd

Stephanie Lee ('07) to Matthew Hutson

DEATHS

Pamela Jane Stace (Fisher '65)

Margaret Doris Ruth Harkness (Robinson '58)

Elizabeth Wendy Treloar (Trigg '56)

Ruth Alison Kitto (Criddle '49)

Gwenda June Dunstone (Hannaford '44)

Margaret Joan Pill (Western '42)

Maureen Norma Wilson ('58)

Lesley June Slade (Clarke '67)

Midge Dunn ('67)

Cynthia Eileen Ruth Fleming ('56)

Margaret Joan Blumson (Kuhlmann '50)

Nancy Averil Eckersley (Storry '52)

Gail Margaret Newmarch (Prettejohn '61)

Cynthia Dally (Staniford '52)

Janice Elizabeth Rodgers (Johns '54)

Rev Dr Ian Parsons—School Chaplain 1969

Remembering:

Roma Chamberlain (Parrott) – MLC Staff

Recent pages in the state paper carried reminiscences of past teachers who made an impact on their students, and many teachers at MLC/Annesley have left their mark in one way or another. With the death of the former Miss Roma Parrott last year, a group of her former students who have kept in touch with her over many years have provided the following article.

From information in the annual magazines we know that Miss Parrott came to MLC as an English teacher in 1949. She was assigned a house, it being Corinth, and for 6 years she held that position. The Debating Club was another area she was involved with and the 1951 report for that group stated that under Miss Parrott's guidance the girls taking part in the debates had become more forceful and vigorous debaters. The 1952 report said that Miss Parrott must take credit for that year's successes.

1954 was the Jubilee year of MLC being on the (now) Greenhill Road site. Funds were being raised and each of the houses had an Amateur Hour night. Miss Parrott's imagination helped the Year 9s of that time (the Sub-Inters) perform a "limp corps de ballet" item, in which all the Principal dancers collapsed on the stage in agony, having been stabbed by a bread knife. They quickly came to life again to receive the applause!

At the same concert Miss Parrott along with Miss Twynam and Miss Noblet, all dressed in MLC uniform, sang acted out the song "Three little maids from School". Not recorded in the school magazines is the information that each Sunday evening Miss Parrott conducted a radio programme "Hymns we love".

At the end of 1955 Miss Parrott left MLC to travel overseas where she lived until her death. There she met her future husband, Frances Chamberlain.

2022 REUNIONS

We would like to know if there is any interest in the various reunion groups getting together with their Peer Year group. In the recent past it has been a much easier way to meet up with old scholars you may not have seen for many years.

The Association invites the 60 and 70 year group to our mid year or end of year luncheon but there are usually more attendees in the 20, 30, 40 & 50 years.

If you are someone who is able to convene a function for your peer year we would love to hear from you. OSA will help in any way they can, we are aware that social media keeps people in touch but we always appreciate updates from old scholars.

2022 Peer Years

20 year reunion: Year 12 in 2002 – (Year 8 1998)

30 year reunion: Year 12 1992 – (Year 8 1988)

40 year reunion: Year 12 1982 – (Year 8 1978)

50 year reunion: Year 12 1972 – (Year 8 1968) – see below

Other reunions are held at various intervals, this year:

45 year reunion:

Year 12 1977 – (Year 8 1973): to be held on Saturday 22 October, 2022 at the Highlander Rooftop Bar, 647 North East Road, Gilles Plains.

Please contact: Cathie Harvey (King) m: 0437 754 252 e: annesley1977@gmail.com or Lisa Wright e: flaxley5252@bigpond.com

50 year reunion:

Year 12 1972 – (Year 8 1968): to be held on Friday 13 May, 2022.

Venue: 130 Watson Ave, Toorak Gardens, 5065. From 6pm. Please bring a plate &/or bottle to share.

RSVP: 10 May 2022. to Barb Dalwood (Masters), m: 0417 738 822

60 year reunion:

Year 12 1962 (Leaving Honors) – (Year 8 1958) – invitations will be sent out in May as it will be part of our mid-year lunch on Wednesday 15 June 2022.

For further information about reunions contact: Chris Lopez: e: os@annesley.sa.edu.au m: 0414 831 946

SNIPPETS

Alana-Jayne Moore ('02) – will spend 2022 in Antarctica with the Antarctic Division.

Marian Wicks (Wilson '68) – was awarded 2 medals in 2021, the first, an Outstanding Achievement medal from the National Red Cross and the second, the National Emergency Service medal, awarded by the Governor General. Congratulations Marian.

OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION EVENTS 2021

ANNUAL NOVEMBER LUNCH – 17 November 2021

Once again we were able to hold the lunch at the Caledonian Hotel, North Adelaide, an excellent venue in these difficult times for eating out. The menu was well received and having small tables proved an excellent choice.

Sue Stow, our President welcomed everyone and introduced Helen Flavel our incoming President for 2022. Lyn Goldsworthy (a past President) then said Grace.



Year 8, 1961 Lunch

In February 1961 120 girls started in year 8 at MLC; several lucky day girls came up from the Primary school and 26 were new boarders. With 120 girls across 4 classes

there were lots of friendships made during the next few years. After 60 years a small group lunched at The Caledonian Hotel and enjoyed lots of chat and a lovely meal.



Back row: Chris Lopez (Riggs), Maxine French (Roesler), Christine Lawrie (White), Helen Fels (Ireland) Julie Hallett (Wood), Claire Viscione (Scrutton), Mignonne Willson (Spry), Vivienne Dearman (Ween).
Front row: Lesley Williams (Wiseman), Andrea Rankin (Davidson), Rosemary Pridham (Ayles), Jill Magarey (Morphett).

REUNIONS 2021

10 YEAR REUNION

The students of 2011 had a small affair for their 10 year reunion due to evolving changes in restrictions and rules. A lovely afternoon lunch and gathering was had and everyone enjoyed catching up and sharing tales of the past 10 years. We invited some of the staff who came along and we all enjoyed reminiscing about our years at Annesley.

Maddie Kavanagh ('11)



50 YEAR REUNION

Saturday 23 October 2021 saw 32 of us gather for lunch at The Feathers Hotel. There was much apprehension I know, for some, as to how we would find each other to be after 50 years! There was also trepidation as this was one of the first times a group of this size could be in one place following Covid restrictions.

It was such a wonderful gathering with a good deal of laughter and a real sense of being with old friends. There was a tangible connection that made the years melt away and with it was a calmness in the camaraderie. Leading up to this event led to a lot of reflection on the intervening years and to share this with each other in just one afternoon was impossible! There was so much left to be said, so of course promises were made to catch up again next year rather than in 10 years! The date and venue are yet to be decided.

Not everyone could be there or chose not to be. Some of us had not seen each other since the Valedictory Service in 1971, or before if they did not complete Year 12, so it was very interesting to appreciate how developed personalities were back then as so many of the nicest qualities were clearly evident! As many of us are finishing our working lives and move on to the next phase, we left wishing each other good health and a desire to catch up again.

Jenny Jenkinson (Opie '71)

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REUNIONS 2021 cont...



Front row: Wendy Bromell, Dianne Chislett (Cook), Janet Bartold (Tremain), Pen Edmondson, Jane Morris (Fricker), Pamela Upton, Debbie Millar (Bulley), Dianne Hunt (Isbell), Susan Kiemeier (Treloar), Kate Clonan (Grant)

Middle row: Jill Phillips (Tucker), Jenny Jenkinson (Opie), Cheryl Bernard (Statton), Roz Rowett (Hill), Angela Annabel (Herde), Elizabeth Warhurst, Julie Wood (Trust), Helen Schulz (Searle), Lois Mitchell (Dunsford), Diane Syvertsen (Reynolds), Wendy Turner (Jones), Anne-Lesley Bedini (Lesley Thoday)

Top row: Jenny Hilton (Ackland), Mary Spier (Brown), Janet Griffin (Green), Sharyn Tyson (Davidson), Kerry Maxwell (Richter), Heather Chambers (McMillan), Peta Laundry (Warnecke), Pam Leech (Gill), Janet Copping, Susan van Manen (Hearne)

Boards: Front row: Dianne Syvertsen (Reynolds), Wendy Turner (Jones) Jill Phillips (Tucker), Janet Copping, Janet Griffin (Green)

Back Row: Pam Leech (Gill), Pamela Upton, Lois Mitchell (Dunsford), Roz Rowett (Hill), Sharyn Davidson (Tyson)



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 22 November 2021

The committee re-elected members:

President: Helen Flavel

Immediate Past President: Sue Stow Treasurer: Jenny Jenkinson

Secretary: Chris Lopez Committee:

Alison Benecke, Anne Bosio, Glenys Edwards, Annie Hambour, Yolanda Lopez, & Sally Watson

Thank you everyone who has had input to this newsletter, with special thanks to our archivist Glenys Edwards.