

MLC / Annesley College

Old Scholars Association Inc



NEWSLETTER | MARCH 2023

Dear Old Scholar,

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2023.

As President of the Old Scholars Association, I acknowledge the wonderful effort and support of our past Presidents and committee members for their commitment to our Association. A special thanks goes to Chris Lopez and Glenys Edwards, who have dedicated many years of voluntary effort to ensure our Association remains connected and its history and extensive archives maintained. I am very grateful to my committee colleagues who have offered their ongoing support during my term as President, particularly as I work fulltime and may, at times, ask them to fill in for me when I am unable to attend Old Scholar events.



My journey with our school started in 1968 as a boarder (my family lived in Port Augusta) and in 1972 I became a **day bug**. These were transformative years in the school's history as Ruth Watts commenced as Principal in Term 2 of my first year. She replaced Jean Harris who had been headmistress for 28 years. Ruth was very student focussed and ensured the lesson timetable catered for all students' subject preferences. I recall her favourite word during assembly and public speeches was 'challenge'.

Living at home again with my four sisters and parents as well as socialising in third term, I repeated Year 12 in 1973. I shared my second Year 12 with my sister Jane and her friendly cohort and was co-Deputy Head Prefect with Ann Draper, supporting Helen Swift who was Head Prefect. I established wonderful friendships during my school years, which continue today. My original cohort celebrated our 50-year anniversary last year and this year I will be celebrating another 50-year anniversary with my 'second' Year 12 friends (see page 4 for details). Thirty years after I left school I was invited to be a member of Annesley Council and commenced the year my niece Claire Stanley was Head Prefect (2003).

Our Association, including our archives, moved location within the school grounds late last year. We are now on the first floor of Harris Wing as the School prepares to renovate Patchell Building for additional classrooms and administration (see page 2). More news about this in the next newsletter. On Friday, 5th May 2023 we have the return of Drinks@Gillingham between 6.30pm and 8.30pm for networking and re-connecting old scholars. We also welcome past staff and hope you and some of your school friends can join us and catch up with other old scholars (refer to separate newsletter item).

I look forward to keeping in touch with you during my term as President.

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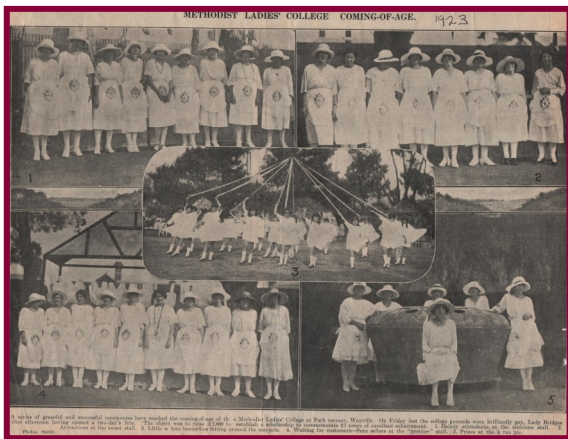
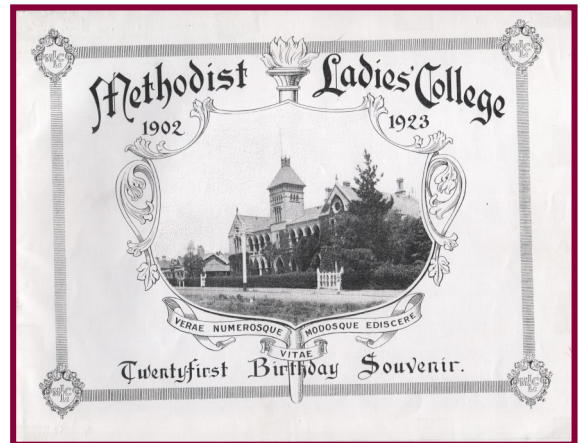
Anne Bosio (Cooter '73)
President OSA

PATCHELL LIBRARY HISTORICAL CENTRE

100 YEARS AGO - 1923

MLC proudly celebrated its 21st birthday in April 1923 with a two-day grand fete and two evening concerts to raise funds to be able to donate an Old Scholars Association Scholarship as a birthday present to the College. The two concerts were arranged by two old scholars, Miss Hilda Gill (who presented on the Friday) and Miss Muriel Day (who presented on the Saturday). Friends, including men, took part, along with a well-known artist.

Lady Bridges opened the fete on Friday 13 April and Mr James Gartrell opened the fete on the following day.



The College did not publish a 1922 annual magazine, but instead, a special 21st birthday edition was published in April 1923 as part of a fundraising exercise. A 1923 Christmas edition was also published that year, both list the names of all previous scholars and all the stall holders for the fete.

Besides the usual stalls of cake (2 stalls), sweets (2 stalls), afternoon tea, ice-cream (with fruit salad), bran pie (lucky dip) and flowers. There were stalls for country produce (with regional country conveners), wool, cretonne, white work, ladies accessories, babies wear, MLC badge stall and surprisingly, a fortune teller! The

stall holders wore a special badge and a muslin apron that was especially printed and embroidered for helpers (old scholars) to wear. We have two aprons are in our archive collection.

The above newspaper cutting shows old scholars wearing their aprons whilst helping on the stalls. This is our only snapshot of the occasion.

THE MOVE OF OUR HISTORICAL CENTRE.

As you are probably aware the Patchell building is going to be extensively renovated, for this reason we have had to move our office and archive collection to the first floor of the Harris Wing (previously the boarding house). While not an ideal working area we are pleased to have several rooms (previously bedrooms) and we have carefully stored our collection in two of the rooms. The special shelving bought to house the acid free boxes in Patchell were adapted (at a cost) to fit the new space. The cost of moving all office items, furniture and boxed items was covered by the Association and some help from old scholar donations in 2022.

NEWS OF OLD SCHOLARS

DEATHS

Barbara Jeannette Conigrave (Mcgraith '54)

Margaret Joan Prest (Askwith '56)

Pamela Hephizabeth Curnow ('59)

Shelby Norris Hancock (Moulds '58)

Nita Ellen Pattingale (Daniel '51)

Margaret Faioa Pethick (Caust '54)

SNIPPETS

Dr Jenny Fereday ('81) has recently resigned from 18 years at the Women's and Children's Health Network including 10 years as the Executive Director, Nursing and Midwifery and has been appointed to the role of Clinical Professor of Midwifery at the University of South Australia.

Ellie Lovegrove (2012) sang the national anthem at the Supercar event , VALO Adelaide 500 in November 2022. Ellie was an X-Factor finalist and has performed on many national stages.

Diane Meaney ('59) achieved her karate black belt after taking up the sport 10 years ago. Di believes that karate 'has amazing physical benefits for older people'.

Penny Pratt ('92) was elected as the Member for Frome in 2022.

Miranda Starke ('92) has been appointed chief executive of COTA (Council on the Ageing), SA.



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

REUNIONS 2023

Old Scholars who wish to see the school during a reunion please contact Chris Lopez at 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 (see below) so that all past student my be invited. We look forward to hearing from you for the these reunions.

20 year reunion (Peer Year 2003)

30 year reunion (Peer Year 1993)

40 year reunion (Peer Year 1983)

45 year reunion (Peer Year 1978)

When: Saturday, 16th September 2023

Time: 2pm - 5pm

Contacts:

Sally Watson m. 0411 377 347

Merridy Carter m. 0421 467 955

Cathy Fox m. 0408 839 760

Where: 10 Wemyss St, Linden Park

Cost: \$25.00

RSVP: 30th June, 2023

e. monte@ace.net.au

e. merridycarter62@hotmail.com

e. cathy.l.fox14@gmail.com

50 year reunion (Peer Year 1973)

When: Saturday, 28th October 2023

Time: 12pm

Contact:

Rosie Burn e. rosie_burn@hotmail.com

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

Where: The Caledonian Hotel, North Adelaide

60 year reunion (Peer Year 1963: year 8 1959) - this reunion is included in our Old Scholars June luncheon, invitations will be sent out in April.

If you wish to be included in a reunion please update your details by emailing os@annesley.sa.edu.au or contact Chris Lopez m: 0414831946

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 affirmed with us that she is very happy to have any 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.

Email: Rogowskic@annesley.sa.edu.au

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

REUNIONS 2022

30 YEAR REUNION

The class of 1992 had a wonderful catch up on Saturday afternoon, 12 November 2022, at the Stirling Hotel in the Adelaide Hills.

We were delighted to see so many familiar faces there. Some girls who came were not able to make it to our 20- and 25-year reunion, so there was a great deal to catch up on. We also had some special appearances from some interstate travellers and people who had been living overseas and now moved back to Australia with their families.



The girls braved the unusually stormy November Adelaide weather and had some excitement when a “mini-cyclone” hit the Hills, the hotel had a short black-out and we had to rush inside by the fire and get stuck into warm pizzas, more wine and plenty more chats and laughs. It was clear that there really is a special bond between all of us and it definitely did not seem at all like 30 years had passed since we all finished at school together.

Thank you to everyone who came. We’ve decided we won’t wait for so long until we catch up again. Please keep an eye out for any updates or posts on our Facebook Group: "Annesley College Class of '92 Reunion".

Jane Newton (Hassell '92)

BOARDERS REUNION

In August 2022, 14 Boarders from the 1957 intake met at Kadina for a most enjoyable Reunion Day. Claire Bettess (McPherson) hosted us at ‘Memoree House” for a full day of delicious food and lots of chat and stories. Claire also organised the catering which included very tasty authentic Cornish pasties. We enjoyed a tour of a most interesting collection of memorabilia. In addition there was also a men’s program with a tour of a display of heritage cars and caravans.

We remembered the girls who have passed on in recent years as well as hearing greetings and messages from those who were unable to attend. Instead of waiting for another 5 years to gather again, the suggestion is that we meet again in 2024, the year when nearly all of us turn 80! It was a wonderful day to remember about the good times as well as the challenging days and to give thanks for the educational opportunities we enjoyed and the making of lifelong friends.

Judy Eland (Beck '61)



From left:

Back row Brenda Bowman (Ness), Rosemary Snodgrass (Trengove), Maxine Bell (Haldane), Lois Donaldson (Voight), Carolyn Griggs (visiting day girl), Jan Fisk (Kelly) Claire Bettess (McPherson) June Simmons.

Middle row Carolyn Cutten (Ellis) Jeredene Nankivell (Ash)
Front row Judy Howard (Farrow) Jan Hill (Sanders) Heather Russell (Neil) Judy Eland (Beck).

OSA EVENTS IN 2023



DRINKS @ GILLINGHAM

In the past few years, due to Covid-19, unfortunately we have been unable to hold this event. Let's all make an effort to all get together again this year where you will be able to enjoy a visit in our wonderful Gillingham Hall for drinks and nibbles on:

Friday 5th May, from 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Meet up with many old scholars and enjoy a unique display of photos from our archives.
(1902 - 2011)

Please book online at: www.trybooking.com/CHFZC

Cost: \$35.00 p/p

OLD SCHOLARS JUNE LUNCHEON

To be held at 12.30pm on Wednesday, 14th June 2023 at The Caledonian Hotel, North Adelaide. See the booking form (page 7). All welcome.

BOOKING FORM 2023

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

MID YEAR LUNCH

Date: Wednesday 14th June 2023

Cost: \$40

RSVP: 12th June 2023

NOVEMBER LUNCH

Date: Wednesday 15th November 2023

Cost: \$40

RSVP: 13th November 2023

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

Booking for Old Scholars Lunch:

Name:* _____

Maiden Name: _____

Ph/Mob:* _____

Email: _____

Table Name: _____

Please indicate any special dietary requirements: _____

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.

Bookings for the Drinks@Gillingham on Friday 5th May 2023, need to be made using

Book online at: www.trybooking.com/CHFZC