



# MLC / Annesley College Old Scholars Association Inc



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Old Scholars,

Welcome to another year for our Old Scholars. We hope that we shall see many of you at our activities during the year. As usual, we shall be holding two lunches, one mid-year and one in November, and we hope to again have a film evening as our major fundraiser. We are planning to have an evening event in Gillingham Hall later in the year. Please watch out for the dates of these functions.

We look forward to seeing many of you who have not attended these events before (as well as those who are regulars!) as it is a great way to catch up with old friends, and to find out what is happening at the School. It is in very good hands.

The work with the Patchell collection is still continuing, thanks to our wonderful volunteers, and we are making inroads with our cataloguing in the new workrooms and new storage. We would love to have more volunteers when we have our events. Look forward to seeing you in 2018.

**Liz Jackson** (Askwith '61)

**President**

On Friday 10 November following the Old Scholars luncheon we proceeded to the courtyard where the Principal thanked our President, Liz Jackson for donating a new tree and a plaque celebrating five generations of her family attending Way College, MLC, Annesley College & Annesley ELC.



Liz is pictured here with her sister, Helen and a photo of the tree with the plaque below.

## OLD SCHOLARS WEEK: 12 - 19 November 2018

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| <b>12 November</b> | Old Scholars Golf Day, <i>RAGC, Seaton</i>                            |
| <b>16 November</b> | Old Scholars Lunch, <i>Gillingham Hall</i>                            |
| <b>17 November</b> | 1968 Golden Reunion: <i>Invitations will be sent</i>                  |
| <b>19 November</b> | OSA Annual General Meeting, <i>Patchell Library Historical Centre</i> |

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# PATCHELL LIBRARY HISTORICAL CENTRE

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## PATCHELL UPDATE

2018 has already seen much progress in the Patchell Library Historical Centre, particularly with the archiving of our historical items. A large part of the collection has now been professionally photographed, catalogued and stored in acid-free boxes. These items include, uniforms and textiles, ceramics, silverware, trophies and accessories. By following a specific, pre-determined cataloguing system we are now preparing for detailed information of every item to be transferred into our digital database. This database will be searchable and contain as much information about the history of the item, its owner (if applicable) and its corresponding photographs as possible. By creating such a detailed database, we are ensuring that the history of the school's physical items and associated information is maintained and kept for years to come.

There have been a number of items that have been a surprise. Items that have given us detailed insights into the student's school days over the 100+ years as well as items that have obviously had significant sentimental meanings to students who have donated them. Each week we (the volunteers) discover new stories and are forever learning about MLC / Annesley College, a school that we have all attended (spanning over numerous decades). It is a history that makes us realise how remarkable the women who have passed through these doors have been.

We ask that if you ever have any questions or would like to know more about the school's history and current activities to please contact the Patchell Library Historical Centre at either [os@annesley.sa.edu.au](mailto:os@annesley.sa.edu.au) or 08 8422 2210. We always welcome sharing the school's stories.

**Yolanda Lopez**

## MEMORIES OF THE OLD DINNER GONG

I'm not sure just where the dinner gong hung when I was a boarder 1949-1951, but it was hung near the dining room (half of which is the now Way Meeting Room). It was struck by Gertie the kitchen maid in such a manner that it could be heard above the chatter in the common room at the other end of the (now) Patchell building. In those days the Patchell building was just called the Boarding House, unofficially, and the Main Building on official plans.

On hearing the gong we hungry boarders lined up ready to proceed to the dining room. We processed down the passage to the dining room (was it single file or in two's like Noah's ark?) but I know it was IN SILENCE! On entering the dining room we turned left and went past the pigeon holes which housed our serviettes (in serviette rings) in numerical order (based on the alphabetical order of our surnames! I was number 21.)

We found our places at one of the five dining tables and stood behind our chairs (IN SILENCE) until everyone was in the dining room including staff members on duty AND Miss Harris. Then we could sit down and dinner was served IN SILENCE. Once everyone at your table was served then conversations could begin.

When the dinner gong first came into our collection a number of years ago, one gong was missing. No longer did it chime in a similar tone to the Town Hall clock (or should that be the Post Office clock?) But in more recent times the 4<sup>th</sup> gong has appeared and been rehung so that the dinner gong, on being struck now, may call the ghosts of boarders past to breakfast, lunch or dinner once again.

**Glenys Edwards**



# MEMORIES cont.

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## MEMORIES OF THE FIRES

In response to our mention of the 1947 fires in the previous newsletter, we were happy to receive letters from old scholars Rae Lang (Dean) and Rosemary Larsen (Kelly).

I was a student at MLC in the kindergarten starting in 1946 (years 1 and 2) and in the beginning of year 3 in 1947 we had the disastrous fires which meant we were moved to Kent Town Methodist Church in May at the beginning of the second term. In 1947 Mrs Frances Othams was my grade 3 form mistress and in grade 4 Miss Dorothy Tilmouth taught us.

Our classroom was upstairs at the back of the church behind the organ pipes. Quite often we would hear an organist practising in the afternoons but we were never allowed to enter into the church. Each morning we had assembly in the Sunday School Hall and Miss Harris came once a week to take assembly and tell us about the “big school” and progress on the new building. Rev. Alvey was the Minister and his wife Mrs. Alvey was a lovely lady. The Manse was across the road from the church on the other corner and if any girls were unwell she made up a “sick room” where the girls could rest.

I can remember play equipment, swings and a monkey bar with extra seats to make a playground at the back of the church under the old pepper trees. If it rained there was a big open shed where we could sit and have lunch. In 1949 we moved back to MLC and our classroom was located in one of the villa houses on Park Terrace. In 1950 (grade 6) we moved into the new school which at the time was very exciting.

### Rae Lang (Dean) - a day student at MLC 1946-1955

#### January 1947 - MLC Fire

This time 71 years ago, I was woken early to be told our school had had a fire and we were to have 2 extra weeks holiday, quite a shock. But of course we didn't mind the extra holiday, naturally. We were told a spark must have flown over from the fire at the church (deliberately lit) on Rose Tce.

The school by then owned at least 2 old houses next to the school, and our class, grade 1X, had our lessons in one of the rooms there. We did our homework after tea and we girls went in groups or with a friend back to our classroom in very little light and no torches, so it was very frightening for young country girls, 13 or 14 years old. That year I slept in 'Barn' dormitory (13 of us I think). It was also a walkway between the main building and a small 2 story building. Caretaker Dick and his wife lived downstairs and the prefects and the sick room were upstairs. At night there was a night watchman doing his rounds and walking (crunch, crunch) on a gravel path beneath us. SO, was it the night watchman or the fire bug?? No wonder we were scared.

It didn't seem long after, another fire in the Kindergarten building and everything was lost. The Headmistress, Miss Jean Harris and Head of the boarding house, Miss Bessie Hosking tried to fight the fire with garden hoses until the fire brigade came. We could see from 'Way' dormitory windows. It was a horrible shock to see the effects of the fire, such a waste, especially a beautiful piano completely burnt, also everything else of course, including all the typewriters for the Commercial course.

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I have a black and white photo I took of it at the rebuilding.

### Letter from Rosemary Larsen (Kelly) – a boarder at MLC 1946-1948



# OLD SCHOLARS WEEK 2017

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## GOLF DAY

The annual Old Scholars Golf day was hotly contested at RAGC on Monday 13th of November 2017. Although our numbers were down this year due to various reasons, MLC/Annesley was ably represented with 15 superb competitors who won the Ingrid Esau trophy, against our rival schools being Woodlands, Girton, Seymour and Wilderness. A very exciting win, especially for Jill McEwin who we gratefully thank, for acquiring & transporting the trophy home from St. Andrews last year for us all to aspire to win. Sandy Freeman won our competition, with Nadine Hill a closely contested runner up on count back to Julie Jeffries. Our winning team was represented by Deb Wallman, Colette Scott, Penny Bone and Sonia Ferrari. A fabulous day was enjoyed by all on and off the course with delicious sweet treats and lunch in the club house. We will be using trybooking again next year so please look out for the email, and update your details if necessary. We look forward to seeing you all again next year and any players who are keen to rekindle friendships from the *best school of all.*



Kind regards

**Sonia Ferrari & Jill McEwin**

## 50 YEAR REUNION - AFTERNOON TEA

Who would have thought 50 years have passed since we last sang "We Will Honour Yet The School..." and "Lord Bless Our School"? And heard a sermon from the Rev Potter at our Valedictory Service in Pirie Street Methodist Church? I had booked my flights from the UK in fear and trepidation that I would be regarded with puzzlement - all too true - but it didn't matter. Most of our old gang assembled - Libby Mattiske (nee Heddle), Jane Schmitt (Moore), Jane Moulden (Ridyard) and Jan McDowall (Craig). The borders were out in force too, and many others - 26 in all, including my hostess Rosemary Lloyd (Furness).

Gillingham Hall hasn't altered, however much we have, and resounded to cries of "you haven't changed a bit" and our rendition of the school song, courtesy of (again) Jan on the old grand piano. We were plied with a lovely afternoon tea and wine, all under the gaze of Miss Harris on the wall. We can only thank the Old Scholars Association for holding such a memorable occasion. If you are wavering about attending YOUR Golden (or indeed, any other) anniversary, don't hesitate. I, for one, shall return.

### Penny Byrne ('67)

**Front row;** Jane Schmitt (Moore); Libby Mattiske (Heddle); Judy Hunter (James); Meredith Ide (Davis); Jill Vinall (Uden); Wendy Martin (Osborn); Colleen Gardner (Markey); Margy Snodgrass; Jane Mouldon (Ridyard)

**2nd row:** Penny Byrne, Rosemary Lloyd (Furness); Lynley Pilkington (Millard); Judith Lower (Wright); Lesley Slade (Clark)

**3rd row :** Jill Uden (Vinall); Ruth Woollacott; Natalie Clark (Beck)

**4th row:** Chris Lebonn (Hartshorne); Christine Shetliffe (Germein); Janet Gordon (Roennfeldt); Ruth Graney (Battye); Erika Kuhaupt (Beelitz); Rosemary Klæbe (Whittaker); Janet McDowell (Craig)



# OLD SCHOLARS WEEK 2017

## OLD SCHOLARS LUNCH

On Friday 10 November, the committee hosted our annual lunch during old scholars week. Although Gillingham Hall is a large venue we had a lovely day with a variety of ages and a table of ladies celebrating their 50 year reunion and another table celebrating their 70 year reunion. The OSA would like to thank all those who attended and supported us with their enjoyment of the day. The Annesley Junior School Principal, Luke Ritchie also attended and spoke about the current school which was very much appreciated.

Below: 50 Year Platinum Reunion Group



Above: 70 Year Golden Reunion Group



# OLD SCHOLARS REUNIONS 2017

## 10 YEAR REUNION

The Class of 2007 enjoyed their 10 Year Reunion at The Unley on 7th October 2017. Many of us found it hard to believe it had been ten years. It was a great afternoon catching up on the past decade post Annesley College.

**Sally Carter ('07)**



## 20 YEAR REUNION

In November, the Annesley College Class of 1997 reunited after 20 years! Around 50 girls from the year attended - many having travelled from the country, interstate and even overseas for the event. The reunion was held at the rooftop bar of The Gallery on Waymouth St and was a great afternoon of canapés and a few too many drinks for some!

There was a lot of reminiscing, catching up on life and lots of laughter. Although much has changed over 20 years, it was clear the connections and friendships made at school will always be there.

**Georgina Brill ('97)**



# OLD SCHOLARS REUNIONS 2017

## 25 YEAR REUNION

The class of 1992 decided after our 20 year reunion that it would be too long to wait another 10 years to catch up. So, on Saturday 18 November 2017, we organised a 25 year reunion with afternoon drinks at the Republic Hotel in Norwood.

We were delighted to see many there. Some girls who came weren't able to make it to the 20 year reunion, so there was a great deal to catch up on since school days. We had such a fun afternoon and everyone enjoyed chatting about each other's news and sharing many funny stories about our time at Annesley over a glass of champagne

or two. It was clear that there really is a special bond between the girls, even though it has been so long since we've seen each other. We're already looking forward to the next reunion.

There is a Facebook page set up for our year with photos and updates so please look out for this - "Annesley College Class of '92 Reunion". Please also keep updating us with contact details so we can get in touch with as many as possible for the next catch up.

**Jane Newton** (Hassell '92)



## 40 Year Reunion

Our reunion was very successful with 61 attendees in the courtyard at Stones Throw on The Parade. From our original list of 133 names we managed to find contact details for 111 after much searching.

A few ladies mentioned that they were very hesitant to attend after so many years post school, but they quickly felt very comfortable & really enjoyed catching up with old friends. Everyone had such a good time that they all requested the next reunion to be in 5 years time rather than 10!

**Wendy Rorrison** (Beames '77)



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# OLD SCHOLARS REUNIONS 2017

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## 80 YEARS YOUNG

In 2017, most of the students in year 8 in 1950, attained the age of 80 years old. To celebrate this, a group of us met at Kalyra Retirement Village in November to share afternoon tea and reminisce on our schooldays. Although there were only 13 of us present there were many who sent apologies, particularly former boarders. The afternoon was hosted by Barb Cornish and Barb Conigrave. As is customary when we meet, we all signed a card to be sent to Mrs Chamberlain (Miss Parrot) reminding her of the happy English classes we shared with her at MLC.

**Joan Garrard**



**Back row:** Yvonne Curnow (Jenkin), Jill Willington, Rosemary McKenzie (McDonald), Pamela Davidson (Highman), Jenny Winter (Pearce), Jenny Clarnette (Goldsack), Kay Pike (Colliver).

**Front Row:** Pat March (Gregory), Rosemary Halliday, Barbara Conigrave (Magraith), Barbara Cornish, Joan Garrard (Gray)

## SNIPPETS

**Natalie Ward** ('90) was sworn in as a member of the Legislative Council (Upper House) of NSW Parliament on 21 Nov. 2017. A link to her first speech is: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Hansard/Pages/HansardResult.aspx#/docid/HANSARD-1820781676-75155>. Her title is now "The Hon Natalie Ward MLC".

**Mary Woollacott** ('64) was honoured by being earlier nominated and more recently installed as one of the two Lay Canons of the Chapter in the Cathedral Church of SS Peter and Paul at Port Pirie in the Anglican Diocese of Willochra.

**Sylvia Grayling** (Crettenden '30) congratulation to Sylvia who celebrated her 106th birthday in Nov. 2017.

**Sue Southcott** (Sullivan '69) who is interested in the news of the STEAM room at Annesley Junior School, sent us this note: 'After 35 years of being a software developer (programmer) and business data analyst, I retired in Feb. 2017. In May 2017, I submitted my first iPhone/iPad app to the App Store. I am also involved in Amateur Radio and Astronomy which is all part of the STEAM project'.

**Merrilyn Greer** ('01) starred in her show, *Meg In the Magic Toy Shop* at the Adelaide Fringe in March 2017.

**Jo Rossiter** (Hollands '95) has been appointed 'Head of Primary Years' at Annesley Junior School.

**MARRIAGES** - Tahnee Tiller ('07) to Michael Johninke.

## DEATHS

Barbara Edna Waldron (Todd '50): Lorraine Fay Pedler (Vogt '51): Janet Fay Kumnick (Kuhlmann '58): Noellne Claire Stevens (Wellington '45): Susan Cook (James '61): Helen Reissenweber (Past Staff).

**Winsome Jean Haselhoff** (Armstrong '52) - On leaving MLC Win trained as a nurse at the Memorial Hospital, North Adelaide where she had been born 18 years earlier. In later years she wrote 2 books about the history of the hospital and edited 2 books after interviewing older people.

**Dorothy Hunter** (Peters '44) - Dorothy attended MLC from 1941-43, having won a scholarship while at Clare High School. She served the Methodist Church/Uniting Church in a number of different capacities, but will be remembered particularly for her work within Fellowship groups. She, with another old scholar, Margaret Pittman, wrote the 'History of the Uniting Church Adult Fellowships in S.A.: the first 25 years 1977-2002'.

# 2018 EVENTS

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**EVENTS:** Please save these dates and check our web site for the latest information: [www.mlcannesleyosa.org](http://www.mlcannesleyosa.org)

**EVENING FUNCTION:** We are planning to hold this function in Gillingham Hall later in the year.

**2018 OSA FILM EVENING** Date to be advised when film selected.

## REUNIONS 2018

**10 Year Reunion - Peer Year 2008** (year 8 2004) A contact is needed for this event, please email: [os@annesley.sa.edu.au](mailto:os@annesley.sa.edu.au)

**20 Year Reunion - Peer Year 1998** (year 8 1994)

Date: Saturday 4 August Time: 4.30pm Venue: La Buvette Drinkery (27 Gresham St, Adelaide).  
Contact: [drewnlisa@bigpond.com](mailto:drewnlisa@bigpond.com)

**30 Year Reunion - Peer Year 1988** (year 8 1984) Save the date: 6pm Saturday 13 October - venue to be advised

Please contact: [nataliecarslake@bigpond.com](mailto:nataliecarslake@bigpond.com) or mob:0427683122

**40 Year Reunion - Peer Year 1978** (year 8 1974) Contact: [clfox@internode.on.net](mailto:clfox@internode.on.net)

**50 Year Reunion** - will be held during OS Week and invitations sent to past students of 1968 peer year. Students who were or would have been in year 8 in 1964.

**60 Year Reunion** - this reunion is incorporated into our mid year luncheon in June. Invitations will be sent to those for whom we have current details. The peer year is 1958 (year 8 1954).

**Fleurieu Regional Reunion:** this annual event is held at Victor Harbor and is open to all old scholars.

Date: Saturday 8 September Time: 12 for 12.30pm Venue: Hotel Victor, Victor Harbor

**Note:** This year the Junior School has invited us to see the new classrooms in the courtyard and the STEAM room before the mid year lunch at 11.15am. We hope you will enjoy seeing what the students will show you during this visit. (see booking form for details).

Please contact Chris Lopez for further details: P: 0414 831 946 E: [os@annesley.sa.edu.au](mailto:os@annesley.sa.edu.au)



Photos of part of the new play area in the Annesley Junior School

# BOOKING FORM 2018

Event	Date	Time	Cost	Venue	RSVP	No. Persons
<b>Primary School Tour &amp; Mid Year Lunch</b>	Friday 8 June	Tour 11.15am Lunch 12.30 pm	\$30	Primary School Courtyard Rooms & Gillingham Hall	5 June 2018	
<b>Old Scholars Lunch</b>	Friday 16 November	12pm for 12.30pm	\$30	Gillingham Hall Annesley College	9 November	
<b>Fleurieu Regional Lunch</b>	Saturday 8 September	12pm for 12.30pm	\$30	Hotel Victor Victor Harbor	4 September	

## Booking for events:

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

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

Table Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Donation payments:

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

Address (if receipt required) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

EFT is payable to: BSB: 105 - 125    Account No: 462 079 540    Please include your *name & function name* as your reference. Cheques payable to: *Old Scholars Association*

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

# DONATIONS 2018

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In 2018 we are continuing with our work in Patchell Library Historical Centre and we hope you will come and visit during term time on any Tuesday between 10am - 3pm. We are very grateful for your donations.

After consulting with the Junior School Principal we have decided that one of our fundraising efforts this year will be to paint the front doors and windows of Gillingham Hall. They are in dire need of some care.

If you wish to donate please complete the following:

- I wish to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Patchell Library fund
- I wish to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Gillingham Hall OS fund
- I wish to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ a general donation to the Old Scholars Association

\*Please use the booking form on the previous page for your donation.

## DONATIONS 2017

We would like to thank all the old scholars who have generously donated in 2017:

R. Keane, J. Young, L. Riggs, K. Dunn, J. Wright, Charlotte E, M. Burn, L. Manser, C. Giles, B. Hawke, J. Jenkinson, B. May, Y. Haddrick, E. McEvoy, J. Bayly, A. Kinsman, L. Goldsworthy, A. Grant, H. Russell, D. Meaney, Year 8 1952 Group (S. McLachlan).



### THANK YOU

Our thanks to Open Book Howden for their continued support and for printing the Old Scholars Newsletter for our senior old scholars.