



# MLC / Annesley College

## Old Scholars Association Inc



NEWSLETTER | MARCH 2017

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2017. We hope that you will enjoy hearing about the school news and attending any of the events we have organised. The year started with much enthusiasm, as our first meeting last month was attended by the new head of the school, Luke Ritchie.

Luke spoke of his aspirations for the school and particularly of his great interest for the school's history. He loves Gillingham Hall and what we are doing with the Patchell collection, and we look forward to working with him. Luke has his little girl in the Early Learning Centre at Annesley.

This year, we will have our two lunches - the mid-year and the end-of-year, in Gillingham Hall - and we wish to invite all Old Scholars to both these lunches. The mid-year lunch will involve the 60 year reunion as well. The Fleurieu lunch will be organised again in September. We hope to have a film night, and the date of that will depend on when we are able to obtain a good film.

Decade reunions will be organised. These are a very important part of our Association as they keep us in touch with our past students. We have decided that the Old Scholars could help with some of the projects that shall be done this year eg. the big iron gates on Greenhill Road need restoring, and we shall let you know more about these projects with the hope of helping with donations.

We welcomed a new member to our committee, Sally Watson, and we hope Sally enjoys her time with us. We look forward to catching up with you at our functions.

**Liz Jackson (Askwith '61)**  
**President**



### 2017 COMMITTEE

**Front row:** L-R Sue Stow, Liz Jackson, Jane Edwards,  
Alison Benecke, Yolanda Lopez

**Back row:** L-R Chris Lopez, Anne Bosio, Annie  
Hambour, Glenys Edwards & Maxine French

Absent: Jenny Jenkinson, Sally Watson





# OLD SCHOLARS EVENTS

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**OLD SCHOLARS LUNCH** - Held in Gillingham Hall during old scholars week in November 2016.





# OLD SCHOLARS REUNIONS 2016

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## 20 YEAR REUNION

The class of 1996 held their 20 year reunion on 22 October 2016 at The Gallery, Waymouth Street, Adelaide, with over 45 girls attending. It was especially exciting to have a number of girls travel from interstate and rural South Australia. They had a wonderful evening, enjoying catching up on each other's news since leaving and sharing fond school memories over a glass of champagne or two. Many thanks to Sam Waltham (nee Gent) for organising the venue, including food and drinks. An annual catch up event for those in Adelaide has been planned and will be organised through a facebook page.

**Amy Matthews ('96)**



## 30 YEAR REUNION

On 30 July 2016 the "Class of 1986" girls joined in celebration at our 30 Year Reunion at the Cremorne Hotel in Unley. For some of the 48 girls joining together after three decades of "life after Annesley College" it was the first time reuniting with their friends and schoolmates, an amazingly exciting experience!

1986 was definitely the year of mullets, perms and spikey hair and that was in a girls' school! We had so much fun reminiscing with many beautiful friends and classmates, some of whom had waited 30 years to see each other again. We played the game "Your Last Thirty Years of Life in Thirty Seconds" where every girl gave an overview of their life after Annesley and what amazing hilarity ensued!

Our 30 Year Reunion was very different to our 20 Year get-together. Firstly, we had our reunion at our old School. How very sad we could not do the same ten years later. Annesley College as we all knew it in 1986 no longer exists physically but our night together proved beyond doubt that our School SPIRIT lives on in all of us.

SHINE ON Annesley and Class of 1986!

**Jane West (Jackson '86)**



# REUNIONS 2016

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## 40 REUNION

In October thirty members of the 1976 alumni year met at the Hilton Hotel in Adelaide with ladies coming from the country and interstate for the event. Many of the group have been to all the reunions held since we left school so we were delighted to have attend three ladies we had not seen since we walked out of Valedictory service at Kent Town (in our winter uniforms!). The group has decided that a reunion every ten years is too far apart so we plan to meet in five years. If you are a member of this alumni and didn't know about the reunion please update your information with the old scholars as we would love to see you in five years. It was noted by one member that we still have plenty to talk about!

**Anthea Habel (Cornish '76)**



## 50 YEAR REUNION - AFTERNOON TEA

Not only was it a delicious spread, but it was also a wonderful opportunity for our year level group to see the amazing development in Patchell. It is certainly now showing the backdrop for what has the potential to be an amazing centre to showcase the collection. I suspect that it may help to entice more regular volunteers. You will have realised from the din that people were delighted to be able to catch up with each other again, even though for many it was only 6 months since our earlier function.

Thank you once again to all who contributed to make the afternoon such a resounding success.

**Eronwy Edwards ('66)**



# PATCHELL LIBRARY HISTORICAL CENTRE

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The PLHC rejuvenation was completed in November in time for the Old Scholars Christmas lunch held in Gillingham Hall, and for those attending to view the transformation. Our grateful thanks go to Yolanda for her vision, her ideas and her ability to see this exercise through. Thanks go to Chris too, for her part in this. The old scholars who viewed the new room were most impressed by the results of their efforts.

Throughout January Yolanda has been working on cataloguing the huge china collection. She had to match the various items into sets, depending on which of the 5 different logos and monograms decorated them. Yolanda had photographed all the items previous to this exercise.

We are very grateful to our volunteers who continue to work weekly in our PLHC. Joan continues sorting newspaper/printed material alphabetically and chronologically; Judith is sorting chronologically the music and drama programs which also entails dating some of the programs as the year was not always included.

We gained a new volunteer last December. Libby has had training in archival work and has started sorting the paper collection. Liz finished cleaning and cataloguing the trophies last year, but when we were setting up Gillingham Hall for the OS lunch in November, we found three large display units full of trophies which will now be catalogued.

Eronwy continues to work from home entering details from our cataloguing into our database.

**Glenys Edwards (Gregory '53).**



A sample of our crockery collection after being photographed. These items are now catalogued and stored and will be entered as individual items in our digital database.

A) 1920's memorabilia

B) Boarding House china

C), D) Items in the afternoon tea set, some is Shelley china, some by R.R. Sarre



# NEWS OF OLD SCHOLARS

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## SNIPPETS

**Rebecca Burge** (Grimm '81) - has published a book 'Life as it is'.

**Karen Farkas** ('77) - works in Switzerland for the Inspector General's Office (IGO), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

**Margaret Hamilton** (Applebee '57) - is President of the Minlaton Lioness Club and recently played for the singalong sessions at Eldercare.

**Maxine Bell** (Haldane '61) - Maxine and Ken celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 30/7/2016. They returned to Kangaroo Island to celebrate the occasion with their bridal party and family.

**Wendy Redden** (Lithgow '70) and **Denise Lithgow** ('72) with her husband & son, exhibited at the 'Hunters & Gatherers Exhibition' at Red Poles Gallery, McLaren Vale in October 2016

## CENTENARIAN - OLIVIA DYER (Delmont '34)

Olivia Dyer celebrated her 100th birthday on November 6th with a large group of family and friends at Pt Elliot. She moved to Pt Elliot ten years ago and has made many friends in the area. "I am blessed with two wonderful daughters, always loving and supporting me," said Olivia. She also has four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren whose progress and achievements she follows with interest.

She is a big fan of the Adelaide Crows and enjoys listening to music and playing bridge.

Olivia has for many years attended our Victor Harbor luncheons. Often sitting with her friend Daphne Gum, they used to walk to MLC together in 1930.



## IN MEMORIAM

### Avis Miller OAM - Principal of Annesley College 1983—1996

Prior to this appointment she and her husband and family lived in Fiji for eight years, Whyalla and Victor Harbor where she was Deputy Principal for two years.

At Avis's farewell, Sue Johnson, Chairman of Council, said: Mrs Miller's contribution to the school has been outstanding. Re-establishing the kindergarten, making Annesley College one of the front runners with Information Technology, encouraging our entries in the World Solar Challenge, the Rock & Roll Eisteddfod, Community courses and to the completion of the Senior College.

From Sue's Council Report 1996: "During those years we have faced changes in society and education of a magnitude and at a rate not seen before. Mrs Miller has ensured that Annesley College has kept pace with all that is good in these changes, yet still maintained the intrinsic spirit of our school. A great achievement indeed!"

In her retirement, Avis helped found the Pt Elliot Information Technology Access Centre.



# NEWS OF OLD SCHOLARS

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## MARRIAGES

Amy Lunn ('96) to Peter D'Eugenio

Liana MacLaren ('09) and Kristy Carter ('01) also celebrated their marriages in 2016

## BIRTHS

Nicole Redman (Davey '02) a son, Eddie Austin

Joanna Rowe (Davey '03) a son, William Paul

Kristy Girvan (Carter '01) a son, Archer Thomas

## DEATHS

Margaret Edith Wilmot Naismith (Blacket '55) - Dux of MLC in 1955

Judith Florence Heidenreich (Sutton '49)

Jennifer Elizabeth Scrymgour (Everett '53)

Rosalie Dorothy Borgas (Bampton '52)

Margaret Lily Presgrave (Noblet '48)

Patricia Matters Ingram (Fowler '48)

Karen Ruth Angel ('78)

Jennifer Anne Patten (Martin '62)

**Mary Lucy Davidson AM (Young '44)** - attended MLC 1940—43. Mary was National & SA President of Meals on Wheels, President of the OSA 1973-4 and a committee member. In 1996 Mary was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia and in 1997 she was the inaugural winner of the Paul Harris Award, created by Rotary International, in recognition of outstanding service to the development and progress of women in the community.

**Ruth Nellie Rogers ('43)** - attended MLC 1940– 43. When Ruth was awarded the Australian College of Education's prestigious College Medal in 1995, the citation read that it was for her untiring work as a teacher, administrator, program and conference organiser and Deputy Director of Education. In 1999 she became the President of the Australian Council of the World Education Fellowship.

**Dianne Winifred Fuller (Pointon '52)** - Head Prefect of the Boarding house, Staff Member 1968-78, 80 and past parent.

**Alice Sylvia Munday ('43)** - (from 1987 year book) 'Sylvia is the South Australian President of the Pan Pacific & South East Asia Women's Association. Locally the group supports the Lions 'Save the Sight' project'.

### GILLINGHAM HALL

As past students of MLC & Annesley everyone has spent time in Gillingham Hall. The hall, now 90 years old, was built in 1926 and originally called the Assembly Hall. We are trying to find out when the name changed to Gillingham Hall. If anyone can tell us please let us know by email or leave a message on 8422 2210.

# 2017 EVENTS

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

**OLD SCHOLARS WEEK:** See box below.

## REUNIONS 2017

**10 Year Reunion - Peer Year 2007** Contact: Sally at [carter131@hotmail.com](mailto:carter131@hotmail.com)

**20 Year Reunion - Peer Year 1997** Contact: Rebecca: at [elegantparrot@gmail.com](mailto:elegantparrot@gmail.com) or m: 0411 036 051

**30 Year Reunion - Peer Year 1987** Contact needed

**40 Year Reunion - Peer Year 1977** Contact: Wendy at [rorrison@internode.on.net](mailto:rorrison@internode.on.net) or  
Liz at [emay1660@gmail.com](mailto:emay1660@gmail.com)

**50 Year Reunion** - will be held during OS Week and invitations sent to past students of **1967 peer year**. Students who were or would have been in year 8 in 1963.

**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. (Year 8 in 1953)

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

**Date: 2 September**

**Time: 12 for 12.30pm**

**Venue: Hotel Victor, Victor Harbor**

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

## HAPPY (70th) BIRTHDAY TO US!

As a number of Old Scholars are reaching a significant milestone sometime between 2016 - 2018, we thought we should get together to celebrate with a shared lunch on Thursday May 18th. If you are one of those born in 1947 (or '46, or '48) who was in year 8 in 1960 and would like to join us, please contact either Jan Redwood (Bradey) or Liz McEvoy (Gregory) for more details.

Jan: 0429 699 636 / 83386535 [redwoodje@bigpond.com](mailto:redwoodje@bigpond.com) Liz: 8272 9104 [lizmc1@bigpond.com](mailto:lizmc1@bigpond.com)

## OLD SCHOLARS WEEK: 13 - 20 November 2017

**10 November** Old Scholars Lunch, *Gillingham Hall*

**11 November** 1967 Golden Reunion: *Invitations will be sent*

**13 November** Old Scholars Golf Day, *RAGC, Seaton*

**20 November** OSA Annual General Meeting, *Patchell Library Historical Centre*

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



# BOOKING FORM

Event	Date	Time	Cost	Venue	RSVP	No. Persons
Mid Year Lunch	Wednesday 14 June	12pm for 12.30 pm	\$30	Gillingham Hall Annesley College	9 June	
Old Scholars Lunch	Friday 10 November	12pm for 12.30pm	\$30	Gillingham Hall Annesley College	6 November	
Fleurieu Regional Lunch	Saturday 2 September	12 for 12.30pm	\$30	Hotel Victor Victor Harbor	29 August	

## 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

Card no: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_      Exp. \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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

In 2017 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 grateful for any donations. This year we are looking to acquire a glass case in which to put our collection of uniformed dolls.

As we are unable to give large donations to the school we would like to assist in ways that are beneficial to the existing areas that have meaning to our past students. Everyone has passed through the front gates on Greenhill Road during their time at school, but the existing gates have been there for over 60 years and are looking very shabby.

We have decided to help raise money for restoring them, so that we can be proud of the entrance to Gillingham Hall. The school has been advised not to remove the gates but to restore them onsite. The expected cost will be between \$2,000 - \$4,000 for both gates.

If you wish to donate please complete the following:

- I wish to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Patchell Library fund
  - I wish to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the restoration of the Gillingham Hall Gates
  - 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 2016

We would like to thank all the old scholars who have generously donated in 2016:

L. Goldsworthy, J. Symon, R. Drabsch, L. Ashman, J. Young, M. Davidson, J. Garrard, B. Cornish, C. Fleming, J. Winter, E. O'Brien, M. Willson, Y. Rosenberg, L. Riggs, A. Kinsman, M. Pethick, A. Ford, O. Dyer, R. Ness, B. May, R. Paull, M. Marcus, M. Wilson, J. Rankin, J. Lang, P. Farrent, H. Cropley & S. Lachlan's group.

### THANK YOU

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