



SCEGGS Moss Vale Old Girls' Union – June 2015

Annual Newsletter

Welcome to our annual newsletter.

We had sixty eight acceptances for the December lunch, and 14 apologies. What a wonderful reunion it was, thank you to all who encouraged their peers to attend. We were happy to host 14 'girls' from the year of '64, see their comments in correspondence below.

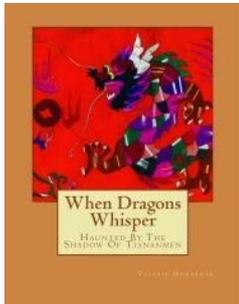
This was a very successful lunch and venue, so I have booked again for this year's annual lunch, details below. Please let me know when you RSVP if you want to book a table or if you want to host an alumni reunion at this lunch.

Don't forget to send your photos for inclusion on our website sceggsmvogu.org.au.

Luceat Lux Vestra

Anne Worboys, Honorary President

When Dragons Whisper, Haunted by the Shadow of Tiananmen



On Friday 5th June, I joined Miss Valerie Horniman, Moss Vale Headmistress from 1965 to 1972, at SCEGGS Darlinghurst, to meet with Miss Jenny Allum, Headmistress, and present her with a copy of the book "**When Dragons Whisper, Haunted by the Shadow of Tiananmen**" and a drawing of "**Hammond House, looking over to the Chapel**", by Joyce Trickett. Miss Horniman had spent a long time, after leaving Moss Vale, working in China for the Church Missionary Society as an English teacher and has written her memoirs, starting with the aftermath of Tiananmen. It was a delightful meeting, with Miss Allum graciously accepting the inscribed book for the School Library and the picture, which will be hung in a conspicuous place, with an attribute. Miss Horniman reminisced about her time at Moss Vale and her numerous trips to China. The book itself is full of interesting experiences and reflections, and

illustrated with photos of the places and people that were part of her life there. It can be ordered online through Amazon.com.

Martha Birch

Treasurer's Report SCEGGS Moss Vale OGU 2014-15

	Credit	Debit		Balance
Balance brought forward 30.6.14			\$455.89	
4.7.14 Membership	\$50.00			
24.9.14 Term Deposit Interest	\$291.57			
20.10.14 Donation	\$50.00			
10.12.14 School Cake		\$35.00		
12.12.4 Membership	\$50.00			
02.01.15 Membership	\$50.00			
07.05.15 Website fees		\$35.90		
	\$491.57	\$70.90	<u>\$420.67</u>	
Total Balance				\$876.56
Term Deposit \$8,000.00				\$8,000.00
Cash on hand 30.6.13			\$80.65	
6.10.14 Stationery		\$13.00		
9.10.14 Postage		\$53.45		
31.10.14 Postage		\$7.00		
23.10.14 Postage		\$0.30		
13.12.14 Membership	\$50.00			
6.2.15 Postage		\$0.70		
Total	\$50.00	\$74.45	<u>(\$24.45)</u>	
Cash Balance				<u>\$56.20</u>
18.06.15 Total funds				<u>\$8,932.76</u>

Martha Birch, Honorary Secretary/Treasurer

25 July 2015 Annual Luncheon

LB's Restaurant in the Harbourview Hotel, 17 Blue Street, North Sydney

Meet in the foyer/bar at 12 noon for lunch at 12.30pm

Cost for excellent buffet lunch is \$36pp - Payment will be made by table to LB's on the day

RSVP to Anne Worboys 15 July 2015

Correspondence

Dec. '14. Dear Martha,

I think it's about time that I let you know that I am still on deck! I so enjoy the Newsletter altho' I'm afraid that I don't recognise any names now.

Sorry for shaky writing - I hope all is well with you these days. My sincere good wishes and thanks for keeping me on the mailing list, *Pat MacDonald (Lett)* PS I will be 92 next week - see I am old!!

Hi Girls, It has been amazing talking to some of the girls which I haven't spoken to for 50 years! I'm sure there will be lots of chatting and catching up. There are 15 girls coming to the lunch, please bring any photos you may still have of any of us 50 years ago! Look forward to seeing everyone, Cheers *Sue (Dowling)* class of '64

Dear Anne, I am writing on behalf of my mother, *Josephine Travers Jones*, now Josephine Kirkby. We saw your notification in the Sydney Morning Herald. Mum attended and boarded at SCEGGS Moss Vale from 1941-1944. She was unable to attend the recent reunion but just wanted me to let you know she is alive and kicking! She resides in a unit at Galston, her husband Peter, (my Dad) is in a nursing home in Galston as well.

Is there any newsletter or record of the day that Mum could have a look at? I hope the reunion went well and everyone had a fine old time catching up. Kind regards, *Jennifer Kirkby*

Dear Anne, What a hoot it was to try and recognise some of the faces. Really good fun but quite embarrassing at times the name tags helped though. Thank you for organising a great lunch. Merry Christmas and have a great New Year. Love *Jan Gluth (Kirkwood)* class of '57

It was such a good day on Saturday.... We all made so much noise (as usual) and really enjoyed meeting up with each other. Here are a couple of pics that do us justice! Cheers, *Carolyn Chown (Cropper)* class of '56

Hi Anne, It was great seeing you yesterday, even though we did not get to speak much. Thank you for organising such a good lunch. It is always nice to catch up with the girls from school. Hope we can go to lunch there again. Cheers, *Di (Gould)* 1962

Hi Everyone, I just want to say that I had a great time seeing you all again yesterday. Hard to believe that so much time has passed us by without touching base. Thank goodness I had an unusual maiden name so that Barbara could find me & I will be forever grateful. I hope that this is the start of regular catch ups. For those of you who don't know that I now live in Mudgee & if ever anyone finds themselves in town, I have bedrooms to spare & plenty of hospitality. Mudgee is a great place to visit so maybe a few can come together. In the meantime, have a Great Christmas & a Happy Healthy New Year. Cheers for now, *Suey xxxxx (Wolstenholme/Snape)* class of '64

Thanks for the great get-together everyone. One thing, I forgot to wish you all a Happy Xmas and New-year, so, have a good one. *Deidre Elvy/Vaill* class of '64

What a fantastic lunch you girls managed to organise, and even more noteworthy 'pull off'!! It was fantastic and everyone was talking about what a wonderful/thoroughly enjoyable celebration it was - we really needed it to last about a week for us to catch up with (and often 'recognise') all those who were at school at the same time as us! Your choice of venue was also terrific, convenient, wonderful staff and even better delicious food -and plenty of it. So well done all round - bet you are somewhat tired today!

Elizabeth McGuire rang me last night to hear all about it and really wants to get to the next one, as do Joan Stoneman and her sister Barb. I passed on the info that you are planning, from now on, to have only one annual get together. Eliz made the point that it is often easier for people to attend if it isn't so close to the end of the year/xmas, and also in Sydney as against Moss Vale. But whenever you choose I think there will be keen attendees.

Once again well done and many thanks for all your work. Hope you have a very good festive season and a wonderful 2015. With love and best wishes, *Rosemary Manusu (Campbell)* '55

Dear Anne, Just a quick note to say I am sorry I did not get to say 'goodbye' yesterday after a very successful luncheon. I looked for you but you must have been otherwise occupied elsewhere. I hope you have recovered. Anyway, the day went very well and, thanks to you, it certainly was very well organised. Sorry about not confirming my acceptance but you didn't send me away and I enjoyed the day! I will certainly get my act together next time! Regards *Ann Bartlett (Saunders)* class of '49

Hi everyone, it was great to see you all yesterday, so much catching up but so much more to catch up on. Thanks to Sue, Kay and Pam - all those calls and emails you did a great job getting so many of us there. Hope you all have a great Christmas and best

wishes for 2015. As promised I have put Sue's new email here so if everyone changes her email address she will start receiving them. *Robbie Edwards/Bruce* class of '64

I'll definitely get in touch with her. I hope yesterday was fun and you all enjoyed yourselves. *Chris (Christine Eisner/Tierney)* class of '64

A big thank you to Sue for getting us all together at the lunch yesterday. It was great fun to see everyone again and thank you Sue for the photos of that fat girl at the school gates (me!) Must have been over doing the munching 50 years ago. I hope we all stay happy and healthy and I wish you all a Merry Christmas. *Sue McCaughey (Begg)* class of '64

Dear Anne, We returned from our daughter's home at Pt Clare this afternoon, hence my late message. I wish to apologise for the Old Girls luncheon tomorrow as we are singing in our local choir's Christmas concert.

I do hope the lunch goes well. Thank you to you and your committee for your hard work for the group over many years. I have enjoyed being a member and seeing school friends especially at the lunches in March. Best wishes, *Anne Tyas (McGrath)* '58
Please send more information. I was a pupil in years 1944/45/46. *Helen Foster (Henningham)* Thanks

Hello Anne, I saw your notice in the RSVP section of the Sydney Morning Herald on the weekend. I wanted to write to you on behalf of my late mother, *Janet Bowen (nee Oldfield)*, who was at SCEGGS Moss Vale in the 1950s and participated in many SCEGGS Old Girls functions over the years. She most certainly would have attended your centenary event.

I'm not sure if you knew her, but SCEGGS and the Old Girls Union played a very important part in her life - she made life-long friends and held dear memories (and told many stories) from her school days. In fact, the last function she hosted at home before her unexpected death in January 2012 was a Boxing Day lunch for her closest school friends and their partners - my aunts and uncles.

There is no particular purpose for me writing ... I guess I am because when I saw your notice, I lamented her absence from our lives and the things she loved. And I suppose in some very small way, I wanted to help her take part. Forgive my indulgence, but I hope my remembering of her to you in this email can do that.

All the very best for your reunion on Saturday in North Sydney - I'm sure it will be a fabulous event. Kind Regards, Peter Bowen
Hi, I tried to send an email via the SCEGGS Moss Vale site, but it did not go through. I would like to contact the person in charge of this group, as I have some Lux 1958-1959 magazines I can scan and send to them. Regards, *Lisa Campano (Lynne Craven-Sands)* '59 (Thank you they are now available on our website, AW)

What a great day, it seemed to fly by. I haven't put some email addresses in yet so will do this in two lots. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. There is always a bed for anyone who is near Wee Waa. Look forward to catching up again soon, Cheers *Janet (Elliston) Brown* Class of '64



Here's one of Sheree Hedger and I, reunited Jan 2014 after 20 years - when she came to Melbourne for a visit from Armidale where she's lived for ~30 years. Have stayed in touch each Christmas since we last met in Sydney in 1993 at our year level reunion! Cheers, *Cecily Vlastuin* class of '74

Photos taken at the December Reunion



Jo Surgeoner (Sutton)'56, *Carolyn Chown* '56, *Suzanne Robertson* '56, *Margaret Saunders (Cowley)*'56, *Rhondda McCallum (Hellyer)* '57, *Jan Gluth (Kirkwood)* 57 and *Sue Milliken* '56



Class of '64: Carolyn Robinson (Woodhouse), Christine Tierney (Eisner), Sue Spiers (Young), Sue McCaughey (Begg), Deidre Vaill (Elvy), Pam Whiting (Geddes), Barbara O'Brien (Gibson), Kay Brown (Pittman), Sue Snape (Wolstenholme), Sue Dowling (Williams), Robbie Bruce (Edwards) and Janet Brown (Elliston)



Oldest and youngest cutting the Celebration cake made by Martha
(Thanks to Carolyn Chown, Janet Brown and Martha Birch for photos of the December reunion (sceggsmvogu.org.au AW)

Class of '64 with Suzanne Robertson class of '56 at the head

VALE



PEARCE, Mary Archdall 23.03.1921 – 5.12.2014

Mary Pearce was the youngest of three children born to Nona Bertha Pearce (nee Langley) and Louis Archdall Pearce, formally of Seven Hills NSW. ...Mary Pearce was true to her faith in Jesus. Miss Pearce taught many of us Divinity and English from 1956 to 1974.

"Though not entirely surprised to read this news I am none-the-less both sad and pleased to do so. Sad, as we have lost a wonderfully warm and inspiring lady. Pleased, because I know it has been her wish to be with the Lord. And now she is.

...thinking of all of you gathered tomorrow to celebrate Mary's life. And I shall wear something bright, and shed a tear as I remember Mary as I knew her when a student at SCEGGS all those years ago.

Faithful to friends until the end, she sent a card for my birthday just two weeks before... And now she is with the Lord. Cecily Vlastuin."



Form 3 1972



BARTLETT, (Enid) Ann (nee Saunders) 8.7.1932 - 1.2.2015. Beloved wife of Ron (deceased). Loving mother of Peter, Michael and Robert, mother-in-law of Angeleen, Alison and Carole. Dearly loved Grandmother of Joe, Cameron, Ryan and Hannah. Grandmother-in-law of Rachele and Matt. Friend to many. Died peacefully at home. Ann will be forever in our hearts. Family and friends attended Ann's funeral service held in the Chapel at Ann Wilson Funerals, Mona Vale on Monday 9th February, 2015.

Ann at a recent Lunch in the City. Ann was a stalwart of the OGU and a great encouragement to me as President, she will be sadly missed. *Anne Worboys.*

Ann (Saunders) left SCEGGS Moss Vale at the end of 1949. As a keen sportsperson she

enrolled in A.C.P.E. (Aust. College of Physical Education) & trained to be a P.E./Sports teacher. After graduation Ann taught at SCEGGS Redlands for a number of years. As a member of the Moss Vale O.G.U. she has for many years regularly attended our reunion dinners, lunches & OGU weekends.

Ann & I have had a long & good friendship, having been at school & college together.

I attended her Service on Monday, as did Margie Saunders (Cowley), a number of others apologised. She will be missed.
Duckie (Margaret Duckworth)



THE PREFECTS AND HOUSE CAPTAINS.

Back Row: Margaret Robertson, Ann Saunders, Nicolin Mather, Barbara Stone, Suzanne Snelling.
Front Row: Jan Holdaway, Barbara Stewart (Senior Prefect), Miss May, Wenda Owens, Barbara Reading.

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OUR CLASS OF 6B

Down in the class-room, beside the pre's room,
We're working from morning till afternoon;
We're through with the Inter., with many a pass,
But also some failures in this brainy class.

We're happy, we're merry, this class of 6B,
All worries are over for you and for me;
But this time next year some sighs we'll be heaving,
It is then that we'll all be attempting the Leaving.

But why should we always look into the past—
When this year of pleasure has come at last?
Why, then, should we start to look into the future,
When only one school year is filled with adventure?

ANN SAUNDERS.