



Greetings!

What a wonderful weekend we had at Moss Vale, as well as the usual core group who support the annual reunions (where would we be without them!), we welcomed Mary Graham's family, who joined with us in remembering their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother and the 'girls' from 1967 for their 40 year reunion.



There are reports of the various reunions held since the last newsletter in April and dates of forthcoming reunions. It is very special to be involved in these reunions and we look forward to meeting and catching up with you soon.

I couldn't resist the temptation to publish this photo from the 1970 Lux – I think we will leave the names to your imaginations! It was taken at the 'Old Girls' Committee Afternoon Tea.

Anne

November Dinner

Monday 12th November 2007 Twin Towers Inn, Pacific Highway, Artarmon - meet at 6.30 for 7pm.

Martha has arranged a wonderful Buffet Dinner menu for this function for \$45, this includes a drinks package. Contact Martha for bookings.

Last year we welcomed many who had not previously attended this function and they found the venue very conducive to the success of this function, food and service is excellent, it is easy to find and there is plenty of on-site parking.

TWIN TOWERS INN 260 PACIFIC HIGHWAY ARTARMON (02 9439 1388)

Getting There - At the junction of the Pacific Highway and Campbell Street, Artarmon - just opposite the ABC studios, and at a set of traffic lights, so you can turn left or right off the Highway depending on which way you are coming from.

The quickest way from the City (just 10 minutes) is via the Gore Hill Freeway. Take the Reserve Road exit, turn left and then turn right at the second set of lights. Go up Campbell Street and straight on over the Highway into the car park. Continue down the ramp to the function rooms.

St Leonard's is the nearest railway station and buses 254, 286-292 and 143-144 stop at the door. Accommodation available.



Lunch in the City

1st March 2008 – meet at 12 noon for 12.30 lunch at Restaurant Mosaic in the Westin Hotel, Martin Place, Sydney. This is a very special space, we are well looked after and never asked to leave until we are ready! I have investigated other city venues and found they are very expensive with restrictive set menus.

Please contact me by 23 February so that I can confirm our booking. *AnneW*

All SCEGGS Old Girls' 9th Gold Coast Reunion – Sunday 4 November 2007

For 8.30am breakfast at Palm Meadows Golf Course, Lakeview Restaurant, Carrara - \$16.50 per person payable at the door. These breakfasts are held regularly in May and November. Judy Friend (Cameron) and I are planning to drive up from NSW, we might even spend a weekend on 'the Goldie'. Robyn Palmer (Smythe) and other local Moss Vale girls attend this reunion regularly.

Year of '58 – 1 March 2008

Alumni year 1958 will be holding their **50 year reunion** in conjunction with the OGU lunch on 1 March 2008. I will reserve tables especially for those of you who wish to join them in celebrating 50 years since they left school, so make sure you tell me when you RSVP if you especially want to join them. (*AnneW*)

Year of '57 reunion

The class of 57 was only small, there were 10 of us who made it through to the end! At the reunion we had a 50% attendance which was pretty good we thought. Five other girls who had been in our class at some stage during our years at Moss Vale joined us for our reunion lunch. We met at The Westin hotel in Martin Place at 12 o'clock and there the chat began and continued unabated until we finally felt we should let them set up for the evening meal.



Janet Paine, Rhondda Hellyer (McCallum), Robyn Klineberg, Anne Farrago (Pollock), Roslyn Englert, Miriam Wangman (Stewart), Jan Neville.



Rhondda, Helen, Margaret, Ann and Miriam



Margaret Cowley (Saunders), Helen Bouffler (Galvin), Janet, Rhondda, Robyn, Anne, Miriam, Jan & Anne.

Some of us travelled quite a distance to attend. Mim came down from Parkes, Ros flew down from Noosa for the day with lots of stories and I came up from the Mornington Peninsula. There was lots of chat, lots of laughs and lots of reminiscing. We missed the girls who were unable to come and hope they will next time. The venue was great, the meal was wonderful but most of all it was the company that made the lunch such a success. Thanks to Rhondda for all her hard work in organising the day. We all left saying we had to do it again but not to wait 10 years. Rhondda says someone else can be the organiser!! how about it Cowley !!

Helen Galvin (Bouffler)

All SCEGGS Brisbane Reunion

Judy and I attended the reunion held on 14 July, the Saturday before the Moss Vale weekend, we drove up to Brisbane for the lunch and annual meeting held at the home of Jenny Caro (Arnott) (who attended both Darlinghurst and Moss Vale), a lovely old Queenslander. It was a really worthwhile, and although not well attended was a lovely get together, all SCEGGS girls have a lot in common. Please try to come next year if you can – for me and others it was a long day travelling, but well worth it.

... - about eight or ten there from Darlinghurst/Redlands - those huge schools. We had fifty or sixty attending our reunion the following weekend and the school - which never had an enrolment of more than 200 odd - closed thirty years ago!! I think this very important relationship we have with each other and the unidentifiable enduring something it has given to us all is so valuable. We are indeed lucky to be Old Girls of the place! It's incredible the detail with which some of us remember people and events of so long ago - over fifty years in some cases. And all the time it seems more and more of us are catching up with each other. *Judy Friend*

40th reunion – Alumni year 1967

Old Girls Weekend this year included the 40th reunion for the Class of 67, the first we have had. We were the first year of the Wyndham scheme, and only three of us were there for all six years i.e. 1962 to 1967. It brought together all girls who for one or more years had been in the class.

I found the thought of meeting up with everyone again a little scary but the closer it got the more exciting it became. Being united as a group again was truly wonderful, hair colour for some is heading towards grey, with a second look at some everyone was recognisable and the 40 years just did not seem relevant - we were a class of girls again, but drinking red instead of milk. Lots of joys and tribulations have come and gone so it was a fantastic experience to share what we wanted to, enjoy a red or several and sadly depart again but with a hug and a promise to keep in touch and be there again in five years time.

This photo of the class was taken late on Saturday night - the happy faces say it all.



Back row - Luella Clark, Gill Ollershaw, Vickii Watson, Julie Westbrook, Shirley Webb, Geddy Davies, Clyth Taylor, Anne Bootes
 Middle row - Lou Wieland, Carol Hewitt, Jossie Dent, Kate (Kayleen) Hay, Jill Krieg, Pinkey Dumbrell, Nellie Irvine, Lyndy Young, Jude McKinnon
 Front row - Dinah Gelling, Linde Macpherson, Julia Thompson, Jay Cunningham, Sheryl Carlon, Mardi Hindmarsh

Unfortunately the majority of day girls could not be located but this is changing and I hope most will be found before the next reunion planned for five years time. If readers know of someone from the class not mentioned could they please put them in touch with the OGU.

Unable to be there were: Lois Addi, Noeline Elder, Jann Elphinstone, Suzi Farren Price, Sue Forster, Genine Gardner, Vicki Kemp, Jill Larke, Ann Miller, Susie Walker and Kay Phaotinanon.

Since the reunion Mary Bourne, Rexeen Garry, Christine Hodge, Rosemary Stephens and Christine Toose have been located.

Seven of the year have unfortunately passed away and I am continuing to co-ordinate efforts to track around 20 girls that are proving difficult to find.

Thoughts from some of the class follow:

I had a ball and loved hearing the stories and sharing the journey with others.

It was such a wonderful and memorable weekend.

It was just wonderful to catch up with (nearly) everyone. What a great bunch of girls we shared our schooldays with.

It was a great workout for the grey matter - stretching the memory - which can't hurt.

I'm sure it will promote the odd opportune get together by small groups here and there.

I'm sure we will all catch up again for another reunion in 5 years. I'm sure the weekend gave everyone a lot more confidence and all that, just talking about how life has affected you and how we have all coped.

Wow ... what a great weekend ... it was amazing to see all the other girls again after so long. We really needed much more time together - the 2 days went by so quickly. We all turned out ok!!!

Really enjoyed the weekend it was so good to see so many again.

It was certainly a lot of fun and good laughs catching up with everyone. Hope the next catch up will be sooner than later.

The thing I found amazing about meeting up again was seeing our 15 yr old-ish personalities still alive and kicking. A bit scary to think that we are really mostly "formed" by that age and all that happens is the addition of some wisdom and confidence, hopefully, along the way.

Vale - Margaret Hudson (Huddie)



HUDSON, Margaret Lindsay. At Wagga Wagga Base Hospital, July 15, 2007. Of San Isidore. Loved daughter of Harry and Lillian Hudson (both deceased), only sister of Wilsie Olive Ower, loving aunt of her nieces and great-nephews and nieces. Loved and well remembered Arts Mistress at SCEGGS, Moss Vale. Aged 85.

A funeral service was conducted at the "Elouera" Room, 2 Station Place, Wagga Wagga, Thursday, July 19, 2007, commencing at 11.30 am.

(Art Huddie third from right second row)

Thank you Gretel for supplying the photo circa 1952, Anne

Dear Anne and Martha

I thought I would like to tell you that my treasured Aunt MARGARET LINDSAY HUDSON passed away Sunday 15th at 7.45pm at Wagga Base Hospital aged 85yrs and 2mths. She was ART TEACHER at SCEGGS for about 28yrs. She was deeply dedicated to the school and the girls in her care including me and many of them have kept in contact over the years also many of the teachers. Just a few that I can remember - Miss Baddams, Miss Graham (Blomfield), Miss Pearce, Miss Stewart, Miss Hull.

Aunts funeral will be tomorrow ... I will be putting the school crest on her casket as it has played a prominent place in her life and in her home.

My very best wishes Val Smith (nee Ower) also a old girl 1957 - 1962 niece.

(Val, thank you so much for your email she was surely loved by all and we said 'good bye' to her over the weekend in Moss Vale. Anne)

To Anne, Just to inform you that Miss Margaret Hudson ("Huddie") died early this morning in Wagga. She was art teacher at SCEGGS Moss Vale for 28 or 29 years. In some information that I have it says that she started teaching at SCEGGS in 1945. There is to be a private funeral as far as I know, and at this stage I'm not sure when. Seeing as you have your reunion this weekend, I know that you will all have many pleasant memories of her. She was my aunt. Any queries, just email me. Heather Eurell.
Heather,

Heather, Thanks for letting us know, we were talking about her at the Qld reunion on Saturday, she used to ring me and I wondered about her as I hadn't heard for a while. We will certainly remember her at the reunion next weekend. I will copy this email to everyone on our mailing list, as there will be many who will have been taught by her, including me, needless to say she was one of our favourites. I loved visiting her at home too and remember the wonderful camellias in the garden. Best wishes, Anne

Dear Heather, There will be many who feel a pang at the news of Huddie's passing. She was a gentle, kind soul, and she made a difference. She must have clocked up a good number of years. How old was she? Best wishes Sue Milliken SCEGGS 1956

Many thanks for your e-mail. Unfortunately I am unable to be at the re-union because having had one grandchild for six years I have got four in three weeks! One set of twins up here and one in Victoria (who is actually staying with us now) so my travelling funds have been depleted and my time is now devoted to the nursery!

So sad to hear that Miss Chisholm and Huddie have died. They were so part of the history of the School - especially Huddie who was so kind and we were so mean at times because of it! I can remember hiding her shoes and she missed the bus home to Bowral - we were made pay for a taxi which took our tuck shop money for the rest of the term!

I used to visit Mary G. after she got married and adopted her children. It was lovely seeing her as a 'mother' after being a Head of School - I guess she had had lots of practise!

Sue Milliken is coming up here at the end of the month so hopefully she will have been at the reunion and can fill me in on all the goss.

I will be thinking of you all at the week end and wishing that I was there. Please let every one know that we would love to see them if they ever come to Far North Q. Cheers, Jane Johnston (Crossing)

I'd love to be there again next w/e, and apologise I haven't written up last year, as you suggested.

Of course Huddie's art room holds memories...making raffia cone hats to keep the sun off ourselves, and the puzzling time when I followed her instructions and didn't try to paint like a chocolate box lid: I produced a very bright blue whirling sky, which I thought was a total mess. She liked it and commended me. Of course I now realise that Van Gogh went in for that style of sky, but at that

time I had no idea, and hadn't looked at any pictures of paintings other than those in the dining room at school, which I thought were a bit weird and couldn't work out why they'd been put there!

My Father has his 90th birthday on 31st August, and the family will gather to celebrate in Canberra, which is why I can't be with you this w/e. His sight is poor these days, and he needs a lot of help from an amazing magnifying machine with a TV - like monitor to be able to read at all. However, he's patient and cheerful in it all, which, I guess, is another example of faith in practice.

Mother (93) is as intrepid as ever, and still drives. Both are active in various Christian organisations which they've supported for most of their lives.

I'd hoped to send you a picture, but can't work out how to get it from my iphoto to an email!

I'm well, and involved with taking basic knowledge about Jesus and the Bible to state primary schools. Do you know that at Easter time, a local grade 6 class was asked to say something about Easter that was not chocolate or the Easter bunny. They couldn't think of anything, so the teacher wrote "Jesus" and drew a cross on the board to help them. Still, no-one could say anything about Easter.

Next January I plan to go to Seoul again, third time in 9 years, to teach English to Korean missionaries. We live, eat and study together during the week for a month. It's "full on" starting with devotions at 6:30 am and finishing after homework at 9 - 10 pm. But I love it.

I do hope you are well, that OG is a happy time for all and that the dedication of the plaques to our wonderful headmistresses is a blessing to all.

Love, Ruth Butler (Prescott)

Oh my gosh, I do remember her, and she did try to teach me. What was her age now?? (farren-price) thank you for the info. Suzanne Metz

This is sad news, I too have fond memories of art classes with Huddie - I don't remember the camellias, but do remember a very full garden. By the way, what Queensland reunion? or did I miss it in a newsletter? Cheers, Pat McKay

Thanks for the email - very sad, but she would have been a good age.

Will you please give apologies and wish everyone the best. I am going to be collecting for the Leukaemia Foundation. Hear from you soon, Susan Corey (Burnie)

God speed Miss Hudson

Thanks to Miss Hudson, I never forgot how to distinguish a Doric from an Ionic column and I have come across many of these since I left school.

What a kind-hearted and nice person was Miss Hudson. Putting up with us took lots of patience and fortitude, but she had all that. I thank her for it all. Kind regards Louise Brooks Ranson

Thanks for the info on Arty Hud. I have sent off a letter of condolences to Heather.

Was going to try and get to Bong Bong on Sunday, but Graham has made arrangements to go fishing. Did I tell you my cousin has bought a house behind Bong Bong? And I thought that it would be a good chance to see it. Never mind. Next time.

Have a great weekend, thinking of you all, please remember me to all. luv Heather Galvin (MacIntyre)

thanks for keeping me updated with SCEGGS news. Sorry to hear of Huddie's death, she will be missed. Her death notice is in today's Herald.

On a brighter note it's good to see the coming OG weekend getting some local publicity. I hope it's a good time for you all. If the service at Bong Bong church on Sunday is taken by Rev Warryn Stuckey, please remember me to him. He was our minister at Denham Court Anglican for some years, good years for us. Best wishes from Anne Tyas. (and he remembers you too! Anne)

Thank you for informing me of the sad news of Ms Hudson's passing. Appreciate it very much. Do have a great time at the reunion and sure it will be a lot of fun. Jann Elphinstone

Thank you both for keeping us in the loop of Huddie's funeral. I think I was one of her failures - I was absolutely abysmal at art! Great at the theory - terrible when it came to the practical. But she was one of my favourites. May she rest in peace. Best regards Lynne Ross (Buckland)

I remember Miss Hudson with affection. I recall her reading teacups with a twinkle in her eye at a fete at school.

Hope Old Girls at Moss vale goes well,, I won't make it this year. Feels as though it may be traditional cold weather. Love Jill Fisher (Slade)

Thank you for sending that message on. I am sad to hear of Huddie's passing - she was such a dear and I truly enjoyed her class. Barbara Carlsen

Hi Anne, Wagga's a bit far at such short notice, But thank you for letting me know, She was the dearest lady, so kind and such a softie. She certainly has left me with many happy memories of my happy hours in the art room in lower senior. Looking forward to seeing you again on Saturday night for dinner, only hope it doesn't snow, it's been absolutely freezing here the last few days and its actually 0 deg. tonight, So bring your woollies and long johns.. Best wishes Rae. Don't forget a scarf, makes all the difference. Rae

Thanks for the information Anne. The flowers with the colours is a great idea. See you this weekend. Best wishes, Geraldine



SCEGGS Moss Vale Old Girls' Union

Please keep these dates in your diary or on your fridge

SCEGGS old girls reunite

By Jed Kemmlay

The search is on for old girls of the Sydney Church of England Girls' Grammar School (SCEGGS) in the lead-up to reunion and school birthday dinner at the Dormie House in Moss Vale on July 20 to 22.

Honorary president of the SCEGGS Moss Vale Old Girls' Union, Anne Worboys, said she is looking to trace old girls from the SCEGGS Moss Vale school to come to the reunion, which will also act as a 40 year reunion for the alumni year 1967.

Mrs Worboys said the reunion aims to bring together old girls from the Moss Vale SCEGGS school, which closed in 1974 amid financial difficulties.

"We've been holding reunions on and off over the past 10 or 12 years," Mrs. Worboys said.

"There are many old girls who left school in the 1950s and 1960s who have been coming to the reunions we've held, and it's always a great occasion."

This year's reunion will kick off on Friday with dinner planned out in town, with further details to be advised closer to the date.

A meet and greet will be held at Dormie House on Saturday afternoon, with the reunion and school birthday dinner to be held at 6.30pm (for a 7.30pm start).

Old girls are encouraged to wear a piece of their old school uniform or something from school to the dinner.

Any old girls who would like to speak or dedicate a prayer to any deceased old girls should contact Mrs Worboys so it can be included in the program.

Sunday will begin with a Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bong Bong Street in Bowral at 9.30am, and will incorporate a memorial service for SCEGGS headmistress Mary Bloomfield (1953 to 1959), as well as a service for old girls who have passed away in the past year.

Following this service, morning tea and lunch will be held at The Briars at 11am.

Mrs Worboys said all old girls from SCEGGS Moss Vale are encouraged to come to the reunion weekend, saying it would be a great way to catch up and enjoy the company of old friends.

"Our reunions are always such an enjoyable time and all old girls from



BACK TO SCHOOL: Prefects of the class of 1956, Susan Milliken, Alison Clarke, Joan Sutton, Suzanne Robertson, Genrice Gony, Sally Kerrath, Margaret McGregor and Jane Crossing. Last year was the 1956 reunion of SCEGGS.

SCEGGS Moss Vale, and also other SCEGGS schools are welcome," she said.

"If you don't know anyone or haven't kept in contact with other old girls, don't worry.

"The one thing that everyone has in common is the school, so there's always something to talk about.

"As well, every old girl has the opportunity to catch up and talk about their time at the school, their life, and their family."

For more information about the reunion and birthday dinner, call Anne Worboys on 6645 1259 or email anne@tvo.net.au.

To contact Dormie House to book for accommodation and the reunion dinner, call 4868 1800.

Lunch in the City - March

First Saturday in March, Restaurant Mosaic, Westin Hotel, Martin Place

Old Girls' Weekend at Dormie House - July

Falls on the weekend of the 4th Sunday

Imagine my surprise when the man who does some work for me at Exeter said "Your photo's in the paper". He thought it was a huge joke. I was appalled! Of all the gin joints in all the world...they had to pick that photo. What a hoot.

It says in the article that church is at 9.30, is this correct? We won't be at the dinner but we'll see you in church. Cheers, Sue Milliken

Old Girls' Dinner - November

Second Monday at twin Towers Motor Inn, Pacific Highway, Artarmon.

We will endeavour to keep to this cycle for our functions, makes it easier for us all to remember!

Please let me know if you don't want me to publish your emails in the newsletter – although I know we all love receiving and reading

them. Also if you haven't already done so notify us of your email address as from time to time we receive invitations to events at Christ Church Bong Bong and at SCEGGS Darlinghurst and we email this information to those on the database. Some emails have failed and we are sending this via snail mail. It would be very helpful if new postal and email addresses could be sent to Martha.

Thank you for your many generous donations to the OGU, they are much appreciated. These have enabled us to be in a very strong financial position to continue sending you regular newsletters. You can be assured we have it very well invested to ensure the continuation of the OGU for many many years. Donations to the Christ Church Bong Bong restoration fund are very much appreciated too.

Best wishes for Christmas and 2008

Anne and Martha

Anne Worboys
Honorary President

and

Martha Birch
Honorary Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you for your emails which keep me in touch. I am sorry I will not be at Moss Vale this weekend as we have a reunion of Bob's mothers family (the McGavins) at Dungog on Sunday. Do hope you have a wonderful weekend, give my regards to everyone, hope to be able to make it to one of the functions soon. I can not imagine how we ever had time to work as we are so busy in retirement!!

Hope to catch up with you soon, we are going to Yamba in August to meet up with friends and from memory you are not too far from there, let me know.

Hope all your family are fine, Regards, Robyn Brierley (Robyn and Bob visited me in Maclean recently, lovely to see them, Anne)

Dear Martha

I am an OGU member who has lived in Melbourne ever since leaving school at the end of 1958. You have asked for contributions re Mary Graham.

I was at SCEGGS Moss Vale from 1955 -1958. In that last year I was appointed Head Girl/Senior Prefect, the first school had had for many years so it was a great and totally unexpected honour – and responsibility.

I remained close to Mary Blomfield throughout most of her life since that time and until she could no longer remember. Mary was perhaps my greatest mentor and inspirer. When I was a somewhat recalcitrant new girl in 1955, and had not really settled by Easter, Mary, at my request to drop History and study Latin instead, undertook to teach me Latin from after Easter that year until the end of term 2 so I could catch up on the 18 months my classmates had been studying it. It was entirely due to her and to Dorothy Hall, whose class I was then able to enter, that in all subsequent exams I topped the class and went on to study it successfully throughout my university days.

The remarkable thing about Mary's input was that it meant seeing me in her sitting room in Howard House at 6.40 each morning and studying with her until the breakfast bell at 7.40! This she did for one and half terms on every weekday morning. Of course I grew to love and respect her.

I was invited to hers and Bob Blomfield's wedding, coming by train up from Melbourne and being escorted by Dorothy Endicott (Miss Hall) and her husband Den with both of whom I became good friends.

Over the years, I saw Mary and Bob whenever I visited Sydney and in earlier years, their young children. Mary even gave me beautiful clothes for my first child Stephen after he was born.

I was holidaying in New York with my husband Chris when news of Mary's death came through and I was really sad therefore not to be able to attend the memorial service. I was there in spirit and of course wrote to Bob and then to Tim Blomfield.

Since I have not been able to attend OGU functions except rarely, perhaps some news from this Old Girl might be of interest.

Career wise I went on to study librarianship after having 3 children. I have served in many positions but perhaps the most instructive have been as Executive Director of the National Book Council, then Director and State Librarian of the State Library of South Australia and later CEO and State Librarian of the State Library of Victoria. I was awarded an AM in the 2004 Queens Birthday Honours list.

I retired at the end of 2002 and have since been appointed to RMIT University Council and as Chairman of the wonderful Victorian Tapestry Workshop. I have also qualified and been licensed as a civil marriage celebrant which I love and which role is enormously satisfying. I have 3 children by my first marriage and 3 step children by my second marriage. They have produced 10 grandchildren for us to enjoy.

If all this is too much I apologise but I needed my love and admiration for Mary to get me going and your prompt to contribute a memoir about her!

Thank you for your work with the OGU. I always look forward to the newsletter and hope to make one function this year.

Regards

Fran Awcock (Hills)

Dear Anne

Thank you for sending me the copy of the Moss Vale Old Girls Newsletter. I really enjoyed it and some of the names and the photos seemed familiar. Pamela Nisbet was in the class ahead of me, and she had two younger sisters, Jennifer and, I think, Janet. Betty Ash, who was in my class, is perhaps the Elizabeth Ash in the photo at your annual dinner.

I am mailing you copies of some of the pages of the LUX magazine dated June 1946, which I have kept along with my Prefects blazer pocket and the school badge, which has lost most of the enamel!

Perhaps my favourite memory of the 7 years I spent at Moss Vale was the day, in 1946, that Miss Baddams sent me, and a friend to "run as fast and we could" to Bong Bong Church and "ring the bell as long as we could" to let the people in the surrounding countryside know that World War II had just ended.

Anne, I do apologize for taking so long to reply to your e-mail.

We left the day it arrived for Northern California for my granddaughters High School Graduation, then visited my Husband, Bob's daughter and her family, returning home just in time for a large family Father's Day party, where we learned, sadly that Bob's Brother had died that morning.

If it is not too much trouble, could you suggest the best way for us to visit Moss Vale – train, bus, car?- and to at least drive past the school and visit Bong Bong Church, returning to Sydney the same day.

We will be in Sydney from September 15 to Sept. 21st, staying at the Sydney Harbour Marriott, then on to Surfers Paradise, Brisbane, Cairns and Dunk Island – returning to Los Angeles on October 5th.

If Martha Birch was able to find any information about any Old Girls from my era, I would love it. I have sometimes wondered what the other girls I knew did with their lives!

Thanks again, Anne, With best wishes, Darilyn (O'Shee) Finn

Many thanks for your recent e-mails. I enjoyed the picture of the 1956 Reunion and the article. The uniforms were still the same. Except - that by 1946 we probably looked like a group of scarecrows! 7 years of very meager clothes ration coupons resulted in VERY short and threadbare tunics (we wore the same ones for years). Neckties were looped through our belts, instead of around our necks. The idea being that we were still wearing them, but not wearing them out. Stockings and sox had long since disappeared - resulting in bare legs and bare feet in often too-tight shoes. All part of the "War Effort", along with the rather colourful Italian P.O.W.'s who worked on the farm (magenta coloured uniforms and matching argyle sox). Darilyn

Anne, I'm sure your Old Girls week-end was a huge success. I am very impressed by the large task you have taken on as Honorary President of the OGU, and obviously with great success. And my thanks for including me on the SCEGGS database. It is so neat to be back " in the Loop". We are now counting the time until we arrive in Australia in weeks, not months! Six weeks and six days. Very exciting. Would love to see your next Newsletter. With best wishes, Darilyn Finn

Hi Anne, You don't know me but I'm one of the '67 mob rounded up by Bootsie. I just wanted to say thank you for (the often thankless) task of organising a weekend such as we have just enjoyed. It was great to catch up and to hear the stories, and this doesn't happen unless someone like you puts in the work. It was (and is) appreciated. Keep the light shining Regards Enid Jordan

Dear Anne, Thank you so much for including us in the Old Girls' Weekend and making us feel so welcome. We all had a lovely time. It was very special meeting so many of you and hearing the lovely stories about mum. We were all so blessed to have known her. Kind Regards, Bill Blomfield

Christ Church Bong Bong Special Event Vocal Music Recital Suzanne Matthews – Soprano, Carolyn Gettins – Contralto, Robin Langley – Tenor, Margaret Webb – Associate Artist and afternoon tea Sunday 23 September 2007



We managed to get to it – Geraldine, Joan and me, and Jan ... It was a good excuse for the girls to come down and stay, and we really enjoyed the recital. And the delicious afternoon tea!! Much appreciated. Best wishes, Sue Milliken

We had a most enjoyable afternoon at the Bong Bong recital It was a beautiful day and so was the singing met up with Joan Sutton and husband, Geraldine and husband and Sue Milliken. They were all staying at Sue's place in Exeter. Was great to see them. Met up with Darilyn and husband a very nice couple. I showed her a photo of you in your school uniform and the one of you and Rhonda outside the toilet at Bong Bong. Now she has a face to the name. I have a photo of her which I will try to send to you. Jan Kirkwood (Thanks Jan, I am sure Rhondda and I am thrilled at your choice of photos!)

Photo Jan, Joan, Darilyn and Vicky. (thank you Jan for the photo, AnneW)