



SCEGGS Moss Vale Old Girls' Union-November 2008

Newsletter

Greetings!

What a wonderful time we had in Moss Vale this year, a very small cohesive group of 'girls'.

The afternoon tea at Judy Friend's was amazing – I don't know how we managed to back up later for dinner as well, but we did.

We had a wonderful roam around the school grounds and old buildings on Sunday morning. Some of the buildings will be gone by next year's reunion, but we should still be able to have a visit. See photos later in the newsletter.

We believe progress is being made in relation to having a plaque dedicated in memory of deceased principals to be hung in Christ Church Bong Bong, we are waiting to hear from the Church Wardens.

They are building a new toilet block at Bong Bong and the wardens would be very grateful for any donations from members, please make sure your cheque is made out to Christ Church Bong Bong, and post to Margo Merrett, 6 Kennedy Close, MOSS VALE NSW 2257.

There are some wonderful photos in this newsletter, thank you to those who have provided them; don't forget to give us your email address, the photos look so much better that way.

Best wishes,

Anne

Old Girls' Dinner – Monday 10 November 2008

Twin Towers Inn, Pacific Highway, Artarmon - meet at 6.30 for 7pm. Accommodation available.

Martha has once again arranged a wonderful Buffet Dinner menu for this function for \$45, this includes a drinks package. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet other members from other years or to make up a party of your contemporaries and have a great night out. Contact Martha for bookings and make sure she has your cheque by 1 November 2008 (see coupon below).

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.

Old Girls' Weekend at Dormie House – 24-26 July 2009

We have booked a number of rooms for this weekend, a good idea to book as soon as you know you will be attending. Especially if you have organised a group of your friends to attend for an alumni reunion. Dormie House: phone: +61 (2) 4868-1800 dormie@mossvalegolfclub.com.au

Lunch in the city 7th March 2009

Will be held at the Mosaic Restaurant in the Westin Hotel, a very special day out for most of us, the menu is to be a mix of a limited la carte and Bento Box please contact me via email or my mobile 0421 668 806 if you wish to attend, I will also need to know if you would like to order the Bento Box (highly recommended). I hope to see you there too, Anne.

Alumni year 1960 reunion

Is anyone interested in organising this reunion? if not, I suggest we attend the 2010 lunch in the city and/or old girls' weekend in Moss Vale to celebrate our 50 year reunion. Please contact me with ideas, Anne

Alumni year 1970 reunion

Martha and her peers are thinking about their 40th reunion in 2010 – contact Martha to help get this under way.

Photos of the School in Autumn, Old Girls' Weekend and SCEGGS Bowral 1924-26



*Group out at sports. 16" anniversary
Lead! Dot, Deely, Dorothy, Doreen
with Blanche & Hazel*

Thank you to Jan Montgomery for photos taken in autumn 2008, Anne and Sharon Saunders and Lyn Read for photos of Old Girls weekend 2008 and SCEGGS Darlinghurst for archival photos (black and white).

Please keep these dates in your diary

Lunch in the City - March

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

Old Girls' Weekend at Dormie House, Moss Vale - July

Falls on the weekend of the 4th Sunday

Old Girls' Dinner - November

Second Monday at Twin Towers Motor Inn, Pacific Highway, Artarmon

Queensland Combined OGU

Gold Coast Breakfasts May and November – 1st Sunday

Brisbane AGM - July

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

Best wishes

Anne and Martha

Anne Worboys

Honorary President

Martha Birch

Honorary Secretary

Correspondence

Anne, Hullo! Loved the latest Newsletter and found several more names of girls I remembered who were at SCEGGS sometime from 1939 to 1946. I am impressed by the number of regular events that you schedule every year. They all sound like fun. Many thanks for all the information, photos etc. you sent me. Best wishes for all your coming events. Wish I could be there!

Darilyn (O'Shee) Finn

Anne - Hullo! Enjoyed your recent e-mail re the week-end at Moss Vale. Sounds like fun! A Retirement Home where SCEGGS used to be seems like a good idea. Certainly a beautiful location. I imagine many of the existing buildings could be converted. I read somewhere that there were 200 students at Moss Vale when the school was closed. Were additional dormitories, classrooms, etc., built when or before you were there? 200 girls could never have fitted in the original buildings when I left in 1946. Your plans for the week-end made me wish I could be there. I'm sure everyone will have a wonderful time. We have tentative plans to return to Australia in 2009 - Bob's idea. He loved the country, the people, the food, everything! Best wishes, Anne and thank you for keeping me on your mailing list.

Darilyn (O'Shee) Finn (1946)

(Darilyn lives in 'the States' I am sure she would love to hear from you if you were at school with her) Anne.

Dear Anne and Martha, Alas, I'm not making the OG's weekend as planned and am really disappointed not to be attending. Shall hope positively for '09. I was planning to say a few words at the dinner to acknowledge, and to thank-you both, for your great efforts to keep the Moss Vale OG's spirit, interest, friendships, and connections, well and truly alive and informative. You are such stalwarts that too many of us take it "as accepted" that you'll always do it." Please accept my grateful thanks for all that you accomplish for the OG's membership. I do so hope you aren't too tired yet? I love being "in the loop". To friends and acquaintances, my Regards and Greetings, as also to you both. Do give good voice to the singing at dinner! *Lucent Lux Vestra.*

Sincerely, **Robyn Weller. (Witney) (1952)**

Thank you Robyn you are certainly one of the members who has given us lots of encouragement and help, Anne and Martha

Hi Anne, Great to hear that you are having another reunion. Unfortunately I won't be able to be there with you, but send my love to everyone. I still hold the greatest memories of the school and feel, as I am sure everyone does, a bit sad that it will all be gone soon. Such things happen all the time. At that wonderful day at Morna's I was in the midst of Chemo and last week I had my 5 year clearance which seems rather amazing that 5 yrs have passed! Again, enjoy, raise a glass to me and have a great time.

Love Lucy (**Barbara Harman - Steel*******) (1954)

Lovely to hear that you are well and I do remember that lovely day at Morna's too, Anne

... Many thanks for your effort in organising the weekend I thought it was a great success. Especially going up to the School. The gathering was more like a group of old friends than just school mates. Next year I must try and see if I can find anyone from my year. Perhaps Carlyn Hanslow will come - she has emailed me. ... It was lovely to see you again and many thanks for all the hard work you do for us. Lets make next year bigger and better than ever!!!

Judy Friend (Cameron) (1955)

Dear Anne, Having previously said that I would be attending church at Bong Bong and the lunch at Briars this weekend, I now must apologise as I unfortunately now will not be able to attend. Family commitments have arisen which I cannot change. I hope it is a great weekend, and I will certainly mark it on my calendar for 2009. Be sure to bring your winter woollies, it is freezing here. Just like the old days we all recall!

Regards, **Jan Haskins (Swan) (1956)**

Hi Girls, I've been meaning to write and say thanks for the top billing in the newsletter... Also, no need to send me a hard copy these days, the email one is fine - save postage and licking stamps!

I met up with Judy Friend (Cameron) in Mittagong recently, that's a connection which would never have happened without the OGU. See you in July,

Best wishes, **Sue Milliken (1956)**

Dear Anne, For the record, the caretaker of SCEGGS is Max Warren The Heritage Advisor is Chris I have spoken and forwarded these attached photos to Rhondda and she seems keen to have some part of SCEGGS and Wendy Luscombe acknowledged in the new development. No doubt you will be speaking to each other.

Will post the '58 girls photo when I get it printed and is it possible for me to get OGU newsletters? (*You are on the database now!*)

With very best wishes ... Jan Montgomery

Thanks Anne, so good to know you were able to "get In". We had Pam Perry and her partner to lunch last week as she was out staying with her mother in Narromine. An interesting day with Pam telling us a little of her time in the Territory. ... Hope everything and everyone in Maclean is keeping you busy.

Jan Montgomery (Greenaway) (1958)

Hi Anne, Thanks for the newsletter, read with interest, and for this information – I think though that this will be yet another year I won't make it, even though I am planning on retiring – again, early in July. I see there is a trip to the school planned, is this the first time you have been able to get access? I seem to remember news of problems about it. I will be disappointed not to be part of the group, hope there will be pics to view afterwards. I must make positive plans for 09 – is the date fixed? We have been enjoying a lovely wet 'dry' season here in Brissie, I like the winter and will be sorry to see the days getting longer and warmer ... I believe Nona Bevan contacted you – I caught up with her via Friends Reunited – and we met and had a very long 'chat' a couple of weeks ago and I gave her your OG email. Unfortunately there will not be another meeting any time soon as she is planning to move to Cairns I think at the end of this month, but we plan to stay in touch.

Cheers, **Pat McKay (1960)**

Thank you for newsletter.....I met with Pat McKay after 40 odd years last Thursday..... it was such a thrill..... we met at 9.30 and talked until 2.30 when we had to part because of traffic worries. Do you have a list of ex students who have contacted you? I had two dear friends at Moss Vale whom I have been unable to locate. Jane Napier from Sydney and Kerry Gray from Kiama, are they on your list? If they are, and you cannot divulge their info, please send my email address to them,

Thank you, **Nona Gordon (1960)**

Hi Anne, Unfortunately I won't be able to make 2008 reunion - wish I could have seen over the old school site. That would have been great. Well done for organizing it. You may remember I organized a reunion for the Class of 1965 in 2005. We are going to have another one in 2010. I am finding that a lot of the email addresses I had from the last reunion are bouncing back as I think some people have retired and I had a lot of work emails. So was wondering if you might be able to let me have any email addresses of people from the Class of 1965. Would really appreciate your help.

Many thanks, **Lynne Ross (Buckland) (1965)**