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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

How fortunate we are to have such committed and active Old Girls. The strength of our Old Girls’ Union is their interest in each other and their dedication to the school. And we are so grateful for all that you do!

Whether it is supporting the school through our Alumni events, such as Ascension Day and Back to SCEGGS Day, or by supporting current students through the Old Girls’ Union Scholarship, our Old Girls’ Union must be one of the strongest in Sydney.

It is a long standing tradition that the Old Girls’ Union co-ordinates the Devonshire Tea stall at the Festival on Forbes. This has not only become the heart of our Fair, but it represents the character and strength of the Old Girls’ Union - vibrant, generous and dedicated.

The invaluable professional encouragement extended to younger peers is a reflection of this strength. I know many Old Girls take on Year 10 SCEGGS students during Work Experience. I also know other Old Girls mentor younger women who are just beginning their career. It is a testament to their characteristic spirit of generosity that they give of their time in this way.

I also admire the genuine personal support that is integral to the Old Girls’ Union. We have a glimpse of this at the Year 13 Cocktail Party as the youngest of our Old Girls return to the school to share their experiences and hopes for the future.

This enthusiastic interest in and genuine support of one another is evident in all the reunions I have the privilege of attending.

At Speech Night last year, Julie McCrossin (Class of 1971) spoke to the school community about her recent, challenging and courageous battle with cancer. It was an inspiring insight into the strength of enduring friendship as she explained how crucial the support of her friends, women who had been part of her life since her days at SCEGGS, was in her recovery. For me, it also reinforced the impressive strength of Old Girls, individually and as a group.

At the heart of the Old Girls’ Union is a precious and enduring connection - between each other and between the school and its former students. We do so love to hear from you and learn about the paths you are exploring! Molly Fowler (Class of 2011) wrote to me recently to share her sadness about the death of Louise Wilkins, one of her beloved and talented teachers.

It was a beautiful and articulate letter of condolence, but also a gracious recognition of what she now cherishes as a SCEGGS girl - “I don’t suppose I will ever again be in a system where everyone not only encourages me to achieve my best, but cares that I do.”

And we do continue to care about our girls beyond their school days - we care whether you have found happiness and fulfilment, we encourage you to stay in touch and we are thankful for your continuing support of your peers and of the school.

We often say “Once a SCEGGS girl, always a SCEGGS girl”. I like the statement not only because it implies a sense of connection but also because it acknowledges that the journey is beyond the Green Gates - it is a lifelong journey, a journey made all the richer when it is shared by old friends.

Jenny Allum
HEAD OF SCHOOL
Past as well as present students affirm the expression “Once a SCEGGS girl, always a SCEGGS girl”. At the end of Year 12, SCEGGS girls are invited to become a lifetime member of the OGU and consequently, become part of a global network of women connected through experiences and friendships they developed during their time at SCEGGS.

Beginning with the Year 13 Cocktail Party, SCEGGS Old Girls are invited and encouraged to participate in regional, interstate and overseas reunions, as well as a host of events held at school. Back to overseas reunions, as well as a host of events held at school.

SCEGGS Day is a key event, always connected through experiences and friendships they developed during their time at SCEGGS. Along with a committed and energetic OGU Committee, Michelle Crowther, does an excellent job at organising the various alumni events and school events. These archival displays and the stories they invoke, provide a valuable insight not always afforded by the ‘official’ school records.

Mufasa sits with the three Niahos sisters.

Communication is central to the heart of the School, to attend special events, reunions or simply have a look around. The SCEGGS Old Girls Union is proud of the wonderful achievements of our school under the marvellous leadership of Jenny Allum and her team; many SCEGGS girls have achieved astounding academic and personal successes. Even beyond Forbes Street, SCEGGS girls continue to be inspired and motivated by those words so familiar to us all; included in the School Song, repeated at the end of each verse of the School Song and inscribed on the school badge; Luceat Lux Vestra.

THE OGU PRESIDENT

I am always delighted when an Old Girl approaches the school to organise an enrolment for their daughter, as it is a real indication of how much they enjoyed their own time at the school.

The school’s reputation continues to grow and it would be no exaggeration to say that we are now the most sought after independent girls’ school in Sydney. This has placed real pressure on the availability of places at the school and we have a number of substantive waiting lists operating for entry. We offer places based on age at application so the pivotal factor in the enrolment process is to apply for a place as soon as possible after birth. Therefore one of the decisions made was to defer the payment of both the Registration and Acceptance Fee for Old Girls. We understand that after a child is born finances are often tight and it is not always certain what your circumstances will be by the time you wish to send your daughter to SCEGGS, or even if your family will live in Sydney. By deferring these fees we hope to encourage any Old Girl who is at all interested in the possibility of a place at the school to apply formally as early as possible.

The Old Girls’ Union Scholarship was also extended so that it is now offered for Year 7 entry, making a SCEGGS education accessible for the entire six years of a secondary education. This scholarship covers 50% of fees and is means-tested to assist a family who would otherwise find it difficult to send their daughter to the school. It is open to a girl whose mother or grand-mother attended SCEGGS.

Our Prospectus and Application Forms are available from our website or you can call to have these sent to you. If you have any questions at all about the enrolment process or how to register your daughter please do contact me on 9332 1133 or via email carrollevans@scTEGRGS.nsw.edu.au. I look forward to chatting with our Old Girls and to do everything I can to assist you in the enrolment process.

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I know when I speak to Old Girls making enquiries about enrolments they often express surprise that the school does not hold places open for the children of alumni. However, from its inception SCEGGS has been a non-selective school and the school has always enrolled girls on a first come, first served basis regardless of where they lived, their academic or sporting ability, wealth or connections.

In response to the growing demand for the school Ms Allum and the School Board took a number of decisions in 2011 to assist Old Girls in enrolling their daughters whilst keeping the balance of the SCEGGS community as a diverse one, not based on any selectivity.

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Carrol Evans
REGISTRAR
SISTERS THROUGH THE YEARS

Friends can drift in and out of our lives but sometimes, we will find one that lasts a lifetime. For Old Girls, Sophie INWALD and Julie MCROSSIN, Class of 1971, it began in 1956 when the two young girls were placed in the same class for their first year of high school.

Sophie’s Story
When we first met, I was drawn to Julie’s humour, enthusiasm and warmth, as I am to this day, 47 years later. I was also taken with how she made what appeared ‘ordinary’ into something exciting and worth looking at. Somewhat, she made you see things with different eyes.

Julie made school days an adventure and it was exciting to be part of that. She embraced all school activities and everything that was on offer. So I did the same so we could do it together. I’m so grateful for that now and understand my school experience was the richer for it.

We had so much to say to each other that our conversations would never stop; it went on all day and continued for hours on the phone once we were home. My best birthday present was when my parents installed a phone extension in my room, acknowledging that this was just a fact of life. I always was up for anything and would push the boundaries. She had a lust for life that was infectious - whether it was persuading a group that we needed to have a gelato after the school play. I loved basking in her energy and enthusiasm and it enabled me to be less timid. My parents had lived in Poland during the Second World War. Sophie’s parents have been like a second family, always having Julie and Sophie in the house.

When Julie was diagnosed with stage-four throat cancer last year, I was clearly felt last year when I was diagnosed with throat cancer. Sophie walked the whole journey, hand-in-hand with my partner, Melissa and I. Sophie brought us food, drove me to treatment and took charge of communicating with a large community of our friends via regular emails. I never felt we had to face it alone. I trust Sophie to walk into the valley of the shadow of death with me. It is a remarkable and sustaining experience to share, really share, your entire adult life with a truly empathic, thoughtful and kindly challenging friend.

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Sophie has an unusual capacity to sustain a network of friendships with strong-minded and opinionated women and men, who have distinctly contrasting outlooks on life and social issues. And I admire her ability to enjoy all these powerful people in a quiet way, while expressing her own, independent views with clarity and grace.

In his poem, The Second Coming, Yeats refers to a terrible state of mind where “Things fall apart; the center cannot hold.” My life-long friendship with Sophie has provided the exact opposite experience. Our relationship is the ballast of my life. It keeps me together and secure at the centre of my being.

When Julie was diagnosed with stage-four throat cancer last year, I was often humbled by Julie’s compassion and care, and her capacity to forgive and see the positive in people and situations. I admire Julie’s enthusiasm for life and her sense of humour, but also the fact that she is a realist and doesn’t pretend things are not what they are. I admire Julie’s capacity to love and be loyal to her partner Melissa, and to those of us fortunate enough to be her close friends.

I admire Julie’s sense of honour and ethics. Her moral compass is inspiring and has served as a role model for me.

When I spoke at Julie’s 50th birthday, I remarked that the only ‘down side’ of meeting Julie at school and forming such a close friendship, was imagining, in my youth and naivety, that all friendships would be like this. Of course, I’ve learnt this is by no means the case, and I was just lucky to meet her so early and have her presence in my life for so long.

As an only child, people have asked me over the years, what is it like – and I reply, I wouldn’t know because I’ve always had Julie; she’s the sister I always had.

Julie’s story
Sophie and I were put in the same class in our first year at SCEGGS and we’ve been close friends ever since. I liked everything about Sophie then, and I still do. She has always been intelligent, curious, kind and loyal. I have always been deeply moved by her family history of persecution as Polish Jews during the Second World War. Sophie’s parents have been like second parents to me and I still see her mother Irene, who is 95, every week.

During our school years, Sophie and I were inseparable. We never had enough time to talk about all the things that interested us. We spoke all day in the playground and half the night on the telephone. Over 47 years later and we still often make agendas when we meet regularly for coffee. At school, we constantly wrote tiny notes to each other and passed them in class. I appeared to be more outgoing and outspoken, but Sophie was the source of most of my ideas and opinions.

We always planned to be friends for life and I think we both share a commitment to make this dream come true. Our friendship has been tested over the years, as we are very different people who have made many different life decisions about politics and partners, in particular. However we have always shared core values about striving for social justice, seeking out education at every stage of life and showing kindness and loyalty to friends and family.

The strength of our friendship was clearly felt last year when I was diagnosed with throat cancer. Sophie walked the whole journey, hand-in-hand with my partner, Melissa and I. Sophie brought us food, drove me to treatment and took charge of communicating with a large community of our friends via regular emails. I never felt we had to face it alone. I trust Sophie to walk into the valley of the shadow of death with me. It is a remarkable and sustaining experience to share, really share, your entire adult life with a truly empathic, thoughtful and kindly challenging friend. Sophie sensitively expresses frank feelings about every aspect of our lives. I trust her completely and know that we can share the challenges of life together with complete openness.

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ON CAPITOL HILL

KRISTINA HICKEY (1993)

The political power brokers of Washington DC may be the subject of news reports and television dramas for many of us, but for Old Girl, Kristina HICKEY (1993), navigating the complexities of the US political system is now part of her everyday life.

It’s a crisp ‘Fall’ morning in Washington DC and I’m having breakfast at a downtown hotel with my boss, Ambassador Kim Beazley, a senior Cabinet minister visiting from Australia and a couple of Embassy colleagues. It’s about ten days in to the government shutdown which has seen everything from national parks to government departments close down across the US. Ahead of a day of meetings on Capitol Hill, we’re briefing the minister on the shutdown: how did this happen; what are the options for resolving the impasse that has closed the US federal government; and what does it all mean for Australia’s national interests.

Welcome to my world, which one colleague recently described as a combination of “West Wing”, “House of Cards” and “Veep”! I was posted to Washington DC in 2012 from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra to lead the Australian Embassy’s Congressional Liaison team. We manage Australia’s engagement and advocacy with the US Congress and provide Canberra and senior Australian visitors with an insight on US domestic political developments and how they might impact Australia’s interests.

Kristina Hickey, Australian Embassy, Washington DC

It sounds like a cliché but no two days are alike in my job. For the first few months after I started in July 2012, my days were consumed with the 2012 presidential election campaign between Mitt Romney and Barack Obama. I travelled to the Republican and Democratic Party conventions, to a presidential foreign policy debate; I read polls and spoke to political experts in DC. One goal was to try and ensure Australian perspectives were understood by key US figures on both sides of politics who might serve in whichever Administration emerged from the election. We also sought to understand the political trends which would shape not only the election result but also the post-election political environment in the US, particularly on issues like foreign policy, trade, defence and fiscal policy which matter to Australia.

In 2013, my job moved to a stronger focus on direct liaison with contacts on Capitol Hill. I sought to interpret political developments in Congress, in order to understand which legislation might get through and what that would mean for Australia. Much attention was focused on the US fiscal and debt ceiling dramas which brought the country into shutdown and close to the brink on a debt ceiling deadline in October. Consequently, following our early morning briefings, my colleagues and I would head to Capitol Hill for the first of six meetings with senior Senators and Members of the US House of Representatives. We’re focused on key political figures, Committee Chairs and ‘Ranking Members’ who might play a role in resolving the fiscal disagreements which have dominated US politics in recent years.

As we head into each meeting, I brief our principals on the politics and personal views of whomever we’re meeting. As we wander the hallways of Congress, I also try to stay up to date with political developments that day – mostly relying on political sources on twitter. It’s a dynamic situation with negotiations underway across the Capitol. I need to ensure our principals are across what’s happening as we speak to the protagonists in the drama.

When a minister or senior official is not visiting from Australia, my day will often involve engaging political contacts on the Hill. Sometimes this is in reaction to developing events. After President Obama asked Congress to consider US military involvement in Syria in 2013, I needed to speak to House and Senate leadership office contacts to try and gauge the mood on the Hill and when and how any votes might proceed. On other issues, we try to plan in advance and conduct our advocacy over time to ensure key people understand Australia’s views on a particular issue and that we understand when any legislation might come to the floor and what its prospects are.

The US system of legislating can seem confusing and chaotic to someone familiar with the Australian system of parliamentary democracy. Party structures are different and legislation can originate from a wide range of members and Senators, often in both chambers at once. This makes it all the more important for us to be vigilant, so we can foreshadow and monitor anything which might matter to Australia.

At the end of a long day on Capitol Hill, I travel with our visiting minister and the Ambassador to his official Residence, where we have planned a political dinner. Part of my job is ensuring the Embassy and Ambassador engage a strong circle of respected political experts on whom we can call to provide frank analysis of US political developments. For this dinner, we’ve invited a combination of independent analysts and Republican and Democratic pollsters and consultants to share their views. It’s never a dull evening and it’s pretty amazing getting paid to sit and listen to such people. I have to confess though, the longer I spend analysing the state of affairs here in the US, the more comfortable I am with Australia’s more predictable and some would say functional system of parliamentary democracy!

Kristina HICKEY (1993)
A GENEROUS AND SUPPORTIVE GROUP

Life-long friendships are formed at SCEGGS and as a result, our Old Girls have always been a supportive and pro-active group within the school community.

In recognition of the connection and strong bond Old Girls continue to share with the School, SCEGGS has been the fortunate recipient of generous bequests and gifts. Together with the Barham Fellows Program, bequests provide a lasting gift to the School, helping to secure the future for generations of SCEGGS girls to come.

The Barham Fellows Program provides an opportunity for the School to recognise and honour those who have notified us of their intention to leave a gift to SCEGGS in their will. It allows the School to acknowledge them during their lifetime and thank them for their generous decision to leave a lasting legacy. In August last year, this group was invited to visit the School for morning tea and enjoy the Year 12 Art Major Works Exhibition, an incredible showing which as most Old Girls would know, was demolished to make way for the Joan Freeman Building. Old Girls who sponsored a brick now have their names displayed on the wall, which is a unique feature of this impressive new building, creating a very special link between the old and the new. There are still a limited number of bricks available and if you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Development Office for details.

SCEGGS is so fortunate to have a community of Old Girls who understand the real meaning of generosity and their ongoing support contributes to the life of the School in so many ways.

If you would like any information regarding bequests, the Barham Fellows Program or the work of the Trust, please contact Daisy Bahen, Director of Development on (02) 9339 9428 or email DaisyBahen@sceggs.nsw.edu.au

Daisy Bahen
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

OLD GIRLS AS ROLE MODELS, A TRADITION CONTINUES

Miss Edith Badham, our first Headmistress was a practical yet forward thinking woman who cared deeply for her girls and recognised the value in fostering a strong connection between current and former students.

From the very beginning, Old Girls were encouraged, if not badgered, to write to Lux with news of their post school life. Whether it was the traditional news of births, deaths and marriages, travel experiences, or news of our first university graduate Nellie AMOS in 1902, Old Girls were encouraged to continue their involvement with the School.

In fact, as early as 1910, Old Girls can be found in the pages of Lux providing careers advice to current students. Dorothy FARREN [C. 1898-1904] was on the first Executive Committee of the Old Girls’ Union in 1909 and was the first woman to receive a Diploma of Agriculture from the Sydney Technical College in 1910. She wrote two articles for Lux offering practical advice for young women, “The girl on the land” (Dec 1910) and “Employment for women: women as librarians” (Jan 1914). In the first, she spoke of the potential for women in well managed rural pursuits, claiming that fruit-growing and gardening offered “a life of independence, with many absorbing interests”. In the other, she espoused the merits to be found in the Public Service as a librarian, stating that the occupation was “congenial to a girl of cultivated intellect”.

Such articles, together with the many stories that followed of Old Girls and their various pursuits, provided early role models for the then current students and potentially other Old Girls. Indeed, this early school tradition may have encouraged girls at SCEGGS to believe that there are numerous paths open to them upon finishing school, and be the genesis of the long-held view that SCEGGS girls can do anything.

Today, our Old Girls enjoy a diverse range of careers in various countries around the world and they continue to share their professional advice and experience with current students. Most recently, a group of five Old Girls of various professions came together for a careers evening focused on Women in International Careers. The panel included renewable energy engineer Susan Neil (GULSON 1996), barrister Dr Sarah PRITCHARD SC (1980), nurse Emma BRADLEY (2005), architect Phoebe GOODWIN (2005) and an advisor with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Georgie SKIPPER (2005).

With discussions facilitated by Fairfax Journalist and current parent, Deborah Snow, the evening provided girls in Years 9 to 12 with a valuable insight into some of the challenges faced and benefits to be gained by working or studying abroad. Whilst all Old Girls advised girls to pursue their interests, it was the stories of those who had done so that truly inspired the girls.

Students in the audience included 2016 dux Alessandra MCKELL (1999), associate director of the Financial Institutions Group at National Australia Bank and Tanya CONOMOS (2005), Digital Media Co-ordinator for the Australian Olympic Committee.

Through speaking roles such as these and SPAN, the professional alumni network, Old Girls continue to play an active part in the life of the School, and our current students are the richer for it.

Women in International Careers Evening, March 2014

Something that they are passionate about, they also acknowledged the importance of being open to opportunities.

Careers Advisor, Andrea Pinnock was pleased with the evening, commenting “Our Old Girls never cease to amaze me with their incredible careers and willingness to help our students. They go out of their way to assist the girls offering work experience placements, mentoring, interview practice and more. We are particularly fortunate to have their support at our careers evenings.”

Of course, Old Girls also give generously of their time and experience, sharing their knowledge with students at various school events, including the Father and Daughter Breakfasts. In March, Olivia SATCHELL (2008) impressed all with her frank account of auditioning for NIDA and the satisfaction that has come with establishing her own theatre company. Also speaking at breakfasts this year will be Alessandra MCKELL (1999), Associate Director in the Financial Institutions Group at National Australia Bank and Tanya CONOMOS (2005), Digital Media Co-ordinator for the Australian Olympic Committee.

Olivea SATCHELL (2008)

Picture of the Heritage Wall, Joan Freeman Science, Art & Technology Centre
The completion of the Joan Freeman Science, Art and Technology Centre (JFSATC) has provided some innovative ways to celebrate and display some of the School’s history. When next you are at SCEGGS we hope you’ll enjoy viewing them.

Arranging the design and building of these displays has been the main focus for Archives in 2013.

New cabinets have been set aside for archival displays near the Lecture Theatre in the JFSATC. They are currently housing items showing the day to day life of past students from old styles of school uniforms and hats to Helen Campbell’s (MAY 1949) globite suitcase, school exercise books, penalty cards and teaching materials.

Next to this is the Heritage Wall acknowledging supporters of the School and featuring clinker bricks and handmade tiles from the former Barbara Chisholm Hall. Together with the nearby floor light boxes, they are a lovely celebration of and connection to our past.

Also displayed in this new building are the Centenary Quilts which have now been rehung in specially made donated by Sue Zipfinger; and some fun instamatic shots from Tricia WILSON (1971). Lois SHARP (1953) kindly donated her Leaving Certificate Zoology Laboratory Notebook and pottery work done with Miss Cambridge. Material like this really helps demonstrate the continuities and changes in the experience of being a student at SCEGGS.

Amongst the diverse reference requests received this year were ones from the makers of the new Puberty Blues film regarding uniform rules for the 1970s, Shore on the year they nearly went co-educational taking in Year 12 SCEGGS girls (see nearby article), and a researcher looking at the Ferguson and Urie stained glass windows in the Great Hall.

Thank you for the many donations that arrive each year from Old Girls, staff and students and were a gift to the School to mark its Centenary. They were presented to the students of SCEGGS on Foundation Day, 17th July 1995, exactly one hundred years after the official opening of the School. The quilts were originally hung on each side of the stage of the Barbara Chisholm Hall, formerly on the site of the Joan Freeman Centre.

The design is based on a multi-viewpoint image of the School as it was in 1993 with the fig tree as the central motif and the city skyline as a unifying feature across both quilts. The inner border of clasped hands signifies the lifelong friendships forged at school, and the outer border of 84 blocks represents the various interests and activities of students at SCEGGS.

Thank you for the many donations that arrive each year from Old Girls, staff and wider community. This year we were fortunate to receive a very significant photograph from Liz Pawsey (PAIN, 1963) who is a direct descendant of our first Chaplain the Rev. Pain. We only have two known photographs from the first five years of SCEGGS and unfortunately one was an unusable copy. Liz’s copy of this photograph helped fill a very significant gap in our collection.

Other special photographs include some of the Centenary Quilts being made donated by Sue Zipfinger; and a photograph from the first five years of SCEGGS in 1898 (Donated by Liz Pawsey).

Many Old Girls are familiar with the SCEGGS financial crisis of the 1970s and the wonderful support of the SCEGGS community in saving the School. Less is known of the very generous support provided by many independent schools. The Class of 1977 came close to having a very interesting final year.

Below is an extract from an article appearing in the Shore magazine late last year and we thank Shore and Archivist, Kate Riseley, for sharing it with us.

“Shore School came within a whisker of being a co-educational school in 1977. In late 1976 SCEGGS Darlinghurst faced dire financial difficulty and was one month away from closing down. After much research and consultation Headmaster Travers offered to take the Form VI (Year 12) girls for their final year of education in 1977. Class lists were compiled, furniture picked out, fees and costs calculated, female school uniforms chosen. This was a serious offer.

A SCEGGS mother, Noelle Webster, remembers: “We were told that the girls would have their own area in the playground and their own common room. I can remember one mother asking how the boys would be kept out of the girls’ area. Mr Travis answered that he would expect ‘the young lassies to keep the boys out.’ It was a very generous offer from Shore.” When asked what Shore boys thought of girls joining the school, Headmaster Travers replied “They couldn’t react much because I told them in Chapel.”

By Christmas 1977, SCEGGS was saved via other means. But one cannot help but wonder what could have been, how their presence would have influenced the culture of the School. The Shore Old Girls would have celebrated their 36th year reunion this year.”

DID SCEGGS GIRLS FINISH AT SHORE?
Wonderful weather shined at both of our major alumni events last year when hundreds of Old Girls returned to SCEGGS for Ascension Day in May, and Back to SCEGGS Day in July.

Smiling faces and the delightful sound of laughter were common to both celebrations but it was the sheer splendour and magnificence of the new Joan Freeman Science, Art and Technology Centre that had so many Old Girls talking. “No student could fail to achieve or to be inspired in such surrounds,” said Colleen Keys (ORR 1963).

Colleen was one of more than 30 Old Girls from the Class of 1963 who celebrated their 50 Year Reunion at Ascension Day. Joined by ‘girls’ from the years above them, they all enjoyed a lovely lunch in the Great Hall and a performance by the cast of Rent; the SCEGGS musical production of 2013. The vocal talents of the 26 strong cast from SCEGGS, Sydney Grammar and St Aloysius were impressive, as were the heart-felt words of Old Girls’ Union Scholars, Paris Roditis and Anna Salier, who spoke fondly of their experiences at SCEGGS.

For the many Old Girls who attended Back to SCEGGS Day, particularly those from the Class of 1987 eager to support a classmate, our Guest Speaker Sally Dominquez (COLEMAN 1987) provided a thoroughly entertaining account of her school days and the many adventures she has embarked on since. A successful designer, architect and inventor, Sally is perhaps best known for her work on ABC TV’s New Inventors, as well as for her award-winning Nest Highchair and her Rainwater HOG Tank, currently sold worldwide. Eva Condoleon (WEHAG 1987) said “It’s always a pleasure to return to school and hear Old Girls talk about their amazing life journeys and Sally did not let us down.”

Back to SCEGGS Day continues to provide a perfect opportunity for those year groups celebrating five year anniversaries to organise a table and catch up with their classmates. This year, we encourage the Classes of 1969, 1979, 1989 and 1999 to do so too!
REPORTS & REUNIONS

MELBOURNE BRANCH

REPORT

Our Foundation Day Luncheon held at the RACV Club, Melbourne on 13th July last year was well attended and we were happy to have our Head of School, Jenny Allum and her husband, Terry Gagan join us, as well as Michelle Kadi and Daisy Bahen. This was Daisy’s first visit and she made a very pleasant impression. Another welcome visitor from Sydney was Jennifer Turner (1957), a close friend of Wendy Aiken (SCOTT 1955) and a fellow classmate of mine.

Memories of our respective school days flourished at the luncheon with stories of walking in crocodile swamps from School to Rushcutters’ Bay for our Winter Sports, Basketball and Hockey and tales of catching trams and buses from Taylor’s Square to Coogee Beach for Swimming at Wiley’s Baths. Left to make our own way home from the Beach, we marvelled at our youthful independence. Such vivid memories were prompted by a question from Alison Puzy (GARVEN 1939) regarding the sporting arrangements of present students, to which Jenny responded that the girls now mainly travel to and from Centennial and Moore Parks by bus. Jan Morgan (STEPHENS 1939) also revealed that her brother had taught Joan Freeman Physics at Sydney University. Sharing these wonderful memories and an outstanding lunch, a tribute to her appears in this magazine. Her funeral was attended by her family from Sydney, many friends, former colleagues and students. Mary Wheeler (CHAMPION 1946), Jan McLellan (GAMBLE 1956), Pam Watkins, Janet Bell and I attended on behalf of the School. Maureen had stipulated that we were all to be treated to a Chicken and Champagne Lunch following the service, a most enjoyable occasion where many shared their memories of Maureen. We will miss her immensely.

Our Foundation Day Luncheon this year will be held once again at the RACV City Club on Saturday, 12th July at 12 noon.

Wendy Aiken and I share the administration of the Branch and we may be contacted on: Wendy: Ph: (03) 9855 1043 E: wendyaiken@yahoo.com Cita: Ph: (03) 9589 4775 E: citamieog@gmail.com

Cita Mieog (KUIKEN 1957)

NEWCASTLE, HUNTER, CENTRAL AND NORTH COAST DISTRICTS

BRANCH REPORT

Lots of happy conversation and laughter rang from The Waterboard Room at Customs House Hotel in Newcastle, as we met for our Annual Luncheon held on Saturday 1st March 2014.

A special thank you to Michelle Kadi, Alumni Relations Co-ordinator, and Angela Crowther, who joined us from SCEGGS. Hearing the latest news from school is always appreciated.

Past students and some partners travelled from Barrington, Bonnells Bay and Fishing Point on Lake Macquarie, Clarence Town, Dungog, Erina, Hardys Bay, Norfolk Island, Newcastle, Pretty Beach, Salamanda Bay and Sydney to be with us.

We all enjoyed a welcome drink and a delightful lunch with Hunter Valley wines overlooking Newcastle Harbour. We were particularly pleased to welcome four new faces to our luncheon and we hope these Old Girls will join us again next year as we look forward to another wonderful afternoon together.

If you have recently moved into our area to live, please let Michelle Kadi know of your new address, so that you will receive an invitation to our next luncheon at Customs House Hotel on Saturday 7th March 2015.

I look forward to attending and catching up with friends on Ascension Day and Back to SCEGGS Day.

Meg Scott (MYERS 1957)

THE GOLD COAST

BREAKFAST

Over 30 Old Girls from South East Queensland, the Sunshine Coast and Northern New South Wales travelled to the Emerald Lakes Golf Resort on the Gold Coast for Breakfast on Sunday 3rd November 2013. It was a fabulous gathering – the chatter deafening, laughs loud, and smiles aplenty. No one was in a hurry to leave, with the last of us departing at 1.30pm.

So enjoyable was our get-together that we have decided to have a breakfast gathering twice a year, the first Sunday in May and the first Sunday in November, at the same venue. A special thank you to Michelle Kadi, our Alumni Relations Co-ordinator, for her support with organising this occasion.

Lynee SHAW (1971)
SOUTHERN DISTRICTS BRANCH REPORT

We were delighted to welcome Judy Caldwell (ROGAN 1962), SCEGGS Old Girls’ Union President and member of the School Board, as our guest speaker at our Annual Luncheon on Friday 27th September, 2013. Judy generously shared stories of her school day experiences and provided an insight into what her current role involves and how her continued involvement in the School has enriched her life. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the luncheon, with Judy pledging to come again next year, along with a few other Old Girls from Sydney. Christine McDonald, an Old Girl of SCEGGS Wollongong, provided the perfect ending to a perfect day offering Judy and a few others a private, behind the scenes tour of Parliament House. This was certainly the “icing on the cake” for this particular group! Appreciated by all were the wonderful table centre pieces made by my daughter, who was very close to having her second child at the time. The Pop Cake displays featured the school crest and generated much enthusiasm.

I spoke of the opening of The Margaret Whitlam Pavilion at The National Arboretum in Canberra and commented on how the Pavilion sits high on the hillside overlooking the city. It is a fine legacy to Margaret Whitlam, a proud SCEGGS Old Girl that it is described as “a bold counterpoint to the otherwise gentle arboretum landscape with more than 40,000 trees growing around it” (Canberra Times). Margaret told Barham Fellows “to always be forthright and stand tall in your pride of being a SCEGGS Barham Fellow”. These words echo forth in this building as it overlooks Canberra, a place as dear to her heart as SCEGGS was.

Many enjoyed another water colour painting day in April 2013 with Neil Anderson, a renowned artist in this area. Neil opened her studio to us and everyone had a very happy, inspiring day painting with a delicious lunch to follow, along with lots of animated chatter! Friendship and Christmas were celebrated with a light afternoon tea at The Hyatt Hotel in early December, with all present declaring we should gather again early in 2014.

We have decided to meet for a luncheon to commemorate Ascension Day on Thursday 29th May 2014. We have never gathered on this day before but thought it would be appropriate to come together on the same day Old Girls will be at SCEGGS for this special day on the school calendar. Our Annual Luncheon will be held on Friday 10th October 2014. We always appreciate Jenny Allum coming to Canberra when she can, along with Michelle Kadi and Daisy Bahen who attended last year. We encourage all SCEGGS Old Girls, friends and family who may be in Canberra for Floriade to join us on this day. You are most welcome. Until then, Luceat Lux vestra.

Donna Driver (JACKSON 1968) Southern Districts President

CLASS OF 1953

A small but enthusiastic group of 15 “girls” attended our Jubilee Reunion Lunch at SCEGGS on Saturday 2nd November 2013. Half of them had travelled some distance to celebrate this milestone, particularly Joanna Martzloff (BARKELL) who lives in Santa Barbara, California. Joan Clarke (MULLINS) came from Carool, Gwen Smith (MITCHELL) from North Star, and Lorraine Wayland (VAUGHAN) from Glen Innes, all in the north of the state. From more central areas, Elizabeth McWilliam (NOBBS) came from Wangaratta and Pam Sayer (ANSELL) from Hawks Nest, and from the south, Jennifer ROBERTSON came from Melbourne and Penny RICHARDSON from Canberra.

The day commenced with pre-lunch champagne and tasty savouries in the courtyard at School where we were warmly greeted by the Head, Jenny Allum and by the Alumni Relations Co-ordinator, Michelle Kadi. We moved on into the dining room via Ms Allum’s office, pausing to appreciate the fine group of photographs of the School’s five headmistresses. We enjoyed a delicious lunch and much conversation with former classmates, accompanied by continuous projected screening of school photographs of us in our youth. At lunch Ms Allum asked us about our memories of times at SCEGGS both good and bad - there were few bad. With great tact she suggested that it might be unwise to wait another ten years for our 70 year reunion, so possibly we might meet again in five years… or even three years. This idea was received warmly, with one wit muttering under her breath “or one year”.

After lunch Michelle Kadi accompanied those of us who had the physical stamina up the main stairs to the Chapel, and then across to the “New Building” which was opened in 1952 - we had been among its first occupants. Our “New Building” has already had two subsequent names, the “Yellow Building” and the “Old Girls’ Building”. We walked past the modern sports complex and the Joan Freeman building and looked across to the Diana Bowman Performing Arts Centre and St Peter’s church, now the SCEGGS Great Hall. How different it all is from our day, when we used to sunbake on “Bondi” and play basketball and tennis on asphalt courts in the area that has since seen a swimming pool come and go. But it was comforting to see that a few of the old Moreton Bay figs are thriving and have withstood the pressures of change.

Penny RICHARDSON (1953)
The 50 Year Reunion for Class of ’63 was held on Saturday 12th October at the Amora Hotel, Sydney, after many of us had gathered for an earlier celebration at Ascension Day in May.

It was a delight to have Jenny Allum and Michelle Kadi, our Alumni Relations Co-ordinator join us on the day and we thank Michelle immensely for all her assistance. To mark this special anniversary, we compiled a booklet of biographies, a way for us to share with each other some of our experiences over the last 50 years.

Rekindling friendships after 50yrs has increased the desire to continue such wonderful friendships through more frequent gatherings. Jackie Stanford (SIMPSON)

It was the best catch up, venue, food, all was great. Janet Edmonds (GIFFBS)

Wonderful photo display and book of memories. Jan Hudspeth (KELLY)

Memories, memories. We all fitted back together, I felt so comfortable and excited reconnecting and it made me so proud to have gone to such a great school. I wanted to talk to everyone about our life journeys. Susie Hurst (HOWARTH)

I loved the fact that so many of us still looked very much as we had at the end of ’63, everyone I spoke to had, as have I, a very full and busy life with so much to look forward to. Beth Jackson (BROWNE)

Immediate recognition of so many people and to think a half century has elapsed – an incredible sense of history is enhanced. Helen Holles (GIBBS)

Appreciative of our days at SCEGGS and the continued community to which we belong, the Class of ’63 made a gift to the SCEGGS Trust Scholarship Fund to ensure others have an opportunity to share in the SCEGGS experience. On behalf of the Class of ’63, thank you! Colleen Keys (OIR)

CLASS OF 1983

The 30 Year Reunion was held on a beautiful, sunny spring day in October. Twenty-six Old Girls arrived at the stunning new Joan Freeman Science, Art and Technology Centre Terrace. Welcomed by Jenny Allum, and some sparking to break the ice, it took no time at all before we were talking and reminiscing about our time at SCEGGS and the connection to each other through the School, swept us off our feet.

While 30 years may seem a long time, we were instantly at ease with each other as we shared our life experiences and caught up on the years past. So much of the School felt the same, while the new building, facilities and stunning city views reminded us of our inner city experience as students and what an amazing opportunity we had to attend SCEGGS.

Over lunch we shared news of those unable to attend, looked at a slideshow and were appreciative of the souvenir placemat that displayed photos of our time at SCEGGS, together with the names of all our classmates. I thank the School for bringing us back together and I am sure I speak for all when I say, it was a wonderful and welcoming experience and I look forward to seeing my classmates at future reunions.

Ruth EVATT

CLASS OF 1988

Although only five years since our last reunion, many of the Class of 1988 were keen to get together to celebrate and catch up with the friends we’d reconnected with at our very successful 20 year reunion.

More than 30 of our year joined a fun and informal gathering on Saturday, 16th November at the

Dolphin Hotel in Sunny Hills. While spring rain fell throughout the evening, we caught up on all the ins and outs of our lives in the midst of careers, travel, families and children. There were lots of laughter, shared memories and a chance to reconnect with old friends. Girls came from around Australia and abroad, travelling from Perth, Canberra, Melbourne, Gungadura, Newcastle, Katomba and the United States and many who could only attend sent messages and anecdotes to share on the night. For some, it was the first chance they had to attend a reunion – and it was great to have so many friends and faces and to find out how much we still had in common through our shared experiences at SCEGGS.

Kylie BLACK and Miranda SHAW

The Class of 1993 gathered for our 20 Year Reunion in September last year and were amazed to find that so many of us were able to make it. Many of the girls had not been to the School in some time and certainly not since the new building was completed, so we decided that drinks, canapés and a tour of the School was the perfect way to start the evening.

One thing I remember fondly about our year was that everyone got along well; and despite 20 years of new adventures, this fact was still evident on the night. Conversations flowed easily and the terrace was soon filled with laughter and much story telling. A photo montage of our years at SCEGGS added to the hilarity, generating a flood of memories, screams of laughter and a few “I can’t believe I thought I looked good in that!” comments.

The night was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended and we are all very much looking forward to the next reunion. A big thank you to Michelle Kadi for her assistance with the organisation and to Jenny Allum for hosting us on the evening and sharing in our celebrations.

Rebecca REED

CLASS OF 2003

A screening of our Year 12 video had everyone in fits of laughter when we returned to school for our 10 Year Reunion last November. Held on the new rooftop terrace, we enjoyed drinks and canapés with Ms Allum as we shared news of our recent adventures and admired the new facilities. One gorgeous addition to the party was Eleanor ACKLAND’s baby girl, Margeaux who joined in the celebrations until we set off to the Gazebo Wine Garden in Elizabeth Bay to party on. A great night was had by all and we thank Michelle Kadi for her help in organising the event.

Alex GARLING
NO LONGER SCHOOLGIRLS,
BUT ‘OLD GIRLS’

Returning to SCEGGS with a glass of champagne in hand rather than a coffee from Detour really confirmed the fact that we are no longer schoolgirls, but ‘Old Girls’. The Year 13 Cocktail Party in February was our first official Old Girls’ function, and most importantly, the last time our year group will get together as a whole for some time.

The terrace on the Joan Freeman Centre with its picturesque views of the city made for the perfect location for this event. It was so great to catch up with all of our friends and our treasured teachers and exchange stories about what had happened in the last three months and what lay ahead – be it university, travel or work. The mention of ‘Ascension Day’ during Mrs Caldwell’s welcome speech threw us all into a fit of giggles. Imagining each other returning to school with Zimmer frames was probably too overwhelming to consider just yet.

The bond I have formed with the Class of 2013 and SCEGGS Darlinghurst is a strong one, and to me, the atmosphere of the night really cemented this. I am so looking forward to sharing this experience again with everyone at our 5 year reunion.

Annabelle KLIMT (2013)
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### IN MEMORY:

**KYLIE SINCLAIR (1987)**

After a two year battle with cancer, Kylie SINCLAIR, Class of 1987, died peacefully on 5th June 2013 with her family by her side. Kylie was truly inspiring throughout, showing grace, courage and good humour even toward the end. It was a long battle and she dictated the terms, making the bravest decision of all, to stop treatment and find peace again.

Born 9th December 1969, Kylie led a full and happy life and touched the hearts of many people. She had a strong work ethic and built a very successful career for herself. An ability to guide, lead and motivate people came naturally to her and was one of her many talents. A vibrant life ended much too soon. She will be forever in our hearts.

**Liddy KORNER (1978)**

An ability to guide, lead and motivate people came naturally to her and was one of her many talents. A vibrant life ended much too soon. She will be forever in our hearts.
### BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

#### BIRTHS
- Lucinda BARLOW (1993) and her husband Andy Smith welcome their third child, Rufus Benjamin, a little brother to Felix and Jemima in Year 3 at SCEGGS.
- Daisy BETTS (1999) and her husband Paul Miller are delighted to have a little girl, Bonnie Jean, a sister to big brother Dusty.
- Emily Craig (BUSBY 1997) and her husband Matthew welcomed a boy, Thomas William.
- Sally DOWLING (1991) and her husband Ruisiate Vakalavoki have a son, Peter Avorosa.
- Suzanna BRERETON (1983) and her husband, Hugh E K Sainsbery, welcomed the birth of her second son, Hugh E K Sainsbery.
- Emily Craig (BUSBY 1997) and her husband Matthew welcomed a boy, Hugh E K Sainsbery.
- Margaret Browne (MACPHERSON 1958) and her husband, John Sexton in 2013. Maureen separated from Don and married John Sexton in 2013.
- Lauren SMITH (1998) and husband Daniel Richardson in April last year with classmates, Emily FITZSIMMONS and Katrina Dorahy (HOWISON) as bridesmaids.
- Narelle Smith (BRUMBRIDGE 1971) and husband, Richard in December.
- Dorothy Proops (BINNS 1958) and husband, John Sexton in 2013.
- Alison Rushton (LEE 1953) and husband, John Sexton in 2013.
- Kylie SINCLAIR (1987) and husband, John Sexton in 2013.

#### DEATHS
- Christine Belshaw (BROWN 1975), sister of Lyn BROWN (1973)
- Helen Bevege (CASSIM 1959), sister of Katie CASSIM (1950) and Elizabeth Giannotis (CASSIM 1959), sister of Lyn BROWN (1973)
- Robin Robertson (AMADIO 1951) and his wife, Margaret in 2013.
- Maryann MUGGLESTON (2003) and her husband, and children, lost their son, Jamie.
- Maureen's PhD students included Drs Christine Sindt, David Hay and Jacqueline Gulbis.

#### ENGAGEMENTS
- Emily FITZSIMMONS (1998), now residing in London, became engaged to Matthew Lees in the UK last year.

### A REMARKABLE CHEMIST AND ACADEMIC

Maureen was born on the 5th February 1927. Her mother, Thirza survived three husbands, the second of these being Dr Henry Delohery, Maureen’s father. He died of a heart attack just 12 days after Maureen’s birth. She was Thirza’s only child. However, Maureen had two older half siblings, James and Patricia Delohery.

Maureen had a happy childhood in Woolwich Rd Hunter’s Hill and enjoyed a close group of friends. She attended SCEGGS at Greenwich, Leura and Darlinghurst before obtaining a Bachelor of Science at Sydney University in 1948. Between 1949 and 1951, Maureen was a demonstrator in Chemistry at the New England University College, Armidale.

In 1950 Maureen married Donald Mackay, a historian at New England University. In the early months of their marriage, the couple lived with Dorothy Hodgkin, a distinguished chemist who later asked Maureen to become her research assistant, a position she held until 1956. Maureen assisted Dorothy with her work on Vitamin B12 and developed an interest in crystallography, publishing with Dorothy on the structure of morphine in 1955.

Maureen separated from Don and returned to Australia in 1956, taking on the role of a demonstrator in Chemistry and Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Melbourne until 1969. Maureen was awarded a Ph.D. for a thesis entitled “Structural Analysis of Some Organic Compounds by X-Ray and Neutron Diffraction” at Melbourne University in 1968.

Under Professor James D Morrison, Maureen was the first woman to be appointed to the Physical Chemistry staff of La Trobe University. Maureen was a Senior Demonstrator between 1970 and 1971. Maureen became an Associate of the Royal Australasian Chemical Institute in 1972. She became a Lecturer then Senior Lecturer in the Department of Physical Chemistry at La Trobe between 1971 and 1982. From 1983 Maureen was a Reader in Chemistry at La Trobe University. Throughout her career Maureen participated in various committees, maintained membership of professional societies, reviewed articles submitted to scientific journals and acted as an examiner for PhD theses submitted to other Universities.

Maureen’s PhD students included Drs Christine Sindt, David Hay and Jacqueline Gulbis. With the help of a Weissenberg camera, Maureen taught her students how to measure data from crystals using a beam of X-rays and how to index it, what the data meant, and how to employ simple trigonometry to determine the core parameters used to define any given crystal. Data was collected on equipment run off a PDP8 computer. It was two metres high and half a metre wide, yet with less power than a current pocket calculator, the programs were loaded by strips of paper tape. These students and many others were provided with a wonderful grounding for their later careers.

Maureen’s work involved using X-ray (and neutron) diffraction techniques to establish the solid-state conformational detail for a large number of small molecules. Included among these were natural products and other small molecules of biological interest, some of which were produced synthetically. The main thrust of the research has been to gain a further understanding, at the molecular level, of the structural features essential for biological activity.

Maureen’s name appears on 196 Articles in Refereed Journals. Maureen has presented 16 papers at national and international conferences. She founded the Chemistry Chapter of the La Trobe University Alumni. She has been recognized as an Emeritus Scholar at La Trobe University.

On the personal front, Maureen had a sharp intellect, a love of animals (especially cats) and an engaging, supportive and independent personality. She maintained contact with her childhood friends, SCEGGS Old Girls, her scientific contacts, colleagues, neighbours, and family. Maureen remained a significant influence to all until her death on the 2nd of March 2014.

**John Delohery**

**Nephew**

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SCEGGS OLD GIRLS’ UNION NEWS

**DEATH OF CHILD**

Robin Robertson (AMADIO 1951) lost her son, Jamie.

**MARRIAGES**

- Maryann MUGGLESTON (2003) and husband, and children, lost their son, Jamie.
- Maureen was a demonstrator in Chemistry at the New England University College, Armidale.

**DEATH OF MOTHER**

Lucinda ARMOUR (1981) lost her mother, Lucie, an active member of the SCEGGS community.

**DEATH OF FATHER**

Sophia GIARDINI (2008) lost her father, Frank, a TRIBUTE TO MAUREEN Mackay (DELOHERY 1944)
FOR THE DIARY

BACK TO SCEGGS DAY
Held on Saturday 19 July, this event promises to be a great day for Old Girls of all ages to catch up with old friends, and it provides a perfect opportunity for those year groups celebrating a 5 year anniversary to gather their classmates and organise a table. Join us to hear special guest speaker, Sarah LAMBERT (1987), creator of the new Australian TV hit drama Love Child, share some of her experiences in the television and film industries in Australia and the US. It's an event not to be missed!

MELBOURNE
The Melbourne Branch of the Old Girls’ Union will hold their Foundation Day Luncheon on Saturday 12 July at the RACV City Club, Bourke Street, Melbourne.

BRISBANE
The Brisbane Branch of the Old Girls’ Union will hold their AGM and lunch on Saturday 26 July at the Queensland Headquarters of the CWA in Brisbane.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS
The Southern Districts Group Annual Luncheon will be held again at the Commonwealth Club in Canberra on Friday 10 October.

GOLD COAST
So popular are the SCEGGS Gold Coast Breakfasts, that another will be held again this year on Sunday 2 November.

TASMANIA
An Old Girls’ luncheon in Tasmania is also anticipated for later this year should we have sufficient interest, so we’d be delighted to hear from any Old Girls, including those who attended SCEGGS branch schools, who wish to attend.

REUNIONS

The festivities will continue for the Class of 1964 following their Ascension Day gathering with a second 50 Year Reunion planned for October 25 at school.

The Class of 1974 will celebrate their 40 Year Reunion with a luncheon at school on Saturday 8 November.

The Class of 1984 will enjoy lunch at school on Saturday 9 August to celebrate their 30 Year Reunion.

The Class of 1994 will celebrate their 20 Year Reunion with twilight drinks and canapés on the JFSATC terrace on Saturday 15 November, with the party continuing at a nearby venue.

The Class of 2004 will celebrate their 10 Year Reunion in a similar fashion at school on Friday 17 October.

As will the Class of 2009 who return to school to mark their 5 Year Reunion on Friday 31 October.

For further information regarding these events or to register your interest in the Tasmania reunion, please contact Michelle Kadi, Alumni Relations Co-ordinator at SCEGGS on 02 9339 9439 or email: michellekadi@sceggs.nsw.edu.au

The 2014 Reunion Calendar can also be found on our website www.sceggs.nsw.edu.au at SCEGGS Community/Alumni.

LONDON REUNION

To coincide with our Back to SCEGGS Day celebrations this year, a reunion will be held in London on Saturday 19 July for Old Girls living in the UK. An afternoon tea at The Goring, considered a “SCEGGS outpost” by some, is planned and will be attended by former Alumni Relations Co-ordinator and SCEGGS Old Girl, Marilyn Cook (BROWN 1965).

Class of 2001’s Louisa Parker Bowles (ARNOLD), now a London resident, is assisting with arrangements and may be contacted via email on louisa.parkerbowles@condenast.co.uk should you have any queries. To take part in this wonderful event, please contact Michelle Kadi at SCEGGS on +612 9339 9439 or email: michellekadi@sceggs.nsw.edu.au

Old Girls in the Southern Highlands enjoy a lovely lunch at Annesley in Bowral, May 3 2014