



# Chit Chat



RGGS Old Girls' Association - Rockhampton

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## Highlights at Girls Grammar - from the Principal

Whilst a year of challenge and change, 2020 was also a year of many achievements, adding another proud chapter in our 129-year history of providing quality education to girls.

Our Year 12s, as members of the first cohort to go through the new Queensland Certificate of Education, achieved the following outcomes:

- 96% of students attained their QCE compared with 89% of Year 12 students across the state.
- 93.3% of Girls Grammar students attained an ATAR, significantly higher than the state's 52.45%.
- Our School Dux attained an ATAR of 99.45 and a Certificate of Academic Commendation from the QCAA.
- Close to a quarter of our students attained ATARs over 90 (in the past, this would have been equivalent to OPs 1-6)
- 60% of results were an 'A' or 'B' grade and 95% of all grades were an 'A' to 'C'.

Our 2020 Seniors are now embarking on their post schooling pathways



of tertiary study, traineeships or work. Of those students who applied to QTAC for university entry, approximately 80% received their first preference and all girls who applied have been offered university placements.

Their studies span a range of areas including medicine and surgery, optometry, biomedical science, nursing, politics, podiatry, physiotherapy, astronomical and space sciences, business, education, public health, international studies and IT.

Girls Grammar's rich tradition of fostering academic strength and success across all year levels also continued in 2020 with teachers committed to the provision of enrichment and extension for those learners who thrive when the boundaries of academic rigour are extended.

Despite the cancellation of a number of traditional competitions, our girls were able to participate in ICAS competitions and the Maths Teams Challenge. Additionally, we had much success with our new primary enrichment program and the Optiminds Competition, where our students won both a Spirit Award and the Overall Championship for Central Queensland.

Student engagement in the co-curricular life of the school is also highly valued. Our students had access to over 15 different sports, across a range of competitions, many of which were modified due to the circumstances of 2020.

Our students represented Girls Grammar proudly with many successes. Our volleyball team won the Interschools Championship; we were awarded first place in the SLSQ Secondary School Surf League Percentage Trophy and our junior team won the Futsal Championships.

Our basketball team won all their games; however, with the season cut short due to COVID-19, they were denied the chance to play in a grand-final.

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## Highlights at Girls Grammar (cont'd)

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In the creative arts arena, our girls were provided opportunities to access ensembles, a musical, art camps and a range of other enrichment programs and clubs. Overcoming the many challenges, including having to rehearse online for several weeks, our musical, *Alice in Wonderland Jnr*, was a huge success. The outdoor tea-party setting, amazing props and outstanding performances showcased the many talents of the Girls Grammar girls, staff and parents.

For the last few months, the school has been a hive of activity as we have undertaken many capital works, including the refurbishment of secondary classrooms. Our new furniture is designed to facilitate the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and to support students to collaborate, communicate in teams and problem-solve.

Our classrooms enhance student learning, including for students with needs, by catering for student choice. The implementation of new VIVI screen mirroring technology further supports learning through quality differentiation.

Other upgrades have included new furniture and flooring throughout Kollar House, our senior boarding facility; repainting and new furnishings in Jackson House, home to our junior boarders; renovation of a number of spaces in historic Paterson House; the relocation of our Uniform Shop to Paterson House; Stage 1 of our agricultural garden and a new alarm and security system across the school.

Early in 2021, our swimming pool will be refurbished; the Food and Textiles rooms and music spaces in the CAB will be renovated; the Old Girls Hall of Fame will be painted and created; all our roofs will be replaced and we will commence the tender process for our new covered multipurpose sports court.

## President's Message

This is my last Newsletter as I relinquish this position on the 2nd March. I hope to see lots of you at the AGM..

Last year we were not able to do all our country tours; however this year, I hope we will be able to go to all events. Pat Handley, Margaret Black and myself visited Mackay last year. Thank you for the donation and we look forward to seeing some of your members in Rockhampton this year.

Last year we held a small event to unveil the Helen Bredhauer Memorial Cabinet and also to unveil a framed artifact in memory of Olivia Harwood. This includes an

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our generous Old Girls for their engagement and service to the school. I am grateful for the volunteers who come in every Wednesday to record and archive the school's history, and to the many women who have volunteered to support our current students through the STEM Mentoring Program.

I am also appreciative of our five guest speakers who took the time in 2020 to inspire and motivate our current students. In Term 4 we welcomed Madelyn Holmes (2011) – Year 11 breakfast; Lacey Smith (2017 Valedictorian) – Primary Speech Night; Justine Barrett (Daniels, 2006 Helen E Downs Prefect) – Secondary Speech Night.

We have started planning our regional visits for 2021, and we are looking forward to meeting families and Old Girls across Central and Western Queensland. We will be travelling to Cunnamulla for the Isolated Children's Parents' Association State Conference in early June and plan to incorporate stops in Roma, Charleville, Alpha, Barcardine and Emerald as part of our itinerary.

We also have planned visits to Biloela, Mackay, Gladstone, Calliope, Agnes Water, Gayndah and Bundaberg. We look forward to spending time with Old Girls, current, past and prospective parents and friends of the school as we travel throughout Queensland.

2020 required much energy, resilience, and determination. I am thankful for our staff, students, parents, past students and friends who united to turn the challenges into opportunities and to showcase Girls Grammar's 129 years of experience in supporting girls to be clever, confident and connected.

**Deanne Johnston**  
Principal

annual bursary for the top Year 12 art student. The bursary and artifact framing were donated by RGGGS teacher Jules Hadock and Old Girls Linda Harwood and Corinne Shaw (also an RGGGS teacher).

You are all invited to visit the Museum. If you wish to arrange a visit, do so through the Office. I am available on a Wednesday and need prior notification.

COVID-19 has not disappeared, so stay safe. I look forward to seeing some of you during the year.

**Ngairé Kane (Amos)**  
President

## Rockhampton Christmas Dinner - 2020

No virus was going to stop RGGS Old Girls from celebrating the festive season together.

The 2020 Christmas Dinner was a perfect opportunity to catch up after a year like we have had. With 50 guests in attendance, there was a great atmosphere with excellent catering and wonderful camaraderie.



Mother & Daughter: Kim Dixon (Bredhauer), Jordyn Bentley (Dixon)



L-R: Tasha Absolon, Jenny Bidgood, Margaret Littleton, Tayla Bidgood, Chloe Atkinson - three generations of the Littleton/Bidgood family.



L-R: Class of 1997/1998 - Rhana Lindley (Govaars), Jenni Cousens (Kitching), Belinda Scott (Golik), Kirsty Rodgers, Melanie Hickson (Buss), Kylie Adams, Korin Petersen (Jensen)



L-R: Jenny Bidgood, Kathy Batts, Niki Laver, Beryl Nunn, Gail Godwin-Smith, Janet McKenzie



L-R: Class of 2006 - Lacey-Jae O'Halloran, Alicia Passmore (Bills), Stephanie Jameson, Jordyn Bentley (Dixon)

# RGGS and OGA Heritage Event - October 2020



The RGGS and OGA Heritage Event to unveil the Helen Bredhauer Memorial Museum Cabinet was held on Friday 9 October. The Memorial Cabinet was donated by members of the RGGS OGA in memory of Helen’s dedication to the establishment of the Museum and to her archival enthusiasm. Helen (Marsh) was a student at the School 1957-58.

Also held on the day, was the unveiling of the Olivia Harwood Artifact and the launching of the Olivia Harwood Bursary. Olivia was a student at the School 2016-2019 and was tragically killed in a car accident in 2019.

The event was a small but moving tribute to both Helen and Olivia. To ensure a COVID-19 safe event, the number of guests were limited to 36 attendees.

Many thanks must go to the many contributors to the museum cabinet and to Jules Hadok (RGGS staff) and Corinne Shaw (RGGS staff & Old Girl) for the framed jacket.

The Museum is open during School days and you are invited to come whenever you can to view the many historical items on display.



The event was opened by Mark Avery who was a previous History teacher at the School and the first Museum Director.



L-R: Corinne Shaw (teacher, Old Girl & Bursary donor), Linda Harwood (Olivia’s sister, Old Girl & Bursary donor), Alan Harwood (Olivia’s father), Jules Hadok (teacher & Bursary donor)



L-R: Peter Priem, Lynne Priem (Helen’s sister & Old Girl), Jordyn Bennett (granddaughter & Old Girl), Wendy Harris (sister-in-law & Old Girl), Roddy Bredhauer (Helen’s husband), Kim Dixon (daughter & Old Girl), Jill Bredhauer (sister-in-law & Old Girl), Ken Harris (Wendy’s husband).



L-R: Bev Mouritz (previous Principal), John Mouritz (ex staff), Margaret Black (ex staff and Old Girl), Margaret Littleton (Old Girl), Sandra McLellan (ex staff).

## 2013 Alumni Catchup

A group from the Class of 2013 recently gathered together for a catchup. They met at the Drift Bar, Caloundra.

Left to right: Tegan Donaldson, Elle Roche, Meggan Beutel, Anna-Rose O'Neill, Melissa Olsen, Hollie Dunn, Stacey Kennedy, Sarah Skinner and Karla Hicks.



## Guest Speaker

Girls Grammar recently welcomed back Meggan Beutel (Class of 2013) to talk to the Year 12s.

Meg shared her journey since graduating from Girls Grammar and, with the help of many of her classmates, shared some pieces of advice for the girls as they navigated their final year.

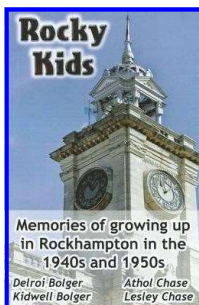


## Sympathy to:



Delvine McDonald (Webber) on the death of her son  
 Lexie Howard (Kehl) on the death of her husband, Doug  
 Margaret Cunningham, Maree White, Helen Bartlem and Elizabeth Ransome on the death of their father, Reg Draper  
 Valerie Brown and Glenda Honor (Hanrahan) on the death of their stepfather, Reg Smith

Lesley Chase (Smith) on the death of her husband, Athol. Lesley and Athol together with friends, Delroi and Kidwell Bolger, penned the book *Rocky Kids* in which the two Rockhampton families recorded their memories about growing up and starting work during World War 2 and in the decade after that.



## Deaths



Jane Dickson 1974-1978  
 Glenda Yates (Russell) 1954-1959  
 Shirley Krapkat (Ferris) - 1946-1947

## To the Editor

**Editor's Note:** I received a lovely letter from Pam Jensen (Richardson) 1956-1953, who reminisced about the article on Dr Paterson which appeared in the October Chit Chat. Pam wrote:

*Your Chit Chat evoked many memories for me this time. I was pleased to read that Elizabeth Bradford was remembered so well, as she should have been, as she was so special.*

*However, it was the story of Dr Paterson that I most enjoyed as she was my Headmistress and my father was the District Organizer of Adult Education who was organizing such lectures as Dr Paterson gave.*

*Following such evenings, lecturers or visiting artists would come to our house for supper. So the ritual was: our evening meal over, homework etc done and at a late hour, Dad would arrive with his guest for supper and generally much talk. We were fortunate in the people we met.*

*Until I read of Dr Paterson's lectures, I had not remembered how we would have the late visitors whom Dad brought home and looked after if they were out-of-town. It was a happy time of living in Rockhampton.*

## Brisbane OGA Christmas Lunch - November 2020



Due to COVID-19 conditions, only a small number of Grammar Old Girls (twenty-six in total) gathered together for the annual Brisbane Christmas Lunch held at the Keri Craig Emporium in the beautiful Brisbane Arcade.

The event was actually deemed to be one of the best as it seemed that the smaller numbers allowed for greater interaction and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

As usual, the group sang the School Song with great gusto and received a round of acclamation from an adjoining table with a group of ladies from the general public.

L-R: Sandra Ries, Andrea Hall-Brown, Victoria McLachlan, Bev Sykes, Trish Frost, Jan Stevenson



L-R: Margaret Black, Freda Wengert, Jean Bulley, Dot Skewes, Elsie Speight, Margaret Park, Betty Flowers



L-R: Libby Smith, Andrea Turner, Liz Keyes, Cheryl Geck, Katie Saina



L-R: Deanne Kelly, Glenda Parker, Lois Hynes, Alexa Bowen, Maree Bassett



L-R: Marilyn Watts, Coral Pink, Robyn Joliffe

# Memories of the 40s

**Editor's Note:** Following on from the article "Memories of the 1950s" in the October edition of Chit Chat, I have received a couple of requests for a follow up article on "Memories of the 1940s".

In my research, I have been able to source quite a few good quality photographs of our girls from that era. Unfortunately, I don't have any names. So if you recognize anybody, please let me know.

All the photos were sourced from Trove (National Archives) and are all dated in 1948. The four girls in the photograph below were the 1948 prefects.

The photographs show a mixture of uniforms with the blazer and skirt perhaps being the formal uniform and the pinafores for every day dress and sport. Also notice the black stockings.



## Headmistresses of the School - Miss Smith

**Editor's Note:** *This is the third in the series "Headmistresses of the School". For this edition, I have chosen Miss Margaret Smith, one of our long-term headmistresses, who was Headmistress 1925-1948. Miss Smith's arrival at the School was documented in the following newspaper article:*

**Source:** Evening News May 1925

The new Headmistress of the Rockhampton Girls Grammar School, Miss M W Smith BA, arrived in Rockhampton this week. Miss Smith was for many years the Senior Mistress of the Brisbane Girls Grammar School. This post she resigned to go to Europe for further experience. While there, she made a study of modern educational methods and holds a Diploma of Education from Oxford University and a Teachers Diploma from the University of London. She also specialised in French and spent most of her third year abroad in Paris, qualifying for French certificates.

On her return at the beginning of last year, she was appointed to the staff of the Ipswich Girls Grammar School. Miss Smith comes to Rockhampton with a fine educational record behind her and being possessed of considerable teaching and organising ability, she will no doubt capably uphold the best tradition of the School.

**Editor's Note:** *During Miss Smith's tenure, a new science laboratory was built and a second story was added to a portion of the building providing for a sick bay and staff rest rooms. Miss Smith was instrumental in obtaining several improvements in the lives of the boarders such as the School's first refrigerator and the first radio.*

*Miss Smith was also very civic minded and was a strong advocate for improvement of the City Baths as can be seen in the article below:*

**Source:** Morning Bulletin Sep 1926

"Would you be good enough to let me know when the baths are to be opened this year," wrote Miss Marg-

aret Smith, Headmistress of the Girls Grammar School, to the City Council meeting yesterday, "and, if the system of putting them in charge of a lessee is being continued, who that lessee is? In a climate like this it is a thousand pities that the town baths are not more presentable, for, now that the Yaamba water supply is available, I feel that the school would use them regularly if they were painted and modernised. I sent my girls during the first term, but the baths are not attractive and quite unworthy of a town of this size. Surely, too, in a tropical climate it is rather stupid to close them for six months of the year as swimming is one of the best of exercises for children, I do think that the Council should provide facilities to enable it to be taught properly under decent conditions".

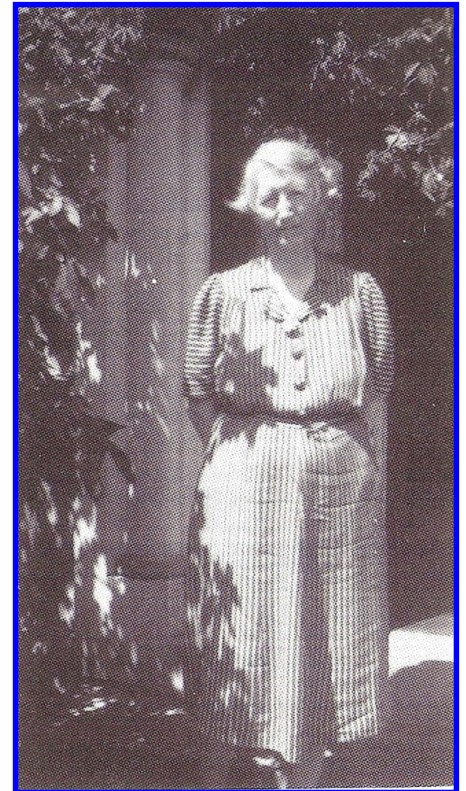
**Editor's Note:** *Miss Smith encouraged the girls to give to the community. Examples of this are recorded in the following two newspaper articles:*

**Source:** Morning Bulletin Oct 1943

Mr J. Lawrence presided at the last meeting of the Rockhampton and District United War Fund Committee there also being present representatives from all affiliated bodies and the secretary treasurer (Mr J. W. Henderson). The Girls' Grammar School Headmistress (Miss M. Smith) forwarded £10 as a donation from the scholars, who had given up their individual prize list and sports day for this purpose. In moving that a letter of appreciation be sent to the donors, the chairman said it was a very commendable thing on the part of the school and something that would win widespread appreciation

**Source:** Morning Bulletin Oct 1948

"The girls would like to give the cheque the school choir won at the Eisteddfod last night to the United Nations' appeal for children. I therefore enclose it." This letter was received by the Mayor (Mr H. Jeffries) from Miss Margaret W. Smith, Headmistress of Girls' Grammar School



yesterday. "It is very heartening to receive this cheque as it is a very fine gesture of practical support for these unfortunate children", the Mayor commented, "It is an indication that the children have thoughts for others and is an example of that trite but true saying, that the greatest happiness comes from making other people happy."

**Source:** Morning Bulletin Dec 1948

In her farewell to the students she urged them not to forget the most important lessons they had learnt in school - to be true, to be loyal, to be unselfish, to put the interests of the community before their own, to remember that great happiness lay in service to others and to show by their lives in the years to come that those who had taught them had not laboured in vain.

To the Trustees she said that she was an old grammar schoolgirl herself and most of her working life had been spent in grammar schools, so she knew something of their consid-



## New Members

Please welcome the following Old Girls as new financial members of RGGGS OGA.

**New Life Member:**

\* Gail Russell - 1969-1972  
 (\* Previous Annual Member)

**New Annual Member:**

Alexa Bowen (Carver) - 1967-1969

Congratulations and a warm welcome to the following **2020 Year 12 graduates** who have become Life Members of the Association:

Raven Ahchoo	Jaime-lee Andrews	Shae Baldwin
Caitlin Bignell	Claire Brown	Janai Bryan
Aleisha Cesar	Chanya Clark	Chloe Cowan
Logan Cox	Maddi-Rose Daly	Heidi Davison
Abby Dendle	Scarlette Dossel	Tiani Dwyer
Sophie Fraser	Lily Geary	Mira Gibson
Jemma Green	Abbey Harrison	Molly Harwood
Abigail Hills	Brianna Hawkswood	Emma Haffey
Karla Heilig	Phoebe Heilig	Kiera Hopf
Lucy Jarred	Mikaela Jackson	Mia Johnston
Savleen Kaur	Ava Kean	Lana Kleier
Hannah Knight	Hayley Hatchem	Caitlin Leis
Jayme McKellar	Jodi Naru	Hannah Pirie
Jorden Tennyson	Alyssa-Jane Nichols	Katlyn Whyte
Emily Wallace	Cheyenne Tesoriero	Jessica Willes

**Current Membership Numbers:**

Life Members:	1044
Annual Members	78
Honorary Life Members	5
Associates & Friends of the OGA	13
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1140</b>

## 2021 Now Subs

For Annual Members, your 2021 Annual Subscription is now due. Fees are as follows:

**\$10 for our senior Old Girls (60 years and over)**  
**\$15 for our junior Old Girls - Payment options:**

- Cash:** In person at RGGGS OGA Functions
- M/Order:** Posted to the Membership Secretary
- Cheque:** Posted to the Membership Secretary and made out to RGGGS-OGA
- Internet:**
  - Rockhampton members:**  
 ANZ Branch No: 014690  
 A/c No: 3944-13077
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 CBA Branch No: 064001  
 A/c No: 1008-0446

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## Update your details

**Notification of change of address and/or email:**

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## Headmistresses of the School - Miss Smith (cont'd)

erable contribution to the higher education of the State. The independence of the governing trustees, the freedom of the headmistress in the choice of staff and the relatively small classes all made for flexibility and the half century and more of high traditions behind them, gave them dignity and standing.

The night also was the occasion of the retirement of the second mistress, Miss M. Hulbert, B.A., who had been a member of the staff for 25 years. A large attendance of parents, guardians, old girls and well-wishers crowded a spacious, floodlit netball court overlooking the city. At one end were two tables laden with book prizes, certificates, cups for scholastic achievements and sports trophies.

**Editor's Note:** *Throughout her time at the School, Miss Smith received unstinting assistance from Miss Hulbert and constant support from the Chairman, Mr A H Paterson.*



1943 Speech Night on the Terrace with Miss Smith and Miss Hulbert in their academic gowns

# Election of Office Bearers for 2021

*Rockhampton Girls Grammar School  
Old Girls' Association Inc*

## ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS - 2021 NOMINATION FORM

The following positions will be declared vacant for 2021:

**President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Chit Chat Editor, School Liaison Officer, Junior President and Committee Member**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ nominate \_\_\_\_\_

to the position of \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ second the nomination

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ accept the nomination

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

To be returned via post or email **by Tuesday 16 February 2021 to :**

Mrs Margaret Littleton  
18 Heath Street, Rockhampton Q 4700  
Email: marmaxl@bigpond.net.au

The RGGGS OGA Inc will conduct the 2021 Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 2 March 2021. At this meeting, the election of the 2021 office bearers for the Association's Management Committee will take place.

Nominations are therefore being called for all positions on the Committee.

To nominate someone to serve on the Committee or to self-nominate, a Nomination Form (pictured left) needs to be completed and forwarded to the Secretary by Tuesday 16 February 2021.

The form must be signed by the nominator, seconder and the nominee all of whom must be financial members of the Association.

Intending nominees may use the form opposite or may request an electronic or hard copy of the form by contacting the Association Secretary, Mrs Margaret Littleton:

Phone: 07 4927 7156  
Email: marmaxl@bigpond.net.au

**Margaret Littleton, Secretary**

## OGA Event Bulletin Board

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>RGGGS OGA Rockhampton</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>would like to invite you to</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dinner on the Deck and AGM</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 6.00pm</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Come along and join us for pre-dinner drinks and nibbles followed by dinner and coffee.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cost: \$27.00</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(must be pre-paid by Wednesday 19/02/2021)</i></p> <p><i>Contact: Mrs Kim Dixon</i> <i>PO Box 776,</i> <i>Rockhampton Q 4700</i></p> <p><i>Email: Kim.Dixon@rggs.qld.edu.au</i></p> <p><i>Mobile: 0456 500 592</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>RGGGS OGA Brisbane Group</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>would like to invite you to a</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Morning Tea</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tuesday 16 March 2021 at 10.00 am</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Keri Craig Emporium, Lower Level, Brisbane Arcade, Queen Street Mall</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cost: Self-funded</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>RSVP: Tuesday 09/03/2021</i></p> <p><i>Contact: Mrs Sandra Ries</i></p> <p><i>Mobile: 0408 120 946</i></p> <p><i>Email: sandraries@rocketmail.com</i></p>
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# National Youth Science Forum



L-R: Dr Jennifer Taylor speaking with Emma Clarke, successful applicant to attend the 2021 National Youth Science Forum.

The School seems to meet 'Old Girls' wherever they go. Dr Jennifer Taylor (Class of 1990) may be based in Canberra but maintains an interest in her old school community. It is hoped that Dr Taylor may be able to come to the School to talk to the girls soon.

Congratulations to Emma Clarke on her selection to the 2021 National Youth Science Forum (NYSF). Staff and students attended the 2021 NYSF Orientation Dinner where they met Dr Jennifer Taylor (RGGs Class of 1990), a CSIRO Research Director working on Farming Systems - Agriculture and Food.

Other amazing speakers included Associate Professor Dr Keith Chappell who is working on the UQ COVID-19 Vaccine Development Team.

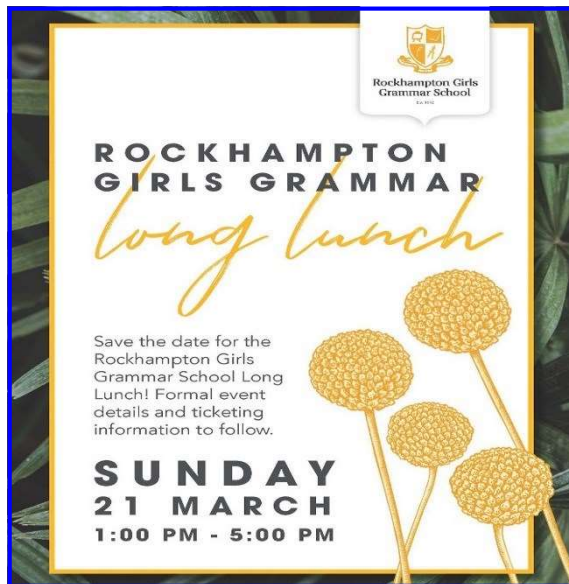
Thanks to the Rockhampton South Rotary Club for sponsoring Emma in the National Youth Science Forum.

The NYSF Year 12 Program is a 10-day residential program designed to give students a broader understanding of the diverse study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to encourage continued studies in these fields.

## Save the Date



L-R: Deanne Johnston (Principal), Veronica Miller-Waugh (Teacher), Coco Doblo (Year 11, 2021), Gretchen Davis-Hill (Year 11, 2021), Emma Clark (Year 12, 2021), Dr Jennifer Taylor (1990 Alumni), Emilyanne Bell (Year 11, 2021), Adelin Doyle (Year 11, 2021), Christie Dey (STEM Teacher)



**News just to hand:** Join us for a delicious three course lunch catered by Whisk Yeppoon and an afternoon of entertainment provided by our very own RGGs 'Old Girl' and Top 20 Artist, Camille Trail. Tickets are just \$80 pp and can be purchased online in tables of 8 through [www.trybooking.com/BOLLX](http://www.trybooking.com/BOLLX).

## Mackay Lunch - October 2020

31<sup>st</sup> October was the day for the Annual Luncheon for the Mackay branch of Old Girls at the Boomerang Hotel in Mackay. Queensland elections, Halloween! How is that for an important day in 2020 – the year we will remember forever!!!

23 gathered for a lovely lunch and catch up with familiar faces from Grammar School days, including four from the Rockhampton Committee. Thank you for making the journey.

Ngaire Kane (Amos) gave us an update from the school. Our group presented her with \$110 from the raffle which was donated by Kathy Terrance (McCowan). She will put the money towards the Patterson House Museum and painting of the hallway. We also donated \$50 for our Speech Night Award.

The group sang Happy Birthday to Helen Tziolis (Neale) who will be 80 in November. She drew her own name for the raffle (how canny was that?). Marion Fletcher (Smith) also did the same (it wasn't rigged) with Pam Keune (Crunkhorn), Lola Wright (Batchelor) and Colleen Hayles (Atkinson) winning the other draws. Janette Dark (Davey) had a quiz at which none of us were very clever. We all received a chocolate for our efforts regardless.

Faces seen enjoying the catch up were Pauline Creber (Crichton), Rosalind Windsor (Taylor), Judy Bailey and sister Marie Leech (Huston), Ailsa Weaver (Flood), Coral Morgan (Cornwell), Trish Martin, Gae Mifsud (Hutchings), Chris Benjamin (Kinnear), Anne Gentle (Day) and Ros Burkett (Cameron).

Joyce Bates unfortunately has been in hospital. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Our sympathies to Marion Fletcher on the passing of her mother who was 15 days off 105.

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021 will be the next gathering at a venue to be decided.

**Kathy Terrance (McCowan)**



L-R: Colleen Hayles (Atkinson), Margaret Littleton (Baker)



L-R: Marion Fletcher (Smith), Helen Tziolis (Neale)



L-R: Pam Keune (Crunkhorn), Kathy Terrance (McCowan), Rosalind Windsor (Taylor)



L-R: Rosilyn Burkett (Cameron), Judy Bailey (Huston)

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## From the Editor

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The purpose of *Chit Chat* is to provide general information on Old Girls of the School and to give an update on the School's current activities.

**Marilyn Watts (Elgar)**  
Editor

## Old Girl Gatherings



**Editor's Note:** I received this lovely photo from Jean Bulley (standing) which features some of our beautiful older Old Girls, looking so happy and vibrant which is as it should be. Jean wrote:

"This was taken here yesterday before lunch with (pictured L-R) Elsie Speight, Beres Walker, Dot Skewes and Eileen Baker. It was a great reunion of us "old girls" who were all at RGGGS in the 1940s."



After a long absence, the Gold Coast Chapter of Rockhampton Girls Grammar Old Girls managed a lunch get together on Saturday 14 November 2020 at the Currumbin RSL. We observed the COVID-19 protocol and were politely asked to vacate our table after 2 hours. It was good to be out and about again!

Pictured L-R: Robyn Clelland, Margaret Park, Liz Keyes, Shirley Wagner, Maree Bassett, Glenis Smith.

**Robyn Clelland (May)**

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**Rockhampton Committee Meeting Dates 2021:**

Tuesday 2 March	Tuesday 4 May
Tuesday 3 August	Tuesday 23 November

**Brisbane Group Meeting Dates 2021:**

Tuesday 16 March	Tuesday 18 May	Tuesday 20 July
Tuesday 21 September	Tuesday 16 November	

## Dates to Remember

**RGGS OGA Function Dates 2021:**

Dinner on the Deck & AGM	Tuesday 2 March
Yeppoon Lunch	TBA
Queensland Day Lunch	Wednesday 2 June
Townsville Lunch	TBA
Gladstone Lunch	TBA
Mackay Lunch	Saturday 30 October
Christmas Dinner	Friday 5 November

**RGGS OGA Brisbane Events 2021:**

Morning Tea	Tuesday 16 March
Morning Tea	Tuesday 19 May
Christmas Lunch	Saturday 27 November

**Membership fees for 2021 (Due January 2021):**

Annual Fee	\$15.00
Senior Annual Fee	\$10.00 (Seniors 60 and over)
Life Membership	\$125.00 (Once only Fee)
Senior Life Membership	\$100.00 (Seniors 60 and over)

In accordance with our Constitution, all Old Girls wishing to become members of the Association are required to complete and sign the official RGGS OGA Membership Application Form accompanied by the relevant fee.

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