



Chit Chat



RGGS Old Girls' Association - Rockhampton

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Highlights at Girls Grammar - from the Principal

As we welcome in the new year, we have much to celebrate here at Girls Grammar.

In what is our 130th year of educating young women, we continue to value our school's heritage and traditions whilst embracing the developing needs of our students, their learning and future facilities.

While our teachers and students have enjoyed a well-deserved break over the Christmas period, our facilities, grounds and maintenance team have been working tirelessly to complete a range of projects and upgrades ready for the commencement of the 2022 academic year.

Throughout December and January, the following additions have been made and updates completed:

- Refurbished general learning areas in lower Luck and upper CAB rooms 8 and 9, providing new and improved learning spaces for our two Year 6 classes.
- A new Textiles classroom with custom designed furniture and cabinetry has been completed in CAB for our Food and Textile classes.
- A new cold room has been a welcome addition to the Paterson House kitchen
- S-shaped seating and planter boxes have been added to the Sails Area for the girls to enjoy.
- Jackson House has been transformed in preparation for more junior boarders with new paint, flooring, blinds, ensemble beds, and air conditioning on both floors.
- In response to our continued growth, we have added an additional bus run before and after school which has meant the purchase of a new 50-seater bus.

This month we will be finalising our Master Planning Process and recommencing planning for the covered court project. Paterson House roof replacement continues, and we are all looking forward with great anticipation to seeing our beautiful Heritage listed landmark free of scaffolding and shining proudly again on Denham Street hill.

Our Year 12 cohort who are officially the newest members of the Old Girls Association should be commended on their end of year results.

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From the President

Welcome to the first Chit Chat for 2022 and hope that you, your family and friends are keeping well through the perils of this pandemic.

Our committee will proceed to hold our functions throughout this year as planned and we hope to see you at some stage wherever this may be.

One of our biggest functions in 2021 was our Christmas Dinner which was held at school with over 50 attendees. It was fabulous to see many new "Old Girls" attend for the first time along with our many familiar faces coming from near and far.

Congratulations to the RGGS Race Day Committee who are celebrating 20 years of holding this very suc-

cessful fundraising event. Please keep an eye out in this Chit Chat for a "Save The Date" notice so that you don't miss out on booking a table.

The first function for 2022 will be our AGM and I would love to see you there to share in a lovely meal with the meeting being held afterwards **(Please refer to Page 2 for changes to the AGM)**.

If you would like to be part of our committee, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of our committee members as we are always after new ideas in helping our greater school community.

Veronica Goddard (Bertram)
President



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Highlights at Girls Grammar (cont'd)

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Across all subjects 98% of the cohort achieved an A-C result, with 33% of these achieving an A and 36% of these a B across general subjects studied.

Our 2021 Dux Sydney Peff received a subject achievement commendation award from QCAA for achieving the highest result in English with a perfect score of 100/100. Sydney also achieved 98/100 for English and Literature Extension. This is such an honour and I along with my colleagues are so proud of Sydney's achievements, along with all our 2021 graduates.

To see that 90.5% of them were ATAR eligible which is well above the Queensland state average of 52.7% is an achievement in itself. I wish them the very best as they enter this next stage in their lives, and I look forward to welcoming them back one day in the near future as official 'Old Girls'.

Despite the delayed commencement to the 2022 academic year, it has been business as usual here in preparation for the return of students. We have been very fortunate to welcome many new staff members to the Girls Grammar team.

In 2022 we have added two new middle management positions that have been filled by Mr Lindsey Hull as the new Director of IT and Mrs Greta Doherty as our Director of Sport. The following new staff have also been welcomed to their various departments throughout the school:

- Sophie Harwood as Year 6 teacher
- Morgan Meredith as Year 6 teacher backfilling Jacqui Goltz and as Year 7 Care teacher
- Kate Knowles as secondary English, HASS and Drama teacher,
- Samantha Cobon as Food and Textiles teacher
- Lara Broad, Brianna Hawkswood and Kirsty Dwyer as boarding supervisors
- Leah McBride in the uniform shop
- Neil Armstrong and Mark Carrier in facilities - grounds and maintenance along with Natsuko Howard in the kitchen.

We are still looking to employ an additional bus driver, Visual Arts teacher, Indigenous Liaison Officer and Guidance Councillor to commence as soon as possible. If you know of anyone interested and with the relevant qualifications, please get in touch.



The S-shaped seating and planter boxes added to the Sails Area. Many Old Girls will remember this area as one of the old tennis courts located below the terrace.

It is definitely an exciting time to be welcoming more new students and staff to Rockhampton Girls Grammar School and seeing (and hearing...) the amount of work happening around the grounds. I look forward to meeting with many of you throughout our 130th year of educating and nurturing young women and sharing in your stories and experiences from your time here.

Take care and stay well.

Kara Krehlik
Principal

Welcome to our new Principal.

The RGGGS OGA welcomes Kara Krehlik as our new RGGGS Principal.

Kara commenced with RGGGS as Deputy Principal in January 2021 and has been Acting Principal since August 2021.

Prior to this, Kara was the Deputy Principal at the Gracemere State School and 2018-2021 and also was the Head of Special Education 2007-2018.

The OGA wishes Kara all the best in her new role.



AGM - Change

Unfortunately, the OGA Committee has had to change the format of the OGA AGM this year.

We will not be able to conduct the AGM at the School as a consequence of the latest co-vid regulations.

The School must comply with the Back to School Plan as set out by the Government which restricts gatherings at the School.

As a result, the Committee has made the decision to hold the OGA AGM off site in Committee which means that only the Executive and the Advisory Committee members will be able to attend.

New Members

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

New Life Members:

Stacey Ovenden (McKauge) - 1984-1988
 Beverley McKauge (Carswell) - 1952-1955
 Wendy Evans (Stockwell) - 1972-1975
 Jennet Butler (Niven) - 1983-1984

New Annual Member:

Alison Isaak (Mackay) - 1971-1975
 Wendy Hoskin (Woodcroft) - 1972-1976
 Amanda Cornell - 1982-1986
 Vicki Bush (Macrow) - 1976-1977
 Betty Rodger (Trott) - 1929-1938

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to the following **2021 Year 12 graduates** who have become Life Members of the Association:

Brook Adams	Ally Beck	Emma Clark
Raeganna Fulwood	Tyla Cringle	Hanna Goodwin
Brill Goulevitch	Emma Halinen	Emma Jones
Charlotte Graham	Sarleen Kaur	Amity Lauga
Emma-Bree Lye	Jessica Leane	Abby Mallyon
Veniana Osborne	Grier McRae	Sydney Peff
Georgia Sherry	Olivia Sherry	Zara Priddle

Current Membership Numbers:

Life Members:	1068
Annual Members	76
Honorary Life Members	5
Associates & Friends of the OGA	13
Total:	1162

New Member Profile

Wendy Evans (Stockwell) - 1972-1975: I studied Medicine at UQ after finishing high school and worked in General Practice until retiring in 2019 when I was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. I am grateful to be currently in remission after my chemo and stem cell transplant.

Wendy Hoskin (Woodcroft) - 1972-1976: I retired after 39 years with Education Queensland. I had the pleasure of being Principal in a wide variety of schools, finishing as Principal of Morningside State School in Brisbane. I am also a qualified Sogetsu Ikabana Teacher and love sharing that with others - especially children.

Jennet Butler (Niven) - 1983-1984: Qualifications: LL.B (Hons), BBus, GradDipEd, ProfDipSec. Currently working as General Counsel, Morgans Financial Limited.

COVID-19 requirements

As a member of the OGA, if you plan to visit RGGGS in the future for the purpose of attending a meeting or volunteering in a capacity such as at the Paterson House Museum, you will need to comply with the School's COVID-19 requirements.

The School must comply with the Chief Health Officer's Public Health Direction, [COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for Workers in a high-risk setting Direction](#).

This direction requires such persons in the OGA who enter the School must have received at least two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine or have a medical contraindication for COVID-19 vaccines.

2022 Subs now due

If you are an Annual Subscriber to the Old Girls' Association, your annual subscription is now due. Fees are due as at 1 January each year. Many members find it convenient to pay at a function. Please feel free to continue to do so. 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
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Amazing Grammar Girl - Megan Anderson



Editor's note: Megan Anderson is truly one of our Amazing Grammar Girls. She attended RGGs 1987-1991 and went on to become Australia's Ambassador to UNESCO (the United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organisation), based in Paris, France.

Pictured right are some photos from Megan's week at work in Paris in November 2021. In Megan's words: "It is fascinating work where I get to represent Australia on a diverse range of things including increasing access to quality education for women and girls around the world, World Heritage, and innovation & science."

Megan's biography from DFAT (Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade):

Megan Anderson is the Australian Ambassador to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) based in Paris, France and Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy, Paris. She also serves as non-resident Ambassador to Chad.

Ms Anderson is a senior career officer of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Before taking up her current role, Ms Anderson worked in Canberra as Assistant Secretary, NGOs and Volunteers Branch, Humanitarian and Partnerships Division and as Director of Education in the Development Policy Division.

Ms Anderson has undertaken previous overseas postings as Counsellor, Development Cooperation, Australian Embassy, Cambodia (2010-2013), First Secretary, Australian High Commission Vanuatu (2003-2005) and Second Secretary, Australian High Commission, New Delhi (2001-2003). Ms Anderson was a member of the Bougainville Peace Monitoring Group (2000).

Ms Anderson holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Asian Government and a Bachelor of Arts (International Relations) from the University of Queensland. She speaks French.



UNESCO

Australia maintains a Permanent Delegation to UNESCO in Paris led by the Ambassador. The position of Permanent Delegate of Australia to UNESCO is currently held by Megan Anderson.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), based in Paris, was founded on 4 November 1946. The Organization's mission is to contribute to the building of peace, the eradication of poverty, and sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture, communication and information.

Australia joined UNESCO on 4 November 1946 as a founding member of the Organization. Since then Australia has had a strong and rich involvement in the UNESCO community. Australia has participated actively in the diverse programme of work and has made important contributions to UNESCO's achievements in a number of areas.

Pictured left: Megan Anderson, Jennifer Mackinlay (Austrade Representative), Brendan Berne (Australian Ambassador to France 1917-1920) at the ABIE (Australian Business in Europe) Christmas Cocktail event in Paris.

RGGS Race Day



The RGGS Race Day is recognised as a major event in the Rockhampton racing calendar and attracts a large crowd each year.

Many RGGS class reunions choose the Race Day as an opportunity to reminisce, share stories and catch up.

So why not book a table at the Girls Grammar Race Day which is, without a doubt, the premier corporate race day in the Rockhampton Winter Race Carnival Season.

For more details, please contact:

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Unknown payment

Did you make an internet transfer to the RGGS OGA bank account on 23 January 2018 for \$15.00?

If so, we have not been able to identify the payer as the only information listed on our bank statement is the word "Deposit":

If you receive an invoice asking for payment and you believe you have already paid, please contact the OGA as follows:

Mob: 0401 442 948

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Our Male Principals

Whilst the heads of our School have predominantly been female, RGGS has had three male Principals.

The first was Ron Lane 1971-1974. During Ron Lane's time as Principal, hour-long periods were introduced and the Senior Public Examination was abolished and replaced with a Board Certificate compiled from assessed ratings. The Junior Public Examination was abolished in 1970. Other happenings included:

- Appointment to staff of the first full-time male teacher.
- Introduction of the Home Economics Course with Mrs Lane (wife of the Principal) appointed as the Homecrafts Mistress.
- Tertiary Entrance Scores (TES) were introduced.
- The School was requested to consider co-education with The Rockhampton Grammar School. However the Board decided that the School would not participate in co-education.

Second was David Burt 1975-1977. Changes that occurred during David Burt's tenure included the following:

- Opening of Jackson House and Gymnasium by the Governor of Queensland, Sir James Ramsay.
- Introduction of Student Identity cards.
- New format for the School Magazine with students encouraged to contribute to the magazine expressing their own feelings, thoughts and beliefs. This was done under the mentorship of Old Girl and English Mistress, Norma Deane.

The final male Principal to date was Ron Kollar 1990-1998. Changes during Ron Kollar's time included:

- Appointment of the first Director of Boarding (Mrs Sally Kollar, the Principal's wife).
- The "white formal dress" was phased out.
- Abolition of the controversial Queensland TE Score.
- Centenary Arts Building constructed (later renamed the Maud Bendall Centenary Arts Building).

Point to Ponder

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centred; forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.

Mother Theresa

Gold Coast Lunch - Nov 2020

Ten Old Girls enjoyed lunch together on Saturday 6 November at the Palette Restaurant which is part of HOTA (Home of the Arts). School years ranged from the 40s through to the 90s.

Pictured left to right around the table: Lesley Chenoweth, Diane Kerr, Helen Jones, De-Anne Kelly, Liz Keyes, Maree Bassett, Margaret Park, Robyn Clelland, Chloe Smith, Marilyn Watts.



Camille continues to impress



Camille Trail was a student at RGGGS 2013-2015 and has previously been featured in *Chit Chat* as one of our *Amazing Grammar Girls*.

Camille studied songwriting at JMC Academy in Brisbane. 'Humming Chain' and the rest of her forthcoming album, *Devil's Drink* were written while she was at the academy. We wish Camille best of luck.

Deaths



Enid O'Toole 1948-1949 (see Vale on page 10)

Robin Dickson (Atherton) 1944-1945

Jane Anderton 1980-1987 - daughter of Margaret (McKeague), granddaughter of Clarice (Kingel) decd

Marjorie Bedsor (Lloyd -Jones) 1951-1952

Helen Hunter (Rutherford) Staff 1953-1954

Pamela Staines (Davison) 1950-1952

Sympathy to:



Glenda Parker, Sandra, Melissa and Megan Reis on the death of their mother and grandmother, Catherine (Mavis) Lewis

Robyn Garner, Judith and Lisa Simms on the death of their father, brother and uncle, John Garner

Shelda Holman on the death of her father, George Watersmith

Ursula and Sarah on the death of their father, Dr William Renton-Power

Tanielle and Kelsie on the death of their father, Ross Ford

Leah Knowing on the death of her father, Philip Fisher

Catriona McGovern, Fiona Tiegs and Elspeth Muir on the death of their father, Norman James

Births



Betty Rodger (Trott 1929-1938) - a great granddaughter, Annabelle, born August 4, 2021. Betty attended RGGGS from age 5 years until she was about 14 or 15. She will be 98 years of age on 21st February, 2022.

Judith Middlebrook (1960-1962) - a granddaughter, Annabelle, born August 4, 2021.

Rockhampton Christmas Dinner - November 2021



Top: Esther Black, Terri Watts, Diane Hume, Robyn Meredith, Janet Gentle. Bottom, Merri-Lea Pierce, Merri Boneham, Jean Westmoreland



L-R: Alix Jasperson, Erin Goddard, Dana Weston, Lucy Boneham, Jordyn Bentley, Stephanie Trost, Lacey-Jae Halloran



L-R: Kylie Adams, Rhana Lindley, Kara Krehlik, Anita Lawrie, Janet Iffinger, Belinda Scott, Korin Petersen



L-R: Jan Coombe, Marion Fletcher, Gwen Thomas, Joy McCartney, Val Phillips, Margaret Black



L-R: Jill Evans, Lorette Kirby, Lorraine Rigby, Jan Davison, Janice Usher, Pat Handley, Margaret Littleton, Ngaire Kane, Margo Mckenzie, Shirley Cooper, Ann Cook, Betty Spence



L-R: Amanda Bertram, Andrea Rodgers, Tracey Bienek, Julie Sandeman, Janet McKenzie, Beryl Nunn, Anita Murray, Veronica Goddard, Sharon Ohl, Kim Dixon, Felicity Truelson

Mackay Lunch - October 2021



It was good to see 24 "Old Girls" attend the luncheon in Mackay on Saturday, 30 October at Souths Suburban Bowls Club. I'm sure we all ate more than we should. Remember your mother always said "Eat everything on your plate."

Thank you to Veronica Goddard and Margaret Littleton for driving from Rockhampton. We appreciate it. We were also able to give Veronica \$131 towards the current RGGGS project which was raised from the raffle, donated by Kathy Terrance (McCowan).

Unfortunately Kathy wasn't able to attend this year as she was moving from her house in Sarina to a retirement village in Mackay. In the move, she found lots of "memories" from RGGGS days - photos, magazines, etc. How many of you have these stored somewhere? I know I have. The Mackay group has also donated our yearly Bursary for 1st in Grade 7.

Lucky door and raffle prizes were won by Marion Fletcher (Smith), Pam Keune (Crunkhorn), Pauline Creber (Crichton), Janet Carroll (Dittmann), Kaye Steindl (Dittmann) and Margaret Littleton (Baker). To round off the gathering, we all sang the School Song and had a group photo taken.

2021 has been better than 2020 but there has been a lot of ill health among our "old girls". Robin Dickson (Atherton) who went to RGGGS in 1943-44 passed away. Also Lois Mifsud (Bettridge) passed away (RGGGS 1961-62). 2022 must be a better year.

Our next Luncheon will be 29 October 2022 (the last Saturday of October). Everyone welcome and hope to see some new "Old Girls".



L-R: Trish Martin, Vicki Christensen, Marie Leech, Judy Bailey



L-R: Pam Keune, Ros Burkett



L-R: Anne Gentle, Veronica Goddard, Colleen Hayles, Margaret Littleton

Janette Dark (Davey)

Vale - Enid O'Toole (One of our Amazing Grammar Girls)

Editor's Note: Enid O'Toole was a student at RGGS 1948-1949. After graduating, Enid continued her association with the School and joined the Old Girls' Association serving as a Committee Member in 1952.

The following article was taken from Summer 2017-2018 Newsletter issued by the Christadelphian Aged Care Home where Enid once resided.

Enid was born in Rockhampton in 1933 and was one of two children, having a brother Robert. She attended primary school at a state school in Rockhampton. Because she was very bright, she was encouraged to attend Rockhampton Girls Grammar as a day student.

Her mother was a school teacher and her uncle a school headmaster; so Enid had been encouraged to stay at school and get a good education so that she could get a challenging job once leaving school.

Upon leaving school, Enid was successful in getting a job with a leading solicitors firm Rees R and Sydney Jones. She worked as a secretary and found the work interesting and never boring. She stayed with the firm for 10 years.

Enid then joined the ANZ Bank and proceeded to work her way to become the first female Branch Accountant for the ANZ Bank in Australia. Enid would visit many of the farmers in the rural community as part of her position as manager, and she loved her job.

She always followed and played sport, and was particularly good at tennis and upon retirement played golf up to five days a week. Enid was President of the local Zonta Club in Rockhampton. Zonta is a progressive club for women in business and would promote and encourage women in their business. Enid helped to establish other Zonta clubs throughout Queensland.

When Enid became a Bank Manager, she was paid less than the male managers at the time for doing the same work, but this all changed once the unions had the laws changed.



Editor's Note: The following article was sourced from the Rockhampton City Council's website.

Park Named After Charter President

The Enid O'Toole Park was named after the Charter President of the Zonta Club of Rockhampton. When the Rockhampton City Council called for names to be considered for the naming of parks around Rockhampton, Enid's name was submitted by the Zonta Club.

This park was officially named and opened in September 2000 and in December 2001, an official plaque was placed giving details of Enid's achievements during her distinguished career.

Enid was born in Rockhampton on 09 September 1933. She was educated at local primary schools and completed her education at the Rockhampton Girls Grammar School. She left school and became a secretary at Rees R & Sydney Jones.

In January 1952, she joined the ANZ Bank. She completed a long and distinguished career with the Bank. One of her achievements was to be the first woman in Australia to be appointed a Branch Accountant.

By 1978, Enid was one of the first females to be appointed Branch Manager and in 1986 she was appointed Manager of Commercial Accounts in Central Queensland. She retired from the position in 1989.

Enid also volunteered time and energy to the community. As well as being the Charter President of the Zonta Club of Rockhampton, she was Deputy Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Rockhampton Girls Grammar School, a member of the Animal Ethics Society, a member of the Finance Committee of The Capricornia Institute of Advanced Education and a foundation member of the Council of the Central Queensland University.

She was also a member of the Advisory Board of the Young Women's Christian Association. Enid was an active member of Zonta until her retirement in 1989.

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Vale - Enid O'Toole (cont'd)



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Editor's Note: The following article is from "The Noosa News" on 14 June 1973 and records an interview with Enid on her appointment as the first lady Branch Accountant.

Naturally, I am thrilled with my appointment and was completely stunned when I first heard the news. The Chief manager for Queensland, Mr. F. Hill, personally telephoned me the news of my appointment. The staff at 180 Quay Street, Rockhampton are all extremely pleased on my behalf, and in fact, one of the girls remarked that it was the best appointment she'd heard of.

The staff attitude has been one of total delight. From a woman's point of view, it gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment to realise that our bank has taken this forward step, which is an indication of a wider horizon in banking careers for women.

My position in the bank has meant making friends with a great many bank customers, from a wide cross section of the community. At this time, I don't really foresee any difficulties arising from my new position, simply by reason of a woman being the Branch Accountant.

On the personal side, I've been in the bank for 21 years, and in that time have filled most of the posts in the branch. Most of that time I've been in Rockhampton, apart from 2 years at King William and Currie Streets, Adelaide.

For the last few years, I've been Advances Officer, and as well, have had the pleasure of writing a lot of Esanda business (lease, hire purchase and instalment loans). I have been Attachment Training Officer in advances/securities for several young male officers who spent three month periods with us.

Part of my job has involved carrying out advance interviews, but of course in the interests of customer service, interviews for the full range of banking services have come my way at times.

I've always been keen on promoting our travel business, and as Rockhampton is some 480 miles from our accredited travel centre in Brisbane, find myself doing a number of local travel interviews, and providing a liaison between the travel centre and the travelling customer.

In my leisure time, I'm a keen golfer, being an associate of the Rockhampton Golf Club. I usually play in all the week-end competitions, and in the summer months spend as much time at the beach as possible, as well as having the occasional social golf game at one of the seaside courses.

For some years, I've been a member of the Georgians Choir, a mixed choral group who perform regularly to raise funds for charitable groups such as Blue Nursing, Meals on Wheels and Old People's Homes. I enjoy all kinds of music and have a sizeable collection of L P records. My ambition as regards a banking career has been to rise to as high a position as possible, and to the level of branch management when that avenue opens for women.

The ANZ Banking Group has always been to the forefront in encouraging the lady staff to aim for higher positions, and I am sure the many customers I've had contact with have appreciated dealing with a woman. My appointment has already created a lot of local interest in Rockhampton and will provide wider opportunities for gaining new banking business. It will be quite a responsibility, and I sincerely hope I am able to carry out the job satisfactorily.

Editor's Note: The photos for this story were supplied by Enid's nephew, Andrew O'Toole. In Andrew's words "Always a bright spark, Enid was a positive person who truly cared about people's welfare and used her considerable abilities to help and encourage people to improve their lives!"



Brisbane Christmas Lunch - November 2021



L-R: Elsie Speight, Margaret Park, Eileen Baker, Jean Bulley, Ailsa Ung, Dot Skewes



L-R: Nat Foster, Libby Smith, Jennet Butler, Andrea Turner, Amanda Cornell



L-R: Julianne Tselepis, Wendy Hoskin, Alison Isaac, Jenny Andrews, Wendy Evans, Carolyn Bradbury



L-R: Liz Keyes, Cheryl Geck, Pene Bennett, Margaret Cunningham, Margaret Parfitt, De-Anne Kelly, Maree Bassett,



L-R: Erin Goddard, Veronica Goddard, Roslyn Greenhill



L-R: Margaret Black, Jill Liddell, Lesley Chase

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From the Editor

Chit Chat is the official newsletter of the RGGGS OGA and has a distribution of over 1000 to all financial members and associates of the RGGGS OGA. It is published thrice yearly - February, May and October.

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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

Brisbane Xmas Lunch (Cont'd)



L-R: Robyn Robinson, Beverley Sykes, Victoria McLachlan, Marion Darveniza, Marilyn Watts, Glenda Parker, Sandra Lewis, Jan Kean, Coral Pink

Forty RGGGS OGA members were able to attend the Christmas lunch this year which was a great response.

It was yet another happy occasion with "old" friends catching up on their annual 'dose' of news whilst enjoying the wonderful lunch that the Keri Craig staff always provide.

Ben, Jason, Jenny and James (staff members of Keri Craig Emporium) are now almost 'adopted members' of our OGA!

Raffle and Lucky Door prizes were donated by Dot Skewes and Glenda Parker. Sincere thanks to both ladies. Winners were: Alison Isaac, Jennet Niven, Margaret Park, Margaret Black, Ailsa Ung.

Keri Craig Emporium also generously donated two gifts - a raffle prize plus a 'Lucky Chair' on which De-Anne Kelly was unknowingly sitting until the prize was announced. Many thanks again to Keri Craig Emporium.

Attendees were invited to share some highlights from their 2021 year. If you were unable to attend, or had no opportunity to catch up with other ladies at the lunch, please email to streetie@iprimus.com.au.

The next meeting and morning tea of the Brisbane OGA Group is Tuesday 15 March 2022 at Keri Craig Emporium commencing at 10.00 am. All welcome.

Jill Liddell

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"Not only for school but for life we are learning".

Committee Information

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Rockhampton Committee Meeting Dates 2022:

Tuesday 01 March Tuesday 03 May
Tuesday 02 August Tuesday 22 November

Brisbane Group Meeting Dates 2022:

Tuesday 15 March Tuesday 17 May Tuesday 19 July

Dates to Remember

RGGS OGA Function Dates 2022:

Dinner on the Deck & AGM	Tuesday 01 March
Yeppoon Lunch	Sunday 15 May
Queensland Day Lunch	Wednesday 1 June
Townsville Lunch	Sunday 31 July
Biloela Lunch	Saturday 27 August

RGGS OGA Brisbane Events 2022:

Morning Tea	Tuesday 15 March
Morning Tea	Tuesday 17 May

RGGS Events 2022:

RGGS Race Day	Saturday 18 June
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Membership fees for 2022 (Due January 2022):

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.

Forms are available from:

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