



Chit Chat



RGGS Old Girls' Association - Rockhampton

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Highlights at Girls Grammar - from the Principal

What happens in Camp week?

It has been a yearly tradition for a while now that in the week of the all-important Queensland Core Skills Test, we send all our other senior and some junior classes off to a range of experiences.

Year 11 undertakes their leadership week, culminating with the Amazing Race on Friday – a sort of scavenger hunt around Rockhampton. Information such as knowing how many tiles there are in the fountain on Gladstone Road is very valuable!

The Year 10s undertake Work Experience and spread out across the state. Year 8/9 went to Noosa for some outdoors adventure (see photo right)– including canoeing to a remote camp site and spending the night camping outdoors - who would have thought it would pour rain all night?

Year 7 are learning about team building and outdoors activities at Boyne Island. Year 6 spent their time at The Caves and the Year 5s have just taken off excitedly to Cool Waters at Yeppoon.



Years 3 and 4 will finish the week with a sleep over in the Mouritz Multi-Purpose Hall.

Camping is a great way for the girls to push themselves outside their boundaries and to make new friendships along the way.

Opti-MINDS

Opti-MINDS is a problem solving competition held around Australia. This year, for the first time, Rockhampton Girls Grammar hosted the event. Teams from all around Central Queensland descended on RGGGS to compete in Science/Engineering, Social Sciences and Literature based problems.



It was a day of incredible success for our girls with four Spirit of Opti-

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From the President

Firstly I must thank the ladies who organise the lunches in the country areas and those who travel to attend these. Recently I travelled with three others to attend the Biloela luncheon. It was great to catch up with old and new Old Girls.

We held a function during Beef Week so that Old Girls attending could get together. The function was a well-attended and happy evening.

Principal Chris Hills launched the Alumni Scholarship by passing around a school panama with \$600.00 being raised. We hope to collect more for the Scholarship in the future to make it viable.

As this is my last letter for the year, I wish you a



Merry Christmas and all the best for 2019. Lastly a thank you to Marilyn for producing *Chit Chat*.

Ngaire Kane (Amos)

Pictured above: L-R: Chris Hills, Clara Swaffield (Anderson), Liz Curtis, Jan Davison (McLachlan), Kay Becker, Margaret Littleton (Baker).

Member Profile - Norma Hempenstall (Deane)

I attended the Rockhampton Girls Grammar School 1950-1953, and then joined the Staff in 1957, teaching mainly history and geography.

In 1965 I moved to Papua-New Guinea where I lectured at the Goroka Teachers College in Literature (mainly African) and Creative Writing.

I encouraged students to collect and translate traditional chants and songs, as well as myths and legends, to help preserve the rich oral culture of PNG.

Two of these students were the first indigenous writers to have their plays professionally published (by Heinemann Aust.).



Editor's Note: *I was a student of Norma's (or Miss Deane as she was then) when I was at school in the early 1960s. She taught me History and French, both my favourite subjects.*

Returning to Rockhampton in 1970, I taught for several years at RGGGS before re-locating to Yeppoon where I have been an active member of the Capricorn Coast Historical Society.

Referring to letters and diaries (and where possible personal interviews), I have written six small books on aspects of the First and Second World Wars.

I have the fondest memories of my association with the Rockhampton Girls Grammar School and I wish the school well in the years ahead.

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MINDS Awards for our teams, as well as a Highly Commended. The highlight of the day was the announcement that two of our teams – Year 5 and Year 10/11 won their divisions and will now travel to Brisbane to compete at the State Competition.

Sports Day

Sports Day is a highlight of the school calendar and this year was no exception. After rain affected the first attempt, it was held on a day that began under a blanket of Rocky fog but developed into a gorgeously sunny day.

The Girls Grammar Gift was run for the second year – this is a handicapped race for each of the fastest girls in their age divisions. It was won by Abigail Hills (10 Moura).

The Boarder vs Day Student Tug of

War is steeped in history and was held for the first time in 1922. The boarders emerged as victors. Williams was the overall winning House on the day. Downs House received the Spirit Award.

Arts and Culture

The girls have been busy in their artistic pursuits. A highlight of the term has been the Girls Grammar Exhibition "Reflections" which was held for a week in the Kern Arcade. This was a great chance for the girls to show their artistic skills.

One of our vocal groups Bella Voce participated in the CQ University Jazz Festival and won GOLD. The girls were adjudicated on a 15 minute performance.

NAPLAN update

Once again, Girls Grammar leads the way in teaching and learning. Our NAPLAN results for 2018 follow the trend of previous years. We are

the number one school in the Rockhampton region in year 5, 7 and 9 writing.

This year also saw us emerge as number one in the Rockhampton area in Year 3 Numeracy. It is great to see the results of good teaching. Overall, we were ranked second in the Rockhampton region.

Projects

You may have seen our recent appeals for our Air-conditioning Project. We are installing a branding board near Kollar House to acknowledge families who donate to the cause to air condition the senior dorms. We see this is a great necessity for the way forward for boarding.

Our next project is to cover and upgrade the basketball court and to introduce lighting so that the girls can access this space day and evening. Any donations to the building fund are gratefully received.

Sympathy to:



Andrea Cosgrove on the death of her mother, Betty Cosgrove. Betty was the School's Historian and wrote "The Wider View".

Lyndal, Elise, Kirsten, Rachal and Tanya on the death of their mother, The Rev'd Claire Dewar. Claire was the School Chaplain for a number of years.

Lynne Knox, Cheryl Harrold and Adele Powell on the death of their father, Maurice Binstead AM

Gail (Leitch, Golik) Havig on the death of her husband, Douglas

Ilma O'Farrell and Janice Keirnan on the death of their brother, Arch Winning

Jill Holloway, Eleanor, Jocelyn and Kate Donovan on the death of their mother and grandmother, Joyce Donovan

Alison Kirkwood on the death of her father, Jack Curran

Daphne Finnegan and Jill Burke on the death of their son and grandson, Jamie Manuele

Rosalind (Lindy) Windsor (Taylor) on the death of her husband, Robert

Gail Davis (Stevenson) on the death of her husband

Glenda Tinson (Edwards) on the death of her daughter, Dannealle Lea Hannam

Deaths



Jan Pritchard - Staff 1966-1967; 1970

Ethel Pringle - Staff 1963-1968

Kay Beitz (Reid) - 1954-1957

Ellen Vivienne (Viv) Keefe (Hare) - 1939-1940

Jill Common (Dowzer) - 1936-1940

Beryl Draper (Drake) - 1950-1951, mother of Margaret Cunningham, Maree White, Helen Bartlem and Elizabeth Ransome

Lorraine Gower (Goodson) - 1947-1948, sister of Glenda Sherlock

Congratulations



Congratulations to Velma Weaver (Brake) on her 80th birthday on 15 July 2018. Velma was a student at the School 1953-1954.

Several friends and relatives gathered together to help Velma celebrate this wonderful milestone in her life.

Included in the attendees were Old Girls Caroline Holmes (Weaver) 1954-1957 and Di Jackson (Weaver) 1981-1988.

Together with her husband, Mark, Velma still operates a tutoring business from their home in Smith Street, Rockhampton which overlooks the RGGGS oval. Quite an amazing accomplishment for an 80 year old.

Biloela Lunch

The annual Biloela OGA Lunch was held at the Settlers Hotel-Motel on Saturday 25 August. We had an enjoyable lunch and great chat with sixteen in attendance. We welcomed four from Rockhampton including Ngaire Kane our current President of the Old Girls Association. Girls from Baralaba and Monto also attended.

Jean Rathjen (Churchward)



L-R: Pam Jensen, Jean Rathjen, Ngaire Kane

New Members

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

New Life Members

Lara Brown (Hansen) - 1987-1991
 Karen Prewett (Schutt) - 1986-1991
 Gayle Donaldson (Pierce) - 1979-1983

New Annual Members

Megan Albert (Luke) - 1986-1987
 Leigh Goodwin - 1972-1975
 Linda Laird (Banks) - 1988-1990

Current Membership Numbers:

Annual Members:	97
Life Members	941
Honorary Life Members	6
Associates & Friends of the OGA	10
Total:	1054

New Member Profile

Karen Prewett (Schutt) 1986-1991: After completing school, Karen completed a B.App Sc for Rural Technology and a PHD in Quantitative Genetics. Currently working as a Research and Development Manager for Neogen Australasia who provide DNA testing for Live-stock.

From the Editor

I recently had a delightful conversation with Pat Faulkner (1946-1947) who has rejoined the OGA after a lapse of some years. Pat has had a varied career and calls herself a "bushy at heart". Currently, Pat fills in her time as a house sitter and cattle property caretaker. In an early career, she was a legal stenographer. Pat has an amazing zest for life and epitomizes the School Motto *Do your best* in every pathway she has taken.

Where is she now?

Trish Martin is wanting to reconnect with Sharon Monie (Ede). If you have any details of Sharon's whereabouts, please email Trish on patin.52@hotmail.com.

Last chance to pay your 2018 Dues

If you are an Annual Subscriber to the Old Girls' Association, your annual subscription is now overdue. 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:

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Money Order: Posted to the Membership Secretary
Cheque: Posted to the Membership Secretary and made out to RGGGS-OGA
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 ANZ Branch No: 014690
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or Email: marilyn_m_watts@yahoo.com.au

Correction

In the May edition of *Chit Chat*, an error was made in the New Members section. New member, Bronwyn Hoch's maiden name was listed as Dwyer. This should have read Dyer. Bronwyn was at RGGGS 1977-1981. Apologies for this error which may have confused Bronwyn's classmates.

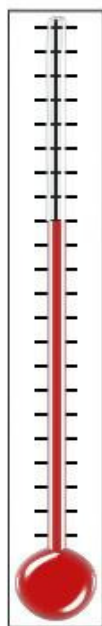
Thanks to the Rockhampton Mahjong Club

Thank you so much to the Rockhampton Mahjong Club Inc who raised funds for the Helen Bredhauer Memorial Museum cabinet.

Pictured right are members of the Club who presented a cheque for \$430.00 to Helen's daughter, Kim Dixon (Bredhauer).

Helen Bredhauer nee Marsh (1957-1958) was a staunch advocate of RGGGS and was also one of the dedicated volunteers at the Paterson House Museum devoting many hours to cataloguing items for the Museum.

The OGA hopes to fundraise \$5590.00 for a small island cabinet in Helen's memory. With the donation from the Mahjong Club, funds raised so far have reached the amount of \$3560.00. The cabinets are made by local manufacturer, Large's Furniture.



With only just over \$2000.00 to reach our goal, we are seeking further donations, small or large, all of which are gratefully accepted.

Donations should be made payable to the RGGGS Old Girls' Association by cheque or direct deposit to:

ANZ BSB: 014690
Account No: 394413077
Reference: Museum

Please contact Treasurer Robyn Meredith by phone on 0407 372 646 or via email on robyn.meredith@gmail.com to confirm your donation.

Noritake Tea Set for sale

This lovely vintage Noritake Tea set was donated to the RGGGS OGA by Jill Bredhauer. It is planned to sell this beautiful tea set with funds going towards the Helen Bredhauer Memorial Museum Cabinet.

A reserve price of \$200.00 has been set and offers over this amount are now being sought. If you are interested in purchasing the set, please contact Kim Dixon on alumni@rggs.qld.edu.au or Robyn Meredith on robyn.meredith@gmail.com phone 0401 372 645.

Editor's Note: *I did some research on the Noritake brand and found the following. Hope you find it interesting:*

Since 1904, Noritake has been bringing beauty and quality to dining tables around the world. The Noritake of today grew out of a trading company that was originally established by the Morimura Brothers in New York in 1876.

This trading company imported chinaware, curios, paper lanterns and other gift items. In 1904, the forerunner of the Noritake Company was established in the village of Noritake, a small suburb near Nagoya, Japan.

The goal of this first factory was to create western style dinnerware for export. It took until 1914, however, to create the first porcelain dinnerware plate that was suitable for export.

The earliest dinnerware plates were mostly hand-painted, often with liberal applications of gold. By the early 1920s, Noritake introduced assembly line techniques which allowed for mass production of high quality, yet affordable dinnerware. In the ensuing decades, Noritake continued to perfect its production capabilities and expand to markets world-wide.



Amazing Grammar Girls - Profile Judith Middlebrook

Editor's Note: *The following profile was taken from the School publication "125 Years 1892-2017" and is part of a regular feature 'Amazing Grammar Girls' which I am hoping to publish in each edition of Chit Chat. I will be looking for contributions; so please don't be shy about your achievements, career or otherwise.*

Judith Middlebrook was born and raised in Rockhampton, Queensland. She went to the Hall Girls' School for her primary education. Her Grade 8 teacher at The Hall was Mrs Bendall who left in third term 1959 to take up a position at Girls Grammar. Judy attended Rockhampton Girls Grammar School from 1960 to 1962. Instead of bookkeeping, she studied Mathematics B.

Upon leaving Girls Grammar after Junior and without the advantage of career advice, Judith began work as an accounting machinist at the Capricornia Regional Electricity Board.

After work, she studied Theology at St Paul's Cathedral and also enrolled at the Rockhampton Technical College to complete her secondary school studies. She was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship.

Judy was keen to teach in an Anglican Mission School in Papua New Guinea; so she spent a year studying theology at the Missionary College in Sydney.

She trained as a teacher at the Australian School of Pacific Administration in Sydney. This institution trained secondary school teachers and patrol officers for Papua New Guinea (then in its last years as an Australian external territory) and primary school teachers for Aboriginal schools in the Northern Territory.

After two years teacher training, Judy set off to teach at the Holy Name Girls Secondary School at the Anglican Mission headquarters in Dogura, Papua New Guinea, as an English,



Geography and Social Studies teacher. While there she enrolled at the University of Queensland as an external student.

In 1971 Judy left PNG to further her studies in history at the Australian National University. She was one of the inaugural intake of Burgmann College students and spent much of the next ten years there.

After completing an Honours degree in History, her first academic job was as Professor Manning Clark's research assistant. Amongst other things, she was one of the first Workers of Burgmann College workers, a tutor in history, a graduate student, Acting Deputy Master and Senior Tutor (later called Senior Fellow).

She is now co-patron (together with the Hon Peter Garrett) of the Burgmann Alumni Association. Judy has been awarded an Honorary Fellow of Burgmann College, one of only six awardees.

After several years out of the paid workforce while caring for young children, Judy accepted a short term

position as research officer for a Senate Committee to help out a former Burgmann tutor who had become secretary to the committee.

The five week position became a twenty year + servitude to the Parliament, interrupted in the early years by stints on the China desk at AU-SAID (then AIDAB), the Australian National Commission for UNESCO and the Committee to Review Australian Studies in Tertiary Education.

From 1989 to 2009, Judy was an officer of the Department of the House of Representatives. As a departmental officer, Judy was at various times, Secretary of a number of Joint Committees including Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, the ACT and External Territories, Migration and Electoral Matters.

She was also secretary of several House of Representatives Committees including Legal and Constitutional Affairs, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, the Broadcasting Committee and the Procedure Committee.

Judy also served as secretary to a number of delegations which represented the Australian Parliament overseas including five years as secretary to the Australian delegation to the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum.

She spent some time on secondment to the Inter Parliamentary Union in Geneva (the world headquarters of Parliament and the world's oldest multilateral organisation). Her career also covered several years as Sergeant-at-Arms and later, Director of the Chamber Research Office.

Judy has been awarded a Public Service Medal for services to the House of Representatives and a Centenary Medal for services to the Parliament. She is currently retired but still working on a history of the Speakership of the House of Representatives.

Historical Happenings - Our School

Editor's Note: *I came across this comprehensive article on the history of RGGGS from the Department of Environment and Heritage's website and thought it might be of interest to those historians amongst us.*

The Rockhampton Girls Grammar School opened in April 1892 under foundation Headmistress Helen Downs. It was the ninth of the grammar schools to be established in Queensland and the third grammar school for girls.

As with the other grammar schools, it was constituted under the *Grammar Schools Act of 1860*, one of the first pieces of legislation passed by the Queensland Parliament, which encouraged by way of grants of land and subsidies, the establishment of non government secular schools for secondary education within the colony.

As Queensland was not establishing state high schools until the 1910s, nor the principle of universal secondary education until the 1960s, the state assisted (albeit independent) grammar schools represented the defacto state secondary school system.

From its establishment in 1881, the Rockhampton Grammar School (located nearby on the Athelstane Range overlooking Rockhampton) had included both a boys and a (smaller) girls department.

The Government, however, refused to recognise the separate departments as entitled to separate subsidies under the Act, and as a consequence the Trustees soon insisted on a separate grammar school for girls. In 1886 the Girls Department was closed.

The issue of education for women continued to be raised in the press although it was not until 1890 that sufficient funds were raised (via private and government subsidies) to proceed with the founding of the



new school. In that year, competitive designs were called for a building suitable for a Girls Grammar School, providing residence accommodation for Headmistress and staff, 20 boarders, also School accommodation for 50 scholars, with necessary classrooms etc.

The Rockhampton Girls Grammar School building was to be of brick with the total cost not to exceed £4,000. Thirty-two entries were received with first prize awarded to E M Hockings of Brisbane and second to James Flint of Rockhampton.

Brisbane architect, Richard Gailey, objected however to the awarding of the prize to Hockings on the grounds that the plans were prepared whilst Hockings was articled to Gailey as his pupil. At Gailey's request, the first prize was recorded as his, with Hockings appointed clerk of works.

Edwin Morton Hockings (1870-1942) was to have a long association with the school. In addition to his responsibility for the main school building, he was architect for the two major additions to it undertaken in 1897 and 1899, as well as a long serving member of the Board of Trustees (1908-1926), serving as Board Chairman in 1911 and from 1917-19.

In 1895, Hockings became an Associate to the Queensland Institute of Architects and from that year is recorded as practicing as an architect in Rockhampton. He was to practise in partnership with A M Hutton (1899-1907), L T Palmer (1916-1938), and for a time, with his son, Thomas.

In 1890, the tender for the erection of the new school of £3,890 by Moir Cousins and Co was accepted. Prior to construction, the plan of the building was reversed, apparently as the extent of levelling to Denham Street was not sufficient to allow for the positioning according to the original plans. Delays in completion were apparently caused by repeated alterations to the building specification, including increased ventilation and the fitting of forty-four cedar venetian shutters.

The new two-storeyed brick building (known since 1971 as Paterson House, after Chairman of Trustees A H Paterson) was described by the local press as late nineteenth century in keeping with the usual Australian Architect's interpretation of Gothic.

On the ground floor were an assembly hall, two classrooms, drawing

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room, dining room, mistress's dining room and kitchen. The upper floor (accessed by three staircases, one each for pupils, mistresses and servants) housed two music rooms, two dormitories, three bedrooms for mistresses, servant's bedrooms, and bathrooms. The total cost was £5,666.5.3. The grounds were rough with only the school area and tennis court levelled.

In 1892, a timber caretaker's cottage (£180) and playshed (£162), designed and supervised by Rockhampton architect and competition runner up, James Flint, were erected. In the following year, the playshed was fitted as a gymnasium.

On Arbor Day, soon after the school's opening, forty-six trees, one for each pupil, mistress and Trustee present, were planted. These included, on advice from the Curator of the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens (JS Edgar), 12 mango trees planted on the town edge of the lawn tennis court, silky oaks, jacarandas, and bunya pines. In 1894 the orange trees planted above the tennis court were replaced by *Araucaria Cunninghamii* (Hoop Pine). By the end of 1894 planting was curtailed.

In the next decade, as the school expanded, three major additions were made to the school building. In 1897, a new single storeyed wing, designed by E M Hockings and built by R Cousins & Co, was added to the southern side of the building.

The work costing £1,392 included an Assembly Hall, two classrooms, and an office for the Headmistress. As a result the old assembly hall was formed into two classrooms (one being for cookery and chemistry). The excavated material from the site of the additions was used to form "the Terrace" in front of the school.

Further additions, again undertaken by Hockings (now Hutton and Hock-

ings) and R Cousins and Co, were carried out in 1899. The two storeyed wing to the south east of the building included new dormitories and bathrooms to accommodate eighteen boarders, two new classrooms, and music rooms.

The work completed in 1900 at a total cost of £2,019.10.0. also included extensions to the Assembly Hall and two of the existing classrooms, the demolition of the headmistress' office, and the excavation and completion of two new tennis courts.

The third stage costing £978 was undertaken in 1901. It included the incorporation of a classroom with the dining room, construction of two new upstairs classrooms, new staircase to the southwest, new laundry, housemaid's pantry, storeroom, bathroom, and servants bedroom.

Other improvements undertaken by this time included fencing, excavation, erection of parapet retaining wall, terracing, driveway and asphaltting, gates, window shutters, a 2,000 gallon water tank and painting of brickwork with red-oxide paint (apparently in the hope of combating the effect of rising damp).

In 1898, Miss Downs established the

kindergarten for younger students. This was housed in the school room at the rear of the main building, and from 1908 in the "detached residence" (erected 1899 as an isolation room for sick students). This was finally closed during World War II.

The initial "boom" period of the school could not however be sustained. For example, the establishment in 1919 of a state high school as part of the Rockhampton Technical School and later the depression (and a decrease in government endowments) saw a decrease in enrolments. In 1945 additions were made by school architect E A Heggold to the upper storey of Paterson House. These included a staffroom, bathrooms, sickbay and glassed in verandah.

About this time the gymnasium was converted into a music building containing five practice rooms (later increased to eight), but it was not until the 1960s that further major development was to occur.

The opening of Luck House (containing boarding accommodation and classrooms) in 1962 was the first major building to be erected on the site after the main school building. It signalled the beginning of a substantial building program, as the school sought to deal with increasing enrolments and changing educational requirements.

Later buildings include the Science Laboratory and Clarice McKeague Hall (1968), Principal's residence (1971), Colin H Grant Library and Resources Centre (1972), Millicent Jackson House (1977), Music Centre (1986), Primmer House (1987) - located on the terrace on the site of one of the original tennis courts, and Centenary Arts Building (1991) - renamed the Maud Bendall Centenary Arts Building in 2012.

Works were also carried out to Pat-

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erson House as it too adapted to changing requirements with teaching removed to other parts of the school. Work included the removal of cubicles in the dormitories (1978), alterations to dining room, kitchen, and laundry, renovation of a dormitory and a new sick bay (1983).

In 1987, the Trustees instituted a long range project for the continuing refurbishment of Paterson House including work to dormitories and the balcony facing Denham Street. The building currently houses facilities for boarding and administration.

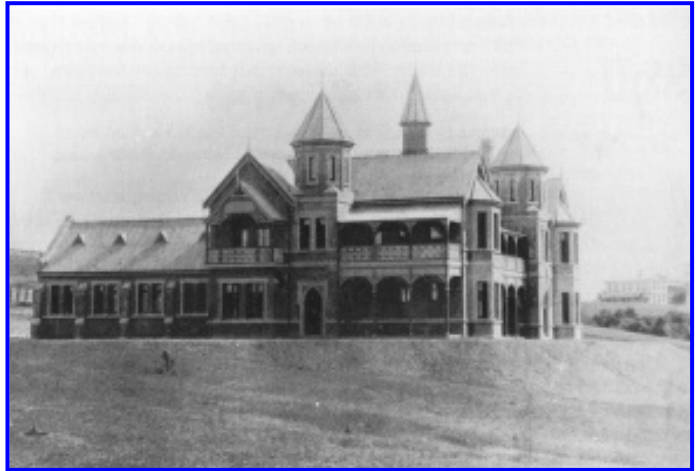
From 1978, a program of landscaping the grounds was instigated, including the paving and planting by senior students of trees on the north terrace called "The Mall"; students' mural of Jackson House courtyard; planting of "Gallipoli Pines" near the swimming pool; planting of the Bicentennial Grove on land adjacent to the school boundary on the north and east.

Editor's Note: *This is where the official report concluded; however, since that time further development has occurred at the school. In 2000, Kollar House was constructed as a boarding facility for the Senior girls and the Jackson House gym was refurbished and renamed the Mouritz Multi-Purpose Hall. Both Ron Kollar and Bev Mouritz were previous Principals of the School.*

The year 2014 saw the construction of Littleton Plaza and the refurbishment of McKeague Hall including an outside deck. This was brought about through our very generous benefactors, Max and Margaret Littleton, in memory of their daughter Karen Rogers nee Littleton.



Littleton Plaza located between McKeague Hall and Luck House



The original building in 1892.



The building now showing the extensions added in 1897 (single story on the southern side), in 1899 (double story added on the south east side) and in 1901 (extra classrooms, laundry, pantry, storeroom, etc).



The building as it is today, interestingly, only showing two turrets.

Did you know?

The first woman to be appointed to the Board of Trustees was Mrs Clarice McKeague (Kingel - RGGGS Old Girl), the first woman Deputy Chair was Mrs Ethel Clarkson (member of the RGGGS P&F) and the first woman Chair was Dr Judith Hancock (previous Headmistress of Brisbane Girls Grammar).

OGA gathering - Canberra



During a recent visit to Canberra, Jill Liddell caught up with three RGGGS Old Girls at a lunch organised for her by Sandra Barnbaum. Jill said: *It was a super catch-up time. Thoroughly enjoyed every minute.*

Pictured L-R: Judith Middlebrook (1960-1962), Sandra (Boreham) Barnbaum (1956-1959), Jill Liddell (1953-1956), Gwenda (Frisch) Granter (1953-1954). Absent was Dorothy (Lees) Anderson who flew out to UK the same day as Jill arrived.

Sandra organised the Canberra "Raise A Glass" function thus contributing to the fund raising for the 125 Celebrations.

Editor's Note: See page 6 for details of Judith Middlebrook's amazing career which were featured in the RGGGS 125 Years 1892-2017 Publication.

Queensland Day Luncheon - Rockhampton

The annual Queensland Day Luncheon held on 6 June at the Central Park Motel Rockhampton was well attended.

The meals and conversations were, once again, very enjoyable. A great time was had by all catching up with old school friends.

Pictured L-R: Jordyn Bentley, Jan Davison, Ngaire Kane, Chris Hills (RGGGS Principal), Veronica Goddard, Marion Bowen, Val Philips, Margaret Littleton, Felicity Truelson



Two grand ladies



Enjoying a recent lunch together are RGGGS Old Girls Shirley (Rhodes) Crow and Eve (Landsberg) Stone.

Although they were not actually school pals, (Eve having enrolled as an RGGGS student in 1935 and Shirley in 1939), they were work colleagues at Ansett ANA after Shirley left the Services.

They have been firm friends ever since. Shirley phones Eve at least once a fortnight. Eve is now 96 ½ and Shirley 93 ½.

Eve lives in care at a REGIS facility close to her niece Anne Landsberg. Shirley is still living independently in the house and home she and her husband Arthur built 65 years ago!

Both amazing women!

Editor's Note: The lunch was held at the home of Eve's niece, Anne Landsberg. Jill Liddell supplied the photo.

RGGS Rowing Reunion

The weekend of June 15 and 16 witnessed the reunion of some truly 'oarsome' RGGS past students. The RGGS Rowing Reunion was a successful weekend enjoyed by many who reflected fondly on their years of rowing at Girls Grammar.

A meet and greet at The Boathouse was held on Friday night, an early morning row on Saturday (that not even the fog could prevent) and the RGGS annual race day during the day on Saturday provided many opportunities to reminisce, share stories and catch up.

The stories and conversations ran seamlessly across the ages as we shared with those who had rowed in the 70s right through to the 00s.

A particular highlight of the weekend was being joined by former RGGS rowing coach Mr Frank Hick and his wife and chief RGGS rowing supporter Miss Ramm.

Not only did the weekend serve as a long-overdue platform to catch up with past crew and team mates but a wonderful chance to show appreciation for the timeless dedication and support over the years from Mr and Mrs Hick and Miss Ramm.

The weekend went off without a hitch with every event a success. An eight and a four were taken out on the water and no boats were harmed during the rows. It really was like riding a bike. Although we didn't seem to be able to back too many winners at the RGGS races!

A very special thanks to all who attended and the event organisers Lara Brown, Carol Godwin and Sarah Guilfoyle.

Thank you also to RGGS and staff for its continued support of all students past and present. The weekend also would not have been possible without the very special help and support from current RGGS rowing coach Rob Fay and his wife Ceinwen and the stalwart of Rockhampton rowing Adrien Lang. Thank you!

Sarah Guilfoyle (1990-1993)



1993 National Squad L-R: Carlie Ward (Schmidt), Amanda Hamilton, Deanne Parslow (Harding), Coach Mr Frank Hick, Sarah Guilfoyle and Sarah Parker (Greenup)



L-R: Miss Delyce Ramm, Kylie McTaggart (Gibson) and Carol Godwin



Pictured above: The 1990 RGGS Rowing Squad
Pictured left: Coach Frank Hick and his team

OGA Event Bulletin Board



Mackay RGGGS Old Girls
 are gathering at the
 Shamrock Hotel
 165 Nebo Road, Mackay
Saturday 27 October 2018
 at 11.30 am for a midday lunch.
Cost: Self Funded
 All past students and staff are welcome.
 Check out your cupboards and boxes for
 old RGGGS memorabilia from your time at
 RGGGS. If you find something, I'm sure oth-
 ers will enjoy it too with "I had one of
 these" comments.
RSVP by Tuesday 23 October 2018 to:
 Colleen on 0435 799 144 (leave a message)
 Janette on 4942 2434 (leave a message)
 or
 Email: mackayrpgslunch@hotmail.com



Rockhampton RGGGS OGA
CHRISTMAS DINNER
 to be held at the School
 on the Littleton Plaza Deck
Friday 2 November 2018
Cost: \$37.00
Must be prepaid
RSVP by Friday 26 October 2018 to:
 Mrs Veronica Goddard
 PO Box 579, Rockhampton Q 4700
 Email: v.goddard@bloomhearing.com.au
 Phone: 4922 1977
Payment options:
 Cheque~ Posted to Veronica goddard
 Internet~ RGGSOGA ANZ Bank
 BSB No 014690 A/C No. 394413077



Brisbane RGGGS OGA
CHRISTMAS LUNCH
 The Keri Craig Emporium
 Brisbane Arcade, Queen Street, Brisbane
Saturday 1 December 2018
 arrive at 11.30 for Lunch at 12 Noon
Cost: \$40.00 - Must be prepaid
RSVP by Wednesday 21 November 2018
 Mrs Sandra Ries, 1 Rosier Street,
 Wynnum West Qld 4178 - 0408 120 946
sandraries@rocketmail.com
 Payment by cheque or internet banking:
 CBA: BSB - 064001, A/C: No -10080446
Numbers are restricted to 60 persons

Melbourne Group

Editor's Note: I received this note from Pat Rabl and was sad to hear her news. Pat has been a regular contributor to Chit Chat and we will miss her Melbourne Group Updates.

Dear Marilyn

Our RGGGS OGA group in Melbourne have decided, regrettably, not to continue with our twice yearly lunches. Most of us are finding travel to the city increasingly difficult.

We appreciate the support you and RGGGS OGA have given to us and wish you all the best for the future.

Yours is not an easy job but makes the members feel part of the RGGGS family, however far away. We will be looking forward to reading *Chit Chat*. Best wishes for the future.

Pat Rabl (Webb)
1951-1954

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From the Editor

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Articles received for publication will be included in the next edition depending on space available and timing of receipt of the article.

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

Speech Night Address - two different views

Editor's Note: *During my research for items of interest to readers, I came across the following two Speech Night Addresses which were in direct contrast to each other on the subject of the education of girls. Thank goodness the second viewpoint prevailed.*

1932 Speech night address - Mr G F Wald (Member of the Board of Trustees): A lot of the present unemployment was caused by girls leaving school and obtaining positions when their parents were well able to support them, declared Mr G F Wald at the Girls Grammar School speech day yesterday.

"Some girls," he said, "when they leave school want to go into an office. My advice to them is to stay out if their parents can keep them. I think a lot of the present unemployment is caused by these girls wanting to get to work."

Speaking for the Chairman of the Trust (Mr A H Pater-son) who is absent in Melbourne, Mr Wald complimented the school and teaching staff on the year's work.

1955 Speech night address - Professor F J Olsen (Guest Speaker): "There is still a feeling abroad that higher education for girls, both secondary and university, just isn't as important as higher education for boys. Too many people, including parents, believe that higher education loads the dice against matrimony and the choice for girls must inevitably be made between marriage and a career.

It is my firm belief that this is a dangerous fallacy and that girls deserve to be given educational opportunities equal to those given to their brothers and that every girl should be educated to at least senior standard. I believe that modern society is rapidly making it possible for girls to have the best of both worlds and to enjoy both marriage and a career.

The rapid industrialisation of our society has drawn women, the unmarried, then the married and more recently, then the mothers into professions, offices and other works. This policy has delivered women from their financial full dependence upon men."

Editor

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2018 Rockhampton Committee Meeting Dates:

Tuesday 20 November

2018 Brisbane Group Meeting Dates:

Tuesday 20 November

Dates to Remember

RGGS OGA Function Dates 2018:

Mackay Lunch	Saturday 27 October
Christmas Dinner	Friday 2 November

RGGS Brisbane Event 2018:

Christmas Lunch	Saturday 1 December
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RGGS Events 2018:

Year 12 Graduation	Thursday 15 November
Speech Night	Friday 16 November

RGGS OGA Function Date 2019:

Dinner on the Deck & AGM - Tuesday 5 March 2019

Membership fees for 2018 (Due January 2018):

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 the Membership Secretary:

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