



Chit Chat



RGGS Old Girls' Association - Rockhampton

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Highlights at Girls Grammar - from the Principal

Term 2 started with a significant event well supported by our girls, the whole school ANZAC march. We know that our youth are an important connection to the legacy of the ANZACs and our girls proudly carry that legacy.

We have also progressed with our air-conditioning of Kollar House project, with over 1500 light bulbs replaced to LED lighting.

This has significantly reduced the impact of electricity consumption, allowing for the demand on our transformer to cope. We are very much looking forward to a cooler summer next term for the Kollar House girls.

Term 2 saw our girls participate in



what is potentially the last ever pen and paper NAPLAN test. The staff have been focusing on the data and learning gaps for the girls to improve academic outcomes. Every girl in the school has developed learning goals to help improve their learning.

We also celebrated our Year 12 students at the Year 12 formal. I always find it so difficult to recognise the girls as they shine on their way down the red carpet. The night was a wonderful success and enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the Year 12 cohort.

We again performed exceptionally well at the Rockhampton Eisteddfod in both school groups and individual

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President's Message

.A big 'Thank you ' to all who have attended functions this year and a big thank you to those who organised these. Sadly, Gladstone and Townsville were cancelled.

We had a pleasant lunch at Yeppoon on 28 April (see photos on Page 7) with over 20 attending. Roslyn Greenhill travelled up from Gladstone where she is now working to meet with us.

A chatty lunch was held at Jo Jo's in Rockhampton for Queensland Day (see photos on Page 3).

In addition to over 20 locals, Narelle Slader (Taylor) from Brisbane and

Sandra Barnbaum (Boreham) from the ACT attended. Also present was Federal Member Michelle Landry (Martin) recently elected for a third time.

I encourage lots of you to come to our Christmas functions, Rockhampton Friday 1 November and Brisbane Saturday 30 November.

We have ordered the Memorial Cabinet for Helen Bredhauer and hope to have it by the end of the year.

I would like to wish you all a **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and the very best for 2020!

Ngarie Kane (Amos)
President

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Special points of interest:

- Queensland Day Lunch
- Congratulations Camille
- Facilities Upgrade Support
- Yeppoon Lunch
- Edith Neish - Artist Extraordinaire
- Modern Day Pioneer - Girlie Goody
- Congratulations Michelle
- A Talented Old Girl - Pat Handley
- Vale - Betty Emslie

Highlights at Girls Grammar (cont'd)

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students. We placed in just about every event and took the title in many. We were treated to many of these performances at our GAIA festival alongside some spooky ghost tours in Paterson House!

The RGGGS Race day was a wonderful example of a community pulling together. We had many helpers in the preparation for the day. It was delightful seeing many of our old girls at the event spending time together and reminiscing about their days at the school.

Thank you to Vicky Jackson and her Committee on an exceptional event again.

We welcomed back our previous Chef Mark who delivered a culinary delight for all our guests! We would absolutely welcome you back if you were interested in assisting us on the day next year. We are always looking for volunteers.

The implementation of the Senior ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) system is a high priority of focus this year. We joined over 130 Senior leaders in Brisbane to address strategies of pedagogical delivery and the impact the new system was having on schools.

We felt affirmed by what the other leading schools presented as many of their strategies matched what we are doing which is considered best practice.

Over the break, our QISSN (Queensland Independent Secondary Schools Netball) team competed in Bundaberg. We are very proud to announce that Jarrah T in Year 10 was named in the Rising Stars team. Very few students out of 100's were selected in this team! Our team finished on a high in a nail-biting win!

We also sent over 30 students to



New Zealand to compete in a cultural tour with instrumental groups and choirs performing. We were fortunate enough to take home a medal of each colour! Congratulations to the staff and students on this International accomplishment.

We welcomed several new staff to start Semester 2. Stacey McCarthy joined us as Head of Boarding while Veronica Miller-Waugh has grown her role to become the Transition and Wellbeing Officer.

We have also engaged Sharon Martin as our new school Wellbeing Counsellor and Vanessa Hemson is taking on the Prep classroom whilst Sheldon Olive heads off to start her family.

We have also appointed three new staff members in our boarding team to accommodate our growing numbers, Gail Buchanan, Mary Joan Dorante and Tarissa Heaps.

We have also engaged Rachel Hinton in accounts payable. Welcome to our team!

Lastly, some very exciting news to share. Rockhampton Girls Grammar

is only 1 of 12 schools in Australia to be selected to participate in the PNGAus Partnership program being launched mid-2019.

This initiative is a terrific opportunity for Rockhampton Girls Grammar to strengthen priority areas in education such as STEAM, the Collins Writing and Read2 Learn literacy programs delivered here at RGGGS, youth agency and leadership, and girls' education and inclusivity alongside an international partnership.

Our ties are already strong with our PNG families and this project will no doubt strengthen those ties. The initiative will connect Papua New Guinean and Australian students, teachers and school leaders to better prepare our future generations to thrive in a technology-driven and globally interconnected 21st century.

As a member of our school, please make sure you keep in contact. You would be most welcome to visit us. We are always looking for ways for our girls to connect with our Alumni.

Michelle Gouge
Acting RGGGS Principal

Queensland Day Luncheon - June 2019

The RGGGS OGA Queensland Day Luncheon was held on Wednesday 5 June 2019 at Jo's Coffee Place, Central Park Hotel, Rockhampton.

The event was a huge success being thoroughly enjoyed by the 27 attendees. Many prizes were chosen by winners of the multi-draw raffle and over \$100 was raised.

Thanks to Acting Principal Michelle Gouge for her attendance.

Kim Dixon (Bredhauer)



L-R: Felicity Truelson, Jean Westmorland, Jan Davison



L-R: Joy McCartney, Fay Pierce, Michelle Landry and Michelle Gouge (RGGGS A/Principal)



L-R: Sandra Barnbaum, Margaret Black

Congratulations Camille on your debut Album

Editor's Note: Camille Trail was a student at RGGGS 2013-2015. We wish her all the best in her singing career and are very proud of her achievements.

From the website www.joelenethecountrymusicblog.wordpress.com

Singer-songwriter Camille Trail grew up and still lives on a cattle station in Central Queensland which provides the location for the stunning video that accompanies her debut single, 'Humming Chain'.



Trail has long been a fan of the music of Shane Nicholson, and it is Nicholson who produced the track, which is an evocative, confronting and haunting song about slavery.

Trail has played piano since the age of eight, started writing songs not long after and recently studied songwriting at JMC Academy in Brisbane. 'Humming Chain' and the rest of her forthcoming album, *Devil's Drink* were written while Trail was at the academy.

She says her driving force in life is her passion for music. 'I recognise how powerful music is,' she says, 'and how it can help people, so if I have the power to be able to do that, that will also be a driving force.'

With such a powerful song to introduce her music to the world, she is well on her way to making a mark.

New Members

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

New Life Members

Evelyn Donovan (Priddle) - 1957-1959

Annual Members:	90
Life Members	975
Honorary Life Members	7
Associates & Friends of the OGA	10
Total:	1082

Marriages



Eloise Lovegrove (2002-2006) to Luke Nicol (Oct 2017)

Anna Murphy (2006-2010) to Corey McNamara



On 14th April, 2018, Anna Murphy married Corey McNamara at St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton. Her attendants included Natalie Carige and Gina Tzoutzias (both RGGGS past students). Madelyn Holmes (also past student) was the photographer.

Last call for 2019 Annual Subscriptions

This will be the last opportunity to pay for the 2019 Subs.

\$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

Cheque: Posted to the Membership Secretary

Internet: Rockhampton members:

ANZ Branch No: 014690

A/c No: 3944-13077

Internet: Brisbane members:

CBA Branch No: 064001,

A/c No: 1008-0446

Deaths:



Genevieve Brazier (Kane) - 1981-1985, daughter of Ngaire Kane (Amos) and sister to Lisa and Naomi

Christine Page (Mellick) - 1964-1966

Elaine Mulder - 1962-1963, sister-in-law to Cynthia Mulder (Dickson) and Dorothy Mulder (ex Staff)

Marjory Ward (Sanderson) 1945-46

Sympathy to:



Betty Griffiths (Hannah) on the death of her husband, Jack

Lucy O'Driscoll on the death of her sister, Sally Kinsella

Betty Park (Birt) on the death of her husband

Jan Jenkins (McIntosh) on the death of her daughter, Julianne Lyons

Sharon and Glenda on the death of their brother, Ian Flamank

Mollie Livingstone on the death of her grandfather, Jack

Delwyn Bambrick on the death of her brother, Bruce Cochrane

Debbie and Judi Lewis on the death of their father, Ivor

Sharon Polkinghorne and Alison on the death of their mother and grandmother Margaret Moore

Births



Eloise Nicol (Lovegrove) 2002-2006 - a daughter, Georgie Ella Nicol born Saturday 27th April 2019

Letter from the Principal - Facilities Upgrade Support

Presenting Rockhampton Girls Grammar in the best way possible is very important to our staff and students. I appreciate the positive feedback I have received from many of you regarding the gardens and overall presentation of the school and have passed on your feedback to our facilities team.



We are working on a new project to refurbish our heritage listed tennis court, central in our school grounds, and we are seeking your input and support.

We will be honouring our heritage listing by upgrading planting and lighting. We also intend on building rustic furniture to fill the space and ultimately offer this as a venue for small gatherings.

The school has been leveraging our facilities to host community groups and conference spaces for many years.

We will be extremely careful in ensuring we are retaining the facility in its form so as not to alter the heritage values of the tennis court.

We also plan to launch the space as part of a VIP ticket experience for our 2019 School Musical and Art Show to be held on 25 October.

We are seeking support. Many of you ask us how you can help. We will gladly accept in a variety of ways!

- Do you have skills in pallet furniture building (or would you like to develop them and learn with us)?



- Could you help with some concept drawings or provide a competitive quote for us?
- Do you have access to pallets?
- Do you have any solar panel fairy lights you no longer need and are willing to donate?
- Would you like to donate to our building fund? (Donations to this fund are tax deductible.)
- Are you looking at planning an event late 2019 and need a suitable outdoor venue?

Please [click on the link](#) to offer your support. We are very much looking forward to sharing this space with you.

Kind Regards
Michelle Gouge
Principal (Acting)

Editor's Note:

If you are having difficulty getting the link to work, please use the following email address or phone number to register your support:

Email: reception@rggs.qld.edu.au
Phone: 07 4930 0900

From the Editor: So sad to lose one of our own

It is my sad duty to report that we have recently lost two of our finest - Genevieve Brazier (Kane) and Christine Page (Mellick).

Both girls were regular attendees at the Brisbane OGA Christmas Lunch and were life time members of the OGA.

Christine was President of the Rockhampton Branch 1974-1975. Genevieve is the daughter of our current President, Ngaire Kane.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the families of these girls. Take comfort that they are now in a happy place, free from pain.

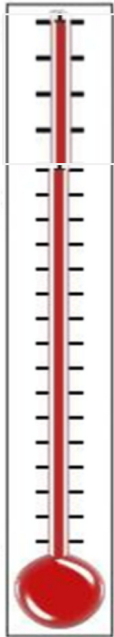


Genevieve Brazier - 1981-1985



Christine Mellick - 1964-1966

We made it—\$5590.00



\$5590 We finally made our target of \$5590.00 for the Helen Bredhauer Memorial Cabinet through the generosity of Jan Cornfoot (Clark) who donated the final amount of \$1335.00.

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 has now successfully fund-raised \$5,590.00 for a small island cabinet in Helen’s memory. The cabinets are made by local manufacturer, Large’s Furniture.

Our sincere thanks to all those who donated. It was a tremendous effort and it was wonderful to see so many who rallied to the cause.

Kindergarten building update

From the Editor: After the May edition of Chit Chat was published, I received a phone call from Barbara Chapman (Squire) who provided some further information on the old Kindergarten building.

Barbara was a boarder at RGGGS 1944-1949 and told me that when she was a student at the School, the front building of the Kindergarten housed students from Prep to Grade 5 and the back building housed students Grade 6 and Grade 7.

Miss Smith was the Headmistress during her time at the School and Miss Hubert was her “right-hand man”. Barbara recalls both women as being very strict.

I received another phone call from Marion Shedden (Day) who was a student at RGGGS 1937-1947. She also attended classes in the Kindergarten building. Marion remembers one room being called the Circle Room which had wide circles painted on the floor. The children would skip and hop around the circles.

The Wider View (the School’s Centenary publication by Betty Cosgrove) provides further interesting information on the history of the Kindergarten building: *In 1908 the Kindergarten was no longer housed in the little schoolroom at the rear of the main building (Paterson House) but was held in the ‘detached residence’ which had been built as a contagious diseases ward.*

In 1914, a new building, adjacent and similar to the existing structure, was completed and linked by a verandah to the ‘detached cottage’.

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Chit Chat will reach you faster if you switch from snail mail to email. Plus you will get information updates and timely invitations only available to digital subscribers. Let me know your email address and I will make this happen for you.

Marilyn Watts, Editor



There is no greater evidence of RGGGS’ success than the accolades and achievements of our Alumni.

Help us to recognize you as an Amazing Grammar Girl by sending a short resume of your achievements to The Editor for publication in Chit Chat. Your success will inspire others to think innovatively and creatively.

Update your contact details

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KINDERGARTEN.

Reunions: Class of 2009 and Class of 1999

The Class of 2009 recently held their 10 Year Reunion with a nostalgic return to an RGGGS classroom (see pictured below). During their reunion, they cut their amazing reunion cake styled as an RGGGS panama hat.



L-R: Joan McAuley, Rosie Marfleet, Ngaire Kane



The Class of 1999 gathered together on the weekend 15-16 June 2019 for their 20 Year Reunion. They attended the RGGGS Race day on Saturday 15 June and toured the School on the Sunday.



L-R: Carolyn Hewitt, Judy Boland

Pictured below is the group in the old Assembly Hall (now the Paterson House Museum). Past teachers Deanne Smith (also an Old Girl), Del Clark, Miriam Gunn (top left) and Elva Cupo, Pat McDevitt and Margaret Black (top right).



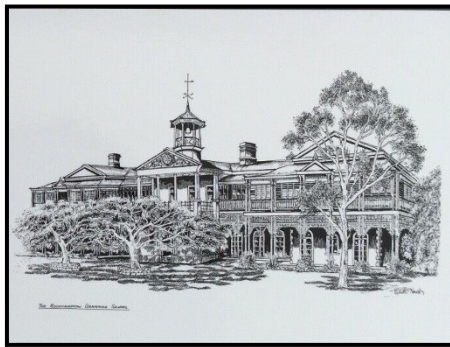
Back L-R: Nanette MacLean, Roslyn Greenhill, Vicki Bastin-Byrne, Wylie Atkinson. Front L-R: Evie Donovan, Robyn Meredith, Michelle Landry



Amazing Grammar Girls - Edith Neish - artist extraordinaire

Editor's Note: *Edith Neish (Broadfoot) was an RGGGS student 1928-1931. During her time she sketched 83 fine old buildings in Winton, Longreach, Emerald, Rockhampton, and Yeppoon.*

Edith died in March 2001 at the age of 87. She had just completed the final sketches for another book on Central Queensland's history. What follows is an extract from her autobiography.



I was born in Brisbane, at the Victoria Hospital "St Helen's" on South Quay on the 6th January, 1914.

When I was fourteen, my father was transferred to Rockhampton. The family moved here and I became a pupil at the Girls' Grammar School for three and a half years and majored in Music and Art.

Miss Copas, the Art teacher, suggested to my parents when I left that I continue with art lessons at the Technical College, under the guidance of Miss Reid, who was well known as a talented and excellent teacher. Rev. Fr. Edward Streeton was at that time Master of Music at St Paul's Cathedral. I continued senior music lessons with him.

Many exams were passed until the age of twenty-one when I obtained a Licentiate with the London Royal School of Music. I taught music for several years, which wasn't really in the end to my satisfaction.

Chipps and Nichols at that time were well known Architects in Rockhampton.



ton. Roy Chipps also had an advertising business namely "Art Ads Advertising". He advertised for an Artist Assistant. I answered the advertisement and started working as a Commercial Artist.

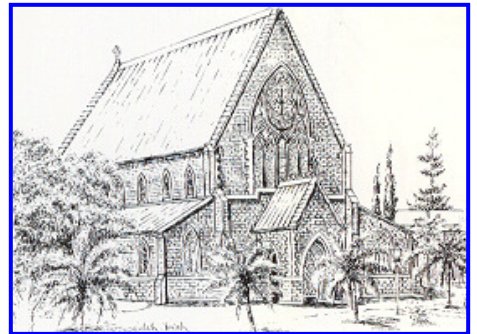
When Chipps and Nichols left Rockhampton, I bought the business and started my own studio in Quay Street, still using the same name. This entailed a great variety of work. James Stewart & Co. and J.S. Lucas, the two variety stores, put out catalogues twice a year for summer and winter. I illustrated all their clothes, hats and bags.

I also illustrated for Kirby & Co., the City Printing Works doing numerous pen and ink designs, illuminated addresses, labels on jar tins and bottles and book covers, to name a few. I also worked for the Morning Bulletin, made slides for the picture theatres and show cards for the shops.

In 1941, I married John Lovat Neish who originally lived at Clarence Road, Indooroopilly, Brisbane. He came to reside in Rockhampton in 1934 to take over the management of Burns & Twigg Pty. Ltd. from his great uncle William Burns who had failing health. On his death, Jack became General Managing Director of the Foundry and Engineering Works.

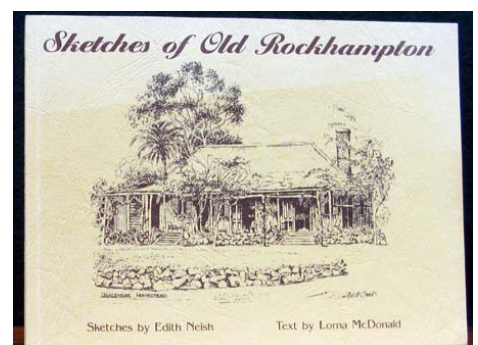
In 1962, with more time on my hands and the family established, I decided to return to my Art Teacher, Miss Reid at the Rockhampton Technical College. I did a course in Oil Painting and China Painting.

Later I exhibited in many galleries, with paintings hanging in private homes, the Council Chambers, Pilbeam Theatre, Mater Hospital, St John's and the Rockhampton Hospital. By request, I have paintings hanging in the Ibusuki Gallery (Sister city of Rockhampton) and Iwasaki's private residence in Japan.



Having had the experience as a Commercial Artist, I decided to do pen, ink and wash drawings of the beautiful historic buildings in Rockhampton. I drew the two Cathedrals, St Joseph's and St Paul's, the two Grammar Schools, the private hospitals, numerous hotels and beautiful old homes. These drawings have been made into prints and place mats, and are sold at the Attic Gallery.

In 1980, I illustrated a book in pen and ink sketches of Old Rockhampton, with co-author Dr Lorna McDonald, the first two editions from the University Press Brisbane and the third editions by the Rockhampton University Press.

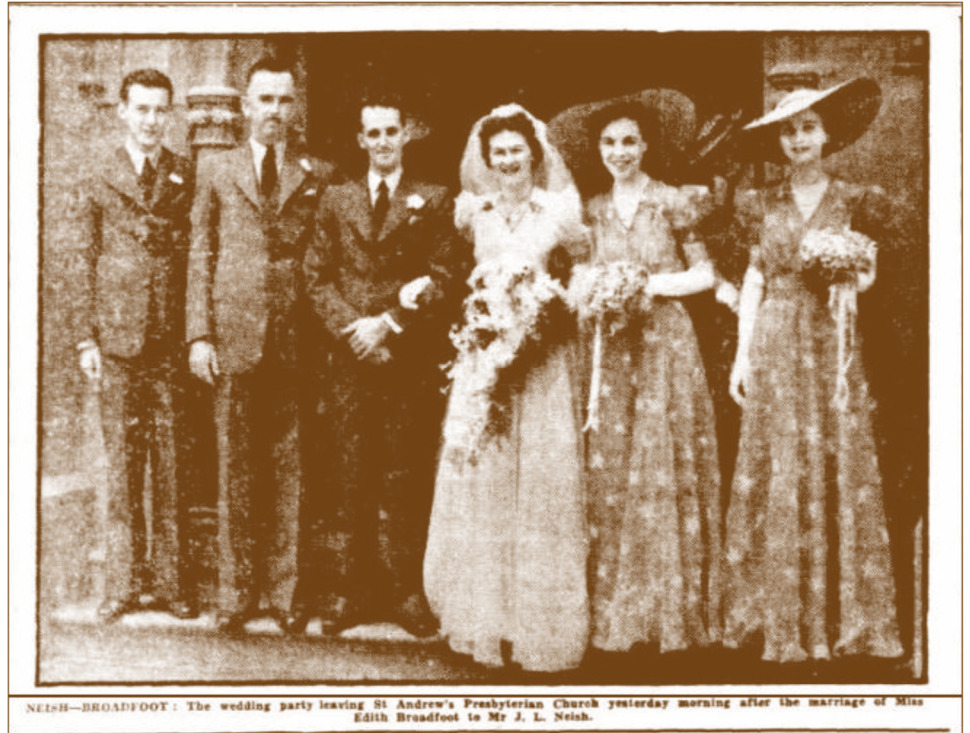


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Amazing Grammar Girls - Edith Neish (cont'd)

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Editor's Note: Edith did two pen and ink drawings of RGGS plus a painting of Maud Bendall who was Headmistress of RGGS 1968-1989.



A modern day pioneer - Girlie Goody

Editor's Note: Girlie (Elma) Goody attended Girls Grammar 1954-1956 and is one of our Amazing Grammar Girls. Girlie featured on ABC Landline on the 4 August episode. What follows below are extracts from that programme.

Forty years ago, the banks refused to give Girlie Goody a loan to buy the family farm when her father died because she was a single woman.

Today, this accidental role model is not only a successful cattle producer but one of the industry's biggest promoters of carcass competitions

Girlie Goody is a legend in the Queensland Beef Industry. The 79 year old has run her 3200 hectare Central Queensland property at Monto, solely, for more than 40 years.

Her father ran cattle at Monto and while she didn't plan following in his footsteps, when he died in her mid-30s, she realized that office work wasn't for her and decided to buy the family farm.

There was just one problem, the bank wouldn't lend her the money. but her brothers, Roy and Tom, were prepared to back her. After just 10 years, Girlie threw a *No more mortgage party* to celebrate paying out her 30 year loan in full.

Girlie's days revolve around her animals, Joey the quarter horse, chickens, her small herd of goats and her beloved cattle.

Droughts reduced her herd but she still has a mix of 450 British and African breeds. Girlie prefers a mixed herd, partly for its interesting appearance but mostly to track the offspring of various breeds and crosses and to see if it's what abattoirs and carcass judges want.

Girlie learnt horsemanship from her father who was an amateur jockey. He also taught her about cattle.

While his passion was parading them on the hoof in the showring, Girlie prefers on the hooks contests and has been entering and winning competitions for decades.



Congratulations - Michelle Landry MP Another one of our Amazing Grammar Girls.

Congratulations to Michelle Landry who was re-elected as the representative for the Division of Capricornia in the Federal elections in May 2019.

Michelle Landry was born in Rockhampton, Queensland. She was educated at the Hall State School and was a student at Rockhampton Girls Grammar 1975-1978.

From 1978 to 1985, Michelle worked as a pathology and medical biochemistry laboratory assistant. From 1985 to 2007, she worked at the National Australia Bank. She ran a local bookkeeping business from 1999 to 2009.

Michelle contested the seat of Capricornia for the first time in the 2010 federal election. Her opponent, long-term Labor MP Kirsten Livermore defeated her in a 54-46 two party preferred vote; an 8% swing to the LNP. Following the retirement of Kirsten Livermore in 2013, Michelle won the seat in the 2013 federal election. She was re-elected in both the 2016 and the 2019 federal elections.

In 2018, from February to September, Michelle was Chief Whip in Canberra for the National Party and in August 2018, Michelle became Assistant Minister for Children and Families.



Pictured above is Michelle delivering her maiden speech to Federal Parliament on 5 December 2013.

One of our many talented Old Girls - Pat Handley



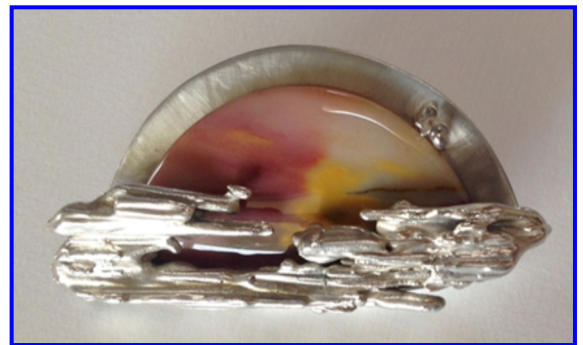
Pat was recently successful in the 2019 National GEMBOREE Competition in Rockhampton, winning a first and two seconds in the Novice jewellery making sections. Pat started making jewellery in 2011 after joining the Rockhampton Lapidary Club.

Finding it interesting and relaxing, she then enrolled at CQU TAFE Rockhampton and has since completed Cert II and Cert III Visual Arts – Jewellery Stream. The TAFE courses introduce many different facets of Jewellery Making and Pat has incorporated these into her work.

She was successful in winning the Student Award for best entry in CQU Creates in 2017 and that piece was bought by CQU for its Art Collection (see photo top right). Except for a few pieces, most of her work has been given to friends.

The gift that gave her most joy was a pendant made as a wedding gift for Genevieve Brazier (Kane) and worn by Genevieve on her wedding day. The shape was cast from a Burdekin plum seed given to Pat by Genevieve's mother, Ngaire.

Editor's Note: *Pat Handley (Taylor) attended RGGS 1957-1960 and was also a teacher at the School 1965-1972.*



Prize winning brooch – CQU Creates, 2017



Pendant worn by Genevieve on her wedding day

Vale - Betty Emslie

Editor's Note: *The following vale was written by Betty's cousin, Anne Kricker. Betty was a student at RGGGS 1946-1949. She was Dux of the School and the 1949 Helen E Downs Prefect. Betty expressed her love for the School through a very generous bequest as part of her will.*

Betty Emslie: Born 7 April 1932, died 15 March 2019, aged 86 years. Much loved daughter of Ettie (Kricker) and Bill ('Tinker') Emslie. From Rockhampton, Betty worked and enjoyed Melbourne life for 60+ years.

Betty's ties to Rockhampton Girls Grammar School were as a former student and enthusiastic supporter, attending Melbourne gatherings of former Grammar School students.

Betty lived in Dibdin St, Wandal although when the family moved there is unknown. A student of Rockhampton Girls Grammar School and most likely at the Central Girls School before that, she passed Junior in 1947 with 6 As and 3 Bs and in November 1949 was 1st in English, French, Latin, Maths A& B and Physics.



Maths and Physics teaching in Rockhampton at that time was only available at the Boys School. A student of the University of Queens-

land in 1950-1952 and living at Women's College, Betty then moved to Melbourne and joined the Structures Division of the future Defence Science and Technology Organisation - an in-house research and development unit of the Armed Services.

She gained a background in Applied Maths through studies at the University of Melbourne and worked in basic theory of elasticity, initially doing an expanded role in high grade computing for three years.

After developing further experience in Applied Mathematics, spending two years in the Design Department at the Cranfield (UK) College of Aeronautics, Betty devoted herself to aerodynamics in the Aeronautical Research Laboratory in Melbourne in 1953-1994, initially researching flutter calculations for a model aircraft wing and propeller for the design and build of the Nomad aircraft.

It is noteworthy that Betty was the Australian equivalent of the 'computers' at NASA, women who performed mathematical equations and calculations by hand from the mid-1930s into the 1970s, handling data from wind tunnel tests and research divisions. They, and Betty, played an integral role in aeronautical and aerospace research.

Betty loved life, her friends in Melbourne and being outdoors in the Victorian countryside. A naturally cheery and pleasant person, she had a large group of diverse friends in her various pursuits: bushwalking, skiing, the art gallery, opera, reading - a lifelong avid reader - and eating out. Betty was not known for her cooking!

As a St Kilda resident for many decades and earlier on some years in Elsternwick, she rode a Vespa scooter to work at Fisherman's Bend and also down to Avalon during testing of Nomad structures in its early design phases.



Later she moved up to a car! Betty threw herself into retirement, filling every minute with her various activities until poor health caught up with her in the early 2000s, and more substantially in 2014 when she needed accommodation nearby in Emerald Hill, an aged care facility. She was well-liked by all staff there, who looked after her, and all their residents, very well.

Her father Tinker moved from Rockhampton to share her Melbourne apartment on the death of her mother in 1972. He died in 1984.

Her Melbourne friends came to a simple gathering in Melbourne on 20 March 2019 to celebrate her life.

A life well-lived.



OGA Event Bulletin Board

Brisbane RGGS OGA
CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Keri Craig Emporium
Brisbane Arcade, Queen Street, Brisbane

Saturday 30 November 2019
Arrive at 11.30 for Lunch at 12 Noon
Cost: \$42.00 - Must be prepaid

RSVP by Wednesday 20 November 2019
Mrs Sandra Ries, 1 Rosier Street, Wynnum
West Qld 4178 - 0408 120 946
sandreries@rocketmail.com

Payment by cheque or internet banking:
CBA: BSB - 064001, A/C: No -10080446
Numbers are restricted to 60 persons

Mackay RGGS Old Girls
are gathering at the
RSL Club
34 Central Street, Sarina
Saturday 26 October 2019
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 RGGS memorabilia from your time at
RGGS. If you find something, I'm sure oth-
ers will enjoy it too with "I had one of
these" comments.

RSVP by Tuesday 22 October 2019 to:
Kathy on 4956 1828 (leave a message)

Rockhampton RGGS OGA
CHRISTMAS DINNER

to be held at the School
on the Littleton Plaza Deck at 6:00 pm
Friday 1 November 2019
Cost: \$37.00
Must be prepaid

RSVP by Friday 25 October 2019 to:
Mrs Kim Dixon
PO Box 776 Rockhampton Q 4700
Email: kimdixon@rggs.qld.edu.au
Mobile: 0456 500 592

Payment options:
Cheque~ Posted to Kim Dixon
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Thank you

Many thanks to the Brisbane OGA who organised a lunch in my honour to recognize my contribution to the OGA in my roles as Membership Secretary and Chit Chat Editor over the past 30 years.

I was humbled by this lovely gesture but also felt very proud of my work with OGA which is labour of love. I hope to continue for many more years.

Marilyn Watts (Elgar)



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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



Birthday celebrations



Congratulations to Vicki Bastin-Byrne (Dew) who was joined by other RGGGS Old Girls to celebrate her 60th birthday at Great Keppel Island Hideaway.

Back Row: Pam White Sue Farquhar, Helen Farquhar, Cathy Farquhar, Jade Collins, Robyn Meredith.

Second Row: Dianne Kerr, Jan Farquhar, Jan Davis.

Front Vicki Bastin-Byrne (1972-1976)



Congratulations to Joyce Woods (Tarlington) who recently celebrated her 90th birthday at Korte's Resort, Rockhampton. Joyce (1943) was a past student of RGGGS along with her sister, Beryl Sturgess (1938). Also attending were two other RGGGS Old Girls: June Murray (friend for over 80 years) and Jan Coombe. **Pictured above L-R:** June, Joyce & Jan

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2019 Rockhampton Committee Meeting Dates:

Tuesday 19 November

2019 Brisbane Group Meeting Dates:

Tuesday 19 November

Dates to Remember

RGGS OGA Function Dates 2019/2020:

Mackay Luncheon	Saturday 26 October 2019
Christmas Dinner	Friday 1 November 2019
Dinner on the Deck & AGM	Tuesday 3 March 2020

RGGS Brisbane Event 2019/2020:

Christmas Lunch	Saturday 30 November
Morning Tea	Tuesday 17 March 2020

RGGS Events 2019:

Year 12 Graduation	Thursday 14 November
Speech Night	Friday 15 November

Membership fees for 2019 (Due January 2019):

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)

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