Epsom Race Day

The second Epsom Racing Club Day at Ellerslie 2014 had it all, Winners, Fascinators, Thrills and Travel, and was held in perfect weather with exciting racing action all day. There were fantastic auction items including a Tahiti and Paris Travel package with Air Tahiti Nui and the chance to own a share in a racehorse with Westbury Stud.

Two hundred guests including Old Girls, Staff, Parents, Sponsors and Business Partners enjoyed spectacular thoroughbred racing, and insightful interviews with New Zealand’s leading apprentice jockey Rowena Smyth, and top trainer Andrew Scott.

Former student Lady Susan Satyanand attended with Sir Anand Satyanand and organised a table with their Auckland based friends. Letitia Isa and Laurene Holley organised a group from their 1980 third form year including some former teachers Ann Jones and Margaret Moore and had a fun day out. Many of the Old Girls’ group had the opportunity to visit the ‘birdcage’ and watch a race trackside.

Thank you to Mark Rakich, Carolyn Guthrie and Peter Thompson for all their hard work putting this event together. It was a spectacular event! Our appreciation also goes to Air Tahiti Nui and all the sponsors and donors for their generous support to make the day a huge success. The event raised over $40,000 for the Leading Women in Sport campaign to complete the Sports Complex.
Morning Tea

Guests at our Annual Morning Tea on 2nd April were entertained by an accomplished trio of Epsom musicians. Held in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre Foyer former students of all ages enjoyed morning tea provided by Old Girl Mandy Metzger of Intrigue Catering. Deputy Principal Fiona Cottam and President Julie Goodyer updated the gathering with current news of the School and progress on the Capital Campaign for the Sports Centre. After the speeches everyone joined in singing the School song. School tours by Year 13 students finished in the Archives room where there was reminiscing over old School magazines and memorabilia.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on 9th June with an excellent attendance from members. The hot soup and rolls were most enjoyed given the miserably cold night! Julie Goodyer chaired her last AGM as President and has now taken on the officer role of Secretary for the 2014/15 year. The AGM minutes and all reports presented are available to view on the OG tab of the School website.

Julie was thanked for her four years of service by incoming President Kathryn Seagrave and presented with flowers. Principal Madeline Gunn concluded her Principal’s report by thanking Julie, on behalf of the School, for all the work she has done to grow the OGA into what it is today.

We are also delighted to have welcomed three honorary members to our Association. We recognised the service of Carole Cowley who has been Director of Epsom House for 12 years and retired at the end of last year. We also recognised the service of two men who have contributed at a high level in the School. They are Dr Gerald Young who has been Chairperson of the Board of Trustees for the past five years and Mr Peter Thompson Managing Director of Barfoot & Thompson and Chairperson of the Capital Campaign for the Sports Centre.

We also acknowledged the ongoing support from Archivist Christine Black, Database Volunteer Neville Ryan and thanked Mary Dunkley for all her work outside the Committee.

As a special incentive to RSVP for our AGM, EGGS Old Girl Hannah Cooke (1999 -2003) a Theatre Marketing Manager for Auckland Live arranged a double pass to give away to Jennifer Ward-Lealand’s one off show - a cabaret tribute to Marlene Dietrich. We are pleased to announce that Virginia Bishop won the tickets. Virginia has since been voted onto the OGA Committee at the AGM.
Meet our new President and two new committee members

Kathryn Seagrave – Incoming President

Kathryn attended EGGS from 1969 – 1973. Her fondest memories are of her glamorous Latin teacher Mrs V Lewis and Mrs A Gluckman who taught geography and inspired her to become a teacher. Kathryn wasn’t always a model pupil but really enjoyed her school days. She has kept a strong network of friends from then, especially those with whom she played a lot of music.

For many years Kathryn has combined professional music work and school management roles. Currently she is a middle school teacher specialising in the support of gifted and talented students and those with learning differences. Before working as a teacher she owned and managed retail businesses. Community interests have seen Kathryn involved in Residents’ Associations, co-ordinating youth activities for conservation and she is also a past President of Epsom Rotary Club. She has been a member of the EGGS Old Girls Committee for the last five years.

Kathryn says she is looking forward to working with immediate past President Julie Goodyer and the Committee and intends to continue meeting past pupils at the functions we hold in Auckland and other centres, as we build up to the Centenary celebrations.

Virginia Bishop – New Committee Member

Virginia Bishop (nee Bryant) attended EGGS from 1981 – 1985 and was a member of School Council and a Prefect. Virginia and her husband Brett have two young daughters in addition to step daughter Ellie who graduated from EGGS in 2013. Virginia attended Otago University graduating with a BCApSc and then completed a Dip Education (Secondary) in Christchurch. After teaching for a number of years she moved into the airline industry leading large remote diverse workforces. Recently Virginia has moved into the animal health industry as General Manager for Pet Doctors.
Ros Morris – New Committee Member

Ros attended EGGS from 1983-1987 bussing in everyday from South Auckland. She was heavily involved in sport, mainly hockey and tennis but also orienteering and water polo. Ros was Games Captain in her 7th form year. Drama was another passion for Ros and she has fond memories of being in the School productions with AGS. Ros has degrees in Food Science and Human Nutrition and has worked in the food industry as a nutritionist. She currently lives in Mt Eden and is kept busy by her three young daughters aged 5 - 12 years and with working part time in the family business. Ros is looking forward to working with the Committee and strengthening her ties with the EGGS community.

From the new President

I am delighted to be the new President of the Old Girls Association. Past President, Julie Goodyer has done an outstanding job and it is my intention to continue her initiatives and energy to maintain this growth.

Our Founders Awards Dinner will be held on 20th August 2014 at Sorrento. Founders Awards are being made to three recipients from completely different walks of life. The 2014 recipients are Catherine Bollard for achievement in Medical Research, Marnie McGuire for achievement in Women’s Professional Golf and former teacher Marte Szirmay for achievement in Art (Sculpture).

This year at our Dinner we are supporting the Alan Duffy Books in Homes programme. Please bring a new children’s picture book to the Dinner to donate. These books will be distributed to schools and homes in New Zealand or the Pacific Islands.

I look forward to meeting a large number of you at the Founders Dinner. Come along and catch up with School friends you haven’t seen for a while and have a great night out while honouring three amazing EGGS women.

Per Angusta Ad Augusta

Kathryn Seagrave, President – EGGS Old Girls Association

From the Principal

It was such a pleasure to see so many Old Girls at the AGM and to be able to formally thank Julie in front of you all for the wonderful job she has done as your President for the last four years. Her strategic viewpoint, dedication, attention to detail and determination have seen the Association grow incredibly over that time. I congratulate Kathryn on her election as the next President and look forward to working with her in the role.

The Education Review Office has just completed their review of the School after a gap of five years. Their comments were very positive about learning, academic results, future focus and relationships in the School and we have been given another five year cycle. Normally they visit again after three years but if a school is judged to be functioning very effectively and reviewing their own progress to ensure they are moving forward to meet the changing needs of their students, the time is extended to five. This is a very positive recognition of all the change which has occurred in the School since they were last here.

Progress is continuing on the construction of Stage 2 of the Sports Centre and we are very grateful for the financial support of Old Girls in making this happen. I thank also those people who are involved on the Centenary Committee whose work is gradually making the future celebrations of 2017 look a reality.

Madeline Gunn - Principal
Join us for the

LEADING WOMEN in Sport

Akarana Golf Club
Friday 22 August 2014

Venue: Akarana Golf Club
Date: Friday 22 August 2014
Time: 12pm arrival and lunch
1pm shot-gun start

Format: Ambrose Team event
3 Players per team. 9 hole competition.
Course Front 9 and Back 9.
Two competitions on the day.
Winning team from each nine will play off in a one hole shoot out to crown the Champion team.

Entry Fee: $500 per team
Limited to 24 teams
Hole Sponsorship: $500 per hole

Showcase and promote your business and support for Epsom Girls Grammar School and the Leading Women in Sport campaign.

Donations: Further support by way of donations of goods for prizes and auction are gratefully received.

All teams entered go in the draw to win fantastic prizes from Air Tahiti Nui, Fuji Xerox, Glengarry.

Register today! Contact EGGS Foundation Office: foundation@eggs.school.nz or call 09 970 6753
www.eggs.school.nz

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Reunion and Function Reports

60 and 70 Years On Reunions

Following our Annual Morning Tea third formers who had started School 60 and 70 years ago in 1954 and 1944 attended a luncheon in the Epsom House Dining room. It was great to see the smiles of recognition as former classmates were identified. Over 30 former students attended the luncheon. Janet Irwin a 1944 third former who later taught music at EGGS has a special association with the School. Her mother Muriel Joyce Potter was a Foundation pupil in 1917, and the first Head Prefect and first Scholarship winner. Janet’s daughter Liz Irwin also attended EGGS from 1969 – 1973. Judith Simon (nee Wishart) also a 1944 third former, travelled from Waikanae and sent us the photo on the next page taken at Stanley Street tennis courts in 1948 of a demonstration game by Jack Kramer (U.S.), who was then the World No 1 tennis player. Judith said “the EGGS girls were very excited when he came over to demonstrate the correct way to hold the racquet”.

Reunion attendees naming photos in Archives
**Franklin Branch AGM**

This took place on 15 April 2014 in the Laura Brown Hall at Pukekohe with 16 Franklin based Old Girls attending as well as OGA President Julie Goodyer. Rita Peterson and Sonia Butcher were reconfirmed as Joint Presidents. The AGM passed a motion that Franklin Branch members be asked to make regular donations at their functions to purchase an EGG plaque named for the Franklin Branch for the Centenary in 2017. A regular feature at the AGM is the “trading table” to raise funds. The Franklin Branch makes an annual $100 donation towards School prizes.
Update on Old Girls Centennial Challenge

Sales of our gold, silver and bronze EGG plaques continue to raise funds for the Old Girls Centennial Challenge. We have raised over $170,000 to date. We aim to raise $500,000 by the 2017 Centenary to help complete the Lady Joyce Fisher Sports Centre and secure naming rights for the OGA to the Old Girls Centennial Gallery (the mezzanine area in the LJF Sports Centre) and the Old Girls Centennial Garden (in front of the LJF Sports Centre). We are now offering a time payment option. You can buy an EGG plaque online from the School website www.eggs.school.nz or email foundation@eggs.school.nz or phone Mark Rakich or Suzy Hails in the Foundation Office on 09 9706753 to buy yours now.

Bequests - Giving to EGGS

“In 1993, I established the Epsom Girls Grammar School Endowment Trust to which Old Girls can make a gift either in their lifetime, or by a bequest in their Will, to benefit the School and the Old Girls Association. The Trust funds an annual Scholarship in memory of my mother Kathleen Mandeno. Your gift can be for the general benefit of the School or for a specific purpose of your choice. Giving to EGGs is easy and you can do it too. Making a bequest provides a way for you and your generosity to be remembered in perpetuity without affecting your lifestyle now”.

Jill Mandeno – OG, 2013 Founders Award recipient for achievement in Business and Community Service.

If you would like information about leaving a lasting legacy in the form of a bequest contact Mark Rakich on 09 970 6753 to confidentially discuss your requirements.

Centenary Celebration 7 – 9 April 2017

Our last Centenary planning meeting was on 2 July 2014. If you have ideas about what you would like to see at the Centenary weekend of 7 – 9 April 2017 then please email these to oga@eggs.school.nz.

Keep updated on the Centenary at https://www.facebook.com/EGGSCentenary2017

Can you help with relief roles at the Hostel?

Do you know of an Old Girl – maybe one who was a boarder herself – who would be interested in learning the roles in Epsom House so they could fill in as relief staff when people are sick or can’t come in for some reason? Epsom House have a great team of staff but occasionally find it difficult to get cover for all their roles. Email oga@eggs.school.nz to be put in touch with the Director of Epsom House.
NOSH VIP Night

Thanks to Old Girl Kate Syers (nee Lucas) who enabled EGGS to hold 2 VIP shopping nights at Nosh Mt Eden 422 Dominion Road on 11th and 12th June. Some delicious purchases were made by this shopper whose name has now gone into the draw for a Gourmet European road trip.

Be a Silver Road Club Donor

The OGA Committee would like to establish a group of Old Girls to support us with a monthly automatic payment to help cover our costs. If we had just 100 Old Girls set up an automatic payment of $10 a month we would have $12,000 in donations coming in each year. $10 a month is less than the cost of a cup of coffee a week.

If you can help us our Bank Account number is:
EGGSOGA BNZ Newmarket Account 02 0192 0137887 000.

You can set up an automatic payment online or complete a form from the bank and post it to us. Just put your surname and initial and donation in the reference. We are a registered charity. Send us an email with your address when you have done this and we will send you a donation receipt at the end of the year. We are also having EGGS Centenary badges with ‘Silver Road Club Donor’ on them produced for the Centenary. All donors who set up an automatic payment and leave this running for a year will receive a badge.

Can you help us

We have an ongoing need for helpers to phone and check members’ addresses. If yes we need to hear from you - email us at oga@eggs.school.nz

Did you study a language while at school?

It is still not too late to send in your account of how you benefited from learning a language at EGGS. Just email your story to oga@eggs.school.nz.

Calling Sporty Old Girls

Could you coach an EGGS Sports Team? - Amanda Slade the new Director of Sport at EGGS has put out a plea for Old Girls who were sporty in some way to offer their time to be involved with a group or team of current students in any area of sport. It is of course a way to give back to your School or give on to the next generation. There are various roles. If you can help our Leading Young Women in Sport in this way contact Amanda on 09 9706759 or aslade@eggs.school.nz

Lost and Found

An EGGS graduation ring has been found in Scotland. If you have lost yours email oga@eggs.school.nz to be put in touch with the finder.

News of Current School and Students

PINK BAG Collection Day - EGGS is having another Pink Bag Day in October so just drop your old clothes in a pink bag to the School by Friday 3 October and all funds raised will support the Old Girls Centennial Challenge. Spare bags can be collected from the Development Office. You will also be supporting Child Cancer.

EGGS/AGA Major Production - Sweeney Todd – well done to the students who took part in another outstanding EGGS/AGS production of Sweeney Todd held in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre in May.
Michael Overend Photography

Michael Overend, a leading professional photographer has generously offered to support EGGS by donating family portrait packages valued at $785.00 per package, but costing you only $100.00.

Old Girls can take up this offer by paying $100.00 to EGGS in return for the package (consultation, portrait session & photos) below. The entire $100.00 comes directly to the Old Girls Centennial Challenge to support the Sports Centre!

The portrait package for $100.00 entitles your family to:

1/ a consultation appointment with Michael Overend
2/ a professional portrait sitting valued at $395.00
3/ two 150 x 200mm (6” x 8”) prints valued at $195.00 each.

This is a genuine offer. There are no extra costs and $100.00 is the total you will be charged for this session!

Fill in the form below, attach your payment and return it to school. Michael Overend Photography will be in touch with you to arrange your consultation appointment.

Thank you for your support of the School through this innovative fundraiser.

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Michael Overend Photography offer

*Please complete this form and return it to The EGGS Foundation, Silver Rd, Epsom with your payment by Thursday 31 July 2014.*

Yes, I wish to accept Michael Overend’s offer. My cheque for $100 to Epsom Girls Grammar School Foundation is enclosed OR please charge my credit card:

- Visa [ ] MasterCard [ ]
- Card no: _______ _______ _______ _______ / _______ _______ _______ _______ Exp: _______ / _______
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- Address: ........................................................................................................................................
- Years at school or Daughter’s class (if applicable) .................................................................
- Contact phone no: Home: ................................................................. Business: .................................................................
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**News of Old Girls**

**Mary Hall** (1966 - 1968) a member of the OGA Committee is this year’s winner of the Minister of Health’s Volunteer Awards Long Service Award for over 40 years service for Plunket.

**Gwen Stevens nee Pollard** (1936) was one of the war time workers at Auckland Combined Headquarters WWII who met again after 70 years.

**Morag Aichison** (1987 - 1991) performed in “War and Peace” on 19 April 2014 with the Auckland Choral Society.

**Michelle Chan** (2000 – 2004) will be representing NZ in Badminton at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

**Hazel Askew nee Carless** (1938) – was profiled in the Central Leader 9 April 2014 for selling her handmade slippers at the Mt Eden Village Craft Market.

**Kara Gribble** (1994 – 1998) - is leading the Maraetai Coast Guard as its first female Crew Chief.
Ane Tonga (2003 – 2007) - held an Art exhibition at Gus Fisher Gallery from 30 May 2014 to 28 June 2014. Ane has been photographing Grills which are gold covers or caps on teeth that have a long history and are found in many societies and subcultures.

Patricia Sharpe (nee Donaldson) (1961) – came to EGGS as a Canadian in 1961. She would like to get in touch with former class mates especially Elizabeth Burton, and Adrienne Bennett. Email us at oga@eggs.school.nz to be put in contact.

Jussara Bierman (1998-2000) - is now based in Shanghai running her own business and was wondering if there are any networks of alumnae in China?

Abi Raymond (1997 – 2001) - was featured in the Central Leader for her creative touch. She is an arts therapist who uses creativity to help children and young people with autism. Abi credits an inspirational art teacher at Epsom Girls Grammar with leading her down this career path.


Penny Le Couteur (1955 – 1959) – who donates a Chemistry Prize to the School each year visited the School in March and found herself in the 1959 class photo in the banner in the foyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**2014 Little Art Show** - Tuesday 5 August 5-30 pm to 7-30pm
Raye Freedman Arts Centre – view, buy and participate in EGGS Annual Art Exhibition and Sale. Refreshments for sale on the night and complimentary canapés.

**Annual Dinner** - Sorrento, One Tree Hill, Wednesday 20 August 2014, 6 pm for 6-30 pm. $65 per person and Cash Bar. Gold Card rate of $55 if over 65 years. This year we are celebrating the success of former student Catherine Bolland (1981–85) for achievement in Medical Research, former student Marnie McGuire (1983-85) for achievement in Women’s Professional Golf and former teacher Marte Szirmay (staff 1976-82, 1989-93, 2009-10) for achievement in Art (Sculpture).

**Sponsorship opportunity for Annual Dinner** - Are you an Old Girl with a business who could sponsor this function for $1,000? Or are there two sponsors for $500 each? Sponsorship will secure you a Silver or Bronze EGG plaque for our Centennial Challenge. Email oga@eggs.school.nz or phone Julie Goodyer 027 2965294 to discuss.

**Support The Alan Duff Charitable Foundation at our Annual Dinner** - Better known as *Duffy Books in Homes* the Foundation provides free books to over 100,000 New Zealand children, three times a year. The Foundation’s vision is to inspire a love of books in children so they become adults who inspire a love of reading. As Old Girls of EGGS we have benefited from great reading programmes. Please bring a picture book along to the Founders Dinner to support other reading programmes in the wider community. Read more about Duffy Books in Homes at [www.booksinhomes.org.nz/](http://www.booksinhomes.org.nz/)

**1964 Third Formers 50 Years On Reunion** - we will reserve three tables of 10 at our annual dinner for this reunion.

**Epsom Golf Day** - Friday 22 August 2014 at noon. See flyer earlier in newsletter.

**1974 Third Formers 40 Years On Reunion** - We would like to hold a reunion for this group in September or October and need someone from this group to help organise this. Invitations will be emailed.

**Graduation Dinner** - This will be on 2nd December at Ellerslie Racecourse.
EGGS OGA Annual Founders Awards Dinner
20 August 2014 6pm for 6.30pm at Sorrento, One Tree Hill
Combined with “1964 third formers 50 Years on Reunion”

Please RSVP by 13 August 2014

Obituaries - You can read more Obituaries on the OG tab of the School website

Beryl Green nee Hobbis - died 12 June 2014 aged 93 years; although not an Old Girl Beryl taught at EGGS from 1969 - 1986 and was made an honorary life member of the OGA in October 1988.

(Pat) Patricia Rose Rowe nee Catley - died 24 May 2014 in Whangarei; Pat attended EGGS 1945 - 48; she was School tennis champion.


Beryl Mary Skeen nee Warren - died 20 February 2014 aged 93 years; Beryl attended in 1934 -1936.  Her family have donated her prize book to Archives.

Rosemary Menzies nee Fisher - died 28 January 2014; Rosemary attended EGGS in 1952; Rosemary wrote a poem about her time in Bosnia doing aid work which she recited at the dedication of the “Green Room” in the RFAC in Memory of Margaret Johnston.

Isobel Maxwell-Cameron, BSc Otago 2010 - died 11 January 2014 in Manchester, England while doing Organic Chemistry research at Manchester University; Isobel attended EGGS from 2001-2005.

Barbara Farnsworth Heslop nee Cupit - died 20 December 2013; Barbara attended EGGS from 1938-41; she was Emeritus Professor, CBE,MD, FRC Path, FRACS.

(Betty) Elizabeth Perrot Haslam nee Warren - died in England in December 2013, aged 101 years; Betty attended EGGS from 1925-29 and was Head Girl in 1929.  Until her death she was our oldest living Head Girl.

Veda Rigden Dip.F.A. (Art Staff 1951-67) - died 29 November 2013, in Australia; after retiring from EGGS Veda went to New Guinea as a Missionary.  She then lived on Waiheke Island with her sisters and later moved to Australia with her Missionary Colleague; Bronwen Muir has written a more detailed Obituary for Veda which was published in the Gulf News 12 December 2013 edition.

FORMS OF PAYMENT:
1. Cheque: Please make cheques payable to EGGSOGA. Send to PO Box 26 276, Epsom, Auckland, 1344

2. Internet Banking: Date of payment: ......................... Surname and initial and “Dinner” in the reference field
   Please credit your payment to:
   Account Number: Epsom Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association Inc (EGGSOGA)
   BNZ 02 0192 0137887 000

For any further information PLEASE CONTACT: Julie Goodyer 027 2965294 or Email: oga@eggs.school.nz

Please bring a children’s book to donate to Duffy Books In Homes Charity if you are able to.
Artwork by Albertine Lello, a current Year 13 Painting student.

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Save the Date

2014 Little Art Show .................................................. Tuesday 5 August 2014, 5.30pm
Founders Dinner ....................................................... 20 August 2014, 6pm
50 Years on Reunion (1964) ....................................... 20 August 2014, 6pm
Epsom Golf Day ....................................................... 22 August 2014, at noon
40 Years on Reunion (1974) ....................................... TBC in September or October
Graduation Dinner ................................................... 2 December 2014

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