



# Epsom Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association (Inc)



## 98th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 2019 - REPORT

### FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS OF THE OGA

Dear Alumnae,

Our Annual General Meeting held last Monday 10th June was a wonderful occasion with a good turnout. Thank you to committee members for wine supply for the AGM: Lucie for the 2018 Mokomoko sauvignon blanc (courtesy of her dad's vineyard) and Katharine for the red (via Pernod Ricard). We acknowledged this year's Honorary Members: Board of Trustees Chairperson **Chris Iles**; long-serving staff member **Marama O'Loughlin**; and long-time OGA helper **Gay Bates**. You'll find more information about them below including the AGM Minutes, Reports, Citations and more.



We're looking forward to honouring this year's Founders Awards recipients at the Founders Awards Assembly next Tuesday 18th June.

This year's recipients are:

**The Late Rosemary (Ro) Bellamy** – For Outstanding Service to the Old Girls Association and Epsom Girls Grammar School  
**Emma Fisk** – For Outstanding Achievement in Engineering  
**Mary Kisler** – For Outstanding Achievement in the Arts

We're beginning to plan for the OGA Centenary in March 2021 and we'll be sending out a brief survey very soon to get your interest and feedback on what we have planned so do look out for that. Meanwhile, stay warm and well.

### MINUTES of 98th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Monday 10 June 2019, 7 pm**

#### PRESENT:

Julie Goodyer (JG), Lynley Sheweiry (LS), Virginia Bishop (VB), Sally Blyth (SB), (DC), Annise Raea (AR), Alice Raea (ARJr), Mary Hall (MH), Tric Milner (TM), Rachael Banbury (RB), Neville Ryan, Marama O'Loughlin, Anne O'Loughlin, Chris Iles, Lorraine Pound, Donna Corse-Scott, Rosemary Brock, Ehlin Young, Carolyn Guthrie, Brenda Perry, Jan Martin, Leila Corban, Lucie Chambers, Wailin Elliot, Dr Margaret Guthrie, Jenny Woods, Katharine Collins, Madeline Gunn, Irene Byrne, Jeanette Davidson, Jo O'Donnell, Mary Dunkley,

#### APOLOGIES:

Lesley Murgatroyd, Eleanor Percy, Gillian Tonson, Rosemarie Dawson, Elizabeth Jenner, Gay Roberts, Diane Morcom, Frances Loo, Patricia Maud, Libby Hayes-McLeay, Christine Bygrave, Judith Potter, Jeanette Grant, Lauraine Jacobs, Margaret Baddeley, Rekhathi Sulakshana, Marion Fell, Judith Parke, Robyn Bridgman, Barbara McAdam, Gae Griffiths, Lyn Persson, Kim Smith, Georgina Smith, Katherine Dashwood, Judith Watson, Debbie Fischer, Annette Olliver, Laura Harvey, Judith Carter, Jennifer Wilson, Christine Black, Kelly Sagar, Judith Wilson, Judith Lowry, Janet Stowers, Barbara McAdam, Glenice Martin, Kathryn Seagrave, Prue East, Kathrine Roberts (Gay), Jan Craig nee Bayliss, Judith Allan, Anne Moir Scott, Catherine Olsen, Susan Bull, Jan Craig (nee Bayliss), Siata Tavite, Judy Robinson, Susan Chambers, Sue Templeton, Wendy Sze Wing Lin, Rosemary Jupp, Belinda Ritchie, Alison Purdie, Winifred Sheffield, Lindy Austin, Jane Skeen, Jan Alldritt Miller, Marie Preston, Elaine Rutherford, Gay Bates Jill Mandeno, Carol Noble, Maureen Hargraves, Christine Mackay, Vivien McGaughy, Anne Harding, Alisi Tatafu, Peter Thompson, Jill Cornish, Agnes De Beer (de Vries), Jocelyn Anne Arthur (nee Boyd), Barbara McAdam, Karen O'Meehan (Evans), Ros Morris, Alison Masters.

Agenda item	Minutes
	Welcome – Sally Blyth
Minutes of Previous Meeting (97th AGM)	Held Monday, 11 June 2018. Accepted as correct: Moved Sally Blyth, Seconded Julie Goodyer. Passed.
Matters arising	Nil.
Correspondence In/Out	Apologies as above. Moved that correspondence be accepted as tabled: Moved Sally Blyth, Seconded Julie Goodyer. Passed.
Honorary Memberships (see Citations below)	<b>Chris Iles</b> - for services to the Board of Trustees and School, citation read by Lynley Sheweiry. <b>Marama O'Loughlin</b> - for services to the School, citation read by Patricia Milner. <b>Gay Bates</b> - for services to the Old Girls Association, citation read by Julie Goodyer. Flowers and Certificates presented to Chris and Marama. Flowers and Certificate for Gay to be delivered to her on her return from an overseas trip. Moved all three Honorary Memberships be accepted Julie Goodyer, Seconded Sally Blyth. Passed.
Treasurers Report	Treasurers report read by Julie Goodyer. Comment from Donna Corse-Scott regarding potentially reviewing the Investment Fund Manager, Forsyth Barr who have been appointed by The Foundation, for example to Milford Asset Investment. As the investments are sitting as a separate line with the Foundation, this would be a Foundation-led initiative. Attached as <b>Annexure A, Page 5</b> . Moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted Julie Goodyer, Seconded Mary Hall. Passed. Donna Corse-Scott offered to be a Silver Road Donor.
Archivist's Report	Read by Virginia Bishop. Question from Mary Dunkley regarding replacing the Archivist. The school continues to review the archive function including the resourcing, process and system requirements in the future. OGA has had some discussion with Archives NZ seeking some direction with categorising and ordering our Archives in preparation for moving onto an online solution. The message is go slow, take time and ensure the metadata is correct and in order before getting underway. Virginia Bishop, OGA Secretary is overseeing the Archives function in the meantime, which includes the coordination and receipt of donated items, as well as managing ad hoc requests for personal information etc. Most communication coming via the OGA email. Suggestion from Donna Corse-Scott regarding potentially using a volunteer student from the University to assist. Attached as <b>Annexure B, Page 6</b> . Moved that the Archivist's report be accepted, Seconded Donna Corse-Scott. Passed.
Principal's Report	Principal Lorraine Pound read the Principal's Report. Attached as <b>Annexure C, Page 7</b> . Moved that the Principal's Report be accepted Lorraine Pound, Seconded Julie Goodyer. Passed.
Co-Presidents' Report	Lynley Sheweiry and Sally Blyth read the Co-Presidents' report on behalf of Co-Presidents Sally Blyth and Lynley Sheweiry. Attached as <b>Annexure D, Page 8</b> . Moved that Co-Presidents' Report be accepted Sally Blyth, Seconded Lynley Sheweiry. Passed.
Election of Officers and Committee	Sally Blyth and Lynley Sheweiry – Co-Presidents; Julie Goodyer - Treasurer; Virginia Bishop – Secretary; Patricia Milner - Staff Representative; Mary Hall; Margi Leech; Katharine Collins; Annise Raea; Rachael Banbury; Lucie Chambers; Claudia Chaney; Alice Raea - Student Representative Moved that all nominations for the Officers and Committee be accepted Sally Blyth, Seconded Julie Goodyer. Passed.
Approval of budget for next financial year	Budget YE 31 March 2020 presented by Julie Goodyer. Attached as <b>Annexure E, Page 16</b> . Moved that the budget for the next financial year be accepted Julie Goodyer, Seconded Neville Ryan. Passed.

Appointment of Accountants to Review Financial Statements	Julie Goodyer mentioned that having the accounts reviewed by Crowe Horwath was becoming cost prohibitive annually for the Association. Chris Iles (CA and former Board Chair) has proposed he or one of his finance team reviews the accounts going forward. Chris was thanked for his generous offer. Moved that the accounts are reviewed by Chris Iles. Moved Julie Goodyer, Seconded Donna Corse Scott. Passed.
Old Girls Centenary 2021	Date confirmed as Friday 26 March 2021. NB is ONE day only and is during term 1 of the school year. Easter Sunday 04 April 2021. A survey will be circulated to the Old Girls to gauge preference in a proposed range of events. This will assist with confirming the final agenda for the day.
Meeting concluded	8:40pm. School Song.
Next meeting	The 99 <sup>th</sup> AGM will be held on Monday 08 June 2020. 6.30 pm for a 7pm start.

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

### Chris Iles

As the current Board Chair of Epsom Girls Grammar School, Chris has served the School since 2012, initially as Chair of the Finance and Property Committee replacing Gerald Young as Board Chair in 2016. Before becoming a trustee at EGGs, Chris was on the board at Balmoral School for nine years.

Chris' background has been in business and finance across a wide range of industries and he is currently a shareholder in Obex Medical, one of NZ's most successful medical device companies. His role as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer is diverse and challenging within a sector controlled by government funding (or lack of). Innovation is key to business success and Chris finds it immensely powerful to witness what Obex Medical has achieved to improve patients' wellbeing.

Being intrinsically dependant on government funding has allowed Chris to appreciate the difficulties facing the education sector. He admires the achievements made within the School, along with the quality of the people and the outputs delivered against the odds when faced with funding challenges.

Raised near Rotorua, Chris boarded at Kings College in Auckland, representing the School in 1st XV Rugby and the Cricket 1st XI. A Commerce degree followed from The University of Auckland and he began his finance career with Ernst and Young. It wasn't long before business restructures became his focus, helping and guiding businesses that he believed were making a difference; this is ultimately how he became involved in the medical industry. Within this industry, he is a Director of the Medical Technology Association of NZ, the industry body representing manufacturers and suppliers of medical technology used in the diagnosis, prevention, treatment and management of disease and disability.

Chris has a love of sports; he has spent the last eight years coaching cricket at Cornwall Cricket Club and also plays football in the over 40s Auckland competition. Boating and fishing are important modes of relaxation but, equally important, is quality family time. Chris lives in Mt Eden and he and his wife Penny (a highly respected occupational therapist) have three children; Maggie and Sophie, who are both EGGs alumnae, now university students in Wellington, and Thomas who is in Year 9 at Mt Albert Grammar School.

As Board Chair, one of Chris' priorities is to ensure the provision of sound stewardship and support for the School by providing expertise across the many facets of a successful organisation. The Board's strategic plan focuses on learning outcomes, wellbeing, professional development and engagement. Under Chris' guidance, the Board sets high expectations to continue to drive improved learning outcomes to ensure EGGs remains recognised as a high-performing School.

Chris has been outspoken in his views and support for the teaching community and encourages creative thinking when it comes to valuing teachers. He places priority on gaining significant traction towards achieving elements of the schools refreshed masterplan. With little support from the government, reliance on our community – in which the OGA, the Foundation and the PTA play significant roles – is necessary to build capital reserves. Chris is focussed on driving collaboration to build relationships and partnerships utilising our extensive networks to enable EGGs to remain as one of the best schools in NZ.

Chris, we want to thank you for your outstanding contribution to Epsom Girls Grammar School, providing support and expertise to drive value and improve outcomes.

It is therefore our great pleasure to honour you this evening as an Honorary Member of Epsom Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association.



## Marama O'Loughlin

Marama has a long history of dedicated teaching and deaning at Epsom Girls Grammar School. She was appointed by Margaret Bendall as a part-time teacher of Health and Physical Education in 2002 and continued to teach Health, PE and Early Childhood throughout her 17 years' service here at EGGS.

In 2006 Marama took up the position of Year 9 dean alongside Jeanette Davidson. Together they formed a formidable team, supporting and nurturing the students under their care throughout their EGGS journey. In 2012 Marama was appointed Head of Department, leading the deans with her calm wisdom and clear sense of fairness and quiet confidence. As a classroom teacher Marama was always thoroughly respected. Students immediately recognized her for her kindness and motherly good sense, but also her sense of fun, fashion and impeccable style.

As year level dean she tirelessly gave her time to listen, guide – and sometimes admonish – her students to help them navigate their way towards becoming the confident young women they learnt to become. It was this warm but demanding attitude, and the high expectations that she so patiently and empathetically set, that her students remember her most fondly for.

In her role as HOD dean, Marama was always ready to listen, give advice when needed, or simply provide support when her team was dealing with challenging situations. Her colleagues were always in awe of her sense of order. Marama exemplified the notion that a tidy desk – and impeccable dress – meant a tidy mind, but she also knew how to deal with situations when they became emotionally messy. She was a champion of restorative practices and was a member of the Restorative Implementation Group, supporting staff to work alongside students so they could resolve problems together. At the end of 2018 Marama decided it was time to retire, giving her more time to spend with family, including her children Scott and Anna and her six beautiful grandchildren. On behalf of the Old Girls Association we would like to thank you Marama for your outstanding service.

It is our great pleasure to announce Marama as an Honorary Member of Epsom Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association.



## Gay Bates

Gay Bates attended Epsom Girls Grammar School from 1958 to 1959 in 3A Homecraft and 4B Homecraft. She is the younger sister of Mary Dunkley nee Taylor who attended EGGS from 1952 to 1953. The Taylor sisters attended EGGS from their parents' home in Puriri Ave, Greenlane travelling by bike or tram along Great South Road to school. Mary still lives in the original family home while Gay and her husband Sid live in a house built-on the front of the family home site.

Some interesting facts about Gay include that she was born on 2 October 1946 in the historic Clegg house in Wairakei Street Greenlane which was next door to the house that another well-known Old Girl Charmaine Pountney lived in. The site later became the site of the Buddhist temple. Gay attended Cornwall Park District School and was then a founding pupil at Remuera Intermediate in 1956 before attending EGGS. Her early work career included working for Holeproof as a machinist after she left school while training to be a shorthand typist at night school. She then worked for Macmillan Motors in Greenlane for some years. After marrying her husband Sid in 1965, (they have recently celebrated 50 years of marriage), she did some contract work making Pink Panther toys for Clark Bros. the toymaker in New Lynn. The family first lived in Glendene and then moved back into Greenlane in 1981. Gay and Sid started their family and had a daughter and 4 sons one of whom sadly passed away recently. She has 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren Gay has been heavily involved in scouts and guiding over the years both at Glendene and at Oranga and was on the Otimai Camping Ground committee for the Girl Guides Association.

Gay joined the Old Girls Association in 1983. It is well known that Mary Dunkley has been along-time committee member of the OGA and supported the Association and school in many ways over the years. But what is less well known is that Gay has supported her sister throughout this time in many quiet, behind the scenes, ways. Gay attends every OGA Annual Morning Tea, reunion and our dinners and Graduation Dinners when she can and has assisted Mary with selling and recording the sales of memorabilia. When Mary was forced to give up driving Gay would drive her, with memorabilia stocks in tow, to the events and help set up the sale table. Mary does not use a computer, so to assist in the committee in being able to contact Mary in this electronic age, Gay has taken over being her "email secretary", and prints out our emails to Mary, walks them up the drive every morning, and then types out Mary's replies to us. Mary diligently reviews the death notices each day to keep our database records updated with the details of our alumnae who have passed on. Gay types up these lists of bereavements for Mary so they can be emailed to us and updated on the website or in our newsletters. For many years those Old Girls receiving our newsletter by post had them folded by a "chain gang" of Mary and Gay working together folding, fixing the address labels and fixing the stamps. Gay has always attended our AGM's when she is in the country, to support our quorum numbers, especially since we introduced the more ambitious quorum of 30 members for an AGM for a time, back in 2011. It is fitting that Gay is acknowledged for her long-time support of the OGA both as a committee supporter in her own right, and as a supporter of one of our most devoted Old Girls Mary Dunkley.

Unfortunately, (or luckily for Gay), Gay and her husband Sid are away on a cruise in Europe right now, so we will present Gay's award again at one of our committee meetings later in the year. Gay – even though you can't be here tonight, it is our great pleasure to honour you, as an Honorary Member of Epsom Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association.



## TREASURERS REPORT

Last year 2018, was the first year of EGGs' second century. After the almost 5 years of planning for the centenary it was nice to settle back to business as usual although that business also included starting to think about the OGA centenary. This necessarily turned to how much funding we might need and our remnant \$6,000 term deposit from the 90th Jubilee profits was immediately earmarked for OGA centenary seed funds. I am pleased to say that with our fundraising and events profits this financial year the committee was able to add to this term deposit when it was rolled over in February 2019 and we now have \$15,000 on term deposit for seed funding for the OGA centenary.

Our other major investment is the Hostel Scholarship fund which is invested through the EGGs Foundation in their Forsyth Barr investment fund. As at 31 March 2019 the amount of this fund was \$30,322 up \$1,156 from \$29,166 at the end of the previous financial year. The sponsorship we have secured from the Epsom House caterer Compass Group for the OGA Hostel Scholarship again paid for the \$2,500 Hostel Scholarship for 2019 so we did not have to withdraw this payment from the Scholarship capital fund corpus and income.

As our primary focus is on friend raising, not all our events make a profit or even cover costs. Events that were funded by the OGA or just broke even included our Annual Morning Tea and 60 and 70 years on luncheon reunions, AGM, Founders awards morning tea, 2 Women in Law events, and our committee Christmas dinner. The 2 Women in Law events were free events and had their costs covered by sponsorship from both Old Girls and law firm Urlich Milne in Owens Road who are keen to partner with the school and OGA.

Our L block fundraising film night in August raised \$6,000 toward L Block funds primarily from sponsorship from Aria Park rest home and Mini Garage in Newmarket.

The Graduation Dinner in 2018 was again well-attended and cost cutting in several areas coupled with a small increase in the dinner price meant that the dinner made a significant profit of \$14,000 plus a further \$1,800 in memorabilia sales on the night to boost our coffers to a healthy level. Sales of our traditional EGGs Lions, Pascoe's Silver charms and OGA key rings as well as Graduation rings remain popular. We presented 4 Graduation Scholarships of \$600 each at the dinner and presented the Head Prefect with a Graduation ring.

We are still holding on a term deposit \$1,000 donated from our Tongan alumnae in the EGGs centenary year to go towards the planting of a Centennial tree which will be co-ordinated with the upgrade of the historic science Quad area and probably completed as part of the OGA centenary.

We still made our regular donation of \$3,000 to the School towards School prizes and a further \$1080 for our Old Girls Association Service Awards of \$30 each for the junior school tutor group leaders.

In past years we have donated \$3,000 to the School towards the cost of running the EGGs Archives. Due to an oversight the second instalment of \$1,500 for the YE 31/3/2018 was not paid until this financial year but no donation has actually been made for YE 31/3/2019 as the archives went into recess at the end of Term 1 in 2018.

We still have 10 Old Girls signed up to our Silver Road Donors Club. These generous Old Girls are forgoing the cost of a cup of coffee per week and donating a monthly amount of \$10 to \$20. All have now been running for over 12 months and many have been running for years. So, everyone has received their limited-edition Silver Road Club badges. These badges are presented to anyone who continues their Silver Road Club donations for 12 months or donates \$120 or more per annum.

Kirsty Cooper has been running our accounts through Xero for almost 2 years now and we have a good system going. The key is to code things correctly before they get loaded into Xero and then hopefully everything pops out in the right place at the end of the year. Kirsty assures me that we can now produce reasonable looking accounts that can form the basis for our Statement of Service Performance to be lodged with Charities Services each year. On this basis I am recommending that we do our accounts in-house from now on and dispense with having them reviewed by Crowe Horwath. The cost is just too high at around \$3,000 for just a review. If there is any OG auditor out there who can review our accounts for us for free, then we could look at this again. So, a big thank you to Kirsty for her help with this.

We are into the 4th year of the new Charities format of filing a Statement of Service Performance. We must report on our actual performance as well as complete the budget for the current year and include the previous year's figures. If anyone would like to talk to me about assisting with or taking on the running of the OGA's financial matters, please see me after the meeting.

The OGA owns the trustee company EGGsOGA Trustee Limited that is a trustee of the Endowment Trust that manages the Kathleen Mandeno Scholarships. Jill Mandeno has transferred a share portfolio to the Endowment Sub-trust and it is well on the way to being self-sufficient in funding the Kathleen Mandeno scholarship and some of the Einstein prizes that Jill funds. Currently Sally Blyth and I are the directors of the trustee company.

In summary if you are looking at the Statement of Service Performance it shows that the OGA's total Bank accounts and cash at the end of the financial YE 31/3/2019 have gone up by \$18,305 which reflects our successful Graduation dinner and the L block fundraising which is still being held on behalf of the school on a term deposit. Are there any questions about the accounts?

*Julie Goodyer, Treasurer, Old Girls Association*



## ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

I am delighted to submit the Archivist's report for 2019. Last year we farewelled Christine Black who had been the school Archivist since the late 1990's. We have not replaced this position, rather Virginia Bishop OGA committee secretary has stepped in to oversee the Archives function while we review the resourcing, process and system requirements for Archives in the future.

Archived material is currently stored in two locations within the school:

1. In a room located up the stairs in the International Student area. (formerly the staff prep area)
2. In AC2 which is off the corridor in the single storey wing built in 1946.

Late last year we were advised that the school required one of the offices located in AC2 area for the counsellor, Helen Shaw to reside.

This was a catalyst for Old Girls to commence a consolidation and reordering of the archived material not only to make way for the counsellor to share the space but also to obtain a clearer picture of how we can record our stored material and artefacts in the future. Some of the committee members, joined by Tric Milner have spent time sifting through the stored material and items with the intention to further order and categorise to enable us to consider an appropriate and effective digital platform for our paper based items such as photographs – it is a big job!

Broadly the items stored can be grouped into the following classifications which may be useful as a basis for categorising digital archiving (not limited to):

- Uniform items
- Badges
- Trophies and certificates
- Books (e.g. hymn books, Bibles, textbooks and books awarded as prizes)
- Photographs
- Class and attendance registers
- Year books and Jubilee books
- Student handbooks
- Newspaper and magazine clippings/articles
- Crockery, glassware and tableware with EGGS insignia

As a start point, we are hopeful to soon begin scanning some of the archived class, staff, sports, committee and music photos.

Thank goodness, from the 1970's some of the photographs were produced with student and teacher names along the bottom, making it far easier to search and identify former students and staff.

A shout out to Mary Dunkley and Gay Bates – these women have steadily worked with our Old Girl community to identify and populate the student and teacher names on class photographs for the 5- 6 decades prior. We are delighted to have many class photos from 1917 now having a full list of names with all students and staff identified. That said there are still many gaps so we are always keen to reach out to our Old Girl community to assist us with this task.

We are always delighted to receive ongoing donations of memorabilia. Of note this year we have received some gorgeous items from Sue Bull (Marsh) Student, 1954 – 1960 and Joy Carter (Staff 1945 -1973).

We continue to receive regular requests from former students and families researching genealogy, wanting to reconnect with former friends or classmates, or simply reminiscing of their time at EGGS. Many of these queries come via email and while it does take some time to conduct the search, it is so rewarding when an old class photo or yearbook entry is found.

Our extensive database of contacts remains an important vehicle for the Old Girls membership and network. This enables us to organise and manage our contact information and assists us as a start point with research requests. We have begun to segment and order this information to become more effective at communicating with our audience.

It is essential that the information for individuals is current so please do ensure to keep us updated on any changes such as your address and email at [oga@eggs.school.nz](mailto:oga@eggs.school.nz)

As we prepare for the Old Girls Centenary in 2021 we are keen to explore how we can present our archived documents in a secure, contemporary, and private way. We look forward to landing on an online or similar digital solution for this over this coming year.

*Virginia Bishop*

*Secretary, Old Girls Association*



## Principal's Report

The mid-year point sees the School, in the midst of the L Block Redevelopment Project. This exciting project will be completed by the end of the year. Flexibility of space has been very important to us in the design phase. It will mean that if a learning activity is more suitable for a closed classroom space one day and then on another day the learning needs a theatre like space, and on another an open area with big tables and a wet area, all of these options will be available. As some work environments are finding, people have different needs according to what they are doing in a particular moment and flexibility is key.



We have been one of the more than 1000 schools affected by the posting delays in the current Board of Trustees elections being held throughout the country – time for a national online voting platform.

We are very fortunate to have a number of people come forward to stand for election this year as we see three trustees standing down at this election. Lynley Sheweiry was presented with a Continuous Long Service Award at her final Board meeting in the last week of May. Lynley has served continuously on three school boards – Epsom Normal Primary School, Auckland Normal Intermediate School and Epsom Girls Grammar School. Lynley has been a wonderful trustee and Deputy Chairperson over the last nine years here at EGGS and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her formally for her outstanding service to this school and to her local community over the extended period.

Andrew Stevens and Paul Gestro first joined the Board as co-opted members in 2015 and were elected as parent representatives in 2016. Both Andrew and Paul have been effective trustees and Andrew has led the Finance and Property Committee for the last three years. With upcoming commitments in their own working lives they have reluctantly decided to stand down. At the meeting last week both Andrew and Paul were also thanked for their service by Board Chairperson, Chris Iles, and I would also like to acknowledge their contribution in this report.

Alumnae contact us about coming to visit the School; we contact them about working with students and they also contact us about gifting to the School. As recent examples over the last fortnight or so, Sue Bull (nee Marsh) gifted her mother's violin to the Music Department. Last week Cindy Burgess, currently at the University of Sydney came to give a Careers Department talk while Jane Waterhouse, currently undertaking her Master's degree in Architecture, spoke to Scholarship Graphics students and took a staff development session. This gives a glimpse of part of the richness that is the current and former student relationship. Another aspect of this relationship will be evident at Founders' Assembly later in June. Current students are lucky to have the benefit of strong women role models across the spectrum of endeavours - in their communities and in their working lives.

Before I close, I would like to pay formal tribute to Ro Bellamy – alumna, former staff member, former Board of Trustees Staff Representative, former OGA President and long serving OGA committee member. Late in March a small group gathered at Ro and Dick's place to celebrate Ro as a Founder's Award recipient. It was a very happy and lovely occasion. I had a feeling that Ro may like to correct any small errors or add important detail in the citation so said this at the outset and we all had a great time as Ro explained circumstances, filled in missing knowledge, corrected and amplified as needed. I worked with Ro as a staff colleague from 1994-1999, and then more recently from 2010 in her OGA and gardening club capacities. Ro always had a deep commitment to this school and to making learning a wonderful experience for students. She gave outstanding service to both the School and the Old Girls Association during the course of her life. The standing in which she was held was obvious at her funeral in early May. We have indeed lost a taonga, a treasure.

And lastly, I want to congratulate the new honorary Old Girls. You are joining a wonderful tradition of people who are very special to the Epsom Girls Grammar School community.

*Per angusta ad augusta*  
Lorraine Pound  
Principal

## Co-Presidents' Report

This is our third year sharing the role of Co-President and we are pleased to present our Co-Presidents' Report for 2018/2019.

We are very pleased to have one of the best turnouts at an AGM in quite some years. We had 107 RSVP responses in total with 33 indicating attendance, 72 apologies and 2 tentative replies. This is a sign of increasingly positive engagement with the OGA and we hope it continues to flourish. Having Google forms as an easy and reliable RSVP method has helped and we'll be using this into the future for all our events. Thanks to everyone who sent through an RSVP and special thanks to all those attending the meeting.



### THE COMMITTEE

We'd like to salute the OGA Committee members and the work they do. Some have been on the Committee many years; others are new on board. Long-serving member and past President Ro Bellamy sadly passed away in April and she will be missed by us and many throughout the School and wider community.

We have new young blood in the form of Lucie Chambers and Claudia Chaney, who both graduated last year. Our Student Rep is Alice Raea who is in Year 11 and whose mum Annise has been on the Committee for the last two years. Rachael Banbury (Lynley's daughter) was our first Student Rep and has remained on the Committee since graduating in 2017. It's great to have two mother/daughter combos on our Committee.

We are looking at Roles & Responsibilities within the Committee to ensure a balanced workload and that everyone's skills are utilised and valued. We acknowledge that it takes time to get up to speed for new people on the Committee, so there won't be any "throwing in the deep end" but we really want everyone to feel fully included and involved.

### OGA CENTENARY 2021

It is the OGA's Centenary in 2021 and we'll be recognising this milestone with special events to be held in March, specifically Friday 26th March. Planning is under way and we'll shortly be sending out a brief survey to members to get some feedback on planned events. We'll announce further details in due course once finalised.

### FOUNDERS AWARDS ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday 18th June, the OGA will have the pleasure of honouring three past students as Founders of the School at a special Founders Awards Assembly.

This year's recipients are:

- Rosemary (Ro) Bellamy – For Outstanding Service to the Old Girls Association and Epsom Girls Grammar School
- Emma Fisk – For Outstanding Achievement in Engineering
- Mary Kisler – For Outstanding Achievement in the Arts

It is always wonderful to acknowledge special Old Girls who have achieved highly in their chosen fields and this year's recipients certainly fulfil the criteria, across three different domains. We look forward to welcoming Emma and Mary to the School next Tuesday.

Sadly, as most of you will know and as mentioned earlier in our report, Ro passed away on 29th April. As she was gravely ill, we were pleased to be able to present her with her Founders Award at a special private ceremony on 26th March and it was a delightful occasion at which Ro sparkled, despite her illness. We will also acknowledge and remember Ro at the Founders Awards Assembly.

### COMMUNICATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Our membership now sits at 3,550 active members. Our database is our precious membership resource and Neville Ryan has been keeping this up to date for us on a voluntary basis for many years. Over recent weeks, Virginia Bishop has also had a hand in updating the database. Please be sure to let us know of any new contact details so our records are fully up to date and you don't miss out. Our thanks go to both ladies for keeping on top of this never-ending task.

Our OGA Newsletter, which comes out three times a year and is our main form of communication, continues to deliver articles about Old Girls near and far, as well as news about current happenings within the School and the OGA. Sally edits and writes content, Lynley does design and layout as well as emailing it out. Mary Dunkley takes care of posted copies. It's a big job to write and compile the newsletter, and we hope you enjoy receiving and reading it. This year we introduced an occasional mini E-Newsletter with the aim of advising about upcoming events and news. We also run a Facebook page, which Julie Goodyer oversees.

If you have stories and information to share, please let us know: [oga@eggs.school.nz](mailto:oga@eggs.school.nz)

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

A major project this year was the development of the new School website. Whilst this work was undertaken by staff, the dedicated OGA page within the website was completely overhauled by us, a mammoth task. Sally updated, expanded and reworked all the content, lists etc, and Lynley formatted the various link documents. The new site is fresh, modern and much easier to navigate, with lots of information and images. Take a look if you haven't already; the OGA features under the "Our Family" tab in the Menu, where you'll find just about everything you need to know about the OGA past, present and future.

Alongside this, we're working on compiling a full Manual outlining all the duties, tasks, events etc that need to be undertaken by Committee officers and members – if we're all wiped out by a bus, others will be able to take up the mantle, follow the Manual and keep the OGA wheels turning!

### GRADUATION DINNER

The 2018 Graduation Dinner for Year 13 leavers was held at Ellerslie Events Centre on 29th November. Our guest speaker was Dr Erica Whineray; a surgeon, health advocate, entrepreneur and mentor, Erica has trained all around the world and now works on the North Shore focussing on breast cancer surgery. Erica was an OGA Founders Award recipient in 2017 for Outstanding Achievement in Medicine. She was unable to attend the special Awards Assembly in June last year as she was at a conference in Italy, so we were very thrilled that she could join us on this special evening as guest speaker. Erica's speech was inspiring and heartfelt, her message striking a chord with girls and parents alike.

Each year, the OGA awards special Scholarships of \$600 each to girls who have shown qualities such as kindness and consideration for others, honesty, reliability and abilities at a range of activities such as sports, or art and cultural activities, as well as academic work. This year we awarded four Scholarships. The girls are chosen by the Year 13 Deans and do not know who they are until announced on the night.

Lynley organised this year's event, in association with the Year 13 Deans. Thank you Lynley for bringing it all together, with help from Annise Raea and Rachael Banbury. It's always a grand occasion and a highlight on the calendar and the 2018 dinner was no exception. Not only is it a memorable evening, when the girls and their families celebrate the end of their high school education, it also raises much-needed funds for the OGA so that we can continue to give back.

Committee Member Annise Raea will be overseeing the organising of the 2019 Graduation Dinner and planning is getting under way. Thank you, Annise.

### EVENTS – PAST and FUTURE

#### Film Evening Fundraiser – Leave No Trace

Following on from our successful 2017 movie evening, this year's film choice Leave No Trace was equally popular, with another sell-out event on 3rd September. We kicked the evening off with a little socialising over drinks and nibbles, prior to the special private screening at Rialto Newmarket. We thank our sponsors for this event: Mini Garage Broadway Newmarket and Aria Park Retirement Village and Resthome. We feel privileged and honoured to have their ongoing support. Funds raised from this event went to L-Block.

We'd like to thank Virginia Bishop for all her efforts in organising both the 2017 and 2018 film evenings. We won't be running a film evening in 2019 as it is a huge undertaking but will look to hold another one in the future.

#### Annual Morning Tea & Reunion Luncheon

Our Annual Morning Tea is held in April and this year's event was another lovely occasion. Held at Epsom House, it was followed by a Reunion Luncheon for 1949 and 1959 third formers.

For the first time in many years we had a gentleman attend the Reunion Luncheon; he brought his mum and ended up staying to enjoy the occasion with us. We would like to encourage sons and husbands to attend these events – ladies, get the males in your life involved!

Thank you to Lynley for organising these events for another year.

#### Morning Tea at Edmund Hillary Retirement Village

On Friday 1st February we held a Morning Tea for Old Girls who live at the Village in Remuera – Gae Griffiths, past Headmistress, moved in earlier this year and there are a number of Old Girls who have made the Village home. It was a fabulous event.

This is another way we aim to keep connections going as it becomes more difficult for some Old Girls to get along to the School for one reason or another. We'd be delighted to assist and join in similar morning teas at other retirement villages if there is interest, please let us know: [oga@eggs.school.nz](mailto:oga@eggs.school.nz)



**“Women In Law” Functions**

Upon leaving Epsom Girls Grammar School a significant number of students have gone on to a successful profession in law. It is particularly noteworthy that eight female judges received their education at Epsom Girls, including the late Dame Augusta Wallace, NZ's first woman judge, appointed to the District Court in 1975. This led to us organising two successful functions over this past year for Alumnae working in law.

On Wednesday 27th June 2018 a group of Alumnae came together at the School to attend the first “Women in Law” function, organised by Heather Ash, Dame Judith Potter, Fiona Ryan and Julie Goodyer. It was a great networking and mentoring opportunity with judges sharing their personal story of the road to the bench. Convivial and casual, it proved to be an incredibly inspiring evening for all.

Our second event was held on Wednesday 27th March, this time it was an informative panel discussion for Alumnae, parents and current students. Facilitated by Dame Judith Potter our panellists, all alumnae of EGGG, explained about the variety and range of work available in the legal profession and what to do as a young lawyer entering the job market. This event was made possible by the generous sponsorship of Ulrich Milne Lawyers who are new neighbours to EGGG, based in Owens Road.

Thanks to everyone involved in organising these functions. We'd love to hold more of them into the future for Alumnae in other professions. If you have ideas or would like to be involved, please let us know!

**BRANCHES****TAURANGA:**

On 18th October 2018 EGGG Alumnae from the Bay of Plenty region gathered in Tauranga for their annual luncheon. The group was treated to a floral art demonstration by Byrta Wagstaff, and her creations were then raffled off to some very happy winners along with other prizes. Julie Goodyer attended on behalf of the OGA. Thanks to Anne Mortensen for overseeing the Tauranga branch and organising the luncheon.

**FRANKLIN:**

The Franklin OGA Branch held its annual Christmas Dinner in Pukekohe on 26th November 2018; Julie Goodyer attended. At the Franklin Branch AGM on 9th April 2019, Rita Petersen and Sonia Butcher stepped down as Co-Presidents. With no one to take over the helm, the branch has now closed, and activities integrated into the main OGA. Many thanks to both Rita and Sonia for six years of much appreciated service.

**CENTRAL OTAGO & HAMILTON:**

There are Old Girls in both Central Otago area and Hamilton who are keen to kickstart branches in these areas and we'd love to get branches up and running if there is interest. Do let us know.

**KATHLEEN MANDENO SCHOLARSHIP**

This Scholarship was established to assist EGGG students to study for a Science degree at a New Zealand University and is funded by Jill Mandeno (EGGG Founder 2013), in memory of her mother Kathleen, who was an Old Girl of the School. It was first awarded in 1994 and is intended to encourage students to enter the science community and contribute to innovation and research. Emma Fisk, one of our 2019 Founders Award recipients, was the very first recipient of this Scholarship and has proved a very worthy one. The 2019 recipient is Vivien Whyte who graduated in 2018. Vivien hopes to do a post-grad in the US with aspirations of getting into Astrophysics. Congratulations Vivien, we wish you well with your future studies.

**EPSOM HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP**

Every year, the OGA offers a Scholarship to an Epsom House student. Established by Sally Dalzell, former principal of Epsom House, and first awarded in 2009 this Scholarship has been generously sponsored by Compass Group, who do the catering at Epsom House, since 2016 for a 7-year term and we thank them for their ongoing support. This year's recipient is Bella Cottier. We are intending to review the criteria and processes around this Scholarship and the selection process, as well as initiate more liaison with recipients and their families.

**PRIZEGIVING**

School prizegiving is split into two – Senior (an evening occasion) and Junior (held at Assembly). They are always lovely occasions with fabulous singing and music by students, in addition to the awarding of the prizes. Sally & Lynley attended Senior Prizegiving in 2018; and Lynley & Virginia Bishop attended Junior Prizegiving, on behalf of the OGA, to present Special Awards.

**OBITUARIES**

It is inevitable that we lose Old Girls and dear friends every year. We aim to keep up to date with deaths of Old Girls through death notices and private notifications, and these are recorded in the OGA Section of the School website, as well as in the Newsletter. If you have information about the passing of an Old Girl, please let us know. We will acknowledge them and update our records.

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**THANKS**

Many of our Committee members have faced challenges and busy times over this past year but we make time to work hard to ensure the OGA keeps ticking.

There are always many people to thank but we'd like to single out Virginia Bishop, in particular, this year. Virginia (Ginny) is a skilled people, process and results person who thrives on getting things done. She took on a fixed-term contract role in the EGGS Foundation Office in April this year and has been focussing on communications and archives. As well as overseeing and coordinating fundraising for L-Block, Ginny is a Foundation Trustee. We call her action woman!

We'd also like to acknowledge Lynley – having served on the Board of Trustees since 2012, Lynley stepped down in June 2019. She continues to serve as a Foundation Trustee, which she has also been on since 2012. Lynley's breadth of knowledge about the School and the OGA and her relationships with many staff and students have been invaluable over many years. Thank you Lynley. This past year has flown by and we've enjoyed connecting with many Old Girls. We also enjoy supporting and liaising with current students, who always get involved in our activities with great enthusiasm and polish.

Thanks to all Old Girls, near and far, for your support and encouragement – we always enjoy hearing from you and meeting up with you. We look forward, with anticipation, to another great year.

*Per angusta ad augusta*

*Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry*

*Co-Presidents 2016/2019*



Julie Goodyer, Chris Iles, Madeline Gunn & Carolyn Guthrie



Dr Margaret Guthrie & Mary Dunkley



Lucie Chambers & Irene Byrne



Singing the school song



Lucie Chambers & Julie Goodyer



Katharyn Collins, Mary Hall & Virginia Bishop



Virginia Bishop, Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry



Tric Milner, Alice Raea, Annise Raea & Rachael Banbury



Jo O'Donnell, Marama O'Loughlin, Jeanette Davidson, Tric Milner & Anne O'Loughlin



Lorraine Pound, Chris Iles & Lynley Sheweiry



Katharyn Collins, Lorraine Pound & Sally Blyth



Jan Martin, Erica Hailstone & Jenny Woods



Virginia Bishop, Annise Raea, Mary Hall & Leila Corban



Leila Corban, Rosemary Brock, Emlin Young & Wailin Elliot

## EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Budget For the Year Ended 31 March 2020

Income	YE 31/3/2020		YE 31/3/19	
			Actuals	
Graduation Dinner profit	13000		14000	
Donations General	750		750	
Silver Road Club Payments	1200		1200	
Fundraising events & sponsorship	6000		6000	
Memorabilia Sales	2500		2300	
Interest	100		100	
Compass Hostel Schol Sponsorship	2500		2500	
Graduation Ring Sales	260		260	
		<b>26310</b>		<b>27110</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
School Prizes	3000		3000	
School OGA Service Awards (4)	1080		1080	
Hostel Scholarship (1)	2500		2500	
Graduation Scholarships x 4 to 4 (5)	2400		2400	
Newsletters x 3	400		400	
Secretarial	400		400	
Review of Accounts/Audit	0		3000	
Gifts	200		200	
Archives donation (3)	0		0	
Other expenses	200		200	
		<b>10180</b>		<b>13180</b>
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>		<b>16130</b>		<b>13930</b>
<b>Capital Commitments not incl in Budget</b>				
Term Deposit to 20 Feb 2020 3.63% (Seed Funding OGA Centenary) (2)	15000		6400	
Tongan donations Centennial Tree (6)	1000		1000	
Franklin Branch funds held (7)	136		0	
L Block Funds held	7000		0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23136</b>		<b>7400</b>	

### Notes:

1. Compass has agreed to sponsor Hostel Scholarship for 7 years (2016 to 2021) so Hostel Schol Fund can be invested in a long term investment and OGA does not need to pay out on Scholarship.
2. Term Deposit of \$6,000 was remaining Profit from 90th Jubilee and has been topped up by profit from 2018 Grad dinner to \$15,000.
3. Paid in 2 instalments at beginning and end of year - Not paid in YE 31/3/2019 as Archivist resigned end of Term 1 2018 and Archives still in recess
4. Varies depending on the number of Year 9 and 10 Tutor Groups in each year.
5. At 2018 Grad Dinner 4 scholarhsips were awarded but can award 3 to 4 at 2019 Grad dinner.
6. \$1,000 held in Term Deposit Acocunt for this.
7. Balance of Franklin Bank account when Branch closed at April 2019 AGM



Lynley Sheweiry, Rachael Banbury & Alice Raea

## Save the Date

Graduation Dinner ..... Thursday 29th November  
OGA CENTENARY YEAR 100th Celebrations..... Friday 26th March 2021

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