



# Epsom Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association (Inc)



## Newsletter

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## FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS OF THE OGA

It's been another busy year for the OGA, fleeting by faster than ever. We wrapped things up with a wonderful Graduation Dinner on 29th November – read more about this event on Page 5.

Following the Dinner, we were extremely heartened to hear from brand new Old Girl, Claudia Chaney, who graduated on the night – she has put her hand up to join our Committee. Thanks Claudia, we welcome you as a recent Alumnae.



We're also pleased that OGA Committee member Annise Raea's daughter Alice, who will be in Year 11 in 2019, will come onto the Committee as Student Representative. Rachael Banbury was our first Student Rep, joining in 2015; she's the daughter of Co-President Lynley Sheweiry. After graduating in 2016, Rachael has remained on the Committee as an Old Girl, and cheerfully puts her hand up to help out in all sorts of ways. Thanks Rachael. Getting involved in the OGA is rewarding and a great way to keep lifelong School connections alive. It's wonderful to have youthful new blood on board, as well as two Mother-Daughter combos!

We're keen to share stories about Old Girls from far and wide – if you have a story to share, please contact us. There are so many women out there pursuing a diverse range of careers and passions and the more heart-warming and inspiring tales we can tell the better. We've also lost a number of Old Girls over recent times; it's a sad but inevitable part of the cycle of life. Our sympathies to the families of all those who have lost loved ones.

Thank you to all of our fellow OGA Committee members:

- \* Julie Goodyer, Treasurer
- \* Virginia Bishop, Secretary
- \* Kirsty Cooper, Accounts
- \* Tric Milner, Staff Rep
- \* Lucie Chambers & Alice Raea, Student Reps

and Ro Bellamy, Rachael Banbury, Margi Leech, Mary Hall, Annise Raea, Katharine Collins – and welcome to new member Claudia Chaney

We'd like to acknowledge OGA Treasurer Julie Goodyer's 32 years with law firm Ellis Gould, which was formed in 1986. Julie became a partner in 1988, left for a period to raise her family and has been a consultant to the firm since 2001.

Wishing you all a wonderful festive season and a bright start to the New Year.

**Contact us via email: [oga@eggs.school.nz](mailto:oga@eggs.school.nz)**

*Per Angusta Ad Augusta*

*Sally Blyth (Editor) and Lynley Sheweiry (Design), Co-Presidents*



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The second half of this year began with the Education Review Office (ERO) visit. The review team of five was here for a week and it has been very pleasing to see that they have recognised the culture of learning here at Epsom Girls Grammar School. We are delighted with the findings of the review and the final report is now available on the ERO website <https://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/epsom-girls-grammar-school-13-11-2018/>

The senior students' NCEA examinations finished on 30th November and they will now be relaxing before eagerly anticipating their results which will come out mid-January. At the Graduation Dinner, hosted by the OGA, more than 700 students and parents celebrated the end of the Year 13 Class of 2018's time at Epsom. It was a very happy occasion, with a special feature being mother alumnae now seeing their daughters also join those ranks. On behalf of the School I would like to thank the Old Girls Association Committee for their work with the Year 13 Team of Deputy Principal Sarah Dwan, the Year 13 Deans Rochelle Quedley and Roxanne Walker in organising this annual event.

As the year draws to a close, I would also like to acknowledge the role that Deputy Principal Tric Milner plays as a member of the OGA Committee, supporting their work throughout the year.

As I write this, a number of alumnae are in the School, leading careers workshops for Year 10 students throughout the day. We really enjoy, and benefit from, alumnae giving generously of their time and expertise with current students. We also welcome alumnae who are coming to NZ from overseas – let us know ahead and we can arrange a tour down memory lane.

Our Year 9 students have recently been involved in a Community Aroha Day where each tutor class chose a community project. The projects ranged from beach clean-ups to helping in local primary schools; assisting in Retirement Villages to collecting for the Auckland City Mission. Leadership and organisational skills shown have been impressive.

Exciting news for the beginning of next year – save the date on Friday the 1st of March for our Party in Paradise, a garden party event in the early evening.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and holiday time.

*Per Angusta Ad Augusta*

*Ngā mihi, best wishes*

*Lorraine Pound, Principal*

## CURRENT SCHOOL NEWS

### SUFFRAGE SHOWCASE IN THE LIBRARY

This term the Library had the pleasure of playing host to a Suffrage Showcase, an exhibition of creativity around the theme of 'What 125 Years of NZ women's suffrage means to me'. A handful of brave and talented EGGS students took to the library floor giving voice to their unique stories with eloquence and verve.

The Suffrage Showcase was the inspiration of Year 13 Learning Egg Prefect Jesslyn Woo. After entering the Kate Edgar Charitable Trust competition with her beautiful song about what NZ women's suffrage means to her today, Jesslyn asked if she and a few friends could use the library space to showcase more creative expression around this theme.

In September the library had been set up with a number of large interactive 'Suffrage 125' displays – the bright idea of Library Committee leaders, Sylvia Orr and Shonnica Logeswaran. This was a wonderful backdrop for the powerful feminist monologues and deeply thought provoking poetry, song and commentary. Teacher Anna Richardson had also been asked to speak. Anna summarised by referencing the words and mindful actions of Kate Sheppard.

A huge thank-you to the students who felt comfortable enough to share their work and talent. Your combined words and actions so beautifully identified our feminine otherness – harmonising our uniqueness and our differences and highlighting the equalities we are still seeking.

NB: Jesslyn's entry went on to win a significant prize in the Kate Edgar Competition. Congratulations Jesslyn.





## PRIZEGIVING

School prizegiving is split into two – Senior and Junior. They are always lovely occasions with fabulous singing and music by students. Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry attended Senior Prizegiving and Lynley Sheweiry & Virginia Bishop attended Junior Prizegiving, on behalf of the OGA, to present Special Awards.

### SENIOR SCHOOL

Children by Robert Miles, played by Epsom Synthony Orchestra, and conducted by Peter Thomas, was a particularly uplifting and surprisingly different piece.

Special Academic awards were presented as follows:

\* **Vivien Whyte:** Emens-Spencer Physics Prize; Te Kaitaka Cup for fostering Encouragement and Community Spirit (joint); Kathleen Mandeno Scholarship (see more on P13)

\* **Zoe Miller:** Certificates for distinction in Economics and highly commended in English Shakespeare; Hilda Chenery Scholarship

\* **Isabella Muirhead:** Prize for distinction in Graphics, Economics, Sculpture and Art History Modern; Verna Dowdle Award for participation and leadership in Arts and Culture

\* **Binudi Senanayake:** Prize for distinction in Physics, Accounting, Statistics and Biology and highly commended in Chemistry; Mary Melrose Scholarship for Excellence in Biology and Physics; Penny Le Couteur Prize for Chemistry; Einstein Award for the top Science student in Year 13; John Williamson Scholarship; University of Auckland Top Achievers Scholarship

Congratulations to Binudi, Dux for 2018.

All the Prefects spoke to the Senior School, and Head Prefect Ruby Murray received enthusiastic acknowledgement for her year of leadership. The Head Prefect for 2019 was announced on the night and is Amelia Burton. The deputies are Rebecca Mead, Jasmin Wiki and Anushka Unnikrishnan.



*Senior Prizegiving Assembly*



*Junior Prizegiving Assembly*

### JUNIOR SCHOOL

EGGS celebrated the great achievements of junior students on Thursday 13th December, the last day of term for the summer break. Stella Beckman and Saylor Bostic accompanied by the Epsom Junior Prizegiving Orchestra gave a fantastic performance of Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth, culminating in a wonderful wrap up of 2018, the first year in the School's second century - EGGS 101.

Congratulations to all prize winners.

## SHARING THE KNOWLEDGE

The School welcomes Alumnae working in a wide variety of fields to come and talk to current students about their career. If you're interested in talking to the current students through the **Thursday Lunchtime Talks** programme, to share your professional journey and inspire the girls about life in your chosen field, please contact Philippa Leask, HoD Careers Dept, at the School on 09-970 6774 – she'd love to hear from you, as will the students! Or let us know, and we'll put you in touch with Philippa.

## CURRENTS SCHOOL NEWS

### EPSOM SPORT

#### INSPIRING FUTURE SILVER FERNS

In October, EGGS teacher **Eloise Blackwell** was recognised as one of the top 40 most outstanding young graduates at the University of Auckland, which recognises alumni making a significant contribution to their field and community, drawn from a wide range of categories. She was one of three Maori to receive the award. Given the university graduates some 10,000 students each year making the list is a significant achievement.

Eloise, (Ngāti Whātua and Ngāti Wai), graduated with a Bachelor of Physical Education in 2013 and teaches Physical Education and Health at Epsom Girls Grammar. She is also a Black Fern.



Eloise found it somewhat of a shock to be recognised in this way – she considers herself as a teacher who plays rugby part-time. The reality is that it's a full-on schedule for this talented woman who manages teaching whilst also playing professional rugby – with great success.

She is happy that being a teacher allows her to inspire the next generation of sportswomen to wear the silver fern. Young girls are always asking her about her rugby and sharing their dreams. Eloise says that because of the changes and benefits that women are now getting in terms of pay equity and recognition at the elite level, it's very cool that so many girls are aspiring to play the game she loves.

This is a wonderful achievement – congratulations Eloise, may you continue to inspire!

#### FOOTBALL

Congratulations to **Maggie Jenkins** and **Laney Strachan** who played in the FIFA U17 Womens World Cup and placed 3rd overall!

Awesome achievement from these students and the New Zealand team!



*Macy Davies, Renee Domazet and Rebecca Reader*

#### YOUNG ENTERPRISE AWARDS

Congratulations to Year 13 Business Enterprise team, **Clarity**, for being awarded the "Start-Up Company of the Year" at the Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Auckland Regional Awards on Wednesday 31 November. The team were Rebecca Reader, Lucia Rinderman, Renee Domazet, Portia Glossop, Shelby Sanderson, Macy Davies and Belinda Gao. Rebecca, Macy and Renee attended the awards ceremony, producing a Business Pitch focussing on Clarity's innovative package with a direct link to well-being.

Their key goal has been to help women get through stressful times in their lives. Clarity produced a locally sourced healing package targeting mental illness and specific problems women face. The product was innovative and sustainable showing a strong sense of community and ethical business practice. Seeing Clarity's success and positive feedback was the most rewarding highlight of the team's journey. Our congratulations to Clarity team members. The passion, drive, motivation and resilience was the key to their business success.



## GRADUATION DINNER - Thursday 29th November 2018

This was the 23rd Grad Dinner organised by the Old Girls Association, and the biggest in recent years with 730+ attendees. The girls looked wonderful and the Epsom spirit was alive and well inside Ellerslie Function Centre. DP Sarah Dwan welcomed the girls and their families, Co-President Sally Blyth and Principal Lorraine Pound addressed the audience and presentations were made to each graduate. Head Prefect Ruby Murray gave a wonderful speech and the Y13 Deans Roxanne Walker and Rochelle Quedley took everyone on a light-hearted and poignant journey of the Class of 2018.

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 Achieve in Medicine. Unfortunately, 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.

"My message is two-fold. Firstly, that your elders do have some wise words from time to time, so you should listen. Secondly, that life is for living – don't be so blinkered in focusing on your goals that you miss out on opportunities, relationships and adventure because you are in such a rush. Take some risk, laugh loudly and make some mistakes, because there isn't, nor should there be, such a thing as the perfect run.

No matter what you choose to do from here, just do it like you mean it; laugh, and live your life with purpose. The rest will follow. I am so excited to imagine the adventures that lie ahead for you."

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's deserving recipients, selected by the Deans, were from left to right: *Imogen Sutton, Claudia Lawrence, Shoal Makata and Summer Bradley*. Congratulations!

After thank-you's and farewells, the School Song was proudly sung, led by the Head Prefects, below from left to right: *Yasmina Latu, Ruby Murray, Jacqui Alexander and Libby Gane*.



*Dr Erica Whineray*



Another wonderful evening came to a close and a new group of Alumnae headed off for the next phase of their lives.

Special thanks to the sub-committee – Lynley Sheweiry, Rachael Banbury, Sally Blyth and Annise Raea – and to the Y13 Deans and Sarah Dwan for organising such a special and memorable evening.



*DPs Michele Heywood & Kate Slattery, Year 13 Deans Rochelle Quedley & Roxanne Walker and Dr Erica Whineray*



## EPSOM HOUSE NEWS

This OGA Scholarship is available to a student in her first year at Epsom House. Since 2016, the Scholarship has been sponsored by Compass Group and we thank them for their ongoing support.



This year we had six applicants and it was not easy to select this year's recipient, however there can only be one. We are pleased to announce the recipient for the 2019 Epsom House Scholarship is Bella Cottier. Bella was presented with her Certificate at the Pre-Enrolment Day on Friday 16th November. It was a wonderful occasion, with next year's Y9 Hostel girls and their families coming together for lunch, to meet each other and find out more about Hostel life.

Please support our Key Epsom House Sponsor and Partner, Compass Group, when considering services and catering that you need to purchase.

### MANUKA POD OPENING - *Update from Kirsty Cooper, EGGS Old Girl, OGA*

#### *Committee Member - Accounts, Epsom House Parent Representative*

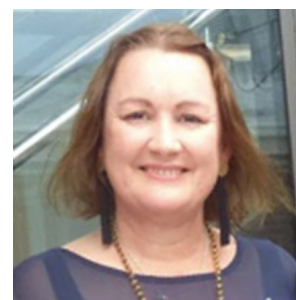
On Friday 9th November we had the pleasure of opening the Manuka Pod officially. This is the culmination of an extensive project which not only included the construction but also the financial sourcing, planning schedules and resource consenting.

The Manuka Pod is the second Pod constructed for Epsom House in the last two years.

We have come a long way from when the School considered the closing of Epsom House due to the extensive costs of upgrading the buildings. Fortunately for the current families, the families back then devised an idea to contribute a 'development levy' in addition to the usual boarding fees. Many of those original families' daughters didn't get to enjoy Pod living as it took many years for the entire amount to be raised from the levy. We are grateful for their foresight and generosity to get the project underway.

The first pod is Pohutukawa and the second Pod, Manuka, was able to be built in quick succession as the Epsom Girls BOT approved the idea to finance the construction up front. The current development levies contribute to the repayment of this finance. Manuka is a pretty close copy of Pohutukawa, with a few tweaks and small improvements from the original design.

Thanks to Anna Logan (an EH Old Girl) who was pivotal in the design of these building. Kane and his team led a well-run project, which included 'neighbour management', to produce a fantastic building. From the rose gold accents to the large kitchen spaces, every detail has been considered and decided upon, based on the best living experience for the girls.



*Demolished Epsom House Building*

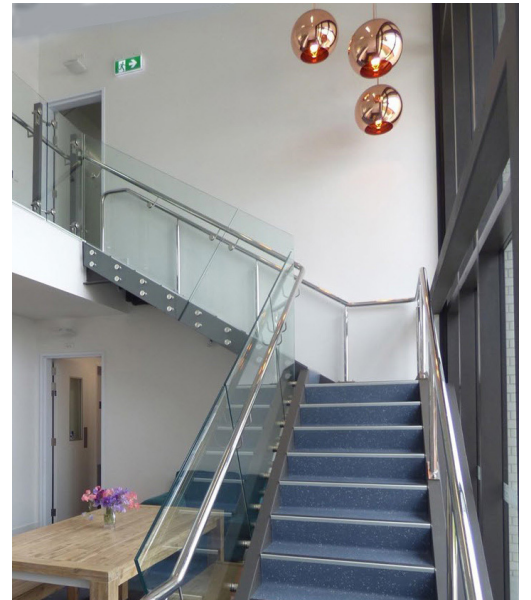


*New Pod During Construction*





# MANUKA POD OPENING Friday 9th November





## FOCUS ON OLD GIRLS

### THE PAST MEETS THE FUTURE: A Photographic Journey

#### Annemarie Hope-Cross (EGGS 1982-1986)

*article by Sally Blyth*

Annemarie has always had a love of the arts, especially photography, but it wasn't a subject option when she was at EGGS, so she took Art and Art History. Praising her teachers, she acknowledges that taking these subjects gave her a lifelong appreciation of art, especially Matisse's work. She also enjoyed music and learnt the clarinet growing up, playing in bands and orchestras whilst at school. Music has become increasingly important to Annemarie, but photography was always her first love.



When she left school, Annemarie worked in a portrait studio for a year but realised that wasn't for her and went to study at Whitecliffe College of Arts and Design. After this she worked in an advertising agency in Parnell; although she was involved in the photographic side of things, it just wasn't the right fit for her. Alas, the passion wasn't gelling into something practical she could embrace.

Diverting away from an artistic career, she joined the Ambulance service as an officer and loved this occupation. When her dad died young and her marriage ended, it was time to reassess her life. Having enjoyed heading down from Auckland to help out with Warbirds Over Wanaka, she found herself enamoured with the thought of living in a small community so, when she spotted an advert on the St Johns' website for a position in Central Otago, she applied. She was accepted and in 2008 made the big move south to Alexandra. People wondered whether she had gone mad, but she absolutely loved the area and, after riding through a few challenges, she settled into her new life with a high measure of enjoyment.

Adding a "meant to be" element to the move, Annemarie met her now-husband, Eric, (also an ambulance officer) on her first day on the job in Alexandra. As well as an obvious attraction to each other, they shared a mutual passion for photography and joined a collective group in Cromwell. Through this, they met other artists, and Annemarie's artistic side was fuelled with ideas, enthusiasm and like-minded camaraderie.

#### A Lightbulb Moment ...

Flicking through some brochures her late dad had accumulated, she learnt about Lacock Abbey in Wiltshire, England, where photography was invented. (Some scenes in the Harry Potter series were also filmed there). Feeling highly inspired, she made a bold plan and, in 2011, with some funding from a small scholarship, she headed over to do a photography workshop in the small village of Lacock. She experimented with "camera-less photography", focussing on botanical images. This was a light bulb moment in her life and kick-started her journey towards practising as a photographic artist.

In 2013 Annemarie was invited back to Lacock to undertake a residency and further enhance her skills. The contemplative nature and surprising results of her work kept driving her to experiment further and stretch herself using the special techniques she was perfecting.

During her stint in Lacock she produced the second largest body of photogenic drawings in the world, the largest being by William Henry Fox Talbot who lived at the Abbey and invented the process back in 1839. The techniques he developed – and which Annemarie still uses – led to photography as we know it today. Digital photography has enabled a whole new photographic realm these days, but Annemarie prefers the tactile methods and outdoor time involved in producing her outstanding imagery.

In 2017 Annemarie had an exhibition of her work at the Fox Talbot Museum in Lacock. She also participates in group exhibitions at Hullabaloo Artspace in the Cromwell Heritage Precinct and holds solo shows there.

#### A Setback ...

On 10th August 2017, Annemarie was advised of a diagnosis of a Grade 3 invasive ductal triple negative metastatic breast cancer. Needless to say, this turned her and Eric's life upside-down. She underwent early surgery, six months of chemo, a mastectomy and axillary lymph node clearance, as well as five weeks of radiation in Christchurch. A year after diagnosis she began another six months of chemo.

Annemarie is keen to share her breast cancer story and urges women to be proactive; she recommends asking for a scan as well as mammogram as her type of cancer was only detected from an ultrasound scan. The following is an extract from her Facebook page:

"My message is this; 1 out of 9 women in NZ get this disease. There should not be a stigma surrounding it; we didn't ask for this and it's nothing to be ashamed of. I've also been amazed how many [often young] women I have since heard of who've had breast cancer; we can support each other if we talk. Be vigilant – it may not be a pea (mine was a ridge, at 12 o'clock towards the chest wall) and it may not show on a mammogram (mine didn't, twice).

I am going to beat this thing and be the better for it ... already I've enjoyed a tiny bit of cross-country skiing, and the photography continues."



Annemarie is still recovering and has been learning the benefit of slowing down, of being still, and this has led to a solo show of images she has made over the past year. During time spent lying on her bed recovering, looking out at the garden and dreaming up new photographic ideas has kept her going through the darker days.

### The Techniques, Images and Healing

Annemarie works with historic processes and we showcase some of her remarkable images which evoke another era. These first two works are from Annemarie's solo exhibition "Still" at Hullbaloo Artspace. They are, in part, a reflection of her breast cancer journey.



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*"There are occasions in life when one needs to be still. During such a time in my own life, I have had the opportunity for much contemplation. Many memories have come to mind, often sparked by precious objects such as bottles of photographic chemicals from my grandfather, or a bottle of perfume my father gave my mother. Bottles are receptacles for many things; healing herbs and medicines, darkroom chemicals, perfumes, nourishing creams, foods and wine. To me they speak of memories and are, perhaps, allegories for life itself. Made with a "mousetrap" camera in our garden and using a technique 180 years old, these photographs necessitated still-ness in the making; each exposure required up to 8 hours in autumn sunshine. In the stillness, I have found healing and wellbeing."* – Annemarie

The Cloisters series of photogenic drawings was inspired by the Cloisters at Lacock Abbey, started during her residency in 2013.



Queen Anne's Lace,  
Cloisters series



Exhibition: A Window on Nature –  
photogenic drawings

These beautiful images below are cyanotypes – a photographic process invented in 1842 and made famous by a biologist named Anna Atkins, who produced the first photographic book on her seaweed series. The Wildflower series is inspired by the wildflower meadows of England, whilst the Penseroso image reflects Annemarie's love of music.

### Looking back to move forward

It wasn't until Annemarie delved back into the history and original techniques of her passion that she found her true "sweet spot" which, in turn, enabled her to revitalise her artistic side later in life. Now, happy and productive in Central Otago, and overcoming her health woes, she can confidently call herself a "photographic artist". Whilst she considers herself a "doing" person, the cancer has forced her to spend more time in the "being" space, which she finds a bit of a challenge but is always good for the creative soul.

Annemarie, we wish you all the best for future exhibitions and send healing thoughts for your journey to full recovery, so that you can be fully active again soon.

If you would like to know more about Annemarie and her work, check her website <https://hopecrossphotography.com/>

You can email her on [annemarie@hopecrossphotography.com](mailto:annemarie@hopecrossphotography.com)



"Lily of the Valley" from Wildflower series



"Largo" from Penseroso series

## MINI PROFILES

### Belinda Sellars – newly appointed Queens Counsel

Belinda Sellars was at EGGs 1985-1988 and won the 6th Form Art History Prize in 1988. She is a senior criminal lawyer based in Auckland, with more than 20 years litigation experience. Belinda has been a practising barrister sole since 2009; she works within Freyberg Chambers and has successfully defended numerous clients across the full spectrum of offences. Belinda graduated with a BA (1994) and LLB (Hons) in 1995. In 2004 she joined the Public Defence Service and was an original member of the Public Defence Service pilot in the Auckland office. She joined the independent bar in 2009, specialising in criminal law. Belinda was admitted to the Bar in Samoa in 2012. Congratulations Belinda on being appointed QC in November 2018.



### Professor Cynthia (Cindy) Farquhar (nee Gunn) CNZM, MBChB, FRCOG, DipObMedGyn, MD, FRANZCOG, CREI, MPH

Cindy attended EGGs 1972-1974 and is a highly respected academic and fertility specialist. She is the Postgraduate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Auckland and a consultant clinician. She trained in medicine in Auckland and completed her speciality ob/gyn training in the UK. Cindy has worked in London and the USA and has been involved in many fields including endocrinology and infertility. She operates in both public and private hospitals and has had many peer reviewed publications and technical reports published throughout the years. Cindy has led many clinical trials and has held positions on various medical boards and committees and steering groups.

She is currently the lead methodologist for the WHO Fertility Guidelines in 2018-2019. We're pleased to learn that Cindy has recently been awarded the Liley Medal Award from the Health Research Council of NZ (HRC) for research that has produced a significant breakthrough within the health and medical fields. Cindy was honoured for her study into Intrauterine Insemination (IUI) which was published in The Lancet last November. Click on this link to read more. <https://www.neverstop.ac.nz/honours/> Congratulations Cindy, it's a brilliant achievement!

### Jude Dobson (nee Kirk)

Jude (EGGS 1980-1983) has produced and directed an online documentary to mark 100 years since the Liberation of Le Quesnoy. This small French town provides a significant piece of World War 1 history for our country; the New Zealand Division, on their own, liberated this occupied town without any loss of life to the French civilian population, and they did so in a very unusual manner, just a week before the end of the war. This was a very personal project for Jude, with a connection via Auckland Grammar School.

Read more about it *The Liberation of Le Quesnoy* via the NZ Herald website.



### Val Payne QSM (nee Strong)

Val (EGGS 1953-1955) is a long-time member of the Mangere Historical Society and has spent the last few years writing about the Walmsley Road area of Mangere, its people and its past. Favona: Its History and Stories is out now – it took three years to finish and includes stories about the Death family, families in Hall Avenue, Robertson Road, through to Norana Ave and surrounding areas. Favona is an area of land between the surrounding Tararata and Harania Creeks, to the east of the Mangere Bridge on the south side of Manukau Harbour; a part of Mangere that is often overlooked.

The book is available from Val at Vandcp@gmail.com or phone 09-6369261.

### Emeritus Professor Louise Nicholson (nee Green)

Louise was profiled on TVNZ's Sunday programme on 15th November – called "From Wheelchair to Walking" it focussed on Louise's ground-breaking research that could change the lives of millions.

Louise has poured her energy into researching a cure for spinal cord injury and now serves on the board of The CatWalk Trust. She recently completed her first half-marathon as part of Team CatWalk, whose motto was "Running so others can walk". Passionate about getting people out of wheelchairs and back on their feet, Louise is a truly inspirational woman, especially given this professor of neuroscience lives with an inoperable brain tumour.

Louise received an EGGs Founders Award in 2015 for Biomedical Research and is a very special Old Girl indeed. We wish you well Louise.





## INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS

We'd love to expand our international connections so we can gain a better picture of where in the world we all are. Many Alumnae live overseas and if you are one of them, or know someone who lives in a far flung destination, do let us know details. If you know any Old Girls living overseas who may not currently be in the OGA loop, please let us and/or them know and hopefully we can help generate many connections around the world.

### Jan Beagle - A Key Player at the UN (EGGS 1964-1967)

After finishing her high school years at EGGS, Jan completed a Masters degree with first class Honours in History and International Relations from the University of Auckland. Since then, she has forged an impressive diplomatic career, initially working for the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs during which time she spent five years as a delegate to the United Nations in New York.

She joined the UN in 1979 in the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs and since that time has held a variety of key senior positions within the UN Secretariat. She has more than 40 years of experience in the political, development and inter-agency work of the organisation, specialising in human rights, disarmament and social development.

On 1st June 2017 Jan was appointed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to the position of United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Management. Prior to this, she was Deputy Executive Director of the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and before that was Deputy Director-General of the UN Office in Geneva (2008-2009). From 2005-2007 she was Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management at the UN.

In her new role – one of the most senior roles within the UN – Jan leads the overarching management functions of the UN's Secretariat.

This year, Jan received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Auckland where she says she was inspired by some wonderful professors and made lifelong friends.

Jan is a committed advocate for gender equity and was one of the early appointed International Gender Champions – a global leadership network that works to promote gender equality and empowerment of women and girls.

Now based in New York, Jan is married with three daughters and one granddaughter. Her work is high profile but family is important, and she visits New Zealand regularly to see her mother.



### Dr Jane Skeen (EGGS 1964-1968) - Passion for Pacific Children

Jane is a Paediatric Oncologist who is passionate about her work in the Pacific which is part of a global issue to address the disparities in the diagnosis and care of children with cancer in the developing (low-middle income, LMIC) countries where 80% of children with cancer live. Historically, survival has been 0-20% compared to the developed world (20% of children with cancer worldwide) where survival is 80+% and consumes 80% of resources worldwide.

After graduating from the University of Auckland Medical School in 1976, Jane received her paediatric training at the former Princess Mary Hospital in Auckland. She has worked in Paediatric Oncology since 1979 and is currently one of 11 Paediatric Oncologists at the Starship Blood and Cancer Centre at Starship Children's Hospital, Auckland. Jane has sub-speciality interests in Late Effects of Childhood Cancer, Paediatric Palliative Care, Paediatric renal and hepatic tumours.

Jane's passion for her work is evident through her involvement in many organisations. She is a member of the National Child Cancer Network (formerly Paediatric Oncology Steering Group) Late Effects, Children's Cancer Registry and Pacific Island working groups and in 2009 was appointed Chair of the Pacific Island working group. She is committed to improving the outcomes of children with cancer in the Pacific and has been visiting and working with the Pacific Health professionals in Tonga and Samoa since 2006 and, more recently, in Vanuatu. Jane is aware of the close affiliations that EGGS has in this part of the world, particularly with Tonga and Samoa and this adds an extra layer of connection to her work.

Jane is a Life Member of the New Zealand Child Cancer Foundation and until November 2018 was Board member and Convenor, Health Professional Sub-committee. She is a Member of the International Work Group Death Dying and Bereavement and was a board member from 2011-2018. She is co-author, together with Dr M Louise Webster, of the chapter "Communication with Children: their understanding, information needs and processes." in Pediatric Psych-oncology (2nd edition).

It's wonderful to know that an EGGS Old Girl is doing such vital work and, although there will be harrowing moments and tough times, it is obvious how much this work means to Jane.



## REGIONAL BRANCHES

We have active branches in Franklin and Tauranga but would love to expand our branch network. If you're interested in activating a branch in your neck of the woods, let us know and we'll help get you started.

### TAURANGA LUNCHEON

On 18th October 2018 EGGS alumnae from the Bay of Plenty region gathered in Tauranga for their annual luncheon. This year it was held in the Oak Tree Restaurant in Greerton and the group was treated to a floral art demonstration by Byrta Wagstaff nee Jordan. Byrta's creations were then raffled off to some very happy winners along with some other prizes of EGGS Centenary memorabilia and a lovely hand-made quilt in EGGS colours made by the luncheon coordinator Anne Powell. Julie Goodyer attended on behalf of the OGA Committee.

If you're interested in getting involved in our Tauranga Branch, please contact Anne Powell, Ph. 07-574 4229.



### FRANKLIN BRANCH CHRISTMAS DINNER

This year the Franklin OGA Branch held its annual Christmas Dinner at the Franklin Club in Pukekohe on Monday 26th November. With a mix of regulars and newcomers, everyone had a great evening of catching up with friends and fellow Alumnae, and reminiscing about school days. Julie Goodyer attended on behalf of the OGA Committee. If you're interested in getting involved in our Franklin Branch, please contact Rita Peterson, Ph. 09-238 6522



### CENTRAL OTAGO BRANCH

Old Girls Jan Bean (EGGS 1952-1965) and Annemarie Hope-Cross (see story Page 8) are keen to kickstart a branch for Old Girls living in the Central Otago area. If you are interested, please contact Annemarie by email on [annemarie@hopecrossphotography.com](mailto:annemarie@hopecrossphotography.com)



## SUPPORTING ALUMNAE

### The Kathleen Mandeno Scholarship

This Scholarship was established to assist EGGS students to study for a Science degree at a New Zealand University. It is funded by Jill Mandeno (EGGS Founder 2013 – see info below), 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.

We are pleased to announce that the recipient for the 2019 Scholarship is Vivien Whyte (EGGS 2014-2018). Vivien will undertake a BSc at Auckland University, majoring in physics. Whilst at EGGS, Vivien was involved in a huge variety of activities, alongside her academic schoolwork, including musical pursuits, performance, and sporting activities. She has been involved as a youth leader with the United Nations, was a Prefect and BOT Student Rep 2017 and has completed the Duke of Edinburgh bronze and silver levels.

Expressing an affinity and natural curiosity for calculus, physics and how they can explain the impossible, Vivien hopes to do a post-grad in the US; she dreams of getting into Astrophysics and working on the frontiers of the unknown, with specific interest in theories and quantum physics. Congratulations Vivien, we wish you well with your future studies.



*Vivien Whyte*

### Flying High - Jill Mandeno (EGGS 1955-1959)

Jill has an illustrious international career in the IT realm and received an EGGS Founders Award in 2013 for Business and Community Service. She initially worked in the UK for Rolls Royce Aerospace as a programmer and systems planner before joining ITT Europe HQ in the Technical Department, where she stayed for ten years. She then moved to the US and worked for ITT HQ's Technical Director in New York and then for the Telecommunications Group in North America. In 1968 Jill and three partners bought a computer personnel company (Key Programmers Guild), one of the earliest temporary staffing agencies in the UK. They also set up a US subsidiary to design, manufacture and market printer graphics controllers for barcoding and other industrial automatic identification systems. In 1992, with the help of now Dame Justice Judith Potter, Jill set up what is now called the EGGS Alumnae Endowment (Kathleen Mandeno) Sub-trust. This Trust manages the Kathleen Mandeno Scholarship. Trustees are Jill Mandeno, Julie Goodyer and Sally Blyth.

Despite some health setbacks this year, Jill continues to enjoy travelling, collecting wonderful artworks from around the world, not to mention many experiences and stories to share. Although she does not fly fish herself, she has been involved in the sport for many years – it's one she came to appreciate upon meeting Roland, who hails from Sweden, has been Swedish national champ many times over and is now her partner. He loves to head to favourite NZ spots to pursue his passion, while Jill took up the sport in a different way, being President of Sport Fly Fishing NZ for 17 years (she is now its Patron) and also Chairwoman of the Commonwealth Fly Fishing Assn Inc. for 10+ years. She retired this year and is now also its Patron. Remaining firmly involved, Jill is heading to Kazakhstan in 2019 to attend an international Congress on the sport, which is aiming to join the Olympic movement in the future. We're sure Jill will return with some interesting stories to tell! With her positive outlook, philanthropic approach to life and ready availability to discuss possibilities, Jill is an inspiration in so many ways – thank you Jill!



*Jill with past Scholarship winners at cocktail reunion function in December 2017*

## BE A SILVER ROAD CLUB DONOR



A group of Old Girls are now **Silver Road Club Donors**, supporting us with a monthly automatic payment of \$10 to help cover our costs. This is less than a few cups of coffee a week and we would love your support in this way.

We are a registered charity and will send you a donation receipt at the end of the year. Please contact us for more information to become a member of the Silver Road Club.

## REMEMBERING ALUMNAE

We remember with fondness all Old Girls who have passed away in recent months. You can read more obituaries on the OGA tab of the School website.

### Joyce (Joy) Carter – 10th February 1921 – 11th December 2018

Joy Carter passed away peacefully in her sleep on 11th December 2018, aged 97 years. She would have been 98 on 10th February 2019. Earlier this year Joy moved out of her home in Herne Bay (in which she had lived for over 75 years) to a rest home. A group of Joy's students, including Noelene Creighton and Ro Bellamy, remained good friends and companions to Joy over the years and garden parties were often held at her home.

Joy taught Chemistry, Maths and Science at EGGs for over 30 years in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. She was Deputy Headmistress at EGGs from 1962 to 1973. She was a strong believer in education and was also active in the Girl Guide movement from 1941.

In the EGGs Centenary year of 2017, Alumnae and family members joined Joy for a garden party at her home to celebrate her 96th birthday the previous day; the weather was perfect for a party in her lovely garden. Later that year Joy also attended the Staff Luncheon at the Centenary celebrations; she was the oldest person present.

In 2017 Joy reluctantly stepped down from the various roles she had held in Ponsonby's U3A since it was first established in 1994. Joy and the Ponsonby U3A were featured in an article in the Ponsonby News March 2017 edition, written by EGGs Alumna Noeline Creighton. Joy was a founder of "Greenfingers", as part of U3A. Although she continued to live independently until this year, Joy's primary carer over her later years has been her nephew, Murray Smallfield. Joy is also survived by her sister Ngawini who was one of the early gardeners at EGGs. Ngawini and Joy planted many of the original trees still found in the grounds at EGGs today.

Joy's life was celebrated at a service at All Saints Church, 284 Ponsonby Road, Ponsonby on Wednesday 19th December 2018 at 1.30pm. Lorraine Pound spoke at the funeral, and she and Fiona Cottam were both pallbearers.

Joy will be missed by many and remembered with great fondness.



### Gwenda Margaret Litherland (nee Cammell) – Died 4th September 2018, aged 67

Gwenda grew up in Green Lane, attending Cornwall Park School and Remuera Intermediate before coming to EGGs in 1964 (3CG).

Her mother, Joan Cammell (nee Nicholson), also attended EGGs in the 1930s. Gwenda was cousin to OGA Committee member Margi Leech (nee Cammell) and niece of Valda Cammell (nee Nicholson).

After finishing her schooling at Selwyn College, Gwenda embarked on a career in travel management, beginning at the Northern Steamship Company in the city. Gwenda married Don, an AGS Old Boy, and had three children. She studied the piano, teaching students in Mangere Bridge.

Later Gwenda continued her career. She and her husband, Don, had a very successful travel business in Royal Oak for many years; they were well-known in the travel industry and Gwenda won many awards. Gwenda died suddenly and unexpectedly in September leaving three adult children and several grandchildren. (Pictured with her granddaughter Isla). She will always be remembered as a kind and caring person, and for her community and church service.

### Sally Ann Pulham (nee Hough) – Died 14th October 2018

Sally grew up in Green Lane, attending Cornwall Primary and Remuera Intermediate before coming to EGGs in 1968 (3AG). She attended Auckland Teachers College and went on to become a successful primary and intermediate teacher. Sally was a much-loved teacher and colleague, as well as a very artistic person. She was well-known for her interior design creations and for making the props for all the school performances where she taught (also where her two children, Matthew and Scarlett, attended school). Sally finished her career at Te Kura, The Correspondence School. She died at Mercy Hospice after a short illness with cancer. Her sisters are Jan Hough, 3BG 1956 (deceased) and Penny Brown, nee Hough, 3BL 1961.



### Winifred Clare (Winkie) Ashby (nee Griffin) – Died 11th December 2018

Winkie attended EGGs in 1949 and was the School swimming champion. She competed at the Commonwealth Games twice (Auckland 1950, and Vancouver 1954). Winkie passed away peacefully following a brief battle with cancer. "She's off to swim in another ocean, one where the water sparkles and is always warm" – from the NZ Herald notice.



**Anne Parker (nee Goodall) – Died 14th September 2018, aged 91**

Anne was in 3A, 1940 and was a teacher, wordsmith and the best crossword-puzzler. She lived in Manurewa for many years. Her late sister was Judith Goodall (3AL, 1949).

**Sue Mary Hamill (EGGS 1977-78) – Died 12th August 2018, aged 58**

Sue (EGGS 1977/78) was a Hostel girl from Whakatane; she was in 7Cp in 1978. Sue was married to Don Richards and died in Wellington. Sue stood as an independent candidate for Ohariu in the 2014 election. Her brother is Rob Hamill, long-distance rower.

**Joanne Lesley (Lesley) McHardie-Hughes – Died 20th July 2018, aged 69 years**

Lesley taught at EGGs in the early 1990s and was the first Y13 Dean to do Graduation Dinner – she did five Grad Dinners between 1996 and 2016. She was a Life Member of the OGA. She died peacefully at Mercy Hospice with family by her side.

**Mary Elizabeth Cresswell (nee Hill) – Died 2nd July 2018**

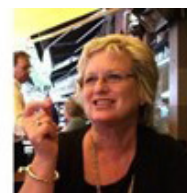
Mary (EGGS 1957) was in 3BG. She attended the OGA 90-Year Jubilee celebrations in 2007 and won the raffle prize. Her daughters are Jane Cresswell (3WH, 1983) and Kate Akel (3CN, 1988). She died surrounded by her family.

**Virginia Frances Lee (nee Neels) – Died 16th November 2018, aged 50 years.**

Virginia attended EGGs in the early 1980s; she was in 3WS 1982. Virginia passed away peacefully at home in Beckenham, UK, after a long and courageous battle with cancer, with her husband Mark by her side.

**Deborah Marian Knowles (nee Grossman) – Died 9th October 2018**

Deborah passed away peacefully, in the presence of her family, after a long illness. Deborah attended EGGs 1964-67 (3CL 1964) and taught English and Drama at EGGs between 1979 and 1983. She was a writer and wrote a book on her family history and the Holocaust. She published five books and is survived by her husband David, children Edward and Josephine and two granddaughters.

**Glen Harding (nee Nicholson) – Died 2nd October 2018**

Glen attended EGGs 1937-1942 (3A 1937 and 6A 1942). She was Head Girl and Dux in 1942 and received a University Scholarship 1941/1942.

**Joy Hickman – Died 27th October 2018**

Joy was in 3A Modern in 1942. She was a writer of many booklets on Biblical themes, also a musician and poet. Her sister is Sheila Hickman (3A Modern 1940).

**Sheila Anne McGregor (nee Snelling) – Died 5th December 2018**

Sheila was a Hostel girl and was in 3B in 1945. She died peacefully in Whangarei. Her sisters were Peggy Snelling (3DM, 1947) and Cushla Traylen (nee Snelling) (3B, 1948) – both also Hostel girls, now deceased.

**Nellie Gladys Chapman (nee Wakefield) – Died 1st December 2018**

Nellie was in 3A (1945) and travelled from Tokoroa to EGGs for the 60-years-on Reunion in 2015 – her first visit to the School since leaving.

**Patricia Louise Solloway (nee Conyngham) – Died 6th September 2018, aged 89**

Patricia was in 3A in 1942. She died at Howick Baptist Healthcare. Her sister is Dr Anne Hall (nee Conyngham).

**Ailsa Lillian Scott (nee King) – Died 2nd November 2018, aged 92 – 3A 1939****Stella Lindsay Johnstone, Dr (was Faber, nee Horwell) – Died 13th November 2018**

Stella was in 6B, 1939 and was known to her patients as Dr Lindsay. She died in Whangarei.

**Judy Anne (Juliette) Parsons (nee Patterson) – Died 19th July 2018, aged 84**

Judy was Hostel girl and was in 3B Modern, 1948. She died peacefully in Tauranga, having lived a long time in Whangarei.

**Beverley Batkin – Died 14th December 2017, aged 78**

Beverley was an independent, sincere, caring and engaging mother and friend who is sadly missed. Beverley's daughter Ursula attended EGGs 1985-89.

## CONNECTION CORNER

### YEAR GROUP REUNIONS

Looking ahead to next year, 2019 ...

If you began your schooling at EGGS in a decade ending with "9" – to match 2019 – and would like to get together with classmates, please contact us and we'll help you get the ball rolling. This would mean starting third form in 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999 or 2009, or joining the cohort in subsequent years.

Whether you're in Auckland, the South Island or overseas, if you're keen to reconnect and get a group together, do contact us. Spring is an ideal time to get together – which means getting the wheels in motion now!

Email [oga@eggs.school.nz](mailto:oga@eggs.school.nz) if you are keen.

*NB: We focus on the corresponding decade years but please feel free to organise a get together for your year group at any time. Just get in touch with us.*

### LOOKING BACK TO A PAST REUNION ...

#### **Many happy reconnections – 1975 Third Form Year Group Reunion, held in 2015**



*About 40 attended the Friday night drinks gathering in Mt Eden including several teachers. It was a real trip down memory lane and, even though some people initially felt a bit anxious about coming along and meeting up with classmates 40 years later, the vibe was instantly relaxed and easy, with non-stop chatter and laughter. Many came together again on the Saturday morning for a tour of the School, hosted by Hostel girls.*

### MORNING TEA FOR OLD GIRLS AT EPSOM HOUSE

All Old Girls are invited to attend our Annual Morning Tea on Wednesday 10th April 2019 from 10am in the Epsom House Hostel Dining Room, Owens Road, Epsom. The Morning Tea will be followed by a 60 years on and 70 years on Reunion Luncheon in the Hostel Dining Room for 1949 and 1959 third formers. Invitations to these events will be sent out mid January.

Even if you come by yourself, you won't be alone – you'll be amongst old friends!

### MORNING TEA FOR OLD GIRLS AT EDMUND HILLARY RETIREMENT VILLAGE

On Friday 1st February 2019 we are planning a Morning Tea for Old Girls who live at this 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. So, we thought we'd organise a Morning Tea on site. If you're at the Edmund Hillary Retirement Village, do look out for a notice about the event. If you live at a retirement village and would be interested in organising a Morning or Afternoon Tea at your village for fellow EGGS OGs, please let us know. We'd be delighted to assist and join the gathering if possible.

### LAWYERS' NETWORKING – Panel Discussion – 27th March 2019, 6pm

After our successful Meet the EGGS Judges event, our EGGS Women in Law Committee is planning another networking function. This is for EGGS students interested in a legal career, law students and legal Alumnae and will be a Panel discussion with both recent and experienced EGGS lawyers. The discussion will cover what lawyers in different types of legal practise actually do, the variety and range of work available in the legal profession and what to do as a young lawyer entering the job market.

### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

We organise occasional gatherings for groups with similar careers or passions – whether professional, sporting, cultural, creative, if you're keen to have a get-together, or have a suggestion for a group gathering, please do contact us.



## LOST AND FOUND

This section aims to help bring long-lost school friends together or fill missing gaps. If you want to find someone or have information to share, please contact us.

### CLASS PHOTOS REQUIRED

The School Archives are missing the following class photos – if you happen to have a copy of any of these, please do contact us. If they are named, or partially named, even better! You could scan and email the photo to us or post us the original – we can copy it and return if you wish, or it will be kept safe in Archives if you are happy to donate it.

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If you need a class list and name form to help complete the names, please contact Mary Dunkley, Phone 09-524 6507 (between 8am to 9am or after 4.30pm).

Email oga@eggs.school.nz or Post to EGGSOA Assn, P.O. Box 26-276, Epsom, Auckland 1344

### WONDERING WHAT YOUR OLD SCHOOL FRIENDS ARE UP TO?

*We encourage all Old Girls to seek out former CLASS MATES.*

*If you'd like some help reconnecting with someone you have lost touch with, let us know. Maiden and married names don't make things simple but if you put something in our Lost & Found section, you may just find that friend! We're happy to publicise details.*

### THANK YOU, MARY D

A HUGE thank you to Mary Dunkley who has been such a support to the OGA Committee for many years. Mary is a wonderful researcher and has an ability to absorb and retain information about the School and Old Girls far and wide. She can identify classes, names and years off the top of her head and if she doesn't know the information, she'll find it promptly.

If you have a query about a girl you went to school with and would like to connect with, let us know – we are sure Mary will find some details for you that will be helpful.

Thanks also to Mary's sister Gay Bates who assists with communications and various events.

These two dedicated Old Girls are part of the fabric of EGGS and the Old Girls Association.



## OGA CENTENARY 2021

Initial planning is under way for our OGA Centenary in 2021. The feature will be a fabulous Cocktail event – watch this space! We're also planning to hold an Art Show during the celebrations, showcasing works by Alumnae – if you're an artist and would be interested in participating, please contact us so we can measure interest and keep you informed. If you would like to join the OGA Centenary Sub-Committee, please get in touch!

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If so, please contact us for full details and process. We produce three newsletters per year which are emailed and posted to a large database. This is a great opportunity to profile yourself and your business to a group of wonderful women who may be looking for exactly what you are offering! We're happy to spread your good news along with our own. All content subject to Editor's approval.

## FOUNDATION NEWS

*Update from Virginia Bishop, EGGS Old Girl, OGA Committee Member and Foundation Member*

### L-Block Fundraising Activity

In 2019 the School will begin upgrading L Block; this is the original weatherboard block opposite the pool that was once home to the Art and Music departments. The project will develop this traditional building into a modern flexible learning environment. The government will only fund the redevelopment of the indoor classroom space. The School would like to extend the flexible learning environment to include an outdoor space – creating a multi-purpose sheltered decking area with light, airy, indoor-outdoor flow. The School's challenge is to build a vibrant, well connected, physical environment that encourages and supports many different types of learning.

EGGS has set a goal to raise **\$150,000** for the additional outdoor space, a breakout learning place, that creates an area that gives much needed shade in the summer and shelter from the rain during lunch time and interval. To achieve this, the School requires the support of the community, individuals, trusts, sponsors and businesses to assist financially.

Fundraising is well underway, with the following recent events well supported by Old Girls, parents and the wider community, collectively raising over \$40,000.

### Movie Night – *Leave No Trace*, Monday 3rd September, Rialto Newmarket

Following on from our successful movie evening in 2017, this year's film choice *Leave No Trace* was equally popular, with another sell-out event. *Leave No Trace* stars the New Zealand actress Thomasin Harcourt McKenzie in the lead role. Her performance as 13-year-old Tom living off the grid with her war vet father is described as mesmerising.

We kicked the evening off with a little socializing over some drinks and nibbles, prior to the special private screening.

We would like to make a special mention of our two sponsors, Mini Garage Broadway Newmarket who are new to partnering with the Old Girls and the school this year, and Aria Park Retirement Village and Resthome, who have continued their support from last year. Both sponsors were proud to be associated with making the event happen and we feel very privileged and honoured to have their ongoing support.

Mini also provided the Platinum spot prize which was won by one of the lucky ticket holders – a Mini for a weekend!

For those who attended or couldn't make it but donated to this fundraiser, a heartfelt thank you for your support.





## Meet the Maker

Organised by a committee of awesome EGGS parents, committed to raising funds for the transformation of L Block into an innovative learning space, the Meet the Maker event was held inside the Mini Dealership in Newmarket on Friday 2nd November.

Thanks to everyone who attended and/or contributed to making the evening such a success - wow what a night!

The venue and format were perfect for the 200 or so guests who attended and sampled (and purchased) a showcase of craft beer, wine, boutique beverages and food made and produced by local artisans. The event was a wonderful platform for parents and friends of the school and community to socialise together in a great atmosphere.

In tandem with the Meet the Maker event there was also a giant auction of items kindly donated by local businesses and friends of EGGS. Some of the items were auctioned on the night and another 20 took place online, so the whole EGGS community could get involved. The auction was full of top-notch items including bach get-aways, sports gear, sporting memorabilia, health and beauty goodie packs, sport celebrity training sessions, art work, fine wine and much more.

Thank you again for supporting these events.

If you would like to make a cash donation towards L Block, please email - [foundation@eggs.school.nz](mailto:foundation@eggs.school.nz)

Word of mouth, post-event, is that the community is keen to support another event ... we are on a roll - so mark this one in your calendars ...



## Garden Party in Paradise – Friday 1st March 2019

This event will be hosted at EGGS in Paradise area.

The planning is underway!

At this stage the plan is to have food and cocktails at the event, with entertainment from the EGGS music department, school performances etc. More to come – watch this space!



### CREATE A LASTING LEGACY

If you're interested in making a gift to Epsom Girls Grammar School in your will, and leaving a lasting legacy, please Speak in confidence with the Foundation Office

by phone 09-970 6753 or by email [foundation@eggs.school.nz](mailto:foundation@eggs.school.nz)

Please download our [My Legacy](#) booklet for more information.

# WEARABLE ARTS DELIGHT

Co-President Sally Blyth was thrilled that her entry for the 2018 WOW Wearable Arts Awards Show – called “Minerva Maxima” – was accepted for the show and graced the WOW stage in Wellington in September/October. This year there were 140 garments created by 147 designers from 17 countries.

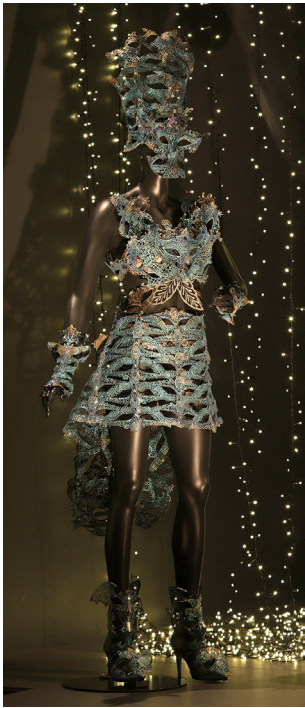
Sally is delighted that her creation – her eighth garment over six shows since 2011 – has been selected as one of 60 from this year’s show to be exhibited at the National WOW Museum & Nelson Classic Car Collection in Nelson. Seeing the garments in action on stage is amazing, as those who have been to the show will know, but seeing them up close on display enables people to truly appreciate the level of detail, craftsmanship and innovation that goes into creating a piece of wearable art.

The exhibition officially opened on Friday 30th November and will run through until November 2019. If you are visiting Nelson, head to the Museum and take a look; you will be WOW’d!

<https://www.worldofwearableart.com/museum/>



On the WOW stage, 2018  
Photos courtesy of WOW



On display at the  
WOW Museum in Nelson

## Save the Date - 2019

Morning Tea for OGs at Edmund Hillary Retirement Village .....	Friday 1st February
Party In Paradise .....	Friday 1st March
Lawyers' Networking - Panel Discussion .....	Wednesday 27th March
Annual Morning Tea .....	Wednesday 10th April
Graduation Dinner .....	Tuesday 3rd December
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