Epsom Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association (Inc)

Committee Profiles April 2019





Sally Blyth - Co-President (EGGS 1975-1978)

Self-employed, works in the travel and creative realm. Runs a Personal Travel Companion Service. International tour leader. Writer, editor, designer, artist, facilitator. Wearable arts enthusiast and mask artisan. Has enjoyed a diverse career, mainly working with not-for-profits and in the health/wellbeing and creative sectors. Lived and worked in the UK/Europe during 1980s. Many years of involvement in local communities alongside strong international focus. Enjoys enabling connections, generating inspiration, sharing experiences and taking people beyond their expectations. Passions: travel, people, horse racing, skiing, art, music, quizzing, cooking. Married with two adult sons.

Co-President since 2015; OGA Committee member since 2011; Centenary Committee member 2015-2017.



Lynley Sheweiry - Co-President & Honorary Member (EGGS OGA 2014-present)

Biochemist with sales, customer service & marketing experience. Currently has own business – clairvoyant giving spiritual counselling. Passionate about education, fundraising and supporting the learning environment. Mum of Rachael Banbury (OGA Cttee) & two boys that attended AGS. EGGS BOT since 2012, Chair Personnel Ctte, Curriculum & Enrolment Cttes, Foundation Trustee, Arts Council & Capital Campaign Cttees. AGS Gala Dinner Cttee 2009-2016 and Treasurer & Secretary of Aorere College Foundation since 2015. Enjoys music, movies, watching rugby and football and spending time with family.

OGA Committee member since 2014; Co-President since 2016; BOT Member since 2012; Centenary Committee member 2012-2017; EGGS Foundation Trustee since 2012.



Julie Goodyer - Treasurer (EGGS 1971-1975)

Two daughters attended EGGS 2009-2013. Serves on Finance & Property, Epsom House and Curriculum Committees of the Board which enables a good working knowledge of the School. Resource Management Laywer (30+ years' experience). Enjoys connecting with past students, hearing stories of how EGGS has changed over the years, enhancing connections between alumnae and current School. Passionate about the School and girls' education. Interests include walking, yoga, family time incl. elder care involvement. Skills: governance, management, leadership, networking and (of necessity) social media. Three adult children.

OGA Committee member since 2009; President 2010-2014, then Secretary and now Treasurer; BOT Member since 2016; Chair Centenary Committee 2012-2017.



Virginia Bishop née Bryant - Secretary (EGGS 1981-1984)

Formerly a secondary school teacher, Virginia has recent experience in General Operations Management particularly across multi-site enterprises where retaining brand and customer service differentiation in highly competitive environments is paramount while building leadership capability and developing performance based cultures. Holding previous leadership and managerial roles across a diverse range of industries including Aged Care and Retirement, Airlines, Veterinary and Contract Support Services. Virginia is also actively involved in a number of volunteer community based interests including assisting with school Waterpolo and Netball. Virginia has 2 daughters currently at Auckland Normal Intermediate and enjoys outdoor activities with the family – water sports, camping, tramping, walking and running

OGA Committee member since 2015; EGGS Foundation Trustee since 2017.



Tric Milner - Deputy Principal, OGA Staff Representative & Honorary Member (EGGS 1989-present)

Long standing association with EGGS, currently one of the Deputy Principals, previously Learning Area Director of English. Daughter attended EGGS. Ongoing passion for enabling high quality learning for young women and supporting strong links between the school and the OGA. Portfolios include supporting the Arts and Culture, Community of Schools (ACCoS) and Professional Development of staff.

Staff at EGGS since 1989, OGA Committee member since 2015, Centenary Committee member 2015-2017.



Annise Raea née Brumby - Events (EGGS 1989-1993)

Degrees in Civil Engineering and Commerce from Auckland Uni. Works as team manager and project manager for WSP Opus, involved in a variety of projects predominantly in public infrastructure, including planning and design of transport and water infrastructure. Interested in supporting the School and the education of young women. Also interested in business networking and mentoring for OGs and current students moving into university and the workforce. Two daughters currently at EGGS (Years 9 and 11).

OGA Committee member since 2017.



Rachael Banbury - Technical Advisor (EGGS 2012-2016)

Currently attending Auckland University, double majoring in History and Politics as part of a BA minoring in Sociology. Works part-time at Auckland Normal Intermediate School as a teacher aide & after school tutor. Continues to be involved at EGGS by lending a helping hand with general school events, specifically the Arts side of the School (member of the Epsom Arts Council since 2015). Member of Epsom Memorial Archway Trust Committee since 2015 (organises ANZAC Day services).

OGA Committee member since 2017, Student Rep 2015-2016, EGGS Arts Council since 2015



Lucie Chambers - 2018 Graduate (EGGS 2014-2018)

Second generation student with a strong connection to EGGS. Mother and sister were past students as well as many aunts and cousins. A huge passion for learning. Served on the Learning and Library Committees at EGGS and was Learning Prefect in 2018. Involved in the School Production crew and Shelia Winn Shakespeare festival, as well as a member of the basketball and trampolining teams. Currently in first year of a Bachelor of Nursing degree at Massey University in Albany and looks forward to a rewarding career in this field.

OGA Committee member since 2019



Katharine Collins - Communications, PR (EGGS 1986-1990)

Third generation EGGS girl maintains a wide group of 'Old Girl' friends. Human Resources Manager, passionate about communication and creating open cultures, the community, giving back & supporting others. Keen to champion ways for women to engage in making decisions about what they want, need and can achieve. Took a lot from days at EGGS, loves reconnecting and seeing the School in action. Enjoys skiing, running, biking, photography, cooking. Married with two primary school girls, who already feel a connection to the school.

OGA Committee member since 2016



Rosemary (Ro) Bellamy (EGGS 1954-1958)

Long career teaching at EGGS, on and off, from 1963 to 2001, mainly Science and Biology. Also worked in the laboratory teaching program in Plant Sciences at the University of Auckland from 2005. Spent a period living and working in New York. Studied for Masters degree in genetics, determining flowering time of plants. A strong love of gardening and has a long-time interest in the heritage areas of the School grounds, generated when a member of the Centenary Committee. Values the School highly and whimsically claims to have arrived in 1954 and have never quite left. Honoured as a 2019 EGGS Founder at a private ceremony held in March.

Staff at EGGS 1963-2001, Staff Rep on BOT during 1990s (9 years), OGA President 2007–2010, OGA Committee member for 37 years



Margi Leech née Cammell (EGGS 1969-1972)

Self-employed, works in education providing professional development for teachers in Maths, mainly in primary schools as well as education for children with special needs. Runs an online store, Edushop, writes articles, editor of the Smart Teaching Magazine, designer, facilitator, school festival choir conductor, volunteer for various community and special interest groups. Lived and worked in Hawaii as part of the teaching faculty of the University of the Nations. Many years of involvement in national and local choirs, local Christian groups and churches, and presently at St George's in Epsom. Passions: gardening, people, music, cooking, sewing. Married with two adult daughters.

OGA Committee member since 2015



Mary Hall (EGGS 1966-1968)

Scouting and Plunket volunteer roles since 1971. Involved in sports at Rep level and coaching (Hockey and Skiing). Also works for Plunket in Car Restraint Team; a national NZQA Assessor/Trainer for Land Transport in the Car Restraint Training field for retailers, Police and local councils. Aucklander of the Year in 2004. In 2014 received the Minister of Health's Volunteer Award for 40 years' service in the Health field. Received the Otahuhu College Distinguished Old Students Award in 2016. Married with four grown-up children and six grandchildren.

OGA Committee member since 1988



Claudia Chaney - Recent Leaver (EGGS 2014-2018)

Claudia spent much of her youth battling cancer, enduring countless treatments and operations and becoming wheelchair dependent early in her life. Despite minimal formal schooling due to her illness, she loved her time at EGGS, making new friends and becoming involved in the choir. Music is very important in her life; she has performed with Starjam and recently joined the Auckland Youth Choir. Loves cats and has a mobility dog called Wren. Wrote a book called Glass World and has plans for a follow-up. Taking a break from academic life this year to focus on what is next in store; hopes to do further work on her music and writing.

OGA Committee member since 2018



Alice Raea - OGA Student Representative (EGGS 2017-present)

Currently in Year 11 at EGGS. Involved in various activities across the School. Hoping to create a stronger connection between the OGA and the girls currently attending EGGS.

OGA Committee member since 2019