



Epsom Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association (Inc)



100th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 14th JUNE 2021 - REPORTS

Dear EGGGS OGA AGM 2020 Attendees

Thank you for RSVPing that you will attend our 100th AGM via Zoom at 7:00pm on Monday 14th June 2021.

Here are the papers for the meeting ...

- Agenda
- 2020 AGM Minutes
- Reports: Treasurer; Archivist; Principal; Co-Presidents
- Financial Statements

Please read these reports prior to the AGM as they will be taken as read.

If you have any questions on any of these reports, or anything else to raise, please email these in advance to oga@eggs.school.nz and we will address them at the meeting.

The Zoom link has been sent to you separately. If you have any problems linking in please phone Sally on 021 480 323.

We really look forward to seeing you, from near and far, on Zoom on Monday evening.

Regards,

Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry

OGA Co-Presidents

Agenda for 100th AGM of EGGGS OGA - Monday 14th June 2021 at 7pm (Via Zoom)

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Minutes of 99th Annual General Meeting

DATE	Monday 08 June 2020, 7 pm (via Zoom, due to Covid-19 restrictions)
PRESENT	Sally Blyth (Omaha), Lynley Sheweiry, Julie Goodyer, Virginia Bishop, Katharine Collins, Annise Raea, Alice Raea, Rachael Banbury, Tric Milner, Michele Heywood, Mary Hall, Margi Leech, Lucie Chambers, Lorraine Pound (Principal), Chris Iles (Board Chair), Fiona Cottam, Kathryn Seagrave (South Wairarapa), Christine Black, Jill Mandeno, Marion Fell (Napier), Neville Ryan, Sue Templeton, Wendy Lin (Hong Kong), Jean Lang, Gay Roberts (Omaha), Leila Corban, Marie (Wellington), Judy Wilson, Madeline Gunn, Dr Margaret Guthrie, Marama O'Loughlin, Sue Templeton, Kris Tynan, Siata Tavite, Helen Laurenson, Kalvir Martin, Marina Batham (Hawaii), Marion Fell, Jenny Woods.
APOLOGIES	See below

AGENDA ITEM	MINUTES
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoom navigation – Margi Leech.
1. Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome – Sally Blyth: Biggest turnout ever; people from around NZ and the world – from our living rooms. A lot of pre-reading to get through so taking reports as read; thank you Lynley for combining the AGM reports into one document.
2. Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeanette Smith, Ann Baster, Sue Bull, Frances Loo, Irene Byrne, Valda Cammell, Ehlin Young, Claudia Chaney, Margaret Martin (Sydney), Annette McGown, Elaine Rutherford, Catherine Allbury, Michelle Allbury, Jan Martin, Elizabeth Wilson, Anna, Lydia Healy, Arunima Mahajan, Mary Robinson, Clare, Kim Robertson, Rosemary Brock, Moira Christine Dye, Jane Condon, Jennifer Wilson, Susan Satyanand, Jessica Wood, Deb Ward, Utita.
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (98th AGM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held Monday, 10th June 2019. Accepted as correct: Moved Sally Blyth, Seconded Julie Goodyer Carried
4. Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OGA Centenary 2021 – OGA decision has been made to change the date from Fri 26th March to Sat 27th March 2021.
5. Correspondence In/ Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies - as noted. Moved Sally Blyth, seconded by Lynley Sheweiry. Carried.
6. Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer's report prepared by Julie Goodyer. Taken as read. Key points to highlight: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See full Treasurer's Report; - Main source of the year's fundraising was the Graduation Dinner (November 2019); - Overview of the Term Deposits, including the donation from the late Ro Bellamy for the Science Quad upgrade; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A special thanks to Kirsty Cooper for running the accounts in Xero; and to Chris Iles for reviewing accounts this year on a pro bono basis; Chris' review letter is incorporated into the Statement of Service Performance Report provided; - Increased cash position reflects the successful Graduation Dinner and donations for projects which are held in separate Term Deposits. Moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted: Julie Goodyer; seconded by Annise Raea. Carried. Sally noted the amount of work that goes into this area. Question raised by Siata Tavite regarding the review of accounts being pro-bono and why there is an audit charge in the YE 31/3/2020 SSP. Julie responded that it related to the review by Crowe Howarth of the YE31/2/2019 accounts and Chris Iles advised to ensure payments such as this are accrued in future so as to capture any audit/review fee in the year it relates too. Advice noted.
7. Silver Road Badges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to physically hand out badges at the meeting but there is one for Donna Corse-Scott – Julie will arrange to get this to Donna.

8. Archivist's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared and spoken to by Virginia Bishop. • A busy year for Archives, captured in the Report. • Key pieces – a gold key gifted to the School has been mounted and framed and Miss Loudoun's CBE Medal has been restored and framed. • Comment from Principal Lorraine Pound regarding a re-arranging of some of the artwork in the Boardroom to make this a feature wall for framed artwork and photographs such as these archival pieces. • Christine Black will be compiling a memoir book recording the history of the OGA. • Moved that the Archivist's Report be accepted: Virginia Bishop; seconded by Julie Goodyer. • Carried.
9. Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Lorraine Pound prepared and spoke to the Principal's Report. • Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last few months dominated by Covid-19; Alert Level 1 will provide some good normality; looking forward to that. • Moved that the Principal's Report be accepted: Lorraine Pound; seconded by Lucie Chambers. • Carried.
10. Co-Presidents' Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Presidents' Report prepared and spoken to by Sally Blyth and Lynley Sheweiry. • Key points – have had to cancel events due to Covid-19; looking forward to 2021 Centenary and putting efforts and energy into that. • Moved that Co-Presidents' Report be accepted: Sally Blyth; seconded by Margi Leech. • Carried.
11. Election of Officers and Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Presidents - Sally Blyth and Lynley Sheweiry; • Treasurer - Julie Goodyer; • Secretary - Katharine Collins; • Staff Representatives - Patricia Milner & Michele Heywood; • Committee Members - Mary Hall; Annise Raea; Rachael Banbury; Lucie Chambers; Claudia Chaney; • Student Representative - Alice Raea; • Resignations from Virginia Bishop and Margi Leech. • Recognition of the huge amount of work by Virginia, as Secretary and all the other activities she has undertaken, including her work with the School; Virginia read out her resignation message that she had sent to Sally and Lynley; • Margi will be co-opted onto the Committee for Centenary help. • Moved that all nominations for the Officers and Committee be accepted Sally Blyth, Seconded Julie Goodyer • Passed
12. Approval of budget for next financial year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget YE 31 March 2021 - presented by Julie Goodyer. • Moved that the Budget for the next financial year be accepted: Julie Goodyer; seconded by Lucie Chambers. • Carried.
13. Appointment of Accountants to Review Financial Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Goodyer recommended that Chris Iles (Board of Trustees Chair) again review the accounts for the coming year; Chris noted his other School responsibilities; he explained he is a Chartered Accountant but not currently practising. Chris agreed to continue to do our review for a 3-year period, after which time he recommends it revert to Crowe Howarth or another accountant. Chris was thanked for his generous offer. • Moved Julie Goodyer; seconded by Jill Mandeno. • Carried. • Chris also noted the keen intent of Board to continue relationships with the wider community and asked whether OGA would like to see some reporting from the Board at its AGM, i.e. on what it is doing for the School, the School's strategic goals, to encourage more interaction. Sally welcomed the opportunity to include a report from the Board in papers for the 2021 AGM. There were also positive feedback comments (in the Zoom chat); general consensus was that this would be welcomed. The Board will take action to put this together for the OGA for the next AGM.

14. General Business	<p>1) OGA Centenary 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jill Mandeno asked about the impact of Covid-19 into the future and whether contingency plans were being put into place in case it could not go ahead as planned in March 2021; Agreed that the OGA Committee will continue to review and consider a contingency plan as part of the planning. Christine Black is working on compiling a history of the OGA; will update further; the project is underway – combining ideas from the Committee, survey feedback, etc. Suggestion from Marina Batham that when listing the Old Girls attending a reunion to include their maiden names as well as any married names (as former classmates are hard to find without them). The Database does contain both maiden and married names where known. The Committee can assist people find classmates if a reunion is being organised. Need to bear in mind privacy issues of sharing information. <p>2) 2020 AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Margi recommended using Zoom again for next year’s AGM, to allow Old Girls to again join from anywhere. General consensus and agreement to do this.
15. Breakout Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved into Zoom ‘random’ breakout rooms to chat for a few minutes in smaller groups – asked to share a memory from School days.
16. Honorary Memberships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tric Milner read the citation for Jeanette Davidson. Additional comments of recognition from Gay Roberts. Julie Goodyer read the citation for Kalvir Martin. Additional comments of recognition from Margi Leech. Moved that the two Honorary Memberships be accepted: Julie Goodyer; seconded by Lynley Sheweiry. Carried.
17. School Song	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual singing of the School Song!
Meeting concluded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting concluded at 8:35pm.
Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 100th AGM date: Monday 14th June 2021 (tbc).

Treasurer's Report - 2021

The year ending 31 March 2021 takes in the period of the Covid lockdowns so almost all our events were cancelled although we did hold the 2020 Graduation Dinner which is our major fundraiser. We started the 2020/2021 financial year in a strong financial position with \$15,900 seed funding set aside on term deposits for the OGA centenary. About \$5,500 of this has been earmarked for a photo archiving project we are working on with the school. We have received a bequest from the A Kirkness Estate of \$3,000 to augment this amount. The remaining \$10,000 of Centenary seed funding is to underwrite the OGA Centenary costs including the cost of producing an OGA History Booklet for the Centenary which will require most of this amount up front. This task is well underway. The booklet is being written by our former Archivist Christine Black and edited by Co-President Sally Blyth.

At the start of the financial year, we were also holding \$80,600 to fund the Science Quad upgrade which occurred in January this year. The invoices were not closed off until after the end of the 31/3/2021 financial year and we paid the school a donation of \$73,000 to cover these costs. We have just over \$9,000 left for the Science Quad upgrade to put towards soft landscaping and the planting of a Centennial tree. This includes interest earned and \$1,000 donated at the time of the EGGS Centenary by the Tongan Old Girls.

We also hold \$2,000 plus interest for a Centenary Project which will cost about \$6,000 to instal an Honours Board in Epsom House with the names of Head Girls from 1960 to 1999. Further work is required to make sure the list of names sourced from magazines is accurate before the Honours Board can be made and we also need to raise more funds to complete this.

We received left over Centennial Scholarship funds of \$1,3000 from the school and have received a further bequest from the L Natali Estate of \$700 to enable us to award an OGA Centennial Scholarship this year. The recipient will be introduced and presented with the Scholarship later in the AGM.



OGA Treasurer Julie Goodyer

Our other major investment is the Hostel Scholarship fund which is invested through the EGGS Foundation in their Forsyth Barr investment fund. As of 31 March 2021, the amount of this fund was \$39,894 (up \$6,000 from last 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 2021 (payable in November 2020) so we did not have to withdraw this payment from the Scholarship capital fund. We will be renegotiating this sponsorship moving forward and hope that Compass Group will agree to increase this to \$3,500 to recognise the increased development levy. We particularly want to acknowledge and thank Compass Group for their generous sponsorship of this scholarship to date.

The Graduation Dinner in 2020 was well-attended and the dinner made a significant profit of \$11,928 plus a further \$2,652 in memorabilia sales and \$397 profit on Grad ring sales.

We 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.

For the past 2 years we have not made our regular donation of \$3,000 to the school towards the cost of running the EGGS Archives as the archives went into recess at the end of Term 1 in 2018. Related to Archives is the photo archiving project already discussed above and while we are not making our past regular \$3,000 donation to the School for the Archives, the setting up of this project and ongoing funding of it will take up most of those funds.

We have 9 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 but one has now been running for over 12 months and many have been running for years.

Kirsty Cooper has been running our accounts through Xero for over 3 years now and we have a good system going. The key is to code things correctly before they get loaded into Xero. For the second year Kirsty has produced the accounts out of Xero to form the basis for our Statement of Service Performance to be lodged with Charities Services. Chris Iles who is Board Chair and an Honorary Old Girl has reviewed our accounts for the second year and has committed to do this for us for one more year on a pro bono basis. Thank you to Kirsty and Chris for their major contribution to finalising the accounts.

We are into the 6th 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. I am always happy to work with anyone who would like to learn the treasurer's role or take on any aspect of the role.

The OGA owns the trustee company EGGSOGA Trustee Limited that is a trustee of the Endowment Trust that manages to Kathleen Mandeno Scholarships. Jill Mandeno has transferred a share portfolio to the Endowment Sub-trust, and it is now self-sufficient in funding the Kathleen Mandeno scholarship and some of the Einstein prizes that Jill funds. Sally Blyth and I are the directors of the trustee company. We have opened a bank account for this trust this year to handle the share dividends and scholarship payments ourselves rather than having Jill's lawyers manage it which incurs legal fees.

In summary if you are looking at the OGA's Statement of Service Performance as reviewed by Chris Iles it shows that the OGA's total Bank accounts and cash at the end of the financial YE 31/3/2021 have gone up by \$25,744. This includes the final donations towards the Science Quad and the fact that payment for the hard landscaping project did not occur until after 31 March 2021. It also reflects our successful Graduation dinner.

I move that the Financial Statements and Statement of Service Performance for the year ended 31 March 2021 as reviewed by Chris Iles are accepted.

Julie Goodyer, Treasurer
Old Girls Association



Budget for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Income	YE 31/3/2022
Graduation Dinner Profit for 2021 Grad Dinner	15000
Donations General	500
Silver Road Club Payments	1000
Fundraising Events and Sponsorship	1500
Memorabilia Sales	1200
Interest	75
Compass Hostel Schol Sponsorship (1)	3500
Graduation Ring Sales	0
Profit on OGA Centenary Events (4)	2500
	25275
Cash in bank	
Profit from Grad Dinner 2020 and Memorabilia Sales at Grad Dinner	18640
Seed Funding for Centenary (2)	10000
Funding for Archival project (Seed funding \$5,500 and Kirkness Bequest \$3,073) (2)	8073
Funding for Epsom House Honours Board (3)	2051
Funds for Science Quad Soft Landscaping and Tongan Centennial Tree funds	9372
Funding for OGA Centenary Scholarship - Funds from EGGS Centenary and L Natali Bequest)	2000
	50136
Total Income and Cash in Bank	75411
Expenses	
School Prizes	3000
School OGA Service Awards	1080
Hostel Scholarship (1)	3500
Graduation Scholarships x 3	1800
OGA Centennial Scholarship	2000
OGA History Booklet for Centenary (from Seed Funding)	8000
OGA Centenary Event Costs	2000
Archival Project costs first year (OGA Share)(2)	8573
Complete Soft Landscaping and Centennial Tree in Science Quad	9372
Epsom House Honours Board Centenary Project	6000
Secretarial	400
Gifts	200
Other Expenses	200
	46125
Net Cash Flow (Income and Cash in Bank less Expenses)	29286

Budget 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. Need to renegotiate an increase in this sponsorship to \$3,500 to cover Development Levy increase for 2022.

2. Term Deposit of \$6,000 was remaining Profit from 90th Jubilee and was been topped up by profit from 2018 Grad dinner to \$15,000. In 2020 \$5,500 was withdrawn and held for Archival project. (Bequest from A Kirkness of \$3,073 added to this).

3. Donation of \$2,000 from S Bull (but more fundraising required up to \$6,000)

4. EGGs OGA Centenary Celebration events to be held late October 2021. Ticket price to cover costs and be cash neutral or make a small profit

Archivist's Report - 2021

I am delighted to submit the Archivist's report for 2021.

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

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

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



*OGA Co-President
Lynley Sheweiry*

We are discussing with Jill Mandeno an alternative option for the most efficient and effective way of storing our memorabilia digitally. We look forward to landing on an online or similar digital solution for this over the coming year.

We are always happy to receive ongoing donations of memorabilia and last year we were thrilled to be able to restore two pieces of stored memorabilia.

Julie Goodyer very kindly paid for the framing and restoration and we thank her for her ongoing generosity to the OGA.

The CBE awarded to Miss Agnes Lang Loudon in 1948 the former headmistress Epsom Girls Grammar School for her work and service to education.



C.B.E. Awarded in 1948
for her work and service
to education.

Miss A.L. Loudon C.B.E.
M.A. Dip. Ed.
Headmistress 1930 - 1947

We also mounted and framed a gold key that was handed over to the school in recognition of the opening of the administration block in 1960. The hall – co-located, was built adjacent and opened some six years later. This building still remains in full glory on site today (with the staffroom upstairs).



Alison Mackrell's parents were both prefects, her father was at Auckland Grammar & her mother, Raewyn Bayliss, was at Epsom Girls Grammar. Thank you so much for emailing images of their badges to the OGA.



We have had gifted to Archives a beautiful Autograph Album from the early 1930s owned by EGGS Old Girl Gwen Barnes. The album contains autographs and sketches by EGGS students from 1930 to 1935. A big thank you to Len Jury for returning this piece of history to EGGS. Please see a few examples below:

Form IV A, E. G. S., 1933.


Walter Downing	Isabel Moore	Nuriel Kendon.
Audrey Downey.	Patricia McRob.	Joyce Haite
Jan Wilson.	Rona Ash.	Helen MacLennick
Margaret Clarke	Cora Pool.	Molly Somersfield
Joan MacCull.	Evelyn Amuss	Sheila MacKinnon.
Nancy Oliver G.C.	Deo Aitken.	Gwen Barnes.
Mary Percus	Joyce Street.	
Margaret Daniel	Mira Bradbury.	
Lela Downey.	Betty Hughes.	
June Weatherburn	Beryl Dickson.	
Helsey Mc Donald.	Edna Lamb.	
Edna Galbally.	F.P. Jessie Murray	
Phyllis Langton	Joyce Clarke.	
	Margaret McClomb.	
	Peggy Garfield	



Jessie Pugh
Form V 1933
E.G.S.
1933.



Dorothy Malcolm
1933.



'May a wee
moo? never leave
your pantry wi' a tear-
drop in his ee?'

Margaret Clarke
IV A
E.G.S.
December 1933.

The Walk To School



Margaret McComb
E.G.S. 1935

Form V B, E. G. S., 1934.

Joyce McKean, F.P.	Jean A. Kendall
Mollie Spalden, G.C.	Beryl Judd. Gwen Barnes.
Jean Dawding.	Margaret C. Ramsay.
Lorna Forsman.	Aldwyth Holmes. Guemeth Blake
Audrey Downey	Myra Bradbury.
Clary Forga	Blanche M. Pring.
Erna Pottler.	Carl D. Dak.
Madge Hair.	Jean A. Kendall.
Jane R. Betteridge.	Gloria Esme Bell.
Aileen Allison.	Patricia McRob.
Nancy Oliver.	Clare Downey.
Harriet Phillips	Jessie M. Tolosh.
Joan Wilson	Tom Pool
	Ruth Bannister
	Elena Galbally

Form VI B, E. G. S., 1935.

Ulla Scrimin	Dorothy Bell	Joyce McKean.
Harriet Phillips.	B. Dickson	Jean Dawding.
Helen MacLennan	Dorothy Bisset	Joan Haddon.
Patricia Peterson	Margaret Macky.	Erna Pottler.
Nota Whyte	Joan Marshall	Joan MacLennan
Jessie Pugh	Mr. Moore.	Daisy Tipler
Marjorie Daniel	Jean Wilson	tr. H. Forgie.
Margaret Trorer.	Inez Grace.	Jessie Murray.
Carl P.	Jessie Murray	Gwen Barnes.
Gene Grantley.	Margaret McComb	
Mavis Blomfield	Audrey Downey.	
	Carl Beechey	
	Clare Downey.	



HICKORY, DICKORY, DOCK,
THE MOUSE RAN UP THE CLOCK

Margie A. C. David
E. G. S.
1935



Cheer right up, my dear, becos
Things won't be so black as they used to was.

M. Trorer
E.G.S.

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 research, there is plenty of reward when an old class photo or yearbook entry is found, or a connection made. This process would be made so much easier if our records, year books and memorabilia could be stored digitally for all OGA to access.

Our extensive database of contacts remains an important vehicle for the Old Girls membership and network. The database enables us to organise and manage our contact information and assists us as a start point with research requests. We have continued 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. A huge thank you to Neville Ryan for continuing to keep the database updated.

With this in mind the EGGs Foundation has invested in a new data storage platform called Potentiality. This is an all-in-one platform capable of sending emails, communications, run events and fundraising without having to export/import a list. You never see the private emails of your members thereby drastically reducing any risk of data breach. It is also able to record click/read statistics and event attendance records are tracked permanently on member profiles and opt in/outs are managed automatically. As this will be a shared database with the Foundation, the OGA has committed to assisting with the annual maintenance costs, when possible.



Our former Archivist, Christine Black has continued to curate a book of the OGA history in readiness for the Old Girls Centenary in 2021 and Sally Blyth has been editing. Lynley Sheweiry will format the book to get it print ready, so this is very much an OGA team effort that will most certainly add value to the 100-year OGA celebration.

**Lynley Sheweiry, Co-President
Old Girls Association**

Principal's Report - 2021

It is a pleasure to report to the Annual General Meeting of the Epsom Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association, in the year of the Association's Centenary.

At the Senior Prizegiving Ceremony last year, two students were awarded joint Dux of the School. Megan Kuan and Chen Huan Liu were evenly matched in their results. This was then echoed in both students gaining an Outstanding Scholar Award (two of 58 awarded across New Zealand) in the NZ Scholarship Examinations. Additionally, Megan was Top Scholar in Statistics for New Zealand. In a year like no other, with



Principal Lorraine Pound

schooling disrupted due to Covid-19, Epsom Girls Grammar School students gained excellent results in the national qualification, the NCEA, and Megan and Chen Huan's achievements were outstanding.

As you will be aware, learning recognition credits were made available to students – and at a higher rate for Auckland students who had two prolonged periods of Covid lockdown. When we analysed the results, we found very few students had needed to depend on these credits in order to gain their level certificate. They got there on their own merits.

When we came back onsite after the second lockdown in August, staff and students made a real commitment to making the very best of the time left in order to get the best outcomes possible. In a year like no other we actually saw pass rates and Excellence Endorsement rates, at both Levels 2 and 3, increase. This is testament to everyone concerned putting the time and effort into making the best of the circumstances we found ourselves in.

This year, every day at Alert Level 1 is a good day. We had two short periods of online learning from home in Term 1 and it is important not to underestimate the unsettling effects of these. What we know is that we are well set up with systems and learning protocols and we also know that online learning presents challenges for students, families and staff. An important aspect of all of this is that we can respond to changing circumstances, seeking positive outcomes and encouraging kindness.

We are looking forward to the Founders' Awards Assembly later in June and then the Old Girls Association Centenary celebrations at the end of October. The Association is very important in the life of the School, and I want to thank and acknowledge, particularly, the many alumnae who supported our Year 12 and 13 Summits held late in Term 1 by leading workshops related to their careers. I also want to thank the Women in Law organising committee who continue to provide wonderful events for both alumnae and current students.

Per Angusta Ad Augusta.
Lorraine Pound, Principal

Co-Presidents' Report - 2021

In this, our fifth year of sharing the role of Co-President, we are pleased to present our Co-Presidents' Report for 2020/2021.

Last year we held our 2020 AGM via Zoom due to Covid and, as we had such a good response, we decided to run it via Zoom again this year as it enables people to link in from around the country and the world.

We have RSVPs from Old Girls in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Whangarei, Nelson, Australia and Singapore. We welcome you all!



Co-Presidents Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry

OGA EVENTS IN A COVID ERA

Our events calendar over the past year has been somewhat compromised by Covid and all the associated uncertainties. We made the hard (but appropriate) decision to defer our Centenary celebrations from March to October 2021, with the new dates set for 30/31 October 2021. We look forward to a wonderful weekend and hope you will join us.

Grad Dinner

We did breathe a sigh of relief that the 2020 Graduation Dinner could go ahead – a lovely occasion to celebrate the end of school for Year 13 students. Our guest speaker was Gemma Bell (EGGS 2011-2015) who was the 2020 CEO of Velocity, a prestigious University of Auckland student and staff entrepreneurship programme. Gemma was unable to be in Auckland on the night but delivered her speech via Zoom – quite fitting given the new Covid environment, with a speech that was engaging and on point.

Women in Law

We held another Women in Law event on 16th April (our third in a series of functions focussed on law as a career, organised by a sub-committee of alumnae who work in the profession). Attendees were privileged to hear a fascinating talk by EGGs alumna Justice Jan-Marie Doogue about her experiences as a Judge in both the District and High Courts including as Chief District Court Judge. The evening was facilitated by Dame Judith Potter and there was time for Q&A. Thanks to sponsors Ulrich Milne Lawyers, with catering by Imogene Wallace and wines supplied by Odyssey wines.

GENERAL

Science Quad: The Science Quad upgrade has been completed and is looking great – made possible through funding from the late Ro Bellamy’s estate and other benefactors. A Jacaranda tree will be planted using Tongan Centennial Tree Funds donated for this purpose, with a tree planting ceremony to take place.

Senior Common Room: The School and OGA bid farewell to the Senior Common Room. Opened in 1975, with plenty of fundraising effort, it was a ground-breaking and funky space for senior students that served its purpose well until it reached the end of its useful life.



Senior and Junior School Prizegiving: OGA officers attended Senior and Junior School Prizegiving to present special prizes and a number of Old Girls participated in School events for senior students regarding career options.

OGA CENTENARY 2021

The dates are confirmed: Saturday 30th October and Sunday 31st October.

Saturday will feature events at the School with a focus on connection and fun. Sunday will be a Thanksgiving Service at a local church with some surprises in store. We’ll be sharing more details in due course.

Attend one event, attend them all. We encourage everyone to come along and connect.

An OGA History book is being produced for the occasion and this is being compiled by past Archivist Christine Black with input from all quarters of the OGA Committee. Thanks to Christine for the work being done on this important record of our past.

We also have a special OGA Centennial Scholarship which is being awarded to Sophia Morgan, an Epsom House student who has been selected to represent Fiji in Sailing at the Tokyo Olympics. Congratulations to Sophia on this outstanding achievement which has been achieved through dedication, passion and hard work.

We’ll let you know further details about the Centenary in due course.

FOUNDERS AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Last year we didn't honour any Founders Awards recipients due to Covid but this year we are back in business. This year we'll be honouring three Founders Award Recipients at School assembly on Tuesday 22nd June. We'll also be awarding further Founders awards later in the year to coincide with the Centenary celebrations. Full information in our next OGA Newsletter.

COMMUNICATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Our database is a huge asset and changes are afoot, as you'll read in the Archivist's Report. If you change your contact details, please do let us know so our records are kept up to date.

Our OGA Newsletter (3 x a year) continues to deliver articles about Old Girls near and far, as well as news about current happenings within the School and the OGA. We also run a Facebook page reporting the latest news as it happens.

If you have stories and information to share, please let us know.

GRADUATION DINNER

The 2020 Graduation Dinner for Year 13 leavers was held at Ellerslie Events Centre on 3rd December. This was one of the few events we could organise and enjoy during the past year.

Our thanks to Annise and Alice Raea, and Rachael Banbury, for organising this special evening. And thanks to all committee members involved behind the scenes to make it so memorable.

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 three well-deserved Scholarships. The girls are chosen by the Year 13 Deans and do not know who they are until announced on the night, so this adds an element of anticipation and intrigue.



Presentation of the OGA Scholarships:

Aysun Kokcu, Eleonora (Ellie) Mazur, Lynley Sheweiry, Katya Alilueva (bowing) Michele Heywood, Jeannette Davidson,

BRANCHES

Our Tauranga and Franklin branches hold an annual Luncheon and Dinner, giving Old Girls in those areas an opportunity to come together. Thanks to the Old Girls involved in making these occasions special.

KATHLEEN MANDENO SCHOLARSHIP

This Scholarship was established to assist EGGs students to study for a Science degree at a New Zealand University and is funded by Jill Mandeno (EGGS 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 2021 recipient is Promise Akindeju, EGGs Head Girl of 2020. We wish Promise all the best for her studies.

EPSOM HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP

Every year, the OGA offers a Scholarship to an Epsom House student. Established by Sally Dalzell, former Associate Principal of Epsom House, and first awarded in 2009, this Scholarship is generously sponsored by Compass Group, who do the catering at Epsom House, and we thank them for their ongoing support.

The 2021 recipient (awarded in 2020) is Madison Yearbury from Pukekohe who was presented with her Scholarship at Enrolment Day last year. Congratulations Maddi!

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 and we will acknowledge them and update our records in our database.

THANKS

Our OGA Committee members ensure the OGA keeps ticking along and we thank you all. We'd love to have new people on the Committee, please think about how you can get involved and give back.

Our finances are capably overseen by our Treasurer Julie Goodyer, assisted by Kirsty Cooper. This is a huge and important job and it is done impeccably. Many thanks to both Julie and Kirsty; huge thanks also to Chris Iles, Chair of the EGGs Board of Trustees, who has reviewed our accounts for us pro bono. Invaluable.

Finally, 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 love to receive items of interest – if you have a piece of EGGs history, do get in touch. See the Archivists report for historical gems we have received over the past year.

We look forward to a wonderful year ahead, with a focus on our Centenary celebrations in October.

Per Angusta Ad Augusta

Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry

EGGS OGA Co-Presidents 2016-2020



SCHOOL SONG

O thou, Lord, who art the God of all,
Humbly on Thee we call.
Lead us in our youth by the light of Thy truth;
Be our Guide,
That we, through all the years to be,
Dwelling in harmony,
May with zeal and skill every duty fulfil,
Doing Thy will.
Grant us the strength to fight,
Vanquishing evil might.
Ours is the heritage for which our fathers died.
To them pledge we our vows today,
That we will strive always
Worthy still to be
That our land we may see
Honoured and free.
May we, Lord, conscious of knowledge won,
Mindful what man has done,
Still aspire to know - every greater shall grow
Wisdom's store.
Through trials, through every test and strain
Constant may we remain;
So we, unafraid, shall go on undismayed;
Strong in Thine aid.
Help us protect the weak;
Grant us the strength we seek.
Give we to Thee, O God, our pledge for evermore.
In years young though we yet may be,
Let us devote to Thee
Hearts that ever must
Choose the right and the just
Ours the trust!

