



# Epsom Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association (Inc)



## 100th Annual General Meeting 14th June 2021

Dear Alumnae

Firstly, thanks to everyone who attended the OGA AGM held on Monday 14th June via Zoom. We had people from up and down the country and a good turnout.

We are pleased to attach the AGM Minutes and associated reports. The information in these reports will keep you up to date with OGA happenings for the 2020/21 year (a challenging one!) and what's in the pipeline.

Our next newsletter will be coming shortly, with a focus on sharing the achievements of our three new Founders Award recipients.

And, moving forward, we'll be getting into full planning mode for the OGA 100 Years Centenary celebrations, set for Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st October 2021. We hope to see you there!

*Per Angusta Ad Augusta*

*Sally Blyth (Editor) and Lynley Sheweiry (Design), Co-Presidents 2016–2021*



### A selection of our Zoom attendees singing the school song



## Minutes of 100th Annual General Meeting

<b>DATE</b>	Monday 14 June 2021, 7pm (via Zoom)
<b>PRESENT</b>	Sally Blyth (Co-President & Chair), Lynley Sheweiry (Co-President), Julie Goodyer (Treasurer), Katharine Collins (Secretary), Annise Raea, Alice Raea, Rachael Banbury, Lorraine Pound (Principal), Chris Iles (Board Chair), Shiprah Christian, Michele Heywood, Gay Roberts, Madeline Gunn, Neville Ryan, Elizabeth Towns, Lynley Roberts, Brenda Perry, Catherine Allbury, Christine Irving, Letitia Isa, Siata Tavite, Gae Griffiths, Virginia Bishop, Leila Corban, Jan Martin, Margaret Guthrie, Alisi Tatafu, Dawn Moffatt, Susan John, John Morgan, Sophia Morgan, Sue Heyes, Fiona Cottam, Marama O'Loughlin, Carolyn Guthrie, Jaclyn Druitt, Christine Black.
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Mary Hall, Lucie Chambers, Gillian Tonson, Sue Templeton, Tric Milner, Judith Carter, Jill Cornish, Margi Leech.

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>
<b>1. Welcome</b>	Welcome by Chair Sally Blyth: - AGM held again via Zoom as it allows us to have attendees from further afield than Auckland. - Welcome to Chris Iles (Board of Trustees Chair and Honorary Member of OGA). - The reports will be taken as read.
<b>2. Apologies</b>	<b>Moved Sally Blyth; Seconded Madeline Gunn that the Apologies be accepted. Carried.</b>
<b>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (99th AGM)</b>	AGM held Monday, 8th June 2020 via Zoom. - One amendment noted (correction of Letitia Isa's name under Apologies). <b>Moved Julie Goodyer; Seconded Gay Roberts.</b> <b>That the Minutes of the AGM held 8th June 2020 be accepted as a correct record, with the noted amendment. Carried.</b>
<b>4. Matters arising</b>	Verbal Report from Chris Iles, Chair BOT. Chris thanked the OGA for the opportunity and noted that it is important that the School Board reports to the OGA and community (as suggested at the 2020 AGM). Chris noted the following matters in terms of Board activity over the past year: Recognition of the OGA 100 years and anticipation of the 2021 celebrations. There have been some changes made to the legislation governing School Boards, and Boards of Trustees are now the School Board and members are Board Members. There will be some changes to Board elections going forward, including technological changes to online and electronic voting, which should provide great contribution from, and engagement with, the community. Covid-19 impact – challenges faced by schools and difficulties encountered managing the process; the Board has been very focused on ensuring everyone's wellness and wellbeing is front of mind and acknowledged what Principal Lorraine Pound and the leadership team have done in looking after students and staff, noting too that the 2020 academic results were great. Financial impact on the School; the Board is focused on navigating this as effectively and efficiently as it can; and noted the School has done a great job in working through the challenges. In 2021, the uncertainty remains, and the Board is focused on managing the financial challenges and limiting the impact on the School so it can continue to operate and deliver a strong educational experience. International student numbers are significantly down which has a big impact. Wellbeing and wellness, and health and safety have been a big focus; also ensuring the School has strong health and safety protocols, with good reporting functions. Maintaining facilities and the ability to raise capital have been challenging issues. The Judith Potter Centre opened in 2020, re-roofing has been undertaken and the Science Quad hard landscaping has been completed and soft landscaping is in progress. It is hoped this will be completed by the OGA Centenary celebrations in October. Other projects are also being considered. Strategic Plan is coming up later this year, a big piece of work and the Old Girls are welcome to contribute to this. There was discussion about the proposed changes to enrolments and priority group changes. The School is not supportive of the proposed changes and is concerned about how it will affect children of past students and staff. The School values the inter-generational links. Submissions on the proposed changes were encouraged. The Chair thanked Chris for his report and interest in the OGA. She also thanked Lorraine and all the staff for managing the School through what has been a difficult time.
<b>5. Correspondence In/Out</b>	Apologies - as noted. Emails are regularly received via the OGA email account and responses made accordingly.
<b>6. Treasurers Report</b>	Treasurer's report prepared by Julie Goodyer, taken as read. Key points to highlight: There are many projects under way or being planned, the main ones being the Science Quad, the Epsom House Honours Board and planting of the Centennial Tree. A special Centennial Scholarship of \$2,000 is to be presented later on the AGM agenda. - The Treasurer acknowledged assistance with the financial statements from Kirsty Cooper, OGA Committee member.

<b>6. Treasurers Report (continued)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Graduation Dinner was a highlight.</li> <li>- Funds are contributed by Silver Road Club donors and other donations received throughout the year.</li> <li>- The finances are in good shape.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moved Julie Goodyer; Seconded Margaret Guthrie that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. Carried.</b></p> <p>The Chair acknowledged Chris Iles’ pro bono review of the financial accounts, and thanked Treasurer Julie Goodyer and Kirsty Cooper for their work in preparing the accounts for review.</p>
<b>7. Silver Road Badges</b>	<p>Everyone who has donated over the past year has received their badge. There is one new donor due to receive one.</p> <p>Silver Road donors were thanked for their valued contribution.</p>
<b>8. Archivist’s Report</b>	<p>Archivist’s Report prepared by Co-President Lynley Sheweiry, taken as read.</p> <p>Key points to highlight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Significant pieces held by the OGA/School including a gold key and Miss Loudon’s CBE Medal have been restored and framed. Julie Goodyer was acknowledged for her contribution towards enabling this. It was noted that the medal had to be restored in Wellington and they had to send it back to England to have the ribbon replaced. The framing work was done by Archivista in Mt Eden.</li> <li>- An Autograph book from the 1930s had been donated and is an important piece of history.</li> <li>- The importance of digitising archival material and photographs.</li> <li>- The EGGs Foundation has invested in a new database system (Potentiality) which the OGA will also benefit from.</li> <li>- Lynley took the opportunity to acknowledge Co-President Sally’s work and input across many pieces of work including communications.</li> </ul> <p>Christine Black, retired Archivist, commented on preservation of items and past archival work. It was noted that there is not currently an active Archivist but the Committee is currently overseeing this work and building on what is in place. Retention and protection are the focus, including from fire risk. The OGA remains committed to the Archives as a valuable resource and acknowledged the work, including creating a database of archives, done by Christine during her time as Archivist.</p> <p><b>Moved Lynley Sheweiry; Seconded Annise Raea that the Archivist’s Report be accepted. Carried.</b></p>
<b>9. Principal’s Report</b>	<p>Principal’s Report prepared by Lorraine Pound, taken as read.</p> <p>Key points to highlight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The School is looking forward to the OGA celebrations later in October.</li> </ul> <p>Great response from Old Girls coming in to speak to the students about careers; great to have Old Girls involved in this way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lorraine gave an update on the International Standards Association ISO 50001 standards in energy management, with EGGs being the first organisation in NZ to achieve certification. Further information is available in the School newsletter online. (NB: The certificate was presented to the School on 24th June 2021 – an excellent initiative and fantastic achievement).</li> <li>- Responding to a question from Siata Tavite about Pasifika groups in the School, and how numbers may be affected by the proposed changes to priority groups, it was clarified that some data has been gathered, and that approx. 8% of the school roll is Pasifika students, similar to Maori students and in line with rolls at other schools across Auckland. Michele Heywood will provide further data on this to the OGA.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moved Lorraine Pound; Seconded Fiona Cottam that the Principal’s Report be accepted. Carried.</b></p>
<b>10. Co-Presidents’ Report</b>	<p>Co-Presidents’ Report prepared by Sally Blyth and Lynley Sheweiry, taken as read.</p> <p>Key points to highlight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Main event was the 2020 Graduation Dinner at Ellerslie Convention Centre.</li> <li>- A third Women in Law event was held on 16th April with Justice Jan-Marie Doogue as speaker – this was a successful and informative evening and an enjoyable networking opportunity. Thanks to Julie Goodyer for overseeing the Women in Law subcommittee who organised the event. Thanks also to Student Rep Alice who was involved.</li> <li>- The Chair thanked the Committee for the work they put in throughout the year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moved Sally Blyth; Seconded Julie Goodyer that the Co-Presidents’ Report be accepted. Carried.</b></p>
<b>11. Election of the Officers and Committee</b>	<p>Co-Presidents - Sally Blyth and Lynley Sheweiry (final term);</p> <p>Treasurer - Julie Goodyer;</p> <p>Secretary - Katharine Collins;</p> <p>Staff Representatives - Patricia Milner &amp; Michele Heywood (Jaclyn Druitt standing in for Tric Milner while she is on sabbatical);</p> <p>Committee Members – Kirsty Cooper (Accounts); Mary Hall; Annise Raea; Rachael Banbury; Lucie Chambers; Shiprah Christian; Margi Leech (co-opted for OGA Centenary);</p> <p>Student Representative - Alice Raea.</p> <p><b>Moved Sally Blyth; Seconded Alice Raea that all nominations for the Officers and Committee be accepted. Carried.</b></p>

<b>12. Approval of the Budget for next year</b>	Budget YE 31 March 2022 - presented by Julie Goodyer, Treasurer. Key points to highlight: - Cash in the bank held for particular projects has been included in the Income section to show how these will be funded, - There are a number of projects under way including scholarships, Epsom House Honours Board project, completing the Science Quad (landscaping), and money is set aside for the Archival project (digitisation). - Cash position is strong, reflecting the holding of funds for the projects the OGA has committed to. - Net cashflow position (income and cash in bank less expenses) at the end of the year will be around \$30k. <b>Moved Julie Goodyer; Seconded Gay Roberts that the Budget for the next financial year be accepted: Carried.</b>
<b>13. Appointment of Accountants to Review Financial Statements</b>	Chris Iles has committed to review the financial statements for another year, to complete his offer to do this for 3 years. Chris was thanked for his generous offer and the work undertaken. <b>Moved Julie Goodyer; seconded by Lynley Sheweiry that Chris Iles be appointed to review the financial statements. Carried.</b>
<b>14. General Business</b>	<b>OGA Centenary 2021</b> - This is now set for 30-31 October 2021 and the OGA will be moving forward with the continued planning of events. The Saturday will be School tours, Sherry Hour and Cocktail Evening. The Sunday will be a Thanksgiving Service and there will be more information on this. All will be welcome. - The OGA History book, written by Christine Black, is still in the editing process and will be ready in time for the celebrations.
<b>15. Honorary Memberships</b>	- Two long-serving staff members were recognised with Honorary Membership of the OGA. - Julie Goodyer read the citation for <b>Dawn Moffat</b> . - Sally Blyth read the citation for <b>Lynley Roberts</b> . It was noted that, as the daughter of Gay Roberts, also an Honorary Old Girl, this is the first mother-daughter combination. - The two Honorary Members were congratulated. Certificates will be presented at a future date. <b>Moved Sally Blyth, seconded Julie Goodyer that the two Honorary Memberships be accepted. Carried.</b>
<b>16. Centennial Scholarship</b>	- A special Centennial Scholarship of \$2,000 was presented to Sophia Morgan, a student at Epsom House who has been selected to represent Fiji in Sailing at the upcoming Tokyo Olympics. - Lynley Sheweiry read the citation. - Sophia was congratulated for her achievement and the Chair wished her well at the Olympic Games. - It was noted that Sophia will be presented with her certificate in person at the upcoming Founders Awards Assembly.
<b>17. School Song</b>	Virtual singing of the School Song – well done everyone!
<b>Meeting conclusion</b>	The Chair thanked everyone for their virtual attendance on Zoom. The meeting concluded at 8:35pm.
<b>Next AGM</b>	The 101st AGM date: Monday 13th June 2021.

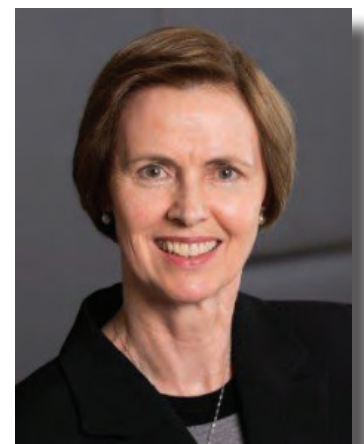
## Treasurer's Report - 2021

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
	<b>25275</b>
<b>Cash in bank</b>	
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
	<b>50136</b>
<b>Total Income and Cash in Bank</b>	<b>75411</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
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
	<b>46125</b>
<b>Net Cash Flow (Income and Cash in Bank less Expenses)</b>	<b>29286</b>

### 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.*



*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.



*Auckland Grammar School Prefect badge on left and Epsom Girls Grammar School Prefect badge on right*

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 on the following pages.



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

Walter Downey

Audrey Downey.

Jean Wilson.

Margaret Clarke

Joan MacCall.

Nancy Oliver G.C.

Mary Percus

Margaret Daniel

Lore Downey.

June Weatherburn

Helsey Mc Donald.

Edna Galbally.

Phyllis Langton

Isabel Moose

Patricia McHale.

Roma Arkel.

Cora Pool.

Evelyn Amuss

Deo Kitten.

Joyce Street.

Myra Bradbury.

Betty Hughes.

Beryl Dickson.

Edna Lamb.

F.P. Jessie Murray

Joyce Clarke.

Margaret MacLomb

Peggy Garfield

Nuriel Hendon.

Joyce Haite

Helen MacLomick

Molly Somersfield

Sheila Mackinnon.

Gwen Barnes.



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

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



Dorothy Malcolm  
1933.



Jessie Pugh  
Form V.13  
E.G.S.  
1933.

The Walk To School



Margaret McComb  
E.B. 1935  
E. 1935

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

Joyce McKean, F.P.	Jean A. Kendall
Mollie Spgulder, G.C.	Beryl Judd. Gwen Barnes.
Joan Dawding.	Margaret C. Ramsey
Lorna Forsman.	Aldwyth Holmes. Guemeth Blake
Audrey Downey	Myra Bradbury.
Ellary Ferga	Blanche Ch. Pring.
Cona J. Patten.	Carl D. Dak.
Madge Hair.	Jean A. Kendall.
Jane R. Betteridge.	Gloria Esme Bell.
Aileen Allison.	Patricia Nichol.
Nancy Oliver.	Clare Downey.
Hazel Phillips	Jessie Mcintosh.
Joan Wilson	Anna Pool
	Ruth Bannister
	Euna Galbally

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

Wale Scrimin	Dorothy Reel	Joyce McKean.
Hazel Phillips.	P. Dickson	Joan Dawding.
Helen MacLennan	Dorothy Dicket	Joan Hoobon.
Patricia Patterson	Margaret Macky	Eve Ballett.
Nata Whyte	Joan Marshall	Joan Chalmers
Jessie Pugh	Mrs. Moore.	Daisy Tipler
Margonia Daniel	Jean Wilson	Mr. H. Fergie.
Margaret Torner.	Inez Grace.	Jessie Murray.
Carl J.B.	Jessie Murray	Margaret McComb
Gene Grantley.	Margaret McComb	Gwen Barnes.
Marie Blomfield	Audrey Downey	
	Becky Beechey	
	Clare Downey	



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

Margie J.C. David  
E. S. S.  
1935



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

M. Trower  
E.S.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](mailto: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 celebrations.

**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 (and final) year of sharing the role of Co-President, we are pleased to present our 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.

### OGA EVENTS IN A COVID ERA

Our events calendar over the past year has been very much 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.



*Co-Presidents Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry*

### 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. More details below.

### 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, with time for Q&A. Thanks to sponsors Urlich 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.

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**Senior Common Room:** The School and OGA bid farewell to the Senior Common Room. Opened in 1975, with plenty of fundraising efforts back in the day, it was a ground-breaking and funky space for senior students that served its purpose well until it eventually reached the end of its useful life 45 years later.



**Other:** 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 – and sherry! Sunday will be a Thanksgiving Service at a local church with some lovely 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 OGA Committee members. Thanks to Christine for the work being done on this important record of our past.

We have a special OGA Centennial Scholarship which we are awarding to a hard-working and well-deserving student. This is very exciting and will be announced at the AGM, with full details in the next Newsletter.

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

### **FOUNDERS AWARDS**

Last year we didn't honour any Founders Awards recipients due to Covid but this year we are back in business. We'll be honouring three Founders Award Recipients at School assembly on Tuesday 22nd June and 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.

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## GRADUATION DINNER 2020

The 2020 Graduation Dinner for Year 13 leavers was held at Ellerslie Events Centre on 3rd December. 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 we played her pre-recorded speech while she was with us live via Zoom – quite fitting given the new Covid environment. Her speech was engaging, on point and well-received. We wish Gemma, and all the 2020 Year 13 leavers, well for the future.

Our thanks to Annise and Alice Raea, and Rachael Banbury, for organising this special evening. It's a big task with many layers. Thank also to all School staff and OGA committee members involved behind the scenes to make it so memorable.

**OGA Scholarships:** 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. 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. There was plenty of applause and cheering for the three 2020 recipients.



*Presentation of the OGA Scholarships: Aysun Kokcu, Eleonora (Ellie) Mazur, Lynley Sheweiry, Katya Alilueva (bowing) Michele Heywood, Jeannette Davidson, Marama O'Loughlin & Sally Blyth.*

## 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 (announced in 2020) 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!

## BRANCHES

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

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## 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. Our Newsletters are sent via email only and are also on the OGA section of the School website. If you have stories and information to share, please let us know.

<https://www.eggs.school.nz/our-family/old-girls-association/>

## 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 (and OGA Honorary Old Girl) who reviews 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 Archivist's Report for info and photos about 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**

**2016-2021**

## Honorary Memberships - 2021

At our 2021 AGM we had the pleasure of welcoming two new Honorary Members: Dawn Moffatt and Lynley Roberts. Their citations were read out and we're pleased to share them here.

### Dawn Moffatt

Dawn started teaching at Epsom Girls Grammar School in 1985 and worked there for 27 years in the languages department. She was full-time for 24 years and then moved to part-time for the last 3 years. Since then, she has continued to do exam supervision at EGGs. She officially retired in 2008 but was then called back and finally left again in 2011.

Dawn had already had experience in school administration before she moved to EGGs so she was appointed a Senior Dean in her second year at EGGs. She has taught all her life apart from taking 12 years off to raise her children.

As well as her roles within EGGs, Dawn was community minded and served as a nonstipendiary Anglican Minister at Mangere Bridge where she lives. She would deliver sermons at her church regularly every Sunday. She was also a founding member of the EGGs Bookclub and is a voracious reader.



Dawn was Head of the Deans prior to the late Leslie McHardie taking on the role. Dawn and Leslie were close friends and went to the Dolphin Theatre in Onehunga for many years taking an annual subscription to all productions.

Making a few inquiries about Dawn from her colleagues reveals that she:

- was an absolutely superb HOD and manager. She was the 'go to' person if we needed any support or advice.
- was known to be firm and fair. She had that rare ability to 'listen', and compassionately take on board a student or parent or staff concern and use an approach that carefully encompassed empathy and professionalism.
- has always been dignified in her management of situations with colleagues, students and staff. She showed a strong sense of justice and equality and worked relentlessly hard at the end of each school year with the Year 13 students applying for University Scholarships or for discretionary entrance into university. Many ex-EGGS students who are now leaders within their field owe it to Dawn for the opportunities she has helped create within their career pathway.
- has the most beautiful singing voice and it was always a privilege to be sitting next to her at formal prize-givings and have her robustly singing Gaudeamus Igitur and also the School Song – without any need of the words – Dawn knew every line and never missed a beat.
- was passionate about Latin and the Classics, having taken 'Classics Trips to Europe every two years' for a number of years completing 6 trips in all.
- has always had a superb knowledge of procedure. She is a very experienced, skilled and highly intelligent educator, having had the role of Senior Mistress (equivalent to Deputy Principal) at Onehunga High School before joining EGGS.
- has a wonderful, supportive family around her with her husband, children and grandsons.

Over the years, Dawn trained a number of new Deans into their role within Student Support. Her knowledge and calm, kind, restorative, approachable style ensured that new Deans felt a sense of belonging within the Student Support and Counselling department. In the early days her favourite line when things went wrong was "Oh, Greek Swear Words" which we would hear in the very tight Deans area in the 1990's and early 2000's before moving into our separate offices.

Dawn even though this is a virtual AGM and you cannot be here in person tonight it is a great pleasure to honour you this evening, as an Honorary Member of the Epsom Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association.

## Lynley Roberts

Lynley attended Epsom Girls Grammar School as a student of the 1970s (1975 to 1980) under Headmistress Miss Blakey and returned later in life as a teacher in 1989 when Verna Dowdle was Principal. She took maternity leave in May 1996 and when she returned in 1997, Margaret Bendall had taken over as Principal after Verna's retirement.

Lynley initially returned on a temporary basis, teaching two classes, and quickly became a permanent part-time staff member – a precedent set by Sue Heyes & Jeanette Davidson. Lynley teaches four classes over five days and this has suited her throughout her time at EGGS.



After graduating from EGGS, Lynley did a Chemistry Degree (MSc) at the University of Auckland (1980-1984). She spent a year reflecting on what career she wanted to pursue and, after doing some relief teaching at Massey High School, and having observed Jeanette Davidson teach at EGGS, she decided to go to Teachers' Training College in 1986.

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After a couple of years teaching at Glendowie College (1987/88) Lynley moved to EGGs and is still there to this day – that’s 32 years of teaching at her old school. Initially she taught Senior Physics and Chemistry and Junior Maths and Science. Nowadays, since the introduction of NCEA, she teaches Physics and Junior Maths and Science.

Lynley was involved with the Tennis team at EGGs from 1989 to 1996. She also ran the Orienteering team between 2000 and 2017 – a great group of girls who relished the set format and challenges, both physical and mental. There were three Winter events in school time (at Woodhill Forest, Shakespear Park etc) and also a School Series after school on Wednesdays for six weeks in the Summer. Lynley drove the girls around all over the place – no Health & Safety back in the day – and loved the contact with the parents as well as the students (junior and senior). This was quite a commitment and the girls will have benefitted greatly from Lynley’s dedication and input.

It could be said that Lynley was born to teach. She loves her career and feels very lucky to have worked for so many years in such a well-run, friendly, stable and professional Physics Department – initially under Pauline Bendall and now under Susan John. The small but multi-national department (with staff from NZ, India, Iraq, Pakistan, China and the UK) works together in a positive way and Lynley loves being part of it. The team enjoys a great working relationship together, and they always meet up with Pauline at nearby Espresso Café on anyone’s birthday to keep the strong connections alive.

Lynley used to teach in a prefab where the Sports Centre is now. Back then they were mostly Commerce rooms, with one Science lab which was Lynley’s room – so she became an honorary Commerce Department member for a while!

During a Year 11 lesson that Lynley was teaching in a prefab, rain was pouring down and there was heavy thunder and lightning outside. The fire alarms went off and it turned out the Senior Common Room had been struck by lightning. How fitting that the lesson that day was about static electricity! The girls were asked to go to the Hall and then sent home. The Ministry of Education sent a team to sort things out and, due to the fire alarms not being functional for two weeks, the Ministry provided a bunch of security guards in the school for that timeframe, which caused a lot of mirth.

That was actually the second time the Senior Common Room had been hit by lightning! During the first time, colleague Sue Heyes was looking out to the storm from her Chemistry class and the whole window flexed as the sound/pressure wave came through, providing a rather scary Science lesson and causing the girls to flee far away from the window.

The Senior Common Room was opened in 1975 when Lynley was in Fifth Form and she enjoyed Liberal Studies (art) there. At the end of Sixth Form, she remembers Sam Hunt coming to talk to the girls in the building, which was very funky in its day. It is pertinent that Lynley saw the birth of the Senior Common Room, was there for its mid-life electrical crises and was also there for its formal retirement at the end of its life in 2020.

Lynley has enjoyed a full teaching career, under no less than five Principals (Verna Dowdle, Margaret Bendall (her mum Gay Roberts was DP at the time), Annette Sharp, Madeleine Gunn, and she now very much enjoys working with Lorraine Pound at the helm. Teaching is a lifelong calling for Lynley and she enjoys EGGs’ students’ willingness to learn and their eagerness to work hard and do well.

After 32 years at EGGs, Lynley still looks forward to going to work each day and feels very fortunate to have a job that gives her satisfaction and work/life balance in a culture of kindness and support. She especially loves the part-time aspect as this leaves her time for other pursuits including managing rental properties and enjoying family time. She has two children and the flexibility has given her the best of both worlds.

Long-time colleague Sue Heyes says Lynley is also a great baker when there is a Morning Tea, and she has an amazing repertoire of corny jokes. She is also renowned for her participation in “Crossword Wednesday” – a fun cross-department lunchtime activity in the staffroom, started many years ago by the late Leslie McHardie. Lynley is said to be very good at making up words to fit if all else fails!

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On top of all her hard work, Lynley is known amongst her closer colleagues and department members as a very caring person, always on hand to support staff and students whenever they need it. A sense of humour shines through, along with an intelligent, reliable, level-headed and calm approach to her work and life as a whole. Lynley, even though this is a virtual AGM and you cannot be here in person tonight, it is a great pleasure to honour you this evening as an Honorary Member of Epsom Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association. Lynley's mum, Gay Roberts (also a long-serving EGGS staff member and former Deputy Principal) is also an OGA Honorary Member and this is the first mother/daughter combo. Congratulations!

## EGGS OGA Centennial Scholarship - 2021

### Sophia Morgan

**Presented to Sophia Morgan in recognition of outstanding achievement in Sailing and selection to represent Fiji at the 2021 Olympics**

This year is the Centenary of the formation of the Epsom Girls Grammar Old Girls Association, and we are pleased to be awarding a Centennial Scholarship. The funding for the scholarship has come from a bequest from an Old Girl Lalita Natali and from funds held over from the School Centennial Scholarships in 2017 to be put towards our OGA Scholarship. Our chosen recipient for this scholarship is Sophia Morgan who is a Year 13 student at EGGS and a boarder at Epsom House. She has been selected to represent Fiji in sailing at the Japan Olympics.

We asked her about her journey to being selected as an athlete for Tokyo. This began when she was around eight years old growing up in Fiji. Her parents got her into the sport of sailing at the Royal Suva Yacht Club where she had a metallic blue Optimist named 'Splash' and sailed in the Suva harbour. It was not until Sophia was 13 years old and came to board at Epsom Girls Grammar School that she was introduced to the competitive side of sailing with the help of her family and cousins, in a class of boat called the Starling. Sophia then became a member of Kohimarama Yacht Club and Royal Akarana Yacht Club where she participated in many regattas all over New Zealand including Oceanbridge, Sir Peter Blake and even national championships. All these regattas had varying conditions from sailing in the Nelson Harbour with snow covered mountains and minus degrees temperatures to extremely windy conditions in Wellington. This was all in stark contrast to what she grew up with in Fiji. Throughout her years of attending EGGS Sophia has made frequent trips back home to Fiji where she trains with other Fijian sailors and has also competed in their National Championships where she won the Laser Radial National title. Sophia represented Fiji at the 2019 South Pacific Games in Samoa coming 5th overall and earning a silver medal in the teams with her teammate Nelle Leenders.

Sophia also competed in the Australian Laser National Championships, Australian Youth championships and the Oceania championships which were held in Queensland 2017, Tasmania 2018 and Melbourne 2019. After these events Sophia then competed at the ILCA Laser Radial Women's World Championships in Melbourne, Australia in February 2020 just prior to the New Zealand borders closing for Covid. This was where she qualified to represent Fiji at the Olympics.

With the postponement of the 2020 Olympics, Sophia has been afforded extra training and coaching time. Not a day goes by without her training, and this is not just being out on the water or in the gym. It can be reflecting on a regatta and where she went wrong or what she did right, studying weather patterns, or looking at the nutritional aspect of this sport.

In the lead up to the Olympic Games, Sophia is primarily focusing on spending as much time as possible on the water, especially as we enter the winter months where everything becomes much colder and harder. Every hour spent on the water is another skill learned or refined. Along with this Sophia is focusing a lot on the fitness aspect of sailing which means lots of hours in the gym or on rugby fields with her father, getting stronger and improving her endurance.



Sophia, your school, Epsom House and the Old Girls Association are very proud of your selection to represent Fiji at the Japan Olympics this year. We will watch your progress with great interest as it is a privilege to have one of our own students selected to attend the Olympic Games.

We are very pleased to recognise your achievement in being selected to attend the Olympics with an Old Girls Association Centennial Scholarship of \$2,000.



*Sophia receiving her scholarship at the Founders Awards Assembly*