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Lifelong School Connections



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EDITOR'S NOTE: This Newsletter comes to you later than intended – but then again, nothing much in life has been quite as intended this year!

In this issue we focus on some Old Girls doing great things and we encourage you to put your feet up and enjoy reading their stories.

We apologise if you receive this Newsletter even though you have requested to unsubscribe. Also, if you have let us know about the passing of an Old Girl to be removed from our distribution list or have advised us of your updated email address, we do have this information noted to action. However, due to lockdown, we have had limited access to the School and therefore delays in updating our database. Please bear with us and we will do a full database update as soon as we can to action these requests.

Meanwhile, see Pages 26 & 27 for an update on our new database and website and the benefits these will provide us going forward!

FROM THE CO PRESIDENTS OF THE OGA

What a year 2021 has been – an unusual and uncertain one for everyone, especially the latter part and particularly for those of us in the north of New Zealand.

The OGA has unfortunately had to cancel most events, but we were so pleased we could go ahead with the Founders Awards Assembly in June. Find out all about our wonderful 2021 recipients in this Newsletter.

Between lockdowns, OGA Committee members participated in several functions associated with OGA branches and the School but, overall, this has been a year of cancellation and deferment. Our AGM was held via Zoom on 14th June and we have already shared the full reports and minutes of the meeting.

As you will know, earlier in the year we made the hard decision to postpone our planned OGA Centenary events from March to October. Then the sudden countrywide Level 4 lockdown was thrust upon us in mid-August, and the ongoing restrictions for Auckland put those plans into jeopardy. We sent out a survey to gauge members' views about going ahead, going online and/or deferring to 2022. Thank you to everyone who responded – it gave us a clear picture. The majority preference was to be able to get together in person for social events and that we defer to next year.

After full discussion by the Committee, and as advised recently by email, we decided to defer events to March 2022. We'll provide further details and dates once confirmed (tentatively 19/20 March 2022 so do pencil those in). Hopefully, by then, the powers that be will have enabled a way for us to finally get together and celebrate. In person.

Meanwhile, work continues on the OGA History Book. Retired Archivist Christine Black is doing a fantastic job plying her way through archival documents to sew together a fascinating look at the OGA from its formation in October 1921 through to the present day. She admits to being rather grateful for lockdown as it has enabled her to immerse herself in what the OGA got up to through the years (a lot!) and put it all into words in a structured format. This book is currently undergoing editing and refining and we're sure you'll find it entertaining and intriguing, with a good dose of nostalgia and lots of images. Of note is that it will be an "in-house" OGA creation from start to finish, due to our modest budget. We are really excited to be bringing this to you in the near future and as a mark of the OGA Centenary.



Alas, we have made the very hard call to cancel this year's Grad Dinner, it just wasn't feasible to go ahead. However, we are hopeful the Year 13 girls will be able to gather together at the School, once exams are over, to say their farewells and honour their last year of School life in a more informal way. Thanks to our Staff Reps on the OGA, Tric Milner and Michele Heywood, for overseeing this, and to Committee member Annise Raea for the preparatory work done in anticipation of our traditional function.

The Grad Dinner is our major annual event and it raises much-needed funds for the OGA, so cancelling it is a double-blow. If you would like to consider making a donation to help top up our funds so we can continue to offer Scholarships, that would be hugely appreciated. See page 30 for more information.

We'd like to acknowledge our Secretary Katharine Collins, who was featured in our February Newsletter as a multi-generational EGGS Old Girl. Katharine is one busy lady and does a great job supporting us behind the scenes. Being a Committee of volunteers, we all keep each other on our toes, and it's been great to have Katharine step into this role, initiate some new processes, ask questions, make suggestions, give us reminders etc. As always, Julie Goodyer and Kirsty Cooper continue their great work on the accounts and compliance side of things. Julie also regularly covers and supports the rest of the Committee, as well as being in touch with Old Girls in all sorts of ways, as many of you will have experienced, including keeping the Facebook page current – you'll find regular posts with info, news and updates. We acknowledge all our Committee members who have turned up on Zoom to attend virtual meetings across the year – all that you do on behalf of our community of Old Girls is appreciated by many.

Our website and database are undergoing a major overhaul – read more about exciting developments in the technology space, driven by Lynley, on pages 26/27.

We hope everyone has been coping well through these days of restriction and uncertainty. It's not the ideal lead-up to the festive season, but let's hope summer brings good weather, good cheer and new levels of freedom. Wishing you all the best for Summer.

Per Angusta Ad Augusta

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

A NOTE OF INFORMATION: Anyone coming onto site at the School who may have contact with students (it's hard to be in Silver Road without that happening!) will need to be double-vaccinated in line with protocol. Please contact the School for more information.

FOCUS ON FOUNDERS

FOUNDERS AWARDS ASSEMBLY – 22nd June 2021

We are really happy to say that this event went ahead as planned on Tuesday 22nd June where we honoured three wonderful women:

Ali'imuamua Sandra Alofivae (Sandra Samau) MNZM, Catherine Bell and Dr Fritha Hanning.

Each recipient was presented with their award at Senior Assembly followed by a Morning Tea in the Staffroom, with family and friends in attendance. This is always such a convivial and special occasion. You can read the Citations which were prepared for Sandra, Catherine and Fritha and read out by current students on the day in this issue.

As reported in our AGM Report Newsletter, we also presented a special OGA Centennial Scholarship of \$2,000 to student Sophia Morgan, a Year 13 student and boarder at Epsom House who was selected to represent Fiji in Sailing at the Tokyo Olympic Games. We had acknowledged Sophia's achievement at our AGM on Zoom in June and were thrilled to present her with this special Centennial Scholarship in person at the Founders Awards Assembly. Read more about Sophia's exploits in Tokyo on page 6.

STUDENT REP ON OGA

Additionally, we surprised our OGA Committee Student Rep Alice Raea with an acknowledgement of all she does for us. Alice has been on our Committee since 2017 and is a real shining star, attending nearly every meeting (which have been via Zoom since COVID), contributing valuable suggestions and ideas, putting her hand up to get involved in anything and everything – and always with a cheery manner and lovely smile. Alice has a mature and enthusiastic approach to all she does. She has helped her mum Annise with organising the Year 13 Graduation Dinner over recent years as well as assisting with various events within the School and the OGA which bring students and Old Girls together. Alice has had constructive input into the OGA Centenary plans and is involved in many School activities, including Pasifika. It was a pleasure to acknowledge Alice – or to use her Cook Island name, Akeina – as a valued member of our Committee. Alice graduates this year and not only do we hope the Grad Dinner can go ahead for her and all the Year 13 students, we hope Alice remains on the Committee as a recent Old Girl once she steps into the world of university!



NOTE: Alice will be doing a conjoint degree in Law and Commerce, currently choosing between the University of Auckland and Victoria University. Best wishes to you Alice and we look forward to welcoming you as an Old Girl Committee member as of 2022. We also look forward to meeting the new OGA Student Rep (unknown at this point – so if you know of any current student who would be interested and would like to have the opportunity to contribute to the School in this way, do let us know!)

STAFF REPS ON OGA

Tric Milner and Michele Heywood are our Staff Reps on the OGA Committee and we thank you both for your input.

We'd also like to acknowledge Jaclyn Druitt who filled in as a Staff Rep while Tric Milner was on sabbatical during Term 2 (see more on page 17). Thank you, Jaclyn, for all you did during those months, especially all the work behind the scenes to bring the splendid Founders Awards Assembly to fruition. Thanks also to the students who were involved in preparing and running the event and presenting the Citations on the day.

LIVESTREAM

This was the first time we have live-streamed the Founders Awards Assembly and it was great that friends and family of the recipients could tune in to see them being honoured in real time. If you'd like to take a look, here is the link: [Founders Assembly](#)

Ali'imuamua Sandra Alofivae (Sandra Samau) MNZM

EGGS 1980 – 1984

Outstanding Achievement in Law and Community Service

Ali'imuamua Sandra Alofivae attended EGGS from 1980 to 1984. She then attended Auckland University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) in 1989. She later returned to university completing a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in 2016.

Sandra's journey in law and community service began in earnest in 1994, when she and two women colleagues set up a legal practice that would, over the next ten years, become one of the biggest child protection practices in South Auckland. Sandra undertook parties work in both the Criminal and Family Court jurisdictions providing legal aid services.

A Barrister sole since 2005, Sandra made a name for herself as an advocate for vulnerable families, often focusing on the difficulties of children and young people in the Family and Youth Courts.



To understand what has driven Sandra to become such a transformative figure in South Auckland life, you first have to know the three pillars that hold up her world: family, faith, and an unwavering belief in the power of community.

All three elements have governed virtually every action Sandra has taken over the last 32 years, as she has blazed a formidable trail as a successful lawyer, selfless community leader and tireless champion for the area's families and youth.

Losing her father when she was only one, Sandra experienced first-hand the pressures that Pacific Island families face in South Auckland. That early education helped build the foundation for a life dedicated to giving back.

Her tireless work in the vulnerable families area helped lead to her serving as a member of the Pacific Advisory Group for the Ministry of Social Development, when she became the first Pacific part-time Families Commissioner appointed in 2004. Her hands-on role as a Families Commissioner would eventually lead to the 2014 Vulnerable Children's Act. Aimed at better improving the well-being of vulnerable children the Act introduced greater screening for those who work with young people through government and community agencies.

Sandra has since served in various governance roles, including on the Counties-Manukau District Health Board between 2010 and 2016, the Housing New Zealand Board (now known as Kainga Ora); as independent director of Pasifika Futures (whanau ora commissioning agency) and as a member of the Auckland Community Response Forums.

Currently, Sandra, who is a mother of four young adults, and a Commissioner with the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care, is the Chair for Affirming Works, a not-for profit Pacific social service provider.

Since July 2016, Sandra has been the independent chair of the South Auckland Social Well-Being Board, working with government agencies on the issues facing pre-school children and their families.

Throughout Sandra's commitment to family and community life in South Auckland, her impressive dedication to the Presbyterian Church also deserves recognition. Since 1989, Sandra has worked as a volunteer at the Mangere Pacific Islanders' Presbyterian Church and with the church's national body since 1994. Between her legal practice as a family advocate, her position on various crucial boards, and her role as a church leader, she has helped build, and then reinforce, vibrant community networks throughout South Auckland.

While her board positions have provided her with knowledge of how to effect change on a public policy level, it is her intimate knowledge of the day-to-day factors that influence families that has allowed her to become such an important community leader in South Auckland.

Sandra says she is a firm believer that to build strong healthy communities requires a dedicated commitment to nurture and empower families and whanau to flourish in their surroundings. This requires an understanding of the sometimes-volatile complexities that occur. It is vital that Boards are agile and adaptable, so that they can be responsive in real-time and make a significant material difference to the community.

In 2016 Sandra received national recognition for her work, becoming a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to youth and the Pacific community. In 2018, she was recognised with a Blake Leaders Award by the Sir Peter Blake Trust.

Future recognition is a certainty for the achievements of this outstanding woman who personifies the best in legal service and community engagement.

It is a great pleasure to honour Sandra as a distinguished alumna of Epsom Girls Grammar School and a recipient of a Founders Award in 2021 for her Outstanding Achievement in Law and Community Service.

Catherine Bell

EGGS 1970 – 1973

Outstanding Achievement in Business/Community

Catherine Bell has an impressive background in her chosen field. After graduating from EGGS in the 1970s, she trained as a nurse and travelled extensively overseas. Life then lured her towards a career in food and cooking.

Following a solid grounding at Leith's School of Food and Wine in the UK in 1982, Catherine returned to NZ and established Auckland's first seven-day delicatessen.

She developed a busy catering division and also began importing new and unusual European food products that had never before been available in New Zealand.

In 1989 she set up what became New Zealand's leading cookware store and cooking school – the Epicurean Workshop – in Newmarket. Stocking classic and innovative cookware and tools, Catherine imported the latest products from around the world. This evolved into the very first online cookware store; mail order catalogues made everything available nationally.

The busy demonstration cooking school offered an extensive range of classes from local and overseas chefs plus "learn to cook" classes for children and adults. Perhaps most famous were the one-hour "Gourmet on the Run" classes. Catherine taught thousands of people how to cook, inspiring them about good food so they could take their skills into the family home.

Alongside all this innovation and teaching, she began writing, which culminated in the publication of two cookbooks: *Everyday Epicurean* and *Entertaining Epicurean*. In 2004 she also co-founded award-winning *Dish* magazine, of which she was Editor for the first four years, and Editorial Director for a further three years. Through *Dish*, while always educating, she also inspired thousands of people to cook new and different dishes, support local producers and purchase better quality food.

In 2008, after 17 years at the Epicurean Workshop, Catherine's concern about the disconnection with food, where it comes from, the seasons, how to cook it and how to enjoy it, led her to co-found the "Garden to Table Trust" so that children aged 7 to 10 years could learn to grow, harvest, prepare and share good food as part of their learning at school. Having realised that the key to ensuring people would know how to feed themselves into the future was to influence their food choices when they were young, she brought this proven Australian programme to New Zealand. By 2019, over 12,000 primary school students grew, cooked and ate nearly half a million vegetable-based meals. Catherine is Chair of the "Garden to Table" Trust Board.

In 2019 "Garden to Table" celebrated ten years, with the launch of Catherine's third cookbook *Bounty- cooking with Vegetables*. This was written and self-published by Catherine to raise funds for the charity.

Today, Catherine is the owner of Epicure Trading Ltd which imports and distributes a range of cookware and related products for the food service and retail sectors, all with a sustainable ethic. This business specialises in beautiful, functional items for kitchen and table, with a strong focus on sustainability and quality. Catherine sources the most sustainable single-use products available and seeks out handcrafted items from around the globe.

Catherine spends her time between her business and her charity, but she has also travelled frequently over the years to source new products and research freelance stories about food and culinary travel. Morocco is one of her long-time favourite destinations, the ideal place to combine business and pleasure.

Catherine has judged many culinary competitions and for many years has been a judge for The Cuisine Good Food Awards. In 2019 she was co-chief judge for the Silver Fern Restaurant Awards and in 2021 was a judge for the Outstanding Food Producer Awards.



She is a member of Food Writers New Zealand and until recently the International Association of Culinary Professionals (IACP), a USA-based global organisation. She holds the title of Certified Culinary Professional (CCP) a highly regarded qualification which is held by only approximately 300 people worldwide.

Although Catherine's career has changed and adapted over the years, her philosophy has remained strong – she believes cooking should be a pleasure rather than a chore and that keeping it simple is the key. Alongside encouraging people to use fresh seasonal ingredients with which to prepare fresh simple dishes, she also believes that sharing food around a table with others is an important social activity that all humans should undertake. This is the fourth element of "Garden to Table".

Catherine is a great advocate of Farmers' markets and shops every week at her own local market. She has a vegetable garden in her inner-city courtyard and her work with "Garden to Table" is extremely important to her. She feels it is her way of ensuring children can grow up with a love of good food and an understanding of the joy it can bring to one's life, not to mention all the social, health, environmental and education outcomes that Garden to Table can bring to a child's life.

Catherine's vision is to ensure New Zealanders understand the benefits of eating well and know how to cook and prepare food to achieve that goal. She has received an array of well-deserved achievements and recognitions through her passion for food and, as a cook, food/travel writer, businesswoman, not-for-profit chair and proud mother, she has forged a ground-breaking and multi-layered approach to food, cooking, retail and education that has enhanced the lives of many New Zealanders.

It is a great pleasure to honour Catherine as a distinguished alumna of Epsom Girls Grammar School and a recipient of a Founders Award for her Outstanding Achievement in Business & Community.

Dr Fritha Hanning

EGGS 1987 - 1991

Outstanding Achievement in Medicine

Fritha Hanning (nee Johnson) was born in Auckland and, although she lived in the grounds of St Cuthbert's College where her mother, Frances Compton, was Principal, she attended Epsom Girls Grammar School. After finishing her education at EGGS in 1991, she completed her degree in Medicine at The University of Auckland Medical School in 1998, having initially studied at Otago University for her pre-clinical medical years.

During her advanced training, she worked extensively in the United Kingdom at the Royal London and St Bartholomew's hospitals, the Royal Free Hospital London and also at Cancer Research UK in Oxford. While in the UK, Fritha completed a Certificate in palliative care and symptom management from the University of Wales. She is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, UK (2003) and also of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, NZ (2006).

Fritha is a specialist in genitourinary cancer, managing treatment for people with prostate, bladder, kidney and testicular cancers predominantly. Fritha has dual appointments – in addition to her role at Auckland City Hospital where she is the Associate Director of Cancer and Blood and works as a medical oncologist, she is also a director of Canopy Healthcare Group, and an Honorary Lecturer at the University of Auckland Medical School. She is a contributor to ongoing scientific research in genitourinary cancer, with involvement in current trials, and as a New Zealand representative on the Australia New Zealand Urogenital and Prostate Cancer scientific committee.

Alongside her significant medical work, Fritha is ultra-passionate about CrossFit and also does weightlifting, at Masters level. She is a keen gardener with a penchant for roses.

Fritha is married to Peter and they have three children – Eva, Xanthe and William. The family lives in Kohimarama and the girls go to St Cuthbert's to honour their late grandmother.

Fritha is highly skilled and inspirational in her chosen field of practice, balancing her busy professional career with precious family time and plenty of exercise.

It is a great pleasure to honour Fritha as a distinguished alumna of Epsom Girls Grammar School and a recipient of a Founders Award for her Outstanding Achievement in Medicine.



Congratulations to our three 2021 EGGS Old Girls Association Founders Award recipients!

SOPHIA MORGAN – OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN SAILING**Post-Tokyo Update:**

Congratulations to Sophia for being the recipient of the special OGA Centennial Scholarship. You can read about Sophia's pathway to the Olympics in our AGM Report Newsletter (available on the website). <https://www.eggs.school.nz/stories/sophia-morgan/>

Sophia's proud family sent us a note from the Secretary of The Fiji Laser Association and some photos of her in action in Tokyo and we're pleased to share them here.

Competing in her 1st Olympics, Fiji's Sophia Morgan battled it out in the largest sailing fleet of the regatta with a lineup of 44 dinghies. The 17-year-old described the journey as the most amazing and inspiring experience ever. With an overall result of 42, she also had a couple of good races.

In variable weather conditions over the 5 days, including light and tricky winds the races were mentally and physically demanding but Morgan's performance was heartening. It was a very steep learning curve and after settling in she had some good races where she managed to beat some great sailors who are even medalists. In one race the difference between her 36th place and 30th was just 3 or 4 boat lengths. It was noted that Morgan was clearly able to hold her own with older and more experienced sailors.

She has thanked her many well-wishers from Fiji and Family for their support. Special thanks also went to FASANOC and FNSC.

Sophia is currently winging her way to Auckland where she boards at Epsom Girls Grammar School and will complete her final year school examinations. She will continue to develop her sailing skills and looks forward to qualifying for the Pacific Games in 2023 and Paris in 2024.



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ARE YOU AN OLD GIRL WITH A PASSION FOR THE COMMUNITY?

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU ON BOARD!

The OGA is looking to fill upcoming roles on our OGA Committee and we're reaching out to you, our membership, to invite you on board!

The OGA's Purpose is "To Grow Lifelong School Connections" and we do this in many ways, within a strong framework of OGA Values and Strategies.

If you've been looking for an opportunity to:

- utilise your skills and experience;
- volunteer your time and develop new skills along the way;
- give back to your School and community;
- gain an insight into how EGGS operates today;
- reconnect with Old Girls in a "behind-the-scenes" way;
- step into an opportunity that can enhance your networks;
- contribute to the next Century of a thriving Old Girls Association;

we'd love to hear from you!

Being involved is a chance to be inside the engine room of an organisation with a long and proud history. You'll be surrounded by people with passion and drive and the same common goal. It's an opportunity for genuine camaraderie and will keep you closely connected to an important part of your life. Whether you attended decades ago or are a recent leaver, we'll embrace you with good old fashioned EGGS spirit.

Come join our Old Girls Association Committee!

Volunteering has become important to many people and organisations and being involved with the OGA is a valuable way to be a part of a 100-year legacy that began in 1921. To continue strongly into the future, we need you to put your hand up and step on board. We will appreciate all that you bring, and who knows where being on our Committee may lead you ...

The Committee generally meets every second month, or monthly if required. We've been meeting on Zoom since lockdown, so even if you're out of Auckland, it's possible to get involved.

If you have flexibility and the capacity to offer your time, please get in touch with us to find out more!

If you are interested and/or would like to find out more please get in touch. We can talk to you about what's involved and answer any questions you may have. Either email us on oga@eggs.school.nz, phone Co-President Sally Blyth on 021 480323, or you may wish to contact one of the current Committee members you already know.

FOCUS ON OLD GIRLS

In this edition we have decided to focus on four of the great things in life (especially in lockdown!) – Books, Food, Music and Film!

BOOKS/FOOD

Bounty – Cooking with Vegetables by Catherine Bell

Written and published by 2021 Founders Award Recipient Catherine Bell, *Bounty – Cooking with Vegetables* is a beautifully designed and photographed book for both cooks and gardeners alike.

It celebrates the first ten years of the Garden to Table Trust which Catherine co-founded. While Garden to Table is primarily a food education programme for children, its broader aim is to encourage everyone to grow vegetables, to cook good, fresh food and to spend time around the table sharing it.





Bounty – Cooking with Vegetables

Chapters focus on a specific vegetable group, offering growing information and a total of 80 simple and delicious recipes for preparing them.

Scattered throughout are practical and encouraging facts and suggestions, aimed at making growing and cooking both easy and fun.

All profits from the sale of Bounty will benefit the Garden to Table Trust. \$39.95 from

www.epicurepress.co.nz

The Chef Who Made Onions Cry by Chilli Kippen

Chilli Kippen



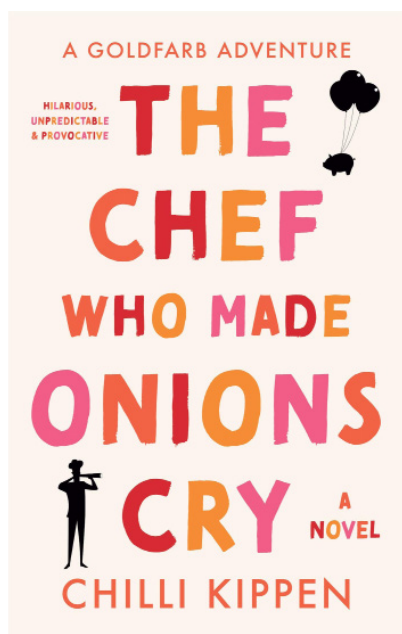
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Australian Social commentator and humorist Chilli Kippen observes the world of cruise ships in her acclaimed best-selling novel THE CHEF WHO MADE ONIONS CRY through the prism of her enlightening view of human nature. She creates characters with warmth and flaws in a satirical adventure - or is it murder, or is it romance - that makes her readers laugh out loud. A sequel that needs no revision from her THE CAPTAIN LOVES CAVIAR. This latest offering is a breath of fresh air, a laugh on every page in a world depressed by COVID-19.

ABOUT THE BOOK

In a world where cuisine dominates our airways one chef rebels.

This very French, very chic story is his story as he wages war with cruise ship guests on the subject of cuisine while his beloved truffle pig hides away in his cabin. And all with an underlying message. And while murder and mayhem unfold against the backdrop of five-star luxury, justice will be done



*Old Girl Elaine Berkowitz (nee Bell) – pseudonym Chilli Kippen – lives in Melbourne and has a new book out called **The Chef Who Made Onions Cry**.*

Her English teacher at EGGS was Mrs Olde and under her guidance, Elaine went on to a long career in journalism and screenwriting. She is now a novelist.

This sounds like a great read, well done Elaine!

"Hilarious"

Gabriel Gaté

(TV Presenter, Author, Chef)

"More wit and wisdom from a seriously funny writer"

Patrick Edgeworth

(Georgy Girl - The Seekers Musical / Boswell For the Defence)

"Very Funny"

Helen Lederer

Comedian (Comedy Women In Print award)

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE – A guide to Matakana and its surrounding districts by Lauraine Jacobs MNZM

By well-known food champion, and EGGS Old Girl, Lauraine Jacobs, this great new book is an expert guide to what is on offer in the Matakana Village and surrounding regions. This diverse district, where Lauraine spends much of her time, has become home to an increasing number of talented and entrepreneurial people in artisan food and wine businesses, eateries and boutique accommodation. Through this book Lauraine not only showcases the area's many treasures and profiles the "local heroes", she also includes some delicious recipes.

Matakana has always been a passion for Lauraine and this book is overflowing with enthusiasm for the pleasures of the area; insights into the community; important details of accommodation, eating, drinking and snacking; art and inspiration; health beauty and wellness; golf, walks, regional parks and sporting activities and more. The photography in the book is brilliant with photographer Ken Downie capturing the light, the atmosphere and the character of Matakana in full glossy colour.

The Matakana area, with its prolific and quality offerings, make the district one of Auckland's best weekend destinations and a fabulous place to live.

Published by Massey University Press 2021 rrp \$45 in bookstores or contact Lauraine for direct sales lauraine@laurainejacobs.co.nz



IT TAKES A VILLAGE LAURINE JACOBS *A guide to Matakana and its surrounding districts*



Here's a fab recipe from Lauraine:

Baked blueberry and strawberry croissant pudding

- 4 croissants
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 200g blueberries (fresh or frozen)
- 1 punnet strawberries
- 6 fresh free-range eggs
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- Pinch of ground cinnamon
- 450mls whole milk
- Icing sugar to finish

Butter a large ovenproof baking dish. Pre-heat the oven to 170°C.

Slice the croissants thickly (about 4-5 slices in each roll.) Butter each piece lightly on one side. Place them in the dish, overlapping slightly with each other.

Scatter the blueberries and strawberries evenly throughout the croissant slices, pushing them between the croissant slices.

In a bowl, beat the eggs well with the sugar and cinnamon, then add the milk and beat again.

Carefully pour this batter over the croissants. Push the croissants down so they are thoroughly soaked in the batter. Let the dish stand for at least 5 minutes before placing in the hot oven.

Bake until the pudding is golden and puffed on the top. Take from the oven, dredge with sifted icing sugar and serve with runny cream. Serves 8.

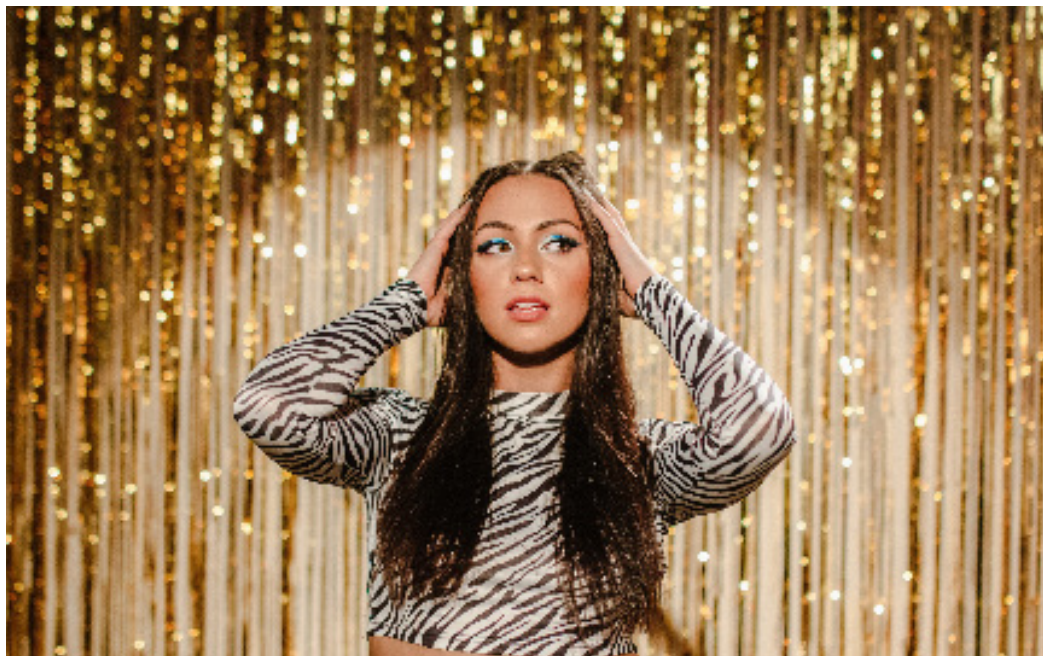
Ed's note: My family has had a holiday home in Omaha since the early 1970s and, armed with laptop, wifi and Zoom – three essential ingredients of lockdown – I've been fortunate to spend much of lockdown here. The region has developed and diversified beyond recognition from its early days – in the best possible way. It's an area of abundance, entrepreneurship, nature, tranquility and community spirit, all within an hour of the country's biggest city. When we can travel again, I recommend grabbing a copy of Lauraine's book and planning a visit. While you're there, grab some OOB Blueberries, local Omaha strawberries and call into Ringawera Baker to pick up some croissants to make the delicious recipe!

MUSIC

PASSION FOR MUSIC - A Conversation with Rachel Leo (Cammell)

EGGS Old Girl Rachel Cammell, who graduated in 2016, has recently released her debut single – “Conversation”. She performs by the name of Rachel Leo and we reckon she has oodles of talent, energy and charisma. This is a wonderfully catchy tune, check it out on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tnJu6kizqY&ab_channel=RACHELLEO



Here's a bit more about Rachel, who says that her time at EGGS influenced her music journey in a number of ways ...

Rachel is a third-generation EGGS girl (following her Mum and Grandma) and attended from 2012 to 2016. She did drama and music throughout school and was in the AGS/EGGS Westside Story production and this experience really helped develop her as a performer. Spending hours in the practice rooms writing songs and working on her vocals for the NCEA assignments gave her a love of song writing and after finishing at EGGS she did a Bachelor of Music and Science conjoint at the University of Auckland (the same course as other EGGS Old Girl's in the music business – Manuela Ovalle Herrera, Possum Plows and Summer Vahaakolo).



All this immersion in musical studies gave Rachel the tools, skills and confidence to pursue music and, after exploring many styles of music, she now feels she has settled on her own vibe. A mix of genres comes through when she performs and her debut single certainly has a “get up and dance” chorus beat.

Rachel came up with her performance name “Rachel Leo” after her Mum gave her a mug with a lioness on it. Rachel loved the connotations of power, grace and passion that came with it and decided on “Leo”. It is very apt that the Lion is, of course, the symbol of EGGS!

A few of Rachel's highlights:

- Featuring as a soloist at the 2018 Christmas in the Park.
- Releasing her debut single “Conversation” (June 2021) and shooting the video for it.
- Receiving the New Music Development funding from NZ On Air to progress her music career.
- Working on her debut EP.
- Anticipation of performing at some summer festivals.

Rachel is incredibly proud of her debut single, which she launched with a live show after working on it for about a year. Her band is full of her close friends, and the video was directed by friends. The crew who assisted with producing the video and the girls dancing in it are also friends, who volunteered their time. In fact, three of the dancers are also EGGS Old Girls (Steph Koo, Danya Malate and Emily Dobbs). Emily choreographed all the great moves. Rachel admits she is not a dancer so this was a new experience for her and she rose to the challenge with ease. There is no doubt that this project was truly a huge collaborative effort between creative friends!



*Conversation Release Show at Anthology -
credit Devan Narsai*

The line “Let’s get to where we’re going” is Rachel’s favourite, which she feels sums up the story of the song – a great lyric, especially in these Covid times when getting anywhere is desperately challenging! While Rachel is learning all the ropes of the music business, as she has handled all aspects of this debut release herself, she also collaborates with talented creatives in the music industry. Not one to set limits on her potential or capabilities, she believes that when you stop confining yourself to who you have been, you will be surprised at the things you can do.

At just 22 years old, Rachel has produced a polished debut single and a huge future lies ahead. We wish her much musical success.

<https://rachelleo.com/>

FILM

FILMMAKER WITH A CONSCIENCE – Louise Lever (EGGS 1999 - 2003)

Louise Lever is an independent filmmaker and writer who produced the documentary film *Revolt She Said* which screened at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre in early May 2021. The film is a call to arms to women on gender equality. The evening was introduced by Penny Ashton and Louise also spoke about the film-making process which mainly occurred while she was working in Melbourne before Covid. After the film’s screening at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre, the audience took part in a panel discussion. Panellists included current and past students of EGGS and other speakers representing a variety of groups and interests.

The film is a portrait of contemporary feminism in Melbourne and features interviews on feminism with fellow EGGS Old Girls Helen Clark and Alison Mau. Louise’s film also features coming out stories from the LGBTQIA+ community as well as exploring themes of identity, gender, politics, queer identity, power, and women’s roles.



Following its release in Australasia, the film was screened at the Montreal Independent Film Festival, LA Women's Film Festival, Seoul Webfest and the Vancouver Independent Film Festival. The film was nominated for Best Documentary in the New York City Independent Film Festival, and recently accepted into the Portland Film Festival in the USA. It is also a semi-finalist in the Serbest International Film Festival.

Louise is working on an hour-long TV cut of the film, which she is hoping to finish soon.



About Louise ...

Louise is a graduate of Elam School of Fine Arts and holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts (First Class Honours) and Master of Fine Arts (Honours) from the University of Auckland. She has also completed a Creative Leadership Workshop in Melbourne and has started her own production company called We Are Volcanoes. Louise is a Dutch New Zealander who aims to prioritise women's stories and examine social issues through her work. She is currently working on two other films while also working a day job.

Louise finds it incredible that women are still fighting for gender equality in 2021. She says she makes the films she wants to see, not withstanding the financial sacrifices she has to make as an independent filmmaker.

She is currently working on two new film projects and one screenplay. One is a feature documentary that explores the female gaze in cinema, and the other is a short film called *We Need To Laugh* – a black comedy that is currently being edited in Melbourne but was shot in Auckland just before lockdown.



The lockdown has slowed Louise down, but she has taken the time to write a new screenplay, giving her both space and time she wouldn't normally get. It has meant that she can't travel to the USA and Europe, as she would have liked to, so she has done Zoom interviews at great cost as the idea of getting back into NZ felt like an enormous burden.

Revolt She Said is set to screen on Rialto Channel on 10th November at 8:30pm. Tune in if you can!

We wish Louise all the best as she continues to make a valuable contribution to the world of documentary filmmaking, with a focus on women.

<https://www.revoltshesaid.com/>

Louise (right) with OGA Treasurer and EGGS Board member Julie Goodyer

HONOURS AND AWARDS FOR OLD GIRLS

SERVICES TO SOCIAL WELFARE INITIATIVES & THE JEWELLERY INDUSTRY: Karen Lindley, AM

Karen Lindley (nee Morrow) began at EGGS in 1963 and finished her schooling in Mangakino after her family moved there. She is now based in NSW. Known as “the Fairy Godmother”, Karen was made a member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Queen’s Birthday honours 2021 for significant service to social welfare initiatives and to the jewellery industry.

Karen is a qualified gemmologist, award winning jewellery designer and founder of an opal and diamond business. She is a registered valuer and an expert in Australian opals. However, it is her volunteer role in the realm of sexual abuse that sets her apart.



She has been described as a paedophile victim’s whisperer, offering victims of sexual assault the strength to stand up in court to confront their abusers. As an advocate for survivors of child sexual assault, she has helped put more than 25 paedophiles behind bars. She has some harrowing stories that include the challenges and ordeals of incest and rape, and some heart-warming ones about helping people truly turn their lives around. At the crux of it is the fact that Karen is able to get the victim’s voices heard and help them get closure and compensation.

Actively involved in Women’s issues, Karen has been involved on numerous Boards including in the jewellery industry, small business, and sexual assault networks. She has mentored a number of women in small business and raises funds for a range of charities. She also serves as a Community Member of a NSW Government Department in the Communities and Justice sector.

She has sold her gemmology practice but still mentors the young man who took it over and she is the gemmological consultant for the pink diamond tenders open to the public. She continues her work on the Parole Board once a week when she’s not in Court with civil claims or criminal trials for the sexual assault victims she works with. She says she’s not quite sure when she found time to go to work!

As a side story, Karen attended a dinner in Sydney some years ago, where she sat with Helen Clark and they both reminisced about EGGS. They had a chuckle about the fact that Miss Adams, Headmistress during their schooldays, had told them that if they didn’t knuckle down, neither of them would amount to anything and would be doomed to failure! At this dinner, there were two empty seats at their table that were suddenly filled with two attractive and well-dressed charming men. They were polite and entertaining with excellent table manners. During the speeches, a man appeared, whispered to one of them and they both got up and promptly left. It turned out they were professional gate-crashers! This had Karen and Helen in stitches as they hadn’t seen that coming!



Karen says it was a great and unexpected honour to be awarded an AM. Alas, due to the lockdown her investiture was cancelled and hopefully it will take place in February 2022. Nurturing victims of sexual assault and assessing the qualities of precious gems – all in day’s work for Karen! Congratulations on the well-deserved honour.

SERVICES TO ART HISTORY AND CURATION: Mary Kisler, MNZM

Congratulations to EGGS alumna Mary Kisler (EGGS 1961 – 1964) who has been recognised in the Queen's Birthday 2021 Honours List and is to be a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to art history and curation.

Mary was a Founders Award recipient in 2019, for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts, and featured in our July 2019 Newsletter.



SERVICES TO SPORT: Phillis Meti, MNZM

Congratulations to EGGS alumna Phillis Meti (EGGS 2000 – 2004) who has been recognised in the Queen's Birthday 2021 Honours List and is to be a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to sport particularly golf.

Phillis was profiled in our July 2019 Newsletter.

Read more about Phillis here: <https://www.phillismetigolf.com/>



SERVICES TO COMMUNITY: Elizabeth Leigh Wilson, OAM (2016)

Known as Leigh during her school days (EGGS 1953 – 1956), Elizabeth was honoured with the award of an OAM (Order of Australia Medal) in 2016 for her service to the community. Sadly, Elizabeth died in January – read more about her in the Obituary section on Page 28.

WESTFIELD LOCAL HERO 2021: Julia Plank



Congratulations to Julia Plank (EGGS 2009 – 2013) who has been selected as one of three winners in the 2021 Westfield Local Heroes awards. Julia won \$10,000 towards the Elder Care Volunteers charity she established.

Julia's charity has recruited and trained over 100 volunteers who visit 150 elderly care home residents to ease their loneliness. The programme also benefits the volunteers, who learn new skills and gain knowledge from their elderly friends.

Juggling running the charity with full-time PhD studies, Julie is motivated by the wonderful friendships she has enjoyed with elderly people as a volunteer.

Julia says she is now looking forward to improving and expanding the charity's volunteer programmes. She extends a huge thank you to the charity's wonderful volunteers for making such a difference to so many lives. Thank you also to the many EGGS alumnae who voted for Julia to help make this wonderful result come true for her charity. It will make such a difference.

Read more about Julia and the Awards here:

[Julia Plank - Local Hero](#)

If you know of anyone who has received an Honour or Award, do let us know and we will include in the next Newsletter. We love to celebrate the achievements of Old Girls.

SCHOOL NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Having been in lockdown since 18th August has meant major disruption for students and staff. We are fortunate, however, in that online platforms were not new news last year when we first encountered prolonged periods of learning from home. With each lockdown we also see teachers' inventiveness and collaborative sharing of ways of doing things that work well.

Student experience of lockdown varies and, of course, we had been hopeful of starting Term 4 onsite, but that was not to be. We are really proud of students' ability to remain engaged and recognise that, for some students, lockdown brings very individualised and challenging experiences.

We knew we wanted students to be able to sit their school practice exams and we have been able to make that possible, with all exams being done at home under strict examination conditions and technology allows us to do on-camera supervision. Students will receive valuable feedback from these exams to support the lead-up to the NCEA examinations in November/December.

With the Old Girls Association Centenary celebrations now on hold until next year, we will look forward to a better time to celebrate this milestone.

I am delighted that Canon has sponsored a significant donation to the Association which will support Old Girls Association Scholarships for students leaving at the end of Year 13 this year. Thank-you to Canon for this generous donation of \$10,000.00.

Per Angusta Ad Augusta

Nga mihi, best wishes

Lorraine Pound, Principal



EGGS CENTENNIAL TREE PLANTING CEREMONY

On Friday 6th August 2021, a small ceremony took place to plant the EGGS Centennial Tree in the Centre of the refurbished Science Quad.

Representatives from the School, OGA, Tongan alumnae (who fundraised for the project) and for the late Ro Bellamy (whose vision has been fulfilled with the upgrade of the Science Quad) were all in attendance.



The Centennial Tree is a jacaranda. Also planted recently are two Silver Birch trees in the location of the Ginkgo tree that was removed in 2016. The Quad sundial has been relocated to the triangular garden at the entrance to the Quad and new soft landscaping has been planted here.

We plan to have an official opening of the refurbished Science Quad as part of the OGA Centenary celebrations, when we can. Here is the speech that OGA Treasurer Julie Goodyer gave at the August ceremony.

A NOTE OF INFORMATION: Anyone coming onto site at the School who may have contact with students (it's hard to be in Silver Road without that happening!) will need to be double-vaccinated in line with protocol. Please contact the School for more information.

Tree Planting Speech - by Julie Goodyer

The July 2016 Old Girls Association newsletter reported on the removal of the ginkgo tree from the science squad. "Do you remember the ginkgo tree (aka poo berry tree) in the EGGS quad" it asked? Sadly, it is no more as the lower branches had become unsafe. A new tree will be planted in the near future and thought is in process around this.

At this time, we were one year out from the EGGS 2017 Centenary, and this was Principal Lorraine Pound's first year at the helm of Epsom Girls Grammar School. I had just been elected as a parent representative onto the EGGS School Board. The topic of a replacement tree, which was a requirement of the Auckland Council, came up at our meetings from time to time but nothing really progressed on this.

Meanwhile in December 2015 I had received an email from Sela Bloomfield in Tonga responding to the OGA's December newsletter about the Centenary and expressing an interest in organising the involvement of Tongan Old Girls in the Centenary. Sela and I communicated by email over the next year and finally met up in Parnell November 2016.

In February 2017, Sela informed me that two of Tonga's most senior EGGS Old Girls were to be attending the Centenary. They were Lady Tuna Fielakea (nee Tonga) and Lady 'Eseta Fusitu'a (nee Fulivai). After their studies, both women had gone on to hold very prominent positions in Tonga, with Lady Fusitu'a becoming chief secretary to Cabinet for many years. Today we welcome Mrs Salote Manoa who attended EGGS in the 1960s representing our Tongan alumnae.

Sela also asked that Lady Tuna Fielakepa, as the most senior in their group, be able to plant a tree at the school during the April 2017 Centenary week in commemoration of the Centenary. She said this tree would stand as a reminder of all our Tongan Old Girls who attended the school during the school's first century, but it will also encourage our younger girls to strive to achieve greater things than those who came before them. Sela explained that as a group the Tongan EGGS alumnae feel very privileged to have attended EGGS, one of the most prestigious Government schools in Auckland. She said that for those who attended the school directly from Tonga, while they felt privileged and grateful for the opportunity to attend this wonderful school, it was also a challenging experience. Having a tree on school grounds would give all our girls a sense of belonging in the school and be a tangible reminder to our current students that many girls have attended the school in years past who went on to become leaders in their fields in Tonga and abroad.

As events transpired, it was not possible to find a location and plant a Centennial tree in the Centenary week, but the Tongan alumnae still fund raised and donated \$1000 towards the planting of a Centennial tree in the future.

Lorraine Pound and I were privileged to attend the Tongan celebration dinner at the Sorrento as part of the Centenary celebrations and our Tongan alumnae also played a major part in the Thanksgiving service held in Parnell as part of the celebrations.

Another project for the school grounds that had been part of the vision for the EGGS Centenary year was to upgrade the science squad. Our late Old Girl and Founders Award recipient Rosemary Bellamy, who had had a lifelong involvement with the school grounds was the main driver of this vision. She recognised that the science quad was tired and had engaged a landscape designer Marg Thompson of Beyond the Garden Path to produce a design for consideration by the Board for the Centenary year.

Unfortunately, with the huge workload involved in organising the Centenary this project was also not able to get off the ground. Sadly, Ro passed away on 29 April 2019. After her death her family donated funds to enable Ro's vision to be brought to fruition and in January this year the hard landscaping component of the science quad upgrade was completed making it possible to move forward with choosing and planting a Centennial tree in the centre of the science squad. This would also complete the cycle of replacing the ginkgo tree that was removed in 2016.

While there is still some soft landscaping to be completed in the upgraded science quad, we are delighted with the result of the hard landscaping component of the project to date and very happy with the decision to plant a jacaranda tree in the centre of the science squad as the EGGS Centennial tree.

We gratefully acknowledge the vision, support and financial contribution of the Tongan alumnae to this project and the vision, support and financial contribution of the late Ro Bellamy and her family to fulfilling the science squad upgrade project that was Ro's vision.

Later in the year, hopefully at the time of the Old Girls Centenary celebrations, we will hold an official opening of the upgraded science quad. Sela is not able to be here today, but when I let her know last month that it was proposed that a jacaranda tree would be planted as a Centennial tree, she replied that she has just searched the jacaranda tree - what a beautiful tree it is. Very fitting as a Centennial tree. I endorse her remarks. I am sure Ro would agree.



A DELAYED BUT DELIGHTFUL SABBATICAL: Tric Milner

Deputy Principal and Staff Rep on the OGA Committee Patricia (Tric) Milner finally got to take her well-earned Teach NZ Senior Leaders sabbatical during Term 2. Her initial plans were for an overseas experience in 2020 but when those plans fell to pieces due to COVID, she waited patiently, going ahead with a domestic trip instead.

Tric says she feel very lucky to have got her sabbatical in when she did. *"It really was a wonderful experience, and I am very grateful to have been given this opportunity."*

She shares an overview:

"I was able to travel across New Zealand fitting in such Great Walks as the Rakiura, Abel Tasman and Queen Charlotte tracks, as well as cycling the Otago Rail Trail. I also fulfilled a long-held dream to visit the spiritual leaving point at Cape Reinga and meander through the central North Island along the Forgotten Highway and Gentle Annie Roads to the Hawkes Bay. What a beautiful country we live in!

As part of the research component of my sabbatical I also visited a number of secondary schools to look at how they managed their professional learning, with a particular focus on their work across their kahui ako or community of schools. Throughout my sabbatical I was constantly reminded just what a privilege it is to live and teach in such a friendly and spectacular environment, and I would like to thank the School Board and my colleagues for supporting this opportunity."



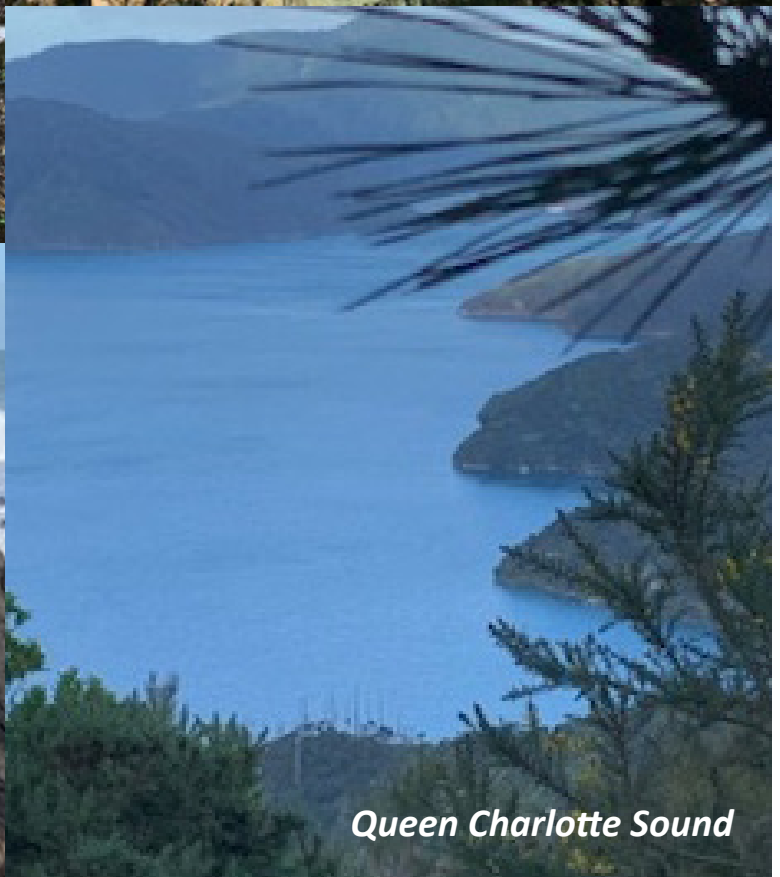
Rakiura walk (Stewart Island)



Abel Tasman National Park



Cape Palliser



Queen Charlotte Sound

EGGS CAREERS EVENING – 28th July 2021

Report by Alice Raea

The EGGS Careers Ambassadors, with the support of the Old Girls Association and the Old Girls Association Women in Law committee, pulled together a wonderful Careers Evening where career professionals from a diverse range of backgrounds came into the School to talk to girls about their current careers. We had around 30 professionals come in from Nutritionists and Nurses to Engineers and Lawyers. The students loved learning about the different careers, finding out more about different paths and how to start.

The evening was very busy with lots of students showing a great interest in furthering themselves and networking. We used the new Judith Potter Centre to host the event, and the interconnected spaces created the perfect environment for this event. I myself loved hearing from the lawyers about different paths I could take and I got some great advice on how to best proceed in a legal career. This was a really informative evening that many students enjoyed.

A very big thank you to everyone involved, especially the Women in Law Committee, for all of their work – without their support this event would not have succeeded.



OGA Committee Members Alice and Annise Raea (2nd and 3rd from left) with the Careers Ambassadors

EGGS ULTIMATE FRISBEE SUCCESS

Epsom Girls Grammar School have been dominating the realm of Ultimate Frisbee.

On Sunday 4th July 2021, four EGGS teams competed at the Ultimate Frisbee Senior Indoor Championships at Pulman Arena.

The students had an awesome time and played hard, which resulted in an all-EGGS final: EGGS Gold vs EGGS Silver.

EGGS Gold took out the top spot. Keep it up team!!



EGGS ROWING BOATS



In February this year, a special ceremony was held to bless Epsom Rowing's new rowing boats. The "Joan Hollis" boat was donated by the family of Joan's son, Peter. Joan was at EGGS in the 1920s.

Rowing has been stymied due to Covid, but we do wish the EGGS rowing team all the best when rowing gets fully under way again.

Pictured are Isabelle who is a current EGGS rower, and her grandparents Peter and Fran Stewart.

EGGS SAILING TEAM WINS 1st PLACE

The NZSS Yachting Teams Racing Nationals Regatta took place over 6 days in April during the holidays. Congratulations to EGGS Sailing Team, winning 1st place All-Girls Team.

Starting the regatta in Silver fleet, EGGS finished 1st Equal after Round Robin 1.

EGGS went on to win 3 out of 3 repechage races and moved up to compete in Gold fleet for the next 4 Round Robins.



The EGGS team sailed consistently to secure the top girl's place, the only all-girls team in Gold fleet. The top three girls' teams have been invited to compete against the top three Australian girls' teams in the NZ Secondary Schools Inter Dominions Teams Racing Championships to be held when possible.

We really hope this event can take place and wish them the best of luck!

REGIONAL BRANCH NEWS

FRANKLIN BRANCH MORNING TEA

This took place on Tuesday 10th August 2021 at Pukeko's Nest Café in Pukekohe when a small group of Franklin-based alumnae – regulars as well as new faces, spanning decades from the 1930s to the 1990s – got together for a catchup. Some came from Pokeno and even Coromandel.

Nicola Redmond was there with her young son, and Barbara Duncan, (EGGS 1936 – 1939) aged 98, is one of our regulars (shown here with Julie Goodyer).



Attendees: Julie Goodyer, Christine Black, Lynn Friedrich, Nicola Redmond and her son, Jan Barton, Agnes De Beer (de Vries), Dianne Glenn, Jennifer Kerr and Barbara Duncan.

TAURANGA/BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Being in Level 2, the Tauranga Branch was able to forge ahead with plans for its Annual Luncheon, held on Wednesday 13th October at Oak Tree Restaurant. Organised, as always, by Anne Mortensen, it was a lovely occasion and the ladies all enjoyed themselves.



A raffle for two quilts raised \$200 for the Breast Cancer Foundation and lots of laughs were had. A local resident, Raewyn, gave an interesting overview about Reflexology, with one of the attendees putting her feet forward for the demonstration.

Barbara Thomson (nee Twigden) attended the event and said everyone had a wonderful time. OGA Treasurer Julie Goodyer and her mother usually attend these events but, due to Auckland's lockdown, was unfortunately unable to do so this year. However, she sent down a special message which was read out on the day.

Thank you to Anne Mortensen for her time at the helm of Tauranga branch. Anne has advised that she will be stepping down from her role as Co-ordinator – if someone is interested in finding out more about taking over this role, please get in touch with us.



Above is a lovely photo of Noelene Shrimpton née Driver (EGGS 1942 – 1946) a regular luncheon attendee.

REFLECTING - PEOPLE AND EVENTS

BADGES BRINGING UP MEMORIES: Raewyn Bayliss (EGGS 1945-48)

Old Girl Alison Mackrell (nee Bayliss) got in touch with us earlier in the year when she came across her parents' school badges. Her father went to Auckland Grammar School and her mother – Raewyn Bayliss – went to EGGS; both were prefects. Each badge has the motto *Per Angusta Ad Augusta* on it, with the Lion symbol, and this meant Alison wasn't sure which was for which School. We featured the badges in our AGM Report Newsletter – but in this issue we'd also like to share a photo Alison sent us of her Mum Raewyn, pictured on the left with her friend Mollie.

Both Raewyn and Mollie attended Old Girls lunch gatherings for their year up until around 2015. Raewyn sadly passed away in March 2020 (aged 87) just prior to Covid lockdown so the family was pleased they were able to farewell Raewyn with a full funeral and lots of lovely memories.

Alison tells us that her Mum loved her time at EGGS and had a special group of friends, including her best friend and bridesmaid Mollie Halstead, who sadly passed away this year in 2021. Raewyn was a Prefect, Sports Captain and in the Hockey and Cricket 1st XIs.

Her highlight in her life was being awarded the QSO for volunteer work through the National Council of Women in support of women's issues, especially equality. She was also in the Federation of University Women, Speld, Hamilton Council's ACRE, Breast Cancer Support, and the Methodist Women's Fellowship. She was immensely passionate about all these organisations.

Alison's father Brian also enjoyed his three years at Auckland Grammar School. He was a Prefect and loved his sports. He was in the Rugby 1st XV in his second year and represented AGS in Athletics. He loves to reminisce about the staff and pupils that meant so much to them both. Such is the power of School-day memories! Thanks for sharing all this with us Alison.



Raewyn (left) and her friend Mollie



The AGS (left) and EGGS badges sent in by Alison.

Talking of badges, we also had this badge sent to us by Jeanette de Heer, who attended EGGs between 1953 and 1955. Thank you Jeanette!

If you have a piece of memorabilia, or come across one in your mother's belongings, please do get in touch also!



MEMOIRS OF A SCIENTIST WHO HAS LIVED THROUGH STIRRING TIMES OF CHANGE: Glen Metcalf



Earlier this month we were delighted to receive an email from Old Girl Dr Mary Glen Metcalf (nee Simmers) who now lives in Christchurch. She told us she is 95 and has happy memories of life at EGGs during WWII. Glen attended EGGs for 5 years between 1939 to 1943 and was a Senior Prefect in her final year. She says she loved the school passionately and treasures many memories of it.

These memories are described in the first chapter of her memoir "Metamorphosis: A Scientist's Story" which was published in 2020 by Cuba Press, Wellington. Among much else the book records Glen's experience of the revolution that has occurred in NZ women's lives since she was born. We have emerged from a stultifying era when we were chattels of men into an age when even the most powerful positions in New Zealand are open to women. Glen has indeed lived through stirring times.

Cuba Press describes the book as a story of one woman's transformation from a traditional Kiwi "housewife" of the 1950s into a Career Fellow of the New Zealand Medical Research Council. Born in 1926, married at 21, and a mother of two children by 25, Glen kept the home fires burning while her husband earned the money for their family. Deciding this was not the life she wanted, and keen to put her MSc to use, her life changed when, at

age 35, she met Dr Donald Beaven, the founding professor of the Christchurch School of Medicine. It was at his Medical Unit that she metamorphosed into a scientist engaged in biomedical research, developing an interest in hormonal changes in the reproductive cycle of women and presenting her work around the world. She gained her PhD and published a number of professional papers.

A keen walker all her life, upon her retirement Glen became a DOC volunteer and a campaigner on environmental and social issues, going to the Environment Court as an objector to a wind farm in an area of rare limestone bush, and becoming involved with her local Mount Pleasant community following the Christchurch earthquakes. She has been a prolific letter writer, to family and the newspapers, and her book Metamorphosis rings with her keen observations, restless intelligence and passion for living.

This lively read – the story of a woman scientist who has lived in NZ, the UK and the US through 90 years of social and political change – is inspiring in so many ways. Glen, we salute you for your life's work!

Glen has very kindly donated a copy of her book to the OGA with congratulations and best wishes to the EGGs OGA in this, our Centennial Year. Thank you Glen – we are so pleased you got in touch and we are proud to share your story through our Newsletter.



METAMORPHOSIS

A SCIENTIST'S STORY

GLEN METCALF

Becoming a nonagenarian is an interesting experience. There is astonishment that one has lived so long, amazement that life is still intensely enjoyable and an increasing awareness that this felicity cannot last. Time is running out; arrangements should be made.

I made a start by wondering what to do with the many boxes of letters I'd written to my family over the years – a tatty collection, handwritten on aerogrammes and thin airmail paper. While I wondered, I began to read, becoming more and more enthralled by the descriptions of long-ago events. Summaries for the family were called for, and thus I started to write what would eventually grow into this book. I still haven't decided what to do with the letters.

There has been a revolution in women's lives in the ninety years since I was born. We have emerged from a stultifying era when we were chattels of men into an age when even the most powerful positions in New Zealand are open to women. I have lived through stirring times.

METAMORPHOSIS

A SCIENTIST'S STORY

GLEN METCALF

For the EGGS OGA
in their Centennial Year
Congratulations &
best wishes

M G Metcalf
(née Simmetts)

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Metamorphosis is the story of one woman's transformation from a traditional Kiwi housewife of the 1950s into an internationally known scientist. Born in 1926, married at 21 and a mother shortly after, Glen Metcalf's life changed when at age 35 she met Dr Donald Beaven, the founding professor of the Christchurch School of Medicine. It was at his Medical Unit that she metamorphosed into a scientist engaged in biomedical research, developing an interest in hormonal changes in the reproductive cycle of women and presenting her work around the world.

A keen walker all her life, retirement saw Glen become a DOC volunteer and environmental campaigner, which included taking a wind-farm objection to the Environment Court. She is a prolific letter writer, to family and the newspapers, and *Metamorphosis* rings with her keen observations, restless intelligence and passion for living.

THE POWER OF REUNIONS

This year is the EGGS Old Girls Association's Centenary and, despite lockdowns preventing us being able to go ahead with our events in 2021 as planned, the importance of Reunions is shown in this lovely story recounted at the Franklin Branch Annual Morning Tea in August.

A FRIENDSHIP STORY: Lynn Friedrich and Friends

Lynn Friedrich (EGGS 1962 – 1964) tells us that on Friday 1st April 1977 a group of EGGS Old Girl friends attended the School's 60th Jubilee celebrations. Lynn (Linda Friedrich (nee Skinner)) and Lois Wilson (nee Jury) attended the afternoon function. They met up again with two other former school friends Jenny Faulder (nee Parton) and Kaye Foster (nee Morgan) who they had known through all the years they had been at school but had lost touch with.

As they all lived out of Auckland, they decided to have dinner in Newmarket before heading back to EGGS for the evening function. During that dinner they made a pact to meet on 1st April every year (or close to it). Happily, this tradition is still going some 40-plus years later. The group has grown over the years with a few more joining and some dropping off. Jan Stanley (nee Burcher) and Bronwyn Heasman (nee Goodall) were early participants.

Lynn says that they have celebrated their big birthdays together, along with the births of their children and the trials and tribulations of bringing them up. They have laughed about their grandchildren and the joy they bring. Of the original four, Lois moved to Brisbane (however still keeps in touch) and sadly Kaye passed away. Their "Dinner Dates" over the years became "Long Lunches" and then weekends away. Nowadays Jenny, Jan and Lynn spend a few days away playing golf at least once or twice a year.

Long may their friendship continue, says Lynn. She thanks EGGS for having held that 60th Reunion all those years ago – an event of celebration that reconnected this group and set this tradition on its path.

Thank you for sharing your heart-warming Reunion story with us Lynn!

THE ENDURING APPEAL OF AUTOGRAPHS: Gwen Barnes

Some time back, Len Jury sent us a wonderful autograph book that once belonged to Gwen Barnes – hidden inside the cover are signatures/listings of the girls in Forms 4A, 5B and 6B from 1933, 1934 and 1935 respectively. We shared a selection in our AGM Report Newsletter but it's such a special piece of history we'll share some images again here in case you missed them.



There are a number of small drawings and artworks by HL Purdon, Gloria Bell, Evelyn E Asmuss, Constance A McMillan, Jessie Pugh, Margaret Clarke, E. Sattler, Majorie JC Daniel, Helen S MacCormick, Margaret McComb, Ulele Scrivin, Dorothy Malcolm and M Trower.

Interestingly, Len pointed out that the Autograph book contains the signature of AE Clouston, a British test pilot and RAF senior Royal Air Force officer who was born in Motueka in 1908. He was the first to fly a number of long flights to/from London, offered £1m to bomb Hitler in one of his Nazi parades in 1938, exploits in WW11 and career to Air Commodore in Great Britain. He was turned down by the NZ Air Force on medical conditions! He died in Padstow, Cornwall in 1984 aged 75.

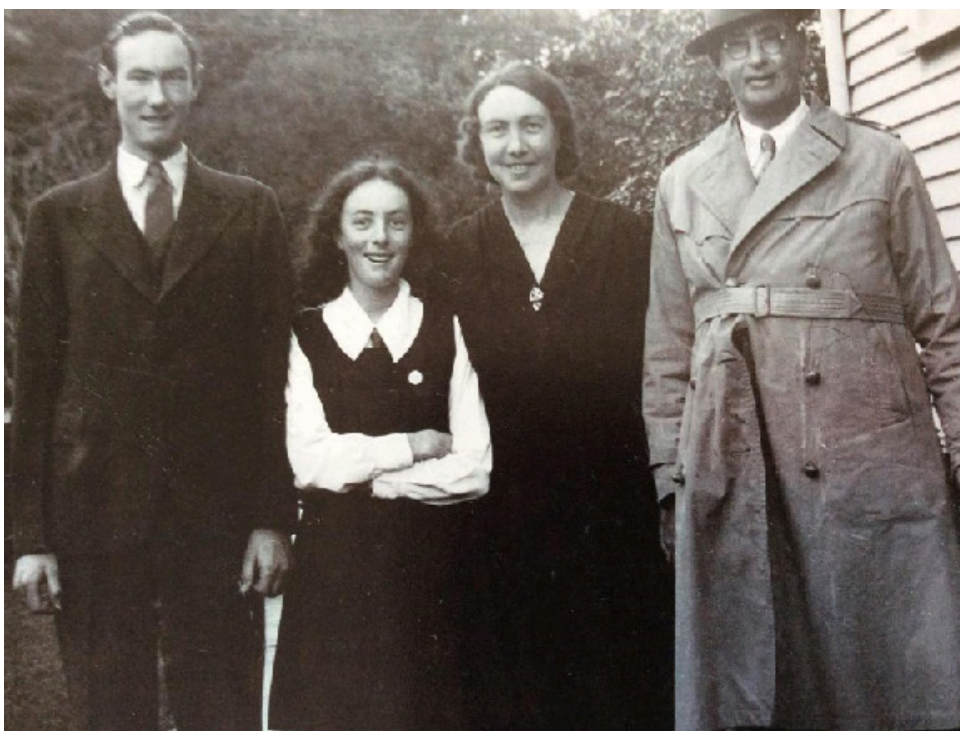
If you have any Happy Friendship, Memories or Memorabilia story, we'd love to hear them!

CONNECTION CORNER

We were contacted by Chris Tomlinson who is searching for information or photographs of his mother, an EGGS Old Girl – Kathleen Cecil Hill who would have attended EGGS in about 1938 to 1942.

Here is a photo of Kathleen from about 1938 when she was approximately 13 years old.

If you can help with any information or memorabilia, please contact us oga@eggs.school.nz and we can put you in touch with Chris.



Seeking Glenda McIndoe, at EGGS 1965-1970 (approx.)

Glenda went to EGGS with Margaret Page. Margaret's daughter Emma would love to make contact with Glenda (maiden name McIndoe). Please contact the OGA and we can put you in touch.

REUNIONS

Alas, the year 2021 was not one of Reunions and celebrations. However, with eternal optimism on a less locked down future, here is some information about potential Reunions in the pipeline ...

EPSOM HOUSE CLASS OF 2011

A Reunion of **Epsom House Class of 2011** planned for September fell over due to lockdown. Some of the girls are in London and Australia. Hopefully this Reunion can go ahead soon. It is being organised by Rowan Woods – if you're interested in participating, please contact Rowan rowan.woods@al.nz

PACIFIC STUDENTS AT EPSOM HOUSE – 1970s

Sisters Anne H Carruthers, Kim H Carruthers and June H Carruthers, who were boarders at Epsom House from 1974 through to about 1980, are hoping to bring together a group of Pacific students who attended EGGS from Samoa and American Samoa. If you were part of this group and would like to reconnect, email Anne Carruthers Hazelman anne@ecarruthers.com

1971 THIRD FORMERS

OGA Treasurer Julie Goodyer was planning a Reunion for her year group (1971 Third Formers) but this has also had to be deferred. If you're interested in being involved, please contact oga@eggs.school.nz

If you're keen to find an old classmate or find out information about someone in your family who attended EGGS, or would like to organise a Reunion, do get in touch with us and we'll aim to help, as well as share the word here.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISE WITH US?

If so, please contact us for further details. We produce three newsletters per year, all emailed and posted to our large and diverse database. A great opportunity to profile your business and brand to a group of wonderful women and their networks who may be looking for exactly what you are offering! We may be able to help to spread your good news along with our own. All content subject to Editor's approval.

ARCHIVES – DIGITAL PRESERVATION PROJECT

We certainly have some very exciting news regarding progress on the Digital Preservation Project.

[by OGA Co-President and Foundation Office Co-ordinator Lynley Sheweiry](#)

Having been an EGGS Foundation Trustee since 2012, I was aware that the Foundation was investigating new ways of storing our database and connecting with alumni and our EGGS community. Earlier this year the Foundation engaged the services of Potentiality which is described as "a database from the next generation". It's clever, flexible and has every aspect of fundraising, communication and relationship-building well covered, and does not disappoint. This platform has incredible functionality and I am discovering more and more about its many features daily.

Our amazing Foundation Office Co-ordinator, Sue Morse, left her role at EGGS after contributing so much over the past year and I was asked to step in for the next six months to see the new platform integrated and take on the co-ordinator role. I was so happy to do this for a number of reasons, the main one being my passion for preserving our Archives and protecting our very valuable Database.

The OGA now has the ability to create events that can be booked and paid for online so that guests receive a booking confirmation and receipt automatically - for a small Committee of volunteers this in itself will be a huge help and massively decrease our workload.

For future events and when the Vaccine Passport is in use, Potentiality will have the ability for guests (whether a paid or unpaid event) to upload their vaccination QR Code and this will be retained against their name for further events they choose to register for.

With regards to the Database, all information will continue to be stored securely and Old Girls wishing to join the Association, will no longer have to email the OGA but simply register to gain access to all the fantastic information and images that we are continuing to load on the site.

A major feature is that we can create albums that can then be linked to and displayed on a timeline, so for example under one of our categories, **Environment**, images can be loaded dating from 1915 all the way through to 2021, with descriptions, dates and multiple photos that can be tagged to optimise search options and also enlarged for better viewing.

On that timeline we have aerial photos, images of old EGGS boarding houses, opening of facilities, construction of new buildings, the history of the Helmet in Paradise but my favourite image is of Miss Adams opening the School gates which she donated (shown below). The blue [View Album](#) button will take you straight to multiple pictures of that event, but below that you can see the timeline across the bottom. When you click on one of those little tabs, you will be taken straight to that event and time.



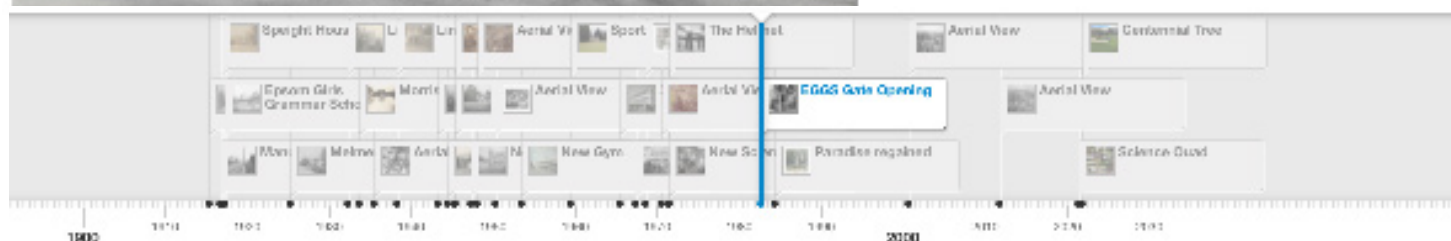
June 4, 1982

EGGS Gate Opening



Miss Majory Adams, Headmistress from 1953 - 1970 gifted the front entrance gates to the School in 1982.

[View Album](#)



Over the past few months much progress has been made in uploading a great deal of content onto the site and I must say that Julie Goodyer has done an outstanding job with her posts on Facebook. It has given me a huge amount of material with all the key information required around events, dates and names. I found some fantastic information and images in Pauline Farra's book, *"Educating Women of Integrity"* and Jo Page has also directed me to areas on the School drive. So for example, when sourcing information for the Founders Awards recipients, I can access photos and Citations so these are included. Thank you so much Julie, Jo and Pauline.

Sally and I spent a lot of time thinking through the titles and use of categories and hope we have made the new site clear and easy to navigate and explore. One of those categories, and not wanting to give too much away before our launch date, was **People**.

You can see below the timeline which starts all the way from Annie Morrison to a recent post about Gae Griffiths and her interview in the University of Auckland's *Ingenio Magazine*. Links are available throughout the site and videos can be uploaded.

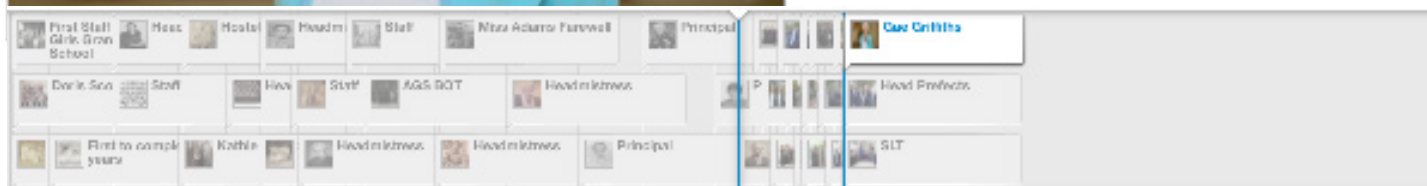


May 26, 2021

Gae Griffiths



Former Principal of EGGS Gae Griffith was interviewed in Winter 2021 issue of Auckland University Ingenio Magazine.
Please click on the link to read: [Gae Griffiths interview](#)



Below is an example of Sally's 40 Years on Reunion held in 2015.



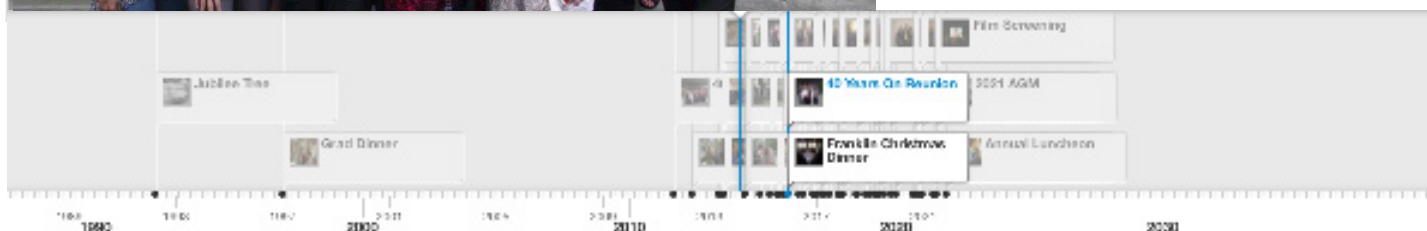
November 13, 2015

40 Years On Reunion



Friday evening 13 November 2015 saw about 40 1975 third formers gather at De Post in Mt Eden to celebrate their reunion. It was a lively evening with several of their teachers also attending.

The next morning they came back to school for their School tours and to name old class photos, look through memorabilia and continue their reminiscing. Great to see such a good turnout. Thanks to our Co-President Sally Blyth for organising this reunion of her year group.

[View Album](#)

To explain the back end a little further, the EGGS Foundation has purchased a platform with two "skins" or "sites". One holds information about the Foundation and the other the OGA. We are so fortunate that the total cost of this endeavour has been met by the Foundation but we feel that it is important to contribute to the upkeep and maintenance of the OGA portion and have agreed to contribute \$2,000 per annum, possibly \$3000 if we can afford it.

The next big expense for the OGA will be digitising all of the incredible images, records and archives that we have safely stored, and it will be for this part of the work that we need the Old Girl's support.

Our dearest wish is to have our past, present and future students engage with EGGs' extensive achievements for many years to come and now we have the platform to do this. Jill Mandeno has also been involved by introducing us to a wonderful and easy scanning option which we would love to proceed with.

But we can only do this with your help!

If you can help in any way at all, please email: oga@eggs.school.nz

Having this innovative digital platform in place will mean you can tap in online and find your classmates, photos, sports team info and so much more. Special and enduring School memories to treasure forever, at your fingertips!

EDITOR'S note: I want to convey our huge thanks to Lynley for the time, energy and passion she has put into this project. Lynley has been a driving force behind getting our precious photos digitised and it is heartwarming to see her dream coming to fruition as an incredible and everlasting resource for Old Girls. This is a game-changer for the OGA and means our stories and photos will be accessible forever, generating memories long into the future. Thank you Lynley, and to all those who have contributed to the project - Sally

REMEMBERING ALUMNAE

Sadly, we lose Old Girls every year and we aim to acknowledge those who pass away in our Newsletter, and on the website. We can only record Obituaries if we are notified of them by a relative or if we are able to verify information in a published death notice. We apologise in advance if we miss recording an Obituary and offer our sympathy to all those who have lost loved ones over the years.

To notify us of the passing of a former student or staff member please email us on oga@eggs.school.nz or phone the Development Office on Ph 09-970 6753. Obituaries will record the name; maiden name; date passed away; years at School; and any other relevant information we are provided with.

Our thoughts go to all those who have lost a beloved mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, friend ...

We also send special sympathy wishes to those families who could not farewell their loved ones as they would have wished due to lockdown restrictions.

NB: Alas, there is a significant number of Old Girls who have passed away over recent months. Some are recorded here, but we will send out a special Newsletter "Obituary Edition" with a full list when we can organise this.

Passed Away August 2021

Josie LAING – Died 10th August 2021 at Christchurch Hospital aged 84. Attended EGGs 1950 – 1954. Mother of four, grandmother of five. A full life lived well.

Pamela HIGHFIELD (nee Cheyne) – Died on 18th August 2021 aged 83. Pam was born 14th April 1938. She was survived by her husband Jim and they had been married for 62 years. Pam and her identical twin sister Annette attended Epsom Girls Grammar School in the 1950's after her mother Phyllis Bray had been a pupil in the 1920s. Her two daughters Camilla and Luci attended in the 1970/80s and most recently her granddaughters Arabella and Liberty have completed their secondary schooling at EGGs. Camilla also taught at EGGs. Pam was always a proud supporter of the school and was often reminiscing about the fun she had playing sport and the great friends she made at EGGs.

Passed Away May 2021

Patricia (Pat) Charlotte STEVENS (nee Protheroe) – Died peacefully on 20th May 2021 at Rawhiti Estate, four days short of her 98th birthday. Patricia attended EGGs 1936 – 1939 and was one of the over 90s at the School's Centenary Morning Tea. She was a keen sportswoman, representing the School at hockey and tennis, as well as taking part in all other sports. She was a School Prefect and the Games Captain in her final year before attending Auckland Teachers College during the war. Her daughters Lauraine Jacobs (nee Stevens) and Chris Chrystall (nee Stevens) and youngest granddaughter Rebecca Chrystall all went to EGGs. Patricia

Pat was a member of St Barnabas Church in Mt Eden for 88 years, having joined the congregation when she arrived in NZ from her birthplace, Ha'apai, Tonga, in 1933. Daughter Lauraine tells us that in a recent conversation with her mother, Pat made the observation that living through the war years was far preferable to the present Covid years. "At least we could get together with friends and family then," she wisely pointed out. Pat lived a life serving family and friends and it was fitting that the church was filled to capacity at her farewell. She was Nana and Great-grandmother to many, a fabulous mother and adored friend to so many.



Passed Away January 2021

Elizabeth Leigh WILSON OAM (nee Fountain) – Died 15th January 2021 aged 81 in Sydney, Australia. Known as Leigh during her school days, Elizabeth went to Auckland Teachers College before marrying Gary Wilson and moving to Australia where they had three sons. She taught at Tara Anglican School for Girls in Sydney for 26 years, the last five as Deputy Head of the Junior School. An inspirational speaker and trainer, she had over 50 years' involvement in Toastmistress (National President for Australia) and Toastmasters (first female District Governor for NSW). She was also a committed member of the Bridge community as a player (Grand Master), director, teacher and administrator, and a volunteer in other organisations. Elizabeth was honoured with the award of an OAM (Order of Australia Medal) in 2016 for her service to the community. She was a close friend of the Trigg family - Elaine Rutherford (mother of OGA Secretary Katharine Collins) was a life-long friend and bridesmaid at her wedding to Gary. (The Trigg and Rutherford family have featured in previous newsletters).

Passed Away November 2020

Kay Alison WHELAN (nee Green) – died November 2020 aged 74 surrounded by family in Hastings. A proud EGGS Old Girl 1962 – 1964. Kay's husband Mike advised us that her time at EGGS held many happy memories. Her death notice records: "Smiling to the end." Mother of four, Grandma of 16 and dear friend to many.

Passed Away August 2017

Frances Helen ROBINSON (nee Haughey) – Died 25th August 2017 at Kenepuru Hospital, Porirua, aged 74 after a long illness. Frances attended EGGS 1956 – 1960. She is survived by her husband David and three sons. David wrote an Obituary which was published in the June 2018 issue of the Australian and New Zealand Viola Society Journal. We share a slightly abridged version here.

'Frances died after a long and distressing fight against an undiagnosed brain condition. It was at EGGS that she was introduced to the viola, which she played for nearly 60 years. She loved the sound it made and the experiences it brought for her. She had been studying the piano and doing well, but the school acquired a viola and wanted to find a player for it with a musical background and a "long, strong arm". She learnt from Felix Millar and took to the viola at once and was soon playing it, first in the Auckland Secondary Schools Orchestra, then the Auckland Junior Symphony Orchestra (from 1960), then the National Youth Orchestra (from 1961), then the Auckland String Players (from 1962). This was a semi-professional group that morphed into the Auckland Symphonia in 1965 and was the direct ancestor of the current Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra. Along the way, in 1961, she gained her LRSM in pianoforte.

Francis attended Auckland University from 1961 to 1963, graduating BA in May 1964, and then did one year of nursing training. She was too independent-minded to cope with the nursing system and went back to University in 1965 to do an MA. She married in 1966 and then spent 3½ years in England, living on the Berkshire Downs near Oxford and playing viola in the Oxford Orchestral Society. She worked in the library of the UKAEA Wantage Research Laboratory at first and then later for Pergamum Press in Oxford. She completed her MA while in England and mailed her precious thesis back to New Zealand for marking; graduating, in absentia, with First Class Honours in the History and Literature of Music in May 1967.

On her return from England she lived in Wellington and at first worked for the Consumers Institute but when Victoria University started a School of Architecture she was one of the inaugural students. She completed her BBSc. in 1976 and her BArch. with First Class Honours in 1980, having been forced into doing the last couple of years part-time because of the demands of her growing family.

When the Wellington Regional Orchestra was established in the early 1970s, she became a member. The current Orchestra Wellington is its direct descendent. She also played in the Jay Lindsay Quartet which played in many concerts in Wellington in the 1970s and was often asked to play for Investiture Ceremonies at Government House.

Being occupied with family life and her Architectural Practice meant she didn't play so much during the 1980s, but she continued playing in amateur groups and enjoyed contributing reviews to Middle C. A few years before her death, ear problems surfaced, which curtailed both her playing and her review writing. Frances was sure these resulted from sitting directly in front of trumpet players in so many concerts and rehearsals.

Frances always thought that she had been extremely lucky in that she started playing seriously at a time and in a place where the amateur and professional scenes overlapped to some degree, and where it was possible for someone like her, who did not aspire to be a professional player, nevertheless to play regularly with seasoned professionals and experience an extensive range of wonderful music.'

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SAVE THE DATES

OGA Centenary Events 19th & 20th March 2022 - tbc
OGA AGM 2022 Monday 13th June 2022
OGA Founders Awards Assembly Tuesday 21st June 2022

SILVER ROAD CLUB



The Silver Road Club is a way that you can support the OGA by donating the cost of a cup of coffee a week of \$10 to \$20 per month to the OGA by automatic payment to help us cover our regular costs. If you'd like to contribute by setting up a Silver Road Automatic Payment this would be greatly appreciated; it helps us with our running costs. See the OGA bank account details below. Please put your surname and initial(s); Silver Rd; and Donation in the particulars and reference. We will issue a donation receipt at the end of the year.

Thank you to all the Silver Road Club donors over recent years – your contributions really do make a difference. Please also email us oga@eggs.school.nz to let us know you have set Up a Silver Road Club payment – it's a truly wonderful gesture that we really appreciate.

EPSOM HOUSE HEAD GIRLS HONOURS BOARD

This proposed Honours Board, which we aim to install for the OGA Centenary Year, is an initiative driven by Sue Bull who is passionate about showcasing past Head Girls from Epsom House. And we're right on board! However, we are still in need of the names of former Epsom House Head Girls from 1960 to 1999. If you can let us know any names of Hostel girls during this timeframe, that would be greatly appreciated, as would any financial donations towards this Board which will honour past EH Head Girls.

Sue Bull has generously donated some seed funding to install this new Honours Board, but we still need more funds. If you wish to donate, please see the OGA Bank account details below. Put your surname and initial and EH Board in the particulars and reference. Thank you so much!

We'd love your help to boost our funds, given we haven't been able to go ahead with any events this year.

The annual Graduation Dinner is our main fundraising event of the year, for Year 13 girls and their families.

It is a special event but, as reported, we couldn't go ahead with it this year. This means no income for the OGA.

But we still have outgoings.

If you'd like to make a special donation to support the OGA, we say THANK YOU!

OGA BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS: Bank of New Zealand, Newmarket Branch

Account number: 02 0192 0137887 000

We would like to acknowledge:

Compass Group for their generous sponsorship of the Epsom House Scholarship since 2016.



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