



ABBOTSLEIGH

Old Girls' Union Inc.

The Loom

ABBOTSLEIGH OLD GIRLS
NEWSLETTER
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Physical Culture

*The Weaver, 1920**

Abbotsleigh girls ahead of their time – practising fitness and 'social distancing' 100 years ago

2020 EVENTS



It will come as no surprise that all AOGU events are suspended until further notice. While it is disappointing not to be meeting and connecting in person, we hope to be able to do so again soon. In the meantime, take this opportunity to think about the types of events you would like the AOGU to host and send in your ideas to the Old Girls Office.

President's message

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Stay safe.

My thoughts and prayers go out to all Old Girls, your families and friends world-wide and I wish you good health, strength and hope in these strange and uncertain times.

Belinda Burton (Tjeuw, 1991)

It is with a heavy heart that I write for our first edition of *The Loom*. With the extended drought and the devastating bushfires over the summer, Australia has already suffered so much and now the world is in the midst of a physically, financially and emotionally challenging scenario as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite the darkness, I am buoyed by the compassion, resilience, adaptability, creativity and positivity that has been displayed. It goes without saying that our health care workers are amazing, putting themselves at risk each day. However, the importance of all roles has been highlighted in recent times from our producers, manufacturers and transporters working to ensure that we still have the supplies we need, to our educators who are adapting to a new way of teaching to ensure that our children are safe and still learning, to our musicians, artists and entertainers who are keeping our spirits up through online channels, to our financial service and retail workers who are working hard to ensure that there is something to return to when this all passes and to everyone who is staying at home to help contain the spread of this horrible virus. Everyone is playing an important role and how quickly we have adjusted to new ways of doing things is truly incredible.

There have been many displays of kindness, compassion and selflessness in these troubled times which is heart-warming. However, Old Girls have always sought to give back to the community and to make a positive social impact. Therefore, I am pleased to share details of the 2019 winners of the *AOGU 110th Anniversary Grant* (see page 7). I am also very pleased that the AOGU

was able to donate \$20,000 to Abbotsleigh's Boarder Drought Relief Fund to help provide fee assistance to boarding families affected by the drought.

It is obviously disappointing that all AOGU events are cancelled until further notice and that we are unable to physically connect with each other for the foreseeable future; however, in the meantime, I encourage you to stay connected with each other either virtually or the old fashioned way via telephone. I also take this opportunity to introduce you to your AOGU Committee members for 2020 (see page 3).

Keep well

Belinda Burton (Tjeuw, 1991)



Who's Who on the 2020 AOGU Committee:

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Belinda Burton (President)

Belinda (Tjeuw, 1991) studied Law in Brisbane and subsequently worked as a corporate lawyer in Brisbane and London. While in London, she moved into regulation of publicly listed companies. Following the birth of her first daughter, she moved back to Sydney and enjoyed a career break before returning to risk, compliance and corporate governance consulting in the superannuation industry after the birth of her second daughter. Belinda is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and has experience as a non-executive director of a small corporate superannuation fund and a social enterprise focusing in the disability and mental health space. She has two daughters currently in Years 8 and 10 at Abbotsleigh and has been a member of the AOGU Committee since 2016, taking on the role of Vice President in 2017 and becoming President in 2018.

Rebecca Baillie (Vice President)

Rebecca (Baillie, 1989) loved her time at Abbotsleigh and is passionate about making connections with other Old Girls and keeping in touch with lifelong friends she made at school. After graduating, Rebecca completed Arts Law at Macquarie University. She is a journalist and television producer, currently working at SBS on the *Insight* program. Rebecca worked at the ABC for two decades as a reporter and a producer on shows including *7.30 Report*, and *Australian Story*. She has also made documentaries for ABC TV, including one on artist Martin Sharp, and a feature documentary celebrating 40 years of triple j. Rebecca has a daughter in Year 11 at Abbotsleigh and a son in Year 8.

Margaret Jordan (Treasurer)

Margaret (Thiel, 1986) completed an Honours degree in Pure Mathematics at the University of Sydney before embarking on a career as a secondary school Mathematics teacher. She taught in a range of girls' independent schools in Sydney and then Canberra before coming back to Sydney in 2009 and taking up a teaching position at Abbotsleigh. She is currently Head of Data Analysis, Assessment and Reporting at Abbotsleigh. Margaret has a daughter

in Year 10 at Abbotsleigh and a son in Year 12. Margaret joined the AOGU Committee towards the end of 2018 as Honorary Treasurer.

Sarah Franks (Secretary)

Sarah (Franks, 1991) enjoys sharing her Abbotsleigh experience with her daughter, currently in Year 8 at Abbotsleigh. She works in People Operations at Google, which she combines with family life and her passion for coaching and life drawing. She has been the AOGU Secretary since 2018 and the AOGU Representative on the Marian Clarke Society since late 2019.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Margaret Bisley

Margaret (Bisley, 1969) has worked in private practice in Sydney, first in a small firm and then in a large firm. She then worked at the College of Law as an instructor and subsequently on a contract basis in various roles. Margaret is currently a non-executive Director of a group of private companies with offices in Asia, the Middle East and Texas. She has three sons. Margaret has served on Abbotsleigh Council for 12 years, during which time she chaired the Risk Management Committee and then the Governance Risk and Compliance Committee.

Kim Boniface

Kim (Anderson, 1985) studied Commerce (Marketing) at UNSW, completed an EMBA at the AGSM and works in employee engagement and communications at the Westpac Group. Her three daughters are all recent Old Girls. In her 'spare' time, Kim enjoys judging Rhythmic Gymnastics and recently joined the Gymnastics NSW Judging Management Committee. The immediate past President of the AOGU, Kim stepped down at the end of 2017 after six years. She has been an active member of the Committee since 2008, during which time she served a three-year term as AOGU Treasurer.

Karina Conn

Karina (Lorsch, 1986) has been teaching for 30 years. She now focuses on working with children 'on the spectrum' and with

learning difficulties, plus mentoring teaching students at university. However, Karina is first and foremost a proud mum of three daughters, all of whom have attended Abbotsleigh. One of the nicest things for her being part of the AOGU Committee is the ability to have a better understanding and connection with her girls through the School.

Bronwyn Cooper

Bronwyn (Ross-Jones, 1980) was a litigation lawyer but is now into beef farming. She has two daughters who are Old Girls with the younger one graduating in 2019. While she has stepped down from being the Boarder Representative and is no longer an Abbotsleigh parent, she is pleased to be able to continue to be active in the Abbotsleigh community through the AOGU.

Suzie Evennett

Suzie (Taylor, 1984) studied at Macquarie University and travelled extensively through Europe and worked in the banking and insurance industries. After a career break to raise her children, she returned to work in the education sector and has remained there for the last ten years. Of her three children, both her daughters attended Abbotsleigh, with the youngest graduating in 2018. Suzie has been on the Committee for more than six years and enjoys the ongoing AOGU connection to the School, the interaction between generations of Old Girls, what they have achieved and how they work together to support the wider community.

Fiona Hobill Cole

Fiona (Armstrong, 1981) studied Landscape Architecture at UNSW after attending Abbotsleigh and has worked as a Landscape Architect since then. Her business *fionacoledesign* started when her children were little as she started designing friends' gardens and supervising their construction. She loves creating beautiful gardens that people can use and enjoy and respond to the wonderful environment. She has three children; both her daughters attended Abbotsleigh and with her youngest graduating in 2019. Joining the AOGU Committee was a means of staying actively involved in the Abbotsleigh community.

Karen Love

Karen (Love, 1987) works in the corporate world in management consulting and mediation. She is a current Abbotsleigh parent and has found being on the Committee since 2017 very rewarding as it provides a different perspective.

Anne Mitchell

Anne (Macfarlane, 1964) is part of three generations at Abbotsleigh. After school, she moved to the UK, married, then lived in South Africa, Queensland and Philadelphia. Anne's mother had always been active in the Old Girl community and when she passed away, Anne became involved with the AOGU as a way of honouring that connection. She has been a long-standing Committee member also serving as the War Records Coordinator and is a key organiser of the annual Card Day.

Kate Nicholls

Kate (Hall, 1985) studied Actuarial Studies at Macquarie University, worked as an actuary, took a career break to focus on her children and now works for the NAB. She has a daughter who left Abbotsleigh in 2016, a daughter currently in Year 12 and a son who graduated in 2018. Kate is the immediate past Treasurer for the AOGU, serving in this role for four years before stepping down at the end of 2018.

Caroline Rigby

Caroline (Miller, 1984) had a career in paediatrics as a Clinical Nurse Specialist at RNSH. After taking a career break to focus on the children, she returned to the workforce and now owns an in-home nursing business, HomeWise Health. Caroline comes from a long line of Abbotsleigh connections. Her mother, aunts, sister-in-law are all Old Girls. She has four children; one daughter graduated from Abbotsleigh in 2016 and her other is currently in Year 12. Caroline has been a member of the Committee for a couple of years and loves everything to do with Abbotsleigh.

Lucy Shilling

Lucy (Lyle, 1987) lived in Sydney and worked in finance after leaving school, with a couple of years travelling overseas in the mix. She now lives in Orange and works in the family crane and earthmoving repairs business. She has a son who has left school and two daughters currently at Abbotsleigh in the Senior School. She has a strong connection to the school with her mother, sister, mother-in-law, sister-in-law and three great aunts having attended

Abbotsleigh. Lucy took on the role of AOGU Boarder Representative last year.

Alex (Zi-qing) Zhao

Ziqing (Alex) (Zhao, 2015) is currently completing Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws degrees at the University of Sydney. Through her academic and internship experiences in Sydney and overseas, Alex developed her passion in the areas of accounting and law. As a proud Marian Clarke Scholar and with a heart of giving back as an AOGU award recipient, Alex joined the AOGU committee in November 2019 to stay connected to and serve the Old Girl community.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Sarah Hofman

Sarah (Dowsett, 1986) has a Master of Economics, is a chartered accountant and holds her practising certificate from CA ANZ. Sarah is Chairman of the Australian Securitisation Forum and is a graduate of the Institute of Company Directors in Australia (GAICD). She is currently a Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, having previously spent 20 years as an investment banker. Sarah is a second-generation Old Girl with her mother and aunt both Abbotsleigh boarders. Sarah's daughter left Abbotsleigh in 2018. Sarah has served as an AOGU Representative on Abbotsleigh Council for six years and prior to that served for four years as the AOGU Representative on the Abbotsleigh Foundation. She was appointed a Life Member of the AOGU in November 2019.

Jacqueline Rees

Jackie (Selosse, 1969) continues to be involved with her company, running O'Grady Drama, which develops skills such as communication, confidence and creativity through drama for children. Jackie loved her years at Abbotsleigh and her two daughters both attended the School. She has served on the Committee for many years and continues as an Honorary Life Member supporting the link to our Old Girls.

Margaret Sachs

Margaret (Coburn, 1965) works in the family business, ExecEstate. She joined the AOGU Committee in the early 1970s and, over several decades, has served as AOGU Secretary, Vice President, President and Chair of the Centenary Appeal Fundraising Committee for the Chapel Organ. She has also served as a Director of the Abbotsleigh Foundation and member of the Abbotsleigh Foundation Fundraising Committee and

the Marian Clarke Society for many years. Margaret continues to be an active member of the AOGU Committee and Marian Clarke Society. Margaret's daughter is an Old Girl and her grand-daughter is now a current student in the Junior School. Abbotsleigh is in Margaret's blood.

Melissa Slattery

Melissa (Walsh, 1977) graduated from Sydney University in 1981, and taught English, History and French at St Luke's Anglican School. She joined the AOGU committee in 1987 and has since served on the Committee, becoming Secretary and then President from 2001 to 2003. One highlight of those years was helping her predecessor as President, Elizabeth Tomlinson, to establish the Kathleen McCredie Award. She served from 2003 to 2011 as an AOGU Representative on the Abbotsleigh School Council (including on its Building and Development Committee). Melissa was appointed as an Honorary Life Member in 2013, a role she finds very fulfilling. In 2017-2018 she enjoyed working with Rebecca Baillie to produce an oral history of Kathleen McCredie's life to celebrate her 90th birthday. Melissa's daughter graduated from Abbotsleigh in 2005.

AOGU COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Linda Ellis

Linda (Morris, 1990) is Group Company Secretary and Corporate Counsel for Steadfast, where she is responsible for ASX compliance and other regulatory liaison, corporate governance and stakeholder liaison, generating growth and improving financial performance. Before joining Steadfast, Linda was a corporate lawyer specialising in mergers and acquisitions. She is also on the board of Mosman Church of England Preparatory School. Linda took on the role of AOGU Representative on Abbotsleigh Council in November 2018 and brings extensive experience in strategic planning, major projects, risk management and market disclosure.

Bronwyn Matthews

Bronwyn (Matthews, 1982) followed Abbotsleigh with a BEc, MComm(Fin) and a CFA. She completed the AIDC course in the last five years. Bron has over 25 years' experience in investment management particularly equities. She has also founded, owned and operated a Preschool and K-9 NSW Curriculum school for 350 children in Singapore, run a recruitment company and served as a director on the Foundation Board over the last eight years.

Michelle Vanzella

Michelle (Vanzella, 1987) has an extensive combination of customer, marketing, digital, data and commercial legal skills built up across multiple industries including technology, retail, property and financial services. Michelle practiced corporate and commercial law at Allens and has held senior executive positions with iconic Australian brands including

Westfield, Suncorp and AAMI. She was previously a non-executive director of Canteen Australia and is currently an independent non-executive director at Hunter Water and at Collaborate Corp (ASX:CL8). Michelle has been an AOGU Representative on Abbotsleigh Council since November 2015 and is currently Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee and a member of the Chair's Communication Committee.

EMERITUS LIFE MEMBERS

Robin Archer (Horwitz, 1959)
Sue Cross (Jacobs, 1949)
Jenny Davies (Holman, 1963)
Robin Kench (Hobart, 1951)
Kathleen McCredie AM (1945)

Are you interested in joining a group of vibrant, dedicated and generous women?

I warmly invite you to consider joining the Abbotsleigh Old Girls' Union (AOGU) Committee for 2021. The AOGU has a long tradition of exceptional Old Girls volunteering their time to serve on the Committee. These women share a love of the School and its traditions, a passion for girls' education and value the importance of maintaining a connection with Abbotsleigh and connecting the generations of amazing girls who have passed through these doors.

As you can see from the Who's Who on the Committee above, the Committee comprises women from a variety of backgrounds. Diversity is essential and all skills and contributions are welcome. It is a wonderful opportunity to support the Old Girls community and to build our network of women supporting each other. If you can spare some of your time, I strongly encourage you to get involved.

We meet twice a term during the school term on a Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm at Abbotsleigh (currently via Zoom). If you are interested, you are welcome to come to one of our meetings this year to see what is involved prior to making a commitment. The AOGU Committee is appointed annually in November at the AGM. Feel free to contact the AOGU President, Belinda Burton, at aogupresident@gmail.com if you have any further questions.

Women in Super Mother's Day Classic: going ahead as a virtual event.

The Women in Super Mother's Day Classic is an annual fun run and walk raising funds and awareness for breast cancer research. Its aim is to deliver a fun, healthy and inspirational event that brings the community together on Mother's Day to support and remember those touched by breast cancer.

For the third year, the AOGU has entered a team for the Abbotsleigh community **Team AbbGirls**. Due to the COVID-19 situation, the event is now going ahead as a virtual event rather than a physical event. The virtual event connects you to a number of online classes, competitions, challenges and give-aways in addition to the run/walk to be completed on or before 10 May.



If you have already registered, your registration will automatically be transferred to the virtual event. If you haven't registered and would like to do so, it is not too late. [Register here](#).

Don't forget to link your registration to **Team AbbGirls** and share this fundraising [link](#).



Mothers' Afternoon Tea 2020

Approximately 35 mothers and daughters attended this much-loved annual event earlier this year. It was a lovely opportunity to welcome six 'new' mothers back to the School as their daughters started at Abbotsleigh this year.

Sally Ruston brought the Junior School girls up to the Senior School to join in the afternoon tea and this year we saw more girls attending, making it a good opportunity for them to meet each other. This was particularly nice for the new Year 7 girls as there were many Year 8 daughters of Old Girls in attendance.

As usual, it was a very relaxed event and people mingled well. We had a number of attendees from the classes of 1990, 1991 and 1992 so it was like a mini-reunion and Abbotsleigh Archivist Julie Daly provided an archival display including copies of *The Weaver* from those years which the girls particularly enjoyed.

Class of 2019

Congratulations to our newest Old Girls, the Class of 2019, who topped the list for the highest performing NSW Independent Girls' School in last year's HSC. The girls celebrated their first official AOGU event on the day the results were released with a garden party with staff at the home of the Headmistress, Mrs Megan Krimmer.



Aprons \$25 each or two for \$40

Tea towels \$15 each or three for \$35

Portable chargers \$25 each

All profits from merchandise sales go towards the Kathleen McCredie Award.

Order here

110th Anniversary Grant Winners for 2019

The 110th Anniversary Grant was established in 2018 to commemorate the 110th anniversary of the Abbotsleigh Old Girls' Union (AOGU). The aim of the Grant is to support Old Girls in meaningful endeavours to benefit the community or have a positive social impact. The Grant recognises the value Old Girls add by being contributory members to their local and/or world-wide communities through financial assistance and raising awareness of their activities.

The Anniversary Grants Sub-committee really enjoyed reviewing the very high calibre applications in a range of different projects and it was a privilege to hear how many Old Girls are giving back to the community. It is a shame that we cannot award a Grant to all the applicants. However, it is a pleasure to share details of the three winners for 2019 as follows:

REBECCA LADD (1981)

This Grant will assist Rebecca in providing professional development opportunities for two teachers and interpreters from the Wangsel Institute of the Deaf in Bhutan. We are so proud to hear of the great work she is doing to improve education for deaf students in Bhutan. We were shocked to discover that school education for deaf children in Bhutan only commenced in 2003. Teacher education is badly needed in order to better support these children and as such, we are very pleased to be supporting this project. We look forward to providing you a further update as Rebecca's project develops.



HELEN HOSKIN (1969)

Helen has been doing amazing work in setting up the Bunda Girls Secondary School in Tanzania. This Grant will provide a two-year scholarship for an academically gifted girl to attend the Bunda Girls Secondary School. Without the scholarship, this girl would not be able to study at this school and most likely would not continue her education at all. At Abbotsleigh, we pride ourselves in empowering young women and value the importance of education. Through education, we can help transform the life of a young woman, her family and their village.

Mary Masanja (pictured) has now been selected as the scholarship recipient and commenced Form One (Year 7) at the beginning of this year. She has

been selected as an able student from a poor background from the local primary schools surrounding Bunda Girls Secondary School. Mary hopes to be a doctor when she leaves school, so this is a dream come true and she is very excited to have this opportunity.

On behalf of Mary and her family, headmistress Deninsia and all the staff of BGSS, Helen sends her heartfelt thanks. If anyone is interested in further supporting Helen's project, please contact the Old Girls Office.

GILLIAN TRUMAN (1999)

Many of you may know Gill and the group of nine Abbotsleigh girls who set up the charity MotorOn in 2015 to support those with motor neuron disease (MND). Gill herself has been diagnosed with MND, yet her focus is on helping others suffering from the disease. The money from this Grant has been donated to the Macquarie University MND Research Centre, Australia's largest MND research facility and in particular, to support the purchase of a Neurotrack module. This is a microscope that can assess new drugs for neuroprotection and neurorepair for MND. We very much hope that through the continued research by Macquarie University MND Research Centre, a cure for this terrible disease can be found soon.

Congratulations to our three winners!! Could you be the recipient for the 110th Anniversary Grant for 2020? Applications will be opening in July.

Boarder Drought Relief Fund

We are all very aware of the impact of the drought and terrible bushfires on Australian rural and regional communities. In particular, the AOGU recognises the effect on a number of our boarding families, many of whom are long-standing Abbotsleigh families. Following feedback from the rural community at regional reunions and various discussions by the Committee, the AOGU investigated ways we could

help support the boarding families through these tough times.

The AOGU is delighted to have been able to donate \$20,000 to the Boarder Drought Relief Fund, set up specifically to provide fee assistance to boarding families affected by the drought. Please contact the Old Girls Office if you would also like to contribute to this fund.

Snippets

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS 2020

The Honorable Dr Meredith Burgmann AM

Meredith Burgmann (1964) was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to the people and Parliament of NSW. You can read more about Meredith and her work [here](#).

Robyn Claydon OAM

Former Deputy Head of Abbotsleigh, Robyn Claydon was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to education, and to the Anglican Church of Australia.

Scholarships Now Available for Girls in Years 9 and 10

Mrs Colleen Fenn
Registrar

The following scholarship opportunities are available for current Year 9 and Year 10 girls:

- **Foundation Scholarship** – Year 10 2021
- **The Royle Scholarship** – Year 10 or Year 11 2021
- **The Kathleen McCredie Award** – Year 10 2021

These scholarships are now open and have a closing date of Friday 15 May.

This information is also available on AbbNet > Student links > Scholarship applications

The Foundation Scholarship is now open to new and current Abbotsleigh students in Year 9 2020.

The Foundation Scholarship is a needs-based academic scholarship which commence at Year 10 level and provide up to 50% remission of school tuition fees for the remainder of schooling. Consideration is given to academic attainment, general interest and ability and participation in other activities, for example, service and community activities, music, drama and sport.

Two Foundation Scholarships are awarded.

The Royle Scholarship is open to new and current Abbotsleigh students in Year 9 2020 or Year 10 2020.

The Royle Scholarship is an academic and/or general merit scholarship providing up to 50% remission of school tuition fees for the remainder of schooling. Needs-based criteria may also apply.

It is awarded to a girl who is the daughter, granddaughter or great granddaughter of an Abbotsleigh Old Girl.

One Royle Scholarship is awarded.

The Kathleen McCredie Award is open to new and current Abbotsleigh students in Year 9 2020.

The Kathleen McCredie Award was created in perpetuity to honour Old Girl Miss Kathleen McCredie, Headmistress of Abbotsleigh 1970-1987.

The Kathleen McCredie Award is for a student who demonstrates significant all round involvement in the areas of spirituality, service, culture, sport and academia. This is a needs based scholarship with strict financial criteria.

One Kathleen McCredie Scholarship is awarded.

Change to the Enrolment Policy affecting daughters of Abbotsleigh Old Girls

I am delighted to communicate a change to the Enrolment Policy affecting the daughter of an Abbotsleigh Old Girl. We value your connection with the School and would like to assist with ensuring that your daughter attends Abbotsleigh, as you did.

It will no longer be necessary for the daughter of an Abbotsleigh Old Girl to attend entrance testing for her entry to Year 5 or Year 7. Accepted places are offered to daughters of Abbotsleigh Old Girls entering at ALL entry points on early application.

Abbotsleigh Old Girls are strongly encouraged to make application soon after the birth of their daughter to best ensure a place at Abbotsleigh. After 12 months of age, places are offered to those girls on the waiting list and while we will always try to assist with progressing enrolment for the daughter of an Old Girl, it will become more difficult to guarantee a place.

The entry points for Junior School are Transition, Kindergarten, Year 3 and Year 5. The entry point for Senior School is Year 7.

Please **contact** me should you wish to discuss any aspect of this process.

I look forward to welcoming your daughter to Abbotsleigh.

Colleen Fenn
Registrar



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Update your contact details [here](#)

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2020 Reunions

While some might think 2020 is a year best forgotten because of COVID-19, we know many Old Girls having been looking forward to it for a long time! For many, this is their opportunity to celebrate special milestone reunions. Please be assured, we are looking forward to helping you celebrate as soon as we can! Many Old Girls had already volunteered to be Reunion Coordinators and had commenced plans for their celebration. If you are interested in helping coordinate your future reunion, please contact the Old Girls Office. Now is a great time to reconnect with classmates to gather contact details and plan invitations!

2010, 10 Year Reunion

Camila Hart	hart.millie@gmail.com
Eunice Fung	Eunice.fung@hotmail.com
Alexandra Dennie	alexandra.a.dennis@gmail.com
Elyce McClelland	elyce.mcclelland@gmail.com

2005, 15 Year Reunion

Shreya Aggarwala	Shreya8788@hotmail.com
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2000, 20 Year Reunion

Leonie Marsh (Mansfield)	abbclassof2000@gmail.com
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1995, 25 Year Reunion

Lisa Bloom (Thiedeman)	lisa.bloom@im3vet.com
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1990, 30 Year Reunion

Looking for coordinators

1985, 35 Year Reunion

Lucy Rigby	lucyrigby@bigpond.com
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1980, 40 Year Reunion

Linda Lorimer (Pratten)	abbotsleigh1980@gmail.com
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1980, 40 Year Reunion Boarders' Evening

Anne Knoblanche	knoblanche@gmail.com
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1975, 45 Year Reunion

Wendy Fowler-Smith	wendyfw65@gmail.com
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1970, 50 Year Reunion Lunch

Libby Gardiner (Amos)	libgardiner@bigpond.com
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1965, 55 Year Reunion

Dimity Riley (Wood)	dimity.riley@bigpond.com
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1960, 60 Year Reunion

Anne Le Couteur	alecouteur@mac.com
Morag Hollway	umhollway@ozemail.com.au
Jane Meggitt	jmeggitt@meggies.com.au

1950, 70 Year Reunion

Organised by Old Girls Office

2020 Senior School Swimming Carnival

The hotly contested Boarders v Day Girls v Old Girls Relay came down to a nail-biting finish at the Senior School Swimming Carnival held at Sydney Olympic Aquatic Park in February. Congratulations to the Day Girls who took out the win by the smallest of margins ahead of the Old Girls team. It was an especially exciting finish with Year 12 student Holly Nelson overtaking her sister Amy (2017) in the final few metres! The Old Girls team was enthusiastically supported by Old Girls on staff proudly wearing the bottle green.



Some of the Old Girls on staff supporting the Old Girls swimming team.



Old Girls 2020 Swimming Team: Annabelle Andrew (2018), Amy Nelson (2017), Natasha Ramsden (2018), Becca St Vincent (2019)



Celebrate your time at Abbotsleigh with a commemorative paver

When an Abbotsleigh girl walks out the front gates for the final time and takes her first step into her new journey as an Old Girl, she can't help but leave a little piece of herself behind.

The School has a special way to recognise these special 'steps of time'.

In recognition of donations of \$500 or more (tax deductible) to the Abbotsleigh Foundation, you will receive a commemorative paver and in doing so create a lasting legacy.

Our pavers are located just outside the Marian Clarke Building where current students, staff, Old Girls and guests stroll by them on a daily basis.

These 'steps of time' tell a story of those who have been part of the School's history and at the same time create an opportunity where Old Girls and their families can enjoy seeking out their pavers amongst the collection. In addition, our current students also enjoy seeking out familiar names and families during their school day.

Every Abbotsleigh girl, past and present, has benefited from the generosity of parents, Old Girls and staff.

If you would like to take up this opportunity, please contact Sasha Carrel at foundation@abbotsleigh.nsw.edu.au or by phoning 9473 7738.



*Cover image

The year opened happily for us with our new classrooms, and the increase in comfort and convenience they mean. Our new Physical Culture department, too, has provided fresh interest and we hope to see the girls showing great enthusiasm in this branch of their work. (p2)

This year we welcome Miss Brigstocke as our Physical Culture and Sports Mistress. We have never before had Physical Culture as a school subject, but we now realise what we have missed in the past, for our lessons are most enjoyable. The lower part of the school has a lesson every day and the upper classes are taught three times a week, the addition of games making our work in this branch of study doubly delightful. A uniform was deemed necessary for Physical Culture, so Miss Murray decided that the short navy tunic with white blouse should be our school uniform (p7). *The Weaver*, 1920

