



Abbotsleigh Old
Girls' Union

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ABBOTSLEIGH OLD GIRLS NEWSLETTER JULY 2026

Click [here](#) for a comprehensive calendar of 2026 events
for our Old Girl Community to attend

Click [here](#) for a list of the Grace Cossington Smith Gallery Exhibitions



Abbotsleigh's 141st Birthday Assembly and Black and Gold Lunch

Friday 24 July
12.30-3 pm
Library Seminar Rooms
Abbotsleigh Senior School

RSVP [here](#) by Monday 20 July

The Joy of Giving Abbotsleigh Foundation Gala Dinner

Saturday 15 August
6.30-11 pm
Doltone House
Darling Island

RSVP [here](#)



Melbourne Reunion Lunch

Friday 18 September
12 noon
Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

RSVP [here](#) by Friday 28 August



AOGU 'Threaded Connections' drinks at the Grace Cossington Smith Gallery

Saturday 17 October
4-6 pm
Grace Cossington Smith Gallery
Abbotsleigh Senior School

RSVP [here](#) by Friday 9 October



Mark in the diary upcoming events

Saturday 25 July 2026 Tamworth: Abbotsleigh Community Event

All current, past and future parents and Old Girls of Abbotsleigh are invited to our Community Event in Tamworth. This event coincides with the Boarding Schools Expo. Complimentary drinks and dinner at the Deco Bar & Restaurant, 330 Peel St, Tamworth from 6 pm

RSVP [here](#) by Monday 20 July



Friday 21 August 2026 Hong Kong: Community Event

All current, past and future parents and Old Girls of Abbotsleigh are invited to our Community Event in Hong Kong. Join us for complimentary drinks and dinner at Soho House Hong Kong, 33 Des Voeux Road West, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong from 6.30-9.30 pm

RSVP [here](#) by Friday 31 July. Spaces are limited.



Friday 4 December 2026 AOGU Ladies Golf Day

Mark your diary for the Golf Day and Lunch on Friday 4 December at the Long Reef Golf Club



Announcement of Abbotsleigh Grace Cossington Smith Art Award Winners

Join us for the announcement of the 2026 Grace Cossington Smith Art Award winners on:

Wednesday 22 July 2026

6 pm

Grace Cossington Smith Gallery, Abbotsleigh

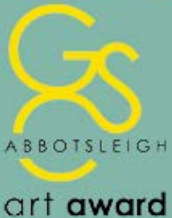
Please RSVP [here](#) for catering purposes.

The exhibition of finalists will run from 18 July to 15 August 2026.



Abbotsleigh Grace Cossington Smith art award 2026
National art award supporting contemporary Australian artists

Announcement of the winner **Wednesday 22 July 2026**
Exhibition of finalists **18 July to 15 August 2026**



ABBOTTSLEIGH
art award

Year group reunions

Each year, the 5- and 10-year reunions are organised by Abbotsleigh Old Girls with the support of the AOGU and the Old Girls Office.

A full list of reunions can be found [here](#). This document will be periodically updated as details are confirmed.

If you are interested in being involved in organising your year group's reunion, please contact **Alexandra Rafael** on (02) 9473 7740.



Help us bring Abbotsleigh Old Girl events to your region

We're excited to grow Abbotsleigh Old Girl events across regional areas – creating opportunities for Old Girls to reconnect locally. We know these events are most successful when they're co-hosted with local Old Girls, and we're seeking volunteers based outside Sydney to help bring them to life.

We're not asking you to organise everything, just be willing to act as an on-the-ground contact in your area. This role is light-touch but essential: suggesting an appropriate local venue and helping promote the event to generate good attendance. The AOGU and Old Girls' Office will retain full organisational responsibility, including planning, coordination, invitations and event management.

Make sure your region is the next one to bring the Abbotsleigh Old Girl community together to reconnect and reminisce.



President's message



Hello Old Girls,

There can be something special about unexpectedly meeting another Old Girl. Whether it's by chance in a workplace, on holiday or in the queue at the supermarket; there's an immediate sense of connection and familiarity. Conversations can flow effortlessly when memories and common experiences are shared. That instant connection is one of the greatest strengths of our community.

The months ahead offer wonderful opportunities to experience that sense of connection firsthand. Whether you join us to celebrate Abbotsleigh's 141st birthday, attend the Abbotsleigh Foundation Gala Dinner, reconnect at the Melbourne Reunion Lunch or enjoy our complimentary drinks party at the Grace Cossington Smith Gallery. I look forward to meeting many of you at our upcoming events, so please come and say hello and share your thoughts on how we can continue to build a vibrant and connected Old Girls' Union together.

With warm regards,

Bronwyn Cooper (Ross-Jones, 1980)

Honorary President



Merchandise

Click [here](#) to purchase our merchandise with all profits from the sale donated to the Kathleen McCredie Award Fund, which was inaugurated in 2001 by the AOGU to provide a genuine opportunity for girls to be able to attend Abbotsleigh in Years 10-12 who otherwise would not have been able to.

Check out the latest Abbotsleigh and Old Girl news

Around Abbotsleigh issue 71 was released recently and is full of school news from the first half of the year. Click [here](#) to download it.



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