



## Morongo Newsletter

Melbourne Branch

Sint lucernae Ardentes

March 2022



Dear Friends of Morongo,

Welcome to our seventh annual Morongo Newsletter (Melbourne Branch) as we continue living and sharing the burning of our lamp of wisdom!

**COVID impeded on our lives again in 2021. Fortunately, most of our annual events were able to go ahead.**

All members who have registered their email address with Marieta Jones (Moir) will receive this Newsletter in March each year. Send your email address to register at our new email address... [melbournebellposthill@gmail.com](mailto:melbournebellposthill@gmail.com)

### Please contribute to this Newsletter

Any interesting news from any former collegian or friend of Morongo is more than welcome. Send us any news about your lives since leaving school, dates for reunions, photos and reports from any reunion or gathering and obituaries for those that are no longer with us to Marieta Jones (Moir) at [melbournebellposthill@gmail.com](mailto:melbournebellposthill@gmail.com) before December 31st 2022.

We would also appreciate being informed of recently deceased old girls, or new contact details to keep our records up to date.

### DATES FOR YOUR 2022 DIARY

#### Goulburn Valley Luncheon - Sunday May 1st 2022 at 12.00pm

The Goulburn Valley Members luncheon will go ahead on our long-standing date of the first Sunday in May.

This year we plan to meet at the home of Heather Lloyd (Laird) on Sunday 1st May in 2022

For further enquiries contact;

Sandra Macintyre on 0428 976 242, 57 976242 or [nutcundera@bigpond.com](mailto:nutcundera@bigpond.com)

#### 2022 Golf/Lunch Day at Barwon Heads Golf Club –Friday 21st October

New players welcome, as are girls who would like to attend for lunch only.

On the day the golfers will have an 8:00am shotgun start played in groups of four. For non players and those wishing to organise a reunion, please be at the clubhouse by 11:30am.

Anyone interested in attending on the day for the first time (players or lunch only) please send an email to Jo Burton at [jojburton@bigpond.com](mailto:jojburton@bigpond.com) for return invitation and information.

A huge thank you is extended to Jo for stepping into the role due to the unexpected passing of Lyn Fraser.

## **All Years Luncheon Reunion - Wednesday 18th May 2022 @ 11-30am**

**Angliss Restaurant**  
**550 Little Lonsdale St. Melbourne**

Lunch will be a three-course meal which will include one glass of wine or soft drink and tea & coffee. Lunch will cost \$40.00 per head.

**Details will be sent out in April, please email Elaine, Di or Marieta if you don't receive notification.**

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Marieta Jones (0490 175 962)

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*Payment can be made by:*

Direct transfer: Melbourne Bellpost Hill

BSB 704 191 ACC: 255905 (please quote your name)

Cheques can be made out to Bell Post Hill and sent to Marieta Jones,  
35 Rob Roy Street, Glen Waverley 3150

## **Interschool Golf Challenge Cup 2022**

*The Women's Inter School Golf Challenge Cup (the old Sun Cup) is to take place at Commonwealth Golf Club on 21st March 2022. Morongo has a team entered.*

## **NEWS FROM 2021 & EARLY 2022**

### **All Years Luncheon Reunion May 2021**

*The mid-year luncheon was held at William Angliss on Wednesday 19th May 2021.*

*We were thrilled that 50 people attended with 18 apologies, and weren't we lucky to be able to have the lunch as 2 weeks later Victoria went into lockdown!*

*William Angliss provided a delicious 3 course meal with first class service, we owe Angelina a big, big thank you for all her organisation.*

*Diana Trewenack (Hirst) 1956 organised the copies of the words to the school song, copies of which were distributed to each table. We sang the song with gusto, caught up with each other's news and left with promises to keep in touch.*

*Thank you too Ann Hastie for organising a table of Old Collegians from the 1970s. Please come again in 2022 and bring your friends.*

**We have booked William Angliss again for Wednesday 18th 2022. Make sure to put this date into your diary and as usual we will be in touch nearer to the time.**



Wendy Knight, Jill Adams, Angela Herd  
Lady in blue, standing is unknown



Janet Boddy, Wendy Knight, Jill Adams, Angela Herd



Long hair belongs to Kirsty McMillan, Julie Katz, Judith Essie,  
Anne Hastie, Janet Boddy



Sue Morrow, Julie Katz, Judith Essie



Judy Clark (Money), Davina McIntosh, Anna Miller (McBain)



Anne Prosser (Whiteside), Gillian Blakiston



Anna Miller (McBain) and Anne Howarth (Lindsay)



Di Trewenack (Hirst), Helen Robertson (Hirst) and Jill Thom (Hookings)



Noel Rumbold (Townsend), Heather McKenzie (Peden), Marl Ryan (Metherall) & Bunty Penman (Howson)



Clara Oakley (MacIntyre), Margaret McKay (Ganley) & Evie McEwan (Jones)



Sandra Oriander (Stevens), Janet Walker (Ross), Val Loughnan (Carson) & Judith Heard



## 2022 Morongo Rowing Regatta

*A beautiful blue sky greeted the rowers and spectators for the 2022 RV Schools Morongo Regatta on Saturday 5th February. The crowd enjoyed the racing over the 1000m course. The river hosted 1274 athletes competing in 41 different events.*

*A large contingency of Geelong schools and Clubs competed including; Christian College, Geelong College, Kardinia International, Corio Bay and Barwon Rowing Club. The year 10 crews rowed in the morning and the year 9 girls during the afternoon.*

*Christian College's sculler, A Joyce, won the Female School Year 10 Single Scull Division 1. Geelong College came a close second to Wesley College in the Female School Year 10 Eight Division 1.*

*The regatta allowed all crews to get a feel for the competition with the major regattas of the season fast approaching. Once more, the Barwon River will be providing the backdrop for the RV Junior Girls State Championship on February 26<sup>th</sup> and the Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta on March 18<sup>th</sup>.*

*Good luck to all the girls with their training in the coming weeks.*

*Lucy Pring (Elaine Howden's daughter)  
Year 9 Rowing Coordinator  
The Geelong College*

## Goulburn Valley Luncheon Sunday 2nd May 2021

*On Sunday 2nd May 2021, we met at the Deck Cafe which incorporates the information centre in Yarrawonga. As you can see in the photo below, the reflection shows the bridge across to NSW. We missed 2020 due to COVID lock downs. Hopefully we will be successful with the 2022 lunch this year.*

***We plan to meet at the home of Heather Lloyd (Laird) on Sunday 1st May in 2022.***

Once again, we enjoyed catching up with each other. Jeanette brought the Geelong ladies, some of whom we hadn't seen since our school days at Morongo. The Members who came to Yarrowonga in 2021 live in many districts of the Goulburn Valley including; Bunbartha, Cathkin, Devenish, Euroa, Kialla, Shepparton, Violet Town, Wangaratta and Yarrowonga, so we try to hold the reunion in different places in consideration of distances travelled each year. We do appreciate and thank the Bellarine travellers from Ocean Grove and Geelong for coming all the way to the border.

Any queries, please contact Sandra Macintyre 0428 976 242 or [nutcundera@bigpond.com](mailto:nutcundera@bigpond.com)



**Standing L to R:** Jan Vibert (Agnew), Sandra Macintyre (Bufton), Jan Hooper (Pope), Di Sprague, Margaret Parfitt (Armitage), Sandi Ward (Dohnt), Gwen Jensen (Bradshaw), Pat Mitchell (Illingworth), Heather Lloyd (Laird)  
**Seated L to R:** Jennie Currie (Bradshaw), Jeanette Joseph (Dehnert), Glenys Thomas (Knight), Nan Sullivan (Fewtrell), Barbara Ramage (Bradshaw), Gael Carracher (Hamilton), Betty Thornton

## **Golf / Lunch Day at Barwon Heads Golf Club**

Sadly, the Morongo Golf /Lunch Day was cancelled for a second year due to Covid lockdown. Hopefully we will see a return of the event on Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2022.

If you are not already on the contact email list and would like to be, please contact Jo Burton at [joiburton@bigpond.com](mailto:joiburton@bigpond.com)

## **Interschool Golf Challenge Cup 2021**

Fortunately, there was no lockdown on Monday 19th April to disrupt the 2021 Women's Inter-School Golf Challenge Cup. A perfect Autumn day saw 29 teams from member schools enjoy 18 holes of golf followed by lunch at the magnificent Commonwealth Golf Club.

Morongo has never won this event but that certainly doesn't deter us from trying! It is such a fun day and the camaraderie amongst participants continues to flourish. Each group includes one player from 4 different schools and Morongo's playing partners were from Clarendon, The Hermitage, and Firbank.

*Our team included Susan Hocking, Sue Waldren, Anne Varley and Lyn Fraser with Susan winning the Nell Goff Trophy for best B grade score. Well done Susan. Clarendon were the 2021 victors with a fabulous total score of 124 points. Morongo finished 15th with 108 points. Next year I intend to invite some girls from the next generation who are showing much promise!*

*Roughly \$3500 was raised through entry fees and a stall. This money was donated to The McAuley Community for Women, an organisation supporting women and children who have faced family violence and homelessness.*

*Lyn Fraser (Crellin) 1967*



L to R Susan Hocking: Lyn Fraser: Anne Varley: Sue Waldren:



## **Women's Inter-School Golf Challenge Cup**

**Uniting Past Female Students of Victorian Independent Schools**

### **A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WOMEN'S INTER-SCHOOLS GOLF CHALLENGE CUP**



*In 1929, a committee of twelve was formed to represent different schools to foster teamwork in Associate golf and to support a charity for women or children's charities. The schools were Clyde, Fintona, Firbank, Loreto Abbey, Melbourne C.E.G.G.S. (Merton Hall), M.L.C., Tintern, Geelong C.E.G.G.S. (The Hermitage), Ormiston, P.L.C., Ruyton and Toorak College.*

*A number of other schools, including Warwick were invited to participate. An annual competition was then open to associate golfers who were financial members of their Old Girls' Association of the Public and Registered Secondary Schools of Victoria.*

*In 2014, financial eligibility was amended and the event is now open to players who are past students of one of the member schools and hold a current GA Handicap of 35 or less.*

*The 1<sup>st</sup> annual inter-school golf match was held on the Cheltenham links of the Victoria Golf Club that year. Table Talk magazine donated a magnificent antique trophy, pictured. The cup of solid silver, was made in London in 1827 in the reign of George IV and was known as the Table Talk Challenge Cup.*

*In 1939 when Table Talk closed the Sun News-Pictorial undertook to sponsor this annual event and to provide the trophies – four silver teaspoons, one for each member of the winning team, together with a silver shield, engraved with the names of the winning team to be added to the base of the cup each year. At the general meeting in December 1940, it was agreed that play in the competition be suspended for the duration of the War.*

*Originally it was permitted to enter up to 14 or 15 players per school, the four best scores constituting the team. Now that there are 30 schools competing, each school enters a team of four players and the total of the stableford scores represents the school's result.*

*For many years the golf clubs donated their courses for the event. During the 1970's the teams started to pay a nominal fee. In the 1990's with all lady golfers being full members of their respective golf clubs and green fees becoming higher each year, the Committee are endeavouring to keep the entry fees at a reasonable level. From 1930 to 1938 the entry fee was 2/6; in 1994 it was \$25, now in 2018 the entry fee is \$105.*

*Each year the competition is held at a different golf club. From 1929 the day was organised by a representative and a delegate from the 12 original schools. At the Annual General Meeting in 1980 it was decided to invite a representative from each school playing to be on the Committee and for all to participate in organising the day.*

*The Committee now consists of 30 representatives from all the original schools (with the exception of Ormiston which is no longer functioning), together with representatives from Cato, Clarendon, Geelong Grammar, Genazzano, Ivanhoe Girl's Grammar, Kilbreda, Korowa, Lauriston, Mandeville Hall, Camberwell Girl's Grammar, **Morongo**, Presentation College Windsor, Sacre Coeur, St. Catherine's, St. Margaret's, Shelford, Strathcona, Star of the Sea and St. Leonard's College.*

*During the early years a different women's or children's charity benefitted from the proceeds, the donation ranging from 15 to 25 pounds. The beneficiaries included the children's sections of the Royal Victorian Institute of the Blind, the Eye and Ear Hospital, Prince Henry's Hospital, The Queen Victoria Hospital, The Royal Melbourne Hospital, The Aftercare for Paralysis Patients Hospital, The Orthopaedic section of the Children's Hospital, the Free Kindergarten Holiday Home and the Sun Toy Fund. Now our proceeds of approximately \$4,500 are donated to The Cottage by the Sea in Queenscliff. To date (2018) approximately \$64,000 has been raised in total.*

*The annual match has become a day which everyone looks forward to and enjoys, feeling privileged to have the opportunity to represent their old school and to compete for the much prized trophy.*

*Miss Kitty McEwan (Ormiston), the first honorary secretary and treasurer in our Kitty McEwan Memorial Trophy, presented to the player with the highest score in the "A" Division. Kitty held the position from 1929-1940 and again after WW2 in 1947 and 1953.*

*Miss Nell Goff (Warwick), held the same position for 23 years from 1954 – 1977. She is also remembered in our Nell Goff Memorial Trophy, which is presented to the player with the highest score in the "B" Division.*

*Early in 1995 the title of this event reverted to its original name – The Inter-School Golf Challenge Cup. The Sun was no longer interested in sponsoring either the golf or tennis inter-school annual events and so we parted amicably. Since 2007 the event has been called "The Women's Inter-School Golf Challenge Cup" due to many schools becoming co-educational.*

**Information here sourced from; <https://www.womensinterschoolgolf.com/history-2>**

## NEWS ABOUT US

**Beryl Miller Scott (Balfour) was born 17 April 1922.**

**She looks forward to turning 100 on Easter Sunday, 2022.**



Beryl and Daisy with Janet and their father

*Beryl, and her older sister Daisy, went from the family farm at Willow Grove in Gippsland to board at Morongo 1934-36, where Beryl completed her Intermediate Certificate in just three years.*

*In 1937, the family moved into Warragul, where the girls attended Warragul High School. Beryl won a rare Senior Government Scholarship to Melbourne University, however, too young at 16, she deferred her place until 1940 and studied secretarial skills in her gap year. Daisy (dec.) commenced nursing at the Alfred Hospital.*

*After graduating in Arts in 1942, and completing her Graduate Diploma of Education in 1943, Beryl taught at University High School 1944-45. Upon her marriage in 1946 to Revd. Ronald Ian Scott (a Presbyterian, later Uniting Church, Minister), Beryl was forced, due to the regulations of the Education Department of the time, to resign from her work as a teacher. Beryl was very active in the work of each church, parish, and community in which her husband served, while also raising four children. As a truly skilled craftswoman, she created many wonderful articles of clothing, embroidery, and decorative crafts.*

*During 1952-1965, while Ron was based in Lilydale serving an extensive Yarra Valley Parish, Beryl took major initiatives with other women in raising funds locally to establish a permanent kindergarten in the town. She continued the only external studies available to a graduate married woman at that time, achieving professional qualifications as an Associate of the Library Association of Australia (ALAA). This meant that she was rarely skilled in both education and librarianship to become one of the pioneering primary school librarians in Victoria. She established the first library of its kind at the Lilydale State School No. 876 in the early 1960s.*

*In 1965, Beryl was delighted when Ron was called to the work of the Geelong Hospital Chaplaincy, allowing their daughter Margaret Anne to transfer to Morongo, while their youngest daughter, Virginia, attended Morongo 1968-1973. Beryl continued her work in children's literature and librarianship based at Swanston Street Primary School Geelong.*

*A lifelong love of reading and academic learning saw Beryl complete a Bachelor of Education at Deakin University in 1978. In later years, Beryl was active in CWA in Gippsland, and renowned for her fundraising efforts for rural nursing scholarships. In retirement, she enjoyed wide-ranging international travel, CWA membership in Ringwood, Uniting Church membership, and various U3A classes. She has enjoyed lifelong friendships, including those she made in Geelong as a young girl, and sadly misses those who are no longer around her.*

*Beryl maintains good health, her valued eyesight and hearing and mobility. She has always enjoyed a deep and abiding faith in the spirit. She is currently living at the aged care facility in Lilydale based in the old bush nursing hospital where her youngest daughter was born.*





*She continues to undertake major crochet projects, is a lively competitor in games, and looks forward to receiving a birthday letter from Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth.*

*Throughout her life, Beryl has frequently spoken fondly of her attachment to Morongo and her appreciation of the happy years she enjoyed there. She is most grateful to those who have continued to circulate the newsletters telling of those who attended her beloved school.*

*Sint Lucernae Ardentes!*

Crochet rug 2020

## **Georgie Gall (Richardson) 1982 Contemporary Landscape Artist**

**Art Exhibition 8th April to 1st May 2022**

**The Hive Gallery  
41 Smithton Grove  
Ocean Grove**

15% of art sales from **The Hive** or direct sales from Georgie's Instagram Account: **georgiegallart** or her website will be donated to support the Ophthalmology Service at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

She is the also the featured artist at the Royal Melbourne Hospital during the month of April.

## **Margot Sanders (Templeton) 1969**

### **Winter Travel Tales**

*Travelling in winter – in a caravan – in southern Victoria – are you mad?  
Well, you may think so, but that is just what we did. My husband and I wanted to visit the bushfire affected areas in Gippsland in 2020, but of course we know that Covid interrupted everyone's plans that year. So, in early May 2021, when Victoria was Covid Free, we set off in our van.*

*We ventured to southern Gippsland, starting in the quaint village of Loch. From there we visited French Island and learnt about the early days of Chicory farming, cattle grazing and a prison farm sited there from 1916 - 1975. We also enjoyed riding the rail trail from Anderson to Wonthaggi, with its fabulous ocean views near Kilcunda. We completed two more rail trails: Korumburra to Port Welshpool and Traralgon to Stratford.*

*While in the Central Gippsland area, we found amazing fungi at the Lyrebird Walk out of Mirboo North. The variety of colours, shapes and sizes were a photographer's paradise. We also witnessed an incredible wall of fog, just south of Foster, over Corner Inlet. We viewed it from the Foster North lookout.*

*Finding a quiet inlet at Nungurner and camping spots at Corringale Slips and the Bellbird Hotel were great little gems to add to the vacation experience. While many of you would have been dealing with power outages and downed trees, we bunkered down at Golden Beach. We had lots of rain and strong winds, but nothing like other areas of the State.*

*If you haven't seen the extent of and the utter devastation caused by the 2019/2020 bushfires, the eastern part of the State is well worth a visit. It is not until you actually travel through it that you realise how far the fires travelled.*

*But Mother Nature is truly wonderful and the vegetation is coming back, in fact some walking tracks around Womboyn (NSW) were impenetrable because the vines had taken over!*

*We did note some positives from the bushfires though;*

- *The tree ferns have bounced back, they are really lush and full of colour, very vibrant amongst the blackened burnt trees.*
- *There were winter wild flowers in abundance.*
- *On a walk up both Genoa Peak and Mt Imlay, we could see further than usual because the trees were burnt.*

*A couple more highlights included visiting a patch of Cabbage Fan-Palm trees (left over from Gondwana land times) just north of Cape Conran National Park. Hearing and then seeing a lyrebird in the Tarra Bulga NP made our day. To consume the best fish and chips we would suggest a visit to the Port Welshpool General Store. If you enjoy fresh oysters, we recommend you ask if they have come from the Womboyn Lake. We were privileged to be given a tour there of the oyster farms and can tell you the water is pristine clean.*

*Our trip took us as far as Candelo, just inland from Bega. Another quaint village with lots of old buildings and friendly locals. Rising Sydney Covid numbers in July and a looming border closure forced us back home.*

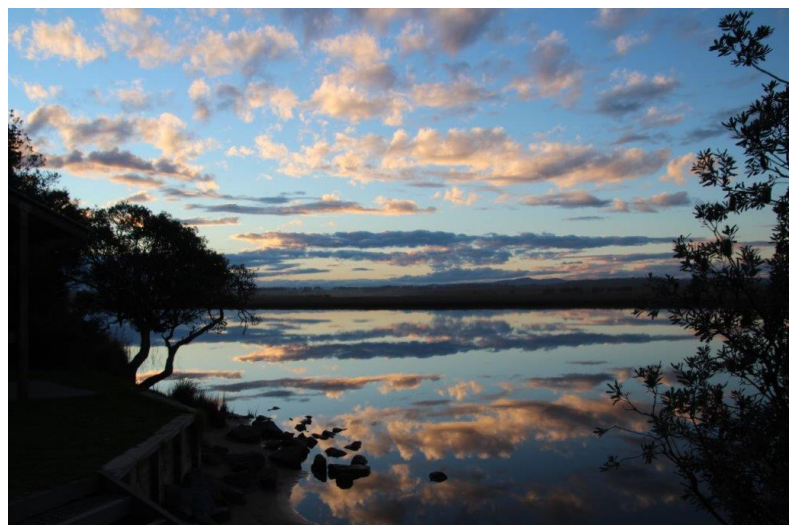
*A reminder to those of you who may want to travel with purpose in the future, the isolated students of outback Australia would welcome you (as would their families).*

*Look up BushED or Aussie Helpers for more information.*

*Good health and safe travels to all.*



Amazing Fungi



Sunset over Lake Corringale



Cabbage Tree Creek Walk



Combiobar Forest drive. Forest regeneration after the bushfires.

## **Val (Carson) 1954 & husband Eddie Loughan**

***For any Morongo old collegian who may have any association with Ormond College at Melbourne University...***

### **Frances Ormond**

*Ormond Road is a substantial through road in East Geelong. The Gordon Institute of Technology houses an Ormond bust. In Melbourne the statue of Francis Ormond looks across Latrobe Street.*

*Many of those who passed through Melbourne University may not know that Ormond College owed its existence to the generosity of the philanthropist Francis Ormond, nor those who benefited from his support in the establishment of Scotch College, Presbyterian Ladies' College plus support for the Geelong Free Library and Presbyterian Churches throughout the Western District. Then there is the Melbourne suburb and railway station which bears his name.*

*Who was Francis Ormond? Where did he come from and how did he accumulate his extreme wealth which enabled him to be involved in such a wide range of charitable interests?*

*We know that he was born near Aberdeen in 1827 and was the first born son of Captain Francis Ormond senior, a seaman who obtained his Masters Certificate at nineteen and sailed his own ship to Australia with his family in 1842. On arrival he sold his ship and initially built the Settlers Arms Inn at the crossing on the Leigh around which Shelford would develop.*

*When he sold the Inn, he purchased a sheep property near Skipton and began increasing his holdings in the rapidly expanding wool industry.*

*Young Francis supported his father so well and showed such an aptitude for the industry, that when he was nineteen, his father retired to Geelong and left the managership of the properties to young Francis.*

*Francis was a quick learner and through his developing knowledge and success as a stud master, he soon gained the respect of his neighboring squatters who were predominantly Scottish Presbyterians. He was soon accepted as a member of the Geelong and Western District pastoral group as his properties were producing the finest merino wool in the 1950s*

*His skill in breeding stock and managing stations, not only within the Western District, but also into New South Wales. Francis became a self made man who was committed to social justice.*

*He believed fervently in the importance of education as a force for morality and a key foundation for the advance of democracy and a tool to break down the gulf between the rich and poor. He poured his wealth into philanthropic ventures to support religious and educational institutions. Some of his other achievements included serving as the State Member for South Western Legislative Council between 1882 and 1889, his support for the Victorian Institute for the Blind and having the Ormond Masonic Lodge named in his honour.*

*Ormond's first wife was Anglican, he funded the final extension to St. Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne. In his will he bequeathed £5,000 each to the Melbourne, Alfred, Children's, Geelong and Ballarat Hospitals along with the Sailors' Home and the Deaf, Dumb & Blind, Geelong Orphans and Ballarat Benevolent Asylums, plus £1,000 to Geelong St George's as well as the Toorak Presbyterian Church which he assisted in founding and where he became an Elder.*

*The Ormond Family occupy an impressive tomb in the East Geelong Cemetery.*

*If you would like to learn more about Francis Ormond, Max Griffiths book is available in local libraries and online. It is well worth the read.*

**Francis Ormond, A Ruling Passion by Max Griffiths. Published by Rosenberg Publishing Pty Ltd 2015**

## **Janet Boddy Senior Art Mistress (1965-1968)**

*Miss Janet Boddy was an innovative and passionate Art Teacher who revolutionised Morongo's Art Syllabus by introducing and encouraging the art students to many art mediums.*

*Before Miss Boddy, art work was usually completed on cartridge paper. Miss Boddy encouraged the design process and introduced mediums such as pottery, silk screening, oil painting, lithography, outdoor sketching, sculpture and lino cuts*



Artist unknown



Anna Brownsworth



Artist unknown

*Not only did Miss Boddy encourage her students to work in a variety of mediums, she took the student's learning experiences outside the school. This included visits to local and Melbourne Art Galleries and Exhibitions, viewing Art Films, outdoor sketching excursions and a creative weekend away to Airley's Inlet to paint and create sculptures. She created a sculpture and pottery making room at Morongo. Some of the resulting stone sculptures were exhibited in the courtyards of Shaw House. Other students' work was exhibited in the Geelong Gallery.*

*Miss Boddy was supported by a team of teachers including Miss Jan Philip (History of Art Teacher), Mrs Mair Percy and Miss Forster. She certainly helped create a legacy of outstanding and innovative artworks produced by senior art students.*



Janet Boddy, Senior Art Mistress 1965



Teachers after playing basketball with the students.  
Back row: Mrs Mair Pearcy (left), Margaret Henderson (right)  
Front row: Janet Boddy & Jan Philip (middle)



Sue Lawn and Mair Pearcy  
in later years

## VALE

*We are saddened to hear of the following deaths;*

### **Lyn Fraser (Crellin) 1967**

*We were saddened by the news that Lyn Fraser, known to many past Morongo girls as Crell, passed away unexpectedly on Friday February 4, 2022.*

*Born September 18, 1952, she was the third child of Brenda and Ron (dec) Crellin. She commenced her schooling at Roslyn Primary School in Belmont Geelong and came to Morongo in 1964 for her secondary schooling. She was very popular at school, was a good student and excelled in many sporting activities including tennis, netball, swimming and athletics.*

*Following Matric (year 12) she chose a career in nursing until she had her 4 children Sophie, Ben, Chloe and Solomon Collins. She returned to nursing in the late 90s when she completed post graduate studies in anaesthetics whilst working at the Epworth Hospital in Melbourne.*

*During the late 80s Lyn helped organise the Sun Tennis and Golf teams. She was instrumental in restarting annual MOCA Golf days approximately 10 years ago. The popularity of this event has grown considerably and has become a day for golf, lunch (for both golfers and non-golfers) and renewing old school friendships.*

*Lyn's love of life and commitment to others was evident in everything she did, netball, tennis, golf, bridge, skiing, travel, charity work, family and friendships.*

*Her husband Darrell, her mother, her children and her 5 grandchildren were her life. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed.*



Jo Burton (Tansley) and Lyn Fraser (Crellin) 1967



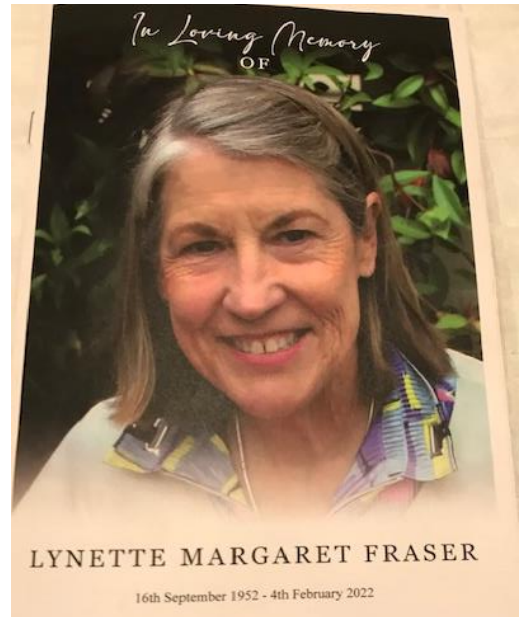
Jo Burton (Tansley) and Lyn Fraser (Crellin) 1967



Lyn's early days of Nursing



Lyn & Darrell



## **Sally Mc Arthur (Carr)**

*Sally came from Albury. Was a boarder at Morongo from 1945 to 1949. She trained as a nurse at Geelong Hospital where she met her husband John, a doctor. They had 3 children Chris Jane & Clare & 4 grandchildren. She died in Sydney February 2021.*

## **Helen Robertson (Hirst) 1951 (18/2/1936 - 26/10/2021)**

*Helen commenced at Morongo nursery school in 1940 and matriculated from Morongo in 1956. Following matriculation she took up a scholarship at Kindergarten Training College, in Melbourne graduating in 1959.*

*During her career, she was Director at a number of Kindergartens in Geelong including Chilwell, Fyans Park and Corio Kindergartens and in Canberra.*

*In Geelong, she met Gilbert (Robbie) Robertson who was a teacher and House Master at Geelong College. When they met, Helen had already made arrangements to travel around the Continent with a group of friends, including some of her Morongo friends.*

*She was away a year but Gilbert waited for her and they married in 1961 and had three children. They lived in Geelong for two years before moving to Canberra where Robbie had been offered a position at Canberra Boys Grammar and Helen became Kindergarten Director at Canberra Girls Grammar.*

*After eleven years, they returned to Geelong to be closer to Helen's family, settling on a hobby farm in Waurin Ponds. Helen began teaching at Fyans Park Kindergarten and later Corio Kindergarten. During that time, she completed a Bachelor of Education at the University of Melbourne.*

*Following her degree, she became a lecturer in Early Childhood Education at the Gordon Institute in Geelong until she retired.*

*During her retirement, she joined the local gym, walked most days and played golf at Barwon Heads Golf Club where she was a member. After her husband died in 2018, she bought a smaller house in Waurin Ponds, which she loved, and was able to enjoy for two years.*

*Her loves were her family, grandchildren, classical music, camping and the beach. In July 2021, Helen developed metastatic melanoma and despite treatment died three months later.*

*She is survived by her daughter and two sons, four grandchildren and a brother and a sister.*

*Diana Trewenack (sister)*

### **Helen Lennard (McGowan Jones)**

*Helen lived in Mt Macedon and was a boarder at Morongo from 1950 to 1955.*

*She attended RMIT prior to teaching art & craft at Camberwell Girls Grammar. Helen travelled overseas in 1964 on her return she taught at Bendigo & was married. They had one son Jason, sadly, Jason died.*

*Following her divorce. Helen worked at Myers where her artistic skills were applied. She remarried & continued to work at Myers.*

*Helen died in April 2021*

*Judith Heard 1954*

### **Margaret Henderson (Student & Teacher)**

*Margaret began her long association with Morongo as a student in the Kindergarten in 1931.*

*She completed Year 12 in 1942. She then returned to Morongo as a science teacher, and was made an honorary Life Member of the Old Collegians.*

### **Pam Kemp (Lilburne) 1953**

*Pam attended Morongo for all her education from Kinder to Matriculation in 1955. She studied Physical Education for 2 years at Melbourne University before completing her final year of study at teachers' college.*

*She married Brian Kemp and together they shared 3 children and 2 grandchildren.*

*Pam passed at Bannockburn on February 8<sup>th</sup> 2022.*

## **Jean Inglis (Paterson) 1950**

*Margaret Jean Inglis was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 1932 in Mooroopna, near Shepparton; the first child of James and Marion. Her father was a pharmacist and the family moved to Warrnambool. Jean attended Warrnambool Primary and Secondary before becoming a boarder at Morongo. She completed HSC in 1950 and enrolled in the Victorian College of Pharmacy to follow in her father's footsteps.*

*Whilst at college she met Ian Inglis and they married in 1957 before an extended working honeymoon across Europe and the USA. On return to Australia, they settled in Belmont and had 3 children before relocating to inner Geelong. Jean continued her pharmacy work.*

*Ian was the Mayor of Geelong 1983/84. Ian and Jean remained in the pharmacy partnership until the end of 1986. Retirement enabled Jean and Ian to travel all over the world. Ian succumbed to Parkinson's in 2016.*

*Jean had a long-standing love for the Crafts. This started when she took up pottery in the 1960s, acquired a kiln and used to produce pottery for exhibition and sale on a hobby basis. Her potting reduced as she embraced hand-spinning and handweaving. She remained an active member of Handweavers & Spinners Guild of Victoria as well as the Geelong Handweavers & Spinners Guild for the rest of her life.*

*Jean was also a key member of the Geelong-based Textile & Fibre Artists group, which exhibited annually from the 1990s and through the 2000s.*

*In 2018, at 86 years young, Jean finally ticked off a long-desired bucket list item when she participated in a weaving-themed tour of Japan.*

*Jean had an active, creative life right to the end. She never wasted a single moment of her life and enjoyed a great life for 89 years. She is survived by her 3 children and 5 grandchildren.*

## **Mardi McCann (Fallaw) Poulston 1956**



*Mardi was born on 5<sup>th</sup> December 1940. Sadly, she died on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Mardi had 3 brothers; Ronnie, David and Charlie.*

*Mardi was a student at Morongo from 1944. She started at the Kindergarten School known as the Little Morongo in Elizabeth Street, Newtown, now called Roebuck Street. After 4 years there she then continued at Morongo Girls College at Bell Post Hill.*

*Mardi enjoyed and excelled at friendships, sport and music, she was a good student and was Harris House Captain in 1958, her final year. In this year she was Senior swimming champion and excelled at hockey.*

*Mardi was outgoing with a happy personality, very friendly and loved socialising, music, singing, sport and she also wrote poetry. She loved life. As school friends, we enjoyed wonderful times at Mardi's home on Eastern Beach. Mardi's mother, Vida, was a Morongo Old Collegian and she and Mardi's father, Harry, always welcomed us into their home where we had wonderful experiences enjoying all the activities on the waterfront.*

*After Morongo, Mardi trained at Geelong Hospital to become a nurse and graduated in 1962. She nursed at St Andrews private hospital in Melbourne and was later an industrial nurse at the Ford Motor Company.*



*She married Max Poulston and they welcomed 4 children; Jim, Belinda, Penny and Gus. Tragically, Max drowned whilst sailing and family and friends supported Mardi and children.*

*Later Mardi married Bill McCann. He became the father of her 4 children.*

*Then came 2 new brothers; Peter and Tom. Mardi was well occupied managing her large family, volunteering at Hospice, Church Choir, the Gilbert and Sullivan Musical Company, fundraising for Royal Children's Hospital and playing tennis at Kenwith Park. She helped Bill with the farming and the Geelong Show.*

*Mardi was a loving caring person. She will be very sadly missed.*

*Jeanette Middleton*

## **Judy Bent (Wallis) 1937-2021**

*Judith Ann Bent (nee Wallis) was a much-loved member of the Morongo community, maintaining an active role in school affairs. Judy studied at Morongo and was in the 1954 cohort. She was instantly in tune with the core values of the school's culture from the day she started.*

*With a bright, positive character and great personal charm, Judy made many lifelong friends from her time at Morongo and always spoke with great affection of her enjoyment of her school years. She credited her learning years at Morongo for the living skills and code of behaviour which earned her the universal admiration in those who had the privilege of knowing her.*

*After leaving the Morongo, Judy worked in the commercial sector at Strahan and Co. Woolbrokers and at later in the office at Geelong College.*

*She married Gary Bent in 1965 and was the proud mother of three, (Lisa, Katrina and Mark) and super-proud and adoring grandmother of Ruth, Ian, Leo, Beatrice and Gulliver.*

*Judy was an active contributor to the Geelong Community. She devoted much time in her commitment to a number of charities, including the St John of God Hospital Auxiliary, Rotary Inner Wheel as well as high leadership roles in the Girl Guides movement, The National Council of Women as well as Treasurer for the Morongo Old Collegians Association for many years.*

*Judy was a talented artist, working mainly in ceramics, hosting a weekly group of china painters in her home, Brancepeth, in Noble Street, Newtown.*

*Judy's great strength of character was severely tested through twenty-four years of dialysis and associated medical challenges but she maintained her positivity, bright intelligence and warm character to the end.*

*Lleeanne Wallis Lyle. 1975*

## **Beverley Williams (Elshaug) March 1932- February 2022**

*A beautiful, generous soul has joined her loving husband, John Henry.*

*She will be deeply missed by family and friends. Forever cherished and in loving memory.*

*We love you as you loved us.*

## **Margaret Boyd (Carson) 1949**



*Margaret boarded at Morongo for three years (1949-1951). We don't know what Margaret did after finishing at Morongo in the early 1950s.*

*This obituary was written by a member of the Lorne Community...*

*Margaret came from a dairy farm in Colac, in the 1960s, as a young mother with 3 small children. She started work at the hospital as a cook. She was so inspired by the nursing staff, she trained as a nurse in Colac and later qualified as a mid-wife in Melbourne. She returned to the Lorne Community Hospital in 1979. She was instrumental in the building of Lorne's first Age Care facility in 1985.*

*Margaret raised her children in the matron's flat alongside the hospital before buying her own home in North Lorne. She lost this house to the 1983 fires. Margaret was Matron for 8 years before retiring. She ran a gift shop in the main street for 3 years followed by a B&B in her home.*

*She enjoyed making Porcelain Dolls and plates and decorating birthday and wedding cakes. Margaret died in Ballarat after a short illness.*

## **PLEASE SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER .....**

Please share our Newsletter with all your friends who are connected with Morongo.

If you know a former collegian without access to a computer or an email account please encourage them to enlist a partner, child or grandchild or even a neighbour to receive the Newsletter on their behalf.

## **Seeking to renew contact with lost friends**

If you are hoping to reconnect with lost school friends, email Marieta Jones (Moir) at [melbournebellposthill@gmail.com](mailto:melbournebellposthill@gmail.com) and she will happily forward your details onto the friend you wish to reconnect with, if we have it in our records.

## **Morongo Memorabilia**

All of our precious memorabilia are stored in the Morongo Room at Mossgiel House. Mossgiel House is the girl's boarding house at Geelong College in Noble Street.

Any former Morongo girls wishing to borrow banners and/or flags for special reunions and functions may do so by making contact with Geelong College's archivist, Caroline Stok. Allow a week to organise.

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