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HIGH TEA AT MORONGO - KARDINIA INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE - SUNDAY 24 MARCH, 2024

High Tea at Morongo House, Kardinia International College had all the hallmarks of a celebration - including more noise than Dulcie Brookshaw would have allowed in the perfectly renovated rooms. After a delicious afternoon tea, there was much enthusiasm for the student led tour.

Morongo House is Heritage Listed with the Victorian Heritage Register. It was designed by Geelong architect, Joseph Shaw for John Calvert and built by Foyle & Co contractors in 1859-60. The large two storey bluestone building, the foyer, two front rooms and the hall have been impressively updated

in keeping with the period. The school has plans to upgrade and renovate the rear of the building so it was with much emotion that the boarders meandered their way through the rooms, climbed the stairs and explored the Year 9 and 12 boarding areas near the cart way.



1. Julie Rees, Helen Jones (Scott), Margaret Forrester (McLean) and Glenda Stewart (Wishart) Y12 1971 2. Helen Motton Y12 1981 and Ann McAllister Y12 1982 on the steps of The Loft. 3. Debbie Brussel Y12 1984 in the Principal's Garden.

BACK TO MORONGO

MORONGO HOUSE HAS BEEN BEAUTIFULLY RENOVATED IN KEEPING WITH THE 1860 PERIOD



1. Helen Jones (Scott) Y11 1970 and Julie Rees Y12 1971 **2.** Michelle Spargo, Debbie Brussel, Sarah Hill (Rigby) Y12 1984, Jackie Terry (Scarf) Y10 1982, Heather McBean, Louise Hastie, Corin Szavo, Helen Lamont, Merin Kovacs, Y12 1984. **3.** Catherine Deeley and Susan Wishart (Baker) Y12 1981. 'We came in here to watch the Royal Wedding; Charles and Dianna, and I thought this room was much bigger than it is.' **4.** Olivia Baggio, Marilyn Barklamb (Carr), Y12 1980 Sue Monkhouse (Knight) Y12 1980/81, Tina Combs, and Jenny Smith Y12 1974. **5.** Sally Turnbull, Susan Baker, Sherrill Harvey, Catherine Deeley, Helen Motton and Leonie Roonie, Y12 1981. **6.** Michelle Scott (Spargo), Helen Lamont, Jackie Terry (Scarf) and Heather McBean, Y12 1984.



REMEMBERING THE LOFT, THE BOARDING HOUSES, THE CART WAY, DISPENSARY, THE CLASS ROOMS, THE HEADMISTRESS'S OFFICE, THE DINING HALL AND THE ASSEMBLY HALL



1. Visiting the Y12 Boarding House with Heather McBean, who was a boarder from 1980 - 1984. 2. Inspecting renovations near the gym. 3. Classrooms and courtyard outside the Principal's Office. 4. Di Jackson (Ekstedt) Y12 1964 and Jill Beers (Price) Y4. 5. Classroom steps have been restored by turning them over (and all the original grooves and wear remains on the other side.) 6. Ann McAllister Y12 1982 and Heather McBean Y12 1984. 7. The cart way and the Year 12 boarding house top left, with the Year 9 boarding house below. The back of Morongo House to the right. 8. Inside the Dispensary. 9. Vanessa Kelaher-Bell and Natalie (Morrison) Pitt Y12 1990, Merrin Wood Y12 1987, Amanda (Bate) Bartlett, Y12 1988. **The tour** was led by students in full school uniform. Morongo Collegians regaled them with stories and tales from our days at the school and in the Boarding house. One of the College Houses is called Morongo.

LUNCH AT WILLIAM ANGLISS

SINCE 2002 - ANNUAL GATHERING AT ANGLISS RESTAURANT - WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2024



The lunch was a great success. We gathered 27 Morongo Old Collegians and everyone enjoyed a delicious meal served by attentive and enthusiastic students. We sang the school song with great passion and there was much talk and reminiscing. Three interstate Old Collegians travelled to join us: Wendy Gelhard (Bedggood), Rhonda Daish (Goodwin) and Rhonda Scott (Balfour). Pictured: **1.** Elaine Howden (Barber), Sandy Kay (Field) **2.** Back: Rebecca and Amanda Courtnay, Cath Cran (Walsh), Rania Baroud, Sandy Kay (Field) and Front: Emma Malone (Gill), Christine Honan (Henderson) **3.** Marlene Ryan (Metherall), Rhonda Daish (Goodwin), Di Trewenack (Hirst), Marg McKay (Ganly) **4.** Marg McKay (Ganly), Evie McEwan (Jones), Betty Harper (Jones), Rhonda Scott (Balfour) **5.** Sandy Kay (Field), Amanda and Rebecca Courtnay.

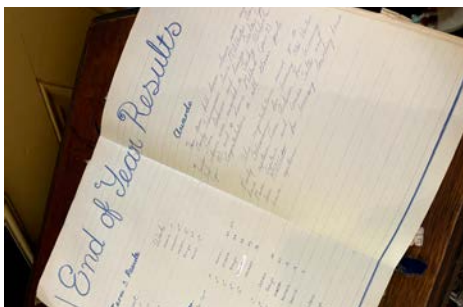
With thanks to Elaine Howden (Barber) for 'keeping the lamp burning.'



6. Rosemary Young (Tucker), Una Allender (McIntyre), Susie White (Brown), Ann Varley (Liddle) **7.** Wendy Bedggood (Gelhard), Margaret Sullivan (McLean), Elaine Patton (Jamieson) **8.** Penny Huang (Daish), Marieta Jones (Moir), Judy Dowling (Eagles).

MORONGO MEMORIES

A COLLECTION OF MEMORABILIA REMAINS IN MORONGO HOUSE AT KARDINIA INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE. THE HONOUR BOARDS, CUPS AND AWARDS, SCHOOL HOUSE HISTORIES AND VARIOUS SIGNIFICANT FURNITURE ITEMS ARE ALL ON DISPLAY.



1. Tina Coombs and Stacey (Medlock) Storey Y12 1974 inspecting Morongo deportment, poetry and hymn books. 2. Sue Monkhouse (Knight) Y12 1980/81 and Louise Grimes Y12 1980 enjoying a rare moment on the Prefect chairs and remembering being on stage during assembly. The sepia photograph is a whole school photo of the Morongo First Assembly on 16 February 1927.



The MORONGO Medal

MORONGO IMPACT - THE STORY OF ROWING AT MORONGO 1974 - 1994

In the 1970s, when Morongo girls were seeking new challenges and experiences, rowing was introduced by outdoor education coordinator, Robert Hosie. He was keenly supported by Headmistress Dulcie Brookshaw.

The school began with pairs and fours with coaching provided by Bob Morell from the Corio Bay Rowing Club and Virginia Vickery (Kratochvil) as the teacher in charge.

In 1976, five girls made their rowing debut and in 1977, Morongo was represented by two crews in the first Junior Head of the River.

That year, they also competed in the Ladies Four Youth Championships in Adelaide in First and Second Fours over a distance of 800 meters. They made the final and finished third.

In 1980, Morongo made history with a crew in the Senior Head of the River. They were invited to compete by the APS (with MLC and Clarendon College) and it was the first time girls had ever rowed in the 113 year old event.

In 1982 and 1983, the first Morongo Year 12 crews competed on the Yarra with crews from Geelong College and Grammar, Carey, Lauriston and MLC.



By this stage, the number of Morongo crews had grown to six. Headmistress Dulcie Brookshaw and Mary Waters (Clarendon College) approached Rowing Victoria and as a result, the Head Of Schoolgirls Regatta was established. The inaugural Regatta was held in 1985 on Lake Wendouree, Ballarat.

Morongo purchased four carbon fibre oars and a rowing shell, aptly named, the 'Dulcie Brookshaw.' Morongo crews continued to be competitive and in 1989, the First Four won the HOSG Regatta. Throughout the 1990s Morongo crews competed throughout Victoria and they won the perpetual trophy. An 'eight' for HOSG Regatta was purchased for the First and Second crews. In 1982, Morongo hosted the HOSG Regatta and students, Nikola McGrath and Claire Wookey secured rowing scholarships at the Australian Institute of Sport.

MORONGO REGATTA RESULTS

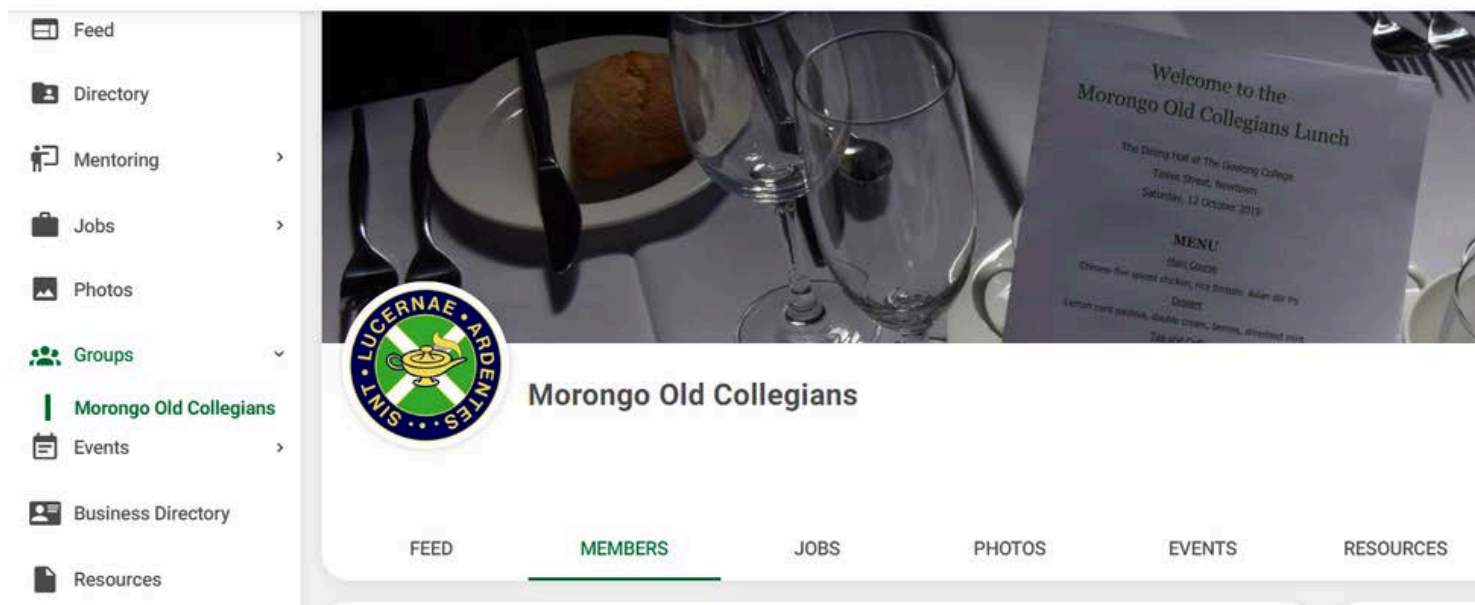
By Lucy Pring: Saturday 3rd February saw another successful Morongo Regatta on the Barwon River with 1148 athletes competing. Perfect rowing conditions greeted the Year 10 girls for the morning session; however, as the day progressed the temperature increased making it more challenging for some of our less experienced Year 9 rowers and coxswains. The winners of the Division One categories were spread across several schools and clubs, showing that there is healthy competition in the faster boats.

Female School Single Scull Year 10 Div 1 Corio Bay
Female school Double Scull year 10 Div 1 Sacred Heart
Female School Quad Scull Year 10 Div 1 Firkbank
Female School Eight Year 10 Div 1 Geelong College
Female School Single Scull Year 9 Div 1 Korowa
Female School Double Scull Year 9 Div 1 Korowa
Female School Quad Scull Year 9 Div 1 MLC Kew and Loreto Toorak



The 'Lucy Pring' - a new quad scull was christened at Geelong College Boat Sheds on 12 February after a much loved member of the school community. Lucy is MOC Elaine Howden's daughter.

Rowing Victoria continues to present 'Morongo Medals' to Year 12 students who have competed in the Head Of Schoolgirls Regatta for three years. The Morongo Medal for 'Commitment and Endeavour' commemorates Morongo Girls College and Headmistress Dulcie Brookshaw's contribution to girls' rowing and her foresight to suggest the HOSG Regatta.



Use the Directory to connect with Morongo Old Collegians and, see what they have been up to, and stay in touch. Enhance your Professional Development and help each other with opportunities for learning and personal growth, mentoring and networking. Connect directly with alumni anywhere in the world with email or video chat. Here is the link: <https://tgconnect.com/groups/5/members>

MORONGO GOLF

The winners of the Morongo Old Collegians Golf Competition at Barwon Heads Golf Club in 2023 went on to represent Morongo in the Women's Interschool Golf Challenge Cup 2024 at Yarra Yarra Golf Club on 18 March. The team was Gail Rooney, Anne Staig (Rooney), Cath Crann (Walsh) and Sandy Kay (Field). Jo Burton replaced Cath at the IGCC. After an early start, the team enjoyed a beautiful sunny day with 28 of the 31 member schools. Our Morongo Old Girls didn't bring home the silver but perhaps next year!

***Classic Morongo Glasswear** - four wine and four liqueur - and a framed Robert Ingpen print of Morongo House have been donated by Mary Moors (McGregor) 1950. Mary was a boarder from Rochester and on the Melbourne Committee for many years. These gifts will be the prizes for the winners of the 2024 Morongo Old Collegians Golf Day on 18 October. For more details contact Jo Burton - jojbarton@bigpond.com*

WOMEN'S INTERSCHOOL GOLF CHALLENGE CUP



REFLECTION

'... MY CHERISHED HOPE IS, THAT AS YOU MAKE YOUR IMPACT UPON THE WORLD, YOU WILL BEAR THE HALLMARK OF GRACIOUSNESS'

LUCY SHAW - THE LUCERNIAN 1970

A SEAT IN BELERREN

MOC donations received as part of the recent William Angliss luncheon have contributed to the \$1000 purchase of a seat in the Belerren Sports and Wellbeing Centre at Geelong College.

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will be engraved on a plaque and installed on courtside seating in the second row of the new facility. This will link us inextricably to the many moments that occur within the building but more importantly, it will be another physical reminder that Morongo remains an important part of the heritage of Geelong.

Belerrren will host sports training, APS and other competitions, school events and provide an additional learning space. Belerrren will also be used by the broader College community. In the Waddawarrung language Belerrren means *shine*. Here is the link for more details: <https://www.tgc.vic.edu.au/belerrren-campaign>

MY LAST WORD TO YOU ALL —

In the 1969 issue of the Lucernian I wrote a special Jubilee Message but I should like a word with you as I now prepare to leave the School world and become a private citizen.

I am not sure how many girls I have accepted for enrolment at Morongo during the past twenty-nine years, but the numbers would I believe, run into thousands. I hope I am right in claiming that I always tried to make you feel that you were not just a number on the roll, but that you counted as an individual, that you had some definite contribution to make, however unimportant you considered this to be. When Sir Francis Rolland dedicated the Gertrude Pratt Hall, he reminded the girls of the day, that each one had something quite unique to offer, that she and no one else could possibly contribute. I remind you all of this challenge. If you make honest use of your talents and your interests you will find that you are able to lead a full and rich and satisfying life.

You are all part of a Community in which those in authority are trying hard to bring out the best in every single one of you. I confess that it is not easy to convince everyone that this is so. It is our constant hope that as a member of the school community you will accept and live up to the standards expected of you, that you will not ask "What are my rights, what are my privileges?" but rather "What is my duty?" You will show signs of growing in maturity when you accept the full responsibility of yourselves — working honestly and playing hard without being constantly watched.

I have often been asked whether I have noticed many changes in the girls of the day. This is not easy to answer

in one word. Basically there may not be essential differences, but the changes of the modern world have left their mark on so many. In the more leisurely days in a school with fewer girls, there was, I think, more thought, more responsibility for others, there was greater joy in simple pleasures, more interest in Clubs and Societies. I look back to those days with some nostalgia, but tell myself that the great pressures from all sides, the fierce competition of the world, have forced their way and already made themselves felt in the School itself. These lead naturally perhaps, but not inevitably, to turning the thoughts of girls more towards themselves and their requirements, and seem to leave them little time and energy for wider interests. This is sad, for many of you miss so much that would be of great value, maybe even of consolation in later life. I think I previously said that the present generation unfortunately tends to look for more so-called sophisticated pleasures and many are apt to be content to become mere spectators rather than active participants. However, generalisations are always dangerous, so I hasten to pay my sincere tribute to all those girls who over past and present years have taken full part as leaders or as workers in school affairs, giving as well as getting, thereby increasing in stature. They have played a worthy and important part in the life and the development of Morongo.

My thoughts will constantly be with you in the days to come. It never fails to give me great pleasure and not a little pride to hear of the happiness and the success of my girls in many spheres, whether as homemakers or as workers in the larger world, but my cherished hope is, that as you make your impact upon the world, you will bear the hallmark of graciousness.

I leave this thought with you as I bid you farewell.

Lucy Shaw.



The editorial above from the 1970 Lucernian and a rare photograph of three of our four Principals - donated by Marieta Jones (Moir) Y10 1953. Morongo founding principal was Gertrude Pratt BA. This photo is of Judith Watt (left) 1987- 1994, Lucy Shaw BA 1942-1970 and Dulcie Brookshaw 1971-1986.

50 YEAR REUNION

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU

THE Y12 1974 - 50 Year Reunion will be held on 16 November at a venue (TBC) in Geelong and invitations will be emailed or posted in September. This event is shaping up as one of the best.

Already, 40 acceptances have been received including: Elizabeth Acutt (McCann), Jane Adcock, Deb Anscombe, Heather Fawcett, Cheryl Gipson (Scott), Wendy Harvey (Tonkin), Louise Henshaw, Elizabeth Jolly (Whiteside), Sue Dicker (Jolly), Rosemary Knight, Carla Lange (will be flying out from Kentucky USA), Sue Mortimer (Denhert), Jane McMaster (Carter), Jo Rayson and Debbie Walker.

Organisers, Jenny Smith and Audrey Lyon (Brown) are looking for contact details and connections and will make phone calls, send emails and text messages to include all girls from this Year level, including those who didn't continue to Y12.



MISS BROOKSHAW AND PREFECTS

Back Row: Paula Carew, Jenny Smith, Louise Henshaw, Lynn Macleod, Lyn Adams, Marinda Snellen.

Middle Row: Sue Fielding [Head Prefect], Heather Fawcett.

Front Row: Miss Brookshaw, Joy Dixon, Lyn Spry.

Please send all contacts and information to: Jenny Smith on 0401-774-695



**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD
WE ARE HOPING TO FIND:**

Wendy Ainger (MacInnes), Nerida Aldered (Hamilton), Deborah Baker, Jill Balodis (Cornford), Margaret Batters, Shirley Beggs, Kathy Black, Alison Boardman, Libby Booley (Scott), Gail Bowe, Alison Boyd (Donald), Jennifer Boyd, Christine Branch, Debra Branigan, Tess Brown (Szmidel), Janne Burchell (Chapman), Heather Buttigieg (Crawford), Pip Carew, Heather Cassidy (Ewart), Julie Chapman, Mary Couch (King), Ann Crouch, Carol Cunningham (Turner), Corelle Davies (Trickey), Michelle Dear (Rollauer), Jennifer Dedman, Angela Diesendorf (Young), Jennifer Downey, Wendy Durran, Debra Ebbott (Gerard), Ronnie Etheve (Farquharson), Diana Faizoulline (Hatch), Jennifer Farmer (Flanders) Cathy Faulkner (Herd), Susan Fielding, Lorraine Fleming, Anne Funnell (Mackinnon), Louise Goodall, Del Gray (Brewster), Jane Grimshaw, Marinda Hauser (Snellen), Gay Haworth (Fenner), Lyn Hayes (Holbrook), Fiona and Sally Henderson (Duffield), Michele Henshaw, Gill Hill (McNaughton), Sandra Honey (McGie), Louise Honman, Clare Hornbuckle, Elizabeth Hurley,

Janine Jackson (Smith), Suzanne Jackson (Gillett), Fiona Jarvis (Tuck), Janet Jocham, Rosemary Keaney (Dickins), Jane Kempe (Feldtman), Mardy Kerr (Macgregor), Penelope Langmead (Cohen), Debbie Le Page, Anna Leake (Bramley), Serena Lindeman, Joy Linton (Dixon), Diana Ludeman (McKenzie), Sally Macalister, Lynn Macleod, Linda Magson, Jennifer Marshall, Sharyn Marshall, Elizabeth Marwood, Lawrie McCardell, Katherine McDonald, Anna Meacock, Suzanne Mear, Dianne Meehan (Kittelty), Lynette Millbank (Spry), Heather Moore, Kathleen Murphy (Connell), Heather Nickson (Taylor), Jenny Nixon (Warner), Elizabeth Oxley, Karen Palmer, Patricia Paterson (Teer), Marilyn Pollard, Lynette Reid (Adams), Margaret Ryan (Stewart), Anne Schnittler (Taylor), Janine Searby (Finck), Mary Sifie, Bronwyn Simmonds, Diane Steed (Clarke), Jennifer Stigter (Lumb), Michelle Tattam, Glenda Theys, Brenda Thompson, Libby Thomson, Catherine Tibbals (Hastie), Wendy Wallace (Mayberry), Ann White, Jo Young (Scott).

Obituaries

ANN ROBERTSON HUGHES 21/07/1933 - 30/04/2024

From her Daughter Jane Fisher - Mum was born in Mildura, and was a student and boarder at Morongo Girls College in the mid 1940's. She completed her nursing training at The Alfred. She lived and worked in Tasmania, the Northern Territory, Queensland and Victoria. Mum was a competitive equestrienne, dressage judge and instructor, golfer and bridge player. She was an awesome cook, gardener and dear friend to many. She was always a very keen participant in Morongo Old Girls events. She was 91.

DOROTHY BARNES (RODDICK) 10/10/1929-24/11/2017 MOC 1944

MARJORIE BARNES (POULSTON) 15/9/1931-29/6/2023 MOC Y10 1945



Back Row (L. to R.): Irene Weaver, Pamela Trickett, Marion Messenger, Barbara Bossence, Mary Thomson, Patricia Cassidy, Margaret Weaver.
Middle Row: Norma Carr, Joanna Pyper, Margaret Fargie (Co-Editress), Beth Sinclair (Co-Editress), Audrey Jones, Ruth Loyson.
Front Row: Heather Peden, Marjorie Barnes, Lesley Nish, Margaret Craig.

From Marjorie's daughter - Susan Reynolds - a few words about Dottie and Mum for those who knew them. Above is a photo of the Lucernian Committee in 1947. I wish I had asked each of them more about their young lives while I could!

Dorothy (Dottie) and Marjorie (Marj) both commenced as daygirls at Morongo in 1942, with Dorothy completing Leaving in 1945 and Marjorie matriculating in 1947. They were both high achievers academically and Marjorie was also awarded School Colours for tennis, hockey and basketball (netball). After finishing at Morongo Dottie moved to Melbourne to work in insurance where she met, and later married Max Roddick; and Marjorie became a bookkeeper in Geelong, marrying Milton Poulston in 1953. Marjorie and Milton's four daughters – Susan, Lindy, Megan and Kate – also attended Morongo. In later life, Dottie lived in East Malvern and was a collector of art, with an interest in fashion and a talent for sewing. Marj moved from Highton to Point Lonsdale and enjoyed walking on the beach with her golden labrador, golf, travel, gardening and competition bridge as a member of the Geelong Bridge Club.

A RARE FIND



Every Sunday morning, the suburban carpark in the Melbourne suburb of Camberwell is transformed into a vibrant, sprawling hotbed for lovers of trash and treasure. From records to rings, buttons to boots, as long as it's secondhand, antique or vintage, it's sold at the Camberwell Market. Rebecca Courtney Y12 1985 was wandering through early this year and was astonished to see a Morongo ring in a bric-a-brack stall. Sint Lucernae Ardentis was clearly evident and the price point was \$100. On closer inspection, she discovered it was sterling silver. After a bit of negotiating on price (the guy didn't budge) and a phone call to her twin sister Mandy, she bought it.

So the question is: has anyone seen a Morongo ring before? Who was given Morongo rings and does anyone have any insight about a memorabilia item such as this?



ELAINE MCKAY (WILLS) 02/08/1935 - 08/12/2023

Elaine - 'Willsie' died peacefully in Sydney surrounded by the love and warmth of her family. Beloved wife of John Arthur McKay OBE (dec). Much loved and treasured mother of Rob and Philippa and mother-in-law of Linda and Will. She was a teacher, academic, diplomat and mentor.

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Elaine was born in a Bush Nursing Hospital in Skipton in Victoria, and her parents were farmers. This inconspicuous beginning provided little indication of her remarkable life ahead. There were no secondary education options nearby and no school bus service, so Elaine went to boarding school at Morongo in 1941. The Principal Miss Pratt said she was one of very few children eager to start school and she didn't cry as she parted from her parents. Even then, she wanted to be top of the class of 52 students in her year group. As much as she enjoyed studying, she had an equal love of sports.

The University of Melbourne was an obvious next choice for Elaine. She began a Science degree, with a major in Geology and lived at the University of Women's College. She was elected to the Student Representative Council in 1955 and became Chair of Clubs and Societies.

In 1956, she was Vice President and Senior Student. The SRC (through the National Union of Australian University Students) hosted overseas visits of students from Malaya and the People's Republic of China and Elaine was selected in its first (and second) delegation for return visits.



Having graduated, in 1958 Elaine volunteered with the Graduate Scheme to Indonesia where Australian would work alongside Indonesians on the same wage scale, paid for by the Indonesian Government. The aim was to demonstrate equality in the post-colonial era and to understand the point of view and perspective of the Indonesian people. Each day for three years, she worked from 7am at the University of North Sumatra and then, after lunch she rode her bike to an In-Service Teacher training program until 7pm. In her second year, she flew to Aceh to teach for two days every three weeks (providing political events didn't disrupt her schedule.)

In March 1961 she married the British Consul to Sumatra, John 'Mac' McKay. They were married in Mexico and spent their honeymoon in Central and South America. In 1965 the British downsized their representation 'East of Suez' and Mac was referred to the Special Branch of the Malaysian Police in Sarawak, Borneo, where he worked until 1967.

Wives were allowed to work in Malaysia, and Elaine got a job in the Borneo Literature Bureau and later with Schools Broadcasting, writing scripts for radio lessons.

These were the British 'high days' and Elaine played tennis, swimming and golf – and she hosted dinner parties, social events and balls.

Their son Rob was born, followed by their daughter Philippa. During this time, she also did some research – later used by Monash University, and this gave her an excuse to travel to almost all the Malaysian provinces. In 1968 Elaine and Rob came 'home' to Australia and they bought a family home in Brighton. She was quickly employed as a secondary teacher at Star of the Sear in Gardenvale.

It didn't take long before she was recruited by the new Tasmanian College of Advanced Education to lecture in Asian History in the School of General Studies, and in Curriculum Studies in the Social Sciences and School of Education - a position she held from 1973 until 1981. When the TCAE was amalgamated into the University of Tasmania, Elaine was promoted to Senior Lecturer.

... **WIVES WERE ALLOWED TO WORK IN MALAYSIA IN 1965**

Elaine was well known to the specialists in Indonesian Studies at Monash University due to her research and knowledge, her lived experience and volunteering. She wanted to teach students about Southeast Asia but she needed a formal qualification. In 1971 she enrolled at Monash University. Her various lecturers were specialists in the Asian region, including Cambodia and in 1980 she completed a Master's Degree in Education. During this time, she worked with the Education Department Committee to develop a curriculum in Asian History for Victorian schools.

ELAINE MCKAY - CONTINUED

There is a wonderful photo of Elaine with Prime Minister Bob Hawke that clearly illustrates the next phase in Elaine's fascinating life.

In 1974 she joined the Asian Studies Association of Australia Council and was President from 1987 to 1990.

Lobbying the Government for Asian Studies funding was part of the role and the Prime Minister Hawke opened the ASAA conference in 1988 and announced a significant contribution. In 1990 the Governor General Bill Hayden opened the ASAA conference. She has a brass plate in the Performance Hall at Flinders University.

The Australia Indonesia Institute (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) was established by the Foreign Minister, Gareth Evans in 1989 and Elaine became the Foundation Director in Canberra, working with our embassy in Jakarta. The purpose was to promote people-to-people contact in a range of sectors in Indonesia.

In 1992, she was awarded the GEM Scott Fellowship.

An Australian Mission to the United Nations was next. In 1993 Elaine was the Counsellor responsible for reporting on Security Council deliberations and the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly and she accompanied the ambassador. In 1995 she became Assistant Secretary International, Legal and Research Branch and later, Deputy, and Acting Executive Director in the Office Of The Status Of Women. In 1997 she joined PJ Dawson and Associates as a Principal and Associate and until 2000, she worked in the private sector with various UN Agencies, mostly focused

on the empowerment of women in trade between Australia and SE Asia. In August and September 1999, she was a Member of the Official Government Observer Delegation for Constituent Assembly Elections in Timor Leste.

From January to May 2000, she worked with UNHCR in Kosovo and in 2001, she assisted the UN in Jakarta, Indonesia with a Development Program to progress a strategy and work plan with the Ministry for Women's Empowerment.

In 2002 until 2007, the UN Development Program needed her in Cambodia where she was appointed Senior Advisor to the Minister for Women's Affairs, working with the Ministry's Patron Queen Monique, Ministers and team members.

The UN Development Fund for Women requested her support in Aceh, Indonesia in August 2006. Her work was to conclude the reconstruction plan, taking into account the rights and needs of women.

In 2006, the German Aid Agency, GTZ engaged Elaine to evaluate their programs in Afghanistan dedicated to increasing rights and amenities for women in Afghanistan.

In 2007, Elaine moved to Manly, NSW and she retired, aged 75 in 2010 due to kidney disease.

Sally Fletcher remembers her well:

'In our last year in 1952, Elaine won the Department Prize (Honour Board on page 5) and she was a Prefect with me, and others. We called her Willsie, from Wills and I was Fletch, from Fletcher. We had a lot of fun at Morongo.'

Listen to Elaine tell the story of her life to her daughter Pip McKay at Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@ElderStoriesElaineMcKay>

Obituaries

BERYL MILLER SCOTT (BALFOUR)
17/4/1922 - 3/5/2024

From her daughters, Margaret Banks, Katrine McLean and Virginia Donald

Beryl was a Morongo boarder for three years from 1934 - and completed her Intermediate aged 16. She married Revd. Ronald Ian Scott in 1946. In 1965 Beryl was delighted when Ron was called to work in the Geelong Hospital chaplaincy, allowing their daughter Margaret Anne to transfer to Morongo and their youngest daughter Virginia to attend from 1968-1973. For Beryl, her experience at Allity Aged Care in Lillydale, Melbourne reminded her of the routines of boarding school. Beryl enjoyed a family party and saw all her great-grandchildren in the weeks after her 102 birthday celebrations and she died in her sleep on 3 May. She is buried in Willowgrove, Gippsland where she grew up.

MARGARET BYRNE/BARELLI (SCOTT) 1954 - 22/3/2024

From her sister - Heather Murchison (Scott) MOC Matric 1962

Daughter of the late Ernest and Edith Scott and sister of Alan, Elizabeth (dec), Ian and Heather. Margaret began in the Junior School at Morongo, aged five in 1959 and her last school year was Matric in 1970. In 1977, when her name was Margaret Barelli, she was Secretary of the Melbourne Branch of the Old Girls' Association.





Morongo Old Collegians

When Morongo closed in 1994 many of the girls transferred to Geelong College cementing an ongoing relationship between the two schools. The College is the custodian of the Morongo archives and works closely with the Old Morongians to continue to keep the Morongo spirit alive.



THE MORONGO WEBPAGE - AND ACCESS TO ALL OUR LUCERNIANS

GROW THE MORONGO ROSE



Might there be someone available to propagate the Morongo Rose?

The Geelong College Grounds Keeper says, December or January is an ideal time to take a cutting or two. If there is a Morongo Old Collegian who is interested in propagating (and possibly selling) the rose, could they please contact Sally Sadler directly, by email and a time can be organised to meet the Grounds Keeper. The Morongo roses are outside the entrance to Mossgiel Boarding House at The Geelong College.

School Reports and Records
Morongo Old Collegians who require their school records can apply for a copy from The Geelong College Archivist by email to:
caroline.stok@tgc.vic.edu.au

The Morongo webpage sits underneath the Community heading on the Geelong College website. All the Lucernians are available from 1921 to 1994. For any year group planning to organise a Year Level reunion, the subsequent Lucernian has a list of girls who completed the year prior - with results! It's a great resource. The link is:

<https://gnet.tgc.vic.edu.au/wiki/LUCERNIAN.ashx>

The webpage includes a brief history of Morongo Presbyterian Girls' College founded in 1920, and the name change to *Morongo Girls College*. The school closed in 1994 after 74 years.

You will find events, reunions (we can provide details), historical documents, history, photos and general memorabilia. Morongo Old Collegians are encouraged to provide content - and Geelong College is happy to be guided on what content needs to be amended or updated.

'Sint Lucernae Ardentis'
Let your lamps be burning



The Geelong College is custodian of Morongo records and the heritage collection - formerly held by the Morongo Old Collegians Association. For more historical information about Morongo - including a 'library' of current and past Newsletters. If anyone has newsletters not included, please send them to:
sally.sadler@tgc.vic.edu.au

The link is:

<https://www.tgc.vic.edu.au/community/morongo-old-collegians>

To see a list of what else is available:
<https://gnet.tgc.vic.edu.au/wiki/AllPages.aspx?Cat=Morongo>

Below - the tennis courts at Kardinia International College are undergoing a refurbishment and a penny was found under the layers of compressed soil. Maybe someone's lunch money?



Did someone lose a penny?



THE QUIZ SAVE THE DATE

Morongo Boarders

1. The Boarding House menu included a range of unusual items. What was a Puff Ball? A Snot Block? Baked Baby? A Fly Cemetery?
2. What does 'Three With - Three Without' mean?
3. Name three Boarding House mistresses?
4. Where and when was the mail handed out to the Boarders?
5. Who sat on Head Table?
6. Name the three Boarding Houses.
7. Houses were established in 1982 - what were the Four Houses and what colour were they?
8. In the 1980s, what biscuit did the Boarders regularly get for supper?
9. Who owned the cows in the front paddock in the 1980s and 1990s.
10. What did the Geelong College boys call us?

*With special thanks to boarders
Shaunagh Mfula (McAllister) Y12 1985
and Fleur Bauchop (McAllister) Y12 1987*

The Morongo Old Collegians Luncheon at The Geelong College will be on Saturday 26 October 2024 in the Dining Hall. Further details from Advancement Coordinator, Sally Sadler.
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The 12th Annual Golf/Lunch Reunion at The Barwon Heads Golf Club will be held on Friday 18 October 2024. An invitation will be emailed with all the details in late August.
All enquiries to Jo Burton Email: jojbarton@bigpond.com

50 Year Reunion for Y12 in 1974 - will be held on 16 November in Geelong. Please contact Jenny Smith on 0401-774-695 with connections or contact details. jennysmithchill@gmail.com

The Morongo Regatta 2025 is scheduled for Saturday 1 February.

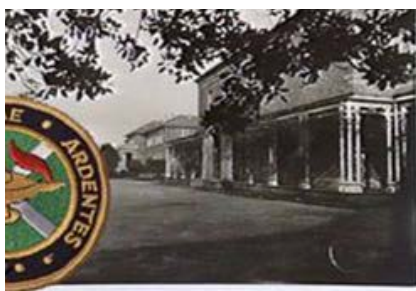
Morongo House - High Tea at Kardinia International College 2025 will be in March. Exact date to be confirmed. Details from: Fiona Russell - Community Engagement and Foundation Coordinator and College Archivist. Email: f.russell@kardinia.vic.edu.au

Goulburn Valley Luncheon 2025 will be in May. The town, the venue and details will be confirmed by email to members. Sandra Macintyre: 0428 976 242 Email: nutcundera@bigpond.com

William Angliss Lunch 2025 will be in May. Further details will be provided by invitation closer to the date. Elaine Howden (Barber) can be contacted on: 0413 800 841

40 Year Reunion Y12 in 1985 - will be held next year at a date and location to be determined. Please contact Cath Cran (Walsh) on 0419 378 368 or Lou Houlihan (Aitken) on 0407 524 098 with preferences, connections and your contact details.

For Morongo Old Collegians who use Facebook, we encourage you to join the Morongo PGC Social Community.



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MORONGO Winter e-newsletter

Welcome to the 'Memorabilia' edition of The Morongo. I've been inundated with memorabilia these last few months and have been feeling sentimental and nostalgic about the small and large items that were part of our school experience. Our Morongo years were filled with significant developmental milestones and for me, the memorabilia has evoked a reflection on my friendships, achievements and my own personal growth.

I have also been reflecting on the girls we didn't always treat with respect, acceptance or understanding. There was an indigenous girl who joined the boarding house for a year. There were girls who were vulnerable and shy and girls who needed understanding and care. What happened to Cassie? The guidance on aboriginal culture, bullying, social, sexual and physical acceptance taught to my children at school during the last 20 years has been significantly more sophisticated and enlightened - compared to the 1970s and 1980s.

We were young (then) and for the most part, we were having an exceptionally good time learning about the world, forming friendships and growing up.

Our time at Morongo was a crucial period for identity formation. The memorabilia reminds me of the friends, teachers, classmates and the people I was close to. I can directly link the beautiful Morongo oak chairs - carved with lanterns - to my developing maturity during my four years as a boarder. These items are a tangible reference to that formative period and a reminder of how far we've all come, and the challenges we've overcome.

The ring found by chance at Camberwell Market was likely a symbol of achievement or success and it would be wonderful to know its story.

Badges, embroidered pockets and pins, photos and programs, honour boards and awards, certificates and yearbooks are all items that represent hard work, a victory or milestones achieved.

They provide a physical connection to the past.

My sisters, Shaunagh and Fleur were both Venters House captains and their handwritten reports were in the Venters year book in Morongo House when I visited for the Morongo High Tea. There were lists of the winners of the cross country, sports results, music and drama. It was extraordinary to get a direct link to their experience at school

and I was very pleased to know that these items are being well looked after by Kardinia International College.

Our memorabilia inspires a sense of community, is culturally significant and each item preserves a memory. For many of the Morongo Old Collegians, particularly those who are in their later years, these memories of traditions and events hold much personal and emotional significance. Morongo provided young women with opportunities and fostered a sense of belonging. It continues to do so. The memorabilia we share reminds us that we are part of an ongoing community of women connected by a shared experience.

Please keep sending me your news, reflections, memories, dates for reunions, photos and reports. And, if you know an Old Collegian without access to email, please find a way to print this edition and post it - or deliver it in-person and stay for a cup of tea.

Ann McAllister

Sint Lucernae Ardentis



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