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THE MORONGO

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MORONGO WINTER LUNCH

Our annual Winter Lunch at Angliss Restaurant saw 47 Morongo Old Collegians attending. We had year groups, friend groups, sisters and singles. We also had a former President and committee members from the original Morongo Old Collegians Association, Melbourne Branch. Everyone was excited about the rejuvenation and possibilities of this event.

Kate Poulston (MOC Y12 '83) was at the entry carrying her Morongo kindergarten hat - for identification, and Sandy Kay (MOC Y12 '85) coordinated the booking. Susan Sutton attended with her daughter, Sari. We had a 1977 reunion table. Helen Middlemiss-Sun said the entire menu was perfect with rainbow trout as the main "and the company was the best - just like a big hug."

Everyone enjoyed the food and the matching wine prepared by talented Yarra Valley guest chef Mark Ebbels, as part of the Great Chefs program at Angliss Restaurant. There is a special bond of understanding between MOCs, and this event is providing a wonderful opportunity to maintain these important relationships. We all have a shared history.



ANNUAL WINTER LUNCH AT ANGLISS RESTAURANT - 24 JUNE 2026



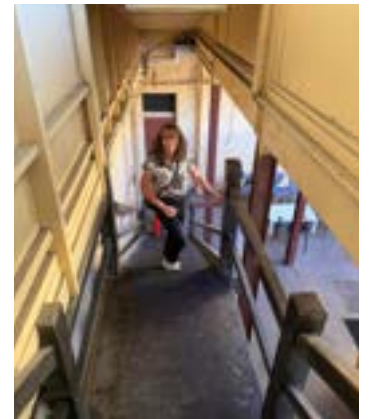
Pictured and attending: Rebecca and Amanda Courtney '85, Annette Troup '83, Betty Harper '59, Candice Robinson '87, Carolyn Hands (Goodwright), Joan Donnan '69, Kitty Fairhall (Sullivan) '85, Clara Oakley (Macintyre) '58, Deirdre Beckworth (Cook) '68, Elaine Perrett (Rollinson) '77, Elaine Howden '54, Elizabeth Worland (McGorlick) '61, Elizabeth Hurley '74, Evie McEwan (Jones) '58.

Gabi Campbell (Sorge) '83, Geraldine Gill (Vincent) '72, Heather Richmond '83, Helen Middlemiss-Sun (Barr) '70, Helenmary Macleod (Sutherland) '77, Jane Cook, Jenny Whineray (Adams), Jenny McCracken '83, Judith Hyde, Judith Dowling, Kate Poulston '83, Kate Mitchell (Royal) '85, Marg McBean '77, Marieta Jones '53, Marlene Ryan (Metherall), Melissa James '77, Mikaila Lindeman '77, Nicky Langford-Jones (Callan) '83, Rania Baroud '85, Bec Courtney '85, Rhonda Daish (Goodwin) '53, Sandy Kay (Field) '85, Sandi Gibson (Herbert) '83, Sari Sutton '89, Sue Koch (Storey) '85, Susan Sutton (David) '63, Susan Bufton (Richmond) '83, Suzanne Batch (Broadbent) '77, Sina Smale (Graham) '78, Vicki Strachan '83, Wendy Van Veenendaal (Hallowes)



MORONGO HIGH TEA

Back to Morongo! Another wonderful opportunity to wander the buildings and grounds fondly remembered as Morongo. This year, 25 Morongo Old Girls gathered for tea and cake in Morongo House, followed by the opportunity to browse Morongo memorabilia and reminisce.



1. Daniel Morgan Y12 1986 and Georget Devlin (Norton) Y12 1985.
2. Myfanwy Steven Y12 1981, Elizabeth Hurley left Morongo in 1973, Jane Stephens Y12 1981.
3. Marg Hiddleston and Christine Park Y12 1972. 4. Julie Cadd (Scott), Madge Stephen-Spall, Lisa McNeice (West), Andrea Francis, Robyn Everist Y9 1979 and Michelle Henry - Y12 1979.
5. Hayley Graham and Kate Poulston Y12 1983. 6. Marg Aldous OAM (Crossman) and Katrina Watson OAM Y12 1971. 7. Christine Lyons Y12 1982, Joanna Young (Scott) Y12 1974 and Ann McAllister Y12 1982. 8. Julie Cadd (Scott) and Linda Rodgers (Bakker).
9. Left - Fiona Phillips (Ramsay) Y12 1983 School Captain. Also attending were: Heather Fawcett, Danyl Lunardelli, Michele Mairs, Claire Moriarty, Julie Osment, Joanna Young.



HIGH TEA AT MORONGO - KARDINIA INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE - SUNDAY 29 MARCH, 2026

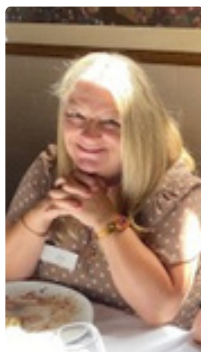






1984 - 40 YEAR REUNION

Morongo Old Collegians in Y12 in 1984 enjoyed the celebrations at their 40 Year Reunion. Special thanks to Fiona Robertson for sending these photos through. According to 'Bobson' it was a successful event and a good turnout of thirty Old Collegians "with loads of laughs and non-stop talking."





When Morongo made Artists

LOOKING FOR ANN BROWNSWORTH AND KATHY SAVAGE (NEE PEARCY) MOC 1965

Miss Janet Boddy (pictured above right) was an innovative and passionate Art Teacher who revolutionised Morongo's Art Syllabus in 1965 by introducing and encouraging art students to try a variety of art mediums. She spoke with editor, Ann McAllister.

Before Miss Boddy, art was usually created or rendered 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. 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 also created a sculpture and pottery making room at Morongo. Some of the resulting stone sculptures were exhibited in the courtyards of Shaw House. Some of the 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. They helped create a legacy of outstanding and innovative students and inspired the ongoing successes for student artists, Kathy Savage (Percy) and Ann Brownsworth.



We would love to hear news of Ann Brownsworth and Kathy Savage. Janet Boddy now lives at St Vincent's Care in Eltham where she also has a small studio for painting. On her walls, she has kept five small water colours and a self portrait.

A JOINT EXHIBITION

A teacher and student exhibition - Janet Boddy exhibited with Katherine Savage (nee Percy) in March 2003.

Former Morongo Girls College teacher and former Morongo student, Katherine Savage exhibited together at the Tony Smibert Gallery, at Evelyn County Estate, Kangaroo Ground.

Janet Boddy, who became a full-time painter in 1968 after her time teaching at Morongo, worked mostly in acrylics or oil pastel. Her work, which ranged from the abstract to the semi-abstract, was shown alongside sculptures by her student, Katherine Savage (pictured below.) Kathy, is pictured with her gaia figures, which were carved from serpentine and talcstone. The large insect (above) is also by Kathy Savage. According to Janet, Ann Brownsworth became an excellent jewellery maker, showing at the prestigious Makers Mark gallery in Collins Street, Melbourne. Two pieces pictured below. Janet believes that Ann received a number of awards for her work.



Brooch: Horizons are relative
c.1980-81
BROWNSWORTH Ann - Creator



MORONGO WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

LOOKING FOR OUTSTANDING MOCs

We are looking to recognise and honour those former students of Morongo who became outstanding in their fields.

Inclusion will provide an opportunity for Morongo women to be recognised for their significant achievements and we will be working on a specific criteria for selection during the next few months. We encourage you to consider the Morongo Old Collegians you know or remember, and add to this initial list of MBE, OAM and AO award winners (below).

Please discuss potential nominations with your friends, family and fellow Morongo women and email suggestions.

In addition to Winsome McCaughey (Howell) AO (painting below) we have:

Ann-Maree Morrison (nee Bourke)

MOC 1983 - MBE

Dorothy Dunn (nee Chew)

AO (Deceased 11 DEC 2025)

Elaine Paton (Jamieson)

MOC 1959 - AO

Katrina Watson – MOC 1971 - OAM

Margaret 'Marg' Aldous (Crossman)

MOC 1971 - OAM

Voi Williams (Boardman)

MOC 1954 - OAM



THE STRENGTH OF WOMEN - A BOOK

The Strength of Women celebrates the remarkable women of Beaufort and the surrounding communities. Created by photographer Dean Morris and his wife Rochelle, their book is a powerful collection of portraits and stories celebrating more than 130 women from the Beaufort and surrounding regions. Behind every portrait is a beautiful, deeply personal story – each a unique narrative shaped by love, loss, strength, family, hardship, joy and community strength. Kate Blood (MOC 1983) is featured and pictured above. Kate has also been working closely with Geelong College to help organise the propagation of the Morongo Rose.

Funds raised from the book will go to the Beaufort CWA and Beaufort and Skipton Health Services to support women and families in the local area. Cost: \$85 includes a donation, plus postage (\$20) Books are hard copy and available by emailing: rochelle@prefacefilms.com.au



Left: Portrait of Lord Mayor Winsome McCaughey AO (1989) by Gwen Eichler. Winsome McPherson McCaughey AO (née Howell), born 23 October 1943 was Lord Mayor of Melbourne from 1988 to 1989. She was the second woman to hold that position. Winsome Howell was raised on a property at Baddaginnie in Victoria. After primary school she was sent to board at Morongo Girls College. She studied philosophy during her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Melbourne from 1962 to 1964.





1946 REFLECTIONS

FROM NORA SUTORIUS-VALK - YEAR 11 (LEAVING) IN 1948

As part of our ongoing work to update our Morongo database, we have reconnected with many women who are thrilled to hear from us. An excited email from Nora Sutorius-Valk in Holland was an exceptional surprise. Nora was a Morongo student and a boarder from 1946-1948. She is 96 and she replied:

I became a boarder after having come from Java where I had been a POW for three years from 1942 to 1945. My nationality is Dutch. I am still in touch with Alison Lloyd.

Nora has promised to provide an update and some additional reflections from her time at Morongo. These details and photos are from Nora and from our archives.



Jan Dix-Bowman, Jan Winstanley, Alison Lloyd Williams, Nora Sutorius-Valk and Below: Nora with Miss Shaw



I am honoured to have this opportunity to tell you how it all came about - my coming to Morongo!!!!

It was November 1945 when I arrived in Australia as a refugee from Java, Indonesia; part of the Dutch East Indies at that time. My family had been in a Japanese concentration camp for three years and on coming out of the camp, I was in an area where fierce fighting had broken out between Indonesian freedom fighters and anyone who was white or sympathized with the Dutch. I was evacuated from Surabaya on a British troop ship to Singapore. My mother had died in the camp of malnutrition, lack of hygiene and medication. My father was a POW and had been transported to Japan for three years, unbeknown to us. When he returned from Japan to Batavia (Jakarta) he searched for his wife and daughter. Through the excellent work of the International Red Cross, he learned of the death of his wife but still did not know where his daughter was. As he was still a pilot with the Dutch East Indies Air force, he was able to fly to Singapore where he was told his daughter might be held. And sure enough, he found me listed in a huge former internment camp. It was a miracle! I had been there for about two weeks and had no idea where my father was. I was allowed to fly back to Batavia with him on the B25 that had brought him to Singapore. He was allowed three months recuperation leave from the air force. As he was an officer and fighter pilot before the Japanese invaded, he could take me to Australia. I was 15 years old and an only child.

The Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) was the female branch of the British Royal Air Force during WWII. An Australian WAAF who was also a Morongo Old Collegian put my father in touch with Miss Shaw - who offered me a place at Morongo. We travelled to Geelong 1946 and my father settled me into Morongo in February, before returning to Java. Everyone was curious about me!! Miss Shaw was exceptional in making me feel welcome. In the beginning I felt like I had come into another concentration camp! She gave me extra weekends away to visit my Dutch family friends in Melbourne. Eventually I did settle down. My first friend was Dot Brownlees and our long-time friendship included many visits back and forth between Holland and Port Fairy for our two families. I made many many friends including Jan Winstanley, Beverly Williams-Elshaugh, Jan Dix-Bowman, Alison Lloyd-Williams and Margeret Cottle-Welsh. These were all Day Girls and had me home for many weekends. Dot Brownlees used to carry notes back and forth to the boys at Geelong College!! I must mention Margôt Douglas. She was famous because she ran away from school!!! Miss Shaw drove to Melbourne and found her. I was fascinated and she became my best Boarder friend! After two years, the money had run out!! With much sadness I left my friends and went to Holland via Batavia (Jakarta) where my father was still working. Eventually, we were both in Holland and we started a new life. I married a Dutchman and we had three children. I have kept in contact. I organized a Reunion in London when Miss Shaw was traveling through Europe and I came back to Geelong for reunions of my year, the 50th Jubilee in 1970 and finally for Miss Shaw's 100th birthday luncheon in 1998.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

OUR OLDEST MOC - BETTY SWANN CELEBRATES HER 99TH BIRTHDAY

Betty Swann (nee Hughes) started at Morongo in 1939 in Year 8. She was 11 years old. She celebrated her 99th birthday on 23 June and our Editor, Ann McAllister visited to wish her Happy Birthday and to chat about her time at Morongo.

Tell me about Morongo in 1939?

"I started at Morongo, aged 11 in Senior School. I won a scholarship. I was an only child and I was a smarty. When I started, they put me in Year 8. I skipped Year 7. There were three of us that got scholarships in 1939 including Helen Gillies and Lauraine Winstanley. Helen was in a wheelchair. She had been in a car accident. Morongo was a very expensive school. The cost was 13 guineas a Term. The scholarship paid 30 pounds a year. The Term tuition bill was about three pounds and then there was the bus fare, uniforms, books and other costs. The first year I was there, I was sick and missed four weeks of school, including the exams in the first Term. In the third Term, I was sick again. The first time, my father had scarlet fever and I had to be isolated. Then I went back to school for two days and woke with a rash and the doctor said it's German measles. So that meant another two weeks off school. The next Term, I got pneumonia and a rash. Once again, the doctor said I had German measles and I missed another five weeks, including the exams."

Can you have German measles twice?

"According to the doctors, I had it five times. I'm wondering now. "In those days we would do tests out of 50 and the exam out of 100 and then they would combine both results and get an average. Given I missed all the exams, when they averaged the tests, I got 13.7 out of 100 and they said I would have to stay in Year 8. I wasn't happy. My mother called the school to complain. Mum didn't usually get involved with school. I don't think the

parents did in those days. The school said they'd give me another test. The test was on logarithms, but the other students learnt about logarithms when I was away. I failed. Of course. So they kept me down. I did two years of Year 8 and one year of Year 9 (or maybe it was the other way around. I can't remember. It was a long time ago). In my first Year 8, the girls were a year older than me. In the second year, we were all friendly but one girl, Rosemary Murdoch and I stayed friends with for many years. I wasn't the top of the class, but I was up with the top few. If I wasn't doing my homework, my mother used to threaten me that I would have to go and work at the woollen mills. I didn't want to work there. That was the lowest of jobs for girls with very low intelligence. In Year 9, I didn't do much work and at the end of the year, I decided I didn't want to do (Year 10) Intermediate. In those days, my mother let me leave. I'm not happy about that either. She should have made me stay."



What was a school day like?

*"We were in the same classroom all the time. The teacher came in and we'd have to stand and say in unison, good morning miss so-and-so. One thing I remember from my first Year 8 – and I'm sure it was with Miss Boothe the Geography teacher - we called her Miss Beary Boothe. I needed a pair of scissors so I walked to the front and I asked her, "can I borrow your scissors please?" She said, "no - go and sit back in your seat." I was horrified. I didn't know what to do. I sat back down. The girl sitting behind me leaned forward and said, "say, **may** I." So I went forward again and I said, "may I borrow your scissors please?" She said, "yes, certainly. Here they are." I have never forgotten. It was a grammar lesson."*



REFLECTION - BETTY SWANN MOC 1942

"Morongo was way out on the Ballarat Road. I was a day girl and there were three buses and about 100 girls would arrive by bus every morning. The buses delivered us to the back of the school near the plantation and the bluestone house. We had assembly every morning and we loved it when the bus broke down, or it was late and we missed assembly. We had hymn books, but I can't remember what we sang."

Did you know the Principal?

"Miss Pratt was the Principal and I was frightened of her. She knew who I was and she knew all the girls. She was very tall and she had a little dog named Timmy. It was a little fox terrier or something like that. She lived at the school in the bluestone house."

Do you remember playing sport?

"I was in Roslyn. We had an athletics and swimming sports day once a year. I came second in a swimming race. It was breaststroke and I should have come first. I couldn't dive because my mother wouldn't let me learn to dive. I think she thought it was dangerous but mothers didn't explain much in those days and we did what our mothers told us. I had to jump in, but if I'd been able to dive, I would have won it."

What impact did the War have?

"There were soldiers. I remember the Americans coming to Geelong in their uniforms. I was in the city one night and the American soldiers were all drunk in the street. There were drunk Yanks everywhere."



What subjects did you do?

"English, French, Geography, History. My French is wonderful – no, I'm joking! Maths – they called it Arithmetic and we also had separate Algebra. I can't remember if we did Science, or anything much in the way of art, but we did do craft. I don't think there was Matric (Year 12). I think it stopped at Leaving (Year 11) which wasn't a big class. In 1941 Betty was awarded Mrs Keay's Memorial Prize for Needlework in Sub-Intermediate." (Yr9)

What happened after Morongo?

"I went to Gordon Institute of Technology in Geelong and I did a Diploma of Home Management. It was cooking. I remember doing Chemistry and it was beyond me. I was too young to take it all in. I enjoyed it but really, I should have been at school. The course was three years. Then I worked at Invergowrie in Melbourne for two years, and then my parents bought the Bridge Café in Anglesea and I went home to help and work in the shop."



Betty pictured with her Morongo friend, Rosemary Murdoch. Below - Hughes' Bridge Cafe

"I can laugh now - we had guests staying at the Bridge Café – a doctor and his wife – and the doctor rang me up and said, could I come home. Your mother's just died. She dropped dead. That's what happened. It was her heart. It stopped."

A memory of my father: It must have been the night my mother died and he was handing out drinks. He was saying, would you like a beer to the other guests and when he came to me, he said, and you'll have a lemonade. I was about 26."

I met my husband, Alan Swann in Anglesea. In those days, square dancing was the thing. My friend Rosemary and her family hosted square dancing in their home on Saturday night. One night, a friend brought her brother, and he brought a friend. I fell in love with the friend."

We lived in Elwood, in Melbourne and had four children. We have nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Alan died about two years ago, just before our 70th wedding anniversary. He was 100. My 99th birthday was last week and neighbours came to visit and brought the party. Last weekend, I had afternoon tea with the family in Melbourne. My balance is not good - but at least I still have my marbles. I've had two bypasses and I have a pacemaker. Don't get old. I always read the Morongo Newsletter."





2026 MORONGO AWARD

GRACE STEEL CARRIES THE MORONGO LEGACY FORWARD

Some stories at Geelong College span the generations of women since Morongo closed. Grace Steel's story is one of those stories.

Named the 2026 Morongo Award recipient, Grace represents a continuation of a legacy that began long before her time. Her grandmother, Hilary Steel, attended Morongo from 1942 to 1948, part of a small cohort of students who completed their full schooling there. Decades later, that same spirit of learning, independence and ambition is evident in Grace's own journey. The connection extends further, with her cousin Mardi Stapleton, also a past recipient of the Award. Established in 2001 through the Morongo Old Collegians' Association, the Morongo Award recognises a descendant of a Morongo Old Collegian in their final year at Geelong College. More than financial support, it reflects a living connection between Morongo Presbyterian Girls' College and The Geelong College, carried forward through each generation. Grace's contribution to Geelong College life is both broad and sustained, and this year, increasingly visible in her leadership. Academically, she has achieved numerous Gold Endeavour Awards and maintained an A average. She has represented Geelong College internationally in the Ethics Olympiad, earning an honourable mention and has competed in Model UN and Evatt competitions, reaching semi-finals and building her confidence in complex thinking and debate.

This year, Grace has taken on significant leadership roles as a Mossziel Prefect and Swimming Captain. In boarding, she plays an active role in shaping the culture of Mossziel, supporting younger students and contributing to a strong, connected House community. As Swimming Captain, she leads with energy and consistency, setting the tone for both performance and team spirit. Her contribution extends well beyond formal roles. Grace is completing her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, volunteers weekly in the Junior School aftercare program, and balances these commitments alongside music, sport and part-time work. Across each area, she brings a steady sense of purpose and a willingness to contribute.

Reflecting on the Award, Grace said she hoped to carry the Morongo legacy forward in her own way. "To be recognised through the Morongo Award is incredibly special. It connects me to my family's history and to a community of strong women who have come before me." Looking ahead, Grace plans to pursue law, building on her clear interest in writing and legal studies developed during her time at Geelong College. The Morongo Award will support her through her final year, but its significance runs deeper. It is a recognition of character, contribution and connection. Grace's story is a reminder that the Morongo legacy is not something preserved in the past. It is lived, shaped and strengthened by each new generation.



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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.



ACCESS TO ALL OUR LUCERNIANS - [HTTPS://GNET.TGC.VIC.EDU.AU/WIKI/LUCERNIAN](https://gnet.tgc.vic.edu.au/wiki/lucernian)



THE MORONGO SCHOLARSHIP

HONOURING THE LEGACY OF MORONGO - AN OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE

If you are considering leaving a tax-deductible bequest to the Morongo Scholarship Fund—please contact Nicole Roache at: nicole.roache@tgc.vic.edu.au or call (03) 5226 3106

Thank you to the MOCs who donated to our Scholarship as part of the Angliss Lunch. Tax receipts by email.

Anyone interested in ordering a Morongo Rose can contact: sally.sadler@tgc.vic.edu.au

The price per rose will be \$50. All proceeds will go directly to support The Morongo Scholarship Fund at The Geelong College. We extend our sincere thanks to Morongo Old Collegian, Kate Blood (MOC Y12 1983) for her invaluable support.

ORDER YOURS TODAY

THE MORONGO ROSE

FACEBOOK - MORONGO PGC SOCIAL COMMUNITY





NANCY SULLIVAN (FEWTRELL) 06.03.1940 - 29.03.2026

From Catherine (Kitty) Fairhall (Sullivan) MOC Y12 '85:

My mum was a Geelong girl and she attended Morongo Girls College right through her schooling. She passed away in March this year. As I have been cleaning out her home, I have found many Morongo treasures including all of her badges and her blazer. I did connect with several of the older MOCs at the recent Angliss Winter Lunch and without fail, they all knew and remembered her. In true family tradition, I also attended Morongo as a boarder 1982-1985.



Nancy Sullivan passed away peacefully at Granite Hill Aged Care, Euroa aged 86 years. Beloved wife of John (dec), adored mother and mother-in-law of Catherine and Kim, Matthew and Thomas. Cherished grandmother of Lucy, Thomas, Sarah, Campbell, Emma, Georgia, Sam and James. Born and raised in Geelong, Nancy and her older sister, Jeanette spent much of their lives at Fewtrell's pharmacy in Packington Street. Their father, Campbell Fewtrell owned and managed the pharmacy business before selling it in 1998 - after 70 years in the one family. Nancy and Jeanette both attended Morongo throughout their schooling - Prep to Matriculation. Nancy had many lifelong Morongo friends who she remained in contact with, and she often shared wonderful memories of her time at school. She participated in the tennis team (pictured left.) In her final year, Nancy was also a School Prefect.

After graduating, she went on to study Pharmacy where she met and married John Sullivan. They moved to Euroa in regional Victoria and together they followed the family tradition and ran a family pharmacy business for more than 60 years.

Nancy was community minded and she truly involved herself in all that mattered. For 40 years, she volunteered with the Red Cross and was the recipient of two Red Cross awards. She was an active member of the Morongo Old Collegians' Association - Goulburn Valley Branch until her last few years, when she was unable to attend due to her failing health.



OBITUARY: JENNIFER EKSTEDT (NEE MCKEWAN) MOC 1952
30.09.1937 - 1.09.2025



ROSEMARY ELDER 26.2.35-1.08.25

Rosemary Elder, daughter of Nairne and Joy, was born at Rokewood Cottage Hospital and grew up on the family property 'Kuruc-a-Ruc' nearby. Her upbringing shaped her lifelong love of family, friends, community, and rural life. She shared her childhood with siblings David, Alisoun (MOC Leaving 1948) and John—filled with farm activities, animals, music, tennis, golf, social events and the Rokewood Presbyterian Church. Rosemary loved her years as a Morongo boarder, amassing a collection of memorabilia and enthusiastically telling stories. She was a dedicated member of the Morongo Committee. After Morongo, Rosemary trained at the Tweddle School of Mothercraft in Footscray, then worked with families across Australia and in New Zealand. For many years, she served in the Child Health Unit at the Alice Springs Bush Nursing Hospital. This service partnered with the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress and focused on delivering culturally appropriate primary health models. Upon retirement, Rosemary returned to Geelong and volunteered at Barwon Health's Teddy Bears childminding service which assisted families during hospital visits. She was a frequent participant on Hopscotch Bus Tours and Shire Walks and an enthusiastic member of the Western Heights Church Choir. In her later years, Rosemary lived at Highton Gardens Care Community.

THE QUIZ - WHO AM I?

Woot, woot, give me the scoop!

Stranded in Cali. Somewhat desperate and dateless, but not always.

1. Where is the bell?
2. Who was tasked to come running when it rang?
3. Who profited from the closing of the school?
4. Were you, TeamFox or TeamHam?
5. Where is Port Morseby?

*"When yuuuurrr a Jet . . .
Yuuuurrr a Jet all the way!"*

Shout Outs:

*Paddy Q
The Delicious D
The List
Your Honour
Miss Darwin
Downs Syndrome*

*Truly: Lyons "The Body" JenStar
But, you can call me "JenStar"
Just don't call me past 8pm - but
call me at four or five in the dawn
and I'll be ready to rumble.*

*Worst Learning Spaces:
Mrs Martin's Room*

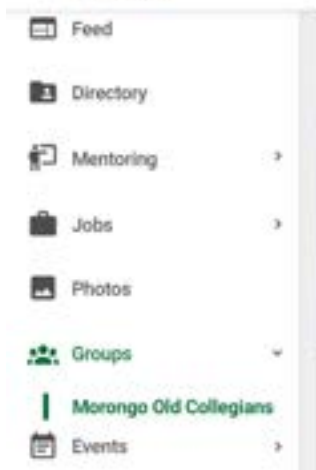
*A place I never saw:
The Green Room*

*Best Learning Spaces:
The Loft
Paddy's Barn
Paddy's End Rm*

*Finest Haunts:
The Smoking Tree
The Trees
The Shops Gate*



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Use the Directory to connect with Morongo Old Collegians and see what they have been up to. 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 to 151 Morongo Old Collegians: <https://tgconnect.com/groups/5/members>

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NOTE - We are continuing to update the Morongo database. This is an important and significant task and the first time it's been looked at properly for many years. We are linking the emails we have with the Year level lists from The Lucernian. This is giving us a good indication of who we are missing. Kate (Poulston) MOC 1983 is leading this project and doing some amazing work. Please help her by responding - and sharing with your Morongo friends.

PARKINSON'S

A WALK IN THE PARK

The Melbourne Fight Parkinson's Walk in the Park - 19 April 2026

A first for Morongo Old Collegians.

Our MOC Team entered this year's
Walk in the Park

and raised \$2,234 with Team Leader,
Jacquie Walpole (MOC'83) who is living
with Parkinson's Disease. Her team was
Kate Poulston (MOC '83), Margie Samai,
Euan McGuire - Jacquie Walpole's son
and his partner, Sophie.

Kate managed to get interviewed on
the big screen at Federation Square
and said she was walking for Morongo
Old Collegians. She said, "many day
girls and boarding families and their
communities are affected by
Parkinson's Disease; in particular, girls
from the regional farming
communities where there is high
prevalence of PD. We are walking to
raise awareness and funds for
research." Kate raised \$1,079 and
made it to the top 50 of the
leaderboard.

Next year's *Walk in the Park* will be
held on Sunday 18 April 2027



MORONGO REUNIONS

HOSTING OUR REUNIONS AT GEELONG COLLEGE

**This year Geelong College will host Morongo School Reunions as part
of the Morongo Old Collegians' Luncheon on
Saturday 24 October 2026**

**Please contact and gather your year group in preparation for this
special opportunity. Invitations will be emailed. We will be collating
your class lists and contact details in the next few months.**

30 Year Reunion - Year 12 Class of 1996

(These girls were in Year 10 when Morongo closed.)

40 Year Reunion - Year 12 Class of 1986

50 Year Reunion - Year 12 Class of 1976

60 Year Reunion - Year 12 Class of 1966

Further details from Advancement Coordinator, Sally Sadler.

Phone: +61 3 5226 3779 Email: sally.sadler@tgc.vic.edu.au

IN ADDITION

Morongo Golf Lunch Reunion 2026 - 13th Annual Morongo golf day
at Barwon Heads Golf Club will be on Friday 23 October 2026,
followed by lunch. More details will follow, but please save the date
and let us know if you are planning to attend - for golf or just for
lunch. Not everyone is on the golf mailing list, so please pass on to
MOCs and ask them to be in touch. Further details from Jo Burton
jojbarton@bigpond.com or Jenny Smith jennysmithchill@gmail.com

Morongo House - High Tea at Kardinia International College 2027
will be on Sunday 21 March. Details from Fiona Russell - Community
Engagement and Foundation Coordinator and College Archivist.
Email: f.russell@kardinia.vic.edu.au

Fight Parkinson's Walk in the Park will be held on Sunday 18 April
2027. Please join the Morongo Old Collegians team of walkers.
Everyone is welcome to sign up and if you can't walk, please consider
sponsoring. Here is the link <https://www.awalkinthepark.org.au/about>

Morongo Winter Lunch will be held again at Angliss Restaurant in
June 2027 at a date to be confirmed. Further details from Sandy Kay
email: sandy@radiantpantry.com.au



13TH ANNUAL

MORONGO

BARWON HEADS GOLF CLUB

GOLF / LUNCH

REUNION

FRIDAY
23 OCTOBER 2026



MORONGO Winter e-newsletter

LOOKING FOR MORONGO WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

Welcome to the 'Winter' edition of The Morongo - July 2026

I have recently received a few impressive profiles and obituaries about Morongo Old Collegians and I'm thinking, it's time we recognised our high-achieving MOCs more broadly. This Morongo Newsletter and its content is helping to preserve our Morongo history. While many of the achievements of our Morongo peers have been under-recorded or overlooked, a more structured process to recognise Morongo women will

ensure their contributions become part of the Morongo historical record. Recognition will broaden the view of what young women achieved at (and after) Morongo and help build positive perceptions about the education and opportunities we received - at our small girls' school in Geelong.

I am working on a criteria and while I do that, I encourage you to continue sending me remarkable stories of Morongo women. Let's start by looking for Morongo excellence in all fields including science, medicine, business,

education, the arts, agriculture, public service, sport and community leadership. By documenting these accomplishments, we preserve our history and strengthen our community. Send your suggestions to morongogirlscollege@gmail.com



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