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THE MORONGO

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Annual Morongo LUNCH

Morongo Old Collegians gathered for lunch in the Geelong College Dining Hall to reconnect and celebrate our impressive community of women. The focus was to enjoy the friendship and relationships that our shared history inspires. Morongo Award recipient for 2023, Edwina Royce captivated the audience with her education and life experiences, the impact of 'our' Award, and her plans for the future. Guest speaker Wendy Holdenson (MOC Y12 1970) continued with her reflections on Morongo, her experiences living in Japan as a young woman and then, as Consul-General, Trade and Investment Commissioner.

Wendy is currently a Director of Mitsui & Co (Australia) Ltd. She elaborated on the topics of women's equality, relationships and the importance of the relationship between Asia and Australia - in terms of education, renewable energy and trade.

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2023 - THE GEELONG COLLEGE



The Morongo Staff table included: Davina McIntosh, Jacqueline de Ferranti, Elizabeth Syle, Maxine Barry (Quick) 1958, Frank O'Neill, Florence Tan, Dorothy Sinclair, our last Morongo Old Collegians President Jeanette Joseph (Dehnert), Di Sprague 1959, Bob Seaton and Rosalind Willsher Seaton 1982.

MORONGO ANNUAL OLD COLLEGIANS LUNCH AT THE GEELONG COLLEGE - 2023



1. Karen and Morongo Award 2023 recipient Edwina Royce 2. Adele Anskaitis (Rae), Christine O'Keefe (Mullins), Heather Lochhead (Unsworth) 1962 and Jill Nance (Troughton) 1963 3. Donna Powell (Elliott) 1976 and Di Sprague 1959. 4. Gillian Jervis and Naomi Troup 1986, Annette Troup 1983, Prudence Nadorp, Georgie Fidge, Peta Trinder and Jane Arnold, 1987 5. Gwyneth Dickens (Apted), Susan Morrow, Gail Rooney and Wendy Holdenson 1970 6. Carly Adler, Carly Fahey (Robilliard) and Kate Gilbert (Meadows) 1989, Wendy Norris (McCormack) 1991, Kate Ettershank and Claire Dobson (Hindmarsh) 1992 and in front, Nicole Haynes (Burns), Lou Delaney (Riordan) and Freya Fidge 1989. 7. Lisa McNeice West and Jane Tovey 1979 with Chris Lyons 1980 8. Ann McAllister 1980 and Jenny McKinnis 1976 9. Deb Anscombe, Audrey Lyon (Brown) Jenny Smith 1972



REFLECTION and PROFILE

Wendy Holdenson



Wendy Holdenson (Y12 1972) was guest speaker at the annual Morongo Lunch at Geelong College on 20 October. She reflected on her experiences as a young woman, the choices she made and how those opportunities shaped her. A selection of snippets from her speech are below:

“And what a pleasure it is to reconnect with so many Morongo Old Collegians. Newtown is my old stomping ground and where I forged friendships with many Geelong College boys. I played competition tennis, enjoyed dancing class and attended St David’s church. I recently celebrated 50 years since I finished what is now VCE at Morongo and my memories are vivid today.

‘For much of those 50 years, I have lived outside Australia and the thing that I most feared, was losing touch with my friends from school. That actually encouraged me to sustain my friendships and my connections - as I pursued what was an unconventional life in those days. At times, it seemed like I was the go-to person for updates on everyone. So I thank Morongo for impressing on me, the importance of connection and for giving me the confidence to hold those connections close. That focus has been the foundation stone of my career - and my personal life - and given me the confidence to grab opportunities as they presented themselves.

‘I was 17 when I finished school and my father suggested an exchange scholarship. I listed Canada, South Africa and Japan and my father said, I think you should flip the order.

On the way to Japan, the flight stopped in Manila - under marshal law - and nearly everyone I saw had a machine gun. Landing in Tokyo, I had never seen so many people. I switched on the TV and discovered sumo-wrestling. And I knew every Japanese person in Geelong in those days – and there were two. The hairdresser, Teiko and a business person who had come to Geelong to establish a ball-bearing factory. What happened? Quick smart, I had to learn how to observe. I had to watch how the Japanese behaved in all situations. I engaged in extraordinary experiences. Within weeks and in the depths of winter, I remember eating deep fried grasshoppers. I attended Buddhist festivals and when my parents visited, we made the mistake of thinking lumps of wasabi were deviled eggs! ‘And so began my love affair with Japan and that saw me enroll in university, and start working there. ‘I didn’t consciously set out to be on the global stage. What happened is, I fell in love with Japan and I was happy to take each and every opportunity that came my way. My 11 years of full-on activity at Morongo in music, drama, sport, community programs and the many different groups of people - must have inspired my confidence. My life has been a byproduct of my education at Morongo and the experiences I enjoyed.’

**‘WHAT HAPPENED?
QUICK SMART, I HAD TO
LEARN HOW TO OBSERVE’
– WENDY HOLDENSON**

Biography - Wendy is an accomplished specialist in marketing and communications in both the private and public sectors and Director at Mitsui & Co (Australia) Ltd - a global trading and investment conglomerate. She has had government roles as Australian Consul-General in Japan, and State Director for the Australian Trade Commission in WA, SA and NT. Before that, she worked in the private sector for corporations such as Caltex, GHD, EY and Canon. Accustomed to dealing with stakeholders at the most senior level, Wendy is an expert in Asian business and cross-cultural communications. One of her proudest achievements has been to attract foreign investment from Asia into Australia’s food services, advanced manufacturing and biotechnology, ICT and energy sectors. Wendy is a strong proponent of innovation as the key to corporate sustainability and wherever she has worked, she has been a champion for innovation in employee teams. She was an inaugural board member of the Maggie Beer Foundation, established to improve the wellbeing of residents in aged care. She is the Business Champion of the Australian Federal Government’s New Colombo Plan to equip young Australian’s with Asia-centric skills. She mentors high-performing undergraduates as a member of the UNSW Alumni Leaders Network. And she is on the Advisory Board of Kyushu Sangyo University in Japan. In 2020 she was appointed to the Board of the Australia-Japan Foundation.

REUNION CLASS OF 1983

40 YEARS - YEAR 12 - SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2023



Back Row: Carolyn Wettenhall, Heather Waugh, Sonia Tanseff, Debbie Tew, Jane Myers, Susie Tucker, Belinda Poulston, Catherine Wells, Gabi Sorge, Vicki Strachan, Sherene Viol. Middle Row – Katrina Hawkins, Fiona Todd, Helen Lyall, Lisa Metcalfe, Janine Cox, Natalie Tampion, Sue Robertson Simone Groves, Fi McMillan. Front Row – Jacqui Walpole, Sara McIntyre, Heather Richmond, Sharyn Breguet, Megan MacKinnon, Fiona Ramsey, Sandi Herbert, Annette Troup, Ingrid Washington, Lisa Hamm, Janine Rose.

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.



A NEW MORONGO WEBPAGE - AND ACCESS TO ALL THE LUCERNIANS

Morongo has a new webpage within The Geelong College website. It sits underneath the Community page and will hopefully become the one-stop-shop for all things Morongo. The information contained includes 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 else might be needed or available - or if the content needs to be amended or updated. A "Morongo Newsletters" tab takes us to a 'library' of current and past Newsletters. If anyone has newsletters not included, please send them to: sally.sadler@tgc.vic.edu.au

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 **and to view The Lucernian from 1921 to 1994 - the link is:**

<https://gnet.tgc.vic.edu.au/wiki/AllPages.aspx?Cat=Morongo>

The Morongo Newsletters link is:

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

School 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 webpage includes a brief history of Morongo Presbyterian Girls' College - founded in 1920 by local Ministers keen to see, 'a place for girls education with Presbyterian ideals and traditions.' Reference is made to 'Roslyn,' and the former Newtown Ladies College and then, a new home at the bluestone homestead, Morongo at Bell Post Hill. The College relocated in 1927. The first Headmistress, Miss Gertrude Pratt, and the founding Council chose the school colours: navy-blue, green and gold, and the motto for the College Crest:

'Sint Lucernae Ardentes'

Let your lamps be burning.

After 74 years, Morongo Girls' College closed in 1994.



An impressive photo from Debby Myers (Warland) MOG Y10 1970

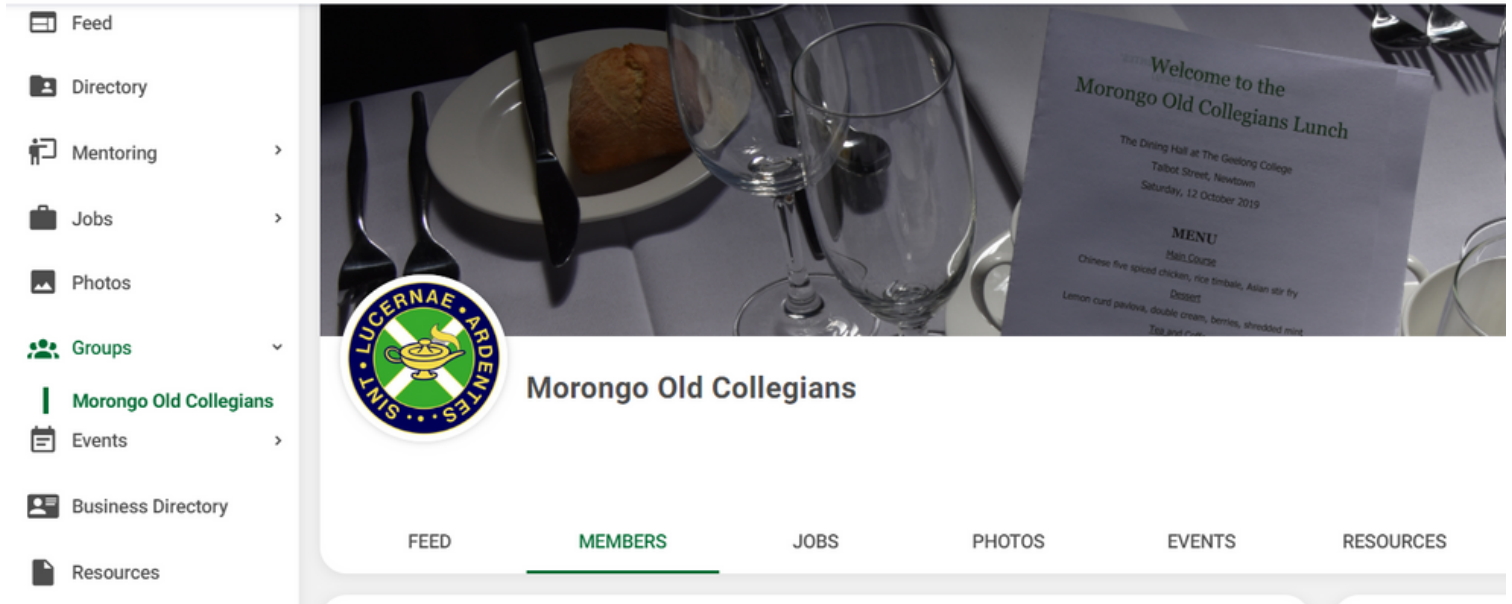
She says, one of her granddaughters found the photo amongst other old possessions of her mother's, Pam Warland (Robertson). Geelong College also has a large framed print of this photo. We ask, does anyone know when it was taken and do you have any family members in it?

REUNION CLASS OF 1969

54 YEARS - MORONGO YEAR 10



Celebrating in October, a Morongo Reunion for girls in Year 10 in 1969. After much searching and phone calls, 25 women gathered at the home of Kristin Cook in Rippleside, Geelong for an afternoon of fun and reflection.



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>

Artist - Jenny McCracken



Jenny McCracken MOC Y12 83 is a Mural Artist and Painter. She is Australia's most highly awarded Pavement Artist, and a finalist in the Moran National Portrait Prize. Her work is celebrated internationally and appears on an Australian stamp. This latest work is a mural in Kurri Kurri, near Lake Macquarie in NSW. <https://jennymccrackenartist.wordpress.com/>

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROPAGATE THE MORONGO ROSE?



The Morongo roses have been glorious this year, outside the entrance to Mossgiel Boarding House at The Geelong College. Various Morongo Old Collegians have asked where they can buy our rose and so, discussions have inspired a plan to make it available. **So, we need someone to propagate the Morongo Rose.** The Geelong College is supportive of the idea and the Grounds Keeper says, December/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.

MORONGO GOLF - 10TH ANNUAL REUNION AT BARWON HEADS GOLF CLUB - FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER 2023



We couldn't have asked for more suitable weather for the 25 golfers who played in the Ambrose team competition. A sunny, wind free day on a course in prime condition – perfect! An additional 31 Old Collegians joined us for lunch and presentations. The winning team (below) was Gail Rooney, Anne Staig (Rooney), Cath Crann (Walsh) & Sandy Kay (Field) who also won the closest to the pin prize. The winners will go on to represent Morongo in the Women's Interschool Golf Challenge Cup to be held at Yarra Yarra Golf Club in March 2024. In addition to their prizes, the winners names will be engraved on the perpetual trophy donated by Lyn Fraser. Pictured: 1 Ross Betts (Bennett), Marg Bennett, (Barr) and Helen Hill (Darby) 2 Bronnie Robson (Kilsby), Sue Waldron (Schofield), Susan Hocking & Pat Malloch. 3 Cath Cran (Walsh), Sandy Kay (Field), Anne Staig (Rooney) & Gail Rooney. 4. Dee Stewart, Kate Hocking (Emerson), Georgie Gall (Richardson) & Sue Horne (Thom) 5 Jane Adcock Claire Heinz (Bourke) & Helen Fitzpatrick (Champness) 6 The winning team 7. Jenny Heath (Raffle Winner) and Adrienne Solomon (Clarke) 8. Sue Lamb (Gayer), Ann Hunt (Tonkin) & Ann Waayers (Jarman)

Obituaries

DR ROSEMARY CROSSLEY AM, PHD 6/5/1945 - 10/5/2023 MOC '62

An Australian author and advocate for disability rights. Author of *The Dole Cookbook* (1978) and *Speechless* (1997), co-author of *Annie's Coming Out* (1980) - with Anne McDonald.

Rosemary was a pioneer in establishing communication with people with little or no functional speech and was one of the first major advocates for facilitated communication (FC), a controversial technique to help non-verbal people communicate.

She was appointed a **Member of the Order of Australia** (AM) in the 1986 Queen's Birthday Honours for her services to people with severe communication impairment. Rosemary dedicated her life to helping those with little or no functional speech and her approach opened new worlds to thousands of people and inspired hundreds of thousands. Many benefited from her therapy.

In 1975, Rosemary was working at St. Nicholas Hospital, in Carlton, Victoria, which was run by the Mental Health Authority and housed children with intellectual disabilities. Concerned that the hospital schedule accommodated inflexible staffing arrangements, rather than the needs of the children, Rosemary made a submission to a Victorian Committee on Mental Retardation. She also raised questions with the Mental Health Authority about some of the children in the hospital, claiming that although they had severe physical disabilities, they were not intellectually disabled. The award-winning 1984 film, *Annie's Coming Out*, was made about her work and life with a woman named Anne McDonald, whom she met at St Nicholas's Hospital in Melbourne in the 1970s and later brought to live with her.

Rosemary established the DEAL (Dignity, Education, Advocacy, Language) Communication Centre, which was later renamed, the Anne McDonald Centre and she was the Director. The Centre continues to provide assessment and augmentative communication services and as part of her funeral arrangements, has asked that we write to our MP calling for funding for resources and advocacy for people without speech.

Rosemary Crossley attended Morongo from 1957 (Y7) to 1962 (Y12).

Rosemary (left) died after a short battle with cancer at the age of 78.



EATHORNE PAVIA (STEWART)

5/7/2023 MOC Y10 1937

From Jill Pavia

Aged 100 years. Eathorne died peacefully. She was a Morongo Boarder and President of the Old Collegians.

Eathorne was born in 1923 in Mortlake, Western Victoria and was the oldest of four children. She started at Morongo Presbyterian Girls College in 1935. By all accounts she was a gifted student, both sporting and academic. In her final Year in 1939, she won a number of prizes. After Morongo, she moved to Melbourne to study accountancy and then, as part of her service during WWII, she joined the Australian Women's Army Service in the Signals Corps, based in Queenscliff, until 1946. After the War, she worked as an accountant for Fuller King and Co in Melbourne and soon caught the eye of an engineer, at the Aeronautical Research Laboratories, Ron Pavia. She was the President of the Morongo Old Collegians and was one of the first women on the Morongo School Council. She volunteered and did accounting audits for numerous organisations and charities including, Trading Partners and Concern, Gallery Grasshoppers, Bluebird Foundation, Burnside Camp and the Warrnambool Theatre Company Chorale, right up to her mid-90s. She was an active member of the St Davids church community and she audited the accounts. Eathorne loved sport; golf and especially tennis and she was extremely good.





Vale

FAYE LEE (POPE)
21/6/37 - 23/8/23
MOC Y10 1953

By Robin Purdey (Urquhart)

For many of us, Faye and Morongo were synonymous. Forever, Morongo was part of her life. It was Faye who kept us all in touch – arranging our reunions and never letting us forget the role Morongo played in our lives. Morongo was the only school Faye knew. She started there in 1942.

Then, the Kindergarten and early Primary grades were at Roslyn, on the corner of Latrobe Terrace and Elizabeth Street (now roebuck Street) in Newtown. A young Lucy Shaw had just succeeded Gertrude Pratt as Head Mistress. In that year, these little children grew cabbages, silverbeet and peas in the school garden. They had an underground room as an air-raid shelter, used occasionally as practice in case of disaster. Their pet birds were given away in case the school suddenly had to move to the country. The War was very real but Morongo’s purpose never faltered. The Elizabeth Street children visited ‘Big Morongo’ each year.

Editorial from the 1944 Lucernian: ***‘The importance of education must not be under-estimated. School teachers of the future should concentrate on teaching pupils to be clear in thinking, efficient in mind, physically strong, tolerant and ready to aid in the service of others’***

Faye was only seven-years-old then, but was already on her way to becoming a school teacher with Morongo’s philosophy behind her. The 1945 editorial began: ***‘At last peace has settled over the war-torn world.’***



Pictured from left - Nola Davies (Longwell), Di Morrison (Hill), Judy Williams (Lindsey), Faye Lee (Pope) and Marl Ryan (Metherall) - wearing House ribbons.

Despite the tumultuous times, for Faye, school at Morongo was as normal as life could be. Lifelong friends were made. She moved to ‘Big Morongo’ in 1947 – her name first mentioned in the ‘Salvete’ list of incoming students in the December 1946 Lucernian. Her name appeared in every Lucernian after that until 1955. Awards listed included Scripture and Musical Appreciation in 1947, ‘48, ‘49’ and ‘50. Junior Dramatics in 1951, Under 16 Athletics Runner-up and the Hockey Team in 1952, House Colours, the First Hockey Team, First Baseball Team Open Athletics Champion, Intermediate Certificate in 1953 and Recitation Award for Alliance Francaise. Faye finished her schooling at Morongo in 1954 and her Leaving Certificate was noted in the Lucernian. But she never really left Morongo – always being part of the Old Collegians and with Merran Hall (Urquhart), was joint Secretary of the Melbourne Branch. Faye completed her teaching training in Melbourne. As a 21-year-old, she shared a flat with friends from those early days at Roslyn. They gathered with others and partied and this was the beginnings of the Old Collegian reunions.

Faye travelled the world and met her future husband while skiing. They married and had two adored sons. Her career was always teaching. She found her niche at Preshil in Kew, a progressive private school with the ideology of self-driven learning and whole person education. Faye and her husband retired to their family holiday house on Phillip Island.

Faye loved her family, and she loved teaching. She loved Phillip Island, she loved her church and above all, she loved life. Morongo was never forgotten and she always kept the lamp burning.

Sint Lucernae Ardentis

The funeral link is still available at:
<https://live.cogaudiovisual.com/fayelee>

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OTHERS’**



– THE LUCERNIAN 1944

Obituaries

SANDRA ORIANDER (STEVENS) **5/8/1942 - 18/7/2023** **MOC Y10 1957**

By Betty Harper

Sandra Oriander was a very proud Morongo Old Collegian. She represented the Melbourne branch for decades and worked tirelessly on the committee as treasurer, fastidiously typing up the accounts before and after the advent of computers. She was an impressive typist.

In addition, she was the main coordinator of reunion lunches and dinners in Geelong for the Old Collegians - many of which were attended by interstate and overseas old girls.

Sandra started school at Morongo Kindergarten and was predominantly a day girl but, would join the Boarders when her parents were interstate or overseas.

She was an accomplished pianist and completed her education diploma before the age of 18. She did not utilise her talents widely.

Sandra and her brother were also brilliant swimmers and were both founding members of the Jan Juc Lifesaving Club (with Lindsay Fox)



After completing school, she worked at the Prahran branch of the ES&A Bank (which later merged with ANZ) and then, she travelled overseas for two years, in UK and Europe.

Sandra married Bill Oriander in 1968 and they set up home in Mulgrave.

They had two children Garth and Louise who have provided them with six grandchildren. She and Bill were always involved with their local community as volunteers.

They moved to Jan Juc for nine years and then, to Inverleigh for 11 years before finally residing at the Grovedale retirement village.

In 2009 Sandra had some problems with her health but that didn't stop her - it just provided her with another group (Barwon Health) to support! Rest in peace Sandra. You will be missed

BETTY THORNTON MOC Y10 1945

By Betty Hilderbrand

Betty Thornton (Shepparton) passed away on 10th July 2023. Betty had been in care in Banksia Lodge which is the full time section of the Shepparton Villages. I am in a Self Contained Unit in the same Village. My older sister, Moira Pankhurst is now in Tongala. Heather Lloyd, Gwen Jensen, and I were present at Betty's funeral.

BARBRA MARY WILSON **6/10/32 - 20/10/23** **MOC Y10 1947**

From her daughter, Jenny Wilson

A service to celebrate the life of **Barbra Mary Wilson** was held on Monday 30 October at Koonung Heights Uniting Church, North Balwyn. Barbra graduated in 1950 and was a school prefect. Mum loved her time at Morongo and spent many subsequent years organising and running Reunions in Melbourne. The link to the service will remain available until April with an e-book for reflections. <https://www.vividstream.com.au/live/barbra-wilson>

BEV JOSEPH (STRONG) MOC 1957

By Barbara Folkard (MOC Y10 1957)

Bev was a boarder from the Seymour district and before that, Tallangatta. She died early in February 2023. Bev lived with her husband Brian Joseph north of Ballina and closer to Bangalow, NSW.

HEATHER MCMASTER (BOADLE) **MOC Y10 1957.**

While up there for Bev's funeral, we looked up Heather McMaster (Boadle) at Uki. I discovered that she had died suddenly in January 2022.

She was a day girl in our 1957 year who left Morongo in about 1955 when her family moved to Toowoomba, QLD. She kept in touch with several Geelong and Morongo friends. I suspect they, like me were wondering about her mailing silence.

MAVIS JEAN MURRAY **26/7/1945 - 1/7/2023**

ALWYNNE IRMA MARGARET BROWN (MACKIE) **8/10/2023**

'SANDRA AND HER BROTHER WERE ALSO BRILLIANT SWIMMERS AND WERE BOTH FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE JAN JUC LIFESAVING CLUB'

- BETTY HARPER



Maz and Meg's Morongo Quiz

1. The Morongo logo lamp over a cross - the White Cross of St Andrew - emblem of service and sacrifice, to Scotland and the Presbyterian Church.
2. 1927 is the year that students at 'Roslyn' moved to the Morongo Homestead site on Bell Post Hill.
3. Fletcher Jones made the Morongo kilts.
4. The two ladies who ran the canteen were Maria and Gisella
5. Dancing classes Y10 - Kavanagh Dance Academy with Graham and Marjorie.
6. Morongo had four headmistresses: Gertrude Pratt, Lucy Shaw, Dulcie Brookshaw, Judith Watt
7. Two teachers who were old girls: both Marie Kershaw, who was Junior School Headmistress, after Vera Courtney.
8. The teacher's steps were 'off limits' in the quadrangle.
9. First names: Bob Francis, Jan McNiel, Jan Hoisie, Margaret Henderson, Jan Boyd.
10. Mrs McKenzie's polyester pant suit was Light blue.
11. Speech and Drama:

Trifle and Ice
Cried May
How nice

Which would you rather
Asked her father
Both cried May
Yes both I say
No said her mother
One or the other

...

*With special thanks to Meg Parsons
and Marion Williams (Y12 1982)*

The Morongo Award

2024 RECIPIENT - ELIZA HANNAGAN

Congratulations to the 2024 Morongo Award recipient, Eliza Hannagan. Eliza is the granddaughter of Helen Hannagan (nee Stuckey) who was a boarder at Morongo 1951- 1955 (Y11)

The Morongo Award was first offered in 2001 with funds raised by the Morongo Old Collegians Association Inc (MOCA). In 2015 MOCA dispersed its assets to The Geelong College Foundation (as was agreed at the MOCA AGM in 2014) and The Foundation received a gift of \$180,000, which was to fund - for as long as possible - The Morongo Award at The Geelong College.

The Award is offered each year to a descendant of a Morongo Old Collegian. A Year 11 student can apply for the Award - which is valued at 25% of their Year 12 tuition fees.

Criteria - To be awarded to an outstanding Year 11 student returning to Geelong College who has a family relationship with a past student of Morongo. Should there be no student meeting these criteria, the scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding Year 11 girl.

The 2023 Recipient was Ms Edwina Royce.

THE MORONGO SCHOLARSHIP

Previously awarded to students at Morongo Girls College, the Scholarship is open to a female student of outstanding academic ability seeking entry to The Geelong College. The scholarship is valued at three terms' tuition fees and tenable for six years.

The Morongo Scholarship was funded from the surplus assets remaining after liquidation of Morongo Girls College Ltd and subject to an agreement dated 31 January 1998 and approved by the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria. These funds were to be used to generate income to award scholarships to future female students of the College. The Scholarship is awarded at the discretion of the Principal. The first Morongo Scholarship was awarded in 1999.

To ensure the Morongo Award continues, Geelong College is looking for contributions to the Morongo Award Fund. If you would like to consider including the Morongo Award in your will, please contact:

The Geelong College Foundation on (03) 5226 3779 or foundation@tgc.vic.edu.au

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SAVE THE DATE

The Morongo Regatta is scheduled for Saturday 3 February, 2024

Morongo House - High Tea at Kardinia International College will be on Sunday, 24 March, 2024. Further details from Fiona Russell - Community Engagement and Foundation Coordinator and College Archivist.

Email: f.russell@kardinia.vic.edu.au

Goulburn Valley Luncheon 2024 will be in Shepparton on Sunday 5 May. The venue and details will be confirmed by email to members in early April. Sandra Macintyre: 0428 976 242 Email: nutcundera@bigpond.com

William Angliss Lunch will be on Wednesday 15 May, 2024. Further details will be provided by invitation closer to the date.

The Morongo Old Collegians Luncheon at The Geelong College will be on Saturday 26 October 2024 in the Dining Hall. Further details from Sally Sadler Advancement Coordinator.

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

The 11th Annual Golf/Lunch Reunion at The Barwon Heads Golf Club will be in October 2024. An invitation will be emailed with all the details in late August. All enquiries to Jo Burton

Email: jojbarton@bigpond.com

Reunion - 50 Years in 2005



Back Row – Left-right: Jill Morgan (Hazeldine), Marieta Jones (Moir), Diane Morrison (Hill), Pam Hopper (Hawker), Bette English (Arnoldt), Margaret Giddings (Carmichael), Lorrie Lawrence (Wood), Jancis Dennis (Russell), Robin Storey (McClennan).

Centre Row – Left-right: Dawn Weston (Loughridge), Kay Middleton (Stallard), Pat Nosworthy (Tymms), Rose Sinclair (Holt), Robin Purdy (Urquhart), Marlene Ryan (Metherall), Elaine Wood, Lyn Hope (Townsend).

Front Row – Left-right: Rhonda Daish (Goodwin), Merran Hall (Urquhart), Faye Lee (Poole), Judy Dowling (Eagles), Judy Williams (Lindsay).

The Bones

AUTHOR - KATRINA WATSON

MOC Y10 1969

Katrina debut novel is called, The Bones. While it's a work of fiction, it is based on a shameful part of history and tells the tale of Shelley Conway, a bolshy, outspoken medical student in the 1970s. In those days, every medical student had to purchase a box of human bones - one half of the body, plus the skull. Shelley was horrified to observe that nobody ever asked where the bones came from. In fact the Dean said, if she took any more interest, she'd be expelled from the medical course.

Shelley took a lot of interest, and travelled to India to find out about the bones - and what she discovered was more shocking than she'd ever imagined.

Katrina Watson has retired from medicine due to ill-health. Her book is a political drama with elements of social justice, trauma, humanity and even, humour.

'I've always loved writing, ever since I was co-editor of The Lucernian! My aim was to shine some light in a dark place,' she says. Her book is available in bookshops and online.

Sint Lucernae Ardentes!

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PLACE.'**

– KATRINA WATSON



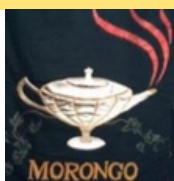
For Morongo Old Collegians who use Facebook, we encourage you to join the Morongo PGC Social Community. This Community Group is filled with news and updates from many young and old collegians and teachers.



Morongo PGC Social Community

Public group · 602 members

Join Group



Merry Christmas e-newsletter

Welcome to the Christmas edition of **The Morongo**. With the 'silly season' upon us and the year drawing to a close, there is a focus on social opportunities and connections. And while our social and family groups might differ in size and quality, the diversity of these relationships helps create our sense of belonging; and this builds our feelings of being valued, cared for and supported. I was reminded of this as I reviewed my notes taken during Wendy Holdenson's recent speech at the Morongo Lunch. Wendy's reflection on her 11 years at Morongo reminded me that education is not just about

academics; what we also got at Morongo was an opportunity to be part of a community that would support us to do . . . just about anything. Our Morongo community of women remains diverse, warm, strong, intergenerational and inclusive. This is remarkable, given we no longer have a School! The social connectedness of our Morongo family should provide us with a longer life, better health and improved well-being. In this spirit of connectedness, I have been invited to be the new Morongo representative on the Old Geelong Collegians Committee - and have accepted.

Keep sending me your news, dates for reunions, photos and reports. I am enjoying reading the obituaries of Morongo women who are no longer with us - and their stories are inspiring. Our next edition will be June/July 2024. Please also share our Newsletter with your Morongo friends and family. 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. Merry Christmas to you all and enjoy the holiday season.
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