President’s Annual Report 2012

I am pleased to present to you the Annual Report of the St Mary's Old Girls' Association for 2012 and note that it marks 87 years since the inception of the Association in 1925. I extend to all present a warm welcome and thank you for your continuing support of the Old Girls’ Association.

In particular, to our Patrons, the former Principal of St Mary’s, Mrs Audrey Jackson and our current Principal Mrs Lynne Thomson, we thank you for your continued support of our Association.

Over the previous 2 years we have celebrated the 85th anniversary of the OGA (2010) and the 90th Birthday of the school (2011). 2012, whilst having no significant milestones to mark, was a very busy year for OGA events.

Once again we held Old Girls’ Day on the school’s birthday on 14 September which included a chapel service, tour of the new Elizabeth Myles Library and lunch.

A visit to St Mary’s Metricup: The Lady Treatt Centre for Learning and Leadership in October was keenly received by a mix of Old Girls from Perth and locally based. After morning tea and a tour of the property, including the newly finished eco-tents, a lovely lunch in the dining hall was enjoyed. It is intended to hold this event every two years.

Our networking functions have continued to grow in size and we are now holding two a year. Elizabeth Carr (’81) and past OGA President Bronwyn Barnes (Cooper ’84) were the speakers for the May event hosted by Deloitte, thanks to Erin Wilberforce (’86) with the topic of ‘Women on Boards’. Andrea Tonkin (Clafton ’78) was the guest speaker at the October event giving her story and tips on changing careers. Thanks to Jo Woodfield (’83) and WRAYS for hosting.
The school hosted an Old Girls and Grand Belles Art and Champagne Reception in September and Old Girls attended the official opening and formal dedication of the new Elizabeth Myles Library in August. The Lady of Our Winter Service to celebrate the Festival Day of St Mary was held at St George’s Cathedral where St Mary’s Chorale sang.

Mrs Thomson hosted breakfasts in London and New York for Old Girls as well as a dinner in Singapore and these are wonderful opportunities for our members to maintain their link to the School.

The Association and generous Old Girls continued the tradition of offering scholarships and prizes in 2012. The Marlene Carter Scholarship for a student entering Year 8 in 2013 was awarded to Ella Moore, daughter of Lissa-Jane Manolos (’77). The Ethel Beaton Scholarship for Year 11 in 2013 and Year 12 in 2014 was awarded to Tayla Hepburn, daughter of Amanda Hepburn (Wilhelm ’85). The Jane Gillon Arts Award for 2013 was awarded to Lily Toomey. The OGA Citizenship Prize was presented to Stephanie Gibson and Tayla Tombides at Speech Night and in the Junior School, the Diane Porter Citizenship Prize was awarded to Cassie Ryan. Emily Jasper (’08) and Vanessa van der Linden (’03) were the winners of the Esmée Byatt Scholarship for Medicine.

Old Girls once again were active in supporting various school activities as coaches and umpires, participating in the old girls relays at interschool carnivals and as guest speakers at assemblies. Jemma Sadler (’98) from Wongon Hills delivered the address at Speech Night and spoke passionately about farming and her journey from school.

Young Old Girls were again guest speakers at the New Parent dinners and their poise and confidence is credit to them, their families and the school. Their praise outlining what an education at St Mary’s had provided them was inspiring and reassuring for parents just beginning their St Mary’s experience.
During 2012, members of our Association competed in the Pleiades Over 40s Tennis tournament and our golfers competed in the Combined Independent Girls’ Schools Golf Day. Thanks are extended to Penny Chellew (Devine ’70) and Helen Walker (Graham ’61) for organising our tennis and golf teams respectively.

Necia Drazevic represented the OGA on the Parent’s Society in 2012. The Parent’s Society continued its annual tradition of ensuring that its contribution to the school in 2012 was significant. Once again they sponsored the highly successful and popular annual Sundowner. This year it was poolside and as always, the occasion was a great way for the St Mary’s community to start the 2013 school year. It was extremely well attended by both new and existing parents, with well over 900 present on the night.

I represented the Ladies Auxiliary which also gave generously to the school including raising money to assist funding various projects throughout the school.

Facebook now has over 1500 members and continues to be a network for distributing information regarding both school and OGA events. It is predominately used by the OGA to disseminate information with occasional queries raised by members. It is encouraging to see that Old Girls are now beginning to use the site to promote their businesses and other information relevant to members.

OGA E-news is distributed each term and has been an excellent medium for distributing updates on the activities of the Association to members. I would like to thank the school for the provision of continuing support of the Association that allows us to continue to expand our services and communications to members. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Linzey Allinson. She is always available to help in any capacity and has been an invaluable help this year to me and other committee members.
The website, www.stmarys.wa.edu.au/oga continues to be updated and now contains information about OGA events as well as school functions that may be of interest to Old Girls. It also contains information regarding scholarships and awards offered by the Association, details of committee members and how to update your details.

Fideliter is published in June and December and profiles Old Girls in a variety of professions, promotes past and future events, shares news and includes direct communications from the President to all members.

Reverend Gerry’s ongoing Christian pastoral care and Christian education both in the school and Chapel services, has continued to be an important part of the life of the students and the community of St Mary’s. Once again Reverend Joyce, now an OGA Committee member, helped in this capacity and we highly value their contributions.

It was with sadness that we reported the passing of the following members during 2012.

Julie Kite 1998
Christine Bagster 1938 (Neale)
Elizabeth Watkins 2004
Gwen Atkinson 1932 (Snook)
Jennifer Ballantyne 1972
Joy Ion 1945 (Campbell)
Barbara Campbell 1949 (Germon)
Mavis Milne 1927 (Lohoar)
Kirrily Anderson 1987 (Pearce)

After many comments to the committee and debate on our facebook page regarding the descriptor “Old Girls” the committee decided to formally canvass the membership with regard to a potential name change, giving all members the opportunity to
comment which included a written and online survey. The overwhelming majority were in favour of keeping the name and this will be advised to the membership via e-news, Fideliter and facebook.

I would like to sincerely thank the members of the 2012 committee who have, as has been the case for many years now, enthusiastically undertaken tasks and roles so that the workload is spread evenly between us all.

I thank Amy Dawson for her support in the role of Vice President and the increasingly large job of attending to Communications, including the OGA Facebook page, E-news and Fideliter items.

Thanks to Bree Buxton, as Honorary Treasurer, for ensuring that our finances are well managed and for her role as Reunions co-ordinator. Bree has continued to represent the Association on the Board of Management of the St Mary’s Foundation and her contributions are valued and appreciated.

Thank you to Necia Drazevic for keeping Minutes of our meetings and ensuring accurate recording and maintenance of these valuable records. Other committee members I would like to recognise this year are Katy Keddie, for her valuable contribution as Events Co-ordinator, Marg Jago for undertaking the role of Chapel Liaison and Shelley Civitico for dealing with Life Membership applications and sales of memorabilia. Although taking on other roles within the school community, Jane Gillon has stepped in and helped whenever it was needed and I thank her for her knowledge and advice.

The OGA values its role on the Board of Governors and appreciates being included in the continuing development of the School. The Board position is held by the President of the OGA and I was honoured to represent the Association in 2012.
The Pleiades Association held its annual meeting between the past students’ committees of PLC, PC, St Hilda’s, MLC, Santa Maria, Penrhos and St Mary’s. At this meeting, we share ideas with one another, work together to help our associations be relevant to our members and ensure we remain an integral part of our school communities. St Mary’s will be the host school for 2013.

One of the highlights of the School year is the annual Valedictory Chapel Service and Dinner which is a wonderful opportunity to welcome our newest members of the Association. Each girl received a silver fleur de lis charm and chain, a membership badge and Life Member certificate. Sincere thanks to the St Mary’s Foundation for generously joining all Year 12 Leavers as financial members of the Association. This year the formal dinner was held in Hearn Hall and it was a lovely evening for the Class of 2012 and their parents to reminisce over their school years.

The Association values its close relationship with the School and our sincere thanks are once again extended to the Principal, Mrs Lynne Thomson, whose support of the Association is unwavering. Whether it is entertaining Old Girls at dinner in other states or countries or meeting with Old Girls who visit the School, Lynne’s welcome to them is vital to ensure they feel that they have a valued place in the life of St Mary’s.

Special thanks to Linda Gracias, for her willing assistance in the many tasks she completes on our behalf.

Our sincere thanks are extended to our Honorary Auditor, Shirley Godfrey.

Once again I commend the committee for their hard work and I appreciate the support shown to me in my first year as President.
Mission Statement

St Mary’s Old Girls’ Association is committed to serving the interests of our current and future members and St Mary’s Anglican Girls School.

We will endeavor to foster long term associations with the School by providing opportunities for Old Girls to renew their school friendships through invitations to return to school for community events.

We will endeavor to ensure the values and traditions of St Mary's are considered and respected while supporting the Principal and Board of Governors as they chart the future of the School.
Patrons
Lady H. Wardle (Deceased)
Mrs A. Jackson
Mrs L. Thomson

Honorary Life Members

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*Deceased
Honorary Members for Life

Mrs Audrey Jackson  (Principal 1983-1997)  2006
Mrs Lynne Thomson   (Principal 1997- )    2006

2012 Committee

President          Jane Crisp
Vice President     Amy Dawson
Treasurer          Bree Buxton
Secretary          Necia Drazevic
Committee          Bronwyn Barnes
                    Jane Gillon
                    Robin Moran
                    Margaret Jago
                    Julie Martin
                    Shelley Civitico
                    Hannah Jago
                    Andrea Sassella
                    Katy Keddie
                    Marnie Marsden-Post
                    Kelly Strahan
                    Joyce Polson
Areas of Responsibility

Board of Governors      Jane Crisp
Foundation             Bree Buxton
Communications         Amy Dawson
Events                 Katy Keddie
Chapel                 Margaret Jago
Parents’ Society        Necia Drazevic
Ladies’ Auxiliary      Jane Crisp
Fleur de Lis            Shelley Civitico
New Members            Shelley Civitico
Reunions               Bree Buxton

Committee Members CV

Name: Jane Crisp
Maiden Name: Cyprian
Class of: 1981
OGA Positions
2008       Committee
2009       New Members, Fleur De Lis
2010-11    Vice President, New Members, Fleur De Lis, Ladies Auxiliary,
2012       President, Board of Governors’ Representative, Ladies Auxiliary
Name: Amy Dawson  
Maiden Name: Fraser  
Class of: 1994  
OGA Positions:
  2011  OGA School Fair Representative  
  2012  Vice President, Communications

Name: Necia Drazevic  
Maiden Name: Moffet  
Class of: 1987  
OGA Positions:
  2008  Committee  
  2009  Vice President  
  2010-11  Secretary; Chapel Liaison Officer  
  2012  Secretary, Parents Society Rep

Name: Bree Buxton  
Maiden Name: Buxton  
Class of: 1998  
OGA Positions:  
  1999  Committee  
  2002-06  New Members  
  2007-12  Treasurer, Foundation Board of Management

Name: Jane Gillon  
Maiden Name: Fisher  
Class of: 1970  
OGA Positions:  
  1988  Committee  
  1988-96  Parents’ Society Representative  
  1990-98  Vice President  
  1996-98  Foundation Representative  
  1999-06  President and Board of Governors Representative  
  2007-08  Committee  
  2009  President and Board of Governors Representative  
  2010-11  Communications Officer  
  2012  Committee
Name: Bronwyn Barnes  
Maiden Name: Cooper  
Class of: 1984  
OGA Positions  
2008 Committee,  
2009 Secretary; Strategic Planning  
2010-11 President  
2010-11 Board of Governors’ Representative  
2012 Networking Representative

Name: Hannah Jago  
Class of: 2007  
2008-09 Committee  
2010 Assistant Chapel Liaison Officer  
2011 Chapel Liaison  
2012 Committee

Name: Julie Martin  
Maiden Name: Huxtable  
Class of: 1973  
OGA Positions:  
2000 Committee  
2002-06 Parents’ Society Representative  
2005-06 Ladies’ Auxiliary Representative  
2007-08 Secretary  
2009-12 Committee

Name: Margaret Jago  
Maiden Name: Parker  
Class of: 1972  
OGA Positions:  
2002 Committee  
2003-06 Secretary  
2007 Vice President, Ladies Auxiliary, Parents Society  
2008-11 Committee  
2012 Chapel Representative

Name: Shelley Civitico  
Maiden Name: Robson  
Class of: 1973  
OGA Positions:  
2003-06 Committee  
2007-09 Ladies Auxiliary and Parents Society Representative  
2010-11 Committee  
2012 New members and Fleur de lis
Name: Robin Moran
Maiden Name: Cunningham
Class of: 1968
OGA Positions:
1996 Committee
1996-01 Parents’ Society Rep
1999-04 Year 12 Scrolls
1999-05 Life Membership Certificates
1999-06 Vice President
2007-12 Committee

Name: Katy Keddie
Maiden Name: Knowles
Class of: 1994
OGA Positions:
2010-12 Events Coordinator

Name: Andrea Sassella
Class of: 1998
OGA Positions:
2012 Committee

Name: Marnie Marsden-Post
Class of: 1985
OGA Positions
2011-12 Committee

Name: Joyce Polson
OGA Positions
2012 Committee
The Ethel Beaton Old Girls’ Association Scholarship

1988/89  Elizabeth Hewton
1989/90  Angela Hywood
1990/91  Jennifer Randell
1991/92  Felicity Walker
1992/93  Simone Considine
1993/94  Amy Clare Williamson
1994/95  Philippa Sutherland and Chelsea Peake
1995/96  Kari Moran
1996/97  Kathleen Winter
1997/98  Fiona Leverington
1998/99  Emma Withnell
1999/2000  Lauren Martin
2000/01  Kate Riseborough
2001/02  Anna Johnson
2002/03  Caitlin Syme
2003/4  Penelope Fox-Slater
2004 (Year 11)  Natasha Borshoff - shared
2005 (Year 12)  Lara Taylor - shared
2005/6  Laura Wilson
2006/7  Lucie Buchanan
2007/08  Emily Jasper
2008/09  Emily Pendlebury
2009/10  Ellen Paterniti
2010/11  Teagan Gmeiner
2011/12  Melanie Stott
2012/13  Jessica Ryall
2013/14  Tayla Hepburn

The Marlene Carter Old Girls’ Association Scholarship

2005  Sarah Crisp
2006  Mia van Kann
2007  Monyika Beeson
2008  Melanie Stott
2009  Jessica Ryall
2010  Alexandra Hodge
2011  Jasmine Hancock
2012  Sarah Barber
2013  Ella Moore
The Jane Gillon Arts Award

2009    Isabelle Davidson and Clare Woolfrey
2010    Alex Malone and Jessica Witt
2011    Olivia Tartaglia
2012    Emily Mason
2013    Lily Toomey

The OGA Citizenship Prize 2012

Stephanie Gibson and Tayla Tombides

The Diane Porter Junior School Prize 2012

Cassie Ryan