Women of Distinction

Networking event - *Climbing the Ladder*

Guest Speakers
Ms Elizabeth Carr and Ms Bronwyn Barnes

Thursday 3 May 2012

7.15am for a 7.30am start (conclusion 8.45am)

Hosted by Deloitte
240 St Georges Terrace, Perth

$20.00 per person*

Tickets may be purchased online at http://www.trybooking.com/BEVP or http://www.trybooking.com/20841

*Includes breakfast and an additional $0.30 booking fee will apply. Cancellations to this event are required 7 days prior to the event. Cancellations received prior to this will be entitled to a full refund. Cancellations within 7 days of the event will not be entitled to a refund, however, bookings may be transferred to another guest.
Women of Distinction Programme - Guest Speakers

The Women of Distinction Programme aims to foster opportunities for women to grow their networks, seeks to encourage a lifetime approach to excellence and promotes worthy contributions to society.

The objective of WoD is to create a forum where OGA members can engage in valuable and meaningful learning and networking opportunities.

The St Mary’s OGA would like to invite you to attend the Women of Distinction Event featuring two of the St Mary’s Anglican Girls’ School Board of Governors members:

Bronwyn Barnes (Cooper, ‘84)

Bronwyn Barnes (Cooper, ‘84) is the current President of the OGA. She has been a member of the OGA Committee for a number of years and was Secretary for the Committee since 2009. Bronwyn is mother to Stephanie Barnes (‘05) and Sienna Barnes (Year 8), and is also a member of the Board of Governors at the school.

With over 15 years experience in the resources sector Bronwyn is currently the Manager – Strategy and Relationships (Australia) and Directeur Général Adjoint (Guinea) for Alliance Mining Commodities, an international private mining company developing the $600 Million Koumbia Bauxite Project in Guinea, West Africa. In addition Bronwyn is an independent director of the Geraldton Fisheries Co-operative and the Martu People’s Trust and is a Member of the Advisory Council for Curtin University’s Graduate School of Business and a Committee Member of The 500 Club.

Elizabeth Carr (‘81)

Elizabeth Carr (‘81) was the OGA’s Woman of Distinction - Career in 2010. Elizabeth’s journey has taken her from Perth to NSW to Harvard University and then to private consultancy in Washington before returning once again to Australia.

Elizabeth’s roles have included e-Business Manager at IBM, COO of eDivision at Macquarie Bank and later a Lead Strategist for the Investment Bank, as well as roles within the public service including the Executive Director at the WA Department State Development for the Browse LNG project. She is currently a non-Executive Director and consultant for Public-Private Partnerships.

Believing that no activity - or life - can occur in isolation, she has also been an active contributor to the not-for-profit sector. Elizabeth has held and currently holds board positions with the Macular Degeneration Foundation, Kambala Girls School Council, Kokoda Track Foundation, and - as a full circle - is also a member of the St Mary’s Board of Governors.
Congratulations to the Class of 2011

Congratulations to our newest OGA members on their exceptional WACE results. Three St Mary’s students achieved general exhibitions for finishing in the top 40 in the state. The great results were a testament to the hard work of the students of 2011.

Thisuri Jayawardena (pictured right) who won the Course Exhibitions for Chemistry and Economics, achieved a perfect score of 99.95 and was the top female in Western Australia. Thisuri received an assured pathway to Medicine at the University of Western Australia and a Fogarty Foundation Scholarship, as well as offers with scholarships to Monash University, the University of Queensland, University of Melbourne and the University of Sydney.

Libby Weeda (pictured left) also received a Fogarty Scholarship with an assured pathway to Medicine, and Emily Twigger (pictured middle) received the Course Exhibition for Modern History and has been offered a place in the highly selective Bachelor of Philosophy course at the University of Western Australia.

As well as four Course Exhibitions (Modern History, Chemistry, Economics and Italian), 22 students received Certificates of Distinction and 25 students received Certificates of Excellence.

St Mary’s is delighted to welcome 37 new students into the 400 Club (four subject average over 78.4%) and welcomed back many of these girls at a special assembly on 1 February to celebrate the class of 2011’s exceptional results.

Did you know there is a St Mary’s Old Girls’ group on Facebook? The ‘St Mary’s Old Girls’ group already has over 1400 members and we encourage you to join them.

Did you know there is a St Mary’s alumni group on LinkedIn? LinkedIn is the world’s largest professional network. Why not join and connect with the St Mary’s Old Girls’ network?

If you did not receive the December 2011 Fideliter then we do not have your current address. Please forward your address to us at oga@stmarys.wa.edu.au or complete the ‘Update Your Details’ form at www.stmarys.wa.edu.au/oga

June 2012 Fideliter

Please update your details on the St Mary’s website to have your news published in the June 2012 edition of the Fideliter.

Photos can be emailed to oga@stmarys.wa.edu.au.
1961 Reunion

26 Leavers attended the 1961 Leavers Reunion Lunch, which was held at the Cottesloe Golf Club on Friday November 25th. Everyone enjoyed the food, wine and fellowship, and an oration about our Headmistress, Mrs McDonald, who was a great advocate for the school’s move from West Perth to Karrinyup in the 1960s.

This was very forward thinking and of course has been very successful. We agreed the next reunion should be in 5 years time.

2011 Speech Night

St Mary’s was proud to welcome President of the OGA and member of the Board of Governors, Bronwyn Barnes (Cooper ‘84) as the guest speaker at the 2011 Speech Night.

Bronwyn recounted her time at St Mary’s and detailed some of the key pieces of advice she has received, and lessons learnt during her life, which proved very engaging for the students and parents in attendance on the night. These messages were: do what it is that you love and you will never work a day in your life; desperation can often spur success; learn to trust your instincts and to maintain your networks.

By sticking to these principles, Bronwyn has succeeded in many ways, from becoming a successful businesswomen, currently working in a senior role on a $600 million bauxite mining project, to completing a solo crossing of the Cocos Islands Channel.

Bronwyn also explained to the students, and in particular the graduating Year 12s that each day she sees ordinary people doing extraordinary things and knows that everyone has the potential inside them to achieve extraordinary things.

New Members Welcomed at Valedictory

Since 1996 the school Foundation has been providing all graduates with membership into the Old Girls’ Association and the OGA is proud to welcome its newest members, the Class of 2011.

We hope these graduates will continue their relationship with the school through the Old Girls’ Association. Information is available on the school website about how Old Girls can stay involved after their leave the school.

Spread the Word

Please help us to grow our email database by forwarding this newsletter to your friends or, if you receive this via a friend, please visit www.stmarys.wa.edu.au/oga and register your email details.

All the latest news is posted on the OGA website, so visit our pages regularly and stay connected.

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**EVENTS AND REUNIONS**

For further information please visit www.stmarys.wa.edu.au/oga

### Overseas Old Girls

Calling Old Girls overseas! Please contact oga@stmarys.wa.edu.au if you would be interested in helping to organise a reunion with others living in your area.

### Women of Distinction Networking Breakfast

Thursday 3 May, 7.15 - 8.45am
Deloitte, 240 St Georges Terrace, Perth
$20.00 per person
See the front page of the E-News for further details

### Old Girls Day Chapel Service

Friday 14 September
Chapel of St Mary, St Mary’s Anglican Girl’s School

### OGA Country Luncheon

Sunday 28 October

### North West Expo

Lynne Thomson will be attending the North West Expo once again in early May. Invitations to a morning function will be sent out later in the year. Please email oga@stmarys.wa.edu.au if you would like us to ensure you are on the list.

### 2012 Class Reunions

#### Class of 1972
A Reunion is being organised by Judy Wilson. Please keep checking the OGA website for more details.

#### Class of 1992
Saturday 15 September, evening
Full details will be circulated later in the year
Contact: Alison Morgan (Beck), alisonmorgan@ozemail.com.au
Facebook Page: St Mary’s AGS 92 20 Year Reunion

#### Class of 2007
Members of the Class of 2007 have expressed interest in a five year reunion. If you would like to organise this, please contact the OGA.

### 2012 OGA Meetings

Are you a Life Member of the Association and would you like to contribute your expertise and energy to OGA activities?

To find out more about how you can play your part in the OGA please come along to the first meeting of the year or contact the President, Bronwyn Barnes (Cooper ’84) on bbarnes@iinet.net.au

**AGM and appointment of committee**
Wednesday 21 March
Tuesday 8 May
Tuesday 19 June

All meetings are held at 7.30pm, Seminar Room, Senior School Administration, St Mary’s.

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