

# Old Girls' Association



# Newsletter

Issue 2 – September 2016

## From the OGA President



Dear Members,

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter for 2016 where I look on with pride at the advances in our school and the growing interest taken by our past students, evident in the growing numbers attending reunions and OGA functions. This has been so pleasing for our hardworking OGA

Committee and staff members in the Development/Foundation office. The OGA, as part of the school community, regularly attends the stakeholder meetings, supports the Foundation through the Professional Women's Network Breakfasts with their very interesting speakers (all past student or current parents) and has representatives attend most school activities.

Now in its second year, the Past Student Awards allow any current or past student to nominate a past student for the Distinguished Past Student Award or for the Young Past Student of Distinction Award. This year, Professor Desley Deacon (Straker 1959) was awarded Distinguished Past Student and Nisha Srinivasan (2000) was named Young Past Student of Distinction. We were privileged to hear them speak of their years at school and where their careers have taken them at a dinner in the Arts Centre Foyer.

The St Margaret's Reunion Weekend was a huge success with many coming back to school for the first time since leaving and many more who had been absent for many years. This proved to be a great time of reminiscing and renewing old friendships, with much storytelling and a lot of laughter. The VIP Luncheon on the Monday following was very successful with a record number of those past their 60 year anniversary in attendance! Our OGA Chapel Service held on Sunday 24 July was also very well attended. Our thanks to Reverend Nicki College, our School Chaplain, along with Reverend Lee Gauld (Prentice 1966) for conducting the service; Lee Freeman and Jacky Garnsworthy for conducting the service; and Louise Balwin for

playing the organ. This was followed by morning tea and a tour of the school for those who wished to look at the wonderful changes. In July, our past students living, studying and working in the UK were fortunate to meet with the Principal, Ms Ros Curtis, and Head of Primary Mrs Angela Drysdale at a lovely cocktail party for the London Reunion. Thirty-two past students attended this function which goes to show St Margaret's Old Girls are represented all around the world. Ms Curtis also hosted Old Girls in New York earlier in the year for a reunion. It's been a wonderful year for reconnecting on a global scale.

We congratulate Mrs Annabelle Chaplain who was announced as St Margaret's Patron for 2016-17. With this year's theme being "With Integrity and Purpose", it was very fitting that Mrs Chaplain (1974), an Old Girl and Past Chair of School Council, was bestowed with this honour.

The Sisters have now moved to their new home at Symes Grove and we continue to remain in contact with them and, as usual, will meet with Mother Eunice, Sister Gillian and Sister Sandra later in the year for our afternoon tea and to say thank you for their continued support.

Our association has two important dates to complete 2016; our OGA Brunch on Sunday 23 October and our Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 29 November. I do appeal to you all to support both of these functions as they are important to your OGA Committee, our association and our school. Do not hesitate to contact me for any information you require about the Old Girls' Association or to give feedback on our functions or provide suggestions for activities. Why not consider attending our Annual General Meeting and joining our committee; we are always looking for new ideas and fresh faces.

Thank you for your support during this busy year and I wish you all the best in the future.

**Janice Moody**  
President

## From the Principal



395 students returned to the school for the three days of the St Margaret's reunion weekend, which included reunions for graduates of 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, and 2006; the Old Girls' chapel service and morning tea; and the VIP luncheon; so, there were lots of stories and catching up to do. I really enjoy these reunions as I learn more about the school itself, its history and its impact on the students. The reunion weekend was held only one week after I returned from sabbatical leave in the UK, where I held the London reunion with 32 attendees. What great events these are and it is heartening to see the connection our past students still have with the school and their interest in its plans for the future.

Approximately 18 months ago, St Margaret's produced its property master plan. A working party which includes me and school council members are currently working with architects to enact this plan with its focus on creating precincts, pedestrian spines and first class facilities. Our master plan is not just limited to the site in Ascot, but also to Windsor Park, the Rowing Shed and St Margaret's College.

We have a clear vision about what our students need and what the school campus should and will look like; this will, of course, bring about change to some existing facilities and their use, and the addition of new amenities in the school. As always, we remain focussed on providing the learning environment which allows us to promote what won't change – a steadfast commitment to the

school's values, mission and the philosophy of the Sisters of the Society of the Sacred Advent. One of the developments which is occurring this year is the construction of a students' café called M's next to the commercial-styled kitchen we recently built for our food technology and hospitality students in Avoca. The themed décor of M's is the history of the school and there will be a permanent timeline display of the history of St Margaret's since its beginning in 1895. I would like to thank the Old Girls' Association who have donated funds to this project for its generosity and commitment to the school.

A working party is also commencing work on developing a new Strategic Plan. The current plan Discover the Difference has served us well with our current goals of Academic Success; Empowering Young Women; Outstanding Staff; Broadening Horizons; Connecting Community and Inspiring Faith. However, it is time to reassess our commitment to these goals and to the strategies we are enabling to achieve our goals.

I hope that over the past four years of the current plan with our focus on Connecting Community, you would have seen us trying to interact more with you as Old Girls of the school as you are just as important to St Margaret's future as you were to its past. So, please do consider attending our events when you receive our invitations – you are always welcomed to any event organised by the school community.

**Ros Curtis**  
Principal

## History of the OGA

### Helpers wanted for the History of the OGA Project

The OGA is currently writing its history. In 1909, some Old Girls met for the purpose of forming an Old Girls' Association and so, in 1910, some rules and regulations were drawn up, office bearers elected and the *Eton High School Magazine* was created. The name of this magazine then became known as *The Link* – symbolic of its purpose to form a link between St Margaret's Old Girls and the present girls at the school. Over the years, the OGA has been very actively involved in the school and remains today a dynamic and important stakeholder in the school.

As part of this history project, the OGA has been reviewing all of the Link magazines to identify information, events, stories and photos in relation to the history of the association. Other documents and school publications are yet to be reviewed.

We welcome any Old Girls who may be interested in assisting with this project. We would also be pleased to hear from any present or past OGA committee members who would be interested in giving their memories of the OGA and their time on the committee.

If you would like more details on the project, or information on how you may be able to help, please contact Libby Black on mobile 0430 512 411 or email [libbyblack@iinet.net.au](mailto:libbyblack@iinet.net.au)

#### **Libby Black**

*Patron 2015-2016 and Past OGA President*



*Sister Alice and Miss Lyon at Community House*

# OGA Scholarship Winners (2016/17)

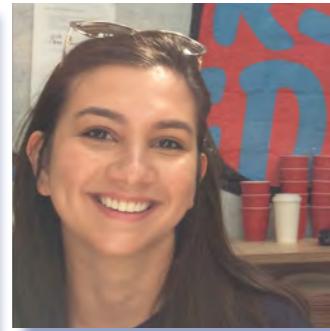
## Successful candidates for OGA Overseas Study Scholarships



**Dr Edwina Bolshinsky (Moore 1991–1999)**  
Post graduate: Clinical fellowship in Endocrine Surgery, The Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA. 9–12 months.



**Prudence Burnett (2006–2013)**  
Undergraduate: Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical), McGill University, Montreal, Canada. 4 months.



**Amany Cummins (2002–2013)**  
Undergraduate: Diploma of Languages, Exchange Program, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy. 1 semester.



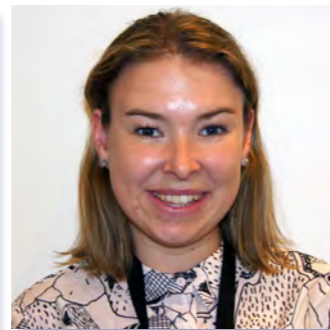
**Eliza Ferrier (2009–2013)**  
Undergraduate: Exchange Business, Bishop's University, Sherbrooke, QC, Canada. 6 months.



**Kate Goodfruit (2008–2014)**  
Undergraduate: Japanese Language and Culture Program, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan. 6 months.



**Isabelle Jones (2001–2013)**  
Undergraduate: Bachelor of Engineering (major in Civil Engineering, minor in Economics), University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California USA. 6 months.



**Georgina Papworth (2006–2011)**  
Undergraduate: Bachelor of Arts component of dual program and the Diploma in Languages, University of Lausanne, Switzerland. 1 semester.

## OGA Overseas Scholarship 2017 - 2018

Scholarships are available for St Margaret's past students wishing to study overseas. Application forms are available at the following [link](#) and are due by **Friday 23 June 2017**. The Overseas Study Scholarships provide funds of up to \$5,000 a year. Preference will be given to students studying at an overseas tertiary institution/university for one or more semesters. Candidates studying overseas but not at a university are also welcome to apply.

APPLY ONLINE [WWW.STMARGARETS.QLD.EDU.AU](http://WWW.STMARGARETS.QLD.EDU.AU)

## OGA Reunions

### 10YEAR REUNION (2006)



### 20YEAR REUNION (1996)



### 30YEAR REUNION (1986)



### 40YEAR REUNION (1976)



### 50YEAR REUNION (1966)



### 60YEAR REUNION (1956)



### VIP REUNION



# VIP Reunion



**LEFT TO RIGHT: Jill Cooper (Wright 1952), Rosemary Lakshman (Hert 1952), Barbara Sheppard (Leeson 1952)**

**LEFT: Betty Bromfield (1940), Isabel Larcombe (1943)**



Five OGA prize winners from the 1944 to 1954 who attended the 60 year + reunion.

**LEFT TO RIGHT: Barbara Main (Rylance 1952), Ruth Roubicek (Cameron 1949), June Copp (Laurie 1954), Dawn Jones (Rees 1944), and Helen Meredith (Wrench 1953)**

# Old Girls' Chapel Service



## From the Archives

### St Margaret's Out and About

For many decades, intrepid St Margaret's travellers have embarked on journeys throughout Australia and to scores of countries around the world.

Mrs Hartland organised the first interstate school trip, taking a group to Mt Koscuisko in 1928. Thirty-nine girls travelled by train, first to Sydney and then to the snowfields for their first experience of skiing and tobogganing. According to the trip report in *The Link*, one of the highlights was the presence of another group from The Southport School! That first snow trip was followed by visits to Mt Buffalo, Kiandra, Mt Buller and Smiggins. By the 1970s, Thredbo was the favoured destination and each year Miss Dyason accompanied a group of students to the slopes.

The tradition continues, with a group of our current students venturing to Queenstown to try their skills in the New Zealand snowfields in July this year. New Zealand first welcomed St Margaret's girls in 1974. Another group braved the New Zealand winter in 1979, but perhaps the most courageous was the 1992 trip which involved several days of cycling in the mountains of the South Island.

The first of many overseas experiences was a trip to Europe in 1969/70. Sister Jean-Marie and Sister Joan took a group on a whirlwind tour during the Christmas holidays. In a few short weeks they visited Italy, France, England, Spain and Greece, as well as brief stopovers in Singapore and Hong Kong. The trip started off very well – they were met at Singapore airport by an Old Girl with a contingent of her army father's soldiers to look after their luggage!

Today, our students have wonderful opportunities to explore outside the school gates, including music and sports tours, volunteer programs and school exchanges where they live and attend school in another country.

Do you have favourite memories of a school trip? Star City in Russia? Scuba diving in the Maldives? Trekking in Nepal? Cycling around Tasmania? We would love to hear them!

**Bronwyn Perry**  
School Archivist  
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# News of Old Girls



**Dr Hannah Gerti Krause (AO) (1985)** was awarded the Order of Australia, General Division, in the Queen's Birthday Honours this year. Her award was for distinguished service to medicine in the field of urology and gynaecology, particularly through surgical assistance to women throughout Asia and Africa.

It is with great pride we congratulate Hannah on receiving this award and wish her continued success in her field of medicine.



**LEFT TO RIGHT: Sally Kehoe (2003), Maddie Edmunds (2009), Brittany Elmslie (2011)**

**Clare Hogan (2009)** Graduated from QUT in Applied Science, majoring in biotechnology and microbiology. She went on to complete an honours research year in plant virology and disease resistance in bananas. After graduating with First Class Honours, Clare is now working at CTCB as a Research Assistant on disease and biofortification in legumes.

**Julia Whiting (2001, School Captain).** Julia studied a Bachelor of Arts at UQ, completing her degree 'on exchange' at La Sorbonne in Paris. Four years working in the finance industry in the bright lights of London followed, until, on making a move to Melbourne, Julia changed direction and found her passion – publishing. Julia's new career pathway commenced in book publishing in the domain of newspaper/online publishing. She is now based in Hong Kong where she works as the Regional Advertising Manager – APAC for the New York Times, generating revenue from advertising and content sales. She sees her role as promoting the publication of quality content including great ideas, stories and information accessible to readers worldwide.

**Janette Smith (1951)** has had her memoirs – *Confessions of a Home Grown Alien* – written by Helen Trinca and printed by Gleebooks. It included a chapter about St Margaret's and a tribute to the virtues of single sex girls schools.

**Annabelle Brayley (Ford 1972)** An author and speaker, Annabelle was the guest speaker at the fundraising High Tea during Exhibition Week. She spoke on the difficulties of educating country children through the School of Distance Education, particularly the lack of reliable telecommunications from early days to the present time. Many country and city Old Girls and parents took this opportunity to enjoy the occasion and exchange news while supporting children of Distance Education. Amanda Stein, Carla and Candice Roberts, Anne Muggleton (Schmidhauser), Janice Moody (Biddulph), former teacher Beverley Fox, our Principal, Ms Ros Curtis, St Aidan's Principal Ms Karen Spiller and many others enjoyed the occasion while realising the concerns of our country counterparts.

**RESIDENT OF ST MARGARET'S COLLEGE**  
**Eliza Goakes (2015)** Studying Religious Anthropology at UQ

**CONGRATULATION TO OUR OLYMPIANS:**  
**Sally Kehoe (2003)** three times Olympian. Double skulls, 3rd in B final.  
**Maddie Edmunds (2009)** made her Olympic debut in quad sculls.  
**Brittany Elmslie (2011)** in her second Olympics, swimming Gold in 4 X 100 Freestyle relay.  
**Bronte Barrett, (2006)** three times Olympian, 5th with a personal best in 200m Freestyle and Silver in the 4 X 200m Freestyle relay.

**WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS:**  
**Jacinta Edmunds (2011)** in Australian U32 Women's 8 and **Lily Alton-Trigg (2015)** in Australian Junior Women's Double Sculls.

**WORLD LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS:**  
**Pamela Hendry (2009)** travelled to the Netherlands in September for the World Life Saving Championships as Vice Captain of the Australian team. She was crowned World Champion in the 100m manikin carry with fins, with the Australian team placing second overall – a wonderful result.

**Helen Briton Wheeler (1959)** has launched her second book *Finding Felicity*, published by Horizon Publishing Group. Helen lived in Thailand for some time then worked as a journalist in Sydney before turning to fiction writing in her retirement. *Finding Felicity* is the story of a loving mother who rescues her daughter from a violent marriage. It can be found on the Horizon Publishing Group website.



# Remembering St Margaret's Old Girls

DECEASED LIST - St Margaret's PAST STUDENTS 2015 - 2016

NAME	SCHOOL SURNAME	ALUMNI YEAR
Hazel Swanwick	(Richardson)	1928
Margaret Clark-Dickson	(McCullagh)	1934
Diana Boydell	(Drysdale)	1937
Ethleen Burnett	(Burnett)	1941
Olga Whitehouse	(Carstens)	1942
Jesse Williamson	(Smith)	1945
Elaine Proctor	(McQuie)	1946
Sonia Ahearn	(Davies)	1947
Wendy Rudd	(Whatmore)	1949
Elaine Presswood	(Presswood)	1951
Pam Ayers	(Ayers)	1952
Jill Carpenter	(McGown)	1952
Pauline Douglas	(Netterfield)	1952
Nance Brennan	(Best)	1953
Lyndall Fyson	(Whiffen)	1953
Beverley Cruice	(Green)	1953
Shirley Cook	(Groundwater)	1954
Jocelyn Goodman	(Stevenson)	1955
Margaret Fetting	(Henri)	1956
Sue Goode	(Dick)	1963
Masie Campbell	(Humphrys)	1968
Chris Boettcher	(Boettcher)	1972
Kym Darrouzet	(Rogers)	1972
Janet Whitehead	(Fogg)	1973
Dianne Little	(Little)	1975
Helen Ross	(Pullos)	1977
Julia Crowe	(West)	1982
Helen Mary Daly	(Altmann)	1985
Amanda Minotti	(Irvine)	1993
Sarah Slater	(Slater)	1999
Jessica Warner	(Hohnke)	2001

# St Margaret's College, Ascot, Brisbane



## Unique women's residential college paves the way to success.

Young women pursuing tertiary studies in Brisbane in 2017 are invited to discover what Townsville resident Skye Paine is already experiencing – that St Margaret's College, a new residential college in Brisbane's inner north, is proving to be a gateway to opportunity.

In 2015, Skye and her family met with College Director Kylie Armstrong at the QUT Open Day, where they learned about this boutique college accommodation high on a hill in leafy Ascot, with views across the city, which provided a safe and supportive environment and offered a unique Student Success Program.

Skye, who is undertaking a double degree in a Bachelor of Business and a Bachelor of Journalism at the University of Queensland, said she chose St Margaret's College because she felt it offered her both the support and the inspiration she needed to succeed.

Having been at the college for one semester now, Skye revealed that in addition to the college programs, one of the best things about living there was the chance to form life-long friendships with girls from right around Australia.

"The greatest thing about living at St Margaret's College is the people you get to live with. You have the opportunity to establish solid friendships with an amazing bunch of girls," she said.

Skye also highlighted the benefits that came from the College's networking events. These events provide residents with the chance to connect with industry professionals in their chosen career field, providing great insight and valuable contacts.

Another advantage of living at the college Skye has enjoyed are the employment opportunities provided by St Margaret's Anglican Girls School, adjacent to the college.

"Being a St Margaret's College resident has already given me access to valuable employment opportunities at the school. I have worked part-time in the school library, student support services, and general reception, and I have just gained a paid internship within the school's marketing department. This incredible opportunity has provided me with the chance to utilise my business and journalism skills that I have gained from university, and apply these to real work-life situations," said Skye.

Other college residents have also been employed by St Margaret's, either in the boarding house, or as tutors or sports coaches.

"St Margaret's College has been a truly amazing opportunity for me. It is an experience that not only builds character, friendships and skills, but has provided me with the chance to become involved in College Committees, engage in employment opportunities and form life-long friendships."

For more information about the College, arrange a tour or to apply, go to their website [www.stmargaretscollege.com.au](http://www.stmargaretscollege.com.au) or call (07) 3862 0850.



## Upcoming Events

### PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S NETWORK

These events are designed to provide professional networking forums for past students, past and current parents, and all members of the wider community. Everyone is welcome. Event details are as follows:

**ACF**      **Friday 20 October**      **7:00am**  
Networking Breakfast  
with **Suzanne Collins**

### OGA BRUNCH

**ACF**      **Sunday 23 October**      **9:00am**  
with **Louise Gustafsson** and  
**Sue Thompson**

### OGA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Meeting Room, Mooloolumburram. All past students are most welcome to attend and we look forward to your involvement.

**MOO**      **Tuesday 29 November**      **7:15pm**

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# From the Director of Philanthropy & Stakeholder Engagement

It is always pleasing to witness the care and kindness people show towards one another during the coordination and organisation of the milestone St Margaret's reunions. Reunions are an opportunity to celebrate your childhood friendships, especially those that give you such a personal and indescribable feeling of knowing someone – even though you may have spent years apart. Whether it be 10 or 60 years ago, those school years, in reflection, were so carefree, full of excitement and, for some, were days when there were no worries in the world!



From the time the initial 'Save the Date' letter goes out around January, until the reunions themselves (hosted traditionally in July), there are many emails, phone calls and address updates across the seven months.

I often find it amusing to see what articles our dear friend Dr Google can present when researching 'tips on putting together a class reunion'. Even wikiHow has its own page, with eight easy to follow steps on how to organise a reunion – my favourite would have to be 'Don't ever underestimate the work involved in planning a reunion!'

Along with Jenelle Hobbs and Marisa Elder in the Development office, it certainly takes a team of people to assist in bringing the past students back to the school. Known affectionately as our "volunteers", Beverley Fox (Past Staff), Jan Moody (Biddulph, 1956), Anne Muggleton (Schmidhauser, 1956), Trish Barlow (Past Staff), Sheena Dyason (1951), Dawn Rees (Jones, 1944) and Suzette Purdy (1965) donated many hours on the phones researching and confirming new email addresses and contact details. These ladies are already abuzz with energy and working two days a week to locate past students for the 2017 reunions. We are so very fortunate at St Margaret's that our volunteers understand and appreciate the importance of keeping the Old Girls connected to the school.

The School Captains and OGA Prize Winners in 2016 were warmly welcomed to lead the way, with others also stepping in when plans and diaries clashed. It is hard to pin point what was a highlight across the weekend, but as the letters and emails of appreciation continue to come into our office – it's a fair indicator that these reunions are heartfelt and meaningful to all Old Girls.

With the same theme, but different medium, in 2016, closed Facebook pages were created by the reunion coordinators for the 10, 20 and 30 Year reunion groups. This was a new and modern way of connecting. It gave the past students a forum to share photos, write positive comments and encouraged discussions via social media. To give you some insight of numbers:-

2006	Number in cohort = 241	Number in the Closed Facebook Page (so far) = 145 members
1996	Number in cohort = 168	Number in the Closed Facebook Page (so far) = 115 members
1986	Number in cohort = 167	Number in the Closed Facebook Page (so far) = 110 members

#### Reunion Guest Attendance in 2016

2006 (10 Year)	55 guests	1986 (30 Year)	61 guests	1966 (50 Year)	39 guests
1996 (20 Year)	49 guests	1976 (40 Year)	34 guests	1956 (60 Year)	17 guests

**The VIP 60+ Reunion attracted 71 guests in 2016.** This was up 18 guests from 2015 – just remarkable! This very special event combines ladies from all cohorts who attended St Margaret's 60 or more years ago. We hope next year is just as successful and want to thank all of the ladies and their family members who assisted, in getting these most valued Old Girls to their VIP Reunion.

**Luanne Wishart**  
Director of Philanthropy & Stakeholder Engagement



#### SCHOOL REUNIONS 2017 – Remembering Your Leaders!

10 Year (2007)	20 Year (1997)	30 Year (1987)	40 Year (1977)	50 Year (1967)	60 Year (1957)
<b>School Captains</b>	<b>School Captains</b>	<b>School Captains</b>	<b>School Captains</b>	<b>School Captains</b>	<b>School Captain</b>
Michelle Lister Taryn Pieterse	Kate Juhasz Marie-Christine Sourris	Lisa Catsouils Sheridan Hume	Susan Houldsworth Kathryn Ritchie	Cynthia Shannon Susan Birtwell	Robyn Galloway
<b>Old Girls' Prize</b>	<b>Old Girls' Prize</b>	<b>Old Girls' Prize</b>	<b>Old Girls' Prize</b>	<b>Old Girls' Prize</b>	<b>Old Girls' Prize</b>
Georgina Elliott	Marie-Christine Sourris	Lisa Catsouils	Kathryn Ritchie	Cynthia Shannon	Robyn Galloway

#### For those approaching their milestone reunions in 2017, here's some tips for enjoying a great class reunion:

- Go with an attitude of having fun!
- Be yourself.
- Remember everyone will have changed. You're not alone.
- It's perfectly okay to not remember somebody – our memories all fade – that's why name tags were invented!
- Your happy energy is infectious – always a proud St Margaret's girl.







# St Margaret's Old Girls' Association Annual Brunch

SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER 2016 • 9.00AM TO 12 NOON

**Venue:** Arts Centre Foyer | St Margaret's Anglican Girls School

**Cost:** \$50 per adult / \$38 for students

**RSVP:** Friday 14 October 2016

## Guest Speakers:



**Associate Professor Louise Gustafsson (PhD, BOccThy(Hons)) (nee Bender, '87)**  
**Head of Occupational Therapy. University of Queensland**

Louise Gustafsson (nee Bender '87) graduated from The University of Queensland (UQ) in 1991, and began her career as a hospital-based occupational therapist in Queensland and in the United Kingdom. With an interest in advancing the knowledge of the profession, she began her PhD in 1999 and transitioned to an academic career at UQ in 2002. Now she is a national expert in stroke rehabilitation and recovery, and conducts research that aims to improve the lives of people living with stroke both during and after hospitalisation. Louise is also a member of the research team who developed "CarFreeMe", a program that supports older adults to maintain their lifestyle and well-being when they are no longer able to drive.

Her career as an occupational therapist, both clinical and academic, has provided many opportunities for growth and learning. Clients, colleagues, research participants, and students have taught her to never underestimate the human spirit, the importance of holding close to your own values and purpose, the power of partnership and inclusion, and finally the importance of self-compassion.



**Sue Thompson BAsc (nee Brumpton '74)**  
**Tales of a sunflower pathologist and Australian's beautiful sunflower industry**

Sue grew up on her family property 'St Kilda', between Roma and Injune, and boarded at St Margaret's from 1971 – 74. After graduating with an Agricultural Science degree from the then Queensland Agricultural College, Gatton (now UQ Gatton), Sue worked for CSIRO in Katherine, NT, then returned to Queensland and set up an agricultural R & D consultancy business in Emerald with her husband.

After becoming a single parent with three small children, Sue returned to work in Entomology at the Department of Primary Industries, Toowoomba. From 1993, she has worked in sunflower pathology and is now the only remaining specialist sunflower pathologist in Australia.

In 2014, Sue moved to the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba where she now works as a Research Fellow in the Centre for Crop Health, specialising in summer crops pathology research and extension as well as crop disease diagnostics. Along with this she is completing her PhD on sunflower pathogens.

## RSVP and Payment Details for the OGA Annual Brunch

Please RSVP with details of all attendees and any dietary requirements to  
Jan Moody President of the OGA or Anne Muggleton  
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Telephone: (07) 3268 6220 or 0418 758 403 Telephone: (07) 37208939 or 0429 629 446

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You must include your name in the reference option.

***Please note that your place is not confirmed until payment has been received.***

For any enquiries or alternative payment options,  
please contact Jan Moody as per the above contact details.