

**MINUTES FOR THE COMBINED OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION MEETING  
HELD AT  
STRATHCONA – TAY CREGGAN CAMPUS  
SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2002**

**Meeting opened at 2.00pm**

**1. WELCOME**- JO-ANNE ALBERT – OLD STRATHCONIANS' ASSOCIATION  
TO THOSE PRESENT:

- Camberwell Girls Grammar School
- Genazzano Alumni
- Ivanhoe Girls Old Grammarians Association
- Korovian Club
- Loreto Toorak Past Pupils Association
- Mentone Girls Grammar Old Girls Association
- Methodist Ladies College Old Collegians Club
- Old Fintonians Association
- Old Grammarians Society
- Old Ruytonians Association
- Old Strathconians Association
- PLC Old Collegians Association
- Presentation Convent Past Pupils Association
- St Catherine's Old Girls Association
- Toorak College Old Girls Association
- Kilvington Alumni Association
- Old Lauristonians Association

**2. APOLOGIES:**

- Morongo Old Collegians Association
- Clyde Old Girls Association
- Shelford Old Grammarians Association
- St Leonard's College

**3. MINUTES** of Meeting Held at Toorak College Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2001

Corrections: PLC **does** have volunteers in Archives  
Ivanhoe Girls Old Grammarians Assoc –re Website –the magazine  
**cannot** be accessed on the website

Moved - Marilyn Cummins –Presentation College, Seconded – Jill Griffiths –Toorak College

#### **4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

##### **ST CATHERINE'S OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION**

- **Does your Old Girls Association have its own crest?**

Majority of schools do have their own logo for their Alumni. Many have a badge with it which was given to Year 12 leavers. Gifts for YR 12 leavers included:

**Loreto** –Address Book

**Geelong Grammar** – looking at a ring with crest

**Genazzano** –key ring

Some schools give book marks

##### **OLD FINTONIANS' ASSOCIATION:**

- **Bullying: Can we as Old Girls help?**

There is an issue in the junior school over bullying and the parents concerned approached the Old Fintonians' Assoc to see what they could do. The Association wrote to the principal who replied it had been dealt with. Had any other alumni been approached on such an issue? No other groups had and meeting agreed that such issues go back to the principal and board.

- **Membership –Update on younger old girls.**

Generally most schools had 99% of leavers signing up, the problem is their participation. Most schools have automatic inclusion in Alumni.

**PLC:** Alumni fees incorporated into fees. Activities include Breakfast and Cocktails party with a speaker eg on superannuation. Questionnaire to fill out which provides useful information.(35-40 attend).

**Melbourne Girls' Grammar:** Younger members aren't keen to participate or are too busy. Set up "Networking Group" to help current students. Generally functions aren't well attended so they sent out a form to ask members what they want.

Leavers cocktails party early in the year at someone's home. Staff invited.

**Mentone Girls' Grammar:** They don't have a problem with younger people attending. They have 3-4 cocktails parties and a luncheon. Break the events up into groups of years. 1st Year reunion the Head Girl of the year has help from the Alumni to organise it. Part of the job description for the Head Girl is that they must attend Alumni.

**Loreto:** Hard to keep young ones interested.

**Ruyton:** Networking Functions every 2 years with speaker and cocktail party –big success. Year 12 leavers’ function is important as it sows seed for future participation. Alumni has to be seen to be of some worth and not just cups of tea. Girls need to have ownership of their membership and not just parents paying for it. Trying to set up “pods” in tertiary institutions as points of contacts. Mentoring program at beginning of year 12 to show how the alumni can help a girl in 1<sup>st</sup> year out. It is hard to make money on functions.

**Toorak College:** Leavers’ function is in February.

(Many schools had this function mid year and later for a better response)

**Strathcona:** Alumni funds paid on enrolment at school. Leavers used to get badge at final assembly, now at presentation night. Leavers’ cocktail party in November as there is more for them to talk about. Alumni presents the Careers Night in July with over 60 alumni speaking and offering work experience and email contact.

**Lauriston:** 1 and 5 year dinners –paid for by alumni -to sow seeds. Approached by teachers to become Old Girls and add to mentoring process.

**Fintona:** Old Fintonians Association (teachers) is linked to Alumni.

- **Fundraising: Any New Ideas?**

Many alumni raise funds for scholarships.

**Toorak:** Fundraise for Archives

**Loreto:** Fundraise to maintain home at Blairgowrie, boarding house equipment and scholarship. Contribute to India.

**MLC:** receive \$30-38,000 from compulsory membership therefore do not have to fundraise and functions cover costs. Various projects to pay for eg curtains in assembly hall.

**Korowa:** No fundraising

**St Catherine’s:** Invest their funds and contribute from interest.

**Strathcona:** Contributes interest back. Funds are held by School Finance Committee.

Comment: Fundraising with parents’ associations works well.

Comment: many schools had alumni representation on their school’s board.

Life membership fees:

**Ruyton** - \$200.00

**Korowa-** \$100.00

**MLC-** \$100.00

**Melbourne Girls Grammar** -\$175.00  
**Strathcona** -\$145.00

Comment: about half the schools have an alumni office with coordinator, some paid for by school and others paid by alumni.

### **PLC OLD COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION:**

- **How are Old Collegian groups handling communications?**

PLC is currently looking into "Communication Online Directory"

**Ruyton** is using "Potentiality" and "School Friends" website.

**MLC** has fantastic alumni website, advertise in the school magazine.

### **CAMBERWELL GIRLS' GRAMMAR:**

- **How do other Associations receive updated information on births, engagements, marriages and deaths? Is it word of mouth?**

Many schools use the fly sheets from the school magazine mailout.

**Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar:** Commented that the privacy act does cause concerns with gathering information. Must check all information is correct before printing.

Engagement details can cause problems.

### **IVANHOE GIRLS' GRAMMAR OLD GRAMMARIANS ASSOCIATION:**

- **Privacy Policy**

Volunteering Australia was very useful in helping them with the Privacy Act. Everyone needs a privacy policy within the next 6 months. Commonwealth Govt website is good and also worthwhile collecting other organisations policies. [rowenaarcher@bigpond.com](mailto:rowenaarcher@bigpond.com) is happy for people to contact her re privacy policy.

- **Sharing Old Grammarians Newsletters**

This used to happen and Rowena is happy to coordinate mailing lists for newsletter swaps.

- **Sharing Old Grammarians email addresses**

Ivanhoe has started up their own email address

### **OLD RUYTONIANS' ASSOCIATION:**

- **Fundraising – How to keep up with the boys?**

Suggested a speaker from a boy's school to impart some ideas on fundraising. Meeting decided no as it is so different. Had a speaker in the past.

**Lauriston** –trying to set up a bequest programme for the school.

### **TOORAK COLLEGE OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION:**

- **How many associations are incorporated?**

**Strathcona** has just unwound their association as there was great difficulty in fulfilling the various roles.

**Ruyton** is incorporated under the Ruyton Company and school does monthly statements for the alumni but they are still in control of their funds.

### **MLC:**

- **Sun Tennis Cup**; Need 10 teams to compete and this year didn't go ahead as there were not enough entries. If not enough next year it will fold. Held at Wesley, Glen Waverley, doubles. Next year's is on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2003.

**Lauriston:** Inter OGA Competition

**MLC:** Old girls kayak and rowing teams for example in masters competitions.

Should Girls Sports Victoria be a guest speaker next year as a way to attract younger members?

### **5. GENERAL BUSINESS:** Nil

- 6. FUTURE MEETINGS:** 2003 – Ivanhoe Girls Grammar  
2004 – Methodist Ladies College  
2005 – Korowa Anglican Girls School  
2006 – Ruyton Girls Grammar

Decided that Sunday is the best day to hold the meeting

**7. CONCLUSION:** Jo-Anne Albert thanked everyone and invited them to afternoon tea.

**Meeting Closed: 3.45pm**