

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**COMBINED OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION**  
**(COGA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD ON SUNDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2007**

**HELD:** St. Catherine's School, Sherren House – Ballroom

**TOUR OF  
ST. CATHERINES:** 1:00 pm

**MEETING  
COMMENCED:** 2:00 pm

**WELCOME:** Sylvia Walton AO – Acting Principal of St. Catherine's  
School  
Chair: Meg Begg, President of St. Catherine's Old Girls  
Association.

**PRESENT:**

Strathcona  
Lowther Hall Old Grammarians' Assoc.  
Toorak College Old Girls' Assoc.  
Mentone Girls' Grammar Old Girls' Club  
St. Catherine's Old Girls Assoc.  
Kilvington  
Ivanhoe Girls Grammar Old Grammarians  
Korovian Club  
St Leonard's Old Girls' Assoc.  
Genazzano  
Presentation College Windsor Past Pupils' Assoc.  
MLC Old Collegians' Club  
PLC Old Collegians' Assoc.  
Morongo Old Collegians  
Melbourne Girls Grammar School Old Grammarians' Society  
Fintona

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Nil

**MINUTES OF 2006**

**AGM MEETING:** Moved by Sally Cooper (Fintona) and Seconded by Wendy  
Fishley (PLC Old Coll Assoc.).

**BUSINESS ARISING:  
Interschool Tennis**

Jan from the Korovian Club reported on the Interschool Tennis Challenge Cup. Eight schools competed and Genazzano won defeating Toorak College OG Assoc. It was held at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club and followed by lunch in the Clubhouse. There was a presentation and trophy will be engraved and delivered to Genazzano. Financial Report is available. Contact Jayne Dance of the Korovian Club for details PH: 9500 8900 or [gdance@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gdance@bigpond.net.au)

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> April – and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2008 Meetings planned.

**SPEAKER**

**Guest Speaker: Mrs. Sylvia Walton AO, Acting Principal of St. Catherines**  
**Topic: Philanthropy and fund-raising within the private sector**

Sylvia gave us an insight into the Ardoch Foundation.

People give for various reasons. Some give because they want to give, some want to remain anonymous whilst others desire naming rights.

We have to accept that schools change and need fund-raising support.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

We discussed the following items and listed below is a brief summary.

**1. Format and frequency of reunions**

- \* Generally most schools hold reunions for first year school leavers and some for second year out as they have more to talk about - then held every 5 or 10 years.
- \* Most schools charge for reunions.
- \* Functions include luncheons, cocktail parties etc and held on/off site.
- \* Some schools send birthday cards to older members e.g. 80+
- \* Some schools have noticed an increase in attendance since September 11th.
- \* Most schools have year level representatives who assist with reunion organisation.
- \* Most schools have a newsletter advertising reunions and news of past students etc.

## **2. Terms of service for Old Girls' Committee members**

- Majority of school re-elect all comm. members each year at AGM
- Most schools have terms of office stated in Constitution – e.g. fixed term of 3 years for members. One school revised Constitution to add terms of office.
- Most schools have 12 or less on Committee.
- Some Presidents have 2/3/4 years in office
- Majority are incorporated.
- Head girls/captains act as ex-officio - then invited onto committee.

## **3. Events and activities of committees**

- \* Business networking breakfast – guest speaker. Give out business cards. Run this twice a year.
- \* Boarders reunions.
- \* Netball, rowing, tennis days etc.
- \* Some schools hold annual lunches and ask for donations to school.
- \* Raise funds for scholarships
- \* Xmas shop night, Car-boot sale
- \* Some old girls sponsor events
- \* Musical afternoons – old girls play instruments

### **How do you get members to join Associations?**

- Speak to Year 12s prior to departure
- Some schools invoice parents at time of enrolment or final year
- Life Membership

## **4. Unfinancial Members:** Very brief discussion took place.

**Venue for**     **2008 Meeting – Genazzano**  
                  **2009 Toorak College Old Girls' Assoc.**  
                  **2010 MLC Old Collegians' Club**

Meg thanked the Guest speaker and all those present for their attendance and invited them to remain for afternoon tea in the Drawing Room.

Meeting closed at 3:15 pm