



Cantabrian Girls Ex-Students' Association

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Dear Members,

As you are hopefully already aware, it is coming up to our exciting annual get together. This year, being a very special 40th Anniversary year we have organised a High Tea at the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club. On Sunday 24th September at \$55 per person, everyone is welcome including partners and friends. Make sure you pay on or before September 5 to enjoy a wonderful afternoon. We have organised for members of the Carlson Chorale to perform and have managed to gain amazing prizes for the raffle! I have included a brief introduction of Rosalind Carlson OAM below, who is the founder of the Chorale. Best of all though, we are especially excited just to spend some time and socialise with ex-Cantabrian Girls! See the attached flyer for all the details.

Don't delay in paying for this event, as numbers are limited, and you don't want to miss out.



Now to other matters. It has been a very busy couple of months since our last Newsletter. We were all very pleased to update our Constitution at the recent EGM.

All four amendments were ratified, and I would like to thank all the members who were able to make the meeting and to those who sent in their proxy form. Firstly, we have a new abbreviation to our Association: COGS [Cantabrian Old Girls]. We hope to update our

artwork soon to recognise this change, so look out for the new name next newsletter. Secondly, we have a new

category to our Association: 'Friends of COG'. Now you can ask any friend or family member who was not a student or teacher at Canterbury Girls' High School but is interested in the aims of the Association to join. The membership fee for a Friend would be the same as for a former student or staff member. So, if there is anyone you know who would like to help us continue to provide the Cantabrian Scholarship and to support our Association this is the time to get them to join us.



The final two amendments now allow the Association to run its meetings with a quorum of 10 and for any surplus monies to be used towards the scholarship, should we close. Needless to say, we have every hope that we will continue for at least another 40 years, and this starts with your support. We have already had many 'Friends of COG' join and our Association is indeed growing, but we continue to need everyone's support. This can be in any way that you are able. I know many cannot make our meetings or our annual function, but your membership contribution is the most vital part of ensuring the continuation of COG. We appreciate any form of support you are able to provide and would like to thank everyone who has maintained their membership.

We also saw several changes to our committee at the meeting. Two of our most dedicated committee members have decided to resign and continue as normal members. Marion Malins, who has been a member since 1991 and Beverley Lane who has been a member since 2004. Both have served tirelessly as committee member for over 10 years. Many of these years, Marion served as Treasurer and Bev as Secretary, along with other positions. They have always made themselves available to help with preparation of functions, interviewing of potential scholarship students and attending school assemblies.

Both have served our Association to an excellent standard and we are all very grateful for their hard work and dedication. We are very sad to be losing these amazing women from the Committee but are pleased they are



continuing to offer their help whenever required. Both can be seen here in red, at our recent meeting, always working for the best interest of our Association. Thank you, Bev and Marion.

Fortunately, Marilyn Abbey is staying with our committee. I mistakenly mentioned in our last newsletter, she wanted to step down. We are very pleased that she will continue to act as Vice President and welcome her continued assistance. My apologies for the incorrect information.



Some more exciting news, Rosalind Carlson OAM has graciously agreed to be a Patron of our Ex-Students' Association.

A graduate of the NSW Conservatorium of Music and Sydney Teachers' College, Rosalind has had a distinguished career as a teacher, composer, performer and conductor. She was a former music teacher at Canterbury Girls' High, and in 1972, founded the Carlson Chorale from former students at Canterbury and later Hornsby Girls' High. She is a represented composer of the Australian Music Centre, and her works appear on various music syllabuses. Welcome Ros! As mentioned earlier, members of the Carlson Chorale will be performing at our High Tea this September. Over the years they have won numerous awards and been involved in film and radio work. Although no longer active, many of us are very excited that they are making a special guest appearance at our function.



Before signing off, a reminder on how to become a new member or update your membership.

1. Email your current name, the years you were at CGHS and your name at school to our new treasurer, Gwen.r.ng@gmail.com

2. Transfer \$20 for 3 years' membership to: The account details are as follows:

BSB 611-100
A/C 100250522

Name of Account: Cantabrian Girls Ex-Students Association Reference

Ensure you state your full name and the year you left CGHS.

I look forward to seeing some of you at our upcoming High Tea.

Sincerely,

Kathie Burgess

Secretary

VALE Anne Williams who passed away March this year.

A long time member of the Association who left Canterbury Girls' 1969.

Condolences to all her family and friends.

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INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE VERY SPECIAL OCCASION OF OUR

40TH ANNIVERSARY

AT A FABULOUS
HIGH TEA

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2023 |
2.00PM - 4.00PM

\$55 per head

RYDE-EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB
117 RYEDALE RD, WEST RYDE
SEE REVERSE FOR BOOKING DETAILS
BE SURE TO BOOK BY 5TH SEPTEMBER

RAFFLE INCLUDES A \$500 GIFT VOUCHER FROM OUR MAJOR SPONSOR ROBERT CLIFF THE MASTER JEWELLER.

Special performance by members of the
Carlson Chorale with our Patron,
Rosalind Carlson OAM

THE ASSOCIATION
NEEDS AND VALUES
YOUR SUPPORT!

PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE BY
ELECTRONIC BANK TRANSFER TO:

ACCOUNT NAME:

CANTABRIAN GIRLS EX-STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

BSB: 611-100 ACCOUNT NO: 100 250 522

PLEASE PUT YOUR FULL NAME AS REFERENCE

ANY ENQUIRIES TO SECRETARY, KATHIE BURGESS
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0400844830

*DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET UP WITH
FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES
BRING YOURSELF, BRING YOUR PARTNER, BRING YOUR
FRIENDS.
ALL ARE WELCOME!*