



## Cantabrian Girls Ex-Students' Association

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### MARCH, 2019 Newsletter

**Diary Notes: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2019** Triennial Meeting at 2pm in the Cantabrian Hall.

Sue Holden has agreed to Chair the election of officers.

Also at this meeting Anita Saviane a member of our Association (left 1956) will be doing a presentation titled Holiday Snaps. This presentation is about Anita's underwater diving experiences at six different overseas venues.

**Saturday 7 September, 2019** – Short meeting followed by **High Tea**. **Please register your interest in this event by emailing or telephoning Carmen.**

**(Please bring a plate or an item for the raffle)**

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**Dear Members:** Firstly, a belated happy New Year to you all. Hopefully 2019 will be a successful year for our Association.

This meeting is our triennial meeting and all positions on the committee will be declared vacant. Our numbers at the meetings have been declining and unless we can generate more interest in the Association this may be its last three year term.

In October Marion and I interviewed eight students for our annual scholarship award. It was a particularly difficult decision once again and after much deliberation Saba Saleem was chosen. Saba is one of four children and she is hoping to do medicine after completing her HSC.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> October we held a tour of the school followed by a light luncheon. This event was very well attended with 125 ladies coming along. In fact we had to turn away a few more ladies who contacted us the day before the event. We made a profit of \$1,400 plus another \$500 from the sale of stock.

Bev Lane attended the Presentation Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> February and handed out the Dux Awards on behalf of the Association. Cindy Tran was Dux Year 12 for 2018.

At our last committee meeting it was suggested that we have a High Tea after a short General Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September. The matter is to be discussed at this meeting so please come along as we would appreciate input from our members and if you can't come to the meeting any suggestions you may have regarding this and the future direction of the Association can be made to any of the contact details above or below

Also, due to the declining membership and attendance at General Meetings, it has been proposed that the Constitution be amended to state that only one meeting be held each year. The amendment will allow the Association to call an additional meeting if required.

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**Motion:** To change Item 3 in the Constitution:

**That General Meetings shall be held at least once per year, the date and venue to be determined at a previous meeting.**

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Well here we go again, the start of a new year. I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2019 and I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

In December last I attended the School's Recognition Day where special awards are made to Year 7 -11 for academic, sports and attendance. I was very pleased to present the Cantabrian Scholarship plaque and certificate to Saba Saleem.

My congratulations to Coco Wang and Angela Wei for their HSC achievement of ATARs of 99.25 and 91.5 respectively. They were our joint 2016 Scholarship winners.

We have the Triennial Meeting next and this is an important one as we will need to elect the new committee for the next three years. At the tour of the school/luncheon held in October a number of ex- students showed interest in standing for a position on the committee and everyone there wanted the Association to continue. If we don't get some new blood in positions at this election in three years time we may not be able to continue. Please give it your earnest consideration.

At this point I would like to thank the existing committee for the dedication and hard work they have shown over many years. Without their enthusiasm we would not be financially so well off and interest would have faded.

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

**Merle Chalmers**