



ABBOTSLEIGH

Old Girls' Union Inc.

The Loom

ABBOTSLEIGH OLD GIRLS
NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING 2023 EVENTS



Monday 16 October

Application closing date for
2023 110th Anniversary Grant

Tuesday 17 October

AOGU Old Girls' vs Current
Girls Debate

Friday 3 November

AOUG Ladies' Golf Day

Wednesday 22 November

AOGU AGM

President's message

What a fabulous year we have had

Welcome to your 'new look' The Loom, your quarterly snapshot of events and notifications for Abbotsleigh Old Girls. Each issue will be a quick, one-stop place to find out about upcoming events and reunions, as well as important notifications. There are a few more events to round out the year, including next week's debate and our AGM towards the end of November (the AGM notice is attached above). If you are interested in any of the opportunities to represent Old Girls outlined below, such as Foundation or the AOGU Committee, or as Year Representatives, please do let us know.

News of Old Girl happenings will continue to be available via Around Abbotsleigh and the soon to be refreshed Abbotsleigh website – watch this space! Speaking of which, Around Abbotsleigh Issue 66 has just been released - find news predominantly about 2022 HERE. Another issue of Around Abbotsleigh focussing on 2023 is being worked on and we are seeking Old Girl news of births, weddings and remembrance, as well as any other Old Girl news. Submissions via reply email should be 250-300 words, accompanied by at least one good quality photograph and received by Friday 28 October.

The next two years are special ones at Abbotsleigh, with the Junior School's 70th Birthday in 2024 and Abbotsleigh's 140th Birthday the following year. There will be many opportunities to be on campus and we hope to see you at one of the special celebratory events. Wishing everyone a healthy and safe end to 2023, and joyous start to 2024.

Sarah Franks (1991)
President, AOGU

Old Girl appointments

The AOGU is delighted that Linda Ellis (Morris, 1990) has been appointed as the Chair Elect of the Council of Abbotsleigh. Given Old Girls' positive reactions following our July communication that Council was seeking nominations with a preference for a female and Old Girl, we are sure that Old Girls will also be rightly delighted to see Linda appointed. It is also very special to advise that for the first time the Chair of Abbotsleigh Foundation is also an Old Girl. Camilla Love (1996) was appointed in June this year, having been on Foundation for six years.

AOGU opportunities

The AOGU has some upcoming vacancies, with opportunities for AOGU Members to be part of our representatives. We are seeking interest for:

- AOGU Representative on Abbotsleigh Foundation (open role)
- AOGU Representative on Abbotsleigh Council (succession planning)
- AOGU Vice-President (open role)
- AOGU Treasurer (succession planning)
- AOGU Committee Members (open roles)

Should you be interested in any of these opportunities, please email

aogu.president@gmail.com

2023 Reunions

1983 LEAVERS' 40 YEAR REUNION

Saturday 21 October 2023

Firehouse Hotel, North Sydney

Narelle Fay (Armstrong)

RSVP HERE

1988 LEAVERS' 35 YEAR REUNION

Friday 20 October 2023

The Greenwood Hotel, North Sydney

Emma Joyce (Boston)

RSVP HERE

1993 LEAVERS' 30 YEAR REUNION

Saturday 11 November 2023

Manly 16ft Skiff Club, Manly

Gretel Sachs and Rhonda Kaan (Turner)

RSVP HERE

2003 LEAVERS' 20 YEAR REUNION

Saturday 4 November 2023

Tilbury Hotel, Woolloomooloo

Geraldine Nordfeldt

RSVP HERE

2013 LEAVERS' 10 YEAR REUNION

Saturday 21 October 2023

Fonda Mexican, Surry Hills

Julia MacDonald and Shannon Brass

RSVP HERE

2018 LEAVERS' 5 YEAR REUNION

Saturday 28 October 2023

The Oaks, Neutral Bay

Alex Vincent

RSVP HERE

Year Representative call out

We are currently forming an Old Girls Year Representative network to help the AOGU connect with Abbotsleigh Old Girls letting them know what the AOGU is up to and hearing back from our members about their expectations. If you would be interested in being your class's Year Representative and working with the AOGU to better connect the Old Girls community, please get in touch with Fiona Hobill Cole at aogu.secretary@gmail.com to learn more.

2024 Reunions

1964 LEAVERS' 60 YEAR REUNION

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October 2024

Susie Lyle (Craig), Anne Mitchell (Macfarlane) and Penny Stratton

Details to follow.

The following year groups have reunion organisers confirmed and details of the reunions will follow in 2024:

1969 LEAVERS' 55 YEAR REUNION

Meriel Barlow (Beale)

1974 LEAVERS' 50 YEAR REUNION

Annabelle Chapman (Davey)

1979 LEAVERS' 45 YEAR REUNION

Chrissy Balyussen (Block-Peterson), Fiona Robinson and Andrea Hunter

2009 LEAVERS' 15 YEAR REUNION

Alexandra Davis

2019 LEAVERS' 5 YEAR REUNION

Caitlin Oschadleus

Can you help?

We are looking for Old Girls who would be keen to organise a reunion in their regional area and would love to hear from you if you are interested. Please email the Old Girls Office at oldgirls@abbotsleigh.nsw.edu.au

Stay connected

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