



Epsom Girls Grammar School Old Girls Association (Inc)

Old Girls Association Policy on Obituaries

and Obituaries for the last Year as at 20 January 2017

We can no longer commit to including obituaries in the OGA newsletter unless space permits. Instead the Committee will endeavour to record obituaries of former students and staff on the website for a period of 12 months from the date of death. We can only record obituaries if we are notified of them by a relative or if we are able to verify information in a published death notice. We apologise in advance if we miss recording an obituary. To notify us of the passing of a former student or staff member please email us on oga@eggs.school.nz or phone Najira Khanam in the Development Office on Ph 970 6753. Obituaries on the website will record the name; maiden name; date passed away; years at School; and any other relevant information we are provided with.

Passed Away January 2017

Dr Gwyneth Marie Allison nee Hookings – died on 14 January 2017 in her 88th year. Gwyneth attended EGGs from 1942 to 1946. Gwyneth attended an Old Girls Association Dunedin reunion held at Balmac Restaurant and Café on 7 December 2012.

Rochelle Lynn Craig nee McNeil – died suddenly at Middlemore Hospital on 3 January 2017. Rochelle was the daughter of long serving EGGs staff member Linda McNeil (P.A. to the Principal at EGGs and Board of Trustees Secretary) and mother of Lachlan Craig who was an itinerant music teacher at EGGs. Rochelle was an accomplished dancer and dance teacher.

Passed Away December 2016

Barbara Anne, Lady Webb nee Griffin - died at North Shore on 11 December 2016. Barbara attended EGGs in 1935 and was the wife of the late Lieutenant General Sir Richard Webb.

Jean F. J. Sargent - died in Blenheim in December 2016. Jean attended EGGs from 1937 - 1942 and was a Prefect. Jean sent in an original photograph of the 1942 Prefects for Archives.

Passed Away November 2016

George Frederick Butcher - died on 29 November 2016 aged 77 years. George was the husband of Sonia Butcher nee Minus who attended EGGs in 1951. Sonia is Co-President of the Franklin Branch of the OGA.

Jacqueline May, Lady Davison nee Carr - died in her 92nd year at Mercy Parklands Auckland on 16 November 2016. Jacqueline attended EGGs in 1939 and was the wife of the late Sir Ron Davison QC.

Jean Broughton Wishart - died 16 November 2016 aged 96 years. Jean attended EGGs in 1935. Jean was the longest-serving editor of the "New Zealand Woman's Weekly".

Passed Away October 2016

Mary Melrose nee Gordon – died 15 October 2016. Mary was in 3AL from 1956 - 1960 and on the staff from 1965 - 1971 and again in 1973.

Beryl Hendry nee Thomson – died on 13 October 2016 aged 101 years. Beryl started at EGGs in 1928.

Passed Away September 2016

Joan Gordon Brock – died peacefully on 16 September 2016 at Selwyn Heights Village. Joan attended EGGs from 1945 – 1949 and was a prefect in 1949.

Carol Bartlett – died 12 September 2016 in Honolulu after a holiday in Canada. Carol taught at EGGs in 1985 – 86.

Passed Away August 2016

Tanya Patricia Ralph nee Wehner – died unexpectedly 10 August 2016 aged 76 years. Tanya attended EGGs in 1953 and was in 3CG.

Passed Away July 2016

Gaye Denise (Denise) Madden nee Bulmer – died peacefully at home on 31 July 2016. Denise attended EGGs from 1965 to 1966. Denise was with TVNZ from 1976 to 2006.

Pamela Diane Hayhow nee Stewart – died 5 July 2016 aged 79 years. Pam attended EGGs from 1949 to 1953 and was Arahi Games Captain in 1953.

Beryl Edith Neels nee Body – died 3 July 2016 at Mt Maunganui aged 95 years. Beryl attended EGGs from 1935 – 1937 and is the grandmother of OGA past President Julie Goodyer.

Passed Away June 2016

Bert Manuhopukia Eruera – died 22 June 2016. Bert was the husband of Waratah Eruera who was a supervisor at Epsom House for 20 years.

Pauline Bremner nee Shera – died 18 June 2016. Pauline attended EGGs from 1952 and was in 3BG.

Passed Away April 2016

Thomas Anthony (Tony) Dunkley - died 23 April 2016 aged 79 years. Tony was the husband of our long serving OGA committee member Mary Dunkley (nee Taylor).

Passed Away March 2016

Juliet Fisher - died 27 August 2017 aged 73 years. Ballerina Juliet and her twin sister Marilyn attended EGGs from 1955 to 1958. Juliet had a long and successful career as a dancer and then dance teacher in both the UK and in NZ more recently teaching at Unitec, The University of Auckland and at City Ballet. Marilyn says "*Dance was Juliet – it consumed*"

her life in every way'. Juliet's life's work lives on through her students many of whom are in positions of prominence and influence around the world.

Passed Away February 2016

Juliet Ann (Julie) Jamieson, nee Sage - died 14 February 2016; Julie attended EGGs from 1953. Her sister Elaine Bailey nee Sage attended from 1950 and her daughter Barbara Dennis nee Jamieson attended from 1980. Julie was also the daughter in law of Alexandra Jamieson nee Gray who attended EGGs from 1922 and a cousin of Marjory Adams who was Headmistress from 1953 – 70. Julie was on the OGA Committee from 1991 – 2000. She was also Secretary/Treasurer of the Auckland Branch of the NZ Iris Society and a volunteer at "Eden Gardens" for 30 years. She was also a member of the Meadowbank and St Heliers Garden Clubs.

Naomi Diane Kirk nee Griffiths QSM - died 2 February 2016. Naomi attended EGGs from 1946 – 47. Her memorial service was held at Mangere War Memorial Hall and the speakers included Sir Bob Kerridge acknowledging Naomi's 40 years' service at the SPCA, Val Payne (1958) QSM speaking on behalf of the Mangere Bridge Community and Auckland Mayor Len Brown acknowledging Naomi's years of service to Manukau City Council. Naomi's daughter Jude Dobson nee Kirk attended EGGs from 1980.

Passed Away January 2016

Ron Martin – Died in January and his funeral was held on 17 January 2016 on Waiheke Island. Ron was on the Board of Trustees of EGGs from 1989 - 1991. He is the husband of Erin Martin who was on the staff and an honorary member of the OGA for Long Service. Ron's daughters Catherine Martin 1985 - 89 and Jane Martin 1987 - 91 both attended EGGs.

Gabrielle (Gay) Hildreth nee Garland - died 16 January 2016. Gay attended EGGs from 1941 – 1942 for 6B and 6A. She was a University Scholar in 1942 and then on the staff from 1952 - 1954. Gay also taught at Suva Girls High in Fiji. The EGGs Archives are grateful for Gay's help in formatting the naming form for the School's Class Photos.

Passed Away December 2015

Esther (Joy) McKenzie nee Paul - died 6 December 2015 in her 108th year. Joy attended EGGs in the 1920s. Joy's daughter Gail Selby-Brown attended EGGs in 1958 and her niece Rilma Denly nee Paul attended in 1952.

Passed Away November 2015

Christopher (Chris) Andrew Bates MA (Hons) – died 9 November 2015 at New Plymouth; Chris was on the staff at EGGs from 1983 -2000 and was Head of Media Studies and English.

Passed Away October 2015

Jacqueline (Jacqui) Lesley Byrne - died 30 October 2015 after an illness aged 52; Jacqui attended EGGs from 1977 (3Rn) – 1980 (6Be) and was a current and much valued member of the OGA Committee when she died. Jacqui's mother Irene Byrne nee Sorrell attended EGGs from 1953 - 1957 and was Head Girl and Jacqui's daughters Prue and Millie Brown are currently Year 12 and Year 10 students at EGGs.