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| *KOGU's 120 Year Celebration in October 2016.*



KOGU President  
Melinda Hudson

## president's report

Melinda (Thew) Hudson '80

A lot can happen in a year! For KOGU, 2016 has been a year of continued development and wonderful achievements as we strive to better communicate, connect and celebrate with you.

There is actually so much to share we don't have space in this edition to include everything, so please log on to the revamped KOGU website for a complete update [kogu.kambala.nsw.edu.au](http://kogu.kambala.nsw.edu.au).

While you are there, why not **celebrate** your 2016 highlights with us via the news section? You might have moved? If so, please help us continue to **connect** with you by updating your contact details. Perhaps you would like to get involved in some of the new initiatives planned for 2017 or join the Committee? If so, please **communicate** your interest through our online community. We look forward to hearing from you.

Wishing you health and happiness for the holidays and 2017!

# KOGU events 2017

## term 1

Wednesday 15 February  
Sunday 26 February  
Tuesday 28 February

**KOGU Committee Meeting**  
**Year 13 Music Festival Event**  
**KOGU AGM followed by a**  
**Committee Meeting**

Thursday 16 March  
Friday 31 March

**Year 12 KOGU Morning Tea**  
**KOG Generations Morning Tea**

## term 2

Wednesday 10 May  
Friday 19 May

**KOGU Committee Meeting**  
**KOGU Tennis Day and**  
**Hawthorne Cup**

Tuesday 30 May  
Thursday 22 June

**Year 11 KOGU Morning Tea**  
**Joyce Gibbons Public Speaking**  
**Competition**

## term 3

Wednesday 26 July  
August/September

**KOGU Committee Meeting**  
**Archibald Morning and Evening**  
**Tours - details TBC**  
**KOGU Careers Evening - details TBC**

## term 4

Wednesday 11 October  
Wednesday 25 October  
Wednesday 22 November

**KOGU Committee Meeting**  
**KOGU Vintage Lunch**  
**KOGU Committee Meeting**



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# annual general meeting notice 2017

**Notice is given to members of the Kambala Old Girls' Union Incorporated that the 120th Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 February 2017 at 6.30pm in the Tivoli Drawing Room.**

Nominations are sought for the following positions on the Committee of the Association for 2017: President, Vice President (two), Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Members (10). Nominations must be in writing and delivered to the Secretary of the Association or the Chairperson of AGM at any time prior to commencement of voting for election of the committee at the AGM.

Nominations are sought for Kambala School Council Nominees (two). These nominations must be in writing and delivered to the Secretary of the Association at least 14 days before the date of the AGM. Any serving Kambala School Council Nominee who wishes to renominate as a Kambala School Council Nominee must deliver written notice of such intention to the Secretary of the Association at least 28 days before the AGM. Nominations for Kambala School Council Nominees are to be sent to:

Cassandra Smiles, KOGU Secretary, 794 New South Head Rd Rose Bay NSW 2029.

Sub-Committee Positions for the Association for 2017 will also be appointed at the AGM.

Items of business will include:

- ◆ Committee reports on the activities of the Association
- ◆ Election of the 2017 Committee Positions for the Association
- ◆ Election of the 2017 Kambala School Council Nominees
- ◆ Annual financial and other financial reports and statements for the year ending 31 December 2016
- ◆ Any other business matters

**All enquiries should be made to the Secretary Kambala Old Girls' Union Inc. (KOGU Inc.)**

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# year 11 kogu morning tea

*Melinda (Thew) Hudson '80*

**Guest speakers Jess Lasky '15 and Sarah McWilliam '15 returned to the School to offer their insights to the Year 11 students. Unfortunately the IB girls had their half yearly exams and were unable to attend, so a separate morning tea was organised with guest speaker Josie Fenn '15.**

The girls reported the morning teas were very interesting and not what they expected! Staff commented that it was a great opportunity for the girls to step outside the classroom and view their situation from a broader perspective. Our speakers helped them to see that the world is a bigger and much different place than their school environment. Thank you to our Old Girls for the gift of your time and for continuing to be such great KOGU ambassadors. Occasions such as these help cement the links between current students and Old Girls, and establish a continuity of connection to Kambala.



*Former Director of Development and Communications Sarah Gregory, Sarah McWilliam, Jess Lasky and KOGU Committee Member Tracy Yaffa at the Year 11 KOGU Morning Tea in May 2016.*

# KOGU 120 Year Celebration. Connecting Kambala Old Girls since 1896.

Brooke Kathriner

## Hundreds of Kambala Old Girls, family, present students, staff and parents gathered at Kambala on Saturday 8 October 2016 to celebrate the 120th Anniversary of the Kambala Old Girls' Union.

The afternoon event was attended by some of the next generation of Kambala girls as young as two months old up to 96 year old Kambala Old Girl Noreen (Andrews) Halvorsen. Noreen left Kambala in 1936 and served as President of the Kambala Old Girls' Union from 1942 to 1943.

A school assembly in Alexander Hall included a warm welcome by KOGU President Melinda (Thew) Hudson '80, some delightful historical footage provided by the Copp family, a memorabilia donation by Barbara (Mort) Thelander '39 and a special performance by internationally acclaimed pianist Sarah Grunstein '75. Guests also heard from a panel of vibrant Old Girls - Nicole (Gazal) O'Neil '96, Elaine (Nicolson) Budd '65 and Grace Franki '13, facilitated by Marie Claire magazine Editor Nicky Briger '83.

1. Principal Debra Kelliher, Donna (Lavigne) Scali '78, President School Council Sally Herman '74 and KOGU President Melinda (Thew) Hudson '80 enjoy the festivities.
2. Josie (Thomas) Gurney '77, Lisa Sampson '77, KOGU Vice President Julie (Kelly) Reid '77, Alix Verge '77 and Venetia (Lees) Babington-Lees '77.
3. Guests enjoy a high tea on Tivoli Lawn at KOGU's 120 Year Celebration.
4. Sarah Grunstein '75 worked with Kambala students in a piano masterclass.
5. The Kambala Big Band entertained guests.
6. KOGU's 120 Year Celebration was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends.
7. Year 1 student Jaimie Humphrey and Transition student Jasmin Heapes enjoyed the fun.
8. The Class of 1996 held their own 20 Year Reunion at the celebration event.

After the assembly guests enjoyed a high tea on the lawn and enjoyed the sounds of the Kambala Big Band. School tours were led by current students and many Old Girls participated in cohort reunions.

As KOGU mentor in the arts, Sarah Grunstein also worked with three Kambala students from Years 9 and 10 on performance and interpretation in a piano masterclass.

It was truly a wonderful afternoon and provided the opportunity to catch up with old friends, reflect on KOGU's rich history and come together as a community to celebrate this very special occasion.





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# 1956 reunion

*Jann (Melville) Kuner '56*

On 2 June, 16 Old Girls of the Class of '56 celebrated their 60th anniversary at Vaucluse House Tearooms - a choice of venue that was much appreciated as most of us remembered attending birthday parties there while in Junior School.

The reunion was a great success. We enjoyed a delightful lunch and all had a chance to move around and speak to everyone. We all felt it was one of our most enjoyable and happy reunions to date.



*Names from far end of tables.*

*Left side*

*Philipa (Gaden) Mainwaring*

*Alexandra (Ross) Martin*

*Katherine Wentworth*

*Rosemary (Renwick) Winlaw*

*Eleanor (Dunn) Herriott*

*Jann (Melville) Kuner*

*Adrienne (Fountain) Miles*

*Dorothy (Reuter) Danta*

*Right side*

*Joanna (McCathie) Fleming*

*Julie (Macdonald) Sydney-Jones*

*Annette (Nowland) Harding*

*Jill (Castle) Kennard*

*Christine (Dobinson) Tessari*

*Anita (Murany) Ogle*

*Dorinda (Brady) Sullivan*

*Kay (Puckle) Warren*

# suzi wilson writes from wales

*Suzi Wilson '78*

I managed to catch up with a couple of old classmates Hazel (Straw) Francis '78 and Suni (Wimalaratna) Karunaratne '78 when I was in Sydney over New Year - which was great as it was the first time I'd seen them in 41 years. I had also been in touch with Liz (Chin) Chin-Seet '78, however she lives in Perth and was unfortunately not able to make it.

Hazel took the trouble to travel up from Canberra for the day for which I was hugely appreciative. I am grateful that social media is so accessible as it has enabled us to stay connected and come together from all corners of the world.



*Old Girls Suni (Wimalaratna) Karunaratne '78, Hazel (Straw) Francis '78 and Suzi Wilson '78 catch up in Sydney.*

# 2017 reunions

*Melinda (Thew) Hudson '80*

Does your cohort appear here? Then it is time start planning your reunion for 2017! For further information and assistance, please contact the KOGU Relations Manager, Brooke Kathriner at [kogu@kambala.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kogu@kambala.nsw.edu.au).

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| <b>2012</b> 5 Year Reunion  | <b>1982</b> 35 Year Reunion |
| <b>2007</b> 10 Year Reunion | <b>1977</b> 40 Year Reunion |
| <b>2002</b> 15 Year Reunion | <b>1972</b> 45 Year Reunion |
| <b>1997</b> 20 Year Reunion | <b>1967</b> 50 Year Reunion |
| <b>1992</b> 25 Year Reunion | <b>1962</b> 55 Year Reunion |
| <b>1987</b> 30 Year Reunion | <b>1957</b> 60 Year Reunion |



# penny and john cockbill tackle the camino de santiago

*Penny (Knight) Cockbill '61 and John Cockbill*

When Penny (Knight) '61 and her husband John Cockbill started telling friends they had decided to walk the famous Camino de Santiago trail across Spain, they were asked, "You are going to do what? Why?" Not unreasonable questions considering the walk is approximately 800kms, Penny and John are 72 and 76 respectively, and Penny is an amputee.

Pilgrims have been making this walk for nearly 2,000 years. St James the Apostle and the Patron Saint of Spain, was beheaded in the year 43 by the Romans in Jerusalem and St James' followers transported his remains back to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. So began this great pilgrimage of Christians paying homage at the great Cathedral to their Saint. Today, in the age old steps of their ancestors, the greatest percentage of pilgrims walk for spiritual reasons or the challenge. Many from around the world walk humbly, as Christians do.

And so it was. Penny and John flew out of Sydney with 14kgs of luggage between them in backpacks. Armed with a guide book and their pilgrim's passports, their journey began in France at St Jean Pied de Port, at the foot of the Pyrenees.

Crossing snowy ranges, passing through old stone villages, walking past budding grape vines of the Rioja, enjoying colourful towns and wonderful cool spring weather. Almost daily there were snow capped mountains in the distance. They often walked long distances in silence, savouring the experience and sharing the space. This rewarded their daily perseverance with happiness.

The accommodation for pilgrims is mostly multi-bunkbed albergues (hostels only for pilgrims) where they supply a bed, showers and toilet, and you supply your own sleeping bag. Penny and John started walking westward each morning around 7.00am. With the sunrise on their backs and their long shadows in front, they would look forward to a village breakfast somewhere ahead where they'd enjoy delicious orange juice, toast and jam, and beautiful coffee.

Lunch was often a shared bocadillo and fresh coffee, but not enough to stop the weight loss. Around 4:00pm they would check into an albergue and relax free of their backpacks before searching



1. Penny and John enjoy the famous pilgrim sculptures at the windy Alto de Perdon.
2. Just one foot after the other across the high plains.
3. The final guide stone showing 00.00 km. The finish line!

the local cafes or bar for a pilgrim's dinner - a three course meal with baskets of fresh bread and carafes of wine - then heading to bed and sleep by 8.30pm.

Many saw Penny along the way as the girl with the slightly imperfect walk. Meaning well, they'd comment "I have a pill that will fix that" or "I'm a nurse, do you have polio?" or "I had a knee like that once, but it got better." Penny and John would rest often on a bench or under a tree to prevent damage to Penny's leg.

Quaint stone villages and church spires adorn hilltops and everybody greets and respects the pilgrim as they pass, bidding "Buen Camino" meaning 'good way'. Walking is easy. Just one foot after another for 41 days, however the final kilometres were the longest and hardest they had walked. The pavements were hot, but luckily old folk standing in doorways saw their pain and encouraged them, "Buen Camino".

Finding the pilgrim's office near the Cathedral, they received their final stamp and Compostelas. The girl who received them was warm and welcoming and shed tears with them. Such was the emotion of this walk. It was what they wanted, nothing less.

# kog generations morning tea

It was a beautiful day for the KOG Generations Morning Tea on Friday 1 April.

Kambala Old Girls who are mothers, grandmothers or relatives of current Kambala students enjoyed a lovely morning tea in the Tivoli Drawing Room. Special guest speakers, third generation Kambala student Lily Narev (Year 11) and second generation Kambala student Isla Watson (Year 11), spoke of the strong link they feel to Kambala.



*Josephine (Pilgrim) Falkiner '53, Patria (Harris) Mann '80, Annie (Swan) Macken '83, Sue (Moore) Swan '58, Antonia Murphy '80 and Danielle (Poropat) Duffy '81 enjoy the KOG Generations Morning Tea in April.*

# kog conversation series

Thank you to the amazing Kambala Old Girl and fashion powerhouse Margaret Zhang '10 who presented at KOG Conversations in August.

KOGU developed the KOG Networking Event and Conversation Series with the aim to provide opportunities for Old Girls to meet, socialise and share experiences in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Margaret gave a wonderful insight into her work as a stylist, photographer and creative director working with some of the world's biggest brands. The 'conversation' style event was facilitated by Natasha (Moulis) Zurnamer '89.



*Natasha Zurnamer '89, Principal Debra Kelliher, Margaret Zhang '10, School Council Member Patria (Harris) Mann '80 and KOGU Vice President Jane Poole '79.*

# old girls mentor year 12 students

Under the guidance of Old Girl and Kambala's Dean of Wellbeing, Dr Tamara Lang '01, nine recent Old Girls from 2013 to 2015 returned to the School for a mentor session with Year 12 girls to assist them with their studies.

The current students certainly respect the skills and knowledge of Old Girls, who shared some valuable advice with the girls in relation to study tips, time management and organisation.

Thank you to our wonderful Old Girls for giving back to Kambala.



*Old Girl Mentors Lucinda Regan '13, Alex Pursehouse '14, Caitlin McAndrew '15, Paula Hitchcock '15, Maddie McCathie '15, Lynn Wong '14, Julia Rawlinson '15, Brooke Wanford '15 and Kerry Lin '14.*





# creating a legacy: in memoriam of emily rose blackwood

*Sarah Muller '13, Lucy Nason '13, Rose Pardey '13,  
Caitlen Penklis '13 and Lauren Taylor '13*

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**Emily Blackwood '13 passed away on 14 June 2016. To all who knew her, this was a devastating loss. Emily was gentle, kind, loyal and brave, and constantly put her family and friends before herself.**

Attending Kambala represented a huge part of Emily's life. She started at Kambala in Year 3 and was joined shortly after by her younger sister Niamh '15. Emily gave her all to everything she did and enjoyed extracurricular Drama classes and played clarinet in the Joyce Gibbons Wind Orchestra for many years.

Emily played netball, soccer and tennis and her perseverance and ever-cheerful attitude made her a well respected and brilliant teammate. Her ambitions knew no bounds; she mistakenly enrolled Rose Pardey and herself in the School Tennis Championships when neither of them could hit a backhand. Emily's diverse interests enabled her to accomplish many things, and in Year 12, she achieved a gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Her Design and Technology major work was a beautiful testament to her creativity; she showcased a dress made of origami, not knowing at the time what the symbol of the paper crane would come to mean to her.

Emily left Kambala eager to embrace new experiences and determined to enjoy the time she had. Her love of alternative and electronic music was well known to her friends and she could often be found at the nearest music festival or concert. Emily travelled and worked overseas before moving to Melbourne where she began a Bachelor of Environments at Melbourne University, making many new friends to add to those who loved her unconditionally in Sydney.

There is no denying that Emily was an extraordinary person. She had a remarkable talent for finding humour in any circumstance and an infectious laugh. Emily's positivity, courage and selflessness prevailed even at the height of her illness and we are all so very fortunate to have known and spent time with her.

To encourage other young women to follow Emily's example and to contribute to the fight against cancer by promoting the study of chemistry, the Blackwood family have established the Emily Blackwood Memorial Prize for Chemistry to be awarded

annually to a Kambala Year 12 student. We hope that the Prize will inspire Kambala girls to grasp life firmly by the hand and be the best person they can be - the most fitting way to celebrate Emily's life. We also hope that future recipients achieve breakthroughs in cancer research that prevent more families from losing loved ones to this terrible illness.

If you are interested in making a contribution, please contact the Director of Development and Communications at Kambala at [development@kambala.nsw.edu.au](mailto:development@kambala.nsw.edu.au).



*Emily Blackwood '13*

# notices

## births

**Alex Cody '07** and Angus Abrahams welcomed their first child, Freddie Prince Timothy Abrahams, on 7 June 2016.

**Caroline (Rakov) Hoad '97** and husband Andrew welcomed their first child, a baby boy named Jimi James Hoad on 9 April 2016.

**Alexandra (Dane) Isaac '01** and husband Jonathon welcomed a baby girl Sophie Alexandra Isaac on 15 July 2015. Arriving three weeks earlier than expected she was a fantastic surprise weighing in at 3.2kg, and 50cms long. The future Kambala girl is now one, and the 'life of the party'.

**Cassandra Smiles-McCabe '94**, husband Martin McCabe and big sister, Francesca, welcomed a baby girl, Allegra Heloise on 5 August 2016, weighing 3.7kg. Another future Kambala girl for KOGU Secretary and Committee Member Cassandra.

**Elizabeth (Lewis) Zahra '94** and husband André welcomed a baby girl, Charlotte Elizabeth, in April 2016. Sister-in-law Michelle (Zahra) Hinchcliffe '93, husband Rod and big sister Olivia, welcomed a baby girl, Chloe Antonia, in February 2016.

## marriages

**Ellen Ehrhardt '07** married David Smith in February 2016. The wedding took place at Church Hill Anglican in Sydney, followed by a reception at Mr Wong. Numerous Kambala Old Girls were in attendance.

Following the wedding, the couple honeymooned in Japan, visiting Tokyo and Kyoto.

## deaths

**Jennifer Long '47** passed away suddenly on 25 October 2015 at her Canberra Home. Jennifer attended Kambala from 1943 to 1945 and latterly was delighted to renew contact with Kambala and school friends.

**Deirdre (Woods) Lockwood '39** passed away on 25 March 2016. Wife of Maxwell Thomas Lockwood (deceased) and mother to David Lockwood and Pennie McGregor, grandmother to their seven children, and great grandmother to 12, all of who are in Western Australia.

**Margaret (Nebenzahl) Gutman '46** passed away on May 2016 aged 87. Margaret is survived by her brother Brian and family, her children Sandy and Michael, her daughter-in-law Karen, and grandchildren Justin, Ellie, Isabella and Tallulah and her partner Ziggy Zieradski.

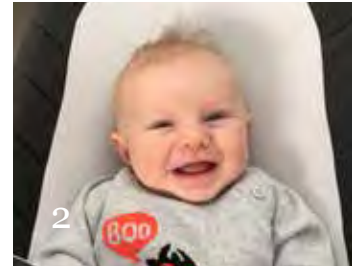
**Mabel Mycock** passed away in July 2016, aged 89. Dearly loved wife of Edwin (deceased). Loving mother and mother-in-law of Timmy (deceased) and Grace, Wally and Shirley (deceased), Robin and **Catherine (Gauld) Mycock '71**, Gordon, **Doreen (Mycock) Laforest '74** and Christopher. Much loved Nana to Sharon, Diane, Shelton, Andrew, **Jessica (Mycock) dos Remedios '01**, **Ilana Mycock '01**, Caitlin, Sarah and their families.

**Joan Marjorie (Tait) Phillips '54** passed away 18 July 2016, aged 79. Dearly loved wife of Norman John. Loving mother and mother-in-law of Matthew and Rena, Melissa and Ian, Joanne and Adrian (deceased). Loved grandmother of Edward, Hamish, Ben, Alice, Angus and Tait. Loved Nana Joan of William, Riley and Jessica.

**Rella Itin '96** passed away after an incredibly brave fight with

brain cancer on 4 August 2016, surrounded by her family. She is survived by her dear children, Ryan (5) and Cody (2) and her devoted husband, Erez, as well as her father Lazar and her brother Eli.

**John Low**, beloved father of **Jonty Low '89** and **Dani Low '87**, passed away peacefully on 31 May 2016.



1. Alex Cody '07, Angus Abrahams and Freddie Prince Timothy Abrahams.

2. Jimi James Hoad

3. Sophie Alexandra Isaac

4. Allegra Heloise Smiles-McCabe

5. Elizabeth (Lewis) Zahra '94, with baby Charlotte, and Michelle (Zahra) Hinchcliffe '93 with baby Chloe and eldest daughter Olivia.

6. Ellen Ehrhardt '07 and David Smith





*“At Kambala, we respect our students by taking both them, and their learning, seriously.”*



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