



**KAMBALA OLD GIRLS**  
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*The 2018 Tildesley team joins the celebrations at the 100 Years of Tildesley Luncheon at the Royal Sydney Golf Club in March 2018.*



KOGU President  
Jane Poole '79

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jane Poole '79

**I am delighted to be reporting to you as your new President and appreciative of the opportunity to lead the Union at a time of vibrancy and strength. As I reflect on my new role I am very conscious of the dedication and passion of past Presidents and Committee members who have built a strong community of Old Girls over the past 122 years.**

In particular, I would like to acknowledge Melinda (Thew) Hudson '80 who recently stepped down from President to Vice President. Melinda's warmth and strong leadership has brought an added vitality to the work of the Committee, with new initiatives and a focus on Communication, Connection and Celebration. I would also like to acknowledge Julie (Kelly) Reid '77 who has stepped down from the Committee after more than 16 years' service, including time as President and Vice President. Julie's contribution is greatly appreciated and she will be sorely missed.

It seems poignant that we are celebrating the life of Laurie (Nyman) White '48 in this edition of *The Soubeiran* celebrating 'Community'. Sadly, Laurie passed away on 22 January 2018. She was considered the 'backbone of the Union' for over 40 years and her contribution to the Kambala community was immeasurable. We look to commemorate her significant contribution by naming the archives room the Laurie White Archives Room. We were also delighted to donate a paver to the Heritage Walk in her honour.

As we celebrate 'Community' I would like to highlight three recent activities each representing community in a different way. Firstly, our inaugural KOG internships commenced over the summer where younger Old Girls were offered the opportunity to work within businesses of the broader Kambala community.

## KOGU FUNCTION DATES 2018

### Term 3

Saturday 4 August

**The Laurie White Archives Room and Heritage Walk Afternoon Tea – 2.30pm**

Wednesday 8 August

**KOGU Committee Meeting – 6.30pm**

Thursday 30 August

**KOG Generations Morning Tea – 10.00am**

Thursday 13 September

**KOGU Tennis Day and Hawthorne Cup**

### Term 4

Wednesday 24 October

**KOGU Vintage Lunch – 11.30am**

Wednesday 7 November

**KOGU Committee Meeting – 6.30pm**

The insights and experiences these opportunities provided have been invaluable and demonstrate the strength of our community in supporting each other across generations.

Secondly, we celebrated Kambala's 100-year involvement in The Tildesley Shield Tennis Tournament with a luncheon at The Royal Sydney Golf Club on 15 March. With almost 90 people attending, the warmth and comradery in the room was lovely to experience and there was a real sense of belonging to something special.

Finally, we hosted the 2017 cohort at the Opera House before the Festival of Music, a very special way to welcome the young women to the Old Girls whilst reinforcing their ongoing connection to the School.

In closing, I welcome the 2018 KOGU Committee – we have a great mix of returning and new members. We look forward to exploring ways for you to Communicate, Connect and Celebrate with the School and each other.



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# YEAR 13 FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

Jessica Lasky '15

The annual Year 13 Festival of Music event was a great success with all reserved tickets eagerly taken up. Around 50 girls from the Class of 2017 attended, as well as many staff members including Principal, Shane Hogan; Head of Senior School, Katherine Mar; Head of Junior School, Stuart Coppin; Head of Strategy and Old Girl, Tamara Lang '01; Human Resources Manager, Danielle Kassoua; Director of Curriculum and IB Coordinator, Carolyn Gedling; and KOG Relations Manager, Brooke Kathriner.

KOGU President, Jane Poole '79 and Committee Members Nicole Gazal O'Neil '96 and Jess Lasky '15 hosted pre-drinks, welcoming the Year 13 girls to KOGU. It was great talking to the girls about their plans for their first year post-school including starting university, travelling or taking a gap year. All of the girls had such fond memories of Kambala and loved having a reunion with their peers, many of whom they had not seen since the end of HSC or IB in November 2017.

Watching the Festival of Music regenerated the girls' sense of belonging to Kambala and allowed them to get involved in House spirit once again.

As always, the Festival of Music was a great night and we are excited to see many of the Class of 2017 becoming involved with KOGU and remaining close members of the Kambala community.

Congratulations to the 2018 Festival of Music winners, Wentworth!



The Class of 2017 rejoin the Kambala community at the Festival of Music at the Sydney Opera House.



## Save the date Vintage Lunch

for Kambala Old Girls from 1967 or prior

to be held on  
Wednesday 24 October 2018  
at Kambala

794 New South Head Road Rose Bay  
11.30am to 3.00pm

Invitations will be distributed closer to date

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## 2018 REUNIONS

### 2008 – 10 Year Reunion

**Organiser:** Luisa Gidaro  
**Date:** Saturday 10 November  
**Time:** TBC  
**Venue:** TBC

### 1998 – 20 Year Reunion

**Organisers:** Amelia Holliday and Jaye (McCall Power) Leigh  
**Date:** Saturday 15 September  
**Time:** 4.00pm  
**Venue:** Royal Oak, Double Bay  
**RSVP:** Amelia Holliday  
P: 0407 263 542  
E: [amelia@ameliasage.com](mailto:amelia@ameliasage.com)

### 1988 – 30 Year Reunion

**Organisers:** Narelle (O'Connor) Boyd and Cindi (Cowen) Shaw  
**Date:** Saturday 13 October  
**Time:** TBC  
**Venue:** TBC

### 1978 – 40 Year Reunion

**Organiser:** Katherine (Jackson) Christian  
**Date:** Saturday 6 October for drinks and lunch  
**Time:** 11.30am  
**Venue:** Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club, Point Piper  
**RSVP is essential:** Katherine Christian P: 0417 677 825  
E: [kachristian@bigpond.com](mailto:kachristian@bigpond.com)

### 1968 – 50 Year Reunion

**Organisers:** Andrea (Borsay) Kunz, Di (Walker) Taylor and Jenny Brookman  
**Date:** Saturday 29 September  
**Time:** 12.00pm  
**Venue:** Kambala  
**RSVP:** [kogu.kambala.nsw.edu.au/event/50years](http://kogu.kambala.nsw.edu.au/event/50years)

# MEET THE KOGU COMMITTEE



## Jane Poole '79

### President

**Background:** Banking and Finance, Telecommunications.

**KOG History:** Jane was a boarder and left Kambala in 1979. Her mother Patricia (Maccougall) Poole '55, aunt Jenny (Maccougall) Finlayson '57, great aunt Yvonne (Duval) Crouch '40 and sisters Kate '84 and Susie '86 also attended Kambala as boarders.

### Reason for joining the

**Committee:** I believe strongly in the strength of communities and look forward to building on the connections amongst Kambala Old Girls, including across generations and across geographies to provide support, friendship and inspiration from those who have had a common experience of being a Kambala girl.



## Melinda (Thew) Hudson '80

### Vice President

**Background:** HR/Recruitment, Not-for-Profits.

**KOG History:** Melinda left Kambala in 1980. Joined KOGU in 2006. Her three daughters Sophie '08, Emily '10 and Paige '12 are Old Girls.

### Reason for joining the

**Committee:** To assist Kambala Old Girls to engage and connect, and build a stronger Kambala community.



## Judy Playfair '71

### Vice President

**Background:** Education.

**KOG History:** Judy left Kambala in 1971. Her sister Louise '80, niece Victoria Playfair '03 and sister-in-law Julie Macfarlan '79 are Kambala Old Girls.

### Reason for joining the

**Committee:** I wanted to offer my support when changes to my work commitments at the University coincided with a period of transition for the School and KOGU.



## Sarah Swan '09

### Secretary

**Background:** Solicitor.

**KOG History:** Sarah left Kambala in 2009 and is a first generation Kambala girl.

### Reason for joining the

**Committee:** As a recent Linden Fellowship recipient, my experience in New York City motivated me to apply my skills for the benefit of the Kambala community. I want to ensure that the wonderful network of Old Girls is properly harnessed to support and help each other grow collectively and as individuals.



## Debbie (Trevor) Taylor '87

### Treasurer

**Background:** Chartered Accounting and small business consulting.

**KOG History:** Debbie left Kambala in 1987, her twin sister Michelle (Trevor) Keys also left that year. Currently her daughter Lauren Jaque is in Year 11.

### Reason for joining the

**Committee:** I reconnected with the School when my daughter started and wanted to volunteer in some capacity.



## Cassandra Smiles '94

**Background:** Post graduate study in linguistics.

**KOG History:** Cassandra left Kambala in 1994.

### Reason for joining the

**Committee:** To help bring the Old Girls community together through networking events.





**Nicole (Gazal) O'Neil '96**

**Background:** Events and Entertainment.

**KOG History:** Nicole left Kambala in 1996, her sister Nora Gazal left in 1997 and her two daughters, Nawal and Neve are current students.

**Reason for joining the Committee:** I joined KOGU because I wanted to give back to the School that offered me so much. I believe that many of the Kambala Old Girls have so much to offer and I'd like to help facilitate a better connection between the Old Girls and the current students.



**Prudence (Davidson) Gibson '86**

**Background:** Author and Academic (research) UNSW Art and Design.

**KOG History:** Prue left Kambala in 1986. Her mother Sandra (Crago) Davidson '59, aunts Jill (Crago) White '57 and Sally (Crago) Humphrey '65 and sister Libby Davidson '84 all attended Kambala. Her daughter

Eve Gibson and niece Claudia Davidson are current Kambala students.

**Reason for joining the Committee:** I joined KOGU to assist with the mentor program and to act as communications conduit between council and KOGU.



**Luisa Gidaro '08**

**Background:** FMCG Merchandising, currently based in NZ.

**KOG History:** Luisa left Kambala in 2008.

**Reason for joining the Committee:** A good way to maintain a connection to Kambala, give back to the community and support other Old Girls, particularly after receiving the Linden Fellowship.



**Sarah Grunstein '75**

**Background:** Concert pianist and educator.

**KOG History:** Sarah is from the Class of 1975 but left Kambala in 1973 to attend the Conservatorium High School.

**Reason for joining the Committee:** My Kambala education and the lifelong friendships I made at Kambala have enriched my life immeasurably. I wish to continue to contribute to the Kambala community through education, mentoring and the arts.



**Jessica Lasky '15**

**Background:** Studying a Bachelor of Commerce/Laws at the University of New South Wales.

**KOG History:** Jessica left Kambala in 2015. She is the first of her family to attend Kambala.

**Reason for joining the Committee:** I strive to attract younger generations of Old Girls to stay involved with Kambala and to utilise the numerous opportunities KOGU provide such as mentoring and internships. I also want to make current Kambala students more aware of KOGU and the benefits of staying connected with Kambala after they graduate.



**Carina Martin '97**

**Background:** Hospitality, currently studying counselling.

**KOG History:** Carina left Kambala in 1997 and joined KOGU in 2014. Her mother Alexandra (Ross) Martin '56 and aunt Roxane (Ross) Clayton '52 are Kambala Old Girls.

**Reason for joining KOG:** Reconnecting with the School community.



**Alix (Varley) Rimington '96**

**Background:** Corporate Affairs; FMCG.

**KOG History:** Alix left Kambala in 1996. Her mother Wendy (Warden) Varley '70, aunt Anna (Warden) Baker-Harber '68 and sister Georgina Varley '99 all attended Kambala.

**Reason for joining the Committee:** My education played such a formative role in my career and I want to be able to give back. It's also an opportunity to reconnect with the School before my daughter starts in a few years.



**Antonia Murphy '80**  
**Public Officer**

**Background:** Casting Director.  
**KOG History:** Antonia left Kambala in 1980. Her daughter Ava Pietranski is currently in Year 9.

**Reason for joining the Committee:** Initially I was persuaded by some friends but quickly saw there was an opportunity to help build something that could be beneficial to many.



**Jessica Parszos '96**

**Background:** High Access Maintenance.

**KOG History:** Jessica is from the Class of 1996. Her sisters Naomi '96 (identical twin) and Alexis '95 also attended Kambala.

**Reason for joining the Committee:** Affiliation and reconnection.



**Patria (Harris) Mann '80**  
**KOGU Rep on School Council**

**Background:** Former KPMG Partner, Current Non-Executive Director.

**KOG History:** Patria left Kambala in 1980. Joined KOGU in 2006.

Joined Council in 2010. Her daughter Sabrina '17 is an Old Girl.

**Reason for being a Council Nominee:** As a KOGU Council representative, I'm giving back to the School in a way that I hope will ensure future generations have the same opportunities.



**Emily Smith '96**  
**KOGU Rep on School Council**

**Background:** Finance, Equities, Analyst, Director.

**KOG History:** Emily left Kambala in 1996. Joined KOGU in 2006. Joined Council in 2011. Her daughter Lucinda is a current Prep student.

**Reason for being a Council nominee:** I think Kambala creates independent thinkers with diverse backgrounds and skills. I believe in the values it represents.

# THE KAMBALA OLD GIRLS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

*Brooke Kathriner*

**Developed in conjunction with the School, KOGU launched the Kambala Old Girls Internship Program in 2017. We want to ensure Kambala Old Girls have the very best of networks and employment opportunities in the rapidly changing world of work.**

Our inaugural KOG internships commenced over the summer where younger Old Girls were offered the opportunity to work within the businesses of the broader Kambala community.

We were delighted with the offers of support from our community and successfully placed Kambala Old Girl interns, both locally and overseas.

One of our wonderful supporters includes Olivia Humphrey '94, Founder and CEO of Kanopy, based in San Francisco, California. Kanopy is a video streaming platform for educational institutions and public libraries that provides millions of students, faculty and library patrons with access to 30,000 films.

Successful applicant Chelsea Lucas '14 interned at Kanopy from January until May 2018.

Olivia Humphrey discusses what prompted her to extend an internship opportunity:

“I am a firm non-believer in luck – rather I believe one should grab hold of any opportunity that presents itself and run with it. My hope was that a Kanopy internship in San Francisco would be considered one of these sorts of opportunities that will hopefully give the interns visibility into many different aspects of the business.

Chelsea was appointed after a fairly rigorous interview process and the team in charge of recruiting interns was surprised as the high-quality Kambala candidates all presented exceptionally well and were thoroughly prepared and passionate.

Chelsea fitted in at Kanopy like a glove. From my perspective, Chelsea has reported she has had experience in so many different teams and knows she is making a genuine contribution to the business – which is important to me.





*Kambala Old Girl intern Chelsea Lucas '14 with Founder and CEO of Kanopy, Olivia Humphrey '94.*

It's also been great having another Aussie flavour to the business. On Australia Day, Chelsea educated the US team on Australian slang and organised some great games that had everyone laughing. We are pretty big on diversity here at Kanopy, so bringing another culture to the company is something we all embrace. On a personal note, I often hear her managers say "What would we do without Chelsea?!" so she has fast become an indispensable addition to the team. She went to Philadelphia to work on our stand at a large conference and the sales team came back positively glowing – so I really hope Chelsea has enjoyed the experience as much as we have."

Chelsea Lucas discusses her experience as an intern in the program:

"I had always had a strong interest in film and television and was in my final weeks of a Bachelor of Communication as a Journalism major when the advertisement for the Kanopy internship was published. I identified with Kanopy's mission to be a source of meaningful entertainment and instantly knew that it was something that I wanted to be a part of.

My internship at Kanopy has been immersive from day one. I have been splitting my time between the publishing and marketing departments, and have also had opportunities to work with the licensing and sales teams as well. I have been able to choose the direction of my workload and take on projects that I'm interested in, rather than just being asked to do administrative tasks. Although moving to San Francisco was daunting at first, Kanopy's staff are all fantastic and welcoming, so it was easy to fit in. The office is centrally

located in Fisherman's Wharf, so we have views of the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz which is an added bonus!

Every day has been a learning curve for me. I have no doubt that my experience at Kanopy has provided me with a wealth of knowledge across the areas of publishing, marketing, acquisitions and sales; and that it will be a great asset for my career in the future."

We asked Chelsea if she would recommend the program to other Old Girls:

"I would highly recommend the Internship Program to any Old Girl. Kambala continues to provide fantastic opportunities after school; Olivia and I had an instant connection and have shared so many stories of our time at Kambala – we were both Roseby Prefects! The Internship Program is a great way to learn new skills and to be mentored by those who have expertise in their field. Kambala's program offers international internships as well as ones that are based in Australia, so it's also a wonderful way to get out of your comfort zone and experience life in another country."

Congratulations to Chelsea who was subsequently offered and has accepted a permanent role in Kanopy's Business Development team.

*We welcome support from Old Girls of Kambala and the broader community to help us expand this wonderful program. If you are in a position to offer a paid three-month internship to an Old Girl of Kambala, we would love to hear from you. Please contact [kogu@kambala.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kogu@kambala.nsw.edu.au).*

# CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE TILDESLEY SHIELD TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Brooke Kathriner

**The Tildesley Shield Tennis Tournament is IGSSA's oldest and most prestigious competition. Kambala was one of just 12 schools that participated in the first tournament held in 1918.**

To celebrate Kambala's involvement in 100 Years of Tildesley, almost 90 past players, Old Girls, coaches, parents and supporters gathered on 15 March to share stories over lunch at The Royal Sydney Golf Club. It was a wonderful celebration filled with warmth and laughter.

Melinda (Thew) Hudson '80 delighted as Master of Ceremonies, and we warmly welcomed IGSSA Director of Sport, Ms Vicki Fitzgerald, as our special guest speaker. In her speech, Vicki celebrated the history and achievements of women in sport.

We were honoured to have some of our past Tildesley champions attend the event including 1947 Doubles Champion, Judy (King) Hawley '47 and 1979 Doubles Champions, Linda (Virag) Oldfield '80 and Vanessa (Blackshaw) Magowan '79, as well as some members of the 1950 Tildesley team, the year that Kambala won the Tildesley Shield.

Largely thanks to countless hours of research by Kambala Old Girl Annie (Swan) Macken '83, guests also had the opportunity to take home a marvellous program detailing the history of Tildesley and some of Kambala's highlights over the years.

The Centenary Tildesley Shield Tennis Tournament was played on 21 to 23 March at the Pennant Hills Park Tennis Courts. The weather was inclement but held off for the wonderful IGSSA Opening Ceremony. Historical Tildesley memorabilia was on display and Kambala was very well represented being one of the original schools. All the past champions were invited and our 1947 Doubles Champion, Judy Hawley, was especially honoured as the oldest living Champion.

Despite the challenging weather, every girl played to the best of their ability throughout the tournament with Kambala coming 13th overall out of 25 IGSSA schools in the points score. Special mention must go to Olivia Stark, Kambala's number 1 seed, who fought her way to round 4 before being knocked out by a Meridan player, and also the doubles combination of Ciara Macken (Captain) and Catherine Zhu who also made it through to the 4th round.



1. Director of Sport, Kath Sambell; KOGU Vice President, Melinda (Thew) Hudson '80 and special guest speaker IGSSA Director of Sport, Ms Vicki Fitzgerald.

2. Fiona (Martin) Hamilton '86, Cassandra (Patterson) Macfarlan '86 and Elizabeth (Hampshire) Burnett '86 at the Tildesley Luncheon.

3. 1979 Doubles Champion, Vanessa (Blackshaw) Magowan '79; Kerrie (Kensell) McMillian '79; KOGU President, Jane Poole '79; and Anna (Kendall) Stranger '80 at the Tildesley Luncheon.

Kambala girls have been very fortunate to have had some very special coaches, many of whom were at the School for decades. Thank you to the Kambala Tennis coaches and teachers for your time, expertise and enthusiasm and for looking after the Tildesley teams for an entire century!





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1. Principal, Shane Hogan addresses the Tildesley Tennis Luncheon attendees.
2. 1947 Doubles Champion Judy (King) Hawley '47, 1979 Doubles Champions Vanessa (Blackshaw) Magowan '79 and Linda (Virag) Oldfield '80 (far right) with former coach Rick Inberg.
3. From left: (Back) Sandra (Crago) Davidson '59, (Front) Belinda (Beattie) Green '55, Denise (Miller) Morris '58, (Back) Margot (Thatcher) Burrell '58, (Front) Sue (Moore) Swan '58, Jenny (Copp) Gore '58, Sandy (Ross) Martin '56, Thea (Carruthers) McKeown '58, (Front) Teesha (Carr) Flanagan '51, Jocelyn (Burrows) Black '51, Judy (King) Hawley '47, Roberta Shepherd '51, Toni (Wilson) Malone '51, Annie (Moore) Schutzingler '55 and Diana (Winston) Hampshire '55.
4. 1947 Doubles Champion, Judy (King) Hawley with 2018 Tildesley Captain, Ciara Macken, at the Centenary Tournament. Ciara was one of four Team Captains to be dressed in tennis attire from early last century, all sewn especially for the occasion. The four girls played a display match of tennis in their ankle length white lace dresses with high necks, long sleeves and canvas shoes. They played with old wooden racquets and the original tennis balls, which afterwards had to be returned to the museum.
5. 2018 Tildesley team, linesgirls and coaches.

# MY EXPERIENCE AS A LINDEN FELLOW

Sarah Swan '09

**Kambala Old Girl Josephine (Brazil) Linden '69 is Founder and CEO of wealth management advisory firm Linden Global Strategies (LGS), based in New York, and offers an ongoing fellowship opportunity to Old Girls of Kambala who are curious about the world of finance and the life of a New York professional.**

Old Girls Lucinda Bradshaw '07, Claudia Yasukawa '07, Annie Handmer '11, Luisa Gidaro '08, Carolyn Harris '10 and Sarah Swan '09 have all successfully completed a fellowship and Nicola Borton '11 commenced with Linden Global Strategies in April 2018.

Sarah Swan '09 discusses her experience as a Linden Fellow:

“Working with Josephine was an invaluable experience, professionally and personally. The LGS team’s acumen, thoughtfulness and diligence are incomparable to most organisations in the industry.

Working with the best in private wealth management within the context of a family office taught me to place our client’s goals and needs at the forefront of each investment decision. The team’s emphasis on client satisfaction inevitably results in strong performance in the short, medium and long-term. However, the focus is not merely on performance, but rather on the team’s desire to ensure clients are able to live the lives that they want to be living. One of the best ways in which Josephine does this is her ability to empower clients through financial education.

Each team member has something incredibly unique to offer. Throughout the experience I was able to work with each of them and canvass the various aspects of LGS. The team’s enthusiasm and willingness to train me in aspects of financial services, which were otherwise unfamiliar to me, was overwhelming and constant throughout the entire experience.

As a lawyer by trade, I was able to harness skills, some of which I already possessed, and expand them further by applying them to a completely new environment, context and legal system. The team encouraged me to explore my many areas of interest such as investment strategies, their multi-step due diligence process, estate planning and compliance and created various projects, which encapsulated these.



1. Josephine Linden caught up with past Linden Fellows at Kambala during a visit from New York City in March 2018. From left, Carolyn Harris '10, Lucinda Bradshaw '07, Josephine (Brazil) Linden '69, Sarah Swan '09, Luisa Gidaro '08 and Annie Handmer '11.

2. Sarah Swan on the Brooklyn Bridge.

Living and working in one of the centres of global finance has broadened my perspective of both international and local businesses. Through various literary-driven projects, which were aimed at educating clients and providing market updates, I was able to grasp multiple dialects of the language that drives domestic and global economies, finance.

Spending productive time in New York City was of course about more than just working in finance. I was fortunate enough to live on both ends of Manhattan during my time, Harlem and China Town, each location an hour’s walk away from LGS’ midtown offices. My near outright refusal to even approach the subway afforded me the opportunity to explore the various neighborhoods both during the week and on the weekends. The plethora of food destinations and cultural wonders are tantalizing and endless.

This experience has also helped build relationships with the other Linden Fellows, all of whom are remarkable women.

Josephine’s personal emphasis on having a ‘board of directors’ motivates her to ensure she is constantly mentoring others. The wisdom that Josephine has to offer professionally and personally is invaluable and ongoing. Of all the things that I have been able to take from this opportunity, her guidance is the most treasured.”



# A TRIBUTE TO LAURIE WHITE

*Prue Weaver '76, with grateful thanks to members of the KOGU*

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Laurie (Nyman) White '48 was born on 3 July 1931. She started at Kambala aged five and left in 1948 as a Prefect and Gurney House Captain. She lived most of her life in Rose Bay, including 57 years in the big brown house at 468 Old South Head Road.

Laurie and her first husband, Jim Hunt, had two daughters, Lyndy and Julie, who attended Kambala, and Laurie later married Ted White whose daughter Pele was also at Kambala. In 2011 Laurie moved to Yass to be closer to her daughter Lyndy, and it was there that some of us gathered at St Clement's Anglican Church to farewell her after she passed away on 22 January 2018.

There are many milestones that marked Laurie's life, but they hardly touch the surface of all that she meant to her friends and colleagues, particularly those in the Kambala Old Girls' Union (KOGU). Laurie never wanted to be President, but she filled just about every other Committee position from 1959 when she became Assistant Secretary of the KOGU. She was also KOGU representative on the School Council from 1965 to 1971, a member of the Building Fund, the Kambala Association, Kambala's Development Office and an enthusiastic volunteer every Christmas at the Infants' Home, Ashfield and, of course, in the Archives Room.

Laurie became a close friend of Miss Hawthorne, perhaps from their shared experience during the war years when the number of pupils at the School dropped and those in the boarding house came to feel like family.

For many years Laurie and the eponymous tin trunk were the source of all knowledge about the KOGU and its members, most of whom changed their name as they married, took on a professional nom de plume or were generally known by a more distinctive name than was listed when they enrolled at Kambala. "Oh I'll just go and ring Laurie" was a familiar catchcry whenever information was needed, quickly! KOGU meetings were regularly held at number 468 to prepare the newsletters for mailing. These are fondly remembered as times of much talking and laughter ... although we had to finish writing messages on the newsletters going to anyone we knew. Only after everything was done would Laurie break out



1. Kambala Old Girls at Laurie White's funeral in Yass. Back row: (from left) Prue Weaver '76, Gabrielle (Briger) Thompson '76, Kate Bruxner '03, Janet (Cummings) Macfarlane '62, Elizabeth (Hampshire) Burnett '86, Jennifer Hampshire '95, Elaine (Nicolson) Budd '65. Front row: (from left) Marjorie (Storey) Bruxner '65, Julie (Hunt) Newbury '73, Diana (Winston) Hampshire '55, Lynda (Hunt) Stubbs '71 and Carolyn (Coombes) Williams '62.  
2. Laurie (Nyman) White '48 on her 80th birthday.

the Dobinsons cakes, egg sandwiches, tea and coffee and, often, a glass of cask white wine. Laurie was so synonymous with the circulars that she became known as a proofing guru.

It is difficult to sum up Laurie's legacy. She was a caring friend, a wise counsellor, a fount of knowledge, a mentor to many of us, the backbone of the Union, a keen supporter of the Archives Room and the archivists who worked there, but most of all she was a very special lady. Vale Laurie.

# NOTICES

## BIRTHS

**Sophia (Cassimatis)**  
**Conomos '03** and her husband Peter are delighted to announce the birth of their second child, Adelle Victoria Conomos, born on 3 March 2018.

**Katy (Slack) Oswin '99** and her husband Tim welcomed a daughter, Isabel Katherine Oswin, in London on 25 August 2017. Congratulations also to grandmother Juliana (Blok) Slack '61.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations to **Annie Handmer '11** and Hunter Smith on their engagement which took place while on holiday in Iceland in August 2017. They will be getting married in April 2019 in the Hunter Valley.

Congratulations to **Antonia Foster '09** and Sean O'Doherty on their engagement which took place at Rockpool on 28 July 2017, while celebrating Antonia's birthday with family at dinner. They will marry on 27 June 2018 in Capri, Italy.

## MARRIAGES

Congratulations to **Hannah Pooley '09** who married Jason Ulbrich on 26 August 2017 at St Pauls Church in Cobbitty followed by a reception at Eschol Park House in Eschol Park. Hannah and Jason are high school sweethearts and started dating after meeting at the Kambala Year 10 formal in 2007.

Congratulations to **Stephanie Scali '08** who married Thomas Anderson at her family holiday home in Palm Beach on Saturday

24 March 2018. Two Kambala Old Girls were in her bridal party, Aleisha Kerslake '08 (Maid of Honour) and Lauren Oayda '08.

## DEATHS

**Joan Margaret (Blackwell) Cooper '56** of Brookfield in Brisbane, Queensland sadly passed away on 13 March 2018 aged 79. Wife of John (decd), loving mother to Ross, Ian, Fiona, mother-in-law to Lisa and nanny to much loved and adored Jess. Joan was a proud Old Girl of Kambala and stayed in close contact with many Kambala classmates throughout her life including Diane (Gregory) Carnegie '56 and Jeanice (Pritchard) Cramp '56.

**Corinne Mathieu '75** sadly passed away on 7 November 2017 in New Zealand where she was on holidays. She was only 59 years old. Loving mother of Virginia and Karl and grandmother to Wayan and Madé.

**Shirley (Goldstein) Cohen '47** sadly passed away on 22 November 2017 aged 87. Much loved wife of Neil (decd), loving mother and mother-in-law to Susan and Gary, Roy and Jenny. Adored grandmother and great grandmother. A proud Old Girl of Kambala and Roseby Prefect, Shirley loved tennis and played in the Tildesley Shield. She continued to enjoy tennis throughout her life. She also maintained lifelong friendships with a large number of former students and met for lunch with a number of Old Girls several times a year right up until her passing.



1. Katy (Slack) Oswin's '99 baby, Isabel.
2. Antonia Foster '09 and Sean O'Doherty.
3. Hannah Pooley '09 and Jason Ulbrich on their wedding day.
4. Engaged couple Hunter Smith and Annie Handmer '11.
5. Stephanie Scali '08 and

- Thomas Anderson on their wedding day in Palm Beach.
6. Sophia (Cassimatis) Conomos '03 and baby Adelle.

*“The Kambala community embraces the whole girl, her potential, and encourages global thinking.”*





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