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Eurythmics on the front lawn, ca. 1918–1922

Left to right: Jessie MacMaster, Alice Moss, Sadie Smith and Marjorie Speare.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jane Poole '79, KOGU President

It has been a challenging 12 months, with ongoing and rapidly changing COVID-19 restrictions resulting in the cancellation and postponement of several Old Girl events. Now, with the easing of restrictions by the NSW Government and the School, we are delighted to once again be hosting events and reunions, with the 2021 KOGU Committee busily planning events for later in the year.

This is a special year for KOGU as we celebrate our 125-year anniversary. We warmly invite Old Girls back to Kambala for a cocktail party on Saturday 6 November and encourage you to join the celebration and catch up with old school friends. Keep a look out on our social media and website for further details.

One of the joys of being KOGU President is observing the curiosity, resilience and passion of our younger Old Girls as they participate in the opportunities KOGU offers our recent graduates. In this edition we profile the newest opportunity proudly sponsored by KOGU, The Kambala Teaching Scholarship, which recognises the value and impact of teaching as a profession and career choice. We also profile the power of connection through our Kambala Internship Program, which has enabled us to facilitate over 40 internship opportunities for Kambala Old Girls since 2017. As this issue goes to print, our Mentoring Committee is busy reviewing offers from mentors in our wonderful Old Girl community and pairing them with younger Old Girls eager for the experience. At a time of considerable volatility and uncertainty, the wealth of knowledge and experience within our KOG community has never been more valued.

In this edition we are thrilled to be announcing Kambala's Inspirational Old Girls for 2021. Kambala's Inspirational Old Girl Series recognises the achievements of our outstanding Old Girls. We received numerous exceptional nominations this year across many different fields of endeavour. Ultimately, the selection panel has chosen to recognise three individuals: for a lifetime of service and dedication to the School, we recognise the late Diana (Winston) Hampshire '55; for an esteemed academic and business career combined with service to the Arts and young people, we recognise Dr Nicky (Breuer) McWilliam '82; and for inspiring leadership and courage shown in her advocacy for better and earlier consent education in schools, we recognise Chanel Contos '15. In very different ways, each of these women has demonstrated values and actions that inspire us to contribute toward improving the lives of others, regardless of our age or path in life. We hope that the powerful images of these three women, which will be placed in the Alexander Hall later in the year alongside images of past awardees, will inspire current students as they contemplate their own paths in life.

This year has been a powerful and, at times, emotional period for Australian women as we continue to openly discuss harassment, abuse and inequality; a time when it is especially important that we practise self-care, the theme of this edition of The Soubeiran. The KOGU Committee will share with you the ways in which they practice self-care in the following pages. A very common theme is the ongoing connection and support of lifelong friendships formed during school years!

Finally, on behalf of the KOGU Committee, I would like to thank Shane Hogan for the support, collaboration and guidance shown to KOGU over the past four years. We truly value the strong bonds between the School and the Old Girl community and Shane has nurtured this during his time as Principal. We wish Shane all the best for his future endeavours.



CLASS OF 2001 20 YEAR REUNION

Marcella Dalenogari '01

The Kambala Class of 2001 celebrated its 20-year reunion on Saturday 1 May. The cohort had originally planned to meet for an afternoon of lawn bowls, however, due to an unpredictable weather forecast, the location was changed to The Clovelly Hotel Oceanview Room – the perfect setting for a catch up after so many years!

We were a truly harmonious group who got along very well; it was evident in our excitement to see one another. Most of the girls hadn't seen each other since the 10-year reunion (which, funny enough, also involved lawn bowls!), however, some hadn't seen each other since we finished school, making this an extra special occasion to reunite, particularly as some girls travelled across the country to attend.

In many ways, it was incredible to see how much really hadn't changed; we were all fresh-faced and just as excited for some fun chit-chat about life and reminiscing about what we were all like at school and our days at Kambala. We now have a large WhatsApp group chat, so hopefully a yearly reunion won't be too hard to coordinate next time.



Kambala Old Girls celebrate their 20-year reunion.

KITE/KOGU TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

Jane Poole '79

In recognising the important role teachers play in Australia, the Kambala Institute of Teaching Excellence (KITE) and KOGU have launched a scholarship for university study in the field of Education.

The aim of the scholarship is to inspire the next generation of teachers and to commend the teaching profession as a valuable and impactful career choice. The partial scholarship will be offered to one Kambala graduate per year. It is hoped that successful recipients will endeavour to maintain their connection with the Kambala School community, to not only gain professional guidance and support during their undergraduate study, but also to consider possible career pathways with Kambala in the future.

The School will work to provide professional experience opportunities in addition to those provided by the recipient's tertiary institution, such as classroom visits and participation in Kambala's Teacher Mentoring Program.

KOGU is delighted to contribute financially toward the scholarship. We believe it is a unique opportunity for any of our younger Old Girls interested in a career in education, to have the support and expert guidance of the outstanding faculty at Kambala during the initial stages of their development as a teacher.

We received very strong applications from candidates for the scholarship, an indication of the passion for teaching that has been inculcated during the students' time at Kambala. We are very pleased to award the inaugural scholarship to Olivia Cramer-Roberts '20, who has commenced a Bachelor of Primary Education at the University of Sydney. During the selection process, Olivia showed passion, maturity and appreciation of the power of education, which convinces me she will follow in the footsteps of the great teachers who have inspired her. We wish her well in her studies and her career beyond.



*Scholarship recipient,
Olivia Cramer-Roberts '20.*

MEET THE KOGU COMMITTEE



Jane Poole '79

President

Background: Finance and Banking, Telecommunications. I've recently transitioned to post corporate life.

KOG history: I was a Boarder and left Kambala in 1979. My sisters, Kate Poole '84 and Susie (Poole) Willeke '86; my mother, Patricia (Macdougall) Poole '55;

aunt, Jennifer (Macdougall) Finlayson '57; and great aunt, Yvonne (Duval) Crouch '40, all went to Kambala.

How I practise self-care: Making sure I have a balance between what I want to do and what I should do with a strong sense of purpose. This means making time to meet up with friends, relaxing at home, going for long walks, theatre, book club and, when possible, travelling to new places whilst also contributing to something beyond myself.



Jessica Lasky '15

Vice President

Background: Studied Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws at UNSW. Currently studying Masters of Teaching (Secondary) at UNSW.

KOG history: I left Kambala in 2015 and was the first in my family to attend.

How I practise self-care: I love staying fit by playing sports and forcing myself to go to the gym. For my mind, I find it important to meet with friends in order to keep my sense of connectedness.



Sarah Swan '09

Secretary

Background: Solicitor and Yoga Instructor.

KOG history: I left Kambala in 2009 and I am a first generation Kambala girl.

How I practise self-care: I practice and teach yoga almost every day. The Asana practice cultivates a mind-body

connection which can help with relaxation, resilience and fortitude, while building physical strength. The practice can be as simple as five-minute breath work which can help refocus and calm the mind.



Luisa Gidaro '08

Vice President

Background: Finance.

KOG history: I left Kambala in 2008.

How I practise self-care: Organisation and prioritisation. Everything that is important to me, I put in my calendar. This includes scheduling time to step away from the computer during a

workday, exercise, calling back home and seeing friends.



Maria Fidler '14

Treasurer

Background: Consulting, Data and Analytics.

KOG history: I left Kambala in 2014. I have maintained a relationship with the School since through my role as Head Debating Coach (2017/18), Linden Fellow (2019) and KOGU Treasurer (2019 to present).

How I practise self-care: As someone with a pretty hectic work schedule and study on the side, I find moments of relaxation few and far between during the week. When I do have the opportunity, I try to relax with a nice cup of tea, a book or TV show. Aside from that, I practice self-care through exercise and by staying connected with my friends and family.



**Antonia Murphy '80**

Public Officer

Background: Casting Director.**KOG history:** I left Kambala in 1980 and my daughter, Ava Pietranski, is currently in Year 12.
How I practise self-care: I find time to curl up with a good book or go and stare at the ocean for five minutes.**Rowena Curlewis '88**

Committee Member

Background: Drinks Design.**KOG history:** I graduated from Kambala in 1988. My mother, Sally Ann (Best) Curlewis '65, grandmother, Mary (Fenwicke) Best '40, aunts, Jane (Best) Boyd '69 and Jenifer (Page) Best '73, all attended Kambala. My daughter, Zara Goodfellow,

is in Year 10 at Kambala.

How I practise self-care: A combination of meditation, pilates and enjoying a wine at the end of the day keeps things (relatively) in balance. And sleep – as much as I can get!**Anthea (James) Balzer '08**

Committee Member

Background: Lawyer.**KOG history:** I left Kambala in 2008 and my sister, Amelia, left in 1998.**How I practise self-care:** I schedule time for me and try to focus on the things that really matter.**Sarah Grunstein '75**

Committee Member

Background: Concert Pianist.**KOG history:** I am from the Class of 1975 but left Kambala in 1972 to attend the Conservatorium High School. My neighbours since I was nine months old were Kambala Old Girls: Suzanne (Bunce) Williams '67, Wendy (Bunce) Peters '69 and

Vicki (Bunce) Howell-Price '72.

How I practise self-care: My daily exercise recharges the energy of my body, mind and spirit. While highly physical, my exercise becomes a kind of mindful meditation. I exercise every morning and walk/run for an hour in the evening.**Portia Cerny '94**

Committee Member

Background: Data and Analytics.**KOG history:** I am the youngest of three sisters who attended Kambala. I was in the Boarding House from 1992 to 1994. My parents chose Kambala as four of my second cousins also attended the School.**How I practise self-care:** I have recently studied a course on mindfulness and meditation. I eat well, with a preference for vegetarian meals and also enjoy cycling.**Amanda (Baird) Kirton '88**

Committee Member

Background: Investment Banking.**KOG history:** I left Kambala in 1988. My mother, Juanita (Grant Sullivan) Baird, left in '63 and my sister, Joanna (Baird) Dean, left in '90. My daughter, Daisy Kirton, left in 2019 and my other daughters Polly and Piper are in

Year 10 and 7 respectively.

How I practise self-care: For 15 minutes a day I learn Italian. Whilst I worry that its practical application will be terrible, I enjoy both the intellectual exercise and the dream of breezing through Italy knowing exactly how to order a Negroni!

**Nora (Gazal) Milling '97**

Committee Member

Background: Property.

KOG History: I left Kambala in 1997; my sister, Nicole (Gazal) O'Neil, in 1996; my nieces, Nawal O'Neil and Neve O'Neil, are in Year 11 and 10 respectively. My daughters, Naya and Novella Milling, are both in Hampshire House.

How I practise self-care: I believe in staying as active as possible and do pilates and spin classes a few times a week. I also enjoy going for long walks with my friends and husband. I work part time; my daughters are at pre-school and day care a few days a week and I'm lucky enough to have an amazing support network around me that allows me to take time out for myself to keep connected with friends and family.

**Dasha Moskalenko '16**

Committee Member

Background: Commerce/Law (Hons) student at the University of Sydney.

KOG history: I left Kambala in 2016 and I am a first generation Kambala girl.

How I practise self-care: I love an early morning swim as the sun rises because it means I've taken

time out for myself before the day has even begun.

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

Committee Member

Background: Events and Entertainment.

KOG history: I left Kambala in 1996 and my sister, Nora (Gazal) Milling, left in 1997. My two daughters, Nawal and Neve, are current Kambala students. My nieces, Naya and Novella Milling, are in Hampshire House.

How I practise self-care: I practice self-care by spending time with my family and friends. I feel recharged by the incredible energy of those around me. I also make time to exercise daily and not take life too seriously!

**Cath (Kaye) Scott '90**

Committee Member

Background: Former

FMCG Marketing, currently Administration.

KOG history: I left Kambala in 1990 and joined KOGU in 2020. My daughter, Lucy, is a current student in Year 9. My mum worked at Kambala for 25 years.

How I practise self-care: I try

to start each day with exercise which gets me energised for the day ahead and I finish each day by reading a book to relax.

**Alix (Varley) Rimington '96**

KOGU Representative on School Council

Background: Large scale FMCG, Retail, Telecommunications, Technology, Media, International Policy, Corporate Venture Capital and the global startup ecosystem.

KOG history: I left Kambala in 1996. My mother, Wendy

(Warden) Varley '70; aunt, Diana (Warden) Baker-Harber '68; and sister, Georgina Varley '99, all attended Kambala. My niece, Eleanor Smith, is currently in Year 4 and my daughter, Camilla Rimington, is due to start in 2022.

How I practise self-care: I have a pretty demanding and busy job as well as a young family (Oliver, 11 and Camilla, 9). I dedicate 6.00am to 7.00am to exercise at least five or six days per week. Running gives me the opportunity to completely switch off and think uninterrupted.

**Emily Smith '96**

KOGU Representative on School Council

Background: Investment Banking.

KOG history: I left Kambala in 1996. My mother, Pamela (Williams) Smith '64; aunt, Deborah (Williams) Davis '77; and sister, Stephanie (Smith) Jones '94, all attended Kambala. My daughter, Lucinda Behncke, is a current student.

How I practise self-care: Balance is always difficult to achieve when living a busy life. However, regular exercise, as well as prioritising family, are a key focus in my life.



INSPIRATIONAL OLD GIRL SERIES

Brooke Kathriner, KOG Relations Manager



Kambala's Inspirational Old Girl Series recognises and acknowledges the achievements of Kambala Old Girls in their professions, community, arts, sport or family life. We received a number of truly outstanding nominations this year, highlighting what an incredible and diverse community of inspirational women we have.

We are delighted to announce the Kambala Inspirational Old Girls for 2021, Chanel Contos '15, Nicky (Breuer) McWilliam '82 and the late Diana (Winston) Hampshire '55. We look forward to unveiling their portraits in the Alexander Hall later this year.

Chanel Contos '15

Chanel graduated from Kambala in 2015. After studying Commerce and Arts at the University of New South Wales, she moved to London in 2020 to pursue a Masters in Education, Gender and International Development at University College London.

In 2021, Chanel started a petition calling for earlier and more holistic consent education in schools as a means of reducing rates of sexual assault in Australia. Her petition spurred national conversation and began to remove the taboo placed around being a survivor of sexual assault, as thousands told their stories.

At the age of 23, Chanel has met and collaborated with school principals from around Australia, Members of Parliament both at the State and Federal level including the Prime Minister, and with State Police as she pushes for: reform to sexuality education, legislative change and resource reallocation in an attempt to demolish gender-based violence at a macro level.

Dr Nicky (Breuer) McWilliam '82

Nicky studied Arts and Law at the University of Sydney, practicing Law in Sydney and London before co-founding Sydney Mediation Partnership, a mediation practice. Nicky was awarded a PhD in Law and holds an appointment as Associate Professor (adjunct) in the Faculty of Law at the University of Technology Sydney where she teaches as a casual academic and leads research projects (e.g., implementing and evaluating community mediation programs including at a NSW corrections facility and collating data on perceptions of mediation of the judiciary).



1. *Inspirational Old Girl, Chanel Contos '15.*
2. *Inspirational Old Girl, Nicky (Breuer) McWilliam '82.*
3. *Inspirational Old Girl, Diana (Winston) Hampshire '55.*

Nicky served the NSW Government on the Independent Liquor Gaming Authority and managed her late mother's Eva Breuer Art Gallery. As well as academic papers, Nicky has co-authored and published several books, including Two Birthday Cakes, a self-help children's book series on separation; a book about artist, David Boyd; and Slow Burn, a homage to Australian female artists. Nicky has also mentored school students interested in law, as well as UTS Brennan Justice and Leadership Program students. Nicky was KOGU President from 2006 to 2010. Nicky is married to Bruce McWilliam and mother to Andrew, Hugo and Kambala Old Girl Sarah '15.

Diana (Winston) Hampshire '55

Diana's association with Kambala spanned more than 75 years: as a student, two-time President of KOGU and her position as both member and President of the School Council. Diana was the first woman and first Old Girl to be elected President of Council, a position she held for 10 years. Diana's lifetime service to Kambala was honoured in 2009 in the naming of Kambala's Early Learning Centre, Hampshire House.

Kambala has been truly enriched by the longstanding service and contribution Diana has made to the School and to the Kambala Old Girls' Union. Diana passed away on 25 March 2021 (Vale page 32).

THE KAMBALA INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Since 2017, the Kambala Internship Program has facilitated the opportunity for Old Girls to intern with businesses in the broader Kambala community. The Program aims to offer young Old Girls professional work experience and improve career prospects across a wide range of professions. With the generous support of our community, to date, we have been able to facilitate over 40 internship opportunities for Kambala Old Girls.

One of our wonderful supporters is current Kambala parent and Managing Director of Automic Group, Mr Paul Williams. Automic Group has hosted four Kambala interns to date, offering integrated technology solutions combined with legal, company secretarial, governance, share registry and finance professional services.

Paul explains what prompted him to extend an internship opportunity.

"Our family has been part of the Kambala community for 10 years and in this time we have witnessed first-hand the diverse opportunities available to the Kambala cohort. As the Managing Director of an innovative, technology-focused company, I am proud to be in a position to offer internships to Kambala Old Girls where they can gain experience and be supported to excel in the FinTech and Professional Services industries. I have been impressed with the all-round quality of every candidate. Each of the interns we have employed has fit into our organisation extremely well, added energy and enthusiasm and been a delight to work with," said Paul Williams.

We asked Paul if he would recommend this Program to other business owners in the Kambala community.

"The Internship Program allows us to get to know each candidate, gauge their skill levels and determine how well they could fit into our company culture. We are nurturing the growth of young women and enjoying the benefit of having well-rounded, young and enthusiastic women as part of our team. Bringing in students who do not see our company as we do provides a fresh perspective on our day-to-day business.

We recently recruited Lily Cox as an intern through the Program. Pleasingly, she has now accepted a full-time graduate position with us — a true testimony to the success of the Program. We hope that each intern that works with us leaves feeling like they have made a valuable contribution, but also having gained a better understanding of how a company operates and, most importantly, an insight into what they do and do not want to do in the future."

Lily Cox '15 discusses her experience in the Program:

"I applied for the internship at Automic Group just as I was completing my final semester of a five-year double degree in Arts/Law at the Australian National University. I was not entirely sure what I wanted to do after uni, however, I was eager to move back to Sydney and further my professional experience whilst figuring out my plan. Although I had a bit of legal experience coming into my internship, I had never worked at a tech-focused, financial services company like Automic Group and was highly intrigued by their innovative and unique business model. I was definitely looking for a role that had either a legal or commercial focus and fortunately for me Automic Group has both.

There are so many things I have loved about my experience at Automic Group so far. Not only has the work been interesting and varied but the people have been incredibly friendly and welcoming. I remember in my interview, Clare Elsworth, the Talent and Culture Manager, told me that Automic Group was the kind of place where people ask 'how are you' and actually wait to hear the answer — this has definitely been my experience so far.

It has been great to meet and work alongside many successful and established professionals in both the legal and financial services sector at Automic Group. The open plan office has been highly conducive to meeting people from other teams.

As an Old Girl, one of the best things about the internship has been getting to meet other Kambala interns at Automic Group, Claudia Chen '19 and Zoe Carolan '17. All three of us are a few years apart so we didn't get to know each other while at school; it has been great to get to know these girls now in a totally different environment.



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AMBITION



Kambala Old Girl intern, Zoe Carolan '17, Automic Group Managing Director, Paul Williams and Automic Group Law graduate, Lily Cox '15

This internship has been hugely beneficial to furthering my career; within my first month, I was offered a full-time role as a law graduate at Automic Group, which I very gladly accepted. With Automic Group's support, I have now begun my Practical Legal Training and will hopefully be admitted as a solicitor to the Supreme Court of NSW by the end of the year."

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.



Save the date Vintage Lunch

for Kambala Old Girls from 1970 or prior

Wednesday 20 October 2021

11.30am to 3.00pm

Kambala

Invitations will be distributed closer to the date

For more information please email
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Note that this event is subject to COVID-19 restrictions



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KAMBALA CLASS OF '71 50 YEAR REUNION

Harbour View Room, Hampshire House, Kambala

Midday to 3.30pm

Saturday 23 October 2021

Tickets (including drinks): \$90



KAMBALA
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SAVE THE DATE

Date | Saturday 6 November 2021

Time | 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Venue | Hampshire Terrace, Kambala

Kambala Old Girls' Union warmly invites Kambala Old Girls back to Kambala for a cocktail party to celebrate 125 Years! All are welcome to enjoy the beautiful view of the Harbour, catch up with old school friends and join in the celebrations.

KOGU connecting Kambala Old Girls since 1896

VALE DIANA HAMPSHIRE

Diana (Winston) Hampshire '55 passed away on 25 March 2021.

Diana had a lifetime association with Kambala and a great passion for the School. She entered Kindergarten in 1944 and in 1946 commenced as a Boarder when she was only eight years old. She only boarded for a couple of years and was often heard to say that she could look out her window at Tivoli and see her home in Rose Bay.

In 1955, Diana was appointed Senior School Prefect and Gurney House Captain. Her outstanding career as a student culminated in her being awarded the prestigious Latham Cup for Work, Sport and Conduct in her final year at Kambala.

After leaving Kambala, Diana trained as a nurse at Royal North Shore Hospital, a career she followed for many years. During this period, she joined the committee of the Kambala Old Girls' Union (KOGU), serving as President from 1962 to 1964. Following her retirement as KOGU President, she served as the KOGU Nominee to the School Council from 1965 until 1967.

In 1967, Diana married David Hampshire and subsequently moved to a property in Cowra. In 1981 the Hampshires moved back to Sydney and their daughters, Elizabeth '86 and Jennifer '95, attended Kambala. Her association with Kambala continued in the special and important role of a parent.

From 1983 to 1985, Diana held the position of KOGU Archives Registrar and became KOGU President for the second time in 1986, a position she held until 1989. Diana led by example, encouraging Old Girls to play a major part in the many celebrations held throughout the year. She was also involved in the production of the School history tome, Kambala, authored by Dr Alanna Nobbs and published in 1987 – Kambala's 100th anniversary.

Diana was invited to join the School Council in 1989, becoming Vice President in 1990 and President in 1991 – a position she held until her retirement in 2001. She held the distinction of being the first woman and first Old Girl to be elected President.

As President, she took an active role in all aspects of school governance and had a great understanding of the challenging, technical and exciting advances in education in the 21st century. With great enthusiasm and the support of the School Council, the Principal and School administration, major renovations and extensions were carried out on the Alexander and EJ Watt buildings as well as Massie House. A new Senior Boarding House, Fernbank, completed the building program in 1996.



1. Laurie (Nyman) White '48 and Diana perform a sketch they authored, *Campaign Capers*, KOGU Building Fund Dinner, 1964.
2. Diana at 17, original snapshot from the collection of Jan (Oscar) Clark-Walker '55.
3. Prefects, 1955. Back: Patricia Macdougall, Dorothy Ann Wentworth, Diana Winston, Pamela McCure. Front: Jan Oscar, Dorinda Brady.
4. Diana in 2009.
5. Diana at the official naming of the Laurie White Archives Room at Kambala, 2018.

During her 10 years as President, Diana was a familiar figure at almost every Kambala function. Her deep interest in, and passion for, the vision of Kambala through its students, staff and community, was much admired. She nurtured a continuing relationship with the School and showed an absolute commitment and sense of responsibility to all her duties, always representing the School with dignity and graciousness as well as always upholding the Kambala values.

Diana's lifetime service to Kambala was honoured in 2009 in the naming of Kambala's Early Learning Centre, Hampshire House. Kambala has been truly enriched by the longstanding service and contribution Diana has made to the School and to the Kambala Old Girls' Union.

Diana is survived by her daughters Elizabeth (Hampshire) Burnett '86, Jennifer Hampshire '95 and grandchildren Charlie, Ellie and Annique Burnett.



NOTICES

BIRTHS

Congratulations to **Samui (Reid) Monnot '09** and Sébastien Monnot who welcomed baby boy Enzo Mayger Monnot on 8 February 2021. Congratulations also to Grandmother, Julie (Kelly) Reid '77 and Great Grandmother, Sue (McCathie) Kelly '54.

Sophia (Cassimatis)

Conomos '03 and her husband Peter are delighted to announce the birth of their third child, Harry Luke Conomos, born 15 December 2020. Harry is a brother for James and Adelle.

Congratulations to **Lauren Oayda '08** and Simon Cheras who welcomed baby boy Greysen Fox Cheras on 25 September 2020. Congratulations also to Grandmother Liz (Edser) Oayda '82.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to **Chloe Spartalis '08** who married William Malouf on Saturday 6 March 2021. The wedding ceremony was held at St George Greek Orthodox Church, Rose Bay, followed by a reception at Bar M. The bridal party included Chloe's sisters, Adriana Spartalis '12 and Stephanie Spartalis '13 as well as Kambala Old Girls Anthea (James) Balzer '08 and Samantha (Levis) Kogan '08.

DEATHS

Judith (Whitelaw) Abadjan '55 passed away in Maleney, QLD on 30 January 2021 after a long and valiant battle with cancer. Always an adventurous spirit, after leaving Kambala Judy travelled to Europe and her love of travel was awakened. She became an air hostess with Dan-Air, a British

airline which flew into Africa and the Middle East. It was thus she met David Abadjan, a flight engineer for Middle East Airlines, in Beirut, where they married in 1968. They moved to Kuwait where their sons, Christopher and Simon, were born. In 1978, to escape the civil war in Lebanon, the family moved to Surrey, England and then in 1984 to Brisbane, Australia. In recent years, Judy became a loving grandmother to Annice, Gemma, Eva and Mia. She loved reuniting with her school friends wherever in the world they found each other. To their lasting sorrow, her beloved sons and their families were prevented by COVID-19 from being with Judy in her final days. Her indomitable humour, optimism and adventurous spirit are the lasting echoes of her presence which sustain all those who loved her.

Aline (Castle) Adler '59

passed away peacefully with her husband by her side on 8 August 2020 in Derby, England. Kambala was the only school that Aline and her sister, Jill (Castle) Kennard '56, attended. On leaving Kambala, Aline trained as a Speech Therapist at the University of Sydney. She worked in that field in Sydney and in the UK. While in the UK, she met and married her husband, Ivan. They lived in Derby, where both their sons were born. Aline had fond memories of her days at Kambala and made lifelong friendships. Despite distance, she was able to maintain close contacts and attend reunions and Old Girls functions when possible.



1. Baby Enzo, son of Samui (Reid) Monnot '09 and Sébastien Monnot.

2. Greysen Fox Cheras, son of Lauren Oayda '08 and Simon Cheras.

3. Peter, Adelle and James Conomos with baby Harry Luke Conomos and Mum Sophia (Cassimatis) Conomos '03.

4. Chloe Spartalis '08 and William Malouf on their wedding day.

DEATHS

Suzanne (Bennett) Knowles '47

passed away on 30 May 2020, aged 90. After her schooling at Kambala, Suzanne became a nurse and worked at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. She married William Russell Knowles in Rose Bay in 1957 and they moved to Mosman. She was an active member of the Old Girls Union and remained close to a handful of school friends, including Barbara (Gleed) McClelland '47 and Judy (King) Hawley '47, their friendship spanning 85 years. Suzanne is survived by her children David, Leila and Louise and grandchildren Leda, James, Ella, Edward and Ruby. She was loved and looked up to by many and will be deeply missed.

On leaving school, she made nursing her career, where she was highly praised for her empathy with patients and love for her occupation. Sadly, at the age of 21, she became ill with Multiple Sclerosis, which she battled bravely for 35 years. Even with her illness, she married and had a daughter, Poppy, whom she adored. She died soon after her father's death, leaving her mother Jan (Roberts) Scotts '56, her sisters Juliet (Scotts) Petrack '77 and Edwina (Scotts) Scotts-Tolley '84, and their children. Georgie was gregarious and had a wicked sense of humour. She was a beautiful soul and is missed and loved by all who knew her.

Pamela (Upton) Macdermid '45

passed away on 3 November 2020. Pamela attended Kambala as a Boarder, as did her sister, Oenone Upton '42. Pamela won her pocket as an athlete and did the leaving certificate in 1945. She trained as a nurse at Royal North Shore Hospital, where she was awarded the proficiency prize two years running out of some 400 nurses. She married John Macdermid in 1958, which was the beginning of a wonderful 62 years of fun, love and companionship. Pam was a truly remarkable lady; every day in her life was one lived to the full. She was a selfless, strong and determined character and a wonderful wife, mother and loving grandmother to Pippa and Benjamin.

Georgia (Georgie, as she was known) Scotts '80

passed away on 26 November 2020. Georgie excelled in all sports, especially high jump, in which she successfully competed in the All Schools Competition representing Kambala.

Fiona (Reading) Tansley '80

sadly passed away on 30 December 2020 after a battle with cancer. Fiona was the devoted daughter of Dr John Reading (dec) and June Reading of Vaucluse, dearly loved sister of Graeme Reading and sister-in-law of Ginny Reading. Fiona was a beloved member of the Kambala Class of 1980. She found a passion for travel, landing a career with Qantas, where she spent many years working in international sales. She met and married Nick Tansley and moved to Wellington, New Zealand, where her children, Drew and Liza were born. Her time at school was a happy one and she counted her Kambala friends as among her closest. Fiona was a shining light to all who knew her and her infectious enthusiasm for life meant she lit up every social occasion. Even though she lived in New Zealand, she would always make a point of travelling across the ditch to catch up with her old friends. Fiona was much loved and will be greatly missed by many.



Caroline Anne (Boulter) Trollope '62

— 'Cackles Boulter' of Hampshire, UK — sadly passed away on 8 November 2020, aged 75, after a long period in care. Adored wife of Mike, wonderful mother to Roger and Suzanna and proud Kambala Old Girl. Caroline left her much loved family in Sydney to travel to the UK on 'Fairsky' in June '64 with Carolyn (Young) Shannon '62. So many valued school friendships and good times were had in Australia and the UK with Lou Burney '62, Marianne (Mackey) Cremin '62, Robyn (Hodge) Robertson '62, Carolyn (Coombes) Williams '62, Diane (Goodman) Lovett '62, Dianne (Goldsmith) Miegel '62 and others. She loved spending time with her Kambala family. A life of grace, beauty and, of course, many cackles.



1. Suzanne (Bennett) Knowles '47.

2. Pamela (Upton) Macdermid '45.

3. Georgie Scotts '80.

4. Fiona (Reading) Tansley '80 with dog Whammo.

5. Caroline Anne (Boulter) Trollope '62.



“... all of these women have demonstrated values and actions that inspire all of us to contribute in ways that improve the lives of others.”





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