



**OUR
HONOUREES**



MS SARAH BOYD

CLASS OF
1998

Ms Sarah Boyd

*BCom, DipML(Chinese), MA(DevSt),
SpecCertPA, MPA*

Sarah is a gender equality policy specialist, passionate about the potential of women's leadership and feminist foreign policies to advance global development. She has worked in international development, peace and security and humanitarian affairs to advance women's rights for over a decade with the Australian Government, the United Nations and civil society organisations.

Sarah completed a Bachelor of Commerce (Economics) and Diploma of Modern Language (Chinese) at the University of Melbourne. She later earned a Masters in International Development (Gender and Peacebuilding), which included fieldwork in Nepal and Summer School at Lund University in Sweden on Climate Change and Global Health.

Throughout her studies, Sarah worked as a policy officer in the Vice Chancellor's Strategy Office at the University of Melbourne, as an intern at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva, and independently travelled and volunteered in Nepal, Vietnam, China, Tibet and India.

After completing her Masters, Sarah joined the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) where she worked to advance international gender equality policy, women's participation in peace processes, sexual and reproductive health and to eliminate violence against women.

In 2010, Sarah was posted to Pakistan to manage Australia's humanitarian response to the monsoon floods. In later deployments, she worked on natural disaster preparedness in Timor Leste, and as a Gender, Peace and Security Adviser in Myanmar in 2016. Sarah has worked for Oxfam Australia as the Afghanistan and Pakistan Portfolio Manager and with women's rights organisations in Nepal and across South and South-East Asia. In 2015, Sarah founded The Gender Agency to provide advice on gender policy and strategy to governments, international organisations and the United Nations.

In 2018, Sarah was a Fulbright Scholar at the Harvard Kennedy School and earned a Master of Public Administration. In 2019, she was appointed Director of Global Policy and Advocacy with Data2X, a role that ensures women and girls are made visible in policy making and that aims to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.



PROFESSOR LOUISE BREARLEY MESSER AM

CLASS OF
1957

Professor Louise Brearley Messer AM
*BDS, LDS, MDSc, PhD, GradDipDiv,
MA, FICD, FRACDS*

Louise holds the title of Professor Emeritus of the Melbourne Dental School, University of Melbourne. Her career has spanned several countries and research fields, publishing over 200 research papers and book chapters, and supervising the research of over 80 post-graduate students. She has also held academic positions at the University of Minnesota, USA, and the University of British Columbia, Canada. During her time at the University of Minnesota, she was the Director of the Post-Doctoral Research Training Program in Dental Caries for the National Institutes of Health.

Returning to the University of Melbourne in 1990, Louise was the Elsdon Storey Professor of Child Dental Health until 2008, and Director of Graduate Studies in the Dental School from 1996 to 2008. She has lectured in her specialty, paediatric dentistry, across the Asia-Pacific and Middle-East regions and USA. She has served on the editorial boards of a number of paediatric dentistry journals and also as a regular reviewer for international dental journals. Her research has investigated issues relating to dental growth and development, developmental anomalies, dental caries, tooth erosion and

wear in children, long-term effects of fluoride and molar incisor hypomineralisation.

For her significant service to paediatric dentistry and to both the community and the dental profession, Louise was awarded the Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch Award for Distinguished Service in 2011, and in the following year she was awarded Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia.

In retirement, Louise is heavily involved in her church, participating in a range of volunteer activities. She continues to highly value the School Anthem – “What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)



**MS LINDA
BULL**

**CLASS OF
1985**



Ms Linda Bull

The richness of Linda's Tongan heritage has shaped her musical talent since birth, with traditional Tongan music and dance filling her childhood home. From a young age, Linda was coached by her mother to harmonise her singing with the voice of her older sister, Vika.

Linda enrolled in university but left after two years to embark on a musical career with Vika. Together they formed a band, The Honeymooners. In 1988, Linda and Vika were invited as duo backing singers to join Joe Camilleri's band, The Black Sorrows. This was their big break into the stellar Australian music scene, winning multiple awards and touring Australia and Europe.

In 1994, Linda and Vika left The Black Sorrows to forge their own pathways and produced their award-winning debut album with Paul Kelly, to be followed by a further six albums of their own, all highlighting the sisters' remarkable voices.

Vika and Linda have sung on number one albums for Paul Kelly, Kasey Chambers and John Farnham. They have performed for global luminaries like the Dalai Lama, Nelson Mandela and the King of Tonga. They have

been nominated for four ARIA awards, and in 2019 were inducted in the Music Victoria Hall of Fame.

While Linda has received wide acclaim as a backing singer, she is well-recognised as a solo artist. In 2018, Linda's show, Stardust, featuring the songs of Willie Nelson, added to her legacy of bringing glorious pleasure to audiences with her distinctive versatile voice.

In June 2020, Vika and Linda released their first career retrospective album, Akilotoa, which landed at number one on the national ARIA charts on the week of its release.



MS VIKA BULL

CLASS OF 1983



Ms Vika Bull

Vika's innate gift for music was cultivated from early childhood, accredited to her rich maternal Tongan heritage. Her family enjoyed close ties with the Melbourne Tongan community and church where she and her younger sister, Linda, were taught traditional singing and dancing. From a young age, Vika was coached by her mother to harmonise her singing with the voice of her younger sister, Linda.

After leaving school, Vika began training as a legal secretary, but the call to live her dream led her to seek opportunities to sing. In 1983, she was invited to become a backing singer in Melbourne band, Fear of Flying, and the following year she formed the Blue Tomatoes. In 1987, Vika established The Honeyymooners with Linda.

Vika and Linda's growing reputation as a distinctive yet versatile duo came to the attention of Joe Camilleri, whose band The Black Sorrows were already on the rise. An invitation to join them in 1988 marked Vika and Linda's big break. After six years with the Black Sorrows, touring the world, winning awards and multiple chart successes, Vika and Linda went solo. They released their debut album in 1994, which

went Top Ten and achieved platinum sales. Six albums followed, all showcasing the sisters' remarkable voices.

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Vika's solo career is highlighted by her leading role in At Last, The Etta James Story, which has toured Australia since 2013, the UK and New Zealand. In June 2020, Vika and Linda released their first career retrospective album, Akilotoa which landed at number one on the national ARIA charts on the week of its release.



COLONEL MICHELLE CAMPBELL

CLASS OF
1987

Colonel Michelle Campbell *BA (Soc SC)*

Early in her career, Michelle worked in advertising and manufacturing and she had a natural talent for planning, project and stakeholder management. Concurrently, she undertook Army Reserve Officer training from which she graduated with the Sword of Honour (Dux).

Michelle had three children in her 20s and, returning from a four-year maternity break, she worked as a Civilian Program Director with the Department of Defence. Project, program and portfolio management was her forte. Ambitious, she joined KPMG's Management Consulting Practice as a Director in the Defence and National Security sector and led the Land Systems national account.

In parallel, Michelle continued her part-time Army Reserve career. She supported the 2003, 2009 and most recently 2019/20 bushfires. In 2014, she was deployed to Afghanistan for eight months working for NATO, where she was awarded the prestigious Article 5 NATO Meritorious Service Medal. Michelle was the 20th Australian to be awarded this medal for her distinguished service, outstanding leadership and exceptional contribution.

Today, Michelle serves as the Colonel Commandant of the Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps, Victoria.

Michelle is passionate about giving back to the community with voluntary public appointments to support the military and veterans. These non-executive board appointments include: The Shrine of Remembrance Melbourne - Board of Trustees, the State Executive of the Returned and Services League (Victoria) and the Air Combat Advisory Board - Royal Australian Air Force. Michelle is also a judge for the Prime Minister's Veterans' Employment Awards, the Victorian Premier's Spirit of ANZAC Prize and the Returned and Services League (Victoria) ANZAC Awards.

Hungry for a new civilian challenge, Michelle joined the Victorian Government as an Executive Director at the Office of Projects Victoria in December 2019. She was immediately 'called out' for Army Reserve service to support the bushfires for two months. Returning to Projects Victoria in March, she has been working on building the major projects capability and capacity across the Victorian Government infrastructure portfolio.



**DR EVELYN
CHAN**

**CLASS OF
2003**

Dr Evelyn Chan

MBBS, MPH, MSc, DCH, Dip Counsel

Evelyn is a Paediatrician who is passionate about transforming children's healthcare through developing innovative solutions which are patient-centred, sustainable and equitable. She brings a unique composite approach to critical thinking, combining strategy with clinical medicine, public health, anthropology and counselling.

With a love for science, art and communications, Evelyn embarked on a Bachelor of Medicine/ Bachelor of Surgery at Monash University, which she completed with Honours in 2008. She then trained and worked in paediatrics across a wide range of metropolitan and regional/rural hospitals in Victoria.

Evelyn received a Rhodes Scholarship to study Medical Anthropology and Public Health at the University of Oxford in 2011. She focused her research on the effective translation and delivery of healthcare across cultures and geographies.

Evelyn worked at the Boston Consulting Group, specialising in public sector and healthcare strategy. During this time, she led the Young

Leaders Program for at-risk teens and undertook pro-bono work for Jawun Indigenous Initiative.

Evelyn is now the CEO and co-founder of Smileyscope, which grew out of her own clinical experience. Smileyscope is a drug-free solution that has transformed paediatric needle procedures, through patient-centred VR (virtual reality) by keeping children calm and still through clinical procedures. This decreases patient pain and anxiety, making it quicker and safer for clinicians. Smileyscope has won numerous international awards in healthcare, design and innovation, including the renowned Webby Award, SXSW's Impact Paediatric Health Award and Stanford's Paediatric Devices Shark Tank. It is rapidly expanding into developing digital therapeutics for other paediatric and adult medical procedures.

In 2019, Evelyn won the Emerging Women in Leadership Award through the BioMelbourne Network, which aims at shining a light on women in the health industry.



Mrs Roma Drummond OAM (Brunt)

Roma's connection with CGGS commenced in 1933 as a young pupil and her allegiance to and involvement with her alma mater has never diminished. During Roma's student years, she embraced the school motto and values deeply and these have guided her throughout her life.

Roma was valued by the school so much that in 1945 she was employed by Headmistress, Miss Louisa Taylor, as her part-time secretary and as a Speech and Drama teacher. During this time, Roma maintained links with the Past Students Association, now the OGA. Being a natural leader, she established a Dramatic Club and produced many successful plays which were performed in Camberwell Town Hall and Heidelberg Military Hospital, to outstanding reviews.

Roma's innate gift to selflessly care for others became pre-eminent when she assumed the role of primary caregiver to a close family member, following their diagnosis with schizophrenia. Roma devoted herself unconditionally and her enduring dedication inspiring an internal pledge to share her experience and wisdom with families who were undergoing similar challenges. On Australia Day

1994, Roma received the Medal of the Order of Australia in recognition of service to families caring for relatives with schizophrenia.

In 1997, Roma was invited to join an advisory group for the Parents in Partnership project convened by Eastern Health, Melbourne. In participating, Roma collaborated with diverse medical and social welfare professionals, giving invaluable advice and feedback to improve support services for families in the area of mental health.

Roma also became a member of the Victorian Schizophrenia Fellowship, representing them during the ABC's broadcast of The Science Show in 1998 to communicate the nature of schizophrenia.

Roma is a foundation member of The Sapphire Circle, a group dedicated to old grammarians of CGGS who graduated 50 years ago or more.

In 2008, Roma was made a Life Governor of Camberwell Girls Grammar School.



**DR JACKIE
GRAHAM**

**CLASS OF
1989**

Dr Jackie Graham (Herington)
MBBS (Hons), FACEM

Jackie graduated from CGGS as Dux of School and studied Medicine at Monash University, graduating with Honours in 1995. Jackie then began her medical career at Monash Medical Centre and completed her specialist training in Emergency Medicine in 2003.

As a Junior Doctor, Jackie was President of the Hospital Medical Officers' Association and the only female Team Manager in the Hospital Football League. Jackie spent one year of her training at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital in London, where she received official recognition from Bill Clinton, President of the United States of America, for treating one of his security detail.

Jackie has now worked at Monash Medical Centre for almost 25 years. As a Senior Emergency Physician in a large public hospital, Jackie leads a team of doctors to care for people when they are vulnerable and unwell. Jackie was the Director of Clinical Training for three years, supporting interns throughout the whole hospital. She gains fulfilment from, and really enjoys, the opportunity to teach and train medical students and Junior Doctors in the Emergency Department.

Jackie is interested in improving the management of people who frequently present to Emergency Departments, to better identify and address their physical and mental health needs. In her current role, Jackie liaises with colleagues at Ambulance Victoria to advance the joint management of some of their most challenging patients.

Jackie and her family are members of the Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving Club, where they assist with fundraising and the summer Nippers program. Jackie has also been the Team Doctor for her son's junior football team and the Team Manager for her two daughters' netball teams.



MS FRANKIE LAYTON

CLASS OF 2006



Ms Frankie Layton

BA

Frankie graduated from CGGS without a vocation in mind, only a dream to live a purposeful life and to be an agent for change. To kindle her creative thinking, Frankie took a gap year, working on superyachts with inspiring people, each who had taken unconventional paths to success.

On returning to Melbourne, Frankie enrolled in an Arts degree, intent on getting through university and out into the world as fast as possible. After graduating, she travelled to Germany, where her first corporate job was in an international advertising agency. Over the next three years she progressed from intern, to account manager, to strategist. Frankie loved her work but she still didn't have a purpose. She returned to Melbourne with a determination and dedication to finding it. Over the next two years, Frankie worked four days a week in advertising but kept one day a week to work on her dream.

Frankie is now the proud founder of The Dirt Company, a laundry detergent business that is championing a new kind of clean.

Plagued by the state of consumerism and plastic pollution, Frankie decided she wanted to build something that could change the world for the better. She created a laundry detergent in packaging which can be reused multiple times.

An online business, Dirt is self-funded, following the advice that to create real change you need a sustainable resource. Having no major investors makes Dirt an exception to the rule of start-ups. It has meant the company has had to grow within its means, slowly, however it has also allowed Frankie to do business her own way.

Frankie now has a team of six and calculations indicate that every week, through their recycling system, The Dirt Company prevents 410kg of plastic from being manufactured.



MRS BRONWYN LINCOLN

CLASS OF 1981

Mrs Bronwyn Lincoln (Hodges) *BA, LLB*

Bronwyn is a partner of Law Firm, Corrs Chambers Westgarth and an internationally-recognised arbitration practitioner and international arbitrator.

Among other roles, Bronwyn is one of Australia's four designated conciliators for the World Bank. She is also a panel arbitrator for a number of international arbitral institutions including the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the Asian International Arbitration Centre.

Bronwyn is also a Director of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration and the Australian Disputes Centre and a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, based in Paris. In 2017 and 2020, Bronwyn was named as Lawyer of the Year - International Arbitration by Best Lawyers Australia. In 2020, she was recognised as a Global Leader in Arbitration by Who's Who Legal.

Bronwyn's professional roles include developing and mentoring Junior and Senior Lawyers, both within her law firm and from other organisations. In 2017 she was recognised for her contribution in this area when she was chosen as National Mentor of the Year in the Women in Law

Awards. In 2019, Bronwyn was a finalist in the same awards for her pro bono legal work.

In 2017, Bronwyn was invited to participate in a historical photograph which captured 21 of Victoria's leading women in law. The photograph included the then Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria, the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia and the Governor of Victoria.

Above all, family is the most important of her achievements. Together with her husband Mark, they have three teenage children.



MS EMMA RACE

CLASS OF
1993



Ms Emma Race

BA

Emma's career has included roles as a talent manager, broadcaster and producer spanning across 3RRR, Nova, Today FM, ABC 774, C31, Network Ten and Network Seven.

Emma believes women's voices in sport, from broadcasting to boardrooms, are essential to create diverse and healthy communities. An avid AFL fan, her passions intersected in 2016 to produce and host *The Outer Sanctum*, a groundbreaking podcast. Along with her two sisters and three friends, Emma launched a new style of AFL commentary, looking at the game through the lens of feminism, human rights and inclusion. Not long after launching, *The Outer Sanctum* was picked up by the ABC.

The *Outer Sanctum*'s agitation for change and equality in AFL was welcomed by a community of AFL fans, while the industry recognised *The Outer Sanctum* with the Sport Australia Award for Best Depiction of Inclusive Sport and the AFL Media Award for Best Coverage of the AFLW. In 2020, Emma was named in the Top 50 Most Influential Voices in AFL.

Emma has used her platform to create additional programs for women and girls in sport. She is the Executive Producer of the online AFLW TV show, *ALL IN*, and the pre-teen AFLW podcast, *Totally Normal For Girls*. She continues to broadcast across multiple sports shows at the ABC.

Emma's advocacy work was acknowledged by her appointment as the #1 Ticket Holder of the Hawthorn Football Club, her seat on the Board of the State Sports Centre Trust and her appointment as an *Our Watch* Media Fellow. Her leadership in sport was commended with her acceptance into the Australian Institute of Sport Executive Leadership Pathways program in 2020.

Emma is a thought leader whose creativity, passion for justice and belief in women and girls, has changed the AFL media landscape.



**MRS WENDY
RAINBIRD**

**CLASS OF
1959**

Mrs Wendy Rainbird (Westcott)

BA, Dip Ed

Wendy spent 25 years teaching, initially at Secondary and Tertiary levels, and then for many years at Primary levels. Upon retirement, Wendy was invited to join the Australian National Sustainability Initiative, conducting innumerable workshops and seminars. This led Wendy to being appointed the Environment Advisor to the National Council of Women (NCW) ACT, the precursor to her nomination as the National Environment Advisor for NCW Australia.

Due to various international reports which Wendy communicated nationally, she was appointed Environment Advisor for the International Council of Women (ICW) at Izmir, Turkey in 2015. In 2016, Wendy was a member of the ICW delegation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York, where 17 Sustainable Development Goals were discussed. She also participated in the ICW conference in Taipei, Taiwan.

In 2018, Wendy represented the ICW at the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC) in Fiji. Later she was re-elected Environment Advisor for ICW at Jogjakarta. Nationally, Wendy continued her

role for the NCW Australia and ACT. Wendy was involved in SEE Change (Society, Economy, Environment) and she attended the initial Parliament of Youth for Sustainability, where students from all ACT schools were invited to present creative and feasible ideas for living sustainably. Wendy continues to be involved in this inspiring work.

Wendy has volunteered for the past 30 years as ParkCare Convenor for the ACT Farrer Ridge Nature Reserve, a community program for people interested in protecting the environment. In recognition of her long-standing involvement and commitment, Wendy was awarded the ACT Individual Landcare Award.

Each month since 2003, Wendy has monitored and reported on the Murrumbidgee River conditions for Waterwatch. She has been the lead editor and author of two books including, *The World of Tidbinbilla* and *A Labour of Love: Celebrating Landcare in the ACT*. In 2017, Wendy was a nominee for ACT Senior Australian of the Year.



**DR JULIA
RHYDER**

**CLASS OF
2005**

Dr Julia Rhyder (Beaumont)
BA/B Theol, PhD

Julia completed a double degree in Arts and Theology with Honours at the University of Melbourne and Melbourne College of Divinity in 2012. This unique double degree enabled Julia to combine the study of anthropology of religion with training in ancient Hebrew and the methods of biblical exegesis. In 2013, Julia was accepted as a PhD student in Hebrew Bible at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, with full-time funding from the Swiss National Science Foundation. Together with her husband Tim, Julia moved from Melbourne to Switzerland, where she undertook intensive training in French to join the Swiss workforce.

Julia's doctoral research focused on the history of ancient Jewish religion, in particular the progressive reduction in the number of sites of Jewish sacrifice in the second half of the first millennium BCE. This topic is crucial for understanding why Jerusalem was invested with such religious significance in ancient Judaism, and continues to be a site of extraordinary importance today. Julia's PhD was assessed in 2018 by an international panel of researchers from Switzerland, Germany, Canada and the United States. The dissertation

was awarded the Paul-Chapuis Secrétan prize of the University of Lausanne - the highest possible award for non-professors at the university.

In 2019, Julia began a new research and teaching position at the University of Basel in the German-speaking part of Switzerland. Her research explored the connection between Jewish festivals and war commemoration, with a particular focus on the origins of new festivals, such as Hanukkah, that were introduced during the Hellenistic period.

In July 2021, Julia began a new role as Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at Harvard University.



MISS MARGARET SCHOFIELD OAM

CLASS OF
1931



Miss Margaret Schofield OAM

BMus

Margaret was one of Australia's leading pianists during a distinguished career, spanning almost 60 years. She was a renowned soloist and accompanist and widely known for her commitment to the education of young people's musical endeavours.

Margaret commenced her education at CGGS in 1923, three years after the school was founded. Her father, the Reverend James Schofield, Vicar of St Marks, was one of the School's Founders and Chair of the first School Council. From the outset, the school motto, *Utilis in Ministerium* found its place in Margaret's heart and mind. At the age of 10 she penned a poem titled, *A Marcian's Ideal*, reflecting her love of the school and promise to be useful in service and helpful indeed. These words echoed throughout Margaret's entire life.

After leaving school in 1931, Margaret studied music at the University of Melbourne and in London, where she also gave recitals for the BBC. In 1934, she wrote a song for a combined girls' school choir on the occasion of Victoria's Centenary called, *Land of Ours*.

During the 1950s and 1960s, she toured Australia with acclaimed international musicians. In 1966, Margaret was appointed Chief Study Teacher at the University of Melbourne Conservatorium. She lectured in Accompanying and Piano at the Melba Conservatorium, examined for the Australian Music Examinations Board and adjudicated at many eisteddfods and competitions.

In 1988, Margaret was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for her services to music and the community.

In 1993, she gave a solo recital in Barbara Sutton Hall at CGGS in memory of her late father, allocating all the proceeds to the encouragement of music excellence in the school.

Until her late seventies, Margaret continued to teach and play piano. In recognition of her achievements, Margaret's family established a memorial scholarship open to students who have completed their VCE at a government school. This scholarship provides assistance in funding for ongoing music study at a tertiary institution.



**MRS KATE
SOMMERVILLE**

**CLASS OF
1988**

Mrs Kate Sommerville (McCoy)
FAusIMM(CP)

Kate has worked in the mining industry for over 27 years, with a depth of experience in open cut and underground operations. She has been employed in a variety of technical, operational, management, contractor, consulting and corporate roles across a number of commodities.

Kate was Vice President of Mining for the Gold Fields Group which covered a range of functional and strategic oversight of assets in Ghana, South Africa, Australia, Peru and Chile.

She has recently taken on the role of General Manager Legacy Assets with BHP, based in Tucson, Arizona. In this role, Kate leads an integrated team that rehabilitates 24 closed mines across Canada and the USA. Kate loves the positive difference mining can make, especially in developing countries.

In 2011 Kate was awarded the Women in Resources Champion and inducted into the West Australian Women's Hall of Fame for her work in championing women in mining. She has delivered motivational talks since 2004 and has been asked on many industry panels. Kate was the first female Mine Manager for BHP Billiton Iron Ore.

Kate values continuous learning and being connected with industry professionals. She was elected as a Director for her professional industry organisation, the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM). In 2013, she received Professions Australia's Professional of the Year Award and in 2020 she received the AusIMM Institute Service Award.

In her downtime, Kate loves exercise. She has competed in two 70.3 Triathlon World Championships and was proud that in one of them, she didn't come last. At school, she learnt ballet, but these days prefers to sit in the audience and is a sponsor of the West Australian Ballet.



**MRS JENNY
VADIVELOO**

**CLASS OF
1982**

Mrs Jenny Vadiveloo (Talbot)
BEd

Jenny's passion has always been sport. She feels fortunate to have had her sporting skills nurtured by the supportive CGGS Physical Education staff and the many opportunities the school afforded her before she graduated.

Jenny was a member of the Athletics Team, attended the annual Athletics Camps and before school training. Jenny was Lawrence House Sports Captain and was also awarded the title of Senior Sports Champion. She captained the School Athletics Teams in 1981 and 1982, leading the team to victory in the Interschool Competition in 1981 and coming second in 1982.

In Year 12, Jenny travelled to the USA to participate in an Athletics Development Tour. This opportunity exposed her to international competitions at the University of Hawaii, Brigham Young University, Stanford University and University of California, Los Angeles.

After graduating, Jenny completed her Bachelor of Education at Victoria College. During that time, she undertook teaching practice rounds at St Michael's Grammar School and was

offered an ongoing position there as a Physical Education and History teacher.

Jenny represented Australia in High Jump at the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, Scotland. She did not medal, but gained invaluable experience. In 1989, Jenny returned to Europe for three weeks of competition to prepare for the 1990 Commonwealth Games in Auckland, New Zealand. At the 1990 Commonwealth Games Jenny placed sixth.

Jenny was married in 1991 at St Marks Church in Camberwell. Barbara Russell, Head of Music at CGGS at the time, organised the CGGS choir to sing at the wedding. Jenny and her husband have three adult daughters and she continues to teach English and Physical Education.



**DR NOEL
WAITE AO**

**CLASS OF
1946**

Dr Noel Waite AO (McPherson)

Noel is a well-known identity in the fields of human resources and women's affairs. She is Chairman of the Waite Group, a recruitment consultancy, Director of Waite Intersearch, immediate past Chairman of the Leukaemia Foundation of Victoria and past Director of the Public Transport Corporation and State Training Board.

She was the first female President of the Australian Institute of Management, where she is an Honorary Life Member and has the coveted Malcolm Moore Medal for Outstanding Service to Management. She founded the Women Chiefs of Enterprises International in Australia and was Chairman of the International Specialised Skills Institute and a past President of the Victorian Artists Society.

Noel is a qualified Artist and was a Fashion Illustrator for Myer and later, a partner of Fashion Art Studio. When widowed in 1968, she entered the business world but continued with corporate design for which she trained at Swinburne University.

Noel has continued to use her creativity to design and implement career development programs for managers and directors.

In 1993, she created the Top Steps career development program for middle to senior management and subsequently designed the Ultimate Step and Board Step for senior executive and board appointments. These programs operated throughout Australia. In the same year, Noel was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for service to business and management, particularly through advancing the development of women in management.

Noel has extensive networks, having written and delivered many papers both in Australia and overseas and her book, *The Gold Within* (Lothian Books) was released in April 2000. She is listed in the International Who's Who of Women and Who's Who in Australia. In the Year 2000, Noel was chosen to carry the Olympic Torch in the Sydney Olympics. In 2016, Noel was presented with an Honorary Doctorate for Business from Swinburne University.



THE REVEREND CANON DOCTOR RAEWYNNE J WHITELEY

CLASS OF
1984

The Reverend Canon Doctor Raewynne J Whiteley

BA(Hons), MA, BTh, BMin, PhD

Raewynne was among the first generation of women to be ordained priest in the Anglican Church of Australia. She has served parishes in Sydney and Newcastle in Australia, New Jersey and Long Island in the United States, before moving to the United Kingdom to join the staff of the Diocese of Southwark, where she continues to be involved in parish ministry and preaching throughout the diocese. Raewynne also supported the Australian Consulate in New York in the wake of 9/11.

A passion for study led Raewynne to degrees in Psychology, Women's Studies and Theology, culminating in a PhD in Practical Theology in Homiletics (preaching). She served as Convenor of the History Working Group of The North American Academy of Homiletics for over 10 years, before handing over that role to a team of young scholars.

Raewynne has served as Canon Theologian and Examining Chaplain of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, and has been selected for a number of leadership development programs and fellowships within the church.

She has published two books, *Get Up Off Your Knees: Preaching the U2 Catalog* and *Steeped in the Holy: Preaching as a Spiritual Practice*, together with numerous articles, academic papers and sermons.

A love of teaching led Raewynne to teach Homiletics, Theology and Religion at Princeton Theological Seminary, Bay Path College and George Mercer Jr. Memorial School of Theology - alongside her parish ministry. She is also a certified ski instructor.

Throughout her ministry, Raewynne has focussed on fostering faith and leadership. This is expressed in ministry with children, involvement in university chaplaincy and her work in fostering vocations to ordained and lay ministry in Southwark, where she was recently asked to lead the strategic redevelopment of authorised lay ministry across the diocese.



MRS PAMELA HORE

CLASS OF 1959

Mrs Pamela Hore (Beasley)

Pamela Hore commenced work as a secretary to a firm of accountants in 1959. Based on her knowledge of accounting learned at CGGS, courtesy of her teacher, Mrs Cecile Eunice Storey (Benjamin), Pamela participated in Company Share and Taxation Audits. Later, she worked in the family shoe making business, until its closure in May 1988, achieving a 100% recovery of all debts owed to the company. Front and centre of mind during Pamela's working life were Cecile's words, "good administration is the base of all good business".

Employment at the Local Government Aged Care Department followed. Initially cleaning houses, before being invited to organise the delivery of home care services through rostering and matching staff with clients. Pamela ended her career 16 years later as an Intake Officer. During this time, Pamela was called to advocate for her godmother who became a victim of elder abuse.

In mid-2004, Pamela volunteered at the Victorian arm of Alzheimer's Australia, assisting on the help line. In addition, she participated in the education of fifth year medical students to enhance their understanding of dementia. Pamela represented the organisation at Local, State and Federal Government meetings to improve the safety of

those living with dementia. To this day, Pamela continues advocacy work with Dementia Australia, often based on what she learnt caring for her loved ones impacted by dementia.

In 2006, the Victorian Boer War Memorial Committee required a Minute Secretary and Pamela filled the role for a ten-year period. Her work with the Boer War Committee assisted in the raising of funds to have permanent recognition of Australia's Boer War soldiers placed on ANZAC Parade in Canberra, with the commissioning of a memorial dedicated to their memory.

Pamela also volunteers with Eastern Health, carrying out work as a consumer representative. She has inspired the next generation of doctors to be more empathetic with the families of their patients who are suffering with dementia-related illnesses. Through her own medical experiences, Pamela has assisted Eastern Health in seeking continuous improvement in their systems and protocols which will ultimately benefit the many patients they treat.

Pamela's personal passion is researching and writing about the lives of her family members who came before.



MRS CECILE STOREY AM

STAFF
MEMBER
1958 - 1961



Mrs Cecile Storey AM (Benjamin) *BCom, DipEd, BEd*

As a teacher, lobbyist and internationalist, Cecile Storey championed women's equality and human rights through her many roles.

One of only five female students completing a Commerce Degree at Melbourne University in the mid 1950s, Cecile discovered that becoming a female stockbroker was unheard of. So, she turned to teaching – first at CGGS from 1958-1961 and later at Strathcona for over 20 years. Cecile taught generations of girls the principles of government, commerce and the law.

After her three children reached school age, Cecile's frustrations with the barriers for women led her to do more. She joined the Victorian Association of Teachers in Independent Schools, where she lobbied for equal pay and maternity leave, and was President for two years. Later she developed curriculum for Year 12 students, including units on Women in Local Government and Politics. She was also a Year 12 examiner.

Seeing that more work needed to be done, Cecile became an active member of the Family Planning Association, ensuring that women had access to reproductive advice. She was also President from

1981-1983. Cecile lobbied for the introduction of the 1977 Victorian Equal Opportunity Act and she served on the Victorian Premier's Committee for Equal Opportunity from 1975-1977. She was the voice for women on the Australian Government's Committee on Discrimination from 1974-1982. Strongly committed to human rights, Cecile joined the United Nations Association of Australia, serving terms as State and Federal President, promoting the work of UNICEF and UNESCO, and attending international conferences, including the four World Conferences on Women.

Cecile had a long association with La Trobe University. She was a Council Member for 12 years and Chair of the Housing and Buildings Committees. She was also Deputy Chancellor from 1981-1985.

Cecile's work was recognised with the Member of Order of Australia (AM) award in 1984, and posthumous induction into the 2004 Victorian Honour Roll of Women. When she died in 1997, latecomers to her funeral service had to stand, a testament to how many lives Cecile had impressed by her commitment to improve the lives of others.



MS NICOLA RIVERS

CLASS OF
1994

Ms Nicola Rivers

BA

Nicola Rivers is an Environmental Lawyer who has worked for 20 years in public environmental law and policy. After graduating with a double degree in Arts and Law, Nicola worked for the Federal Environment Department and the Attorney-General's Department on a range of environmental and international law and policy issues. She then worked for the State Government, developing early climate change legislation, and advising on water issues. She also worked in the Western Australia Environmental Defenders Office, where she was the Legal Advisor to rural communities who were working to protect their local environment.

Nicola is now Co-CEO of Environmental Justice Australia (EJA), a leading public interest environmental law organisation that seeks to create a world where our laws help people and nature thrive. She has worked for EJA for over a decade, previously as Director of Advocacy and Research where she led the organisation's work to secure stronger environmental laws. She led EJA's clean air campaign which engaged with grassroots environment groups and local communities around Australia to protect our right to clean air. She led EJA's Federal and State

advocacy work on climate and water law, and national nature laws.

Nicola is passionate about women's leadership and models this through the co-leadership of Environmental Justice Australia.

Nicola has also co-founded and co-directed two social enterprises – The Riparian Project to raise awareness about river health, and the Rock and Ranges Brewing Co-operative, a community owned brewery based in regional Victoria.

Nicola holds her Master's in Environmental Management and is a Fellow of the Centre for Sustainability Leadership. She is also an alumnae of the Melbourne Business School through the For Purpose Executive Leadership Program. Nicola has two lively children who keep her on her toes and a very supportive partner who helps to make all these achievements possible.



MS MARGARET PORRITT

CLASS OF
1958

Ms Margaret Porritt (Newhouse)

Margaret Porritt is an iconic fashion influencer with almost 50 years in the fashion retail industry.

Growing up, Margaret admired the talents of her mother who was a milliner and she developed an appreciation for aesthetics and design from a young age. After working in the United Kingdom for Norman Hartnell, former dressmaker to the Queen, Margaret undertook a millinery apprenticeship with her mother. Married at 20, Margaret had three boys by the age of 26. She also proudly worked in a small boutique in the west end of Melbourne called The Orange Poodle.

After 12 years, Margaret's marriage ended. On receiving her settlement, she used it as a deposit to purchase an investment property. In addition, she also put a deposit on The Orange Poodle, where she continued to work hard whilst raising the three boys on her own. The goodwill generated paid off this investment over the first two years and, within three months of purchasing the store she opened a second store in the west end of Melbourne.

As her boys grew older, Margaret continued to open stores. In 1972, she decided to change the name of The Orange Poodle and FEATHERS was soon born. Stocking Australian designer

labels, FEATHERS eventually branched into eight locations, carrying both Australian apparel and footwear.

In 1995, after 25 years carrying Australian designs, Margaret decided to launch her own range known as Feathers by Margaret Porritt.

During her career Margaret won numerous awards, including the Victorian Telstra Business Women's Award and Rag Trader's Retailer of the Year. Margaret was also inducted into the Business Women's Hall of Fame and she was recognised as the Metropolitan Fair Trader of the Year for Excellence in Customer Service.

FEATHERS Boutique has grown to become one of Melbourne's most iconic fashion brands. Margaret treats her employees like family, with many staff members having been in the company for over 20 years. She credits the brand's success to three main elements – her team, the quality of the fabrics and manufacturing, and the ability to rapidly turn around product from design-phase to shop floor.

Margaret attributes the success of FEATHERS to its ability to adapt to change. The brand never stands still, it is constantly evolving and reinventing itself. In 2022, FEATHERS will celebrate its 50th birthday.



MRS JOAN CHILD AO

CLASS OF
1937



Mrs Joan Child AO (Ollie)

Joan Child first came into prominence in Australian politics following the death of her husband, leaving her with five young sons to raise and care for. She took on menial tasks that gave her time to take the younger ones to school and to be home for them after school.

Joan joined the Australian Labor Party (ALP) in 1967, partly for companionship but also to help workers whose conditions, were very basic and arbitrary. She stood for the Federal seat of Henty in 1972 and marginally failed to beat the incumbent by just 300 votes. She won the seat in 1974, when nobody but her local branch members gave her any hope. Labor had never won the seat since its creation in 1912. She worked tirelessly in her electorate for the benefit of her constituents.

She lost the seat in 1975 in the landslide against Gough Whitlam but continued to work in the community, as well as for Clyde Holding and Dr Jim Cairns. She was also the Executive Officer of the State Colleges of the Victoria Staff Association. Joan was very passionate about two things – education and the advancement of women. She won back the seat of Henty in 1980, was active in caucus and parliamentary

committees and was confirmed as the first female Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1985.

Joan presided as Speaker with dignity but what is less well known was that, as Presiding Officer, she had to administer five parliamentary offices. She oversaw the massive and complicated move from the old Parliament House to the New Parliament House. She was also

Permanent Parliament Delegate to the European Parliament and spent a lot of her time attending meetings overseas representing the Australian Government.

Joan retired in 1990, but was still active in her branch activities, as a prolific fundraiser and continually giving strategic and tactical advice to a number of Labor candidates. In 1990 Joan was appointed an AO (Office of the Order of Australia) an honour that recognises Australian citizens and other persons for achievement or meritorious service. She was a passionate gardener, knitter, horse racing enthusiast, Scrabble player, ardent test cricket follower, one time sponsor and long time supporter of the Hawthorn Football Club and a terrific cook. Joan died peacefully at home in 2013, aged 91.



MS RUTH DUNN

CLASS OF
1959



Ms Ruth Dunn (Thorold)

TSTC, BEd (Counselling), BA, MPS

After 13 happy years as a student at Camberwell Girls Grammar School, Ruth Dunn went on to teach English, History and Geography at secondary level in Melbourne (including at CGGS) and also in London.

As a single mother of three, she returned to study and completed a Psychology degree and a post graduate qualification in Counselling in the early 1980s. A rich and varied career as a Psychologist followed.

In 2002, Ruth received her Masters Degree in Psychoanalytic Studies. She worked in the area of addiction, as the coordinator of a Residential Rehabilitation program. With her passionate belief in womens' rights, she established a halfway house for women and children, and worked closely with sexual abuse organisations.

Ruth's next position was as the Victorian Director of the Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service (VVCS), which provided services for the management of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) to veterans and their families. She established a Country Outreach program to bring services to veterans in isolated areas and facilitated lifestyle groups for veterans and their wives.

Ruth established a private practice in Hawthorn and worked in the areas of addiction, trauma, relationship counselling, group work and supervision. She was the Director of the Gestalt Institute of Melbourne and trained and supervised counsellors at a tertiary level. She was the Vice President of the Balint Society of Australia and New Zealand (BSANZ), setting up a training pathway, facilitating groups and presenting at conferences overseas.

Currently, Ruth facilitates online debriefing, supervision and support groups for doctors, mental health professionals and front-line workers.

Another passion that gives her much pleasure is volunteering at the Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS) offering mentoring, counselling and friendship to students and staff.



MS GEORGIE HERBERT

CLASS OF
1998

Ms Georgie Herbert

*BCom (Sport Management),
BA (History), MBus (Marketing),
MMgt (Sport Management)*

Following school, Georgie completed Commerce (Sport Management) and Arts (History) undergraduate degrees at Deakin University, before pursuing a career in the sport industry. Over the next 20 years, Georgie worked at the Melbourne Football Club, Hockey Australia and Football Victoria, where she oversaw the establishment of the Melbourne Victory women's team in the W-League.

Georgie then spent eight seasons as Commercial Operations Manager for the AFL Players' Association. During this period, Georgie completed both a Master of Business (Marketing) at RMIT and a Master of Management (Sport Management) at La Trobe University. Parallel to her career in sports management, Georgie became a passionate advocate for ovarian cancer awareness and a prolific fundraiser for the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation (OCRF), following her mum, Mandy's diagnosis with the disease in 2006. Combining her love of sport with her philanthropic pursuits, Georgie established Mands' Mob, a team of fun-runners who participated annually in Run Melbourne, raising funds for the OCRF to support their quest to find

an early detection test. In 2009, its first year, the team had just nine runners but grew to more than 100 Mobsters five years later. Adding sportsman's nights, auctions, raffles and trivia events to raise further funds and awareness, The Mob raised more than \$500,000 before being retired following Mandy's death in early 2017.

With her mum's passing, Georgie's desire to see ovarian cancer survivability increase through early detection only grew stronger, so she combined forces with Channel Nine Sports Presenter, Clint Stanaway to establish the Silver Lining Ride. The inaugural Ride saw Georgie pedal from Adelaide to Melbourne, a total of 1068km with a group of mates in late 2017. Georgie has led a team of cyclists each year since and over four years, the Ride has banked more than \$400,000 in donations for ovarian cancer research and generated over \$1.5 million worth of publicity.

Through the establishment of the Silver Lining Ride, Georgie became close to the dedicated team of staff at the OCRF and in late 2020, Georgie joined the OCRF as Philanthropy and Corporate Partnerships Manager to continue her philanthropic work.



DR REBECCA SPINDLER

CLASS OF
1987



Dr Rebecca Spindler

BSc, PhD

Rebecca Spindler has been engaged in the Australian and international conservation science sector for over 20 years. She completed a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne and went on to complete a PhD in Marsupial Reproductive Biology in the Department of Zoology.

Rebecca was offered a position at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC as a post-doctoral fellow, where she spent seven years in the Conservation Biology Institute. She worked in the laboratory to understand and improve the reproductive success of endangered species including cheetahs, clouded leopards, jaguars and giant pandas. Rebecca established the Smithsonian's Neotropical Carnivore Initiative and with colleagues from Brazil, collaborated on a multidisciplinary project aimed at improving the health, reproduction, and conservation of jaguars.

In 2000, Rebecca was invited to China to help with the reproductive success of giant pandas in captivity. This led to her attending the giant panda breeding season every year for six years at the Wolong Nature Reserve and the Giant Panda Breeding Centre in Chengdu. When not there, Rebecca spent time with colleagues in the ProCarnivorous NGO and learned a great deal

about working with landowners of every kind to protect jaguars and other carnivores where they co-exist with people.

In 2004, Rebecca moved to Canada to work for the Toronto Zoo as the Curator of Reproduction. She managed the gamete and endocrine laboratories and examined the impact of genetic makeup on reproductive success.

In 2007, she returned home to Australia to take up the role of Head of Science and Conservation at the Taronga Conservation Society. She was honoured to work with scientists from multiple disciplines to provide decision makers with the best possible information on wildlife health and conservation in New South Wales.

Rebecca is now the Executive Manager for Science and Conservation for Bush Heritage Australia. She is privileged to work with some of Australia's traditional owners, top ecologists and expert land managers to design and implement the best possible land management and restoration to keep our Country healthy.

Rebecca has worked as an adjunct Lecturer at the University of New South Wales and an Associate Lecturer at the University of Sydney. She has been involved in many committees and advisory management boards.



MRS AMANDA MANDIE OAM

CLASS OF
1977

Mrs Amanda Mandie OAM (Sharpe)

Amanda Mandie has extensive experience in philanthropy. She has also worked as a journalist, event manager, public relations executive and held various roles in marketing and fundraising for over 40 years.

In 2005, together with her son Nick, Mandy founded Koala Kids – a volunteer driven program dedicated to supporting children and young people during cancer treatment.

Mandy is responsible for gathering a diverse and enthusiastic group of professional volunteers who share her passion for providing children and young people, their families and healthcare teams happy moments.

Koala Kids Foundation was registered with the ACNC in 2015 as an independent, not for profit organisation. Koala Kids vision is to touch every child and young person with cancer in Victoria, and its mission is for its volunteers to provide small things that make a difference to children and young people during treatment.

Koala Kids volunteers, supporters, program partners and healthcare teams are all inspired by Mandy's enthusiasm and passion, and like Mandy, they too believe happy helps!

In 1995, Mandy's older brother died suddenly from a cardiac arrest, aged 37 and leaving behind an expectant wife and two young boys, both under five. When a very fit and healthy 47-year-old son of a close girlfriend also died suddenly from an unexplained cardiac arrest, Mandy became a founding member of End UCD, also known as sudden unexplained cardiac arrest. Today the not-for-profit collaborates with The Baker Foundation to join the dots on 2,000 unexplained cardiac deaths in Australian men, predominantly aged 30 to 50.

After the death of a friend's nine-year-old daughter from Leukaemia in 2009, Mandy became a founding member of Snowdome Foundation. Today, more than ten years later, Snowdome Foundation accelerates new cancer therapies for Australians with blood cancers.

In 2021 Mandy was awarded an OAM in the Australia Day Honors for her commitment to charitable causes and she was also recognised as one of Pro Bono Australia's 25 impact winners.

Mandy's greatest achievements are her two adult aged children, Nicholas and Daniella. She has a wonderful proud husband who supports her in all her interests, including her love of philanthropy and the Richmond Football Club.



DR JACQUI RICHMOND

CLASS OF 1991

Dr Jacqui Richmond

BNurs, MPubHealth, PhD

For over 20 years, Jacqui Richmond has dedicated her career to improving the health outcomes for people living with blood borne viruses, specifically chronic Hepatitis B and C. Jacqui is a registered nurse who completed a Masters of Public Health in 2000 and a PhD at the University of Melbourne in 2006.

A specialist nurse and educator, Jacqui is a proud advocate for people living with Hepatitis B and C and is passionate about addressing the social determinants of health through the delivery of quality, individualised health care, free from judgement and discrimination. In 2006, she was the first nurse to be awarded the Duke Clinical Research Institute Post-Doctoral Hepatology Research Fellowship in North Carolina, USA.

Jacqui's research interests are focused on exploring problems of practice encountered in the delivery of health care and highlighting the lived experience of Hepatitis B and C. The broad focus of Jacqui's work is the translation of research into practice to build the capacity of the health workforce to test, treat and manage the health care needs of people living with Hepatitis B and C. Jacqui's extensive professional network encompasses partnerships with the

community, not-for-profit, alcohol and other drug and multicultural health organisations, and the medical and nursing sectors.

Jacqui has advised the Federal and Victorian Government responses to Hepatitis B and C and she currently works as a Senior Research Fellow at the Burnet Institute in the Eliminate Hepatitis C Australia Partnership. She is a nursing leader in Australia's efforts to meet the World Health Organisation's goal to eliminate Hepatitis B and C by 2030.

Jacqui is currently a sessional teacher in the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Faculty of Health at Deakin University. She is an Honorary Research Fellow at the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society at La Trobe University and Senior Fellow at the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Services at University of Melbourne.

Jacqui commenced at CGGS in Year 1 and completed Year 12 in 1991. She lives in Melbourne with her husband and three children.



PROFESSOR MICHELLE LEECH

CLASS OF
1981

Professor Michelle Leech

MBBS Hons, FRACP, PhD

As Deputy Dean Medicine Professor at Monash University, Michelle Leech oversees the delivery of the flagship medical program across the Clayton, Gippsland and Malaysia campuses. Michelle ensures that the learning objectives and outcomes of both the direct and graduate entry degrees are aligned. She also coordinates a range of academic initiatives for Monash medical students and is currently the Deputy Chair of the Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria, and Vice President of Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand.

Michelle is the Head of the Rheumatoid Arthritis Clinic at Monash Health. She also maintains an active research profile as part of the rheumatology research group in the School of Clinical Sciences at Monash Health. Her clinical research interests include cytokine biology, glucocorticoid action and cell cycle proteins in the context of Rheumatoid Arthritis pathogenesis, as well as medical and interprofessional education. Michelle's work has been published in medical journals including – Nature Reviews Rheumatology, The Lancet Rheumatology and Arthritis & Rheumatology.

Prior to her role as Deputy Dean, Michelle held a number of teaching and leadership positions within Monash's Medical Program. She is a recipient of

the Australian Medical Students' Association National Teaching Award - the highest teaching accolade.

Michelle previously served as the Medical Director of Arthritis Australia and held positions on a number of National Rheumatology Advisory Boards. She is the outgoing Chair of the Clinical Examination Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians National Exam Panel.

A proud Monash alumna, Michelle holds a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) Hons and PhD, and is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (FRACP).



PROFESSOR DELENE WEBER

CLASS OF
1987

Professor Delene Weber (Marsh)

BForSc(Hons), MForSc, PhD

Delene Weber has always been passionate about the environment. This passion began with family holidays to national parks but was fuelled by inspirational teachers including her Geography teacher, Mrs Conway and many others who encouraged her to pursue this passion.

Studying Forest Science at the University of Melbourne, then later at Southern Illinois University, Delene connected with her 'tribe' of fun-loving people who were determined to make a positive impact in the way forests and our environment were protected.

In university breaks, she travelled and worked in amazing places such as Gippsland, Tasmania, Canada and the United States. Eventually moving to South Carolina with John, her now husband, she pursued a rewarding career coordinating environmental education in parks.

She returned to Australia in 1998 to get married, to complete a PhD and to begin a position with the University of South Australia. Delene has received multiple national teaching awards and has published widely on the topic of environmental values, the importance of greenspace and bushfires. Inspiring students to

care for the environment and respect Aboriginal knowledge is one of the most rewarding parts of her job.

While Delene's career continues to be rewarding, it has been the love and support of friends and family that has always been the most important to her. Her favourite times are those she spends with her two beautiful children, her fabulous husband, and her amazing friends and family.

Delene is incredibly grateful for her experience at CGGS and hopes to catch up with more of the brilliant people who shaped her and convinced her that she could make a difference. She is especially grateful to the grammarians she keeps in touch with regularly.