



2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday 7 November 2021 at 10.00am
via Zoom and onsite in Celies Dining Room

Present: Stacey Harris (President), Peta Credlin (Vice President), Ella Credlin, Laura Doherty, Marita Fitzpatrick, Enza Hughes, Louise King, Samantha Morrissy, Anne Mathieson, Emma Morgan, Gael Perry, Stephanie Reynolds, Laura Shandley, Dianne Spence, Kelly Suvoltos, Alicia te Wierik, Anna Negro, Catherine Middlemiss (minutes)

Apologies: Barbara Brady, Carmel Dingemans, Beth King, Mary Lane, Sue Marshman, Betty O'Donnell, Joan West, Mary West

Welcome - President Stacey Harris welcomed everyone to the 2021 Alumni Association AGM and outlined the six principle meeting objectives:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting
2. To receive the President's Report
3. To receive the Treasurer's Report
4. To receive the Alumni Association Trustee Committee Report
5. To receive the College Report
6. To ratify and accept the draft Alumni Strategic Plan
7. The election and re-election of Committee Members and Office Bearers for 2022

Acknowledgement of Land - Vice President Peta Credlin

Vale - Vice President Peta Credlin invited those present to remember the following alumni who have passed since the last AGM:

Catherine Arthur (1954)
Dianne Booker (Symes, 1960)
Marie Brown (Hogan, 1934)
Pat Burke (Junior boy, 1937)
Ellen Conway (1978)
Frank Costa (Junior boy, 1941)
Ronald Delaney (Junior boy, 1955)
Les Dickenson (Junior boy, 1952)
Raema Free (Gibson, 1960)
Tamara Gleave (2005)

Judith Lahey (1951)
Maree McInnes (1956)
Patricia McPherson (McFarlane, 1968)
Sr Rosalie Pascoe (1947)
Hala Pitt (Holak, 1964)
Margaret Poynton (McCarthy, 1959)
Eleanor Preece (McMahon, 1943)
Josephine Snowling (Costa, 1962)
Sr Immaculata Steedman (1946)
Maureen Steinfort (Allen, 1949)

Prayers - Laura Doherty

1. Confirmation of Minutes, 2020 Annual General Meeting – Stacey Harris

Proposed: A motion was called that the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting be accepted
Moved: Gael Perry
Seconded: Marita Fitzpatrick

2. President's Report – Stacey Harris

This year once again has been a tricky year to navigate, with all our major events unable to go ahead due to the ongoing health pandemic. It has however created a unique opportunity to work behind the scenes on developing the Sacred Heart Alumni Association Strategy which I look forward to sharing with you shortly.

As we reach the end of another year, it also marks the end of my term as President and being a member of the committee. It has been quite a challenging journey, with the impact of the health pandemic on most of our events. I do hope that the Alumni Association committee is able to move forward and offer some wonderful connection possibilities to our Alumni and school community in 2022 and beyond. As I reflect on my six-year commitment, I am grateful for the opportunity to give back to Sacred Heart College and the Alumni as well as connect with other mercy women who have volunteered their time to be a part of the committee.

I am pleased, as the current President of the Sacred Heart College Alumni Association, to present the Annual Report for 2020-2021.

Our Association is one of the largest female Alumni Associations in Australia. These women are spread across the globe, engaged in incredible work and we can all be proud to be part of this community. We are optimistic for 2022 and beyond that we can not only provide the opportunity through the Alumni Association to reconnect women through our events, but we will continue to engage with the College to support students and families through scholarships and funding, where we can.

I would like to take this opportunity to update everyone on the past year. In 2019 we launched our 'Sacred Heart College Alumni Association Charity Strategy'. The purpose of this strategy was to provide a framework that guided the Association's activities while maintaining the Mercy ethos. The strategy included a primary focus of maintaining a strong connection to the Mercy community by supporting works of Mercy and other charitable initiatives.

In summary, over the last twelve months we have supported the following charities and worthy causes:

- Pastoral Healthcare Network Australia
- Equity scholarships
- The College's capital campaign for the Anthony Costa Innovation Precinct with our final pledge payment paid this year, fulfilling our commitment of \$100,000
- Gifted a 160th Anniversary Rose to the school.

In line with our new 'Alumni Association Strategy' the charity strategy will be adopted under one of our new pillars of 'giving back'.

The Association's purpose of connecting and reconnecting, present and past students with the College is supported through our annual events and our involvement with the events of the school. Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, we were unable to undertake any of our usual activities or events, which is evident in my overview of events to follow:

- The 2020 AGM held on Sunday 8 November 8 2020
- First online Maguire Magazine edition in July 2021
- Sacred Heart College Alumni Association Strategy - November 2021

As we do each year, we have provided academic and equity scholarships to current College students and continued to contribute to the building works, which I mentioned above and have collectively over the past five years contributed \$100,000 – which will give the Alumni Association a chance to officially name a part of the new building.

With the departure of our Alumni Officer in February this year, I would like to acknowledge both Catherine Middlemiss and Chrissie McPhan (acting Alumni Officer for Term 4) who have supported the committee in administrative and logistical matters as well as helping manage our social media platforms, ensuring that our presence was up to date, relevant and engaging. Our social media presence is integral, which is outlined in the new strategy and will be a focus that underpins new ways to connect with all our Alumni and bring our newest members into the fold, using mediums they are comfortable engaging with. Another final development of our new Alumni strategy will enable the recruitment of our Alumni Officer in early 2022.

As a committee we decided to transition the Maguire Magazine to an online version with four editions each year – and the first edition was launched in July 2021. The feature story was on Colleen Callander, we offered a 'From the archives' piece as well as 'Save the Date' section for our reunions (which unfortunately were not able to go ahead). With all our cancelled events, we felt it would be worthwhile to regularly engage with a digital edition of the Maguire Magazine, having guest editors from our Alumni community (July edition guest editor was Rachel Favaloro from the class of 1993) as well as College updates and themes for each edition. I look forward to our next edition shortly, which will focus on our alumni working on the front line during the current health pandemic.

This year, we said goodbye to two committee members, Jodie Norley and Louise King. I would like to convey my most sincere thanks to Jodie and Louise for volunteering their time and support for the Alumni Association. Thank you, ladies.

I extend my gratitude to the committee. This year has been another extraordinary year, and I appreciate your understanding and patience. I know we have all wanted to be more involved than restrictions have allowed us to be and with cancellation of events it has been difficult. I really appreciate the support and encourage all of you to continue the good work of the what the committee is here to do. I have no doubt with the new strategy in place, 2022 and beyond will offer some wonderful new and dynamic possibilities for the Alumni community to be involved in. Good luck and I wish you all well.

I know I can speak on behalf of the committee; I wish to thank Catherine Middlemiss and Anna Negro for their constant support of the Alumni Association. You provide us with knowledge and opportunities to be involved and connected to the school in ways that we feel we can make a difference. We value and are grateful for your commitment to the Alumni Association.

As mentioned in last year's report the Alumni Association is dedicated to moving forward, ensuring that we continue to honour our past. We are very proud of the work completed to be able to successfully have ready for launch today our 'Sacred Heart College Alumni Association Strategy' as we look to 2022 and beyond - I look forward to presenting it later this morning.

In conclusion I reiterate all the thanks expressed across this report and especially acknowledge that my role as President has been an honour and privilege. I feel blessed to have represented the Alumni community and wish the committee the absolute best for the future.

Proposed: A motion was called to accept the President's Report
Moved: Anne Mathieson
Seconded: Kelly Suvoltos

3. Treasurer's Report – Samantha Morrissy

At the previous AGM in November 2020, the Treasurer's Report detailed the financial period from 1 February 2019 to 31 January 2020. Given the change in the AGM dates and the need to present current, transparent

information I have provided the financial report for two periods, being 1 February 2020 to 31 January 2021 and 1 February 2021 to 30 September 2021.

For the period 1 February 2020 to 31 January 2021:

- Total income received was \$38,012.03; of this amount \$37,550 for membership fees was received from the College and \$462.03 received in interest earned from the term deposit
- The major outgoing was our fourth donation to the Sacred Heart College Geelong Court Precinct Capital Appeal which we had pledged to donate \$20,000 per year over five years
- We continued to support works of Mercy in our community with our donation to Pastoral Healthcare Network Australia of \$695
- Scholarships and awards totalled \$8,500
- The 'artwork' expense was the remaining \$1,000 for a commissioned artwork by past student Jacinta Leitch (1982) for the 160th celebrations.
- The Alumni Association Trustee Committee, responsible for the management of the term deposits, held its two requisite meetings for the year.
- The fund was fully invested in NAB term deposits during the 2020-2021 year at around an average of 1.6% return.
- The term deposits rolled over on 14 March 2020 and again until 14 September 2020. From this date a progressive transfer of funds was undertaken to move the balance from NAB across to CBA as required by Mercy Education Limited.

For the period 1 February 2021 to 30 September 2021:

- Total income received was \$37,714.94; of this amount \$37,575 for membership fees was received from the College and \$139.94 received in interest earned from the term deposit.
- The major outgoing was our final donation to the Sacred Heart College Geelong Court Precinct Capital Appeal which we had pledged to donate \$20,000 per year over five years.
- In early 2021 the Committee engaged democracyCo for strategic planning services; first instalment for services was paid in August for \$9,350 and the remaining balance of \$8,800 is payable in October 2021.
- We continued to support works of Mercy in our community with our donation to Pastoral Healthcare Network Australia of \$695 paid in October.
- Scholarships and awards totalled \$10,250.
- The term deposit transfer of \$145,022.31 occurred on the 1 April 2021.
- The Alumni Association Trustee Committee, responsible for the management of the term deposits, held its two requisite meetings for the year.
- The Fund was fully invested in CBA term deposits from 1 April 2021 for six months and matured on 1st October 2021. This has now been rolled over for a further six months.

Proposed: A motion was called to accept the Treasurer's Report

Moved: Enza Hughes

Seconded: Stephanie Reynolds

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Treasurer's Report

1 February 2020 - 31 January 2021

		\$
OPENING BALANCE	1/02/2020	\$ 68,102.99
INCOME/DEPOSITS		
MEMBERSHIPS		\$ 37,550.00
EVENTS/FUNDRAISING		
REUNIONS		
TRANSFER FROM TERM DEPOSIT		
BEQUEST		
INTEREST		\$ 462.03
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 38,012.03
EXPENSES/DISBURSEMENTS		
MEMBERSHIPS		\$ 445.00
REUNIONS		
GIFTS/FLOWERS		\$ 543.00
ARTWORK		\$ 1,000.00
MERCHANDISE		
BANK FEES		
COMMITTEE EXPENSES		\$ 37.00
DONATIONS		\$ 24,916.80
TRANSFER TO TERM DEPOSIT		\$ 653.56
BEQUESTS		
SCHOLARSHIPS		\$ 8,500.00
TOTAL OUTGOINGS		\$ 36,095.36
CLOSING BALANCE	31/01/2021	\$ 70,019.66
BANK STATEMENTS	31/01/2021	\$ 70,019.66
NET MOVEMENT		\$ 1,916.67

Closing Balance Made Up Of:

CBA (Part of CBA Balance)	Projects	\$ 25,303.58	
NAB Account	Projects	\$ 0.63	
CBA (Part of CBA Balance)	Mercy Works	\$ 6,773.17	\$ 32,077.38
CBA (Part of CBA Balance)	Other		\$ 37,942.28
Total			\$ 70,019.66

TERM DEPOSITS

Opening Balance Establishment Capital Term deposit	\$ 114,403.00
Transferred to CBA	\$ -
BALANCE AS AT 31/1/2021 (Part of CBA Balance)	\$ 114,403.00

Opening Balance Scholarship Interest Term deposit	\$ 30,619.31
Transferred to CBA	\$ -
BALANCE AS AT 31/1/2021 (Part of CBA Balance)	\$ 30,619.31
	\$ 145,022.31

CBA Bank Account	\$ 215,041.34	
NAB Account	\$ 0.63	\$ 215,041.97

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Treasurer's Report

1 February 2021 - 30 September 2021

		\$
OPENING BALANCE	1/02/2021	\$ 215,041.34
INCOME/DEPOSITS		
MEMBERSHIPS		\$ 37,575.00
EVENTS/FUNDRAISING		
REUNIONS		
TRANSFER FROM TERM DEPOSIT		
BEQUEST		
INTEREST		\$ 139.94
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 37,714.94
EXPENSES/DISBURSEMENTS		
CONSULTANTS		\$ 9,350.00
MEMBERSHIPS		
REUNIONS		
GIFTS/FLOWERS		\$ 85.00
ARTWORK		
MERCHANDISE		
BANK FEES		
COMMITTEE EXPENSES		
DONATIONS		\$ 20,000.00
TRANSFER TO TERM DEPOSIT		\$ 145,022.31
BEQUESTS		
SCHOLARSHIPS		\$ 10,250.00
TOTAL OUTGOINGS		\$ 184,707.31
CLOSING BALANCE	30/09/2021	\$ 68,048.97
BANK STATEMENTS	30/09/2021	\$ 68,048.97
NET MOVEMENT		-\$ 146,992.37

Closing Balance Made Up Of:

CBA (Part of CBA Balance)	Projects	\$ 25,303.58	
NAB Account	Projects	\$ 0.63	
CBA (Part of CBA Balance)	Mercy Works	\$ 6,773.17	\$ 32,077.38
CBA (Part of CBA Balance)	Other		\$ 37,942.28
Total			<u>\$ 68,048.97</u>

Outstanding Transactions:

Democracy Co -	\$ 8,800.00
PCHN	\$ 695.00
Balance after Outstanding Transactions	<u>\$ 77,543.97</u>

TERM DEPOSITS

Opening Balance Establishment Capital Term deposit	\$ 145,022.31
Transferred to CBA	\$ -
BALANCE AS AT 31/1/2021 (Part of CBA Balance)	<u>\$ 145,022.31</u>

Maturity Date - 1 October 2021 @4%

4. Alumni Association Trustee Committee Report – Dianne Spence

The Sacred Heart College Geelong Alumni Association Scholarship Trust Fund exists to provide funding for equity scholarships to support present or future students in their education at the College. The former Old Collegian's Bursary Fund was established in 1996, and in 2016 the remaining capital was used to develop the Alumni Association Scholarship Trust Fund.

The trust fund's ongoing capital now consists of the 'establishment capital' plus any amounts gifted or raised specifically for investment. No funds, other than the interest earned on the capital, shall be expended by the Trustee Committee. Only the interest can be applied towards the provision of equity scholarships and expenses such as audit fees.

The fund is administered by the Alumni Association Trustee Committee, with a minimum of two meetings to be held each year.

The 2021 committee includes the Alumni Association Treasurer, Samantha Morrissey, two Alumni appointed Trustees, Enza Hughes and myself, Principal, Anna Negro and Leader of Business Operations, Luke Haitas.

The Committee has met its obligations by holding two meetings in the 12-month period as per Clause 10 of the Trust Fund Rules. Since 1 February 2020 we had meetings on 14 May and 12 November 2020. Since 1 February 2021 we have held our meetings on 3 May and 13 September 2021.

The funds under management of the Trustee Committee were invested in two term deposits (TD) with the National Australia Bank. One TD was made up of the establishment capital of \$114,403 and the second TD ("current capital") which was made up of Alumni Association fees allocated for scholarships and interest earned by these fees plus interest from the establishment capital TD. The balances of these two term deposits together at 31 January 2020 was \$144,261.59.

The movement in this account since 31 January 2020 consisted of interest earned totalling \$760.72. During November 2020 both the term deposits were closed and a total of \$145,022.31 was transferred to the CBA per the requirements of Mercy Education Limited as reported and ratified at the 2020 AGM.

On 1 April 2021 an amount of \$145,021.31 was deposited into a term deposit with Catholic Development Fund (CDF) for six months to mature on 1 October 2021 at 0.4% interest. Interest on maturity of \$290.84 was paid into the Alumni account and this will be added to the term deposit in April 2022. Since then we have continued the Term deposit for another six months to mature on 1 April 2022 at .35%.

In total, the amount under the management of the Trustees is \$145,312.15 as at 1 October 2021.

Interest Rates continue at very low levels; however, in line with the Trustee Rules, the Committee continues to invest conservatively, especially given the current volatility of share markets.

Proposed: A motion was called to accept the Trustee Committee Report
Moved: Anne Mathieson
Seconded: Louise King

5. College Report – Principal, Anna Negro

Anna Negro commenced with an acknowledgement of land before welcoming all guests - in particular past presidents, Marita Fitzpatrick and Gael Perry.

After the year of disruption and uncertainty experienced in 2020, we began 2021 with great hopes for a more 'normal' year anticipating a return to the well-known rhythm of each day, the daily routine which prior to COVID-19 we often complained about. Our sights were set on regaining personal freedom so that we could

reconnect freely with family, colleagues and friends in order to rebuild those all-important relationships that suffered as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

Believing that 2021 would be different, our College Captains were inspired by the Mercy value of compassion, the Catherine McAuley quote, 'resolve to be good today but better tomorrow', and 1 Corinthians 13:13 '... and now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love'; and chose for their 2021 theme - 'Ride the wave with compassion'.

Sadly, our hopes for a more 'normal' year were dashed when, two weeks into Term 1 on Friday 12 February, the day of the swimming carnival we received news that we were to go into a five-day lockdown commencing 11.59pm that night. This was to be the first of eight lockdowns experienced in Regional Victoria during 2021; seven of which took place in Term 3, and each lockdown forcing us to pivot into an all too familiar space of remote learning and working.

As in 2020, the disruption and challenge of COVID-19 lockdowns and remote learning experienced by staff, students and families showed that we were prepared, and many were well-suited to this fast moving and disrupted world.

Determined not to make 2021 a repeat of 2020 the College forged ahead, launching SHC Strategy 2021 and Beyond at the Maguire Celebration which this year was held on site on St Stephen's Green in front of the Anthony Costa Innovation Precinct to an audience of students and staff and live streamed into family homes. On 19 March students took part in the Athletics Carnival which saw Padua win for the first time since 2008. For our Years 7 and 8 students this was their first SHC Athletics Carnival. Our Year 12s went on retreat, Year 11s engaged in a three-day renewal and our Years 7, 9 and 10 students went on camp. Life at Sacred Heart did resume 'normal' even if only for a short time.

The continuous move from onsite learning to remote learning created times of doubt, disappointment, and furthermore times where students and staff alike just wanted to give up; yet instead they exceeded themselves choosing to persevere and turn barriers into opportunities. This action driven mind-set is the SHC Mercy way characterised by courageous action in times of uncertainty.

Faithful to our Mercy tradition, staff, students and families continued to care for one another and for members of the local, national and global community. Consistent with SHC Strategy 2021 and Beyond, we continued to welcome refugee students and new arrivals into our Sacred Heart community through the new Inclusion and Diversity Educational Program (IDEP) which enabled us to strengthen our partnerships with Diversitat and BCYF.

New learning partnerships were also formed in 2021 and these included Phoria – a world leader in immersive technology using cutting-edge virtual augmented and mixed reality technology and

Girls in STEM Mentoring Program with the Bionics Institute. Coincidentally the CEO of the Bionics Institute CEO is Robert Klupacs whose sister is a past student of the College.

In 2020 our senior students continued to achieve solid academic results despite COVID-19 lockdowns and remote learning.

- 11% of students who completed a 3/4 VCE sequence achieved a study score of 40 and above, placing them in the top10% of students in the State
- 12.44% of students achieved an ATAR ranking of 90+ placing them in the top 10% of students in the State
- 32.34% of students achieved an ATAR ranking of 80 or above placing them in the top 20% of students in the State
- The median ATAR score was 73.7
- The median study score was 32.
- Three students obtained a study score of 50, one was in her final year at SHC, one was in Year 11 and one was in Year 10.

- 11 x 3/4 units were completed by Year 10 students, 7 of whom obtained a study score above 40 and one student obtained a perfect score of 50. The average study score for the Year 10 students completing a Unit 3/4 was 40.7
- 261 x 3/4 Units were completed by Year 11 students. 56 students (21.4%) obtained a score of 40+. The average study score was 32.5
- Six Year 12 students completed university units in Accounting, Psychological Science, Law, Journalism. Results included 1 x High Distinction, 4 x Distinction and 1 x Credit through Deakin Accelerate at Deakin Geelong campus. Two students who completed Deakin Accelerate obtained an ATAR above 90
- The State Average ATAR for girls was 69.45. SHC Average ATAR was 71.59
- The 2020 Dux was Freya Dess who achieved an ATAR of 99.25

The above results saw SHC maintain its place in the top 100 schools in the State. It is one of two secondary schools in Geelong to rank in the top 100.

The 2020 VCE results are a testament that the work done during the past few years in redesigning learning did in fact position the staff and students well and that this work enabled students and staff to pivot and adjust to remote learning with relative ease.

Showcasing the Anthony Costa Innovation Precinct Sacred Heart College took part in Geelong Design Week in March to celebrate Geelong's unique creative heritage and design driven future. Our girls showcased critical thinking and problem solving through their creation of a 'Grow Room'. As one of only two organisations in Australia to develop a 'Growroom', this innovative and sustainable development focused on ease of assembly and was produced from only one material — plywood; making it accessible and affordable. Standing tall as a spherical garden, it has empowered students to grow their own plants and food in a beautiful and sustainable way.

We continue to be proud of our Sacred Heart alumni who attract local media attention. They are excellent role models and ambassadors for the College.

I take this opportunity to thank Catherine Middlemiss, Director of Development, Marketing and Communication, Stacey Harris, President of the Alumni Committee, members of the strategy sub-committee and respective working party, who together with past student Emily Jenke (founder of democracyCo) seized the pandemic and its accompanying restrictions as an opportunity to reflect and plan for the future of the Association by preparing the draft Alumni Strategic Plan to be presented here today.

I particularly note the guidance, advice, wisdom and support that Catherine Middlemiss, Gael Perry, former President of the Alumni Association and Anne Mathieson, former Treasurer for their guidance during the strategic planning process.

Proposed: A motion was called to accept the College Report
 Moved: Laura Doherty
 Seconded: Emma Morgan

6. Ratify and Accept the Draft Strategic Plan – Stacey Harris

In 2020 the Association sought to engage a qualified organisation or consultant to facilitate a strategic planning process that would inform the development of a two to three-year strategy.

Following a detailed tender process, submissions were received from three suitably qualified and experienced consultants who outlined a plan to address future growth and relevance of the Association, in line with Sacred Heart College's strategic plan. In March this year, the Strategic Planning sub-committee appointed past student Emily Jenke of democracyCo as the successful candidate to develop a new plan for the Association.

Democracy&co is Australia's leading deliberative democracy organisation and work with governments, corporates and other organisations to find solutions to complex problems to create a social licence for change.

At the core of their approach is a form of political inquiry known as deliberative democracy – an inquiry concerned with improving collective decision-making. It emphasises the right, opportunity, and capacity of anyone who is subject to a collective decision to participate in consequential deliberation about that decision

For the first stage of the process, democracyCo developed a survey which was distributed to our alumni via email and we received 175 responses. The survey responses were analysed and data prepared for the working party to:

- Understand the context from an SHC perspective to connect with the College's strategic direction
- Understand what the alumni community want and need from the Association
- Consider the trends around the alumni association and what the future might look like
- Develop the detail for the draft strategic plan.

Principal, Anna Negro presented to the working party in August and highlighted context around the College's new Strategy 2021 and Beyond and how the association could consider the alignment of their new plan. Following the presentation, the working party gathered for further planning meetings and provided a draft plan which was made available to our alumni members via email and on the College website ten days prior to the AGM.

Stacey presented the draft strategy and called for any comments or questions from those present. A question was raised regarding the tenure of the plan, ie three or five years – this is yet to be determined. Also questioned was the action plan to underpin the strategy – this is yet to be developed and committee members will be invited to align their knowledge/expertise with one of the four pillars; the strategic plan will be reviewed annually at the AGM.

Proposed: A motion was then called to accept the strategic plan

Moved: Samantha Morrissy

Seconded: Stephanie Reynolds

7. Election/Reappointment of Alumni Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2022 - Anna Negro

In accordance with the Alumni Association Constitution, expressions of interest were called for eight weeks prior to today's AGM, with nominations received within four weeks of the AGM. Vacant positions for 2022 are as follows:

- President
- Vice President
- General Committee x three

The Association has received the following nominations:

- President: two nominations - Peta Credlin (1989), Anne Mathieson (1971)
- Vice President: Stephanie Reynolds (2003)
- General Committee: Elizabeth Grayland (2010)

President Nominee: Peta Credlin AO (1989)

Born and raised in country Victoria, Peta Credlin AO commenced her education at Sacred Heart College in Year 9 when her family relocated to the Geelong region. At the end of her Year 10 year, she spent 12 months in the US as a Rotary Exchange Student and returned to SHC, where she was elected Deputy College Captain in 1989 and involved in debating, public speaking and sport.

A resident of Newman College during her time at university, Peta has a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Melbourne and a post-graduate law qualification from the Australian National University. She has worked as a Senior Ministerial Adviser in Federal Politics for over 16 years in the portfolios of Defence, Immigration, Communications and Foreign Affairs. From 2009 until 2015, she was Chief of Staff to the Leader of the Opposition, and Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, making her one of the longest serving Chiefs of Staff to a national leader, and the longest serving female Chief of Staff to a Prime Minister.

Now in the media, Peta is a Sky News Anchor with her own prime time programme as well as a national columnist for The Australian and the News Corp Sunday newspapers. In 2021, she was made an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) for her contribution to politics and the parliament, is a joint Walkley Award winner for journalism, and won a joint Logie for her coverage of the 2016 election. Peta's sisters also attended Sacred Heart College, as have two of her nieces, and her sister-in-law. Peta remains close to many friends from her class some 30 years on since they graduated.

President Nominee: Anne Mathieson (1971)

Anne Mathieson is from the class of 1971. After graduating Anne performed various administration roles in a number of organisations until joining Target Australia Pty Ltd in 1976. In 1978 Anne became mum to Stephanie and after a two-year break returned to Target. After marrying Malcolm in 1985 and having her second daughter Caitlin in 1991, Anne commenced tertiary studies part-time and was awarded her Bachelor of Commerce in 1998. Her third daughter Erin was born in 1993. After graduating from Deakin, Anne completed her CPA.

Whilst undertaking her tertiary studies Anne was appointed to various management roles at Target, eventually being appointed as General Manager of IT for Target in 1995, the first woman appointed to their management board.

Anne held a number of senior executive roles with the Coles Myer Group (now Coles Group), including General Manager of IT for all businesses' buying, merchandise and planning systems. Anne worked on and led a number of major projects, including the rollout of the Coles Myer Mastercard, development of cashless ATM's, and trialling in store banking facilities in supermarkets. Her last role in the Coles Group was Strategic Finance Manager for Kmart Australia. After leaving Coles Group in 2008 Anne took a break before returning to work in HR and Real Estate and re-joining Target in 2012. She retired in 2014.

Anne's three daughters also attended Sacred Heart College. Anne has been Chair of the College Council, member of the Art's Precinct Capital Appeal Committee, Treasurer of the Alumni Association (twice) and Chair of the recent Court Precinct Capital Appeal.

Proposed: A motion was called to accept both nominations for President, with the positions of Co-President to be filled by Peta Credlin and Anne Mathieson
Moved: Dianne Spence
Seconded: Marita Fitzpatrick

Vice-President Nominee: Stephanie Reynolds (2003)

Stephanie Reynolds is from the class of 2003. After graduating, Steph went on to study a Bachelor of Public Relations at Deakin University. For the past 11 years Steph has worked for Australian Red Cross Lifeblood within Marketing and Partnership roles. Steph was exposed to Lifeblood many years beforehand when she was introduced to blood donation at Sacred Heart as a part of community service. The values of giving back and supporting those in need instilled in Steph at Sacred Heart, play a huge part in her passion for her work today.

By far her biggest achievement so far are her two young sons, Jed and Alfie.

Steph is a past President of the Alumni Association and is proud to be back as a Committee Member and is looking forward to what we can achieve for the Alumni and the College in the year ahead.

Proposed: A motion was called to appoint Stephanie as the Vice-President
Moved: Stacey Harris
Seconded: Laura Doherty

General Committee Nominee: Elizabeth Grayland (2010)

Elizabeth Grayland is from the class of 2010. After graduating, Elizabeth went on to study a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in History and Australian Studies. During her undergraduate studies she also undertook an exchange to Swansea University/Prifysgol Abertawe, and an internship at the Melbourne Cricket Club in their Library and Archives. She then went on to complete a Masters of Teaching at the Australian Catholic University. For the past 3 years she has taught Senior History at Trinity College, Colac, after working in schools around Geelong, including Sacred Heart. Elizabeth's values of quality education and learning was instilled in her at Sacred Heart, values that continue to play a substantial role in her life and career.

Proposed: A motion was called to appoint Elizabeth Grayland to the general committee
Moved: Emma Morgan
Seconded: Gael Perry

A re-nomination has been received for the executive position from the following committee members:

- **Treasurer:** Samantha Morrissey (1995)

In accordance with the Alumni Constitution, this re-nomination is now accepted and ratified.

Re-nominations have been received for non-executive positions from the following committee members:

- Ella Credlin (1994)
- Enza Hughes (1987)
- Emma Morgan (2012)
- Laura Shandley (2010)
- Kelly Suvoltos (1991)
- Alicia te Wierik (1989)

In accordance with the Alumni Constitution, these re-nominations are now accepted and ratified.

There being two remaining positions vacant on the general committee, Gael Perry indicated her interest in nominating. Gael provided a quick bio, and her nomination was supported by those present.

The following general committee members have announced their retirement from the committee and we thank them for their time and dedication to the Association:

- Louise King (1975)
- Jodie Norley (1988)

2022 Alumni Committee

Anna Negro announced the 2022 Alumni Association Committee as follows:

Executive:

- Co-President/s: Peta Credlin and Anne Mathieson
- Vice President: Stephanie Reynolds
- Treasurer: Samantha Morrissy
- Alumni Officer: Vacant

General Committee:

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| ● Ella Credlin | ● Gael Perry |
| ● Elizabeth Grayland | ● Laura Shandley |
| ● Enza Hughes | ● Kelly Suvoltos |
| ● Emma Morgan | ● Alicia te Wierik |

Principal Representative:

- Catherine Middlemiss

8. **General Business**

- Peta Credlin welcomed Gael to the committee, and noted her alumni knowledge and experience would be invaluable.
- Gael Perry noted that as per previous AGM's, all reports should be read prior to the meeting, rather than being delivered at the AGM. It was agreed that for future annual general meetings, all reports should be pre-read in readiness for tabling and further discussion (if required) at the meeting.
- Anne Mathieson suggested that 2022 was too long to wait for the first meeting of the new committee; Anne and Peta will contact members next week to arrange a meeting before the end of 2021.

Date of next AGM

The next AGM will be held in November 2022 – date to be determined

Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 11.12am.