

**ST CATHERINE'S
OLD GIRLS' UNION
2025**

HISTORY OF THE OLD GIRLS' UNION

According to the original Constitution, the Old Girls' Union (OGU) was formed on November 11 in 1898. Miss Charlotte Elizabeth Fox – the Principal at the time – chaired a meeting of some forty or fifty past pupils. They agreed to form a Union and four resolutions governing its functions were passed.

They were:

- to keep past pupils in touch with each other and with their old school
- to promote in all ways the good of the school
- to encourage younger members on leaving school to further their own talents and
- to have an annual meeting each year.

The first President was Miss Fox and two of the six Vice-Presidents were Miss Helen Phillips and Miss Rebecca Darling, who were past Principals.

The official name of the Union was the Past Pupils' Union, but the members were always referred to as 'Old Girls'. The original membership was ninety four. During the early years of the century the Union held annual dinners and balls and raised funds by bazaars and sales of work.

In 1915, the Union decided to publish a magazine to keep Old Girls in touch with each other and *The Catherineian* was born. The Union was responsible for publication until 1917 when it lapsed.

In March 1924, a meeting was called to reorganise the OGU because although the Union officially existed it had lapsed. The decision to form the Old Girls' Union was made and Miss Lenthall became the President.

The Secretaries were Kay Herbert (Mrs Maccallum) and Nita Roberts. The original aims of the Union were reaffirmed and support for the republication of *The Catherineian* was given.

The OGU has been well served by its Presidents. Mrs Maccallum was the longest serving of these becoming President in 1947. She continued in this office until her retirement in 1975.

The OGU continues to work for the well-being of St Catherine's, fostering the links between past and present pupils and supporting the school. Functions include: The annual general meeting, annual get-together, specific year group reunions, career networking evening and chapel services.

If you are thinking of holding a reunion, please contact the school. In all correspondence with the school, please be sure to include your maiden name as this is where your records are held.

THE OLD GIRLS' UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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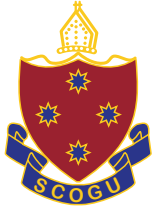
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Lucy Pearl (STC2009)
Kim Rossleigh (Crawford, STC1975))



ST CATHERINE'S OLD GIRLS' UNION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Full name:

Former surname:

Address:

Phone: (H)

(M)

Email address:

Year of commencement at St Catherine's:

Year left:

Class:

House:

Day/boarder:

Direct debit for Life Membership \$180

St Catherine's OGU

BSB 062 124

ACC 2804 7744

Please reference your surname when transferring funds.

Signature:

PRIVACY SLIP

If you do not wish your details to be released, please tick the box below. This will result in your name being excluded from lists for reunions or other functions being organised.

- I am NOT willing for my name and address to be made available to other St Catherine's Old Girls (at their request).
- I agree for my information to be shared with other St Catherine's Old Girls.

Full name:

Former surname:

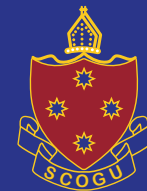
Signature:

Year of commencement at St Catherine's:

Year left:

Class:

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