



PALM LEAFLET

Korovian Digital Newsletter

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President's Welcome

Welcome to another year and further exciting news from the Korovian Club. I hope you are all enjoying receiving more regular updates from the Club and the activities we have been introducing. We hope to see you along at one of our next events.

I am pleased to introduce the new Korowa Alumni Manager, **Mr Ian Robertson**. Ian commenced at Korowa the same week as the International Women's Day Breakfast in mid-March. Ian was previously a teacher and then the Deputy Principal - School Development, for more than 20 years, at Firkbank Grammar School, and was involved in the management of community engagement, alumni and fundraising. Ian is passionate about the advancement of girls' education and looks forward working within the Community Relations Team to build long term and fulfilling relationships between Korovians and the School community. He looks forward to meeting many Korovians at reunions and various other School events.

Alumni Manager

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Now some news since our last issue, the annual printed magazine, *The Korovian*. (If you haven't received this please let Ian know.) Our first AGM/Trivia Night on 20 November 2017 was great fun. Around 40 Korovians and friends returned to Korowa wearing their 'thinking caps'. The 1977 table even managed to live stream a team member for the extra hard questions. We welcomed groups from the 70's, late 80's and early 90's and two tables from the 60's. Shelby Versa, our Vice-President did a great job as MC, and I'm very happy to report that my table 'All the President's Girls', took home the hamper. The 60's team were a very close second. This is definitely an event we'll do again as it was terrific fun.

There are a few more events coming up very soon: The Combined Old Girls Golf Challenge Cup is on 16 April at Kew Golf Club

and we have a team of Korovians ready to play. We wish them a successful day. On 18 May at 11.00am we will held our our third Korovians vs Current Students Netball match on the Korowa netball courts. The pressure will be on the Korovian team to win this year. Any Korovians who are interested in participating, please contact Ian Robertson in the Community Relations Office.

With many reunions coming up, including my own ('78), I am looking forward to catching up with many Korovians from all year groups. I would particularly like to congratulate all the girls from the 2017 group who have now completed their VCE with very good results. I know how hard you all worked, you have ably exemplified our school motto Non Sine Palma Pulvere (no reward without effort). We look forward to seeing you all at your first reunion on 14 September.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Jaeger ('78)

President

Korovian Club



International Women's Day Breakfast speakers Margaret Hill, Sue Crow, Jennifer Johns and Principal Helen Carmody

International Women's Day Breakfast

When you have broken as much ground as **Margaret Hill ('68)**, **Sue Crow (Haward '73)** and **Dr Jennifer Johns AM ('70)**, there is a lot to share. Margaret was the first female in Australia to be appointed an investment adviser at Ord Minnett; Sue has pushed women's sport to the forefront of cricket, football and more; and Jennifer was the first woman to be elected President of the National Heart Foundation of Australia.

From their schooldays, each of these Korovians have not allowed themselves to be held back by what other people have said they can and cannot do, and they encouraged current students and Korovians to share in this spirit. We thank them for the inspiring addresses they gave at the International Women's Day Breakfast on Thursday 15 March. [Read more](#).

[>> WATCH A VIDEO OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST](#)



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Zoe Papageorgiou ('09) has started her own tutoring business, sharing her tips for VCE success with other students. Zoe studied Arts (Honours)/ Law (Honours) at Monash University after graduating from Korowa and now works as a lawyer in institutional abuse. Zoe was the Debating Captain in 2009.

Our most recent Korovians, the Class of 2017, have embarked on the next stages of their lives. Many have gone on to further study at university in the fields of society and culture; sciences; management and commerce; and health. Congratulations to our three duces **Ann Liang, Karla Murphy** and **Jessica Zhong**, who each achieved an outstanding 99.70 ATAR.

Births, Deaths and Marriages

Gowan Lorraine Johnson (nee Huckfield, '85)

We are sorry to announce the passing of Gowan Lorraine Johnson (nee Huckfield) 11/12/68 - 28/02/18

Gowan passed away after a sudden illness at Ballarat, aged 49. Loved wife of Ivan, adored Mum to Cameron, Nicholas & Joshua. Cherished only daughter of Bertie & Cecile (both dec) Resting In Peace. A memorial service was held on 14 March in Ballarat.

Reunions

1963, 1973, 1978: Saturday 5 May, Lunch at Korowa

Pre-1963 Reunion: Wednesday 23 May, Lunch and Morning Dress Rehearsal of the upcoming school production *The Lion King Jr*

1983, 1988, 1993: Saturday 2 June, Lunch at Korowa

1998, 2003, 2008: Saturday 4 August, Twilight drinks at Korowa

1968: Saturday 25 August, Lunch at Korowa

2017: Friday 14 September, Drinks at Korowa

2013: Thursday 20 September, Drinks (Venue TBC)

Invitations are usually posted six weeks before the event. If your contact details have changed, reply to this email, fill in the below form ('Update Your Details') or contact Mr Ian Robertson.

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Other Key Dates

16 April: Combined Old Girls Golf Challenge Cup

18 May: Korovians vs Current Students Netball Match, at 11.00am at Korowa

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International Women's Day Breakfast - Thursday 15 March 2018





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