



President's Annual report for AGM March 2017
CGHS and AGHS Old Girls Association Wellington Branch

Our members continue to gather for morning tea and a meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except January, November - Christmas Lunch and December) in the Brian Davis room at the Wellington Cathedral.

Sadly, four Old Girls passed away last year. Elizabeth (Betty) Littler (Hay 1937-1940 CGHS), Mollie Warren (Pyne 1937-1939, CGHS) Anne Milne (1963 - ? CGHS) and Carol Garden (Maurice 1959-1963 AGHS). They were all long standing and valued members of our association and we will miss them. We had two resignations during the year, Margaret Collins (Forgie 1940- 1944 CGHS) and Fiona Werry (Rees 1949-1953 CGHS). Our current financial membership stands at twenty five, of which twelve are CGHS Old girls and thirteen are AGHS Old Girls. During the year at least fifteen members attended our monthly meetings. We are excited to have two new members interested in joining us in 2017.

Our speaking programme is as interesting as ever, with many varied topics shared with members. In March Geoff Robinson gave a talk about his work with the National programme at RNZ National. His talk highlighted some of the interesting and amusing people he met in his work over the many years he was in radio.

In April Judge Anne Gaskell gave us insight in her work as a Family Court judge and Dr Judy Whitcombe shared her experience of the National Council of Women and her involvement and the work of the Parliamentary Watch Committee.

Marion Patterson and Helen Clarke (in July) gave a talk about Advanced Care Planning, a subject that can be a little confronting to many of us as we grow a little older.

Author Kris Pearson gave an interesting talk on writing romantic novels and on how she gets her intriguing story ideas.

In 2016, many of our members gave talks about their experience of recent travels to; Shanghai and Hong Kong, the Caribbean, Yellowstone Park in the United States and Iran. Each subject showed a wide variety of cultures, food and scenery our members enjoyed.

In mid-November members enjoyed a lovely Christmas luncheon at the West Plaza Hotel.

Our committee worked very well planning our events over the year and I would like to thank them sincerely for their support and friendship.

At our AGM in March President Kristeen Johnston, an Old Girl from Avonside Girls High School (1966 – 1969), Secretary Doreen Ower (Watson), an Old Girl from Christchurch Girls High School (1951-1954) and Sue McGinley, Treasurer Avonside Girls High School (Challis 1960-1964) are to continue in their roles for 2017. Catherine Butland has kindly taken on an Almoner role for our association in 2017.

We warmly welcome visitors to our meetings so please get in touch when and if you are in Wellington. Kristeen E. Johnston - President – 04 476 4592