

## 2017 Old Girls' News

### Marsden Sportswoman of the Year

We are delighted to announce that our 2017 Sportswoman of the Year and Weston Cup recipient is Imogen Skelton. She's had a remarkable year, culminating in a Bronze medal for New Zealand at the Youth Olympics in the Bahamas - congratulations Imogen! And what a lovely moment for Old Girl Margie Weston and Imogen to meet on Friday at Old Girls' Day. (30/10/2017)

### Old Girls Day and New Hall of Fame Laureates

Today it is our pleasure to welcome back Old Girls for a special celebration, Old Girls' Day. A day of shared memories, formal assembly with roll call and, it must be said, a rousing rendition of our school song Non Nobis! We also enjoyed hearing from a fabulous guest speaker, mechanical engineer and young OG, Vikki Stephens (pictured with former Principal, Gillian Eadie).

We also welcome two new laureates to the Marsden Hall of Fame: Kate Hawley (<http://marsden.ultranet.school.nz/WebSpace/7372/>) for her contribution to costume design for film and theatre; and Elizabeth Orr (<http://marsden.ultranet.school.nz/WebSpace/7371/>) for her public service and work towards pay equity for women, she was also the first woman Chancellor of Victoria University. We are proud to honour them. Ad Summa! (27/10/2017)

### Award for Innovative Mobile Healthcare App



Marsden Old Girl, Siobhan Bulfin is founder and Chief Executive of Melon Health, a company winning awards for its innovative approach to healthcare by using mobile apps to help prevent and manage chronic disease. They have just won another award for Best Tech Innovation in Mental Health at 2017 PsychCongress, the largest conference for mental health providers in the USA. Congratulations Siobhan that's wonderful news! (18/09/2017)

### Excellence in Construction Rising Star Award



We love to hear of Old Girls doing well in their chosen fields. Vikki Stephens has won a prestigious Rising Star Award at the Hays National Association of Women in Construction Excellence Awards. She is a Senior Mechanical Engineer at Beca and receives this award for her work on Wellington Airport's Control Tower and other complex projects. Congratulations Vikki (pictured 5th from right) with other NAWIC Award winners. For more details see <http://www.nawic.org.nz/news-construction> (<http://www.nawic.org.nz/news-construction>). (31/08/2017)

### Wellington Band wins Gold



Old Girl Emily Heaney (Year 13, 2013) and current student Sarah Philip-Wright Y12 both took part in the New Zealand Concert Band Festival in Whangarei recently as part of the Wellington City Concert Band. Sarah plays Bassoon, and Emily was on Flute. We are delighted to hear they won a Gold Award. This is an incredible achievement with much hard work and energy put in by the 70 member strong band. Congratulations! (21/08/2017)

### Winner of a Nurture Change Fairfax Scholarship



We are delighted to learn Old Girl, Jessie Wong has won a Nurture Change Fairfax Scholarship (<https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/95443428/business-retreat-competition-winners-revealed>) in the Under 25s Category with her brand Yu Mei (<https://yumeibrand.com/>).

In 2015, Jessie won an AMP scholarship and developed her brand that produces luxury leather goods. Jessie now has 15 staff and her bags are sold in 32 retail boutiques in NZ and internationally. All the beautiful bags are made from Yu Mei's base in Wellington. Sales growth has been exponential. We suspect in a few years time, Jessie and Yu Mei will be as well known as some of our established fashion icons.

The four lucky scholarship winners will attend a retreat in Fiji Nov 8-12 meeting like-minded individuals in a relaxed setting to connect, learn, and be inspired both personally and in business. Well doneJessie! (15/08/2017)

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#### Another Old Girl returns for teacher training



There must be an element of déjà vu for Marsden Old Girl, Libby McKinnon (now Allwood), who is back at school for teacher trainee practice! Libby left Marsden in 1995 to study History at Victoria University. She then worked for the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in NZ. She lives in Karori with husband Carl and two children, Arabella and Henry. We are delighted to welcome Libby back to work (and have some fun) with our Primary students. (10/08/2017)

#### Suitcase Entrepreneur inspires at Mother/Daughter Dinner





Old Girl and 'suitcase entrepreneur' (<https://suitcaseentrepreneur.com/>) Natalie Sisson delivered an inspiring presentation at the Y10 mother daughter dinner last night about finding a career that enables you to follow your passions. Natalie has followed the sun for the last seven years, visiting 70 countries while managing her online business anywhere from Vancouver to Berlin, Brazil to Laos. Natalie left the girls with much to think about. For a taste watch Natalie's 2016 TEDx talk the Surprising Truth About Freedom (<https://suitcaseentrepreneur.com/about/>). (08/08/2017)

#### Old Girl shares Opera experience



What is it really like to be an up-and-coming opera singer? Performing arts students found out when they met with mezzo-soprano OG Bianca Andrew (<http://www.biancaandrew.com/bio/>), who shared her experiences and gave them

wonderful advice for pursuing their own career in the arts. In addition to being talented,  SEARCH (/SEARCH/)  \_\_\_\_\_

they also need to be articulate, have good business sense and most importantly be a supportive team member. Bianca left Marsden in 2007 and is currently based in London. We were thrilled she took time out to visit us while back in NZ to perform in *Manon Lescaut* with the Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra. (07/08/2017)

#### Welcome back Old Girl



It's wonderful to welcome back Julia Finny, young MOG, and teacher trainee for a teaching practice at Marsden. Julia's final year was 2010. She was an outstanding student of the humanities and we are proud to see her following her passion for Classics into a teaching career. (03/08/2017)

#### Surprise Visit



How lovely to welcome Old Girl Hiromi Fukuda and her parents to school on Friday. Hiromi attended Preschool/Primary school from 1979 to 1982. She lives in NYC and is a pianist performing extensively across the USA and Japan. Read her bio here ... (<https://gmcmf.org/artist-faculty/hiromi-fukuda>) (30/05/2017)

#### Recycling by Design



We met up with OG India Korner (nee Rouse) last year at Old Girls' Day. She and her husband Steven co-founded Method Recycling (<http://www.methodrecycling.com/>), a company that design and manufacture bins that make recycling a simple, stylish part of modern offices. Since then Marsden has been successfully using their recycling bins which are strategically placed around the school. With an ever increasing need to be environmentally conscious these bins have definitely improved our recycling process.

Thanks to India and Steven for creating such a great product.

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### Breakthrough research by Old Girl



We are delighted to pass on news of Old Girl, Lucy Sulzberger, whose breakthrough research into the make-up of strawberry birthmarks has been internationally recognised. Lucy (24) is in her final year at Otago Uni and has completed a full-time year at the Gillies McIndoe Research Institute. She expects to graduate with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree in addition to her Bachelor of Medical Science (Hons) degree. Read full Gillies McIndoe article (<http://gmri.org.nz/cms/former-gillies-mcindoe-research-institute-students-success/>). (30/03/2017)

### It's a small world



Academic Director Margaret Adeane is currently in China with the Wellington Private Education Network and she bumped into Old Girl, Anna de Boer, in Shanghai. Anna is helping out with Education NZ while on exchange on a PM's Scholarship from Auckland University. Nice to see a familiar face overseas! (24/03/2017)

### It's not okay





It was a pleasure to welcome Sexual Abuse Prevention Network General Manager, Fiona McNamara to Marsden this morning. Fiona is a Marsden Old Girl and we have appreciated her ongoing contribution to our Senior Health programme. Her work with organisations to help prevent sexual abuse has been much in the news over the last week and we thought it was timely for her to get together with all our Year 12 and 13 girls to talk about this very topical issue. In the current climate, the girls found it eye-opening and empowering to hear from a professional. They feel they have gained some valuable tools to help understand and contribute to the change that needs to happen. (16/03/2017)

### Jean Gilmer Award for Scientific Illustration

The Old Girls Association is delighted to announce the reinstatement of a previous award: the Jean Gilmer Award for scientific illustration. This is named after Marsden Old Girl, Jean Knox Gilmer.



Photo Montage

Left: Jean Knox Gilmer at school

Right: Jean on visit to school in 2014 aged 100 years old.

Fish illustration "Body of Evidence" by Old Girl Charlotte Jackson 1997

The Award was originally started in about 1959 for an herbarium (collection of dried plant specimen and notes) or ecological survey, however there is no record of the award after 1984. This award will link the past: a past student, a previous award and historical recording of observations to current practice, particularly in cross curricular learning.



The Jean Gilmer Award is a beautiful nautilus shell, which will stay at school and the winner will be awarded a smaller trophy to keep at home for the year.

Students from Years 7 to 13 may submit hand painted/drawn scientific illustrations which include the scientific names of the species represented. Entries can be creative but depictions of the plants/animals must be accurate. Heads of Science and Art Departments (or their nominees) will decide on the winner and the prize will be presented at Prize

Giving at the end of the year.

In light of our previous successful science/art collaborations (eg: cards for Zealandia), we think this is a fitting addition to the school prize list and we look forward to seeing this year's submissions.

NB: The Jean Gilmer Award will not necessarily be awarded each year - work must be of a suitably high standard. Dates for submission of artwork will be publicised in the bulletin later in the year.  
(06/03/2017)