



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE OLD LAURISTONIANS` ASSOCIATION (INC.)**

The one hundred and tenth (110<sup>th</sup>) Annual General Meeting of the Old Lauristonians` Association (Inc.) held virtually on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at 6.30pm.

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

<b>Date</b>	Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022	<b>Location:</b>	Via Zoom
<b>Time</b>	6.30pm	<b>Chair:</b>	Anna Wilson
<b>Attendees</b>	Anna Wilson (1990), Amanda Smith (1993), Alex Harvey (2002), Caroline Morrison (1984), Caroline Ramsden (2010), Charley Lupson (2015), Claudette Leeming (1991), Jacqui Jiang (2015), Lisa McLellan (1981), Melanie Davey (2004), Molly Temay (2010), Rachel Irons (1989), Sarah Smith (1989), Stephanie Aitken (2015), Sophie Rice (1985), Xing Zhang (2000)		
<b>Apologies</b>	Steph Phillips (2004), Susan Just (LGS – Principal)		
<b>Guests</b>	Penny Richards Fowler (CGS); Catherine McVean (CGS), Lauren Pickering (LGS), Hibah Jamal (2015)		

**ITEM 1 - MINUTES AND MATTERS**

*Acknowledgement to the traditional custodians, the Wurundjeri and the Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation.*

The 2021 AGM Minutes and Notice of the AGM were circulated to alumnae community via email 6 weeks prior to the AGM, along with relevant meeting documentation.

Reviewed minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting – taken as read.

Approved and accepted.

Moved: Anna Wilson

Seconded: Amanda Smith

**ITEM 2 – PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Full report circulated on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022. Taken as read.

Welcome to the 110<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Old Lauristonians` Association.

As we prepare for another annual general meeting of the Old Lauristonians’ Association I reflect upon my OLA President’s report from 2021. With the pandemic still bubbling below the surface of daily life I can see we all live with a more cautious approach to everything we do. We spend more time planning for an event to ensure its success and the safety of attendees. We consider factors in 2022 that we would never have dreamed of a few years ago. We are forever changed by the experience of the pandemic but as we begin to confidently host reunions, attend face to face meetings and plan careers nights again there is a sense of excitement, happiness and joy that has been missing. There is a renewed energy within the OLA Committee and the wider community that means we can start to truly deliver opportunities to connect and engage while building connections with the Lauriston community for life.

As we approach the AGM, we are also preparing to launch the 2<sup>nd</sup> OLA Fellowship. Again, our generous donors have made \$5,000.00 available for an OL to use to support her career, further study, or business. We are overwhelmed with the response of this Fellowship in our community, and we wait with anticipation to reveal this year’s finalist in September.

Earlier in the month the OLA Committee met for dinner to participate in our first strategy planning session since 2020. Over a couple of hours, we discussed what is important to the committee, what we know you, the wider community, expect and want from us. We planned the initiatives and events we will deliver to you in 2022/23 that will keep us relevant, keep you engaged and recognising the value and benefit of staying connected to this incredible community.

Over the last 12 months the OLA has continued to support sporting groups, individual members of the community and host the odd, rare event between lockdowns such as the Inaugural Lauriston Luncheon at Leonda in December last year. We have collaborated closely with the school and the alumnae office to continue to build our social media platforms showcasing members of our community. One of the best outcomes of the pandemic was the reliance on social media. The power of connection and telling stories of our old girls will continue to remain a vital part of our communication.

The Huntingtower luncheon will be held this year on Friday 2 September at The Glasshouse. Sadly, cancelled in 2021 this luncheon will showcase OL Kit Willow as the keynote speaker while welcoming many hundreds of current parents and OLs in what will be a wonderful day of connection and engagement.

Excitingly our OLA Committee remains stable with the same eighteen members continuing. We are a large committee. We are an active committee, and we represent many generations of OLs. As we roll out our new strategy you will see different members taking on different roles with some new focuses. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate one committee member on her appointment to Chair of the Lauriston School Council. In Semester 2 of 2022 Claudette Leeming will take over this prestigious role and will be the first Old Lauristonian to hold this title. Claudette together with Rachel Irons are the OL representatives on School Council. They will also join a significant contingent of OLs who will be joining many areas of School Council and various sub committees. The Old Girls have never been so well represented!

So again in 2021/2022, we did what we said we would do. We achieved what we set out to achieve and more.

As I have said for the last 4 years it gives me immense pride to continue to lead the OLA in 2022 together with the most amazing, dedicated committee. Not only am I inspired by their passion and commitment to our OL community I am energised by their hard work, determination, creativity, and drive. It remains our unwavering focus and passion to provide the Old Lauristonian community with relevant structures, lifelong connections, opportunities, events, programs, pathways and lived values that provide you with REAL support.

Together with the school we can support our youngest OLs while incorporating and utilising the vast wealth of experiences on offer from our older generations. Our Old Girl community is strong, resilient, passionate and dedicated to each other. This dedication and commitment remind us we are ALL members of an incredibly special and unique community.

Thank you for the honour of leading our Old Lauristonian community again in 2022.

Approved and accepted.

Moved: Anna Wilson

Seconded: Caroline Morrison

### **ITEM 3 – TREASURER’S REPORT**

Full report prepared by Caroline Morrison, were circulated to alumnae community via email prior to the AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022. Taken as read.

Approved and accepted.

Moved: Caroline Morrison

Second: Lisa McLellan

### **ITEM 4 - ELECTION – MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

#### **Office Bearers:**

Anna Wilson (1990) – President

Lisa McLellan (1981) – Vice President

Caroline Morrison (1984) – Honourable Treasurer

Molly Temay (2010) – Honourable Secretary

**General Committee:**

Alex Harvey – General Committee  
Amanda Smith – General Committee  
Caroline Ramsden – General Committee  
Charley Lupson – General Committee  
Claudette Leeming – General Committee, School Council Representative  
Jacqui Jiang – General Committee  
Melanie Davey – General Committee  
Rachel Irons – General Committee, School Council Representative, OLA Fellowship Committee, OLA Finance Committee  
Sarah Smith – General Committee  
Sophie Rice – General Committee  
Steph Aitken – General Committee  
Steph Phillips – General Committee

**Notice to the AGM:**

Xing Zhang has contributed to the OLA Community for 10 years and has made the decision to step back. The OLA Committee past, present and the wider community wishes to give thanks and acknowledge Xing’s dedication and support throughout her tenure.

**New Nomination:**

Hibah Jamal (2015).

Moved: Anna Wilson

Seconded: Molly Temay

**ITEM 5 - ELECTION – OLA REPRESENTATIVE FOR LAURISTON COUNCIL**

Rachael Irons and Claudette.

Claudette Leeming - nominated chair of the Lauriston School Council (date TBC). We are so proud of your achievement into this position and representing the OLA in these councils.

Moved: Anna Wilson

Seconded: Molly Temay

**ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS**

None.

Annual General Meeting closed at 6.44pm