



Royal Melbourne Graduate Nurses' Association

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The Royal Melbourne Hospital, Victoria 3050

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June 2025 Newsletter

Dates to Remember 2024 - 2025

14th June 2025 - AGM Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre 251 Faraday St Carlton 12.30-4pm
AGM 1-2 followed by afternoon tea

2nd September 2025 - Posy Day RMH - confirm with RMH Foundation as RSVP essential, details on RMGNA website or Facebook page

4th October 2025 - RM GNA Spring Luncheon venue: Riverside Cafe, 75 Newsome St, Ascot Vale. 12 to 4pm. Details to Follow.

25th October 2025 - Collective of Victorian Nurses' Association (CVNA) 11-1pm Caulfield Hospital

7th November 2025 - Brighton Cemetery Flag Ceremony 10-11am North Rd Caulfield South

6th December 2025 - RM GNA General Meeting and Christmas Party Kathleen Syme Library 12.30-4pm

Deadline for next Newsletter: 21st October 2025

All items for the December edition to be emailed to

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RMGNA New Members

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Valerie Brown

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Pauline Connelly

Sue-Anne Hennessy

Wendy Houldey

Cathy Kay

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Sharyn Milnes

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Judy O'Brien

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Todd Rosevear

Hayley Stockdale

Allison Unwin

Andrew Vassiliou



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President's Message

I don't think anyone was quite prepared for the level of interest and enthusiasm for our upcoming RM GNA Reunion Luncheon and Book launch of 100 Years 100 Nurses.

The majority of the tickets were sold by January, we increased the number of tables to meet the demand, and we now have a wait list for cancellations.

I am thrilled by the thought of being amongst many of the RMH nursing icons of the 70's, 80's and 90's, Charge Nurses and Educators who guided us to our standards of care and role modelling for leadership. So many stories of our training continue to be shared, even now, the direction of the pineapples on the bedspreads, the direction of the wheels on the beds, bedpan scrubbing and prune rounds evoke laughter and fond memories of some very special times.

I hope that the luncheon can shine a light on our training and nursing at RMH, and what a special time it was. We have many people attending who are featured in the book 100 Years 100 Nurses, but limited time for speakers. I can imagine that it will only serve as a catalyst for more frequent catch-ups.

Thank you to Sue Sherson, who has dedicated so much of her time and love to this project, to Arlene Bennett whose idea it was to celebrate our extraordinary nurses, and the editorial committee who met and researched for the project.

We have an amazing lineup of people coming, including our current RMH CEO (and former nurse) Shelley Dolan and our CNO Kethly Fallon. Our guest speakers will be CEO of the Australian Organ and Tissue Authority Cindy Barry and Yvonne Chaperon, a distinguished lawyer involved in many facets of law in Tasmania, both very proud RMH trainees.

Thank you to the Committee and the RMH Foundation for helping organising what will be an incredible event. Extra special thanks to Bec Martin and Julie Halton, superhuman efforts, without the 2 of you, there wouldn't be an event....

- Lara Taylor
President

Current Royal Melbourne Graduate Nurses' Association Committee

President - Lara Taylor

Vice President - Liz Virtue

Secretary - Julie Halton

Treasurer - Christine Murray

General Members

Janet Briggs

Helene Johns

Kylie Thitchener

Robyn Reeder

Please consider joining our Committee, be a voice for the future of our Association.

Editor's Note

In the lead up to our Reunion Luncheon and Book Launch, we (the Committee) have been delightfully inundated with photos of training groups, graduations and stories. We hope to print as many of these as possible! Thank you to everyone who has sent in precious memories and please remember there is also a page on our website to submit these gems too.

The level of excitement is clearly building with lots of enquires and ticket sales...

We needed to update the information from our December 2025 Newsletter - Gael Bardon pointed out that the image shown was not an iron lung, but a Stryker Frame... Thanks Gael!

Thank you to Quality Print to Post who continues to make our lives easier with their wonderful newsletter production...and their incredibly patient Nicole...dealing with me... And to the RMH Foundation, who have so generously offered to pay for the printing and postage. We are very grateful!

Sincerely,
Lara Taylor

General Meeting 2024

The Kathleen Syme Library is starting to feel like home for our meetings! Our December General Meeting was well attended, with some new faces and people joining virtually.



Our guest speaker was Joel Fitzgerald, one of the two Art of Nursing recipients from 2023. Joel was nominated



for the award for his compassion, patient centred care and positive attitude, and his exceptional care and kindness towards his patients, their relatives and his colleagues.

Joel had studied a double degree in Ballarat, Paramedicine and Nursing. Joel was fortunate to be studying with and then completing his Grad Year at RMH with Momoka Yoshida, our other Art of Nursing recipient, so they kept in regular contact. Joel spoke of the pace of his wards, the importance of good preceptors, the need for people to debrief with, and how having a housemate who was also a Grad was really beneficial. Joel's rotations were in the really busy AMU (Acute Medical Ward) and then surgical wards, and then he accepted a job in the Emergency Department. Joel acknowledges that it is the staff, the 'lifeblood' as he calls them, that are the saviours for Grad Nurses, their ability to teach, "have your back" and help you get through things are the survival essentials for this critical year.



Joel said that regular debriefing sessions early in the Grad Year was great, and he saw a need for this to continue to bond and an outlet for the Grads.

Joel thinks that the beauty of having so many different areas of nursing allows you to find your unique area, where your personality matches. Surviving a frantic Grad year, becoming comfortable in one area then starting another from scratch, is no easy task, but being kind to yourself and having people around you to support you are the keys to survival.

Our profession is in good hands with nurses like Joel coming through our ranks!




- Lara Taylor



Royal Melbourne Graduate Nurses' Association - General Meeting Minutes

Date & Time	7th December 2024, 1300-1400
Venue	Kathleen Symes Library & Community Centre
Present	Jocelyn Sellers, Helen Pickering, Lara Taylor, Sue Sherson, Arlene Bennett, Janet Briggs, Petrina Halloran, Kaye (Kate) Marshall, Kerry (Sue) Ophel, Helene Johns, Julie Halton, Liz Virtue, Koon Kwong (virtual), Angelina Barber (virtual), Dianne Adams (virtual), Mandy McCormand (virtual). Guest speaker: Joel Fitzgerald, 2023 Graduate Nurse co-winner Art of Nursing Award

Agenda Item		Discussion & Action															
1.0	Meeting Opening																
1.1	Welcome	Including Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners															
1.2	Apologies	Chris Murray, Liz Dillon-Hensby, Melinda Rohloff, Kate Douglas, Jenny Monaghan, Bron Nowlan, Mabs Topp, Leanna Parker, Angie Black, Meinir Griffiths															
1.3	Confirmation of meeting minutes	Confirmation: Helen Pickering; 2nd: Lara Taylor															
2.0	President's Report																
2.1	Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lots of meetings and event organising for 2025 Brief discussion of RMGNA-sponsored books: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 years, 100 nurses will either be printed and ready for sales by 17th May 2025 (or at least we will start pre-sales) at the 2025 Lunch and book launch event (see 4.5) Being There will be reprinted Overview of 2025 Lunch which will be a celebration of International Nurses Day/week (see 4.5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lara has been busy trying to find speakers and special guests for the lunch such as Cindy Barry and Yvonne Chaperon Lara excited about, and grateful to, the RMH Foundation for their support with newsletter costs and organising the 2025 Lunch Thanks to the committee for having such vision, drive and enthusiasm for our future so the RMGNA survives and thrives Lara and Julie met with Melody Trueman (DoN Nursing Education) and Katelyn Stevens (ADoN Nursing Education) who strongly recommended that the RMGNA restrict our focus on the graduate nurses and expand our 'reach' to all RMH nurses, past and present 															
2.2	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased email correspondence which makes it easier to be timely in our responses; Lara will check the mailbox at RMH for any mailed correspondence 															
3.0	Treasurer's Reports																
3.1	Update	Healthy funds that are 'self-sustaining'															
3.2	Other																
4.0	Business Arising																
4.1	RMGNA Awards & scholarship Small Grants Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art of Nursing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent discussions at the AGM and committee meetings re the award amount not adequately reflecting how important the 'art' of nursing is so prize has been increased to \$1000 Introduction of a 'once off' Art of Nursing Award in 2025 for a more senior nurse who displays the art of nursing to celebrate the book launches and raise our profile with all RMH nurses Discussion re making the senior RN Art of Nursing award an ongoing award to recognise the work and skills of Grade 2+ nurses; all present agreed to this Jane Bell Scholarship open for applications in 2025 The Jane Bell Scholarship and Art of Nursing awards will be advertised with other RMH nursing awards in January 2025; winners will be asked to attend the lunch for presentation of their awards Small Grants Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RMH Foundation agreement has now been formalised and they will cover 50% of each Grant awarded The only Discussion re opening these Grants up to all RMH nurses (currently RMGNA members only) – it would raise our profile with RMH nurses but, if open to everyone, there is no incentive for people to become members; for discussion again in 12 months 															
4.2	"100 years 100 nurses"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 years, 100 nurses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales (or presales) at the lunch Being There reprint <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From discussions at the AGM and committee meetings, there appears to be interest in reprinting 'being there' and having it available for sales at the lunch in 2025 Julie has been in contact with a number of printers and discussed options - the original file has been found by OpenBook Howden and converted to a pdf but their printing costs are prohibitive (see table below) Index was printed separately but the printer & Sue Sherson (author) do not have a copy. Action: Julie to scan and recreate the index to be included Discussion re number of copies to be printed – most people felt was not enough, especially with the potential of lots of sales at the lunch and thought maybe 150 books. Helene has offered to store the books until the lunch but there was discussion about alternative spaces. Action: Lara to find out if we can use storage. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>OpenBook Howden</td><td>50 books = \$78</td><td>100 books = \$59</td></tr> <tr> <td>Melb Printing Co.</td><td>50 books = \$43</td><td>100 books = \$40</td></tr> <tr> <td>Digital Print Aust</td><td>50 books = \$30</td><td>Forgot to ask, but will be <\$30</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ingram Spark</td><td>50 books = \$30</td><td>OnDemand avail. (print when ordered by individuals)</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Monetise the book pdf i.e., sell the pdf but there is a risk the pdf will be shared and we will not be paid for it.</td></tr> </table>	OpenBook Howden	50 books = \$78	100 books = \$59	Melb Printing Co.	50 books = \$43	100 books = \$40	Digital Print Aust	50 books = \$30	Forgot to ask, but will be <\$30	Ingram Spark	50 books = \$30	OnDemand avail. (print when ordered by individuals)	Monetise the book pdf i.e., sell the pdf but there is a risk the pdf will be shared and we will not be paid for it.		
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4.3	Newsletter	December issue just printed/mailed – confirmed with everyone present that they received a copy (mail or email)																	
4.4	Membership & fee changes	<p>Review of the membership fee changes approved at the AGM; options with and without printed newsletters & no life membership option to better cover our costs and improve cashflow into the Association (see table)</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Current membership Fees:</th> <th></th> <th>New Membership fees (from 1st July 2025)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1 Year - \$30</td> <td rowspan="5"></td> <td>1 year with emailed newsletters - \$30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Years - \$50</td> <td>1 year with printed newsletters - \$50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Life Member - \$150</td> <td>3 years with emailed newsletters - \$60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current Graduate Nurses - 1 yr free</td> <td>3 years with printed newsletters - \$80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>>70 years of age - free</td> <td>> 70 years of age / current graduate - Free</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>No life membership option</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Current membership Fees:		New Membership fees (from 1st July 2025)	1 Year - \$30		1 year with emailed newsletters - \$30	3 Years - \$50	1 year with printed newsletters - \$50	Life Member - \$150	3 years with emailed newsletters - \$60	Current Graduate Nurses - 1 yr free	3 years with printed newsletters - \$80	>70 years of age - free	> 70 years of age / current graduate - Free			No life membership option
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4.5	Past & upcoming events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review 2025 calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft calendar reviewed with a few events still to be confirmed – these will be transferred to the website calendar and zoom meeting links available on the 'Members Only' page on the website very soon From our discussions, Melody Trueman (DoN Nursing Education) was reluctant to commit to RMGNA events specifically for new graduate nurses, so we do not have start dates or numbers for 2025 graduate nurses; the drinks and chips sessions may go ahead, details will be put on the website/mailed to members if/once confirmed; to Please note the 'to be submitted by' dates for next year's newsletters Committee meetings on calendar – committee members will receive agendas and zoom links once created 17th May 2025 lunch & book launch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a page on our internet site (https://rmhgna.com.au/2025-lunch-%26-book-launch) which has all the information about the lunch, the hotel, how to book tickets, etc. Still confirming an MC (Rodney Judson), speakers and the order of events We ask all members to reach out to their friends and present/past colleagues and all buy tickets. IMPORTANT NOTE: if you wish to sit with a particular group of people, please create a table name (a person's name or your training group name) and, when booking your tickets put that name in the 'Table Captain' field. We will endeavour to seat everyone with the same Table Captain name together (in tables of 10) Of note, we need volunteers to assist with the organisation of, and help at, the lunch Action: Julie to contact ANMF and ANC to discuss options for advertising the event; Sue Sherson will speak with Rodney Judson (MC for the RMGNA 100th Anniversary lunch) about being the MC 																	
5.0	New Business																		
5.1	Welcome to our 2024-25 committee	Committee members welcomed!																	
5.2	VicCollections archival service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to Arlene and Lara, they have suitcases of past Association documents at their homes and we have at least 2 storage cabinets at the RMH full of documents, brochures, teaspoons, etc. that all need to be archived Julie has created an RMGNA page on the VicCollection's archival site and will need volunteers to complete the archival training (dates tbc) and assist long-term archiving of all these documents An EOI will be sent to members later 2025 to join the archival training, etc. 																	
5.3	RMH inter- & intranet pages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RMH Comms Team has assisted Julie Halton in creating RMGNA sections on the RMH's intranet and internet The internet page entry is small but searchable; the intranet page has more information, links to the website and advertising for the lunch in 2025 																	
5.4	Legal advice re Association's ABN, AIS & DRG status	Julie is still pursuing legal advice about consolidating our ABNs, how to become a DRG entity (so people can make tax deductible donations) and whether we should change the way we submit our annual statements (as a non-profit association)																	
5.5	EOI for subcommittee members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archive team – EOI will be advertised late 2025 Lunch & book launch event – won't need help with the organisation of the event as the RMH Foundation event coordinator, Bec Martin, is pretty much doing this; but, as a cashless event, we will need volunteers to run around with eftpos handsets so people can pay for books, raffle tickets, memberships, etc. at the lunch Small Grants Program – we will need long-term subcommittee members to review and approve grant applications 																	
6.0	Next meeting	AGM 14th June 2025, from 1300																	



RMH 185 40 Year Reunion

Group 185 reunited to celebrate 40 years since they trained at The Royal Melbourne Hospital.

SIXTY started in 185, unfortunately I was only able to contact about 42 of the group.



RMH 185 40 Year Reunion Cont...

Eight of the group joined a tour with Lara Taylor. Lara went beyond our expectations.

We met in the RMH foyer, where we then met the NUM of ED, who took us through the cubicals, resus and Floor Coordinator desk area.

Then we were then taken through the HUB and short stay areas into a hall where we looked at photos of the old hospital and past nursing groups.

Lara then took us to the new ICU, where we were met by Marg Nuttall's niece, Sue, who showed us the negative pressure rooms.

We also were taken to PACU and Theatre.

We were shown a hybrid theatre, where the radiographer showed us some of the amazing technology used in that theatre and scans that are used during procedures.

From there we were taken to the 9th floor - the theatres were here during our training but it is now the MRI suite. It's also where you can look out and see where the helicopters land.

We were also taken to a medical unit in the new building above ED, and to 7 south wards.

We were also taken to 1st floor where the outpatients are looked after, and finally to the historical room.

Such an amazing tour, lots of chat and laughter about old memories and how it has changed so much.

Then we wandered down the road where we met up with the others from our group that could attend the dinner at Naughtons.

Joy travelled from the UK, Jane from NZ, Amanda Alison from QLD, Donna and Georgina from NSW. Some people from country Victoria and Melbourne locals made a wonderful effort to come.

We had lots of laughs about old times and catching up on the last 40 years.

It was as a fantastic night.



Reunion Tour Group 185



Reunion Lunch and Book Launch

A short message from Denise

I am so sorry not to be with you today as you celebrate nursing at the wonderful RMH and the launch of the very talented Sue Sherson's book: One hundred years: one hundred nurses. I look forward to purchasing a copy on my return from Japan when I suspect I will be well and truly ready to put my feet up and enjoy a fascinating read.

It will be no surprise to anyone that knows me how important RMH has been to my career and the many friendships I made during my 16 years as the Exec Director of Nursing. Like many of my era, I commenced nursing at Albury Base Hospital as a very young and naïve 17 year old. Thinking back, I assumed a great deal of responsibility with little education under my belt and not much in the way of support over and above the 6 weeks PTS. In comparison, I am constantly impressed with the level of education graduate nurses enter our profession and the workplace today.

There are so many highlights of my time at RMH, not the least graduating a nurse in her 70s who had not been supported to graduate as she had become pregnant in her last year of training. Despite being promised she could resume her training and graduate after her baby was born which of course included being presented with an RMH badge, she was prevented from returning for her remaining 6 weeks and sent to the Epworth. I was delighted when both the Epworth and RMH agreed to recognise her time at the Epworth and we were able to present her with an original RMH graduation badge. As you can imagine there was not a dry eye throughout the graduation ceremony as this nurse stood surrounded by her family and nursing contemporaries of that year. I will always be grateful to Aileen Bennet for sourcing a badge and for the opportunity to undo some of the sadness caused to this particular nurse who had gone on to great things throughout her career.

I guess my story highlights how special the RMH is to those of you whom have trained and worked at the RMH and those that rely on the great care provided day after day, predominately by nurses. Despite the aging infrastructure, nurses continue to be the glue that holds RMH together and this was never more obvious than throughout the COVID period. What a privilege it was to work alongside them and observe their skills, courage, dedication and compassion. It was tough but enormously rewarding!

Finally, please enjoy the day and the time together reliving friendships and memories of your time training and working at RMH. I am sorry I cannot be with you and will be thinking of you on the 17th. Please give the wonderful Rodney Judson a big hug for me, it has been too long!

Kind regards,
Denise Heinjus OAM



ROYAL MELBOURNE
GRADUATE NURSES'
ASSOCIATION

Reunion Lunch

17 May 2025
Park Hyatt Melbourne

Welcome to this most extraordinary gathering!

Today we are celebrating not only our own stories but also those of the 100 exceptional nurses immortalised in Sue Sherson's soon to be published book '100 years, 100 nurses'.

We are so lucky to be sitting amongst thousands of years of nursing expertise, sharing treasured stories and strengthening friendships forged by the special experience of nursing at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Please enjoy the company of your training groups, colleagues and friends and catch up with some of the most revered (sometimes feared) Charge Nurses and Nurse Educators who were pivotal in shaping who we all are today

Thank you
Lara Taylor, RMGNA President

Welcome

Order of events

- 12.00 pm Pre-lunch drinks in foyer
- 12.30 pm Lunch begins in Ballroom
- 1.10 pm Speaker: Cindy Barry
- 1.45 pm Interview: Sue Sherson
- 2.20 pm Speaker: Yvonne Chaperon
- 2.45 pm Raffles drawn
- 3.00 pm Event ends

Please join us in the Radii Bar if you wish to keep chatting after the lunch



Entree: Burrata, roasted pears, candied pecans, bitter greens, vincotto, olive oil (v, nuts)

Main: Spiced lamb rump, crispy onions, spiced carrot puree, eggplant, chickpea jus (gf)
Chicken breast, freekeh tabbouleh, Romanesco dressing (has nuts)

The Royal Melbourne Graduate Nurses' Association (RMGNA) was formed in 1917 by Lady Superintendent Jane Bell. Our Association aims to keep our nurses connected and advance the interests of nursing through education, research and community. We provide scholarships, awards and grants to past and present nurses as well as organising social events such as this lunch.

Our Committee members work hard to ensure the Association's rich history is preserved and our support of nurses and nursing continues into the future. Thank you for participating in this special day and please consider becoming a member, make a donation or even join the Committee to help continue the work we do.

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About us...

About the author...

Susan Sherson trained at the Melbourne School of Nursing in 1962. Susan is a nurse, nursing historian, clinical ethicist, author and our treasure.

Susan has written a number of books, most recently "A Daring Woman" (2018), a biography of Sister Jean Henderson.



Susan and the '100 years, 100 nurses' Editorial Group - Helen Pickering, Arlene Bennett, Lorraine (Parkie) White, Gillian Whitehead and Lara Taylor - have met regularly over the last few years to research and select, inspirational RMH nurses from each decade to be included in the book.

Work continues but the book is almost complete; for those wishing to buy '100 years, 100 nurses', please add your name to the presales list in the foyer.

'100 years, 100 nurses' sneak peek...

Sarah Harris started work at the Melbourne Hospital in 1896 & fought tirelessly for the introduction of Nightingale education

Mary Thompson graduated in 1903; in her 1st first year as a pioneer bush nurse she managed 15 accidents, 10 maternity patients, 47 cases of illness, 1 post operative patient and made 22 school visits

Lily Addison, a highly successful Australian tennis player, trained at The Melbourne 1913-1917 before enlisting with the Australian Army Nursing Service; she successfully juggled both careers, including competing at Wimbledon, & died at age 93

Milly Waite was a much loved and respected Head of Nursing Education to decades of undergraduate students

Linley Aiken (1938 graduand) had a long career as the RMH DoN (1958-1975); she was described as innovative & strong but gentle

Win Gherardin graduated in 1948 and became a dedicated, insightful and good humoured teacher to Year 1 students at Jane Bell House

Rona Glynn was the first indigenous nurse to train at the Melbourne; after graduating in 1958 she studied midwifery and set up clinics in Alice Springs however she tragically died in childbirth

Rae Bourke, 1961 graduand, became a national and international leader in stomal therapy; "sorely missed and irreplaceable"

Cathy Boyce, 1989 graduand, owns & runs Leisure Options, an award winning holiday tour company for people with disabilities

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Ryobi tools (Bunnings)
Meals & drinks voucher (Naughtons Hotel)

TICKETS: \$10 each or 6 for \$50

Donations

We are so lucky to have the support of the Royal Melbourne Hospital Foundation for this function and many other Association ventures such as the Small Grants Program.

They have also created an account for people to donate directly to the Association via the RMH site. Please scan the QR code if you wish to donate to the RMGNA.



ANZAC Nurses' Memorial Ceremony

It wasn't the usual Sunday before ANZAC Day ceremony, with ANZAC Day falling over the Easter long weekend, the Commemoration Ceremony was held a couple of weeks earlier. Several of our RM GNA Members attended on a warm sunny afternoon. A sombre ceremony, with many representatives from Hospitals and nursing services, paying their respects to the sacrifices and hardship these brave nurses suffered in wartime. I strongly recommend coming to a ceremony, held at the 'living memorial' on St Kilda Rd, immortalising the amazing work of Betty Jeffrey and Vivian Bullwinkel, survivors of the second world war.



Nursing Research Endowment (prize)

Sage Hay has recently accepted her award as the recipient of the Royal Melbourne Graduate Nurses' Association Nursing Research award.

Receiving the Royal Melbourne Graduate Nurses' Association Nursing Research Prize is a tremendous honour and a significant achievement in both my academic and professional journey.



From the beginning of my nursing career, caring for infants and children with cardiac conditions, I have been driven by curiosity and a desire to enhance clinical practice. More recently, transitioning into a research Clinical Nurse Consultant role and completing the Master of Advanced Nursing Practice (research stream) has equipped me with foundational research skills to explore and answer questions arising from clinical practice.

My current research focuses on understanding the experiences of parents, nurses, and children involved in healthcare procedures. Moving forward, I aspire to continue this work, sharing insights that can improve procedural experiences for all involved. Additionally, I am passionate about fostering a culture of inquiry among nurses, encouraging others with questions from their clinical practice, to engage in nurse-led research that drives meaningful change.

I am grateful to the Royal Melbourne Graduate Nurses' Association for recognising and supporting nursing research. Their generosity not only affirms the importance of this work but also inspires me to contribute further to the nursing profession and improving patient care. Thank you for this incredible recognition of my academic achievement.

Thank you, Sage



We look forward to meeting Sage at a later date, hopefully Sage will be able to attend one of our Association Meetings so we can learn more about her and her research.

Out and About

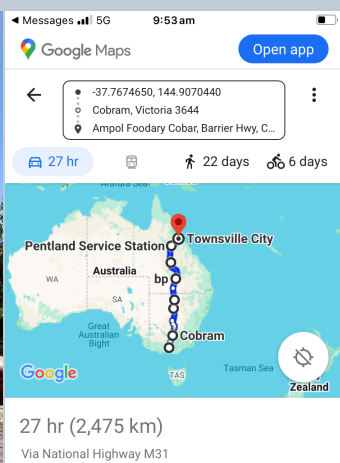
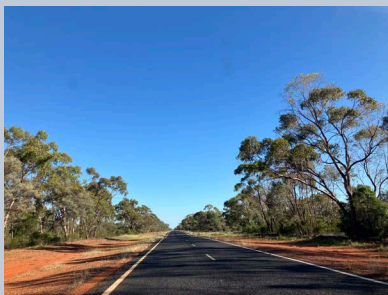
Road Trip 1 - Melbourne to Townsville

A week before Christmas, I set off on a road trip with my daughter Lauren, heading to Townsville for her new job. Lauren packed her worldly belongings into the back of her car, we set our Google Maps for the quickest route and off we went...

We planned to stop for 2 nights along the way, driving approximately 9 hours a day and had called ahead to local police stations in Cobar and Charleville to get their opinions on where 2 females with a car full of goodies would best stay in their towns.

We were blessed with sunshine and dry conditions for most of the 3 days of driving, ironically until we hit the edges of Townsville. Surrounded by the iconic blue skies, red dirt and green eucalypts, dodging goats, roos and cows, we passed through beautiful towns steeped in history, quirky stores and magnificent frangipani and bougainvillea.

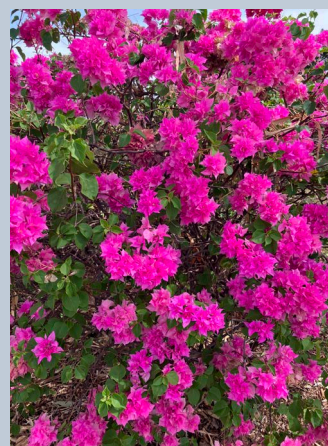
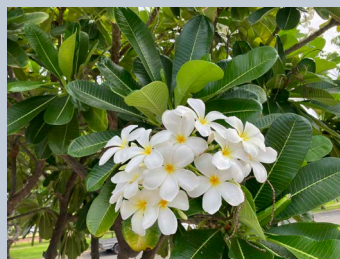
- Lara Taylor



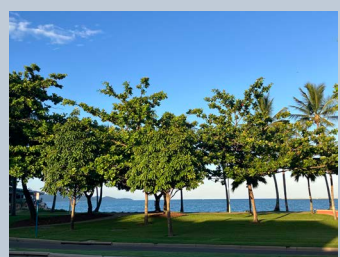
Road Trip 2 - Cunnamulla Charleville



Road Trip 3 - Barcaldine



Road Trip 4 - Torrens Creek to Townsville



Graduation Photos 1930s 1940s



Graduation Photos 1950s



Graduation Photos 1959 - 1963



Graduation Photos 1966 - 1968



Graduation Photos 1970s



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Graduation Photos 1979 - 1980s



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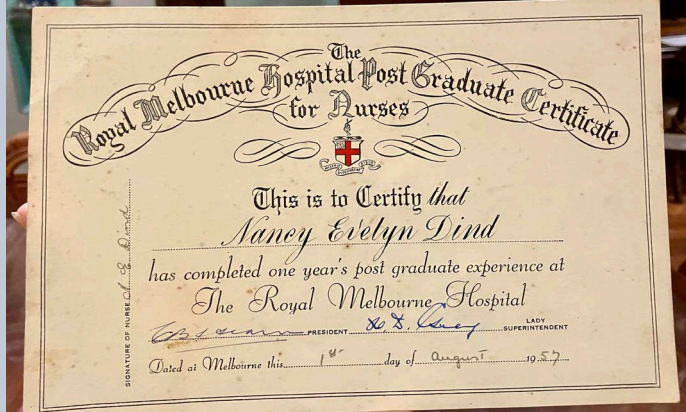


Graduation Photos 1990s



Nancy Dind's Very Special Tour

Fiona Greco and Sandie Baskin from the RMH Foundation contacted me in April to see if I could assist in giving 90 year old past trainee Nancy Dind a tour of the RMH, with her daughter Kay Tait. Nancy graduated from RMH in 1956 and worked in Outpatients. We were lucky to have Outpatient's ANUM Denise Bray show us around the very fancy set up, in the spaces that were one the Nursing and Medical Administration wings of 1 South. We viewed the helipad, ED, we found a Trauma Bay empty (so rare!) and had a little peak at the amazing facilities and equipment. Although immensely different now, Nancy remembered the balconies and the North/West/East wing layouts, the stairwell and the historical photos lining the corridors brought back many memories for Nancy. We spent some time in the Historical Room, as Nancy reminisced about her training and time at RMH. We look forward to seeing Nancy and Kay at our Reunion Luncheon in May.



- Lara Taylor

Jane Bell Scholarship 2025

The Jane Bell Scholarship has reopened for applications....apply today!

Open to past trainees and current RMH nurses, it is expected the award winner will enhance the body of nursing knowledge and/or directly impact upon patient care outcomes through further education, a study tour or their research. The scholarship is worth up to \$10,000.

Applications close 6pm 27 June 2025.

For further information, the scholarship guide and application form, please go to the Scholarships and awards page on our website at <https://rmhgna.com.au/scholarships-%26-awards>



Flag Commemoration - Brighton Cemetery

Helene Johns, Lara Taylor and Prue and Jill from the Alfred League joined forces to participate in the 7th Brighton Cemetery Flag Ceremony, commemorating service men and women buried at the Brighton Cemetery.

Although the nurses we were commemorating did not train at the RMH, we feel a need to actively participate in such a wonderful and respectful acknowledgement of their service. It is fascinating reading their stories, carefully researched by Lois, and we found one nurse, who trained at St. Vincent's Hospital in a dirt grave, marked only with a number. Lois will be trying to contact Dora Bayston's descendants, to ask whether we, the RM GNA and Alfred League would be able to join together and have a plaque laid for her. It seems the right thing to do. The RM GNA donates \$100 to participate in the flag ceremony, with the flags proudly displaying a 'Made in Australia' tag.



Sister Dora BAYSTON

Dora Bayston was born 25 May 1884 at Prahran the daughter of Walter Smythe Bayston and his wife Mary Ellen King.

She attended Adamstown School.

In the 1909 Electoral Rolls, Dora a Nurse was living with her family in Murrumbeena Rd, Murrumbeena.

In 1912 the family were still living at Murrumbeena Rd, Murrumbeena, Dora is listed as a Nurse and her father as a Patent Agent. Dora is also listed as living at the Homeopathic Hospital in St Kilda Rd [later known as Prince Henry's Hospital] where she nursed from 1909 till 1912.

On 17 June 1915 in Melbourne Dora enlisted with No 1 Australian General Hospital and embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia, on board HMAT A62 *Wandilla* on 25 June 1915.

March 1917 - Staff Nurse Dora Bayston, daughter of

Mr. Walter S. Bayston, of Caulfield, is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever, and is a patient at the 25th Stationary Hospital. Nurse Bayston has been in the 1st Australian General Hospital, attached to the Australian Imperial Force, since the beginning of 1915, first in Egypt and latterly in France.

From 28 September till the 7 December 1919 Dora attended the Royal Sanitary Institute where she attended a Sanitary Course.

Dora returned to Australia 20 May 1920 on board HMAT A32 Themistocles and was discharged 12 October 1920.

In 1928 Dora was the Vice-President of the Returned Army Nurses Club.

Dora was the Matron of Marinook Private Hospital when she died on 16 August 1930 and was buried at the Brighton Cemetery in a dirt grave at Church of England B Grave 62.

Source: NAA, AIF Project, BDM's, <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/71006>. Photo: <https://vwma.org.au/>



Staff Nurse Eileen BEAGLEY

Eileen Beagley was born 19 April 1895 at Carlton, the daughter of Richard Griffith Beagley and his wife Annie O'Connell.

Nurses Examination Successful Candidates. Appended is the list of candidates who passed the examination held in November 1914 under the auspices of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association: St. Vincent's Hospital. Eileen Beagley.



Eileen was a Nurse at St Vincent's Hospital, when she enlisted 27 April 1917 and embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A38 Ulysses from Sydney, NSW on 9 May 1917.

Miss Eileen Beagley, niece of Mr and Mrs C. Beagley, Nelson street, sailed for the front last week as a nurse.

4 Aug 1917: Served at Croydon War Hospital in London.
31 Jan 1918: Posted to duty to 1st AG Hospital in France

The hospital unit appears to have returned to London just a few days later and served there until the end of the war. Details are not clear but she spent around three weeks in hospital prior to leaving England on 16 March, 1919 on board S S *Czaritja* arriving home on 15 May and discharged 10 October 1919.

Examination Results. Following is a list of successful candidates in the Australian Trained Nurses' Association examination: Obstetric Section. Eileen Beagley Reported in The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954) Saturday 19 June 1920.

The Electoral Rolls show that Eileen was a nurse living at 2 Herbert Street in Northcote from 1939 – 1954 and then 1963 till 1977 at 36 Thomas Street in Hampton.

Eileen died at St Kilda on 1 December 1979 and was buried in the family grave at the Brighton Cemetery at Roman Catholic Y Grave 50

Source: NAA, AIF Project, <https://vwma.org.au/>, BDM, Trove Newspapers, Brighton Cemetery Registers, Leader (Melbourne, Vic.: 1862 - 1918, 1935) Saturday 2 January 1915, Williamstown Chronicle (Vic.: 1856 - 1954) Saturday 19 May 1917, <https://libraries.darebin.vic.gov.au/>.

Photo: Ancestry

Staff Nurse Annie Frances GRIFFIN

Annie Frances Griffin was born in 1889 at Lara, the daughter of William John Griffin and his wife Julia Ann Firth.



Annie of the Geelong Hospital was listed in the results of examination that were held in November 1914 by the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses Association.

Annie was a Nurse working at the Geelong Hospital when she enlisted on 18 June 1917.

She embarked at Melbourne, Victoria aboard RMS Somali on 30 June 1917 arriving in Bombay 30 July 1917 and was posted to Deecan War Hospital in Poona where she became seriously ill with Diphtheria in December 1917. On 15 September 1918 she was transferred to the Station Hospital at Bangalore during which time Annie suffered from Measles in February 1918 and Influenza in August 1918. On 14 February 1919 she transferred to the Freeman Thomas Hospital in Bombay before she was invalided back to Australia on board S S City of Cairo.

Annie died 11 June 1922 at the Caulfield Repatriation Hospital from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and was buried in the family grave at the Brighton Cemetery at Church of England ZA 2502.

Source: NAA, The Argus (Melbourne, Vic.: 1848 - 1957) Wednesday 23 December 1914, BDM's, Brighton Cemetery Registers. Photo: <https://www.bing.com/images/search?>



Share Your Story

My nursing journey began at the crossroads of the profession. Group 2/85 saw the end of team nursing, pan room duties of the junior nurse, implementation of a career structure, budget cuts causing ward closures and abolishment of the iconic apron and hat. My first ward (5West) was the only place where I had the privilege of learning from RCH senior nurses, the art of team nursing. We were also responsible for washing bed units, transferring patients to discharge lounge, running the steam sterilizer, doing pharmacy and blood bank errands and making up Biogram solution (200ml bottle in 20 litres of water)? As a junior PTS, the checking of drugs was prohibited, but I found myself being herded to assist Sr Lim on a drug round. I protested, stating my lack of drug skills, but in the end... you just don't say "no" to Sr Lim. We were at the 3rd bedside when a nurse admin Sister walked in to get the handover for staffing purposes. Sr Lim immediately said to her "You have to give me more staff". (Pointing at me), she then said, "I only have a PTS nurse to do the drug round with". The admin Sister offered to check the drugs, but she was sent packing to review staffing levels.

My second ward was 6 North, I had a real baptism of fire as entry into nursing. The two most "feared" Charge Nurses, by student standards, in my first 2 wards. I think reputation was only that. I personally loved working under these 2 incredible women. I credit them both with great teachings of routine, work ethic, knowledge imparted, and high standards of nursing care. Sr Orr was so compassionate about her patients, and we took bowls of water and clean towel to all on bedrest, before the breakfast trolley came. Sr Orr even looked after a patient herself, who had had post op complications. Just so long as you did your work, you were in uniform, your hair was off your collar and your patient units were tidy, you got Sr Orr's approval.

My 3rd ward was 2West. My first Christmas at the RMH. It was so much fun. The Doctors dressed up as Santa and carried 2 sacks of gifts to visit every patient. One of my patients was an elderly Egyptian man, who had a R) CVA, but he also had a left below knee amputee. This gorgeous man spoke no English and never had visitors. He was so excited to get a visit from Santa, until he opened the gift. His elation turned to tears. He had picked a pair of socks out of the sack!

My stint in the OR, was during the entirety of the 1986, 8-week nurses' strike. I was not a union member at that point, so worked during the strike. We only had 2 "emergency" theatres open, so I saw basically everything. Open heart, neuro, abdominal, skin, orthopaedic, head and neck surgery. I ended up with 22 scrubs (most struggled to get the mandatory 15), including 7 majors. I scrubbed for a laparotomy, also 1.5 hours in the middle of a 6-hour neck dissection op. The RN was too tired to continue and needed a nap. We also saw the Pope drive past the RMH, in his Pope mobile, mid surgery one day. I also learnt that a lot of surgeons

asked for music whilst operating, one neurosurgeon commonly asked for "Rolling Stones". I was also fortunate to witness Dr Victor Chang operate to take a donor heart. I was assisting the anaesthetist for that one. The background history to the young man who lost his life that night, was heartbreaking..

The introduction of keyhole surgery and renal transplantation was around that era. My eyes were wide open, eager to learn and expand my nursing knowledge. Two-day tenure in CSSD finally caught up with me after I sat finals. The CSSD staff couldn't believe they had a third year in their midst. I had been encouraged to put funny notes in swab packets and put more or less than the obligatory 6 swabs in, but I was too much of a goodie 2 shoes. I recall pretending to be a 2nd year nurse when I had just earned 3 stripes. I thought somehow I would get easier patients to look after, but it didn't really work. In their eyes, senior nurses meant senior nurses...2nd or 3rd year. I was allocated the young policeman who had been victim in the Russell St Police bombing. It took nearly all day to do his wound dressings alone. I managed to dodge 6 weeks of night duty in my training. Most had 16 weeks, I had 10! I spent an extra week in 1 N, an extra week in ED, as well as nights in ED. As an RN, my first in charge shift was in my first week. That would never happen these days. Being an RMH student was such a privilege. I loved the experience, the people, and carving out my young adult life there.

- Wendy Houldey

I commenced in 184 bright eyed and excited. The 3 years of studying and working full time were tough, however foundations of basic nursing care were drummed into us and remain with me today.

I remember the first Sun afternoon, we had to meet in the "piano room" to learn how to put together our uniform.

We all lived in the nurses quarters (I was on the 9th floor), but I rang home every night for the first 3 weeks begging to come home.

Loads of fun and friends were made.

I went on to be a midwife, medical sales rep, state sales manager, Nurse Unit Manager, DON and in 2009 a Nurse Practitioner. I worked for myself for 13 years as a NP before being employed by a large national aged care provider. I now specialise in aged care and palliative services.

Nursing has taken me around Australia and I have loved every minute of it.

- Anonymous

I remember on 4th which was a medical ward we had a gentleman in his mid 80's who had Dementia and did not speak a word of English. It was back in the days when Drs wore suits on ward rounds.

This morning the Drs arrived for their rounds. The patient

disappeared into his room and came out of his room dressed in a suit. We did not even know he had one. He followed the doctors around the ward offering his opinion in Italian. At one point one of the Drs turned to him and asked him what he thought.

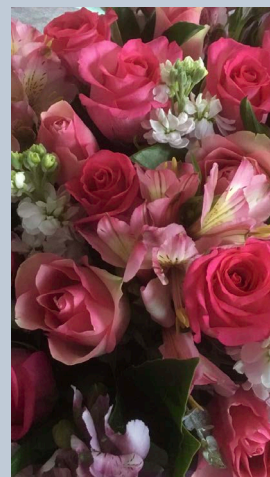
It took some quick thinking and distraction to prevent him leaving the ward and continuing to follow the Drs on their rounds.

We weren't so lucky a couple of weeks later when he managed to abscond from the ward. We were getting very worried when after 3 hours he was returned by the police after taking a trip to St Kilda. I wonder what he got up to whilst he was gone !?

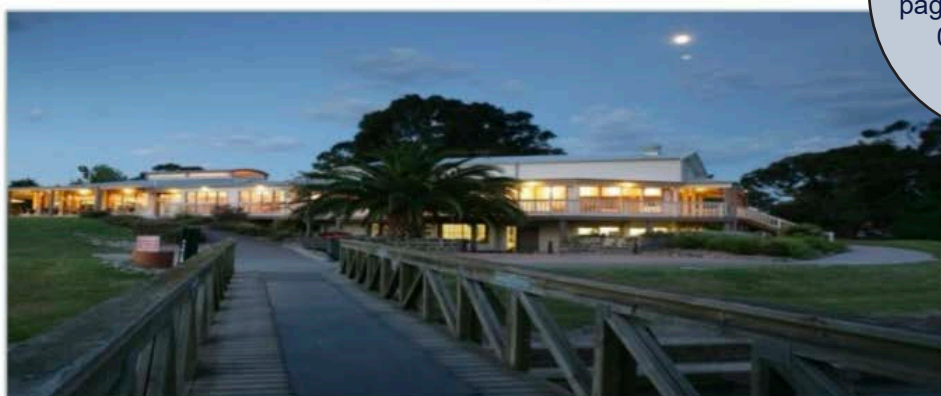
- Anonymous

Spring Luncheon

Save the date - 4th
October 2025



Riverside KITCHEN & BAR



- FUNCTION PACKAGE -

You will find us tucked away on the Riverside Golf Course in Ascot Vale, on the hill with sweeping views overlooking the golf course. We love to host all types of events whether it be cocktail or seated, a birthday celebration, work conference, sporting club event, baptism or any event is worth celebrating with us at Riverside! With its unique backdrop and ample parking Riverside is the perfect place to host your next event.

CONTACT functions@moveriverside.com.au / 9938 4545 / 75 Newsom St Ascot Vale

For further details, try
our website, Facebook
page or call Lara on
0415 625 131

OUR FUNCTION ROOM

Offering a purely private and relaxed indoor / outdoor atmosphere with stunning views overlooking the golf course and putting green with wrap around balcony and floor to ceiling windows, Riverside is perfect for year round events. This versatile space caters to both stand-up or sit-down events, featuring its own private bar, balcony and room for dancing.

Recently updated cocktail style setting with wicker lounges, white stools, wooden tables and greenery. Our larger seated events are on large round tables and set with white tablecloths and flower arrangements.

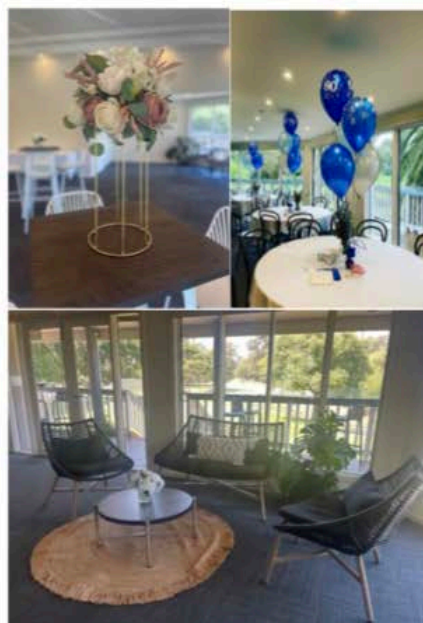
- CAPACITY - Seated up to 120 / Cocktail Style up to 150
- Projector Screen w/ plug in HDMI for computer access
- Complimentary WiFi
- Wheelchair access and toilet
- Overhead speaker system with aux or phone connectivity
- Private Bar with tap beer and full beverage list available
- Minimum spends do apply - please speak to function coordinator
- Room hire fees may apply where minimum spend does not

BEVERAGES

Beverages can be paid for in way of a bar tab and include a customised beverage list. Our wines start at \$9 glass and tap beer at \$6 pot with an extensive range of wines by the glass and bottle, bottled local and international beer, ciders, seltzers, and can also offer specified cocktails or drinks on arrival for your event.

DRINK PACKAGES

Includes selected sparkling, white & red wine, tap beer, soft drinks, juices.
3 Hours - \$40 // 4 Hours - \$50 // 5 Hours \$60
Add Basic Spirits \$10 per hour / Additional add on's by request.



Remembering Annie Sein

24/12/1937 - 10/03/2025

Annie (Annie Woon Kau Ng) Sein was born in China in 1937. Her family moved to Hong Kong, and then in the late 1950's travelled by ship to Sydney Australia. Annie travelled by train to Melbourne in 1957, to start her nursing training in MSN Group 28, living at 'Kingsfold', on Toorak Rd. Annie graduated in 1960, and was a devoted and much loved clinical educator. Her patience, kindness, compassion and care evident to everyone. Annie was an adored mother to David and Irene, and grandmother to Max, Anabelle, Chloe, Louis and Sasha. Annie was a regular at our Association Meetings, much loved in our Association community, her warmth and beautiful presence will be missed and always remembered.



Remembering Wendy Harris (Johns)

24/04/1931 - 02/05/2025

Wendy completed her Intermediate Certificate at Griffith High School in 1948. Her working career began at 'Georges' in Collins Street, Melbourne, in the model frock workroom, perhaps reminiscent of 'Ladies in Black'. As too young to commence general nurse training Wendy entered the Ear, Nose and Throat nurse program at the Victorian Eye & Ear hospital. Successfully completing this course & a year older, she commenced General Nurse training at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in late 1949 & completed a staffing year once qualified, following in the footsteps of her sister Yvonne who graduated in 1947.

Wendy made lifelong friends during her time at 'the Melbourne' & is now survived by just 4 of her 1949 compatriots.

After completing their staffing year Wendy and Elaine Duncan, a friend from the same PTS, took up positions as sisters at the Wimmera Base Hospital in Horsham. They drove to Horsham in 'Gert', Wendy's 1926 Rugby, deciding upon Horsham because Wendy's sister Yvonne lived there at the time and the town had a golf course. While they had originally planned to save money to travel abroad Wendy met & married a local wheat farmer and Elaine returned home to Melbourne.



Elaine & Wendy
Circa 1952

Settling on a farm at Dooen, 10 miles north of Horsham, Wendy had 4 children and became immersed in rural life, caring for her family, enjoying lots of sewing and craft work, moving sheep, at harvest time carting wheat to the Dooen & Jung silos & occasionally further afield to the 'stick shed' at Murtoa.

Volunteering for the Red Cross, Wendy worked in the Blood Bank in Horsham in the mid 1960's. As her children grew older, reflecting the changing role of women in society Wendy returned to work part-time as a nurse in the 70's, initially at Minyip & subsequently at the Murtoa Hospital. While her work financed much of our later school years, which she valued, through work Wendy established friendships with other nurses which continued beyond retirement - concurrent to valued friendships from her time at the Melbourne.



Images taken to promote the Nurse's Ball to be held at the San Remo Ballroom in Nicholson St



Earlier wheat trucks included a Bedford & an old Blitz

Celebrating Celebrating Volunteers Week

Let's close this year's National Volunteer Week, celebrating our longest-standing RMH volunteer: Helen Tassell 💙

At 90 years old, Helen is hanging up her volunteer services uniform at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, marking the end of an extraordinary 30 years of service.

Helen's journey with the RMH began long before she became a volunteer - she trained here as a nurse in the 1950s. Decades later, she returned to give back in a new way, becoming a volunteer.

From lending a hand in the now-closed hospital kiosk to guiding countless patients and families as a friendly wayfinder, Helen has done it all.

Thank you for your years of dedication, Helen. 💕

Ps. Scroll to the left to see her rocking her beautiful RMH nursing uniform in 1956.



Courtesy of Royal Melbourne Hospital Facebook page.

Courtesy of the Lort Smith page, our own Joc Sellers is celebrated as the treasure she is, for all the thousands of dollars she has raised with her handicrafts, puppy blankets and lemon ginger butter, what a Champ!!

<  **Lort Smith**
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We would like to take a moment and honour all our incredible volunteers. With National Volunteer Week starting today, we want to show our appreciation for the amazing work done across so many parts of our organisation. So far this year, our onsite volunteers have already contributed over 4,462 hours of their time but these numbers only begin to reflect the impact they have on the lives of our animals, clients, and the broader community.

Each one of our volunteers plays a vital role in our mission to bring people together over a shared love of animals. Their compassion, commitment, and generosity embody the spirit of Lort Smith.

So, to our volunteers we say: Thank you for everything you do. We are proud and grateful to have you as part of our Lort Smith family. [#NVW2025](#) 🐕 🐱





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Note: RMGNA fees changed on 1st July 2025...for more details, please go to <https://rmhgna.com.au/membership>

Member payment/renewal

New member

Firstly, welcome, we are very excited that you have decided to join the Association. To apply, either

- Print (or download this form), complete all the sections below, pay the membership fee then scan & email (or post) the completed form to us; or
- Go to <https://rmhgna.com.au/membership>, fill in the online registration form and pay the fee.

Renewing member or updating details

Thank you for staying an active member! Please follow the new member steps above but only fill in your name & DOB and any other contact details that may have changed.

Newsletter ☐ via email
☐ via post

First name		Surname	
Previous name/s		Date of birth	/ /
Email address		Phone number	
Unit/house no.		Street name	
Suburb		State	
Country		Post/zip code	
RMH nursing group		Associate Non-RMH graduate	Span of years at RMH e.g., 1972-81

OR

Payment details

- ☐ Current RMH Graduate (1st year free)
- ☐ **ANNUAL** \$30 with emailed newsletter
- ☐ **ANNUAL+** \$50 with printed newsletter
- ☐ **3 YEARS** \$60 with emailed newsletter
- ☐ **3 YEARS+** \$80 with printed newsletter
- ☐ Over 70 years old (fees waived)

Date fees paid: / /

☐ Direct Debit

Account Name: RMH Graduate Nurses Assoc.
BSB: 063-349 Account: 10295127

☐ Cheque

Please make cheques payable to RMHGNA
& mail to address at top of page



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ROYAL MELBOURNE GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION

Committee nomination form

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The RMGNA Committee members are, individually and collectively, responsible for ensuring that the Association complies with the legal duties under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (the Act) and our Model Rules.

Committee members must exercise their powers and discharge their duties in good faith, in the interests of the Association and for the purpose of keeping RMH trainees and nurses connected as well as advancing the profession of nursing through the support of RMH nurses, our members and nursing research.

Nominations are sought for the 2025-26 RMGNA committee

The election of the 2025-26 Committee of the Royal Melbourne Graduate Nurses' Association (RMGNA) and its office bearers will take place at the Annual General Meeting to be held on

14th June 2025

As per our Model Rules, all committee positions are declared vacant, and elections held for these positions, at every AGM. Nomination forms must be submitted before the beginning of the AGM by all those interested in becoming, or continuing on as, a committee member:

- If you are a new committee nominee, please complete Sections 1& 2 (Self-nomination) and email/mail the form to us (see details above)
- If you are a current committee member and wish to continue for another term, you only need to complete the Self-nomination part of Section 2 and email/mail the form to us
- If you wish to nominate someone for a committee position, please complete the Nominating another person part of Section 2 and email/mail the form to us

Section 1. Eligibility criteria

New nominees please tick the correct statements from the following list:

- ☐ I am/The nominee is a financial member of the RMGNA
 - ☐ I have completed Section 2 of this form
 - ☐ If you are nominating another person for election to the committee, they must consent to this action. Ticking this box means the nominee has consented to your nomination.
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Section 2.

SELF-NOMINATION

NOMINEE NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

NOMINATING FOR THE POSITION OF:

- ☐ President
- ☐ Vice President
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Treasurer

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: / /

NOMINATING ANOTHER PERSON FOR THE COMMITTEE

NOMINEE NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF:

- ☐ President
- ☐ Vice President
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Treasurer

PROPOSED BY: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: / /

**All completed nomination forms must be received/presented before the
AGM commences**
