



Melbourne Girls Grammar Old Grammarian Honours List

We are proud to see many of our accomplished Old Grammarians awarded OAM's and other notable awards, for their distinguished service and achievements. Please find a list of names and relevant awards and citations below*.

Melbourne Girls Grammar, and the Old Grammarians Society extend their congratulations to all recipients and their families.

** We do our best to ensure this list is as accurate as possible. If you notice an error in citation, or are aware of a commendation that we've not included, please email community@mggs.vic.edu.au with full details. Last updated January 2026. Thank you to OG Jenny Brown for her continued efforts in assisting with maintaining this list.*

First Name	Surname	Maiden Name & Peer Year	Awarded	Award	Citation
Jaynie Louise	ANDERSON	(1961)	2001	Centenary Medal	Service to Australian society and the humanities in the fine arts
Valma	ANGLISS	(1949)	2002	AM	For her service to occupational therapy, rehabilitation medicine and prosthetics and orthotics
Mary Ellinor Lucy	ARCHER	(1912)	1956	MBE	For her work as Chief Librarian CSIRO
Jessie Eleanor	BAGE	(1908)	1956	OBE	Service to social welfare
Rosemary	BALMFORD	(Norris, 1950)	2012	AM	For service to the judiciary, the practice of law in Victoria, and to the study of ornithology
Dr Margaret	BEAVIS	(1974)	2023	OAM	For service to the community through a range of roles
June Clarissa	BECK	(Dolan, 1945)	2015	OAM	For service to the tourism and hospitality sector, and to the community
Nancy	BLACK	(Boulter, 1937)	1989	AM	In recognition of service to the community, particularly through organisations for women and children
Margaret	BLACKWOOD	(1927)	1964	OBE	For her work as Senior Botany Lecturer at Melbourne University
Margaret	BLACKWOOD	(1927)	1980	DBE	In recognition for her service to education
Patricia Ann	BRITTEN	(1957)	2006	OAM	Service to the community particularly through community housing projects in the Shepparton region

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Mary	BROPHY	(Brooksbank, 1962)	2007	AM	For service to medicine in the field of palliative care as a clinician, researcher and educator, and through contributions to professional organisations
Lucy Meredith	BRYCE	(1914)	1951	CBE	In recognition of service as Director of the Victoria Blood Transfusion Service
Gladys Selby	BUNTINE	(Spurling, 1918)	1960	MBE	In recognition of service to the welfare of youth
Gladys Selby	BUNTINE	(Spurling, 1918)	1966	OBE	For her work as Chief Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association - service to youth through guiding
Mary	CAMERON	(1934)	2007	AM	Service to the legal profession and community through significant contributions to the early development of family law, women's rights and the role of women in the law
Alison Miranda	CARROLL	(1965)	2010	AM	Service to the visual arts, particularly through the development and administration of cultural exchange programs between Australia and Asia
Dr Diana	COUSENS	(1977)	2023	OAM	For her contribution to the Buddhist community
Prof Edwina	CORNISH	(1972)	2014	AO	For distinguished service to higher education, advances in biotechnology and horticultural genetic modification and through fostering partnerships with government, industry and the community
Prof Edwina	CORNISH	(1972)	2001	Centenary Medal	Service to Australian society in biotechnology and university administration
Elizabeth Mary	DAVIS	(Crockett, 1945)	1999	OAM	Service to the community particularly to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney
Nanette	DOOLEY	(Norris-Smith, 1937)	1992	OAM	For teaching English to migrants and bringing music to pre-schools
Doris	DOWNES	(Robb, 1918)	1908	OBE	Service in WW1 - Friendly Union of Soldiers' Wives
Elisabeth Mary	EDGAR	(Howitt, 1948)	2007	OAM	For service to the communities of Harrow and Edenhope through health, tourism and sporting organisations
Shirley	FARROW	(Cuming, 1951)	2009	OAM	For service to youth through the Guiding and Scouting movements, and to the community
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Yvonne	FORREST	(Bagot, 1958)	2011	OAM	Service to the community of Darwin through historical, education and arts organisations
Shirley	FREEMAN	(Richardson, 1942)	1989	AM	In recognition of public service
Louise	GALLOWAY	(Bull, 1975)	2024	PSM	For outstanding public service to primary and community health policy development in Victoria.
Helen	GIFFORD	(1952)	1996	OAM	In recognition of service to music as a composer
Louise	GOURLAY	(Holmes, 1954)	1999	OAM	Service to the community particularly through the Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliaries
Margaret Dawn	GUTHRIE	(Abbs, 1947)	1995	OAM	Service to the community particularly aged people and community arts
Margaret Dawn	GUTHRIE	(Abbs, 1947)	2001	Centenary Medal	For service to the community through founding the Bribie Island Arts Centre
Dr Dorothy Jean	HAILES	(1943)	1986	AM	Service to women particularly in relation to medicine
Philippa	HALLENSTEIN	(Plottel, 1935)	1972	OBE	For services to the community and women's organisations
Judith	HANLON	(1964)	2023	OAM	For service to the communities of Euroa and Shepparton
Nerina	HARLEY	(1978)	2018	AM	For significant service to medicine in the fields of intensive care and nephrology, as an administrator, and to medical research and education
Susan Margaret	HARPER	(Quarterman, 1959)	2001	Centenary Medal	For long and outstanding service to children
Susan Margaret	HARPER	(Quarterman, 1959)	2006	OAM	Service to children particularly through the organisation OMEP Australia
Dr Margaret	HENDERSON	(1930)	1976	OBE	For her work as honorary physician at Royal Melbourne Hospital
Joan	HILLER	(Warnock, 1943)	2006	OAM	For environmental protection, refugee assistance and orienteering
Margaret Mary (Judy)	HOGG	(Spier, 1955)	2012	OAM	For service to the law, and through roles with cancer research organisations.
Patricia	HOLDENSON	(Tulloch, 1944)	2001	Centenary Medal	For service to the community
Patricia	HOLDENSON	(Tulloch, 1944)	1991	OAM	Service to children particularly through the organisation OMEP Australia

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Prof Mollie	HOLMAN	(1948)	1998	AO	Service to scientific research, particularly relating to the autonomic nervous system and the control of smooth muscle, and to education and university administration
Prof Mollie	HOLMAN	(1948)	2001	Centenary Medal	Service to Australian society and science
Harriet	HOUGHTON	(Grover, 1956)	2001	Centenary Medal	For service as a teacher and parent through education services for the disabled
Jennifer	HUPPERT	(1979)	2025	OAM	For service to multicultural affairs through a range of organisations.
Doreen Moira	LANGLEY	(1936)	1960	MBE	For her work as Principal, Women's College, Sydney University
Margaret (Peg)	LUSINK	(Rosanove, 1938)	1996	AM	For service to the law through the Family Court of Australia and to the community
Elizabeth Anne (Janie)	MASON	(Donald, 1958)	2001	Centenary Medal	Service to Australian Society in union leadership
Janet Hailes	MICHELMORE	(Kay, 1971)	2001	AO	For service to women, particularly through education campaigns to raise public awareness of women's health issues and services provided by the Jean Hailes Foundation
Janet Hailes	MICHELMORE	(Kay, 1971)	2001	Centenary Medal	For outstanding service to women's health and wellbeing
Prof Nancy Fannie	MILLIS	(1939)	1976	MBE	For her work in biological sciences and education
Prof Nancy Fannie	MILLIS	(1939)	1990	AC	Service to science particularly in the field of microbiology and its application to industry
Prof Nancy Fannie	MILLIS	(1939)	2001	Centenary Medal	For being one of the pioneers of fermentation technology in Australia
Marjorie Florence	MONAHAN	(Cupit, 1930)	1988	OAM	For service to the community
Barbara Dorothy	NIXON	(Scales, 1945)	2001	OAM	Service to the community, particularly through the Royal Historical Society of Victoria
Ann	POLIS	(Knappett, 1956)	2023	OAM	For service to the community through a range of organisations.
Jane	PENNINGTON	(1979)	2023	OAM	For service to Youth, and to the community through service organisations
Lynne	PRESSLEY	(1969)	2009	AM	For service to medicine, particularly cardiology, as a clinician, teacher and mentor, and to the community through the Heart Foundation

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Prof Dimity Alexandria	REED	(1958)	2006	AM	For service to architecture in Victoria as a supporter of excellence in urban design, to the development of affordable and sustainable housing, and to the community
Prof Dimity Alexandria	REED	(1958)	2001	Centenary Medal	Service to the community through architecture
Pauline Neura	REILLY	(Duncan, 1934)	1994	OAM	For outstanding contribution to ornithology and to the community
Petra	RIVERS	(1969)	2001	Australian Sports Medal	For outstanding contribution as a professional competitor (Athletics)
Cheryl	SAUNDERS	(1961)	2001	Centenary Medal	Services to constitutional law and as President of the Administrative Review Council
Cheryl	SAUNDERS	(1961)	1994	AO	Services to law and public administration
Judith Elizabeth	SCARROTT	(Hudson, 1947)	2010	OAM	Service to the community of the Bendigo region
Fiona Jean	SMITH	(1975)	2017	AM	For significant service to the community as an advocate for human rights and social justice issues
Bertha Chatto St George	SMITH	(Sproule, 1910)	1964	CBE	For her role as National President for Country Women's Association
Paula	STAFFORD	(Robertson, 1938)	1993	OAM	Services to the fashion industry particularly as a swimwear designer
Suzanne (Sue)	WALKER	1988	1983	AM	For service to the Arts, particularly in the field of crafts
Prof Sally Ann	WALKER	(1972)	2011	AM	For service to the higher education sector through leadership and administrative roles, to the advancement of women, and service to the law as an academic
Gladys Edith	WATSON	(Onians, 1924)	1979	MBE	Service to youth and Community (Girl Guides)
Marion	WEBSTER	(Eastwood, 1967)	2004	OAM	For service to community and philanthropic organisations as an adviser and through the provision of administrative support.
Vera	WHITE	(Deakin, 1909)	1918	OBE	Service as Head of the Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau - Red Cross
Dorothy May	WILLIS	(1915)	1971	OBE	For service to international relations
Alice Elizabeth (Betty)	WILMOT	(1929)	1978	MBE	Service to maternal and child health
Prof Margaret	ZACHARIN	(1966)	2023	AM	For service to medicine, particularly to paediatric endocrinology