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As far as I know, I was the only alumna from Melbourne attending the 115th Anniversary Dinner. It was very well organised. I would like to thank the organising committee and everyone who took part in making it so successful. I was very impressed by the capability of students and alumnae, both on stage and off stage, e.g. the sale of school souvenirs in the foyer of the Convention Centre, and the performance of an excerpt from the musical "The Nightingale". The programmes on the stage were very good too.

I was glad to represent the alumnae from Australia to join others from the Alumnae Association in presenting the retirement gifts to Principal Ruth Lee. I wished there was more notice so that I could have prepared a longer speech to Mrs Lee.

In Melbourne, there are informal lunches among alumnae. I have been attending these gatherings for about 11 years. We meet for lunch about three to four times a year, with between five to seven alumnae attending.

I have about nine alumnae on my contact list. In October 2014, the local alumnae hosted a dinner for 13 alumnae reunion from the class of '62 who were passing through Melbourne. A total of 20 people attended and had a very good time. In February 2015, two of my classmates came to Melbourne for a week, and the local alumnae met for dinner.

In future, we intend to continue to strengthen the ties amongst local alumnae, and to act as hosts to alumnae visiting Melbourne. We would also help to disseminate news of Ying Wa to those who do not have access to the bulletins and news dispatched electronically.

I hope the school will keep up the contact with overseas alumnae. We appreciate all the news we can get, especially on school redevelopment. I receive e-circulars from Ying

Wa and also the hard copy of the Alumnae Association newsletter which I really enjoy reading because the content is consistently good. Thank you to the editorial board.

I would like to thank Mrs Ruth Lee for her Christian witness through her work. I extend my sincere gratitude to her and her team for their great effort in preparing and educating girls for the many challenges of the 21st century. May God bless her richly in her retirement.

May I wish Mr Francis Kwan all the best in the years ahead as the incoming principal. May God's guiding hands be with him and his Ying Wa team.



At the 115th Anniversary Dinner
 From left: So Shuk Sze, Wong Po Kin, So Yan Kok, Winnie Yau, Lam Lai Bing



Some of the alumnae of 1958 at a lunch just before the 115th Anniversary Dinner

Gathering on 4 April 2019

Autumn in Sydney! At last it is not 38 degrees Celsius! It should be a nice time to do a seaside walk. However, dark clouds and wet weather forecast made us change the plan to a lunch get-together. There were nine of us, YW girls of graduation years ranging from '62 to '89. No generation gap, however.

Weather was fine after the lunch. Five of us went for a stroll along a river in the Blaxland Riverside Park, followed by drinks at Dooleys Waterview Club. A very pleasant afternoon indeed!

Mimi Lam Chun Ping 林進平 ('67)



▲ Lunch Get-together



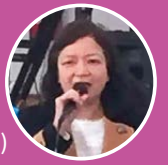
▲ By the Riverside



▲ Afternoon Tea

Legal Talk on 24 July 2019

► Ms Karen Tam ('77)



Solicitor Karen Tam 譚玉蘭 ('77) presented a 1-hour legal talk at the Eastwood Chinese Senior Citizens Club in late July. Content included Power of Attorney, Legal Guardians and Last Will. She had kindly invited YW alumnae, families & friends to attend, and several alumnae turned up.

Esther Cheang 譚煥嫻 ('67)

▼ Attentive audience!



◀ YW alumnae with Karen (3rd from right)

Gathering on 21 September 2019

On 21 September while visiting Sydney, I shared a very enjoyable Yum Cha lunch with eight Ying Wa alumnae at the Greenwood Chinese Restaurant (翠湖海鮮酒家). Even though we graduated in different years, we were well connected by the Ying Wa spirit. Not only did we enjoy the various dim sums, we valued our conversation even more - talking points included our school days, former teachers, politics (except the most sensitive bits!) and family.

After lunch, we went for a pleasant walk in Wendy's Secret Garden and along the Lavender Bay. A memorable day captured in several photos.

Many thanks to Ellen Yuen for organising this gathering and thanks to Mimi, Angela, Pearl, Anastasia, Stella and Esther for coming such a long way and with many public transport delays/changes. Your friendship is very much appreciated.

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