



MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969

Bulletin

Dame Olivia Newton-John AC, DBE

20/10/1948 – 8/8/2022



Many members may not be aware that Olivia Newton-John had a strong connection to South Yarra and her family were involved with MSYRG. Since the news of her death, several members have shared with MSYRG their memories of Olivia Newton-John:

“She had attended primary school Christchurch Grammar, South Yarra. Olivia's mother Irene was a member of the MSYRG and I remember her turning up at our functions – such a remarkable intelligent elegant woman. It was clear to see where Olivia got her good looks from. Irene passed away in 2003 at the age of 89”.

“Our 3 children were educated at CCGS and were treated to a visit from ONJ on one occasion when she returned to her Alma Mater. Forever remembered by them”

“My brother Robert also had his early education at CCGS, about 5 or 6 years after Olivia. I also recall my mum engaging in lively conversations with Irene Newton-John at MSYRG functions”.

One of our own members, David Parker, took this photo of Olivia at the Count Down Xanadu special at the ABC studios in Ripponlea in 1983

**A South Yarra girl who took to the world stage as singer,
actress and activist.**