



Molly Riley RISE Award

The Molly Riley RISE Award recognises an Old Girl in pursuit of the extraordinary.

RISE Award | Role-model - Inspire - Service - Excellence

The Old Girls' Association is honoured to establish this award in memory of Molly Walters (Riley '37, Head Girl), an inspirational woman.

Molly Walters (Riley '37, Head Girl) was the daughter of Bishop CL Riley who founded St Mary's Church of England Girls' School in West Perth on 14 September 1921, the year after Molly was born. Molly attended St Mary's from the age of five, when Miss Dannatt was Headmistress. At school, Molly enjoyed drama, drawing, hockey and tennis. She was awarded the Archbishop Riley Prize in 1936 and in 1937 was Dux of the School and Head Girl. After leaving school Molly qualified for university but her father's appointment as Bishop of Bendigo meant the family moved there and her tertiary education was postponed. It was there that she met Mick whom she married in 1942.

After the war Mick and Molly followed Mick's work with the British Colonial Services to the Cameroons and Nigeria before returning to Perth in 1966. At the age of 60, Molly enrolled at UWA to study Anthropology and Psychology and eventually graduated at the age of 70.

Molly was a tremendous supporter of St Mary's, returning year on year to Old Girls' events, entertaining St Mary's Junior School students with tales of the School in the 1920s and 1930s and supporting the School's fundraising campaigns over many years. She was made an Honorary Life Member of the OGA in 1967. Molly died in 2017, aged 97.



The Award

The Award recognises Old Girls who can show that they are inspiring role models in their careers, in the community, or in the world of the arts or sport. They will be engaged in the pursuit of lifelong learning, advancing along their chosen path, or will be embarking on or involved in a project that will have a positive impact on the world around them.

Old Girls who apply will be aspiring towards an experience that will enhance their lives and from which others will benefit. This Award acknowledges the value of women who are independently making their mark on the world by observing, learning from and contributing to different cultures and communities.

These endeavours could include, but are not limited to:

- Attending a professional conference or industry event;
- Spending time with a mentor interstate or overseas;
- Undertaking an internship;
- Undertaking charity work in isolated or underprivileged communities;
- Competing in a national or international sporting event;
- Engaging in wildlife/environmental protection projects and campaigns;
- Participating in an arts or cultural event such as auditioning for an orchestra, touring with a music group, producing a film, exhibiting at a Fashion Week;
- Purchasing new industry specific equipment or instruments.

The Award is not an academic award. Rather it acknowledges an Old Girl's service for others and/or aspirations for herself. Please note that an application to support an undergraduate or postgraduate degree is not eligible.

Application and Selection Criteria

Applicants must address the selection criteria and submit a full account of how the funds will be used.

Applicants must complete the Molly Riley RISE Award Application Form, and must be a Financial Member of the Old Girls' Association.

Applicants are asked to provide a covering letter detailing the following topics, in no more than 800 words:

- How would you use the award in pursuit of your ambitions?
- What difference will this award make to your endeavour?
- What are your ambitions for the next five to ten years?

- How will this endeavour enhance your passion, serve others and and/or aspirations for yourself and help achieve your five to ten years goals?

Please also provide

- An itemised budget for your project (receipts must be provided after the fact to support your budget);
- Details of two referees who can support your application and comment on your project;
- If applicable, you are welcome to include any relevant press articles, awards, certificates, photos etc in support of your application.

Additional Information

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview with members of the Judging Panel

Recipients of the Award are required to provide photographs and a written summary of their experiences and be willing to speak about their experiences to current students and/or OGA members in the future.

The total amount awarded each year will not exceed \$4,000. In each year, if there is more than one worthy applicant, the Judges may choose to make more than one award. Should there be no worthy applicants, there will be no award.

The Award will be made at the judges' discretion and their decision is final.

Judging Panel

The judging panel may include all or some of the following

- OGA President
- OGA Vice President
- Principal or Principal's delegate
- A member of the Walters/Riley family
- An Honorary Member for Life of the Association

How to apply

Applications close 24 March 2025.

Please address your application to:

Mrs Amy Dawson, OGA President
Molly Riley RISE Award Applications
St Mary's Anglican Girls' School
PO Box 105, Karrinyup WA 6921

or email oga@stmarys.wa.edu.au

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Personal Details			
TITLE (eg Miss, Ms, Mrs, Dr)			
SURNAME	MAIDEN NAME		
GIVEN NAMES			
PREFERRED NAME	DATE OF BIRTH		
PEER YEAR	HOUSE		

Home Contact Details			
HOME ADDRESS			POSTCODE
POSTAL ADDRESS (if different)			POSTCODE
HOME TELEPHONE	MOBILE		
HOME EMAIL			

Referee Details	Referee 1	Referee 2
NAME		
POSITION		
TELEPHONE		

Have you been the recipient of another St Mary's Old Girl Scholarship?	
IF SO, WHICH SCHOLARSHIP?	
YEAR AWARDED	

Checklist

- APPLICATION FORM
- MUST BE A FINANCIAL MEMBER OF THE OGA
- COVERING LETTER ADDRESSING CRITERIA
- ITEMISED BUDGET
- CONTACT DETAILS FOR TWO REFEREES INCLUDED
- ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

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