

OBA CENTENARY GALA DINNER

Tickets for the OBA Centenary Gala Dinner are selling fast and you're encouraged to book now to avoid disappointment! Old boys will be seated at long tables by class group for the finest selection of food, beer, wines and entertainment. Please help spread the word and encourage friends to join this spectacular night.

For further information and to book visit www.oba100.com.au or call 9442 1529 for assistance.

Please note the RSVP date of 1 June if not sold out earlier.

OPENING OF ST JOHN'S WOOD PLAYING FIELDS

Two decades ago the school council held a vision of transforming a package of land into magnificent grounds for the purpose of sport and recreation.

After the recent official unveiling, the St John's Wood playing fields have seen that plan become reality for current and future students.

Special thanks for the donations received to bring this dream to fruition. The trees around the perimeter are just one of the ways we have acknowledged these gifts and the donor wall inside is testament to a strong, caring and giving community.



The annual OBA Golf Day on Friday 30 June holds a special significance this year given the Centenary celebrations and the unique opportunity to play at Cottesloe Golf Club.

A larger than average playing field is expected and places are limited. A \$10,000 Hole in One competition along with other great prizes will ensure the day is a huge success regardless of the scorecard!

Please download an application form [here](#) and return it to:

Deborah Hill
oldboys@ccgs.wa.edu.au
Or via post
Alumni Co-ordinator
Christ Church Grammar School
PO Box 399, Claremont, WA 6910

Registrations close 16 June or earlier if the course is full.

The OBA thank event sponsors Jamie Loh Real Estate and Finbrella.

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or phone 0429 791 249
Mark McLeod
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or phone 0421 774 550



YEAR 12 CAREERS BREAKFAST

Thirty five old boys representing health/science, business and the arts returned to CCGS for a series of breakfast meetings aimed at encouraging and supporting Year 12 students.

Drawing upon personal experiences, our alumni shared advice regarding travel, tertiary study and employment options and suggestions about maintaining a balanced lifestyle during the final year of school and beyond. A common theme was pursuing your passion, managing time efficiently and remaining open to diverse opportunities. Possibly the best advice for students was "Eat your veggies and stay out of jail!" Thanks to the old boys who supported this OBA program so enthusiastically.

"Thank you for the opportunity to meet and network with the students. I always value the experience and hope to continue to attend in future years. Christ Church has been instrumental in not only my career but values as a member of the community, even if I only identified how much post-school."

Graham Sharpe (2004)



BEVERLEY GOLF CLUB

Richard Goyder AO was a great draw card to the annual Beverley Dinner, hosted this year by Hale School.

Eight CCGS old boys joined the event to hear Mr Goyder speak of his journey with Wesfarmers over the last 12 years and the takeover of Coles Group.

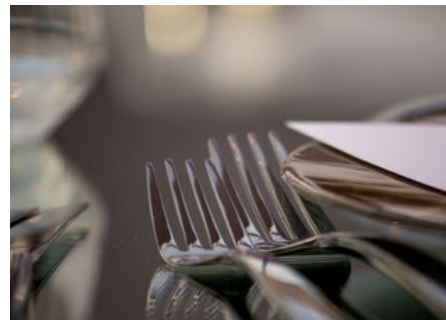
The weekend was brilliant, I really enjoyed myself... I'll definitely be there next year with a couple of mates!

Owain Chandler (2016)

YEAR 12 PRINCIPAL'S DINNER

Ben Purser (2007) and Nic Brunson (1997) recently attended the Year 12 Principal's Dinner to share reflections about school and provide insight into the fabulous journey ahead.

Both boys spoke well, with **Nic's Speech** being a poignant reminder about time for us all.



BOARDER'S DINNER

Current Year 12 students and old boys combined for a fun adaptation of the traditional Linga during the Boarder's Dinner, led by Trevor Badger (1983) and Captain of Boarding, Ben Boulton.

Special thanks to the old boys who joined the evening: Mark Brown (1983), Duncan Synnot (1988), Bruce Sewell (1986), Tim Day (1992), Peter Richmond (1980), John Carrington - Jones (1982), Justin Van Ast (1990), Simon Mitchell (1983), Alex Dunbar (2003), Kim Paterson (1962), Ken Baston (1967), Riaan Badger (2013), and guest speaker, Trevor Whittington (1983).

Trevor is the longest serving State Liberal Party Chief of Staff, having served in Premier Richard Courts' office and as Chief of Staff of Mining, Fisheries, Petroleum and Agriculture, in the latest Liberal government. He spoke about his time as a boarder, his connection with the School and the lessons learnt. He gave examples of appointing individuals to leadership positions, about the trust and brotherhood developed as a boarder and how it has helped him in business.

FIELD DAYS

It was great to see a number of old boys who passed by the CCGS stand at Wagin to say hello.

You'll also find us at:

FeNaCLNG Festival Karratha

August 1 to 2

Dowerin Field Day

August 26 to 27

Esperance Agricultural Show

October 16 to 17

COLLEGE CUP

Christ Church Grammar old boys trounced the competition in the College Cup following a superb day of sailing across five races. CCGS raced three boats in the Foundation 36 fleet placing first and second in two crews ahead of Shenton College (3rd) and Scotch (4th). Not intimidated by the John XX111 team dressed in Pope and nun regalia, the Scotch College bagpipes or the tropical shirts of Wesley, our crew of 23 looked smart and performed well in light breezes. Well done on a convincing win.



OBA CENTENARY GIFT TO THE SCHOOL

On Thursday 27 April, Christ Church Grammar School Old Boys' Association proudly presented a bronze sculptured war memorial to the School as a gift to mark the Association's centenary.

The ceremony was witnessed by old boys who have served or are serving in the Australian Defence Force, staff, and 1650 students. It was an honour to have Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Passmore, CSC, and old boy of CCGS (1991) as special guest joining us from Canberra. The School band, choir, cadets, and perfect autumn day contributed to a very special occasion in history.

Class of 1958 annual lunch

1958 ANNUAL LUNCH

The class of 1958 enjoyed their annual lunch at Nedlands Golf Club with plenty of reminiscing and memories of masters and other mates from the past.

Peter Day and Al Cran were two that we had not seen for some time and Darryl Smith turned up to everyone's surprise after driving from Sydney. Dick Sudlow read the list of apologies and brought us up to date with the news of Brian Jones' passing. We wish improved health to John Hamilton and Jon Schupp.



ANNUAL GIVING

The School is very grateful for the support of many old boys and their families each year towards our Annual Giving campaign.

If you would like to be a part of our scholarship or building programs that benefit all our boys please click [here](#) for more information.



LONDON REUNION

On 8 April CCGS held an old boys reunion in London. The event attracted not only old boys but also past parents and prospective parents.

Principal Alan Jones briefed the audience on both the Schools' strategic and master plans including St John's Wood, the plans for the new Prep School and the educational philosophy of building good men.

SINGAPORE REUNION

A recent reunion at Marina Bay Sands in Singapore saw 15 guests joining in fellowship for a special sunset evening overlooking the skyline.



Jake Patmore (2016) is drawing media attention as a great midfielder and will be one to watch as he rises through the AFL. Follow the OBA Facebook page for regular updates.

Harrison Bain (2015) commenced his military career at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra where he is studying engineering. His aim is to be a Combat Engineer Troop Leader in the Royal Australian Engineer corps.

Nic Dormer (2014) has been awarded the Property Education Foundation Scholarship at Curtin upon entering the Property Valuation and Development degree course.

Charles Winning (2011) joined contemporary feminist and author, Kathy Lette, during a recent public appearance to speak about life with autism. Charles has done incredibly well and spoken publicly about his journey with autism on a number of occasions.

After leaving CCGS, **Alex Trempus** (2004) spent a year at Notre Dame University before returning to his native USA to complete his degree in Foreign Politics and his Masters in Business. His passion for education kept pulling him back into the education space and he now works at the International School of San Francisco guiding high school students on their pathways into colleges and universities. Alex has great memories of his time at CCGS and has become the most recent member of the Mitre Society having made a commitment to leave a gift in his will to Christ Church.

Benyamin Ismail (1995), CEO of AirAsia X, features in Business News. Follow Ben's comments regarding WA tourism and his management style [here](#).

Tim Minchin's (1992) musical adaptation of Groundhog Day, now previewing on Broadway, **won best musical** at the UK's Olivier Awards. Keep up the great work, Tim!

Jeremy Ludlow (1983) was recently elected Chair of Council of the Peter Carnley Anglican Community School (PCACS). A school of the Anglican Schools Commission, PCACS is named after the Most Reverend Dr Peter Carnley AC, former Archbishop of Perth (1981 to 2005), former Primate of Australia (2000 to 2005), and father of Ben Carnley (1986). In 1985, Dr Carnley teamed up with former CCGS Headmaster Peter Moyes to establish the Anglican Schools Commission, which now operates 11 schools in WA, and three in the eastern states.

Professor John Newnham (1969) continues his significant research into Women's and Infant health. His quest to address the prevention of pre-term birth has been reported in the *AMA magazine* and is considered a 'world first' initiative.

Geoffrey Thomas (1968) is the Publisher and Editor in Chief of www.AirlineRatings.com the world's first airline safety rating website, Aviation Editor of The West Australian newspaper and Channel 7's Sunrise program as well as the Airlines Editor for Australian Aviation. Geoffrey also works extensively with CNN and the BBC covering air accidents. In the past 10 years Geoffrey has won 42 international and national awards for his works. Geoffrey has also co-written eleven books, the latest being *The Plane Simple Truth* and *Greener Wings* (third edition) on aviation's true affect on the environment, which has just been updated for the industry.

Proprietor of Jane Brook Estate, **David Atkinson** (1962) is selling up after 45 years in the family business. A recent feature in *The West* can be followed [here](#).

Grant Fergusson Stewart (1956) Despite struggling at school, Grant was determined to become a doctor and set out on a remarkable journey to achieve his goal. Follow Grant's passionate account of life, opportunities and achievements [here](#) as he shares an inspirational account of philanthropic endeavour. Thank you Grant for this contribution.

David Cook (1951) was presented with an award by the District of West Vancouver called the Community Environmental Award for work over the last 17 years in the environmental field. In 2015, he was inducted into the prestigious Explorers Club of New York and honoured as 'Fellow', thus joining the ranks of such members as Edmund Hillary and John Glenn. Entry into the Explorers Club was gained after participation in a number of expeditions in Australia and the SW Pacific, the most notable being the Australian Star Mountains Expedition in 1965 (being the last major area of Papua New Guinea to be explored by Europeans). This was a combination scientific/cave exploration/anthropological expedition which also conducted surveillance for the Australian Government along the border with Indonesia. Further details on request. 'Cookie' now lives in Canada.



Midnite Youth Theatre Company celebrates 30 years

It's a special year for the Midnite Youth Theatre Company as it marks three decades of joyous experiences for young people. Valued by artists and audiences alike, Midnite is treasured for its continued commitment to those seeking to explore beyond the limits of school drama. Old Boys are encouraged to celebrate the 30-year milestone by joining performances throughout the year with family and friends. For further information visit midnite.ccgswa.edu.au.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Old boys willing to offer work experience opportunities to boys in Years 10 to 12 are invited to contact the School's Careers Counsellor Jody Clarke at jclarke@ccgswa.edu.au or on 9442 1604.

REUNIONS AND EVENTS

This year we're encouraging old boys to attend the OBA Centenary Gala Dinner in lieu of 5 year 'interim' reunions. With all efforts directed towards Saturday 1 July, this will be a great event to catch up with your class mates.

To book visit www.oba100.com.au

10 year

Class of 2007

Date: Saturday 23 December

Contact: Alexander Collins
alexandercollins@live.com

20 year

Date: Mid-December

Contact: Rob Venn
robvenn56@hotmail.com

30 year

Date: Friday 8 September

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Claremont Yacht Club
Contact: Toby Browne-Cooper
toby@oryxconsolidated.com,
Tony Morgan
tony@morgansudlow.com.au or
Jeremy Matthews
jezzamatt@gmail.com

40 year

Date: Saturday 26 August

Contact: Wayne Sheppard
wsheppard77@yahoo.com.au

50 year

Class of 1967

Date: Friday 20 October

Time: School tour followed by dinner at
Cottesloe Golf Club
Contact: Geoff Potter
gpotter@capitalpm.com.au
Peter Harley
pharley@iinet.net.au
Keith Bower
kbower@iinet.net.au

Unforgettables

The next gathering will be at the
Centenary Gala Dinner followed by

Spring gathering

Date: Wednesday 13 September

Time: 11.00am

Venue: Mt Claremont Pavilion

Christmas gathering

Date: Wednesday 6 December

Time: 12.00pm

Venue: Old Boys' Gallery

Class of 1961 catch-ups

Date: Friday 16 June

Location: Bunbury

Contact: Geoffrey Hick
49leon@amnet.net.au

Please respond if you have not already
done so. A game of golf the following day
has been suggested for those interested
in staying on. A good number of car
pooling options are available.

Date: Friday 15 September

Time: To be advised

Venue: Nedlands Golf Club

Date: Thursday 7 December

Time: 12.00pm

Venue: Clancy's Fish Pub, City Beach

Class of 1962 - annual lunch

Date: Thursday 29 June

Time: 12.00pm

Venue: Claremont Yacht Club

Golf Day

Date: Friday 30 June

Venue: Cottesloe Golf Club

OBA Gala Centenary Dinner

Date: Saturday 1 July

Venue: Christ Church Grammar School

OBA vs Old Scotch Collegian

Winter fixtures

Date: Sunday 20 August

Time: 12.30pm

OBA AGM

Date: Thursday 26 October

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Claremont Yacht Club

OBA assembly for boys

Date: Thursday 2 November

Time: 8.30am

Venue: School Chapel

Remembrance Day

Grandparents of current
students welcome

Date: Friday 10 November

Time: 11.00am

Venue: CCGS top oval

Sundowner for OBA life members

Date: Thursday 23 November

Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Venue: Claremont Yacht Club

Former staff lunch

Date: Monday 4 December

Time: 12.30pm

Venue: Refectory

JOB SEARCH

Vaughan Greenberger (2013) is seeking employment at any form of financial services firm. Vaughan has a Bachelor of Science, majoring in engineering and finance from UWA. Please contact Vaughan at vaughang88@gmail.com if you are able to offer a suitable opportunity.

CENTENARY DISCOUNT ON OBA LIFE MEMBERSHIP

As a special centenary initiative the OBA is offering a significantly reduced, once off, life membership fee until 31 December 2017. Membership provides a range of benefits outlined [here](#).

It's a great opportunity to sign up and support the OBA.