



Christ Church
Grammar School

Headmaster's Report

October 2015

Attachments

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**Old Boys' Association
Parents' Association**

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

The final month of Term 3 is absolutely focussed on supporting Year 12 boys through their trial exams and the 'completion' of their studies in preparation for the end of School. Art and Design and Technology projects become real pieces and are of equal importance to intense academic exams. As has been the case in previous years we have been very pleased with the boys' approach. The path of academic progress for boys can be a very frustrating experience for parents who often vent their frustrations for the lack of drive through the journey (this usually begins in about Year 9). I have spent years trying to help parents appreciate the nature of the boy, who will tend to apply himself with greatest intensity at the final hour. The School has been witness to this again and we trust these efforts will be rewarded both with results in these trial exams and with final outcomes in January.

Council will find attached a comprehensive report prepared by Head of Humanities, **Mr Les Goh** as a component of the current strategic plan which has been presented to the Director of Studies and me. The Global Capacities Working Party formed in 2013 has been considering the matters implicit in the two strategic themes of:

- Guiding boys to the further development of an international perspective.
- Understanding, enabling and celebrating diversity in the Christ Church context.

and outcomes of our critique from visitors from Columbia University in 2014 (previously presented to Council).

This report is the outcome of the committee's considerations. It provides a strong basis from which to progress in the medium term. Some members of Council will be aware of the consideration by the School in the past of aligning with international school based organisations such as the 'Round Square' and the 'Council of International Schools'. This report, when combined with the new strategic plan, might well see these considerations re-emerge. These matters will be for more refined consideration in 2016.

This report has been prepared prior to my attending the Biennial AHISA Conference in Sydney which then leads into the annual Go7 Conference. The latter brings together the leadership of the following schools - Christ Church Grammar School; St Peters College, Adelaide; Brighton College, Melbourne; Carey Baptist College, Melbourne; Newington College, Sydney; The Hutchins School, Hobart; Brisbane Grammar School, Brisbane for benchmarking and professional learning. This association has led to a number of executive and associated meetings that have been reported to the Council over a number of years. I will give a verbal report of these events at the Council meeting.

STUDENTS

THE LW PARRY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Academic

Boys can nominate to sit a variety of International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Results tests. These assessments are aimed at high achieving students, although boys and parents can openly nominate to sit the tests. The assessments are: Technology (Computing), Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics. This year the boys achieved:

Technology

1 Medal (Highest score in the state) – **Aditya Muthukattu**, Year 6 – first school medal in this competition
18 Distinctions
1 High Distinction

Science

21 Distinctions
5 High Distinctions

Spelling

1 Medal (**Max Guit**, Year 5 – second consecutive year)
22 Distinctions
4 High Distinctions

Writing

2 Medals (**Sean Morgan**, Year 5 and **Christian Wong**, Year 6 – his third consecutive Writing medal)
7 Distinctions
3 High Distinctions

English

2 Medals (**Matthew Bennett**, Year 2 and **Matthew Bailey**, Year 5)
23 Distinctions
5 High Distinctions

Mathematics

30 Distinctions
8 High Distinctions

Pastoral Care, Planning and Co-curricular

On 7 and 8 September the boys from St Andrew's School, Singapore spend two days with the boys from Year 5 in an immersion and partook in a friendly Soccer competition after school on the Monday. The Year 5 boys enjoyed interacting with the boys from Singapore and they shared information about their respective countries and lives. Our boys also educated the St Andrew's boys about boys with disabilities as most had not previously experienced boys with Down Syndrome or Autism.

The final week of Term 3 the Preparatory School had the Week of the Arts. The week is a showcase of the wide variety of experiences in the arts in the Preparatory School. The Opening of the Week of the Arts occurred on Sunday, 20 September with a Music and Hip-hop Dancing Concert. Sarah Seaman co-ordinated the Music Concert, including many roles as accompanist and conductor. The Hip-hop dancing was the final presentation of the Pre-Primary to Year 3 Artist in Residence, funded by the Parents' Association. The Art Exhibition opened after the concerts and included three art works by each boy. Over 700 members of the community attended the initial concerts and opening of the exhibition.

The Week of the Arts also included the Year 6 Play – *Dirty Beasts*, Class Concerts, Piano Duets Concert, Recorder Concert and Rock Workshop Concert. Tuesday morning the Year 6 leaders conducted tours of the school as the Boys' Own Tours. Wednesday morning the Father/Significant Male – Son Breakfast and Debates was held. At the breakfast **Mr Liam Casson**, Director of the Centre of Boys' Wellness, spoke to the boys and parents and the boys and dads then faced off in a debate, in each class. The fathers were also able to enjoy the Learning Journey experience and this experience occurred for the remainder of the School

after 3.00pm. Thursday the Preparatory School Houses competed in the House Shout. All boys in each house from Year 1 to 6 take part in the House Shout and it is the biggest House participation event in the School. Friday was the annual Grandparents' and Special Friends' Morning, where the boys take their guests on their Learning Journey and through the Art Exhibition. **Mrs Maria Hodges**, Director of Pastoral Care, Planning and Co-curricular, must be commended for her role in the planning of the events of the Week of the Arts, where over 2000 members of the community come to celebrate our boys learning.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Academic

The subject selection process has largely concluded and planning for classes, timetabling and staffing in 2016 is advancing. The processes around applications for eligibility have now been standardised by SCSA across all second language study and we have been able to successfully refine our own procedures in this regard. **Mrs Margaret Brophy** has also been visiting the classes of all Year 12 subjects with a practical component, emphasising the seriousness of the SCSA rules in the practical examinations, so that we can avoid the situation experienced in 2014, when three boys inadvertently breached the rules and were penalised as a result.

In line with to our strategic intent, subjects like Mathematics have introduced a unit that is project-based and thus teaches and instils collaborative learning. The group projects and investigations run successfully so far this year are as follows:

- Year 7 "Using maths to design a theme park"
- Year 8 "Using maths to design a swimming pool" and "Exploring reaction times"
- Year 10 "Mining real world data for links between indicators such as infant mortality and literacy rates across a number of countries".

An iPad review committee has begun meeting, as part of a due diligence process. We are looking at concerns and issues associated with the device, both at school and at home; the strengths of the program, particularly given the resources being created by the digital curators; and evaluation of alternative devices, although it is not envisaged that there will be a shift any time soon. The Committee is being co-chaired by **Dr Geoffrey Alagoda** and **Mrs Margaret Brophy** and representatives from a range of departments are representing a range of views.

Mr Matthew Kameron continues to work on data tracking and in early September **Mr Brad Hilliard** and **Mrs Margaret Brophy** attended a G7 meeting in Brisbane to present our initiatives and to learn from the other schools attending. Meanwhile, we are going to trial a service for translating school reports for full-fee paying overseas students, where requested.

Pastoral

Year 11 Leadership Program

The Year 11 Leadership program held in the last week of term engaged all boys in their House groups working closely with their Head of House through a range of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual activities. This year we were again able to enlist the services of **Dr Arne Rubenstein** to deliver keynote addresses for the program.

Dr Rubenstein is an expert in adolescent development, specialising in supporting boys through the critical years to become healthy and happy young men. He is the author of '*The Making of Men*', the book that is sent to all CCGS parents in the year prior to their son's commencement in the Senior School.

The transition program for boys entering the Senior School in Year 7, is also being finalised and all the student information material has been collated in order for the House allocation process to begin.

Planning and Co-curricular

General

The Beyond Queenslea Drive program applications for 2016 have been released and again there is a keen interest being expressed by current Year 9 boys for this program. Also in preparation for next year's Friday Activities program presentations have been made to all Year 9 boys for selection of their cadet unit.

Planning for 2016 is well underway. The complexity of the program grows each year as for any year there are new programs and complicating circumstances. It will be great to have the refurbished Chapel back on line next year as an auditorium for Assemblies and guest speakers

The PSA Sport calendar has now been set and the complications around three school expanding their mid-year break to three weeks have been resolved for 2016 only. Both the Music and Drama Calendars are taking shape and in respect to Drama we are looking to use the Regal Theatre next year for a School musical.

The Service in Action Calendar has also been finalised for 2016 and Year 10 boys have been approached for commitments to this program. The program has been very successful so far this year under the guidance of the new director **Mr Mark Tait**.

The World Challenge Service Trip to Peru has had two training days over the last couple of months in preparation for this inaugural CCGS trip. Preparations and commitment to a replicate of this trip are already under way for December 2016.

Tours

The Service in Action (SIA) program has seen a successful trip to Marble Bar for eight boys and two staff. The final concluding indigenous immersion experience for Year 11 boys will take place early in Term 4 with the east Kimberly Garnduwa Camp.

Cadet Annual Camp is currently under way at the Bindoon Training facility where we will be striving to maintain our standing as one of the best Cadet Units in the state. This camp experience has been pushed to the second week of the school holidays which is not ideal given other conflicting programs we normally run in Week 2 of the school holiday.

Mr Ben Hodsdon and **Mr Richard Parker** travelled with 12 boys to Hong Kong this week as part of our annual cultural exchange with St Paul's College. These boys are broadening their knowledge of Hong Kong and the Chinese culture through this exchange experience.

Rowing Tour to Augusta will punctuate the start of the rowing season for senior boys over the first few days of the holidays. Preparations are well underway for the forthcoming season and in addition to the camp the House and Guildford regattas round out the pre-Christmas events.

Sport

The second half of term has been dominated by the PSA Athletics season. The House Athletic Carnival survived the threat of poor weather and in fact the day proved to be better than expected. Certainly the engagement of the boys from Houses in a tight competition, which saw Hill win, was tremendous.

The Quads and Inters Carnivals followed in successive weeks and our fifth placing in the Inter this year saw an improvement by the team of over 50 points and one placing in the standings. This improvement, contributed too by a strong across the board in the sprints and middle distance races, along with a good showing by the U13 (Year 7) cohort bids well for the 2016 season.

Arts

Production of the Year 7/8 play Jungle Book is well underway and this season comes to the Drama Centre after the Valedictory Week in early November

Outdoor Education

The end of Term brings to a conclusion of the Year 9 Outdoor Education camps at Koorinal. This whole of cohort program has been very successful, including a pilot program, previously mentioned, that will iterate the Year 9 program moving forward. The weather has largely been very good but as you would expect there have been some fairly wet days in the last month, albeit this has not dampened the boys' enthusiasm for the program.

Preparations for the Year 10 Venture are well underway. Issues around routes again will be significant with DEPAW areas through part of our track. This may necessitate a modified route for areas north of Broke Inlet through to Northcliffe.

The Parent Sundowner for the promotion of the Venture with Year 10 Parents was very successful with **Mr David Anderson** providing plenty of opportunity for parents to ask questions and view gear samples.

All the Year 10 boys have had their first meeting with **Mr Neil Saggars** in regards the preparatory phase leading into term 4 and the actual departure of the Venture on 16 November. Staff involved in Venture (25 this year) have been undertaking a Wilderness First Aid training program and also have visited Koorinal as part of their training last week.

STAFF

TEACHING STAFF

Appointments:

Mr Samuel Wallace has been appointed as a teacher in the Humanities Teacher in the Senior School. His most recent position was teaching Humanities and Social Science at Aquinas College where he specialised in Economics. Sam is an Old Boy of the School.

Ms Vanessa Badaraco has been appointed as a teacher in the Humanities Teacher in the Senior School on a fixed-term contract. Most recently she has worked at La Salle College where she was a Humanities Teacher and Head of House. Vanessa is covering a leave of absence for 2016.

Internal Appointments:

Mr Alec Barbour has been appointed as Head of Design & Technology.

Mr Chris Anderson has been appointed as Head of Computer Science.

Associates to the Centre for Pedagogy for 2016:

Mr Mike Ristovski – Mathematics

Miss Elisabeth Rosinel – Languages

Miss Rhiannon Taylor – Music

Miss Sarah Stone has been appointed as Year 3-4 Coordinator.

Mr Heath Pozzi has been appointed as House Co-ordinator – Forrest.

Ms Jody Henry has been appointed as Acting House Co-ordinator – Stirling.

Ms Troy Looke has been appointed as Acting Co-ordinator of the Preparatory PMC.

Resignations

Mr Anthony Peck

Anthony has been at CCGS since 2014 and has held the position of Assistant Head of Mathematics for one year. He has been offered a position as Head of Mathematics and Science at St Aloysius Catholic College in Hobart commencing 1 February 2016.

Mr Mark Cuccinello

Mark has been with the School since 2014 and commenced as a Koorungal Outdoor Educator. He was appointed as Assistant Director of Koorungal at the beginning of 2015 and leaves to pursue further employment on the east coast.

Mrs Rebecca Greenaway

Rebecca commenced at CCGS in 2009 in the Physical Education Department and was an active participant in all aspects of the School. She coached the 1st XI Hockey team and participated in Venture during her time with us. Rebecca leaves after two years leave to look after her two young children.

Leave

Ms Elisabeth Gerber is taking a year without pay to be the Acting Head of Languages Department at Perth Modern School.

Ms Jasmine Head is taking 2016 as a year without pay to pursue personal interests.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Enrolments

The Communication and Engagement team, in collaboration with Prep School executive, will be working on a new approach to tours and in particular, strategies aimed at improving Pre-Primary applications and enrolments in preparation for 2016.

Parents Association

Events completed:

- Year 10 Sundowner Monday 24 August 160 parents attended. Only 2 boarding families – perhaps we rethink the timing of this event if the boarders are not coming along?
- Dowerin Field Day 26 & 27 August – great attendance and already names down and tours booked.
- Parents' Auxiliary meeting Thursday 27 August – all committee positions now have nominees for PA AGM Wed 9 / 9.
- Newdegate Machinery Field Day – Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 September – planning debrief next week to better plan for these days.
- Friends of Music AGM Wednesday 2 September (met with Paul Woods, president re documentation)
- Parents' Association AGM and drinks Wednesday 9 September
- Parents' Auxiliary AGM and cocktail party Thursday 17 September
- Guest speaker Dr Arne Rubinstein Monday 21 September

Archives

- "Fragmented Echo" plaque on order
- Foundation artworks have been updated on the assets register
- Requested Michael Reid update valuations
- Indigenous student exhibition taken down
- Update of the PSA Premiers board is in process
- Chaplains and Parents auxiliary in process

Publications & Web

News stories for September include:

- Book Week celebrations light up the School
- Developing global citizens and leaders
- Boys impress with their higher order thinking skills
- Books light up the *Minecraft* World
- High praise for a moving production
- 100 years of athletics
- Dale wins the Preparatory School House Athletics carnival
- Our chess players successfully defend their title
- Prep boy crowned after running away with the CCGS Gift
- Boys learn 'wheel throwing' from masters of their trade
- Yahoos and Prep School Senior Choir perform for a worthy cause
- CCGS Cadet Unit prepare for annual camp
- 4JL explore the settlement of Australia
- Hard work and talent recognised at the Headmaster's Assembly
- Boys perform at Company 2015
- The Prefect Push raises funds for Perth's homeless youth
- Boys perform at the PSA Athletics Carnival

- Concerto Night showcases exceptional talent
- Christ Church boys recognise the PMH Foundation
- Over \$25 000 raised for the Cambodia Children's Fund
- Borders mentoring borders at the Term 3 Residential Dinner

ICT

The IAAS (Infrastructure As A Service) project launched into an information gathering phase early September in preparation for complete cutover in January 2016. The cost of refurbishing the existing server rooms at CCGS triggered an investigation into IAAS and the possibility of outsourcing this function to a service provider. Having considered a number of service providers and options Datacom was chosen as the preferred provider of this service.

In addition, moving to the IAAS model provides the following generic benefits:

- Savings in terms of power, air-conditioning and disposal.
- Provision of enterprise infrastructure at better than commercial grade pricing. For instance, Air-conditioning systems, Uninterruptable power supplies and generators.
- Typically, greater than 99.95% uptime with enterprise grade fault tolerance systems and commercial SLAs.
- Critical services are not effected by power loss to a single grid outages. Website can continue to function.
- Multiple data access paths into datacentre.
- Increase levels of security.
- Provided services follow best practice guidelines ensuring less dependency on expert level staff.

A migration plan will follow the information gathering phase detailing the piecewise migration of services into Datacom over the following three months.

Further progress will be reported on subsequent reports.

GOVERNANCE/FINANCE/FACILITIES

Council

The School has received legal approval to proceed with the contracts for the Brockway remediation for the civil contractor (DM Civil), project manager and civil engineering consultant (Tabec) and environmental consultant (RPS Group). The site management plan for the remediation has been approved by the City of Nedlands with a number of conditions. The project manager is currently clearing those conditions prior to the mobilisation of the civil contractor onto the site.

The School submitted the third 'draft' of the traffic management plan required by the Town of Claremont on 18 August 2015.

The School has been asked to develop a 'Conflict of Interest' policy for inclusion in the governance manual. A draft will be presented to the Council meeting on 6 October 2015.

Finance

The draft annual budget for 2016 has been completed and will be presented to the October Council meeting for consideration.

Facilities

The Chapel project has progressed well and is ready functions in term 4 as anticipated. The project is due to be handed over on 25 September 2015.

The School is completing the documentation of the prefeasibility study into the proposed new Preparatory School. This documentation will first be considered by the Building & Development committee.

Mr Chris Coslani is currently working through a planning schedule of works for the summer period. He is also finalising the scoping of the Boatshed pathway and ramp, Koorungal Stage 1 brief and a potential new aquatic precinct. These projects will first be presented to the Building & Development committee.

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Boys will be girls

This week prefects from St Hilda's and Christ Church Grammar School faced off on the netball court.

In a long-standing tradition, St Hilda's invites its brother school for the contest as a fundraiser for Anglicare WA.

Cross-dressing was the order of the day, and unfortunately for the girls, brute force won out despite hopes that the skirts would slow the boys down.

The final score was 10:2 to Christ Church.

The gold netball trophy was considered to be worth the effort, as well as the hundreds of dollars raised from spectators.

Josh Greenwood, left, Jack Hawkesford, Alex Finlay-Jones and Monika Blakenburgs fight for ball possession.



16/9 WEST

WestWHEELS CIRCUIT RACING

Love changes everything

Young West Australian Jordan a five-time winner in Malaysia

■ Adrian Chambers

Jordan Love had a cracking weekend in the first round of the AsiaCup Series, winning all five races at Malaysia's Formula One track, Sepang International.

This remarkable feat has skyrocketed him to the top of the lucrative championship, 39 points clear of his nearest rival, South Korean Andrew Kim.

It was a triumphant and dominant outing at the end of last month for the Perth 16-year-old who drove his No. 79 pretty close to perfection.

"Jordan has already competed in two AsiaCup Super 6 events and it's great to see his winning race craft develop," AsiaCup promoter Peter Thompson said.

"He has displayed great confidence and pace."

His determination and focus to succeed in his chosen field is impressive after making the transition from go-karts, where younger brother Aaron has just won one of WA's top events, the prestigious King of the Hill, at Wundowie.

Love dominated practice in steamy conditions, continuing the momentum into qualifying

pole for Saturday's first of four eight-lap races.

He and Kenyan Jeremy Wahome had an intense battle throughout the weekend, starting with a daring dash for the lead down the main straight into the first corner.

But the Aussie took advantage of a much better start on the cleaner side of the track to maintain the advantage and claim his first win.

With grid positions determined from race one's fastest lap times, Love again claimed pole ahead of Wahome, who took the lead in lap three after a bold move.

A mistake three corners later allowed Love to reclaim position and continue unchallenged. With two wins in the bag, things just got tougher with Wahome now on pole.

But Love prevailed in the run down into the first sequence of corners, hitting the front and leaving the field in his wake.

It was another error-free and dominant drive as he notched up his third to end day one.

That translated to pole in Sunday's 10-lapper where he successfully fended off challenge after challenge to produce a series of circuits

consistently faster than his fellow competitors, with an imposing 15-second lead at the finish.

He was odds-on for a clean sweep and delivered a masterclass performance in the final event, outgunning everyone to the first turn and then making it look easy as he cruised to his fifth victory.

"It was a fantastic weekend for me," Love said.

"The races were tough in the difficult conditions with the heat and humidity and it was quite hard to maintain my concentration.

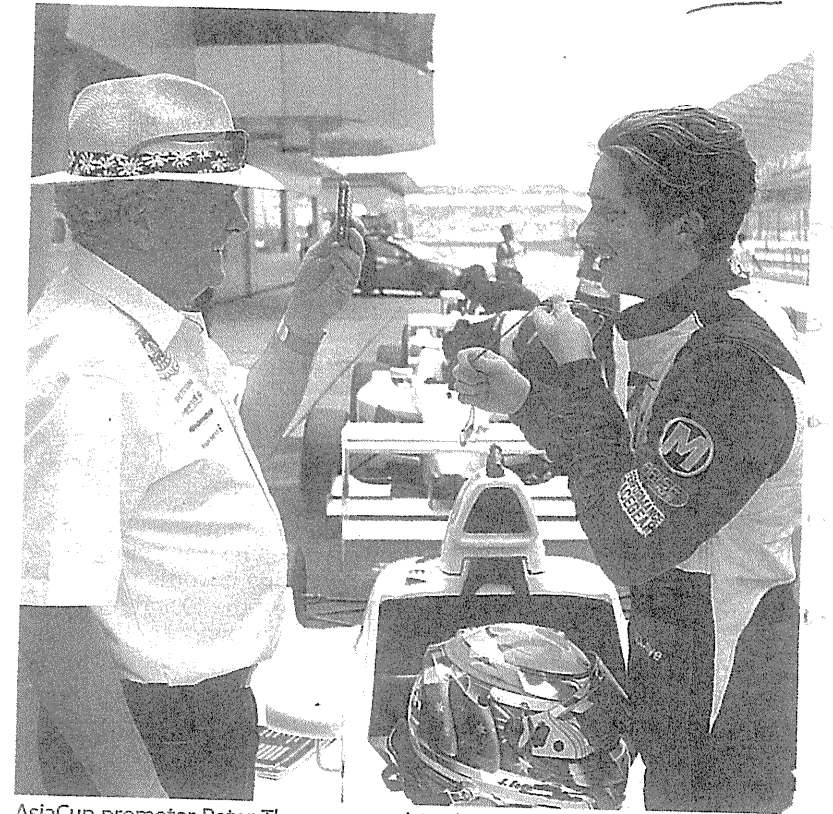
"There were definitely

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moments where I had to work hard to keep Jeremy behind me but I really enjoyed it because he is a tough fighter.

"AsiaCup is very professionally run and it's good to race in a series where the competition is strong, all the cars are the same and the focus is more on driver performance," he said.

How does racing fit in with his studies at Christ Church Grammar?



AsiaCup promoter Peter Thompson and Jordan Love.

"When I'm competing outside WA it's an early-morning flight on Thursday with racing Friday through to Sunday then a late flight home for school Monday," he said.

"So I have to do extra hours out of school to keep up and stay on track."

He will need to be at the top of his game for the second round from November 6-8 at Sepang as the field expands to 17 with the inclusion of two

Russian drivers, a Filipino and an Indonesian.

The FIA-approved AsiaCup Series by Meritus GP is in its third season and has helped train 65 drivers from 15 nations, including fellow Aussie Jake Parsons who is now second in the VW-powered Formula Masters Championship.

■ For more information, email peter@meritus.gp or visit asiacupseries.com.



All smiles ... Tommy Andrew with Tony Willerton-Lowe. Photo: Paul McGovern

Tony helps Tommy on his bike

Pedal power with a difference is helping a young boy do what he thought he would never be able to do – ride a bike.

Many take it for granted, but 11-year-old Tommy Andrews, of Cottesloe, has mitochondrial disease, a debilitating condition that causes delayed physical development, loss of coordination and muscle weakness.

As a toddler, Tommy simply didn't have the strength or coordination to ride, unlike his sporty twin sister, Dimity.

But an article in the POST about Charlotte Braden, who

needed help with her wheels, inspired close family friend Janet Birtwistle to contact the Mosman Park Community Men's Shed, whose members had got Charlotte on the road in style ("Charlie's Angels get papal inspiration", July 25).

"I contacted the shed and they were amazingly supportive," Janet said.

Ready to help was former London double-decker bus driver Tony Willerton-Lowe, an expert welder.

Taking time out from caring for his disabled wife, Mr

Willerton-Lowe fitted Tommy's Captain America bike with special training wheels and a push handle, for when Tommy gets tired.

"It was no bother," Mr Willerton-Lowe said.

"I first learnt to weld more than 50 years ago, so it was simple process to give Tommy his freedom."

Tommy loved the bike so much he dropped into the shed with a donation and a box of choccies.

"It's great," Tommy said. "I will soon be able to catch up with my sister."