



Christ Church
Grammar School

Building good men

Principal's Report

November 2017

Attachment

- Media Clips

**Old Boys' Association
Parents' Association**

Staffing

Appointments

- Daniel Cadby: Assistant Director of Sport
- Daniela Chacon: Acting Director of Senior School PMC
- Rebekah Garwood: Early Learning Years Co-ordinator
- Katie Ledgerwood (Andrew): Director of Pastoral Care, Planning and Co-curricular/Deputy Head (Prep School)
- Holly Miller: Director of Studies/Deputy Head (Prep School)
- Melanie Nazzari: Co-ordinator of the Learning Development Centre
- Patrick Parker: Head of Humanities
- Thysen Raffa: IT Help Desk Officer
- Tom Shalders: Assistant to the Year 9 Program
- James Stanton-French: Prep School Classroom Teacher
- Mahendra Vaswani: Director of Studies

Resignations

- Mary Brunsden: Co-ordinator of the Learning Development Centre
- Sarah Gatica-Lara: Admissions Registrar
- Allan Hallett: Humanities Teacher
- Brad Hilliard: Director of Studies/Deputy Head (Prep School)
- Dominic Hodnett: Humanities Teacher
- Sandra Mack: Science Technician
- Lorraine O'Brien: English Teacher
- Peter Williamson: Prep School Classroom Teacher

Year 9 Program and Music

The School's Music Department is one of our flagship programs and is an important part of the Christ Church education. To accommodate the Year 9 Program and to provide better facilities for the Music Department we will be upgrading and refurbishing the buildings for 2018.

Year 9 Program

We have been gaining good media traction around the Year 9 Program with an article in the West Australian and interviews with 6PR "Breakfast with Steve and Basil" and ABC Radio "Afternoons with Gillian O'Shaughnessy" on Thursday 9 November 2017.

Pedestrian crossing

The pedestrian crossing outside 10 Queenslea Drive commenced operation on Monday 30 October 2017. We have received a lot of positive feedback from both Christ Church and MLC students and parents.

Year 12 final day

We had a highly successful final day with our Year 12 students. John Poynton AO, David Rose and Bishop Jeremy James were guests at the Final Assembly and Prize Giving. The Chapel Service in the evening was well attended by parents and students and the Valedictory Dinner was a wonderful celebration for the leavers.

Funding rates

We received correspondence from the Minister for Education confirming the School will receive an increase by an indexation factor of 1.27% in 2018.

School funding

An analysis by a conservative think tank has advised schools that they should use extra money provided by the Federal Government's Gonski 2.0 scheme to give teachers fewer classes and more time outside the classroom.

PISA

The School has been selected to participate in The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), one of the international assessments in Australia's National Assessment Program. Approximately 800 Australian secondary schools have been sampled to participate in PISA 2018. This will involve students spending around 3¾ hours completing a computer-based assessment. These students must be born between 1 May 2002 and 30 April 2003 with the majority of them either 15 or 16 years old. Test ACER will provide Test Administrators to the School who have been employed and trained to administer and monitor the assessment sessions only and not to discipline or correct inappropriate student behaviour. The results for PISA 2018 will be released in December 2019.

PA Committee

Please see list below of the new PA Committee for 2018.

- Chair: Karen McQuillan
- Vice Chair: Con Zempilas
- Secretary: Fiona McLarty
- Treasurer: Paula Everett
- Prep School Rep: Jill Pelliccione
- Senior School Rep: Amanda Kehal
- Uniform Shop Rep: Lanie Byk
- Boarder's Rep: Anita Dickins
- Information Evening Co-ordinator: Markia Auret
- Committee: Stephen Wicks, Mary O'Hanlon, Ken Everett, Sophie Seton-Browne, Diane Mason and Samantha Faithfull

OBA Committee

Please see list below of the new OBA Committee for 2018.

- President: Tom Nattrass
- Vice Presidents: Matt Caddy and James Balfour
- Secretary: Toby Browne-Cooper
- Treasurer: Steve Ledger
- Country Rep: Trevor Badger
- Auditor: Bill Chambers
- School Council: John Van Bockxmeer
- Scholarship Trustees: Mark McLeod
- Committee: David Kyle, Alex Dunbar, Simon Howard, Jack Hawkesford, Owain Chandler, Peter Wallace and Chris Shenton

OBA AGM

The 100th AGM of the OBA was held on Thursday 26 October 2017. Father Frank Sheehan was named an Honorary Life Member for his outstanding service to the School and Rob Crossing became a Fellow of the OBA.

Synod 2017

Synod this year was on Friday 6 October to Sunday 8 October at St Georges Cathedral and Peter Moyes Anglican Community School in Mindarie. This was attended by Father Frank Sheehan, Lynn Matthews and Roger Bayly.

Margaret River

I hosted an evening cocktail event in Margaret River on Thursday 2 November 2017 which was an opportunity for me to connect with the boarding and wider school community in the South West. Brad Downing, Director of Walters Residential Community, and I spoke with current, future and prospective parents and boys along with a number of old boys.

Election results

Jock Barker was re-elected as Mayor of the Town of Claremont on Saturday 21 October 2017 in a contested election with one other candidate.

MLC Principal Elect

The Executive and I met with Dr Marie Perry, the MLC Principal Elect, on Tuesday 7 November 2017. I look forward to working with Dr Perry and continuing the strong connections we have with MLC.

June Jones

As mentioned in my email to Council on Monday 30 October 2017, we held the funeral of former St Hilda's Principal, June Jones, at the School on Saturday 4 November 2017.



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George dives in for Croatia

By DAVID COHEN

Water polo player George Ford flew to Croatia on Tuesday night to join the Croatian Water Polo League.

George says the Croats and the Serbs are the best in the world at the sport.

"It's like AFL over there," he said.

"They throw them in the water at a young age."

A salary and an apartment in the seaside Croatian town of Rijeka come with George's stint with team VK Primorje, which ends in mid-April.

"I'm replacing a guy who broke his leg," he said.

"My coach found out about it."

George (24) and his brother Andrew (22) played for Australia at the world championships in Budapest in July and said beating France 11-10 was a highlight.

"It was pretty special playing with my brother," George said.

"Our team, the Aussie Sharks, came seventh, which was our best result since 2003."

"We had a relatively inexperienced team and only had four guys out of 13 from last year's Olympics on the squad."

Andrew is a right-handed driver, or forward, and George, who competed in the Olympics, is a centre-back.

Water polo players are usually very tall and strong.

The brothers started playing as students at Christ Church Grammar School. Andrew first played in Year 6 but said it was not until Year 11 that he took it seriously.

"There was a habit of success at the school," he said.

"We won the PSA competition when I was in Years 10 and 12."

"Also, seeing George in



Making a splash ... Andrew Ford, left, and brother George play for Australia on the Aussie Sharks water polo team.

Australian teams caught my interest."

George said his attraction to the sport was partly social.

"I had an awesome bunch of mates in the pool," he said.

"Nick O'Halloran was a great coach - we smashed the other schools."

"It's not an easy sport on the body, but you don't have high-impact injuries."

Both men play for the UWA Torpedoes and train at the WA Institute of Sport in Mt Claremont.

Curfew for woman on assault charge

A Mosman Park woman charged with assault sobbed in court last month before she was granted bail.

Claire Emily Hunter (24) was given a 9pm to 7am curfew and must not get within 50m of three people.

Magistrate Martin Flynn heard Ms Hunter and two men had gone to a South Lake home at 10.20pm on August 25.

"She spoke through a flyscreen door to someone about a bangle," a police prosecutor said.

"She got a vase from a small table and smashed window panels, reached inside, and unlocked the door."

The prosecutor said Ms Hunter had pepper-sprayed two people, taken a handbag, and left with the men.

"There were children aged two, four, and 12 in the house," the prosecutor said.

"All had to be treated by St John Ambulance."

"The 12-year-old witnessed part of the assault."

The prosecutor said police had later found pepper spray in Ms Hunter's handbag and a gram of cannabis.

A duty lawyer said Ms Hunter lived with her children.

"Her oldest child has special needs," the lawyer said.

Stolen Cottesloe motorbike found in bushes

A Cottesloe family walked 200m to retrieve their stolen motorbike after police told them where it was.

The BMW bike, valued at \$17,000, was stolen from their John Street home last month.

Soon after the theft, a Napier Street resident called police on August 30 to tell them there was a motorbike hidden behind trees in the front yard of her neighbour's home.

The John Street family were having dinner when police called them with the tip.

They walked two streets north, found their bike, and wheeled it home.

They said the bike had been stolen from outside their home, and they would now store it more securely.

Wembley police were unsure why officers had not called at the Napier Street home when tipped off about the motorcycle.

"If she is remanded in custody, her children will go into foster care."

"The father is not in a position to care for them."

Mr Flynn said Ms Hunter had been charged with serious offences.

"The real issue is the crafting of bail conditions that deal with the risk of further offending," he said.

He also put Ms Hunter on a \$2000 personal undertaking and a \$2000 surety.

"If police knock on the door, she must present herself," Mr Flynn said.

Ms Hunter said: "Understood."



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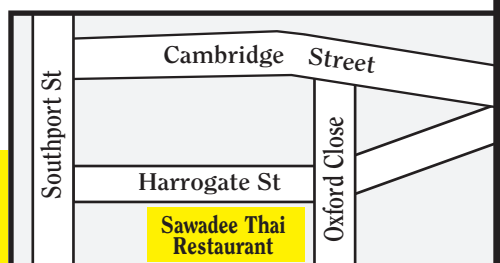
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Devoted dad steps up to help Finn

ANGELMAN syndrome sufferer Finn Blackman (3) is his father Kane's special man.

The Subiaco toddler was diagnosed a year ago with the genetic condition, which will inhibit his motor skills co-ordination for life.

"Being told that is still affecting us, both my wife and I, very hard, because some of our dreams were shattered and you now know you can't now hear your son say the words 'I love you'," Mr Blackman said.

Despite not previously being a runner, he has been training to tackle the Melbourne Marathon on October 15 and raise \$20,000 for research into a cure.

About one in 10,000 to 15,000 children can have the syndrome and there are only about three diagnosed with Finn's specific type of the condition in Australia.

It is caused by one missing gene on the female side of the 15th chromosome, and affects speech, mus-

cle co-ordination, movement and development.

Finn is at the lower end of the syndrome's spectrum.

Unlike talkative toddlers of his age, he has a vocabulary of 20 to 30 words and needs some help walking on uneven surfaces.

Mr Blackman said the syndrome was often diagnosed when parents noticed their child's speech was not developing correctly.

"Finn has every potential to live independently and work," he said.

Training for the marathon has helped Mr Blackman to concentrate on the positive and how research into his son's syndrome could help those with other genetic conditions.

"That's the exciting thing for us, opening up the potential for this research," he said.

■ Sponsor at <https://give.everyday-hero.com/au/fast-cure-angelman-syndrome>.

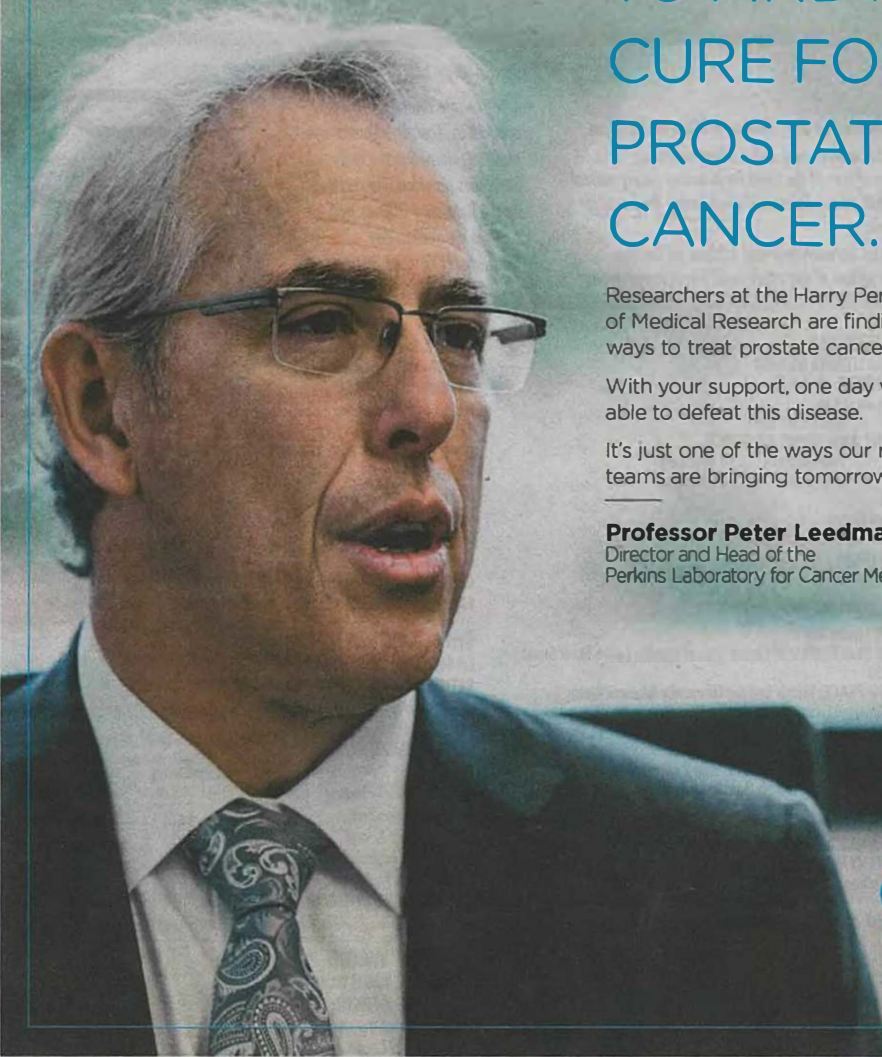


Kane Blackman, with Finn, is training for the Melbourne Marathon next month.

Western Subs

Sept 19/2017 Future Family

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A portrait of Professor Peter Leedman, a middle-aged man with grey hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is looking slightly to the right.

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POST ■ September 23, 2017



SARAH McNEILL

Just six paintings represent more than 40 years of Jeremy Kirwan-Ward's work as an abstract artist.

Jeremy's latest works on the walls of Art Collective's new Cathedral Square gallery fill it with atmospheric warmth and colour, while a handful of other paintings illustrate how far he has come in his 50-year career as a practising artist.

Last weekend, Art Collective WA launched a monograph,

Jeremy Kirwan-Ward: You Can See it From Here, a phrase which sums up his current collection of abstract views from his back veranda in North Beach.

"Our veranda looks out over the ocean, and I spend a lot of time looking at the water, the sunrises and sunsets," Jeremy said.

His richly-layered works evoke the many moods and movements of the ocean, abstracted by window frames and veranda posts, which

frame his view.

Preparing for the book and for the retrospective exhibition, Jeremy said: "I always thought I'd been a bit slack with my output, but when I started to select work I realised I was looking through over 700 works."

He has worked with silk-screen prints, sculpture, photography and digital prints, but for the past 30 years his work has revolved around his connection with the coast.

Jeremy sums up his

obsession with his favourite quote: "A painter really has only one idea in his life, which he just kicks around."

Jeremy said: "I don't know who said that, but I believe it." Jeremy shares a Fremantle studio with his partner, artist Helen Smith.

"We work well together," he said. "We share the same eclectic taste in music, we play music and we just do our own thing."

They also work together under the name of Jerelen

Projects, creating large commissioned works for walls.

Jeremy's monograph is produced and published by Art Collective WA, with essays by curators John Barrett-Lennard and Margaret Moore. It is available through the gallery.

■ His retrospective, *Outscapes: Paintings 1971-2017*, is on show at the gallery in Cathedral Square, 565 Hay Street, until October 7.

Jeremy will give an artist's talk on Saturday, September 30, at 2pm.

Boy lobby grinds out a win

CCGS Students

By DAVID COHEN

Six Cottesloe boys persuaded their councillors on Tuesday night to get moving on a skate park.

Isaac Yeo (15) told a big crowd at the civic centre he had more than 1000 signatures in support of his quest.

"We are in desperate need of a skate park ... it would be win-win," Isaac said, to cheers.

His mate Alex Dewar agreed, saying it would be a good investment for Cottesloe's future.

"Unfortunately Cottesloe hasn't put too much money into outdoor facilities for older kids," Alex said.

Isaac's dad Simon said the best site could be at Grant Marine Park, by north Marine Parade.

Mr Yeo said a 500sq.m skate park would cost about \$300,000; an 1100sq.m version would be about \$660,000.

He said near John Black Dune Park or on the grass at Isolated at south Cottesloe were other feasible locations.

Cottesloe councillor Mark Rodda asked the town to do a feasibility study for a Grant Marine Park skate park.

Grant Street resident Jack Walsh said it was a great idea, but wanted it deferred.

"It would put undue pressure

Boy lobby grinds out a win

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on candidates to support it," Mr Walsh said.

"Mark Rodda has shown how little he knows about the park.

"It is constantly used by all age groups ... there is no unused space there.

"And Simon, you forgot - it's nice and close to your joint."

Mr Yeo said he would get Mr Walsh a skateboard for Christmas.

South Cottesloe resident Jeff Backshaw piped up: "I'd like it in my backyard at Isolators."

After the meeting, Mr Yeo said he'd been trying for 17 years to get a skate park in Cottesloe.

"I've got five boys, who all want one," Mr Yeo said.

"I said, 'You kids have got to do it. I'll help you, but it's up to you'."

Post Sept 30/2017



Get your skates on ... Isaac, left, Max (11), and Jake Yeo (11) have persuaded Cottesloe adults to consider a skate park. Photo: Paul McGovern

Hitting boundaries

A group of all-abilities players at Claremont Nedlands Cricket Club is eagerly awaiting the start of the season.

"We've been running the program for kids with special needs for about five years," organiser Ralph Goodman said. "But this is the first time that we will be a recognised club-based group."

The all-abilities group on Friday afternoons aims to provide an opportunity for players with special needs and those who may prefer not to take part in mainstream cricket competitions.

Emphasis is on developing cricket-based skills.

"As always, we want the players to have fun, enjoy themselves, learn cricket skills and make friends," Ralph said.

"If they want to keep coming along each Friday we know we're getting it right."

"I can't wait for the sessions to start on November 3."

Rod David, the club's new president, said Claremont-Nedlands was focused on providing quality coaching resources and facilities for players of all levels and abilities.

"Ralph is doing a fantastic job with this group and the Friday evening sessions are often the highlight of the week for the participants," he said.

"The club is very keen to support him and maintain a fun and welcoming community environment where groups like this can thrive."

The club has also established a girls' cricket team to compete in the under-13 Perth Scorchers girls' league.

Registrations are still open at <http://www.cncc.org.au>.

The club's Milo In2Cricket and T20 Blast programs for boys and girls aged five to seven and from seven to nine respectively are on Friday evenings at College Park.

Registrations are still open, so if you are interested, go to <http://playcricket.com.au/junior-competition>.

As well as being an introduction to the sport, these programs are social and inclusive for both children and parents.

The club had 657 registered juniors and more than 70 senior players.



Ready to take to the field are, rear from left, all-abilities organiser Ralph Goodman, Claremont Nedlands president Rod David, Billy Meston and, front, James Dodemaide, **Hugo Donaldson**, Michael Goodman and Samuel Pearce. Photo: Billie Fairclough

Post, October 14, 2017.

School puts wastewater to good use

Recycled wastewater is being used to keep Christ Church Grammar School's playing fields green.

The Claremont school has been hooked up to the Subiaco Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWTP) for almost a year, joining the growing list of sporting facilities that irrigate with treated wastewater.

A Water Corporation spokesperson said the school had constructed a pipeline from the plant in Shenton Park to its playing fields in Mt Claremont.

Under a 10-year agreement with the corporation, the school could use up to 104million litres of recycled water a year.

Recycled water also irrigates the McGillivray Sporting Complex and the WA State Athletics Stadium in Mt Claremont.

Recycled water goes through a set of steps and treatments to make it safe for watering green spaces.

A \$47million upgrade of the Subiaco treatment plant began in February last year and will be finished early next year.

"Work includes new and upgraded treatment facilities, valve replacement, and electrical and mechanical work," a spokesman said.

"The SWTP has been in operation since 1927 and is one of the corporation's largest plants in the metropolitan area.

"It services a population of around 350,000 people by collecting, treating and safely disposing of our wastewater, which comes mostly from showers, baths and washing machines."

Post, October 21, 2017.



Alan Jones wants to give Christ Church students the best chance of becoming good men.

Day boys live life's lessons

All Year 9 students at Christ Church Grammar School will live in the school's dormitories for three weeks, starting next year.

Principal Alan Jones says the intensive program is an Australian school first and will help the young teenagers make the journey into manhood.

"At that age they are starting to wonder where they fit in," Mr Jones said.

"They are starting to discover themselves, push boundaries, and look for an identity.

"I think this will give them a bit more direction; the boys' health and well-being will be part of the journey."

Two groups of 25 boys will do the program each term and live in the school's boarding house.

They will exercise and reflect before school and have break-

fast in their group, separate from the full-time boarders.

"We didn't want to interrupt the boys' academic progress and send them away for a term," Mr Jones said.

After school – and after they surrender their phones and devices – there will be lectures and classes on mindfulness, positive psychology, cooking, ironing and washing.

The boys will hear from guest speakers, take part in activities with female students, watch movies, and have creative workshops.

"The school is very good on the physical side of things," Mr Jones said.

"This is about character development.

"It isn't about isolating boys from their families; mums will visit on the first weekend and

dads will have a sleepover on the second.

"At the end there will be a celebration of the rite of passage."

The curriculum for the program was written by Arne Rubenstein, who works part-time in emergency medicine and has been a doctor, counsellor, and mentor to teenagers for more than 30 years.

Mr Jones said Dr Rubenstein saw many young men in dire straits.

"He asks why these young men are doing it to themselves," Mr Jones said.

"Our program will allow boys to be focused on their future and explore it safely."

School fees will not increase for boys in the wider program, which is called The Making of Men.

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Coles in Claremont Quarter was so impressed by letters about soft plastic recycling from Christ Church Preparatory School students that it presented the school with a buddy bench, made from recycled plastic. Three of the students are pictured with store manager Miguel Pardos and Coles' sustainability program manager Kristy Green.

Backwards step for Mosman



Bravery Award winner Stanley McFarlane.

Picture: Andrew Ritchie

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Teenager puts life saving lessons to use

A NEDLANDS teenager felt "gratified" after winning a gold medallion at the 2017 Royal Life Saving Bravery Awards for saving a woman's life outside Christ Church Grammar School.

In February, Year 11 student Stanley McFarlane (16) came out of a parent-teacher interview with his father and discovered a woman lying motionless on the ground.

Stanley realised something was wrong and immediately went to the aid of the woman. He called the ambulance and passed the phone to his father before performing CPR on the woman.

After 20 compressions, the woman breathed a gasp of air and returned to a conscious state.

He said it was the first time he saved a person's life.

"It felt like another training scenario but afterwards it felt a bit more gratifying because it was much more significant," he said.

"I did a CPR course in Year 10. Obviously, it is very important because if you ever find yourself in that situation, you can help a life."

Meanwhile, HBF Stadium lifesavers Corey Hollow and David Trotter were awarded with a gold star after performing CPR on a patron in May.

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Wave of support for Rottnest swim

THE second Rottnest SwimRun will double in size and has become a qualifying event for the SwimRun World Championship.

On March 10, 100 teams of two (up from 50 last year) will compete in a 33km swim and run circumnavigation of the island.

Rottnest SwimRun will be the

first World Series Merit Race in the southern hemisphere, with competitors able to earn points for a place in the World Championship final in Stockholm in 2018.

Co-founder Dan Paech said the inaugural event this year attracted a high calibre of entrants, demonstrating the

adventurous spirit of West Australians.

"We are really excited that Rottnest SwimRun has been chosen as a merit event for the SwimRun World Series," he said.

Tickets for Rottnest SwimRun are available at www.rottnestSwimRun.com.

Tim Macpherson,
Michael Taylor, Dan
Paech and Angus
Firth at the
inaugural event in
April this year.



Waitlist for elective ops looking sick

EXCLUSIVE

■ Cathy O'Leary
Medical Editor

The number of West Australians waiting for publicly funded elective surgery has hit a high of 21,355 — 9 per cent more than at the same time last year.

WA Health Department figures for the end of September show that 216 category 1 patients — almost one in five in the most urgent category — were waiting longer than the recommended 30 days.

More than 1300 patients waited longer than recommended times for their surgery, with many queued for plastic surgery, urology and ear, nose and throat surgery.

Overall those on the elective surgery list waited an average 72 days for their operations, up from 71 days in September last year.

More than 2200 children needing elective surgery at Princess Margaret Hospital were waiting an average 75 days.

Perth hospitals with the longest average waiting times were Joondalup Health Campus, Royal Perth Hospital and Bentley and Rockingham hospitals.

Australian Medical Association WA president Omar Khorshid said no serious dent could be made to waiting lists unless more funding was provided.

"The figures show the pattern we've been seeing for a while and at the end of the day they're the



Omar Khorshid

direct result of the amount of purchased activity that the Government is buying from the hospitals," he said.

"So if they want to get these numbers down, they need to give the hospitals more purchased activity, which realistically means more money, if we don't want to see the list at 25,000 this time next year."

Dr Khorshid said the figures were likely to be conservative because some procedures, including certain orthopaedics work, had been reclassified into a lower priority category where they did not have to be done as quickly.

The Health Department said that despite the number of patients on the waitlist increasing, the health system had delivered more surgery and improved waiting times in the past 12 months.

It was working on measures such as improving how referrals from GPs were managed and making theatre time more efficient.

CCGS 'Old Boy' West Aust Nov 3/2017

School psych cleared to work again

A Christ Church Grammar School psychologist charged with two counts of aggravated common assault on a former junior school student reportedly has been cleared to return to work at the school.

Anne Angelkovska was arrested and charged with the offences on April 25 and will have her trial allocation date hearing on November 7.

Sources close to the school said staff had been told on Friday last week that Dr Angelkovska would be back on Monday, but school spokesperson Joanne Wheeler denied she had returned to work.

"It is our understanding that Dr Angelkovska has received a variation to bail and is now following the ruling of the courts in applying to return to work," Ms Wheeler said.

"The conditions of any potential return to work are yet to be considered by the school and no decisions have been made."

The concerned parent of a boy at the school received a cryptic response from Ms Wheeler when she phoned to ask whether Dr Angelkovska was back at school this week.

The parent said Ms Wheeler would neither confirm nor deny Dr Angelkovska was back at school, instead telling her that if she told Ms Wheeler her name then she would decide what information was suitable to release to her.

At the time of Dr Angelkovska's arrest in April, Christ Church principal Alan Jones gave a public assurance that she would not have any contact with students until the matter has been settled.

Christ Church on right track

The suggestion from consultant psychiatrist Pauline Cole (*Beware dangers of being judgmental about 'building good men'*, Letters, POST, October 28) that Christ Church Grammar School should drop the slogan, "building good men", should be rejected out of hand.

Children should not be subjected to weak moral relativism, but should learn that right and wrong are realities.

While we should generally avoid being judgmental, society

cannot function unless we condemn actions such as jihadism, dishonesty, racism and sexism.

It was my privilege to attend the school's Year 12 final assembly last week, and hear both the excellent speech of the school captain, and the resounding applause given to those students who had overcome disabilities.

Clearly the school is already building many fine young men.

Jeremy Buxton
Walker Avenue, West Perth

Local gets key Rio role

■ Stuart McKinnon

Perth-born, University of WA-educated Simon Trott has been appointed to the newly created position of chief commercial officer at Rio Tinto.

The 42-year-old, who has been with the mining giant since 2000, has also joined Rio's executive committee. Mr Trott, who is managing director of Rio's uranium and borates division, will start in the role on January 1.

He will be based in Singapore and report to chief executive Jean-Sebastien Jacques. He will be charged with ensuring Rio derives maximum value from its products while continuing to strengthen customer relationships.

Mr Jacques said Mr Trott's appointment highlighted the



Rio Tinto executive Simon Trott.

importance Rio placed in creating full value from mine to market.

Besides his bachelor of science from UWA, Mr Trott has studied finance and management at the IMD International Business School in Lausanne, Switzerland, and holds a diploma from the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Rio shares closed up 12¢ at \$73.23 yesterday.

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Sunset concert a stroke of genius

The South Side Symphony Orchestra will venture north of the river next Sunday to entertain the crowd at Claremont Tennis Club's Symphony on the Courts.

The sunset symphony will feature well-known music by many great composers, including Brahms, Strauss, Mozart and Tchaikovsky.

One of the less known pieces, The Rusties! March, has only ever been greeted by a standing ovation.

The march was composed by Perth tuba player John Parker, who happens to play in the South Side Symphony.

He composed the work for

the WA Symphony Orchestra's Rusties Orchestra, a combined orchestra of WASO players and Perth amateur musicians, and it was greeted by a standing ovation when it premiered last year.

The gates for Symphony on the Courts open at 4pm on Sunday, November 12, and the music starts at 5pm.

There will be 40-minute and 20-minute intervals, with a finale of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture.

The cost is \$25 per person, free for children, and people are encouraged to head along with picnic dinners and concert chairs.

There is a no-heels rule, to protect the courts, and there is no BYO.

Tickets are available from Claremont Lawn Tennis Club – contact Fiona on 0451 829 334 or claremontlawntennisclub@gmail.com.

The South Side Symphony Orchestra is a community orchestra of 50 enthusiasts based in Melville.

LEFT: Conductor Aaron Wyatt will wield a bow rather than a racquet on the courts at Claremont Tennis Club as Irene Wright and other musicians from the South Side Symphony Orchestra entertain the crowd. Photo: Billie Fairdough