

Newsletter

February 2018

Congratulations to the Class of 2017 – our youngest old boys – for their outstanding ATAR results and the achievements of those who followed the General Pathway. Special mention to the four students who successfully completed their Year 12 education in the Peter Moyes Centre.



Pictured are old boys who obtained an ATAR greater than or equal to 99, from left to right:

Back row: Keaton Wright; Jesse Zhou; Lumina Gajanayake; Daniel Robbins; Narendra Gammanpila:
Thomas Williams; Daniel O'Leary; Duncan Grainger; Gilbert Porter

Front row: Alexander Lindows Ling Tipe, Navander Sharger, Vignost Coodwin

Front row: Alexander Lindsay; Liam Tien; Alexander Shearer; Vincent Goodwin (Absent: Geoff Sang, Arnold Chen, Alexander Frost and Gary Song)

We concluded 2017 with a great turn out of Life Members and partners at the **OBA Sundowner**. The OBA President, Tom Nattrass ('93), took the opportunity to congratulate Rob Crossing ('78) on his acceptance as OBA Fellow and Father Frank Sheehan on his acceptance as OBA Honorary Life Member following unanimous support from members at the 2018 AGM.

We congratulate **Father Frank** for receiving the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2018 Australia Day Honours, for service to the Anglican Church of Australia and to the community.

Dr Philip House ('71) was also honoured as Member (AM) in the General Division for significant service to medicine as an ophthalmologist, to eye surgery foundations, and to the international community of Timor Leste. Congratulations to these fine gentlemen on the recognition received for their outstanding efforts.

2007, 10-year reunion

The Class of 2007 recently held their 10-year reunion with over 90 old boys attending. With boys flying in from overseas and interstate there was no doubt that this was going to be a special night and it did not disappoint.

Reminiscing about Venture seemed to be a hot topic of conversation with a great debate about who chucked the biggest dummy spit.

With the announcement of Queenslea House having the most boys attend and the Moyes boys having a controversial win in the inaugural boat race the camaraderie spilled out into an all-out Linga in the middle of Steve's Pub.

Congratulations to the Class of 2007 for having the most boys attend a CCGS 10-year reunion.

Anish Rathi

The Father Frank Award



Within hours of returning from The Philippines, Dr Grant Fergusson Stewart ('56) joined the CCGS senior assembly where he was honoured as the inaugural recipient of the Father Frank Sheehan Award for Service to the Community.

Speaking to students of his surgical work in remote mountain villages and refuges camps, Grant shared a brief insight into his voluntary efforts to address poverty, disease and disability. In areas devastated by typhoon, Grant provides hands on relief and addresses educational, medical and dental needs.

Old boys interested in contributing to the support program are encouraged to contact Grant for further information. Please contact the Alumni Office for contact details. Congratulations Grant on your extraordinary achievements and recognition bestowed on you by the School.

SAVE THE DATE



David Baker (*79) extends an invitation for old boys to join the upcoming **Sunset Concert** being held at the Australian Army Museum of WA on 25 February. For details, **click here**.

The annual **Beverley and Districts PSA Dinner** will be held on Friday 6
April, with Professor David Blair as
guest speaker. Guildford Grammar
is the event host.

Head of the River will be held on Saturday 17 March. Please come to cheer our boys on!



Year 11 presentation

Hamish Jolly ('83), Zachary Vinten ('11), Sam Moyle ('07) and Dan Minchin ('90) joined Year 11 students prior to Christmas to address the topic 'Jobs for life don't exist.' "The life experience of old boys in this forum is invaluable," said Careers Teacher Jody Clarke. "Students learn strategies for success through the career journey of others which is brilliant," she said.

If you would like to contribute to the Old Boys' Association's career support, social program, sport opportunities or business networking please contact Alumni Co-ordinator, Deb Hill, to register your interest. Phone 9442 1528 for further information.

2002, 15-year reunion



It was a clear black night, a clear white moon and twenty-eight handsome gents gathered for the Christ Church Grammar School Class of 2002 15-year reunion.

Steves in Nedlands, once a place of raucous hilarity and tomfoolery, now more sedate and cultured (much like the guests), set an elegant locale for such an event. Food was excellent. Drink was even better. A big high-five to such a top-notch establishment.

With a strong reunion history behind them, the Class of 2002 did not disappoint. Hearing the (mis)adventures of old friends, celebrating new triumphs and wistfully reminiscing long into the night, a wonderful time was had by all.

Thanks to the boys for getting involved and we look forward to the next one!

Adrian Tarca



Preparatory School is an exciting time for growth, when boys develop a strong sense of self and love of learning. In 2019, Christ Church will open the doors to its new purpose built Preparatory School, with learning spaces specifically designed for boys from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6. For more information please call 9442 1555 and speak to Susie Gill our Admissions Registrar.



After months of herding what seemed to be the largest number of cats in Christ Church history, we finally met at Claremont Yacht Club on 18 December for the Class of 1997 20-year reunion.

A school tour was well attended before meeting the wider group for the reunion celebrations. The '97 leavers were well represented with close to 70 old boys sharing old stories and new adventures. It was great to see such a good turnout after so many years (20 years for some).

Many thanks to those who joined us, especially those who came from overseas and interstate. Thanks to those who made contact despite being unable to attend. For those who missed out, please get in contact as the 25-year reunion will be here before we know it. A message from those who attended and will again, "We would love for you to come back and say g'day."

Rob Venn

25-year reunion



An informal 25-year reunion at Rodney's Bait and Tackle may have ended in a few sore heads the following day! The afternoon extended into the evening with an impromptu band reunion going down well.



Special thanks

Each week Bob McCarthy ('57) and Berkley Allen (('53) reliably turn up as volunteers to support the Alumni and Archive Office. Their unwavering support over many years deserves special mention and a huge vote of thanks for their wonderful contribution.

Class of '61



A group of 16 members from the Class of '61 met for a very enjoyable Christmas lunch at Clancy's. Around the table clockwise, starting from Richard Renk in the foreground were Murray Criddle, Peter Illidge, Tony Carris, Mark Allison, Doug Ranford, Geoffrey Hick, Jeff Colley, Andrew Baird, Tony Wray, Kim Forrest, Ean Marshall, Terry Parker, Bob Barsden, Gordon Martin and Bill Stephen.

MEMBER UPDATES

2017 Brothers Miguel Porteous ('17), and Nico ('19) are currently representing New Zealand in the Winter Olympic Games. Miguel won a silver medal in the LifeProof Ski SuperPipe in Aspen.

2016 Samuel Elias has been promoted to the rank of National Cadet Under Officer, making him the most senior cadet in the nation. This role will see him liaise directly with National Headquarters and fulfil a number of duties around the country.

2008 With the change to same sex marriage legislation Henry Gower was proud to share news of his wedding to John, described as "The best day of my life." Congratulations!

2005 James Hill has been awarded the Fulbright Queensland Postgraduate Scholarship and will pursue research to address Parkinson's disease through the University of Michigan. "This research has potential impact worldwide," he said.

2002 Sean Adamas has been sponsored by the Perth Children's Hospital Foundation to paint one of 36 full-size fiberglass dolphins for The Big Splash WA art trail. His work is on display at Perth Town Hall until 4 March and will be auctioned in mid-March.

Paul Drok ('69) has also contributed to the Big Splash with his dolphin *Connections* positioned in Forrest Place. Murray Street Mall

1985 After 25 years as a property valuer, Kevin Watkins has made a career shift and is now working for Complete Homes.

1985 Harith Musa, otherwise known as Harith Iskander, has his own show as a stand-up comedian on Netflix called I Told You So. He will appear in Perth as part of Fringe World on 14 and 15 February at the State Library of WA.

Our 2018 calendar of events is locked in with plenty of opportunities to connect with mates and the School throughout the year. Visit the Old Boys' website for a full listing of reunions, sporting events and networking opportunities. Please note that details may change and you are encouraged to check the website regularly for updates.

Click here for details.

A generous collection of toys was donated to Anglicare from the 'Unflappables' old boy group following their annual Christmas lunch. Hand crafted wooden building blocks, trains and a horse on wheels were among the bespoke gifts provided for children in need. Roger Metherall ('48), who lovingly turned and painted toys at home throughout the year in the lead up to the 'Unforgettables' event, spoke with enthusiasm about his involvement with the Melville Woodturning Group over the past 17 years. A sincere thanks to all old boys for their wonderful gifts this Christmas



Philanthropic Scholarship for entry into Year 7 in 2019



With the generous support of members from our school community Christ Church Grammar School is pleased to offer a scholarship for a boy who, for financial reasons, would not otherwise be able to attend the School. Applications for the Don MacLeod Memorial Scholarship (50% tuition fees) close Friday 11 May 2018.

Please **click here** for more information or call 9442 1555.