



There were about 20 old and new faces assembled at Claremont Yacht Club on the morning of 23 March. After quick greetings and recognising mates who had not been seen for quite some time we boarded a bus which took us up to the School.

We gathered in the Old Boys' Gallery for morning tea and received a school update from the Principal, Alan Jones, who discussed how the School places greater emphasis on developing a boy's ability rather than the published school ATAR rankings. Alan's account of the academic and sporting achievements impressed us greatly, as did his description of the newly introduced Year 9 'On Queenslea Drive' program which all agreed was a wonderful step forward. Alan then introduced Jarrod Kayler-Thomson who is responsible for the overall running of the program.

We inspected other parts of the School, including the Design and Technology Department which amazed everyone with the standard of equipment available.

We were then taken back to the yacht club for a drink and getting to know old faces. Assembling on the

club steps we produced a rousing "Ulinga" which was recorded by Deb Hill, Alumni Co-ordinator. It was a long time since we had seen characters like George Haleen, Nick Stephenson, John (Foghorn) Gillam, Wally Mills and Ian (Stumpy) Clements among others.

I read out the apologies and remembered some of our old mates who are no longer with us including Jon "Chas" Hamilton who passed away during the year.

Following a very nice meal there was an opportunity to re-tell some of the legendary tales from the past. These caused much merriment and some red faces.

A great day was had by all and a big well done to those involved in organising it.

Barry Cook

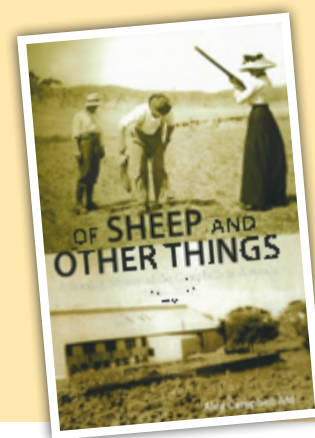
Of Sheep and Other Things

Alex Campbell ('58) has chronicled early farming practices in New South Wales and Western Australia from a personal perspective, sharing the experience of his family facing isolation, bush rangers, feral animals, salinity, drought and fire throughout history.

Following extensive research and travel to country properties, *Of Sheep and Other Things - A farming odyssey of the Campbells in Australia 1846 - 2013* was recently published depicting the challenges of sheep and cattle grazing, agricultural development, environmental influences and personal stories of surviving the odds.

A chapter has been devoted to Christ Church Grammar School, reflecting on a privileged education in which rowing, cadets, teachers and "the strife we would get into" feature as highlights. Alex is a member of the Order of Australia for his contribution to agriculture and the environment, and in 2009 received an Honorary Doctorate from The University of Western Australia.

The book is available from Lane Bookshop in Claremont for \$30.00 or by contacting Alex directly at campbellad@bigpond.com.



SAVE THE DATE



Sunday 6 May

College Cup

Thursday 17 May

Albany Sundowner

Friday 18 May

Kojonup Lunch

Thursday 24 May

Margaret River Sundowner

Friday 25 May

Old Boys' Golf Day

Saturday 26 May

Old Boys' Supporter Morning Tea

Thursday 7 June

Geraldton Sundowner

For details contact Alumni

Co-ordinator, Deb Hill at

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Old Boys' website for regular updates.

40 years on



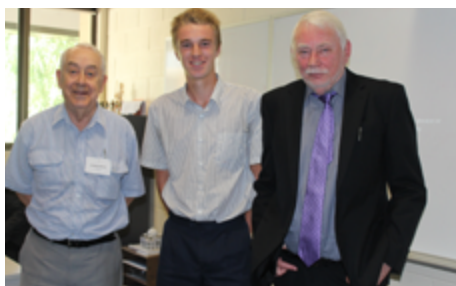
The Class of 1978 gathered for its 40-year reunion in the Deep Dene room at Claremont Yacht Club on 16 March 2018.

There were 39 present on the night, which all agreed was a pretty good turnout after 40 years. The mood was good and a rousing time was enjoyed by all.

The evening began with a tour of the School, led by Deb Hill from the School's Alumni Office. As the group inspected Sandover Dining Hall and the modern boarding facilities, there were some recollections of the comparatively bleak boarding facilities in 1973, when many of the group began boarding at Christ Church.

Most faces were recognisable, but there were, it must be said, a few glances at name tags. After the yacht club closed, a good number of the more hardy souls adjourned to the Claremont Hotel.

Above is a before and after, comparing the lads of 1978 with their older and wiser, but perhaps less sober, versions.



Vietnam, a real life lesson

Year 10 students learnt first hand about the Vietnam War from two old boys who shared their experience of the air force and conscription. Graham Nielsen ('59) and Richard Utting ('63) reflected on the factors that influenced their involvement in the war and the impact of conflict from a social, political and personal perspective.

Richard has published his memoirs *Out of Sight Reflections of an Accidental Life* available from limited book sellers. A sincere thanks to Graham and Richard for joining the boys and providing such insight into this chapter of history.



President of the Old Boys' Association, Tom Natrass ('93), and immediate past President, David Payne ('78), warmly welcomed the return of Jon Sanders ('55) to Perth in February following his 10th world circumnavigation. Jon was the first man to circumnavigate Antarctica solo, circling the continent twice in 1981 and 1982. He is proudly honoured as a 'Legend' of the OBA.

Old boys join Year 9 students sharing words of wisdom



'On Queslea Drive' has commenced for students in Year 9, with mobile devices and the comforts of home swapped for dormitory living on campus over three weeks.

The residential program is structured in House groups, providing a unique learning environment to explore identity, relationships and purpose.

Old boys have contributed significantly to the program, inspiring students with their achievements and challenges.

Special thanks is extended to Paul Salmeri ('99), Zac Vinten ('11), Mason Prior ('12), David Crocker ('04) and Lockie Cooke ('07) who shared their personal stories with the boys. The program continues throughout the year.

Pictured, Paul's 'Masterchef Class' that had the boys enthralled.

Old Boys' Supporter Morning Tea

All Christ Church Grammar School old boys are invited to join us on Saturday 26 May to cheer on and support some of our Christ Church Firsts teams as they take on Hale School, our first home game for the 2018 winter sporting fixtures.

This is an opportunity to catch up with old friends, visit the new St John's Wood playing fields or return to the Mount Claremont playing fields and re-live some of your own memories playing sport for Christ Church.

St John's Wood playing fields

68 Stephenson Avenue, Mount Claremont

First XI (Soccer)

First XV (Rugby)

10.30am for a 10.45am kick off

Mount Claremont playing fields

McClemans Road, Mount Claremont

First XVIII (AFL)

10.00am for a 10.30am kick off

Morning tea will be provided at both venues. For catering purposes, please register your attendance **here**.



David Kyle, Chris Webster, Tom Matson and Paul Salmeri paddled down the Franklin River for a week in January, all agreeing that they started 2018 refreshed and with a great mindset given the experience. Despite Tom facing a bout of pneumonia (and faring poorly on the paddle), spirits remained high throughout the seven-night adventure with the help of Paul's culinary expertise and prevalent CCGS stories. "These times away from phones and with old mates are priceless," said David.



MEMBER UPDATES

2019

Nico Porteous is living the dream after winning Bronze at the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics, representing New Zealand in Freestyle Skiing. At 16 years of age the former Christ Church student is a phenomenal competitor, being the youngest person in the world to land a triple cork 1440. Amazing effort, Nicol! Congratulations on a sensational achievement! View the story [here](#).

2016

Jack Annear has recently launched an album with his band **Airline Food**. The four-piece band is described by TripleJ as "More or less a variation of the 60s psych rock jams to 80s synth pop."

Jack Davies performed for RTR FM last week and can be followed [here](#).

2009

Craig Crossman has launched his own business Behind the Beard addressing mental health, mentoring, self-development and life coaching with the goal of building optimal health and wellness performance in all walks of life.

2007

Luke Parkinson recently competed in the SuperFoiler Grand Prix in Sydney placing second in the overall competition. To go from a broken boat in Adelaide (at the start of competition) to a winning contender for the Grand Prix was an amazing journey of transformation! Follow the media coverage of this thrilling sport, [here](#).

1995

Congratulations to Adam Yap, one of the 2018 40under40 winners in the Innovation and Technology category. Adam's interest in programming developed at school and was pursued as an interest while studying at UWA. Today, Adam is co-founder and Executive Director of HealthEngine, linking consumers, physicians and health services.

1959

David Cook is the vice president of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE). ATSE has developed a program called STELR (Science and Technology Education Leveraging Relevance). It is a hands-on

teaching tool to demonstrate the relevance of science and technology. The first module developed for STELR was themed on renewable energy. Purpose built equipment allows students to undertake both guided and open-ended research into solar and wind generation while learning about electric circuits and energy transfer. Several more modules are now available in areas such as water and sustainable housing.

In 2016, David donated the renewable energy module to Christ Church Grammar School and has provided this module to four other schools in New South Wales and Balga Senior High School in Western Australia. A total of 630 high schools across Australia and New Zealand now have STELR modules with over 100,000 students and 1,500 teachers involved. STELR has an advantage over other STEM programs in that it is in-curriculum.

David recently visited Christ Church to meet the Head of Science, Mr Edward Hogg, and inspect the School's science facilities.

Adam Froese ('08) is playing in the men's field hockey for Canada at the Commonwealth Games. At the time of publication Team Canada had lost to Australia one nil on opening night of competition. Adam played in the 2016 Olympics and 2010 Commonwealth Games and was also part of the Canadian team that won silver at the 2011 and 2015 Pan American Games. Adam and his brother, Nathan ('07), have a Canadian father.



Old Boys' Association Scholarship Trust
Scholarship for Year 7 2019

The Old Boys' Association Scholarship Trust is currently offering **The Don Macleod Memorial Scholarship** (50% of tuition fees), made possible due to generous donations from members of our school community.

Entry is open to all Australian boys currently in Year 6.

Applications close 5.00pm Friday 18 May 2018.

Please visit obast.ccgswa.edu.au or call **9442 1555** for more information.