



## President's message

Welcome to the latest edition of the OBA newsletter.

On behalf of the committee, I want to thank all of you who took the time to respond to our recent membership survey.

A total of 670 responses were received, considerably more than we targeted which I think demonstrates the keen and active interest many of you have in the Old Boys'. This strong response gives us a very good sample size to understand alumni preferences.

In particular, the committee thank you for the many comments in response to the open ended questions which adds richness to the results. This feedback is important to the OBA and will assist us in our three-year strategic plan and more immediate service provisions next year. The committee will use the survey results as a guiding framework for development.

Our challenge is to reach and create positive interactions with all old boys no matter their age or their geographic location, and to do so we must be open to progressive trends and ideas yet find a way to balance these with our more traditional activities, offerings and communication methods.

The OBA wants to encourage greater engagement of old boys and to that end we will endeavour to offer services that respond to your expressed interests. Overwhelmingly, the survey indicates your desire for reunions and fellowship, which has always been fundamental to the OBA and will continue to be our priority.

The committee looks forward to your attendance at our AGM at Claremont Yacht Club on Thursday 31 October.

**Tom Nattrass**  
OBA President ('93)

## OBA Businessmen's Lunch

Guest speaker of the OBA Businessmen's Lunch, retired Chief Justice The Hon **Wayne Martin** AC QC, kept 140 old boys well entertained during this year's popular annual event. As an esteemed OBA Legend from the Class of 1969, Wayne presented several serious and humorous anecdotes from his time on the bench and shared his philosophical insights based on the ills of society.'

The Westin was a superb venue for the lunch, with refreshments carrying through to the Haven Lounge Terrace following the formalities of the afternoon. Special thanks to Jason MacLaurin ('87) who was MC and organising committee members Toby Browne-Cooper ('87), Chris Shenton ('83) and Alex Dunbar ('03). Click [here](#) for the photo gallery.



Old Boys'  
Association  
**AGM**

Life Members of the OBA are invited to the AGM on **Wednesday 31 October 2018**, at Claremont Yacht Club commencing at 6.00pm. The agenda and supporting documentation has been uploaded to the **OBA website**, including two motions for your consideration. Please stay to enjoy refreshments and fellowship following the business.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Wednesday 31 October

OBA Annual General Meeting  
Claremont Yacht Club, 6.00pm

### Thursday 1 November

Senior School Assembly hosted  
by the OBA.

### Saturday 10 November

Rowing WA Alumni Sprint Regattas  
Elizabeth Quay, 6.00pm to 9.00pm

### Thursday 8 November

Remembrance Day Assembly  
For grandparents or grandfriends of  
current Senior School students.  
Please RSVP [here](#)

### Thursday 15 November

Class of 1988 30-year  
Melbourne reunion  
Contact Blair Keenan

### Thursday 22 November

OBA Annual Sundowner  
Claremont Yacht Club,  
6.30pm to 8.30pm  
Free of charge for every OBA Life  
Member and their partner. Bookings are  
essential. Visit the [Old Boys' website](#)  
for details.

### Friday 7 December

Linga On, Class of 2017 reunion  
Claremont Yacht Club,  
5.00pm to 6.00pm  
Complimentary refreshments supplied  
by the OBA, followed by a cash bar.  
Please book [here](#) to register.

### Friday 8 December

Class of 2003, 15-year reunion  
Albion Hotel, 6.00pm  
RSVP through the Facebook group or  
email Tom Lawrence

### Wednesday 12 December

Unforgettables Christmas lunch  
The Old Boys' Gallery, 12.00pm

### Thursday 13 December

Class of '61 Quarterly lunch  
Clancy's Restaurant, City Beach.

### Saturday 15 December

Class of 2008, 10-year reunion  
Claremont Yacht Club, 6.00pm  
Cash bar throughout the night.  
Please book [here](#) to register.

### Thursday 20 December

Class of 1998, 20-year reunion  
Steve's, 6.00pm  
Cash bar throughout the night.  
Please book [here](#) to register.

## Men's Health Breakfast

Former West Coast Eagles Vice Captain and premiership player Beau Waters, recently joined an OBA breakfast to talk about men's mental health. As a cause close to his heart, Beau spoke about the influence of social media and mental health, the importance of understanding what 'makes you tick' when striving for happiness, and the need to identify personal values and align yourself with others who exhibit these values.

The OBA is very thankful of Beau's willingness to share his personal experiences and hopes that this event will facilitate further conversation on the importance of mental health. Special thanks to Murray McHenry ('67) for supporting this event at Steve's. Proceeds will go to Youth Focus, delivering frontline services and education programs for youth mental health and wellbeing.



## Class of 1988, 30-year reunion

The 1988 cohort celebrated their 30-year reunion at Claremont Yacht Club on Saturday 1 September. Close to 50 men attended, the highest reunion attendance yet for this cohort. An after party at Cottesloe was well attended by 1988 leavers from CCGS, MLC, PLC, St Hilda's, Iona and Hale. Great work Jamie Cann for getting this organised.

## London reunion

Principal Alan Jones and Chair John Poynton AO (1968) have recently returned from London where they caught up with our growing network of overseas-based alumni. A reunion at The Churchill attracted 50 old boys, many expressing interest to mentor and support colleagues relocating to the UK.

Alan and John had a very successful meeting with the Australian High Commissioner who is keen to be more involved in facilitating engagement with our Christ Church old boys.

Long-time London resident and Christ Church alumnus Dick Porter ('67) will continue to lead the London 'Chapter' and work with other UK-based old boys to develop a program of relevant and meaningful events and connections for the future.





## 50-year reunion

**An amazing 65 old boys and four former teachers gathered at the Claremont Yacht Club for a wonderful afternoon of good humour, fine food and superb wine to celebrate the 50-year reunion of the Class of '68.**

After a group photo, David Craig, the driving force and chair of the reunion committee, welcomed guests and introduced Principal Alan Jones who gave an update on the School as the first wines were mellowing the assembled.

Clearly the School has made great progress and has an exciting future. The group reflected that the School is very different to the one we left behind all those years ago – both structurally and spiritually.

Master of Ceremonies Christopher Pye held the gathering in good order and acknowledged John Poynton AO, Chairman of the School Council while Kim Royce proposed the toast to the School.

Alan Andersen toasted absent friends and Andy Bennett stalked the unwitting with the roving microphone to talk about their recollections of those wonderful carefree

years, where the biggest drama was being caught with a can of beer.

It was wonderful to see former teachers, Gordon Davies, Arthur Pate, John Leach and Dean Bowker and they were always engaged in deep conversations with former students.

Many of the old boys travelled from afar to attend (including the US) and many were attending for the first time.

For a few hours on a sunny Friday afternoon we were all in a wonderful time machine reminiscing about some incredible years when we thought we knew everything – but knew nothing of the journey ahead.

Conversations that were truncated in 1968 were picked up as thou 50 years had been 50 seconds. The comradery was wonderful with friendships re-forged and promises to make it yearly!

Our sincere thanks to David Craig, who has kept this far flung group together for all these years.

**Geoffrey Thomas**



### Winner!

Kim Sears ('60) won the 2018 AFL Tipping Competition and received the prize of a Google Home Assistant. This follows our 2017 win in the national alumni competition by Richard Parry ('69). Kim's secret... "Pick favourites - no cellar dwellers - no loyalties to Mighty Eagles. Take no notice of Dockers supporters or Dennis Cometti!!"



### PSA Golf Day

Proudly sporting the new CCGS team golf shirts, our boys looked the winning side in the PSA's 58th annual golf day. Not to be intimidated by looks Scotch placed 1st on the day, with Hale and Aquinas equal 2nd, and Christ Church finishing in 4th place. Hodgie was the star with 30 points. Up against 22 Scotch Collegians, our team was represented by David Craig ('73), Ric Malcolm ('69), Kim Craig ('68), Tex McKenzie ('69), Mark Harrison ('67), Joe Angel ('69), Dave Harley ('64), Peter Harley ('67), Peter Hodge ('67), Rex Townsend ('67), Julian Harding ('79) and Howard Cearn ('77). Sadly, Geoff Potter ('67) was out due to injury.

## MEMBER UPDATES

### 2015

**Aidan Squires** has been appointed as a trainer Property Consultant with Airey Real Estate, joining a 'nest' of old boys within the company (David Airey '67, Warwick Airey '92, Murray Peter '73 and David McKenzie '69).

### 1996

It pays to be the best when it comes to coffee and customer ratings suggest that Telegram Coffee is meeting the mark. Visit **Luke Arnold** who runs this popular mecca based at Como The Treasury.

### 1994

**Tim Wisdom** has recently been appointed to the position of General Manager, Plantagenet Wines and encourages old boys to contact him **here** for promotional benefits.

### 1992

Christ Church Grammar School comedy and music superstar, **Tim Minchin**, has been touring Australia to support charities following relocation with his family to Sydney. Follow media coverage **here**.

### 1987

**Toby Browne-Cooper** and **James Turnbull** ('84) have transformed The Richardson from a premier hotel into a luxury aged care facility. Follow media coverage by The West Australian and Channel 7 **here**.

### 1984

**Richard Tunbridge**, writing under the nom de plume of Richard Tong, has published his first novel in a series of Noir Fiction tales that has been celebrated as one of Hong Kong's all-time Top 10. Richard writes "Noir is not everyone's cup of tea, I know, but it may be of interest to some of our brethren. The students I've met, when they pass through Hong Kong on school trips, always seem to get a kick out of it." Culture Vibe lists Tong as one of the 10 notable Hong Kong Authors and Routledge's Concise History of Asian Authors has a section dedicated to him.

### 1983

**Grant Alderson** has travelled extensively with Paralympic sailing teams and is currently in the USA for the World Championships after appointment to a senior management role.

### 1979

**Mark Alderson** has lived in Seattle USA for 30 years, working as an immunology specialist and now heads the Pneumococcal Vaccine Project at PATH. In partnership with the World Health Organisation, Mark is contributing to the first dedicated digital health strategy.

### 1975

**Dr Richard Pestell** has recently sold the biotechnology company he founded (ProstaGene) and is now the major shareholder and board member of CytoDyn, a company focused on HIV and cancer therapy. Richard credits "the high quality, broad and balanced education at Christ Church Grammar School (as) the best preparation for success on the international stage."

### Update your details

Wherever you may be in the world, please keep in touch and share your news. It is tremendously rewarding to follow your journey and celebrate your personal and professional milestones. Old boys are encouraged to maintain current postal and email details with the Alumni Office to stay up to date with news and opportunities. Please email [oldboys@ccgs.wa.edu.au](mailto:oldboys@ccgs.wa.edu.au) as often as your contact information changes.

## Rowing Alumni Regatta

Rowing WA has introduced twilight regattas for PSA schools and tertiary institutions, held at Elizabeth Quay twice a year. The boats are brilliantly illuminated, and the 200 metre sprints allow spectators to be close to the action. Convenor of the Christ Church Grammar School Alumni team, Hamish Rose ('07), encourages old boys and friends to join the festive activity on the river bank and cheer our team on. Hamish wants to 'crack a win' in the next regatta on Saturday 10 November, after placing 2nd in the previous two regattas behind UWA Boat Club and Aquinas. Details will be updated on the OBA website.

## Fit for summer!



Life Members of the OBA are invited to enjoy use of the Christ Church Grammar School pool and gym during specific times, subject to school activity. Please be aware that access requires presentation of a medallion which can be obtained from the School Reception. Please to check the **school website** for opening hours.

## Father Frank Sheehan Award for Service to Community

The Father Frank Sheehan Award for Service to Community is awarded to those who have made sustained contributions to the betterment of the community. It embodies the School's vision of boys making a positive difference in their world and honours all who choose to help others, particularly the disadvantaged and vulnerable.

Entries close 1 December 2018. Please click **here** for further information