



## Message from the Alumni Office

This issue includes sensational achievements that we can all be proud of. From the academic scores of the 2018 graduates to old boys listed in the Australia Day Honours, we have plenty to celebrate. Please pass on news as it hits your radar so that old boys can continue supporting the extraordinary efforts of colleagues.

It is a pleasure to share accounts of recent reunions; at 10 year increments our reunions are always well supported and we appreciate the investment by class representatives who drive this success. Most OBA events are locked in for 2019 and we encourage you to plan ahead and save the date so you don't miss out.

Feedback is always welcome and I encourage old boys to keep in touch, either through the Alumni Office [oldboys@ccgs.wa.edu.au](mailto:oldboys@ccgs.wa.edu.au) or via OBA committee members <https://oldboys.ccgswa.edu.au/#obacommittee>. Enjoy this issue.

### Deb Hill

Alumni Co-ordinator – Old Boys' Association

## School update

### 2018 graduates who achieved an ATAR score greater than 99 were honoured at the first Senior School Assembly for 2019.

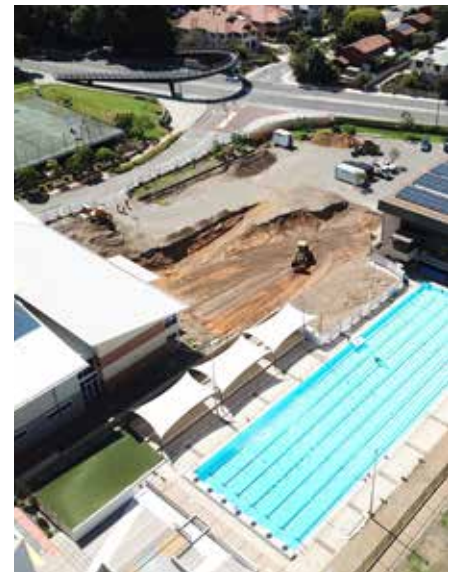
The exemplary results of Henry Pemberton, Lachlan Zhou, James Annear, Josh Hora, Matthew Hamdorf, Akio Ho, Amitabh Jeganathan, Jamin Hee, Rohan Maloney, Stanley McFarlane, William Hu, Riki Wylie, Max Ong, Charles Ruan and Albert Smith were celebrated by the Principal, staff and current students as the high achievers joined the School's 99 Club.

The construction of a shared Aquatic Precinct between Christ Church Grammar School and Methodist Ladies' College is well underway. This will see a new 40 x 25 metre pool located on MLC's campus, enclosed by a single perimeter fence that will provide both schools with an Olympic water polo court or two 20 x 25 metre water polo courts. Once finished, the precinct will be among the best of its kind across independent schools in Australia.

Christ Church's Preparatory School build reached completion at the end of 2018 and all Preparatory boys commenced the new year in their brand new classrooms. The building is home to 36 state of the art classrooms and over 5000sqm of

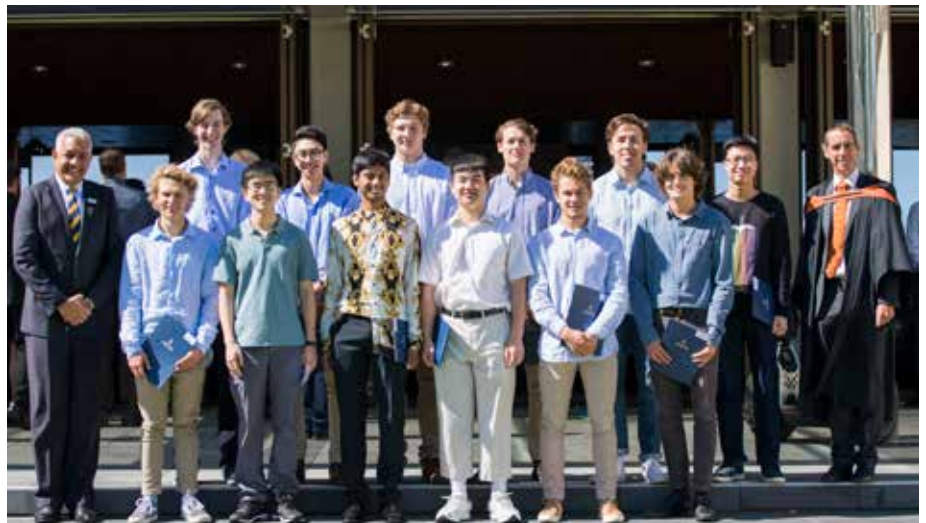
innovative learning spaces, with internal temperatures, lighting, and seating all designed specifically with boys in mind. Joining the population are the School's newest and youngest students in the Early Learning Community (ELC).

In December, the largest and most efficient solar powered system ever fitted on an Australian school became fully operational at Christ Church. The 670-kilowatt solar photovoltaic system is expected deliver significant financial benefits and reduce the School's carbon footprint and CO2 emissions by 655 tonnes annually.



## Golf Day

Due to popular demand the annual OBA Golf Day returns to Mosman Park Golf Club this year, with players competing on Friday 22 March for the Roger Mackay Perpetual Trophy. Places are strictly limited and early registration is suggested to avoid disappointment



## Australia Day Honours 2019

Congratulations to the following old boys recognised in the Australia Day Honours 2019 for excellence, achievement or meritorious service and contributions to our society:

**Dr Graham Forward AM ('69)**, for significant service to the international community through medical initiatives in Africa

**Mr David Miller OAM ('69)**, for service to hockey

**Mr Peter Snow OAM ('63)**, for service to the community of Albany

**Mr Robin Scott OAM ('60)**, for service to the community of Coomalbidgup

A recent gathering of Year Representatives provided an opportunity for OBA President, Mr Tom Nattrass ('93), to share news about forthcoming OBA activity and encourage peer groups to piggy back on special events. Thanks to all who attended (and many who provided an apology) for your commitment to maintaining contact with old boys and strengthening our school network.



## Class of 2008, 10-year reunion



Sporting slightly less hair and slightly bigger waists, the Class of 2008 met in mid-December for their 10-year reunion at Claremont Yacht Club. With around 70 boys in attendance there were plenty of good stories flying around as a few faces were seen for the first time since those final exams a decade ago. Special thanks must go to School Principal Alan Jones

who made the effort to come down and meet the group for the first time. A huge shout out to the guys who made it to the club, some of whom have families and more important things in their lives. We'll be sure to not wait another 10 years for the next round of drinks!

**Tim Maguire**

## Class of 1998, 20-year reunion

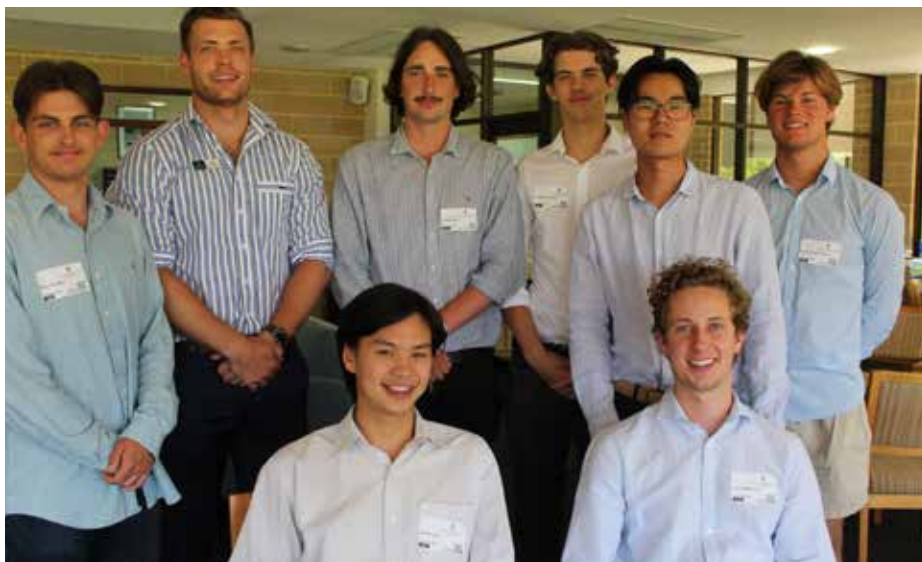
Steve's Hotel hosted the '98 CCGS old boys' 20-year reunion, which brought many fond memories of the old stomping ground back for those who attended. In attendance were about 60 former class mates who thoroughly enjoyed the evening with many tall stories involved, and it was unanimously agreed that P-J took out the MVP of the evening. Some cameo appearances from international (UK, USA and Europe) and

east-coast (QLD, NSW and VIC) based old boys gave lots of opportunities to reminisce over early morning runs with the Headmaster, shenanigans on Venture and plenty of good banter. All agreed that the evening was more than enjoyable and the next get together will be one to look forward to.

**Will Reid**







Late last year, a group of old boys made a return as mentors to prepare our incoming Year 11 students for senior leadership roles at Christ Church. Tyler Hung ('15), Tom Williams ('17), Christian Harding ('17), Jacob Dorsett-Sawyer ('17), Mark Crawford ('11), Henry Loudon ('15), Jia-Wei Loh ('17) and Jack Hawkesford ('15) were pleased to be involved in the youth training program, sharing valuable tips to facilitate the seamless integration of incoming students in 2019.

**In a speech delivered to teachers late last year, Zamir Golestani ('14) shared special words of thanks.**

"On behalf of the Claremont Bahai community, I would like to express our collective gratitude towards each one of you on (or close enough to) Teachers Appreciation Day."

"I was lucky enough to attend Christ Church from Year 5 up to the end of my schooling, graduating in 2014. I was in my own interesting niche whilst studying here, as I managed to get good marks but was without question classified as a notorious trouble maker."

"Upon reflection of my time and how I spent it at this institution, in combination with my quite obviously evident newfound maturity, I thought of the best way I could demonstrate to everyone here how significant and important you are in your roles."

"In a nutshell, as a boy who received more pink slips in a week than most kids did in a year (that is not an exaggeration), I often made my teacher's days more difficult. I rarely was the student that I so should have been. And I regret it."

"Why? Because as my life progresses and I learn to critically evaluate, I can't avoid the conclusion that this school and, more specifically, the teachers within it, made me a better person. Even in the face of maddening boyish mischief, the teachers would still do their best to help me. Never again in my life have I received such un-conditional support in such a diverse and altruistic manner (other than from my family) and I highly doubt I ever will again. My university lecturers don't even know my name. I don't take it personally but each one of them are without question dead to me."

"So, what is my confession? I regret every time I made a teacher's day a little harder. I will take lessons given to me by people in your positions and in this room to my grave, and there are no words I can say to overstate the positive impact teachers here have had on my life - and that you will undoubtedly have on those boys playing outside."

"Your role as educators holds unparalleled importance and is integral in the shaping of the lives of many children today, as it did mine."

## The Friends of Lake Claremont group is seeking volunteers

The Friends of Lake Claremont group is seeking volunteers for their student community service program. Christ Church Grammar School and Scotch College Year 10 students support the group every Friday during term from 1.15pm to 3.30pm under supervision of a program staff member. Volunteers are needed on an occasional basis to oversee work undertaken by the boys such as planting, weeding and spreading mulch. Please contact Claire Brittain on 0408 851 299 for further information.

**Perched on the cliff overlooking the Swan River under the shady trees of Walters lawn, is a bench with the inscription In Gratitude: Joan, Martin and Daniel Booth.**

The bench was donated by the Booth family in appreciation of the quality care and education received by both Martin ('59) and Daniel ('88) during their years at Christ Church. Martin was a boarder for 12 years, commencing in 1948 at the age of six while his parents lived in Singapore. Martin speaks fondly of his boarding days and Daniel also feels the benefit of his years at the School. "The bench is an enduring connection to the School and it is there to be enjoyed by all," said Martin.



## MEMBER UPDATES

**Declan Robinson** ('16) competed in the Rottneest Channel Swim as part of the George's Gents for Lady Lawley team. The aim of the team was to raise funds for Lady Lawley Cottage, an organisation offering respite care services for children and young adults with a wide range of multiple and complex medical needs. Declan's 20-year old twin brother, Ewen, has severe cerebral palsy and has greatly benefited from the services provided by Lady Lawley. To donate, visit the College website. <https://www.stgc.uwa.edu.au/georges-gents/>.

**David McCarthy's** ('92) fundraising effort for the Breast Cancer Research Centre – WA skyrocketed to over \$30,000 leading up to the Rottneest Channel Swim. David has been training with Kirby Swim squad at Christ Church for the last few years and successfully completed a solo crossing of the channel. You can follow David's story

and the inspiring story behind his challenge here. <https://rotnneestchannelswim19.everydayhero.com/au/macca-s-rotto-swim>

**Tim Minchin** ('92) plays the role of Friar Tuck in the recently released Hollywood blockbuster, Robin Hood.

**Stephen Lemonis** ('83) has been appointed as a judge of the District Court of Western Australia. Stephen is recognised as a skilled practitioner in commercial litigation, dispute resolution, insolvency and restructuring, with extensive involvement in the areas of white-collar crime, corporate crime and regulatory investigations.

**David Caddy** ('70) has been making headlines as the WA Planning Commission Chairman, addressing the Government's METRONET precinct density and diversity objectives.

**Wayne Martin** ('69) continues the strong CCGS association with the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, as appointed chair. Directors of the Harry Perkins Institute include Larry Iffla ('72) and Peter Leedman ('74).

The Young Lives Matter Foundation – UWA, supported by **Dr John Harriot** ('63), has launched a new website addressing youth suicide – the leading cause of death for 15 to 24 year-olds in Western Australia. Launched in 2018, the Foundation now has a select team of researchers focused on combating our community's most devastating and complex problem. Please visit the website for further information.



The Gilmour brothers (**David** '08 and **Lachy** '14) have recently teamed up to compete in the 49er yacht class, after campaigning separately to gain selection for Australia at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020. They convincingly won the first

two events in Sydney and Melbourne last year and whilst there is still a long way to go, they are tracking beautifully to win selection for Australia at the next Olympics. Watch this space for further updates.

## EVENTS

### Wednesday 13 March

Unforgettables Lunch

### Sunday 17 March

Principal's Bike Ride 2019

### Friday 22 March

OBA Golf Day  
Mosman Park Golf Club

### Friday 5 April

Beverly and Districts PSA Dinner

### Friday 5 April

Class of '99, 20-Year Reunion

### Friday 12 April

Class of 1989, 30-Year Reunion

### Saturday 13 April

Kuala Lumpur Reunion

### Sunday 5 May

College Cup Sailing Regatta

### Friday 24 May

Class of '62 Reunion

### Wednesday 17 July

Unforgettables

### Friday 19 July

Unflappables Lunch

### Friday 9 August

Class of '94, 25-Year Reunion

### Saturday 21 September

Class of '79, 40-Year Reunion

### Friday 11 October

Class of '69, 50-Year Reunion

### Thursday 31 October

OBA AGM  
Claremont Yacht Club

### Thursday 21 November

Sundowner for OBA Life Members  
Claremont Yacht Club

### Wednesday 11 December

Unforgettables Christmas Gathering  
Old Boys' Gallery

### Wednesday 18 December

Class of '09, 10-Year Reunion