

Newsletter

MAY 2019

30-year reunion, Class of 1989

The Class of 1989 30-year reunion. held at The Standard, was an outstanding success highlighted by both numbers attended and diversity of the guys that came. From priests to doctors, farmers, stonemasons, council workers, obligatory lawyers and stock brokers, the key element that set the night apart was the genuine warmth, enthusiasm and affection for everyone to catch up, have a drink, have a laugh and engage in conversations that fascinated and entertained for many hours. As always, Perth drinking laws ended the night prematurely but, god willing, it's fair to say everyone will be returning for the 35th with extra numbers jumping on the bandwagon. Special thanks for those old boys who completed the survey and to our sponsors for the evening; NPB Security, Golf Box and Cicerellos.

Peter Landau







OBA Golf Day













A group of 70 old boys recently participated in the Roger Mackay Golf Perpetual Trophy Competition at the Mosman Park Golf Club. With a full field and perfect playing conditions the scene was set for a great day.

The golf itself produced some great scores with cohorts from the 1960s battling it out with school leavers from as recent as 2014. Following the 18 holes, only two shots separated the winners from 3rd spot, with the winning team this year made up of a three-ball, all from the Class of '94 - Sheldon Day, Tom Wisdom, and Peter Chambers.

A big congratulations to the winning group! Overall the day was a great success thanks to those who played; Roz Mackay for attending and presenting the winner's trophy, Matt Mackay ('10) for extending the family tradition, Alan Jones for pulling out the sticks and joining the event, and support from the Alumni team, Deb and Sidonie.

We look forward to another successful day next year.

Peter Wallace ('00)

Sport Updates

Director of Sport Anthony Lynch shares these fun facts about the School's sporting prowess to date:

For the last two years, Christ Church has been the best performing school in the PSA, winning 15 out of a possible 39 PSA premierships and finishing top three in another 11 sports.

Winning six PSA premierships in a single calendar year has only been done five times since the PSA competition commenced in 1905.

Going into the Winter season, Christ Church has won four PSA premierships.

Sights are set on challenging Trinity's PSA record of seven PSA premierships in the one calendar year.

Old boys are encouraged to follow the fixtures and results and join the sidelines to cheer on current students to victory and make history!



Heading into the Rowing Nationals, representing WA, Max Montanari ('14) shared the following reflection.

"The special thing about rowing is it only works when everyone pulls together. You are always learning and evolving to go faster, it's an ongoing challenge, it's exciting trying to chase that perfect set of strokes. CCGS Rowing had a huge impact on the person I am today. Before rowing I didn't know I was a competitor and I didn't know I was able to get up at 4.30am. Rowing has taught me teamwork, time management and how to make tough decisions."

Max joined the Nationals with Myles McQuillan ('16), David Latham ('14) and Sam Marsh ('13), pictured.

20-year reunion, Class of 1999









The 20-year reunion, held at Steve's on Friday 5 April was a great success. Old boys travelled from Sydney, London and all over Western Australia, generating a buzz that was immediately felt as laughter and handshakes dominated the room. The stories and camaraderie flowed freely and many were still going strongly at midnight and managed to relive their youth, munching Hungry Jacks into the early hours.

The group heard stories from absent friends and were amazed at the diversity of trajectories that life has taken people. From those that did the tour, there was a constant amazement at what the School now offers and the facilities available to the boys. James Andrewartha, who works in the School's IT Department, was able to explain the access to contemporary technology and how the School is at the cutting edge of all technology, not just that immediately associated with education.

A special mention to Greg Jeeves who attended after leaving Christ Church in Year 6.

David Kyle

Old Boys' Association Scholarship Trust - Scholarship for 2020

Applications are being accepted for The Harriott Family Memorial Scholarship (75% of tuition fees) made possible through the generous support of Dr John Harriott.

Entry is open to all Australian boys entering Year 7 in 2020. Applications close 5.00pm on Friday 28 June.

Please visit obast.ccgs.wa.edu.au or call 9442 1555 for more details.





PSA Old Boys' dinner

Eleven old boys, along with Principal Alan Jones and Head of Senior School Simon Angus, attended the 85th Annual Combined PSA Old Boys' dinner at Beverley Golf Club on Friday 5 April. Most of the room was filled with ex-boarders from the agricultural regions, however the few day boys who joined the event were warmly welcomed.

Wesley old boy Dean Nalder MLA gave a presentation on political and footballing anecdotes. Christ Church will host this event in 2020 so please make the effort to attend and support this great event in the bush.

Chris Shenton ('83)



It was light and bright at the back of the Cottesloe Hotel as 20 old boys from the Class of '76 gathered for a long, leisurely lunch. Andy Viner collected and managed the shekels that ensured a constant supply of nibbles, pizza, deep fried whitebait and, the highlight of them all, freshly shucked Albany oysters. Brad Ethell assisted with the

provision of a relentless wave of bevies. Enjoying the gathering from the get-go and from left to right in the picture are Carl Ponnuthurai, Michael Norman, Tony Cook, Robert Baker, Rob Fletcher, Peter Shoobert, Peter Asotoff, Gayr French, Greg Willis, Andy Viner, Brad Ethell, Phil Wall, Brett Ibbitson and Ross Fortune.

Kuala Lumpur reunion



There was a great turnout to our recent Kuala Lumpur reunion. For many old boys, this was the first time they had reconnected with class mates since graduating from Christ Church. Principal Alan Jones and Chair of Council Matthew McNeilly ('83) shared updates on the School's recent successes and outlined the vision for our future - with particular focus on the School's global perspective.

As has now become a tradition in Asia - the evening ended in a group 'linga.'
Our network of old boys living across
Southeast Asia continues to strengthen and we look forward to growing our global offering in the near future.

You still have a role to play!

Many old boys will have fond memories of performing in a production of The Midnite Youth Theatre Company. The Friends of Drama are seeking sponsorship and prizes for a Midnite Quiz Night, which will help us to support the active drama community. Any donations are welcomed, and we will acknowledge your support (or promote your organisation) at the event, which will be held on 29 June. If you would like to support the quiz night via the gift of a voucher, prize or donation, please contact Lou Clayton at cjc_lmc@bigpond.net.au.



MEMBER UPDATES

We proudly share member updates for Matthew Eton ('13), Giorgio Savini ('10), Cal Silberstein ('07), Alex Trempus ('04), Sean Adamas ('02) and John Paul Olivier ('96).

Matthew Eton ('13) has won the prestigious Dr Vincent Harry Cooper Memorial Prize, awarded to the UWA Bachelor of Philosophy First Class Honours graduate with the most outstanding dissertation. Matthew completed his honours in biomedical engineering.

Giorgio Savini ('10) is a Video Journalist with The West Australian. Recently, he wrote a two minute documentary-style video about Roy Rimmer, who served at Christ Church Grammar School for 13 years as Head of Music. Roy's health rapidly deteriorated after suffering multiple strokes but his quality of life

made a remarkable turnaround after a volunteer guitarist began playing music for him at his aged care home. Current Director of Music, Kevin Gillam, remembers Roy as the conductor of the WA Youth Orchestra in the 1980s, describing him as 'very inspirational and passionate about music making.' Click here to watch a special clip.

Cal Silberstein ('07) has lined up a return visit to Perth after pursuing musical theatre in Brooklyn, New York. Cal will perform at The Ellington Jazz Club in Northbridge on 17 June. Details can be found at https://bit.ly/2NWGaEs.

It was wonderful to welcome a visit by **Alex Trempus** ('04) and his partner during their recent Australian holiday. Alex is a special member of the Christ Church Grammar School Mitre Society and lives in San Francisco.

Sean Adamas ('02) has been recognised for his valuable contribution to the ARTTRA Light Festival in Claremont. Sean studied environmental design at UWA and now creates entertaining and thought-provoking public art.

John Paul Olivier ('96) has been recognised in the WA Business News 40under40 Awards, for the Intrapreneur category. John spent a decade in law and management consulting before retraining. He now works as Group Manager Strategy at Fortescue Metals Group.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

A local business operator with Harper's Landscaping has invited expression of interests from old boys wanting casual labour work. Please contact Peter Harper on 0412 917 818 or by email at lpharper@bigpond.net.au.

EVENTS

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

Friday 20 September

Class of '59, 60 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