



Message from the Alumni Office

Throughout this issue old boys share what it means to 'give back', through community volunteer efforts and support to the School. It is inspiring to follow stories of goodwill as our members contribute time, treasure and talent to support others. As you will see, the returns are richly rewarding and bring perspective to life.

Deb Hill

Alumni Co-ordinator – Old Boys' Association



Words of advice to Year 12 students



As Year 12 students face their final months at Christ Church, old boys offered words of reassurance, encouragement and advice to keep results in perspective.

Cal Silberstein ('07), James Cowe ('10), Gareth Shanthikumar ('15), Julian Ming ('15) and Giorgio Savini ('10) joined the students over breakfast for the OBA program, *Future Focus*. Their message reinforced the need to enjoy school, pivot as opportunities present, gain experience to support your interests and build a network beyond your immediate circle of school friends.

Gareth and Julian spoke of their charity efforts for young people and the personal reward of volunteering for a meaningful cause. Julian's voluntary work with St John's Ambulance and Surf Life Saving has helped shape his personal development and opened doors to employment. Likewise, Gareth - who supports families in Sri Lanka - reflects on this experience as significant in defining who he is and his future direction.

The emphasis on gaining practical experience in your field of interest was reinforced by James who works in recruitment at Monadelphous. "We look for applicants who stand out because they have added value in their previous

pursuits and can add value in future" he said. "Interpersonal skills and cultural fit are significant factors in securing employment."

Visiting from New York, Cal Silberstein spoke of his international search for a course aligned to his specific interests in musical theatre writing. Cal's trajectory has been shaped by his ability to stay focused on his ambition and actively search for opportunities to further his career.

Giorgio, a video journalist at The West Australian, has been swept along with industry shifts that have worked in his favour. Consistent with the other *Future Focus* speakers, Giorgio spoke of gaining experience, making your interests known to others and using networks to further your opportunities.

The OBA extends sincere thanks to our *Future Focus* speakers. Old boys who are interested in sharing their experiences are encouraged to contact the Alumni Office

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following old boys recognised in The Queen's Birthday 2019 Honours List

Dr Alan Eggleston AM ('59)

For significant service to the Parliament of Australia, and to the community of Western Australia.

The Honourable Murray John Criddle OAM ('61)

For service to the Parliament of Western Australia.

Anthony Kiernan AM ('67)

For significant service to business, and to the community.

Professor Richard George Pestell AO ('75)

For distinguished service to medicine, and to medical education, as a researcher and physician in the fields of endocrinology and oncology.

Christ Church raises the bar on sustainability



The School recently began the journey to becoming a campus focused on eliminating plastic, and where elimination isn't possible, introducing a bio-degradable alternative. To support the change, bio-degradable and recycling bins are being deployed across the campus.

Other sustainable initiatives implemented by the School over the years include:

- Installation of the largest and most efficient solar powered system ever fitted on an Australian school – a 670-kilowatt solar photovoltaic system designed to deliver significant financial benefits and reduce the School's carbon footprint and CO2 emissions by 655 tonnes annually
- Installation of a natural, thermally heated 50m swimming pool
- Use of reticulation with water saving features, such as automated weather station and bore meters to monitor local weather conditions and reduce water consumption.

The School's Environmental Committee comprised of students from Years 10 to 12 are helping drive ongoing sustainability efforts.

Job Opportunity

The OBA is searching for a photographer to capture alumni engagement through a range of opportunities. This casual position would suit an old boy who is qualified or pursues photography as a hobby. For further information contact the Alumni Office

Christ Church in the 1940's



Our 'modern world' of supermarkets, fast travel, smart communication and global pedagogy were just some of the interesting topics addressed with Preparatory School students during their meeting with Michael Moore ('47), Kevan Hewett ('46), Bun Lynn ('49) and Peter Lynn ('45).

Comparing current practice with the past, old boys shared the remarkable

changes in their lifetime as part of the curriculum studies related to families and technology.

Special thanks to our old boys for closing the gap between generations, reinforcing the values of Christ Church that have remained true over time and sharing stories beyond the imagination of the young boys.

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.cccgs.wa.edu.au or call **9442 1555** for more details.





Philanthropist Dr John Harriott ('63) reflects on his gift to Christ Church Grammar School

I believe education is a major, if not the only key to a better world.

I attended Christ Church Grammar School in the '50s' and '60s' and even then, despite shortfalls due to the post-war environment and other constraints, including a more limited knowledge about education, it was ahead of similar schools.

In addition to a classroom education and some co-curricular activities it tried to instill a system of values in its pupils.

The current version of the School has evolved from this. It encourages a boy to develop his personal abilities within an environment of exceptional education. I believe it produces boys who will be leaders at various levels in our society, who will play their part to make the world a better place.

I like to be part of this through providing scholarships for boys who would not normally be able to attend the School.

Share Your Story



For our 2019 Annual Giving appeal we share the stories of Christ Church old boys who benefitted from a Christ Church education made possible by the generosity of others. Please help us to continue this remarkable tradition of old boys supporting future generations of Christ Church boys.

Visit www.ccgswa.edu.au/community/giving for more details.

Christ Church Grammar School old boys bring home the trophy!



A winning combination of youth and experience saw Christ Church place 1st and 3rd in the College Cup at Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. In the closely contested Foundation 36 historic challenge, recent Christ Church graduates crewed with the stalwarts in two teams, reclaiming the trophy from Scotch College. Well done gents!

Special Thanks!

Special thanks to Chris Drok ('09) and Chris Webster ('99) who inspired Year 12 students at the annual Principal's Dinner, joined by members of school council, school executive and OBA President, Tom Natrass ('93). Both old boys offered sage advice to the students by looking back on their own life experiences and challenges since leaving school.

Throughout a student's journey at Christ Church Grammar School old boys share their experience and extend support; it is therefore fitting that parting words come from those who value their education and return to convey their appreciation



MEMBER UPDATES

Ryan Brown ('17) recently completed recruit training at Kapooka to become a qualified rifleman in the Royal Australian Infantry Corps. He is currently serving as a reservist in 11/28th Battalion, based at Karrakatta. "The training was hard and frequently unpleasant and all the while I faced a lot of self-doubt whether I was up to the challenge. Applying mental resilience, commitment and determination developed over my time at Christ Church, and in the cadet unit, equipped me well to push through to the end," said Ryan.

Alistair Johnstone ('14) is taking part in the Mongol Rally as a fundraising effort for CoolEarth and Twenty10, a local LGBT+ support charity. The gruelling 15,000km journey from London to Mongolia, is ambitious for a 1L car purchased for less

than \$500. The challenge is expected to take six weeks (or a lot longer!). Please follow the effort on Instagram @ **keepingupwiththe_khandashians** and a GoFundMe page: **www.gofundme.com/tom-amp-al-raising-money-for-twenty10-and-coolearth**

Rick Webster ('01) launched a new EP *Long Short Story* recently at The Ellington Jazz Club, being the fourth album that chronicles an extraordinary life from childhood to award-winning songwriter. Following a near-fatal car crash in 2015 and months of rehabilitation, Rick has rebounded combining his exceptional talent on guitar with the alluring vocals of Sophie Foster. **www.ellingtonjazz.com.au/event/rick-webster-featuring-sophie-foster-long-story-short-ep-launch/**

Chris White ('86) is an officer in the Australian Border Force in Canberra. He recently competed in the Australian Masters Athletics Track and Field Championships held in Melbourne, taking out gold in the five field throwing disciplines: javelin, discus, hammer throw, shot put and weight throw.

John Perkins ('66) is amazingly fit and healthy and still firmly believes that nothing is impossible despite horrific injury as a young farmer. He extends best wishes to all those old boys who remember him - particularly the boarders.

EVENTS



Saturday 29 June
Midnite's Quiz Night

Wednesday 3 July
Boarders' dinner

Wednesday 3 July
New York gathering

Wednesday 17 July
Unforgettables Lunch

Friday 19 July
Unflappables Lunch

Friday 9 August
Class of 1994, 25-year reunion

For details of the events listed above and events later in the year please visit the [OBA website](#)