



Message from the Alumni Office

As the final school term kicks off and Year 12 students face the home stretch of their secondary education, the young men are pulling together as a united cohort supported by the entire Christ Church community.

Mates will lean on each other over the coming weeks to get through and that

strength of friendship will last a lifetime. Soon they will be celebrating the end but their connection through Christ Church will forever unite them as the Class of 2019. I am sure all old boys will join me in wishing the students well over the coming weeks and welcoming them to the OBA as their new chapter commences.



Deborah Hill
Alumni Co-ordinator

The annual Old Boys' Lunch

The annual Old Boys' Lunch, Vine to Wine, was highly acclaimed by guests of all ages with success attributed to the panel of speakers, superb wine and refreshments that followed at the Tiger Bar.

"A fantastic afternoon was had by all learning about wine from five renowned wine industry operators over a lovely three-course lunch at the new Claremont Football Club," said Rhett Marron ('96).

Young and senior old boys were well represented at the lunch which attracted 139 old boys. Special thanks to Richard

Burch ('03) of Howard Park Wines, Phil Hutchison ('96) of Leeuwin Estate, Murray McHenry ('67) of McHenry Hohnen and current Christ Church parents Larry Cherubino and Blair Hill, for sharing insights of wine industry trends. Thanks also to Lee Martin, current Christ Church parent and Proprietor of By Word of Mouth Catering, who did a superb job.





Pictured left to right: Jon, Brad, Guy and Peter

Albany reunion

Love of the bush, ocean, lifestyle, coffee and contentious conversation are just some of the pleasures of Albany according to Brad Williamson ('77), Guy Wroth ('77), Jon Doust ('65) and Peter Potter ('46). "We all live in the Great Southern and would not live anywhere else," said Jon who is rallying support for a local reunion of old boys and St Hilda's old scholars to extend the network.

Despite the age difference these old boys share a common interest in local issues and storytelling, with reflection of school days prompting a mixed response. While Guy said Christ Church Grammar School did "nothing at all to prepare me to be an upstanding citizen, in point of actual fact it did the opposite," others within the group were not so scathing. In Peter's experience the School offered comradery, with those friendships and associations becoming very important later in life.

The reunion will be held on Friday 8 November.

Class of 1979, 40-year reunion



The class of 1979 40-year reunion was recently held at the Claremont Yacht Club after a well-attended tour of the School by 1979 old boy, Mark Morrissy.

Several old boys on the tour were completely disoriented by the many significant changes, as the exterior of some buildings seemed the same but the interior layout, including the walls and corridors, had all moved. Mark explained that the forward-looking use of suspended concrete slab construction allowed for complete internal reconfiguration (well done, Peter Moyes!).

Around 45 old boys attended the reunion, including several who had left before the end of Year 12. A small informal committee attempted to find the 'missing' old boys, those who the Alumni Office have no current contact details for.

The evening was helped by name badges, as some old boys had changed

significantly, while others seemed the same. Some of us were meeting for the first time in 40 years and pin up boards of old photos helped us link the unrecognisable man in front of us with the boy we knew back then. Several boys had grown significantly taller after leaving school, including the now tall (and still dapper) Peter Hobbs. Richard 'Rocky' Stone won the prize for the most hair, still having the same huge head of hair as he had in 1979. Some old boys made a big effort and journeyed from overseas or the eastern states for the event. As the night progressed, we became so engrossed in conversation that we had to be pushed out of the venue around midnight.

We hope to make the next class of 1979 reunion in five years, so keep those contact details up to date!

Mike Goodridge



Make your splash

Aquatic Fundraising Campaign

We invite you to 'make your splash' by donating to upgrade the CCGS pool-side change rooms - make your tax deductible gift visit www.ccgswa.edu.au/community/giving/aquatics-campaign



Oh! How things have changed!

The Class of 1959 met for their 60-year reunion on a sunny September day, with morning tea and a tour of the School followed by lunch at the Claremont Yacht Club. Over 20 old boys joined the Principal, Mr Alan Jones, Head of Sport, Mr Anthony Lynch and Mr Conrad Scott from the School's Army Cadet Unit, to learn of current school practice, during which many questions were raised and comparisons drawn to the days when school had only 300 boys in total.

The tour took place in the Design and Technology and Art Departments, more commonly known as the Manual Arts in our day: Oh! How things have changed!

After being loaded back onto the school bus, we enjoyed a day of reminiscing, good fellowship and an excellent meal at the club. Festivities carried into the late afternoon with promises to all meet up again, much sooner than the projected 70th reunion in 2029.

All in attendance praised the organisation of Deb Hill and Sid Cox at the Alumni office for an extremely well organised and run event.

Norm Sudlow

Why do we care about dark matter?

This question was answered by Ben McAllister ('10), drawing attention to Science Week during a presentation to CCGS Year 11 and 12 Physics students.

Ben is a UWA Research Fellow currently completing his PhD at the ARC Centre of Excellence For Engineered Quantum Systems. "Although we don't know what dark matter is, there is evidence from gravitational observations that it exists" said Ben. Describing dark matter within the context of universal history and referring to Eisenstein's theories, Ben

imparted the message that our human push at frontiers changes the way the world works.



CCGS inspired aquatic Olympians



The launch event for the School's Aquatics Fundraising Campaign welcomed back former Olympians Bill Kirby OAM ('92), Jon van Hazel ('95), Tommaso D'Orsogna ('07) and current Olympic squad members George Ford ('10) and Andrew Ford ('12) as they shared their sporting career highlights with invited guests. All five enjoyed the mateship of the aquatic squads and acknowledged the life lessons competitive swimming taught them; namely how to win and lose, learn from your mistakes and follow the discipline of a high-performance culture. All of these contributed to their desire to achieve on the international stage for swimming and water polo.

"The introduction of a heated pool at Christ Church in the 1980s really helped propel the team to its first PSA swimming victory in 1987," the old boys said. Since then, Christ Church has been one of the most successful schools within the PSA competition, with the Bowker/McGurk and then Kirby leadership seeing 13 swimming titles and multiple podium finishes. Water polo domination under the leadership of Scott Chrystal is seeing this sport record the strongest increase in student participation across all sporting codes.

As we eagerly await the opening of the CCGS/MLC joint Aquatic Precinct this summer we are reaching out to all old boys to support the upgrade of our changerooms. The School gym and pool continue to be available for all life members of the Old Boys' Association and we need your help to continue to offer quality facilities for our entire community to enjoy.



MEMBER UPDATES

2000 Lawson Douglas and Dave Allan are the new owners of the Subiaco Hotel, citing a business interest to refresh iconic heritage hotels. The partners also own the Exchange Hotel in Kalgoorlie and the Rose Hotel in Bunbury.

1967 David Airey is handing over the reins of his real estate business after 40 years, with son Warwick ('92) flying the family flag for another generation. David spent 46 years in real estate and served as the National President of REIA from 2009 to 2011 and REIWA President from 2011 to 2015. His grandson, Hudson, is

enrolled at Christ Church and will be the third generation of the family to attend the School.

1964 Tony Scurry has set a target of riding 550km during the month of October to raise funds for kids with cancer. He thanks Rob Garton Smith and John Winzar for their support to date and encourages others to follow his story and fundraising page here.

The Monsoon Cup It started some 15 years ago with the desire to play golf in Hua Hin (Thailand) and has since become

an annual fixture for a group of old boy enthusiasts from a range of cohorts. Self-confessed 'hackers' **Geoff Potter** ('67), **Allan Ledger** ('66), **Kim Craig** ('68), **Mark Macleod** ('73), **Bill Price** ('62) and **Tony Kiernan** ('67) travel each year to claim the coveted cup, with the win determined by a mysterious, interesting and challenging handicap called the ChasMac system. "The win is important for its symbolic importance only. There is a small trophy, 'Green Jacket' and a few dollars," said Bill. "My vote is for Hua Hin for the next Old Boys' Golf Day!" he said.

EVENTS



5 November
Senior School Tour

7 November
Katanning Community Event

7 November
OBA assembly: Reflections of the 1950s

8 November
Albany Community Event

9 November
Class of '79 combined PSA schools' reunion

13 November
Preparatory School Tour

20 November
Preparatory School Tour

21 November
OBA Annual Sundowner

29 November
Class of 2018 Linga On reunion

11 December
Unforgettables Christmas Lunch

13 December
Class of '61 Christmas Lunch

18 December
Class of 2009 10 Year reunion

The Old Boys' Association is a not for profit organisation that relies on volunteers to support its activity, safeguard its values and remain relevant into the future. If you would like to be part of steering the future of the OBA and becoming actively involved in the organisational governance, a range of opportunities exist depending on your availability, skills and interest. Please contact the Alumni Office at oldboys@ccgs.wa.edu.au or call **9442 1528** for further information.