



Welcome

The Old Boys' Association has welcomed 175 new Life Members from the Class of 2019, with each old boy receiving a certificate and access to a range of services that strengthen our network. On behalf of the committee I welcome our youngest members and encourage them to take advantage of our global community and join events, locally and abroad, that unite us. The lifelong fellowship of school mates is truly appreciated at The Unforgettables Annual Christmas Lunch, when gentlemen aged in their 90's continue to meet and reflect on their school days.

Wishing you, your family and all your class mates the very best for Christmas and the holiday season.

Tom Nattrass ('93)
OBA President



Class of '69, 50-Year Reunion



The Class of '69, 50-Year Reunion was held in October at the Claremont Yacht Club, with a record 67 classmates together with seven teachers assembled for lunch. Ian Crockett of West Cape Howe generously donated the wine.

Phil Chetwynd (England) and Krishna Ravi (Malaysia) flew in for the event. Ernie Hunter, Ted Lefroy, John O'Hara, Simon Murray, David Plummer, Brendan Silbert, Peter Tooke and John Walker all came from interstate.

It was particularly pleasing to see our teachers Dean Bowker, Gordon Davies, David Hayles, Ray House, Don Morrissy, Gordon Peter and Cliff Watkins. Arthur Pate was a late apology.

A convivial afternoon was enjoyed by all with many staying on well into the night. Given our advancing years it was generally agreed that the next reunion should be held in five years time.

David Rawlinson and Peter Morrison

Special thanks to long-standing volunteers

The popular OBA Annual Sundowner for Life Members and partners was once again well attended at the Claremont Yacht Club. OBA President, Tom Nattrass ('93) acknowledged and thanked long-standing volunteers Rob Crossing ('78) and Adrian Lee ('64) for their exceptional contribution to the Association and the School in a variety of roles over many years. Rob and Adrian stepped down from their respective roles of Scholarship Trustee and OBA Investment Adviser.



EVENTS

2019

18 December

Class of 2009, 10-Year Reunion

2020 SAVE THE DATE!

30 January

Unflappables Summer BBQ

7 March

Hong Kong reunion

8 March

Christ Church Grammar School
Music to the Fore

14 March

Boarders' Lunch
(reunion for all past boarders)

25 March

Unforgettables Lunch

3 April

86th Annual Beverley and
Districts Combined Public Schools
Old Boys' Association dinner,
hosted by Christ Church Grammar
School OBA

CLASS REUNIONS 2020

18 December

Class of 2010, 10 year reunion

11 December

Class of 2000, 20 year reunion

27 November

Class of 1990, 30 year reunion

7 August

Class of 1980, 40 year reunion

30 October

Class of 1970, 50 year reunion

19 August

Class of 1960, 60 year reunion

Senior School Assembly hosted by the OBA



In November old boys who attended Christ Church Grammar School during the 1950s received a warm welcome to a Senior School Assembly as this period of the School's history was recognised. Reflections were shared, jazz numbers performed, and photos projected showing a very different landscape to the campus today. Alan Jones acknowledged the significance of all old boys and thanked the OBA for shaping the School over generations.

"Such formal school occasions are always impressive, but I was particularly impressed with the ease and dignified manner in which the three boys addressed the assembled school and

spoke of their grandfather's time there. These school years are arguably the most formative in a young person's life, then and now. I'm sure they played a major role in the direction each of us were to take in later life."

"Looking back over the intervening years I am particularly aware of that rich tapestry of accumulated experience which informs the Christ Church community and its standing in the wider world. I hope, in the future, there will be further opportunities for students to learn from and share in this wealth of experience."

Graham Walker ('56)

Happy birthday wishes

The OBA has traditionally sent birthday cards to Life Members, reinforcing the connection we enjoy over the passing of years. We gratefully receive positive comment from old boys who value this touchpoint. However, it was apparent from the OBA survey (conducted in 2018) that receiving birthday wishes is not a high priority to the majority of our constituents. Consequently, the committee has decided to acknowledge only milestone birthdays going forward and hope that members will appreciate the intent behind this shift. We hope you share our concern for the environment and our interest to find alternative means of remaining in contact. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to share your thoughts.

Tom Nattrass ('93)
OBA President



Stories of boarding

Vivid memories of wet and windy nights on the veranda, initiation pranks, humour, the excitement of sporting competition, terrible food, cold showers and joy of returning home are just some of the stories that boarders will relate to. The boarding house left a lasting impression on John Bell ('55) who has shared these reflections and more in the lead up to an 'all ages' boarding reunion on Saturday 14 March 2020. "The best thing that

I took away from 11 years at Christ Church was that school mates have become life-long friends. Reconnecting is a highlight of my year," said John.

Please save the date and watch for event details by email in the new year.

Photographed: David Sewell ('59), Pierre Edmond De Chazel ('55) and John Bell ('55)

Thank you for your support



Thank you! Once again we have received incredible support from our old boy network for important scholarship and building programs at the School. The stories of Gerry Atherden ('47) and Matthew McNeilly ('83) showed the impact of a Christ Church education

made possible through scholarships. Donations to our Building Program supported the School's sustainability drive with solar energy and plastics replacement initiatives. It's not too late to make a difference.



Christ Church Hockey Club

Over 50 former players of the Christ Church Hockey Club met recently to 're-live the good old days' and mark the 35th anniversary since the Club ceased playing as the CCHC. Amongst the guests was Club legend John Milner ('45) who at 90 years of age continues to play hockey.

David Price ('63) and his wife Christine hosted the event at the old Price family home which was the site of many after-game kegs in the 60s. Continuing the keg tradition, beer, wine (kindly donated by Kim Skipworth ('63)) and Chris Litchfield's ('68) delicious array of finger food contributed to a successful event.

Life membership medals were presented to Christopher Litchfield ('68), Peter (Arch) Andrews ('63) and Alan Ledger ('66).

The CCHC was formed in 1930. At the Club's 1984 AGM a successful vote was taken to merge with Old Scotch Hockey Club and Graduates Women's Club to form Collegian's Hockey Club. In subsequent years, Collegian's merged with Cricketers Hockey Club to form the Westside Wolves, one of the largest and most successful clubs in the world of hockey.

Several CCHC players seemed keen to have a written history of their club. Peter Andrews ('63) is to organise this history and is seeking bits of history from everyone who has them. If you have any memorabilia, trophies, photos or recollections of the Club, please contact Peter (Arch) on 0438 521 312 or by email at peter@realgrumpy.com.

Adrian Boys ('73) and David Price ('63)

Old Boys' Association scholarships

Since the inception of OBA managed scholarships 26 years ago, more than 40 boys have benefitted from a Christ Church education, including sons and grandsons of old boys. Many of those students, for financial reasons, would not otherwise have been able to attend the School.

In 2019, 11 boys at the School were beneficiaries of OBA scholarships, which pay between 50% to 100% of school fees.

Throughout Australia, there are very few alumni associations of boys' schools that support and administer scholarships and none that do this on the scale that we do.

The provision of these scholarships is made possible by the generous support of our donors from across the Christ Church community and the careful management of the funds by the OBA scholarship Trustees.

For more information on the background of these named scholarships visit www.ccgswa.edu.au/community/giving/scholarship-trust



PSA Golf Day



Stalwarts of the Old Boys' PSA Golf Day were joined by a few promising newcomers this year, for a superb afternoon of competition at Cottesloe Golf Club.

Representing Christ Church Grammar School were Howard Cearns ('77), Julian Harding ('79), Michael Hunt ('63), Josh Hunt ('01), Geoff Potter ('67), Rex Townsend ('67), Kim Craig ('68), Tex McKenzie, ('69), Rod Silberstein ('75), Jack Leaversuch ('15), Matt Mackay ('10), Matt King ('10), Daniel Ibbitson ('10), Brett Ibbitson ('76) and Bernard Schortinghuis ('88). It was great to see a couple of father/son teams involved. Thanks for giving it your best, gents!

MEMBER UPDATES

Liam Henry ('19) and **Isaiah Butters** ('19) have signed with the Fremantle Football Club following this year's AFL draft. Liam received pick no. 9 and Isaiah was selected as a Category B rookie. Hailing from Tammin and Halls Creek respectively, both boys enjoyed playing for Christ Church's Firsts Football team in PSA sport. The boys are the latest of Christ Church sporting talent to have gone onto the AFL, joining old boys Jake Patmore (Port Adelaide) and Tim English (Western Bulldogs). Click here to follow Liam's interview and the emotion of Liam's parents as he accepts the Dockers' jersey. <https://www.foxsports.com.au/video/afl/draft/freos-emotional-draft-moment!755611>

Jordan Love ('16) is the 2019 Porsche PAYCE Carrera Cup Australia Champion and one of 12 candidates vying for a Porsche sponsorship package in the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup in 2020. Jordan's brother Aaron ('19) also joined the racing circuit, performing well in his first round of competition.

Michael Lukin ('15) Has been awarded the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship, the flagship foreign exchange scholarship program of the USA, aimed at increasing binational research collaboration, cultural understanding and the exchange of ideas.

Morgan Palmer ('11) was an original cast member in The Book of Mormon and recently rejoined the musical as Elder Poptarts. Morgan graduated with a Bachelor of Music Theatre at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) in 2015. Upon graduation he performed as a swing in the 2016 Australian tour of the hit Queen musical, We Will Rock You. Most recently, Morgan was chosen as a finalist in the 2017 Rob Guest Endowment.

It was a pleasure to welcome the return of **Stephen BluNotte** ('03) and his wife Eva during a return visit to Perth from Indonesia. A tour of the campus "felt like coming home," said Stephen.