



# Christ Church Grammar School

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## **MEDIA STATEMENT: Old Boys' Association provides meals to its elderly alumni**

Twenty-nine of Christ Church Grammar School's most elderly alumni will receive a month's worth of frozen meals as part of the Old Boys' Association (OBA) food delivery program implemented last week.

The initiative is a collaboration between Christ Church's Old Boys' Association, The Subiaco Hotel and the School, and was conceived to maintain connection with some of the more vulnerable members of the School's alumni community in Perth during the current COVID-19 crisis.

Christ Church Grammar School's Alumni Co-ordinator Deborah Hill said *"The Old Boys' Association wanted to take immediate action to assist our most vulnerable senior members and reduce their exposure to COVID-19 during this period of social distancing. Old boys who received the meal delivery have expressed immense gratitude and appreciation."*

Eligible members will be delivered five frozen meals every week during April, with the Subiaco Hotel subsidising the meal preparation.

Lawson Douglas and Dave Allan, owners of The Subiaco Hotel and members of Christ Church's graduating class of 2000, were excited about the opportunity to be involved. Mr Douglas said *"We believe wholeheartedly in the mission of the program. The OBA has always been supportive of us and we welcomed the opportunity to give back to the Christ Church community"*.

In the face of many of their scheduled events being cancelled due to new social distancing regulations, the OBA remains determined to find ways to support the wider Christ Church alumni community.

*"Many of our old boys, especially the more senior members, look forward to events throughout the year as an opportunity to socialise. In light of the cancellations we wanted to make sure that they still felt connected to the Christ Church community. Being part of our alumni means more than an education, it's a lifetime association."*

In the coming weeks they aim to implement an online Business Network Hub that will facilitate connections between the various members of their alumni community. The goal of this hub is to encourage members to reach out to each other and the school and support local businesses during this economic downturn.

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