

## MEMBER UPDATES

**Isaiah Butters ('19)** has been recruited by the Dockers, joining his boarding colleague Liam Henry ('19) whose selection was announced in the last newsletter.



**Albert Smith ('18)** finished first with his UWA team at the International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) Regionals held in November and will represent Australia at the ICPC Finals in Moscow in June. ICPC is the oldest and most prestigious competitive programming event worldwide.

**Rob Coales ('93)** has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Australian Army Reserve, posted to the Western Australian Army Cadet Brigade as Deputy Commander.

**Mark Crawford ('11)** has signed with the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers football team on a full scholarship.



**Tony Jones ('62)** invites old boys and partners to join a Sculpture at Bathers Sunset Artist tour on Wednesday 19 February, 6:00 – 8:00pm. The tour, led by Tony, will include highlights of the exhibition. Following the tour, chat with the artist in an informal setting

whilst enjoying a glass of wine and finger food as the sun goes down over the ocean and stay on to enjoy our feature light show as darkness takes over. Cost \$25 (includes tour, catalogue, wine /beer and finger food). Meet at Kidogo Art House, Bathers Beach Art Precinct, Fremantle. For bookings contact Tony at [tonyjonesart@arach.net.au](mailto:tonyjonesart@arach.net.au)



## EVENTS

**Tuesday 11 February**  
CCGS Senior School tour for prospective parents

**Saturday 15 February**  
Old Boys v CCGS 1st Water Polo team

**Wednesday 19 February**  
Preparatory School tour for prospective parents

**Wednesday 26 February**  
Christ Church Community event in Albany

**Thursday 27 February**  
Christ Church Community event in Margaret River

**Tuesday 10 March**  
CCGS Senior School tour for prospective parents

**Friday 13 March**  
Class of '76 lunch

**Friday 13 March**  
Class of '61 lunch

**Saturday 14 March**  
Old boy Boarders' Lunch

**Friday 20 March**  
Class of '58 lunch

**Tuesday 24 March**  
Preparatory School tour for prospective parents

**Wednesday 25 March**  
Unforgettables lunch

**Tuesday 31 March**  
CCGS Senior School tour for prospective parents

**Friday 3 April**  
86th Beverley and Districts combined PSA Old Boys' Annual Dinner

**Tuesday 7 April**  
CCGS Senior School tour for prospective parents

**Wednesday 22 April**  
Christ Church Community event in London



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Christ Church Grammar School

## Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2020

## Message from the Alumni Office



Thank you for the correspondence received over the summer months, sharing the sensational achievements of our alumni. We are immensely proud of old boys recognised in the Australia Day Honours and others who have reached sporting fame and notable career advancement. Please keep the updates coming through to the Alumni Office. In this issue we carry invitations to join the Old Boys Boarders' Lunch on Saturday 14 March and the 86th Beverley and Districts combined PSA Old Boys' Annual Dinner hosted by Christ Church OBA on Friday 3 April. We'd love to see a strong turn out to these significant events; please rally your mates and RSVP promptly. Old boys are also encouraged to join the challenge between CCGS Water Polo 1st vs old boys on Saturday 15 February at the new Aquatic Precinct. I look forward to seeing you there.

## Australia Day Honours 2020

Congratulations to the following old boys recognised in the Australia Day Honours 2020 for excellence, achievement or meritorious service and contributions to our society:

**Mr Simon Cubitt OAM ('70)** for service to the community of southern Western Australia.



**Mr Timothy Minchin AM ('92)** for significant service to the performing arts, and to the community.



Congratulations to **Prof John Newnham AM ('69)** recognised as 2020 Senior Australian of the Year in the Australian of the Year Awards. Prof Newnham was acknowledged as one of the world's leading authorities in the prevention of pre-term birth.



## PAST BOARDERS' LUNCH

Saturday 14 March 2020, 12.30pm  
Sandover Dining Hall \$100 per person

[Register here](#)



**BEVERLEY AND DISTRICTS**  
 COMBINED PUBLIC SCHOOLS OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

Friday 3 April 2020 7.00pm  
 Beverley Golf Club | \$75 per person

HOSTED BY  Old Boys' Association  
 Christ Church Grammar School



# 86<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DINNER



The Annual Beverley Dinner will be hosted this year by Christ Church Grammar School Old Boys Association on Friday 3 April. The guest speaker is Mr Jon Doust, past boarder (1961- 1965); author, journalist, comedian and community activist. Please join the OBA committee as residents of the district join colleagues travelling from Perth for a night of entertainment. Bus transport available. For further details and booking visit [oldboys.ccgswa.edu.au](http://oldboys.ccgswa.edu.au)

## Irwin Lewis - A pathfinder

**Irwin Tasman Lewis** (1953-1956) was an outstanding legend honoured by the OBA in 2017. Irwin passed away peacefully in the last week of January surrounded by his family in Morawa, the town where he was born on 21 April 1939 into a family of 8 children.

He was a proud Yamatji man who by virtue of his own performance in life saw it as his responsibility to inspire his indigenous people to confidently establish a standard that would enable them to deal with the adversity that confronted them. For him it all began when he accepted a scholarship to attend CCGS. He was a mature 14 year old in Year 9 unaware that he was attempting to transcend his indigenous culture into a culture that he was not familiar with. It was shades of sending a boy on a mans errand! Sadly we didn't get to acknowledge his effort publicly.

He was an outstanding leader of his people and while he would admit to having sustained the mood and kept things moving, he would nevertheless tell you that we all still have a long road ahead

of us. And so he passed the baton to the young leaders of the next generation.

In all his pursuits Irwin succeeded by concentrating on his many talents and using them to advantage. He became the first indigenous student at a prestigious private school. He was the first indigenous alumnus of UWA and St George's College. His playing days at the Claremont Football Club (1958-65) included a WAFL Premiership in 1964.

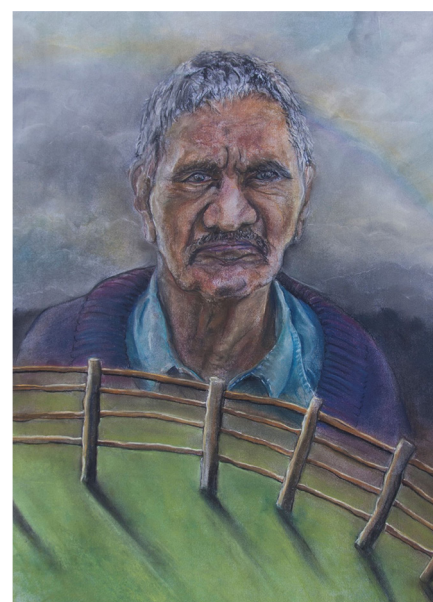
At the age of 19 he was chosen to represent Australia at a Moral Rearmament Conference in the USA.

In his early twenties he joined the public service and rose to become one of Australia's leading public servants in the areas of indigenous welfare and development.

His marriage to Lorna resulted in 4 children, Clayton (1976-77), Cameron (1977-79), Carolyn and Christopher (1984-86), Grandsons Lucas and Calen and Great Grandson Irwin. In 1989 Irwin opted for early retirement and took up art as a

full-time occupation. Over the next twenty years he became one of WA's most prolific indigenous artists.

In celebrating the life of this CCGS Legend we acknowledge that this amazing story of the Lewis family continues through his grandson Irwin Lewis who will be in Year 10 this year and undoubtedly another outstanding contributor to our school.



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## OBA website

Did you know that you can connect with old boys globally, view the OBA gallery, strengthen your networks, update your contact details, follow our history, plus more through the OBA website? The website is an invaluable resource that

- provides a Business Directory allowing old boys to list their business or tap into a network of professional services.
- carries past publications and current news
- includes the annual calendar of events
- offers member benefits
- promotes opportunities to support the Old Boys and the School

Many of the functions of this website are accessible to the public but some tabs containing sensitive information are password protected. For support utilising this platform please call the Alumni Office on 9442 1528.

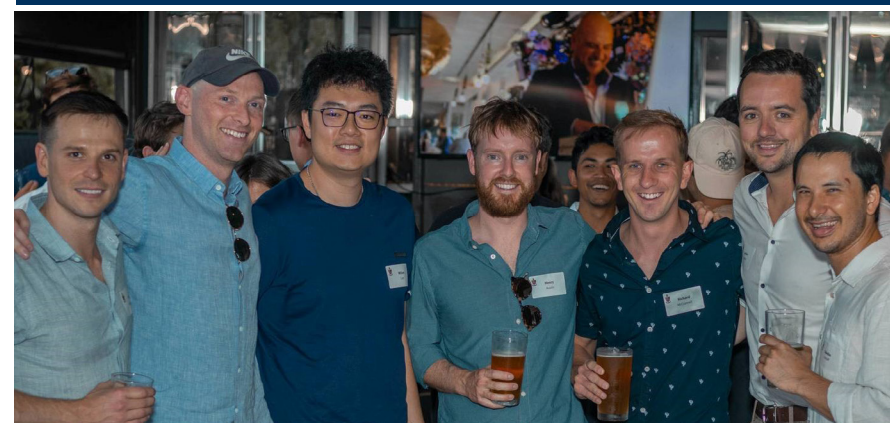
## Building Partnerships



Christ Church Grammar School students in Year 11 and 12 are seeking apprenticeships, traineeships, cadetships or full-time work. A program has been established to build partnerships with old boys who can offer work experience, with a view to longer term

student engagement. To register your work place or receive further information please contact the CCGS Career Counsellor and VET Co-ordinator, Jody Clarke, at [jclarke@ccgswa.edu.au](mailto:jclarke@ccgswa.edu.au) or phone 94421604

## Class of 2009, 10-year reunion



Our 10 year reunion had a great turnout and there were some fascinating conversations with people I hadn't seen at all in those years. It's amazing how much the group has done in that time across such a broad spectrum of industries and personal passions. I think it's a testament to CCGS that

we've been able to do what we have. It was a wonderful way to catch up with current friends and friends from the past but also speak to those who I was never that close to and hear where their lives have taken them since school.

**Lachie Macpherson**