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Christ Church's oldest alumni make an unforgettable donation

This Christmas, children in need will receive a collection of toys generously donated by a cohort of Christ Church Grammar School's oldest alumni: the 'Unforgettables'.

The Unforgettables are comprised of 52 Christ Church old boys who attended the School between 1940 to 1949. Each year they reunite at the School for a Christmas lunch, and use the occasion to donate toys to Anglicare WA who provide them to families in need. Among the gifts donated were bespoke wooden building blocks, trains and horses on wheels - many of which were hand-crafted by the old boys themselves.

Alumni Co-ordinator Deborah Hill described the importance of this annual event "Many of the old boys travel great distances to join the Unforgettable events each year because the School means so much to them. They love catching up with old friends and it's always such a happy occasion. Their desire to support Anglicare by providing Christmas gifts to children adds special meaning to the reunion."

Ninety-five-year-old John Russell ('42) travelled from Mandurah to join the lunch, fellow old boy Alex Dunbar ('03) offered his support by driving Mr Russell to and from the event. When describing his motivation for making the trip Mr Russell offered a tongue-in-cheek reply "I enjoyed the company of the 'youngsters' who gathered for this festive occasion."

Following the Christmas lunch Roger Metherall ('48), who lovingly turned and painted toys at home throughout the year in the lead up to the event, spoke with enthusiasm about his involvement with the Melville Woodturning Group over the past 17 years.

The Unforgettables started out as a small circle of school friends who met four times a year at Royal Perth Yacht Club. Over time the gatherings moved to the School and are managed by the School's Alumni team. In recent years, the School has reduced the gatherings to three times a year and made the occasion more inclusive by inviting everyone in the cohort to attend, not just those in the original friendship circle.

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