

# the OLD BOY e-Newsletter

Christ Church Grammar School  
Old Boys' Association  
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## COMING EVENTS

### Saturday 28 June

40 Year Reunion (Class of 1968)  
6.30pm Claremont Yacht Club

### Friday 11 July

Unflappables Winter Luncheon  
12.30pm Sandover Dining Hall,  
CCGS

### Friday 25 July

Businessmen's Luncheon  
Guest: Gene Tilbrook (1966-67)  
1.00pm The University Club,  
UWA

### Thursday 7 August

Founder's Day Service  
7.30pm School Chapel, CCGS

### Saturday 9 August

OBA Sports Spectator Day  
10.30am Mt Claremont Playing  
Fields

### Saturday 9 August

Founder's Day Cocktail Party  
6.00pm Chapel Forecourt,  
CCGS

### Saturday 16 August

25 Year Reunion (Class of 1983)  
5.00pm Claremont Yacht Club

## CCGS WINS HEAD OF THE RIVER – 50 YEARS ON



The Christ Church First VIII rowed to Head of the River glory in April – 50 years since it first won the prestigious event.

Three members of the School's first crew to win the Head of the River in 1958 braved the rain to support the boys. David Evans, visiting from the UK; David Smallwood, of Esperance; and John Deutscher, of Scarborough, attended the regatta.



The two Davids travelled to Perth for the Class of 1958 Reunion, which was held at the School the night before. David Smallwood stepped back in time by donning one of current VIII member's zoot suit for the occasion.

The 2008 First VIII won the Challenge Cup from rivals Trinity by 7.3 seconds making it the fifth time in the past seven years that Christ Church has won the race. The day may also be remembered as the final Head of the River to be raced on the Canning River course if the PSA moves the regatta to the Champion Lakes International Regatta Course in Armadale next year.

## ADVERTISE ON THE OLD BOYS' WEBSITE

The OBA has launched an exciting, new service to help members connect their businesses with other old boys.

Financial members are invited to purchase banner-advertising space on the OBA website's home page as well as year group pages. Advertise your business (or employer's business) from just \$330 for 12 months. Visit the new website now to see how advertising online might work for you.

For an information sheet on the OBA advertising policy or for assistance in developing your advertisement, contact Andrew Baird on 9442 1528.



## CLAREMONT YACHT CLUB

[www.claremontyachtclub.org.au](http://www.claremontyachtclub.org.au)



Are you an OBA life member? Thanks to a partnership between CCGS and Claremont Yacht Club, life members are automatically social members of the Club. Don't forget, old boys can bring up to five guests when dining at the Yacht Club.

Visit the Claremont Yacht Club website (address listed above) and go to the Events Calendar to find the Wednesday night menu as well as details of other upcoming Club events.

Spend a Friday evening enjoying the a la carte menu overlooking the Swan River (bookings preferable). The bar is open from 4.00pm every day. A quiet area for business meetings can also be arranged.

For functions, ask about the Ballroom for formal events or the downstairs bar, The Deepdene, suited to 21sts (conditions apply). For a quote, call Deborah Hupje on 9384 8226. Special rates are available for old boys.

## BUSINESSMEN'S LUNCH, FRIDAY 25 JULY

Arrangements for this event are now in place with the University Club (UWA), and guest speaker **Gene Tilbrook (1966-67)** confirmed. Why not organise a table of eight or 10 old boy colleagues for this great event? To learn more about Gene and for a copy of the booking form, log on to the Old Boy's website at [www.oldboys.ccgswa.edu.au](http://www.oldboys.ccgswa.edu.au) and scroll down the calendar to the Businessmen's Lunch.



## REUNIONS AND EVENT NEWS



Above: Attendees from the 1958 cohort for their 50 year reunion.

To view all the latest reunions and events news, log on to the Old Boy's website at [www.oldboys.ccgswa.edu.au](http://www.oldboys.ccgswa.edu.au) and click on Reunions and Events.

## OBA SPORTS SPECTATOR DAY

The Committee is looking to revamp this event to attract more old boys back to Mt Claremont and support current CCGS boys competing against Scotch on Saturday, 9 August 2008. A flyer will be circulated by email closer to the event but please note the date in your diary - 9 August, 10.30am, at Mt Claremont!

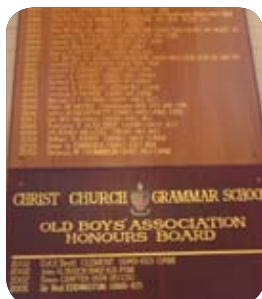
## FOUNDER'S DAY COCKTAIL PARTY

The Old Boys' Association and Parents' Association invite you and friends to join them for drinks, oysters and finger food in the marquee on the Christ Church Chapel forecourt on Saturday 9 August, 6.00pm - 9.00pm. Cost is \$40 per person and invitations will be sent soon. Dress warm and smart with a pinch of purple.

*Founder's  
Cocktail  
Party 2008*

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Were you a student at Christ Church in 2005? We have seven block mounted copies of the Whole of School photo available to give away on a first come basis. Please contact 9442 1555 if you would like a copy. Pick up at School Reception only.



## UPDATING OBA HONOURS BOARD

### Help Needed

If you are aware of any old boys who have been awarded Australian or Imperial Honours, especially those living outside of WA, please advise the Alumni Office. This will help greatly with keeping our OBA Honours Board in Sandover Dining Hall up to date.

## CCGS MERCHANDISE

### Special offer

Wine glasses, made from Bohemia crystal, with frosted School crest. Available at the discounted price of \$20 a pair (wine not included). These quality glasses are pictured alongside Happs' Three Hills label, provided by old boy Brian Jones (1957-58).



For a complete list of merchandise available from the Alumni, log on to the Old Boy's website at [www.oldboys.ccgswa.edu.au](http://www.oldboys.ccgswa.edu.au) and click on Member Benefits, then Merchandise. To order, phone the Alumni Office on 9442 1528.

## ARCHIVES



### Lost Boys

We think this is the Class of 1981 taken in 1979 or 1980 (Year 10 or 11). Could you help us name the event and fill in the names that are missing? We already have the following:

? Stephenson, T Hogan, A Pate, T Plester, J Horton, J Dixon, D Ormonde, R Davies and S Arndt.

We had a fantastic response to the lost boys picture in our last e-Newsletter. The photograph was identified as the 1983 First VIII at the Head of the River regatta, which appeared in *The Daily News* on 24 March 1983. The crew pictured are Geoff Murphy (cox), Anthony Reilly (stroke), Kempton Cowan, Justin Birchmore, Richard Tunbridge, Nick Linton, Matthew McKenzie, David Raitt and Trevor Badger (bow). Thank you to all who responded.



### Mitre

We would be very grateful for donations of *Mitre* published before 1985. Currently we have no spare copies for 1981 and Dec 1941. Spare copies are used for reference and display. If you feel that you can help us, please contact Freida French (Archivist) on 9442 1532 or email [ffrench@ccgswa.edu.au](mailto:ffrench@ccgswa.edu.au)



### Were you a Cathedral Chorister?

These boys were part of the St George's Cathedral Choir in 1999. A proper record has not been held of those who contributed to the music at St George's since it was first established in 1829. Christ Church boys have been closely involved with the choir for many years, contributing to its current reputation as one of the finest cathedral choirs in Australia.

Can you help St George's Cathedral build a database of choristers to acknowledge their contribution? Photos and recollections of the boys from their time with the Cathedral are being compiled. If you, your family or friends have been involved with music at St George's in any way, please contact Pat Stroud (database) on email [pastroud@iinet.net.au](mailto:pastroud@iinet.net.au), or Sally Topley (stories and pictures) by email [sally.topley@runbox.com](mailto:sally.topley@runbox.com)

## MEMBER UPDATES

A book published by **Gresley Clarkson (1931-33)** is still highly sought-after despite the author's passing in 2005. As reported in the *Post* newspaper, the collection of poems and letters by his father Donald, a Toodyay farmer who was killed in France in World War I, were reprinted for Anzac Day. *A Very Man* is available from the Lane Bookshop in Claremont.

**Peter Leedman (1965-74)** has been appointed to the Christ Church School Council. Peter, who was Dux in Years 10 and 11, is a Professor of Medicine at UWA, Deputy Director of the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research and Director of Research at Royal Perth Hospital. His son Samuel attends Christ Church and younger son, Nicholas, is enrolled for Year 8, 2009. Peter has worked with various committees, scientific advisory panels and national selection panels including the Cancer Council for WA, the Kolling Institute in NSW, Pfizer and Vietal awards and the US Endocrine Society.

**Andrew Forrest (1970-77)** was among the 1000 delegates selected to attend the Australia 2020 Summit held in Canberra in April. Andrew, who was invited to talk on the topic of Future Directions for the Australian Economy, realised a five-year dream recently. The Fortescue Metals Group CEO shipped his first load of iron ore to China - breaking the stranglehold of rival mining giants BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto. The group is now shipping ore in a lucrative contract with China's largest steel company. Andrew was also recently named Australia's richest man in *BRW* magazine's Rich 200 List.



Since 2000, Lt-Col **Glyn Llanwarne (1977-82)** has been helping return lost war medals to families around Australia. While looking for second-hand furniture, Glyn was intrigued by people selling old war medals. With medals of his own gained in

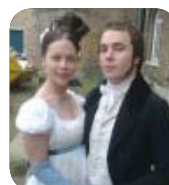
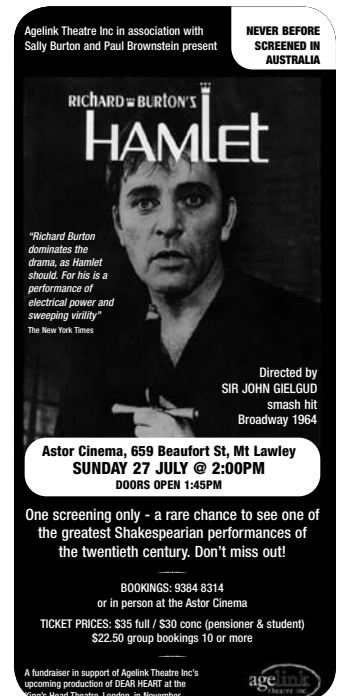
Timor, he began acquiring, researching and returning lost medals. To date, Glyn has reunited more than 340 war medals with their families. Last year, he launched his website [www.lostmedalsaustralia.com](http://www.lostmedalsaustralia.com) dedicated to returning medals to veterans' nearest kin. "I started out purchasing medals however now I am supported through donations of 'found' medals... I now use all my resources for research and trying to locate families. I do this free of any charge or fee."

Former Eagles' champion **Chris Lewis (1984-86)** was recently named the new ambassador for the Kicks 4 Kidz programme. The programme, which collects and donates football and netball equipment to schools and communities in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions, recognised Chris for his work with indigenous children from the North-West. Chris, who is the Kicking Goals Programme Co-ordinator at the Swan Districts Football Club, travels to remote schools and communities encouraging kids to stay at school.



Dr **Andrew Davies (1986-90)** has started a mobile GP service, which provides healthcare to the growing number of homeless and marginalised people in Perth. Andrew recognised a gap in the healthcare system after working with the homeless during his training. The aims of Mobile GP, a not for profit charity, are to improve the healthcare of homeless and marginalised people, increase primary prevention of illness, reduce the impact of disease and illness among the group and to assist with breaking the cycle of homelessness and marginalisation. The service is based out of Midland with Andrew visiting patients at drop-in and accommodation centres in the inner-city area. It is proving very popular with patients and is booked out weeks in advance. If you are interested in making a donation or for more information, visit [www.mobilegp.org.au](http://www.mobilegp.org.au)

Perth audiences have a rare chance to see one of the greatest Shakespearean performances of the 21st Century. Agelink Theatre, of which actor **Stuart Halusz (1980-91)** is a member, will present Richard Burton's *Hamlet* - never before seen in Australia. The screening, which is a fundraiser for the theatre company's upcoming production of *Dear Heart* at the King's Head Theatre in London, will be screened at the Astor Theatre on Sunday 27 July at 2.00pm. Bookings can be made on 9384 8314 or at the door (\$35 adults, \$30 concession, \$22.50 for group bookings of 10 or more). Stuart, who is one of the lead actors in *Dear Heart*, also appeared in the recent stage production of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* at the Playhouse Theatre.



Actor **Mark Desebrock (1992-2003)** is currently working on the London movie set of *Bright Star*, the latest film by Oscar-winning director Jane Campion. The film, due for release in 2009, is based on the life of the poet John Keats and stars Ben Whishaw and Abbie Cornish. Mark is currently studying at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London.

**Vinay Menon (2001)** won a citizenship award for his volunteer work with refugees and HIV/AIDS sufferers in Australia and abroad at the recent WA Youth Awards. Vinay, who is in his final year of medicine at UWA, is a member and chairman of the Red Cross WA youth advisory committee.

**Andrew Middleton (1992-2003)** attended a three-day forum investigating the events of the September 11 2001 terrorist attacks and subsequent 'War on Terror' in Sydney in March. Andrew reported: "The forum included presentations from professors, engineers, chemists, theologians, media analysts and a former US army lieutenant colonel. Yukihsa Fujita, a member of the Democratic Party of Japan, also attended. On January 10 2008, Mr Fujita bravely questioned the Japanese Government in a House of Councillors session about the investigations they had carried out into 9/11, specifically regarding the deaths of 24 Japanese nationals. The forum was the first time he had spoken in person about his concerns regarding the 9/11 attacks outside of Japan." For more information on the forum, visit [www.911oz.com/links/truthnow](http://www.911oz.com/links/truthnow)



Three old boys received prizes at UWA's 2007 Faculty of Arts prize giving ceremony held recently. Both **Yannick Spencer (2001-05)** and **Fletcher Young (2001-05)** [pictured below\*] were awarded Rose and Cecil Owen Bequest Prizes for Ancient History with Fletcher also collecting the prize for the highest mark in Greek History and a Convocation UWA Graduates' Association Prize for Classic and Ancient History. **Alex Maschmedt**



**(2004-06)** received an undergraduate commencement scholarship. \*Image courtesy of Steve's Photography

**Ben O'Sullivan (1986-91)** visited the Alumni Office in June and spoke about his daily exercise regime at a local gym. Ben was a student in the Education Support Unit, now called the Peter Moyes Centre, and remembered his teachers Lorna Matthews, Heather Norris and Liz Langdon all now retired from Christ Church.



According to a recent report in *The West Australian*, **Tom Swift (1996-2007)** is one of Australia's brightest young football stars. Some experts say the Claremont Football Club midfielder is likely to be amongst the top-10 picks in the 2009 AFL draft. Tom, who is studying science part-time at UWA and works at the Fremantle Football Club, suffered a setback recently after injuring his knee in a state under-18 practice match. It is hoped he will recover in time to play some games in the National Championships in Melbourne later this month.



While visiting the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, current Christ Church students on the School's annual French Tour bumped into old boy **Seff Glossop (2002-07)**. Seff is living in France and studying the French language.



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