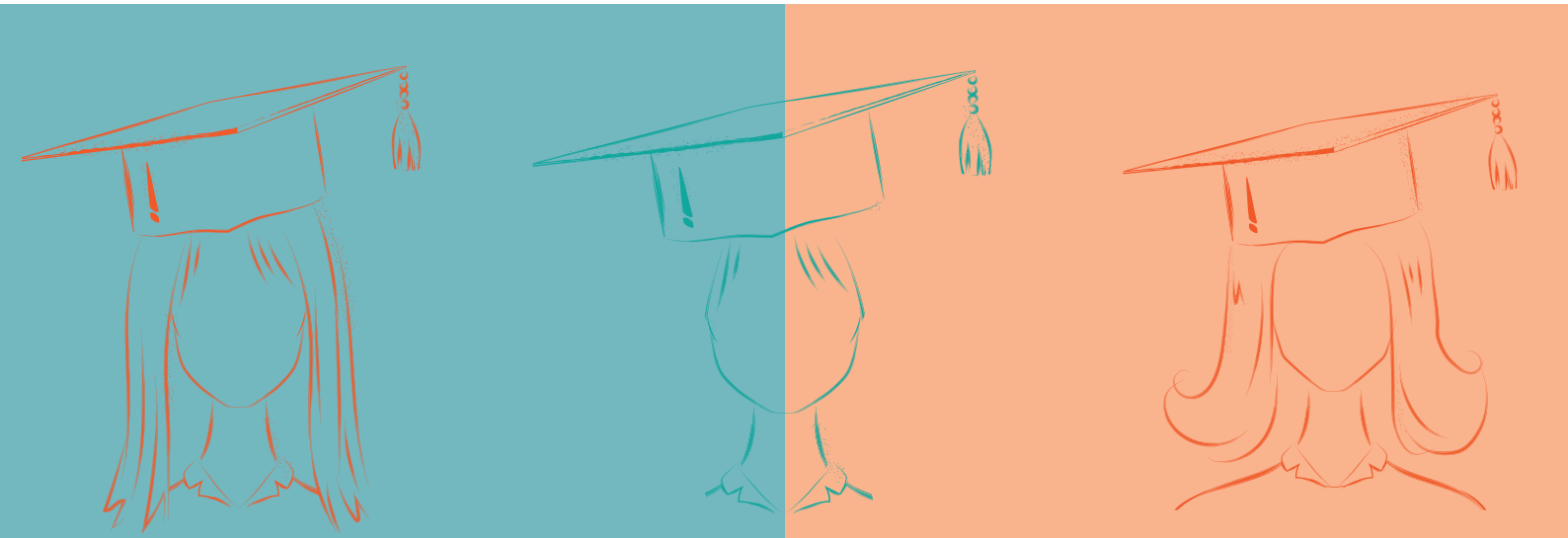




**Churchlands Senior High School**  
FOUNDATION AND ALUMNI

# **Churchlands *PastBlast***

**2018 Edition**



# From the Alumni Chair

## WELCOME

Dear fellow alumni,

The activities of the alumni continue to flourish quietly with work happening on our archives, occasional events and increasing connections with past students.

The committee of the Churchlands Alumni is a small band of dedicated people who have committed time and effort to establishing ways that former students can connect with each other, support the school, honour special people and preserve and raise awareness of the school's history. We would absolutely love to welcome new committee members or occasional helpers if you are interested in getting involved.

***I'd like to pay special tribute to Steve Strutt, student at Churchlands from 1975-1979, parent at the school over the last eight years and enthusiastic supporter of the alumni committee. Very sadly, Steve died in April. He was proud of Churchlands, a music student himself and then a music parent, a vital member of the P&C for several years and a great supporter of the school. A teacher himself, Steve was committed to improving educational experiences for students and gave willingly of his time and expertise even as he battled health problems. He was heavily involved with the alumni during the celebration of the school's 50th anniversary. On behalf of the alumni and especially those who knew him at school I would like to extend our sympathy to Steve's family and acknowledge his valuable contribution.***

We will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the graduating students of 1968 this year. Beginning with the first cohort last year, we now celebrate each successive year's 50th anniversary, with a school tour, music performance and special morning tea. We look forward to welcoming as many of the Class of 68 as possible in October.

This year, we hope to mount some permanent displays of photographs in various locations round the school to raise awareness among the students of their heritage. We also hope to build some pages on the school website that showcase the former students on our growing roll of honour or as we call them "Churchlands Champions".

As usual, the Principal Neil Hunt, is always supportive of the alumni. Additionally, our work is always supported by the administration of the school, in particular Nawal Leon Kurson, the school's marketing and media officer (pictured on this page) who would be delighted to meet any of you if you ever drop in to visit the school. Happy reading!

Best wishes  
Tracey Gralton



**Nawal Leon Kurson**  
**Marketing and Media Officer**

## DAVID GOZZARD '07

### - FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO SPACE -

David Gozzard graduated from Churchlands in 2007. With a keen interest in aircraft, space flight, and renewable energy, he went on to study mechanical engineering and physics at UWA. David enjoyed his studies, which included building small robots, designing a waterski for disabled waterskiers, and researching a new design for wind turbine blades. Outside of his studies, David also constructed an exhibit for the Gravity Discovery Centre museum near Gingin — a space capsule centrifuge that visitors can sit in, spin around, and read off what g-force they are subjected to as they spin. The exhibit has been a favourite with children at the museum since it was installed in 2013.

As his studies progressed, David found himself leaning more towards a career in physics than engineering. After finishing his Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Science in 2013, David decided to continue on at UWA and do a PhD in experimental physics.

For his PhD, David researched and developed signal stabilization technologies that will be used to synchronize telescopes and space science experiments. Throughout his PhD, David has been involved in the Square Kilometre Array (SKA), a mammoth project involving more than 600 scientists and engineers from more than 20 countries to build the world's largest and most powerful radio telescope, which will let astronomers peer deeper into the universe than ever before. The technologies David has developed will be used to synchronize all of these dishes and antennae to within the fractions of a billionth of a second required to make them all act together as one gigantic telescope. David also worked on ways to synchronize atomic clocks on the International Space Station. This work has taken David to observatories across Australia and around the world to perform his experiments.

*- Last year, David's research and his commitment to science education and outreach were recognized when he was awarded 'ExxonMobil Student Scientist of the Year' at the WA Premier's Science Awards. -*

David works hard to spread his love of physics beyond the laboratory. He teaches astronomy, astrophysics, and experimental physics at UWA, and gives talks to schools and community groups, including presentations at Astrofest, the Perth science Festival, FameLab, and TEDxUWA. In 2017, David particularly enjoyed demonstrating a set of physics experiments to students from Kent Street SHS as they flew in a Qantas Jumbo Jet over Antarctica.

David will soon be moving to Canberra to take up a Research Fellow position in the Department of Quantum Science at the Australian National University.





# Alumni Spotlight

## TOM WARNER '15

Class of 2015 student Tom Warner has successfully completed his apprenticeship with the Hospitality Group Training WA and is now a qualified chef. He commenced a School Based Traineeship at Parliament House while he was in Year 12.

Tom will now travel to Belgium for a trial with two Michelin star chef before moving to London to also trial in Marco Pierre White's new restaurant. Tom was joint executive chef of the HGT Youth Skills Showcase 2017 and winner of a number of awards throughout his apprenticeship.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Tom.



## HOWARD GRETTON '80

Earlier this month we had the pleasure of having Howard Gretton as a guest speaker for our breakfast club.

He was a great inspiration for our Year 12s and shared his experiences as a well known journalist.

Howard was interested in a career in journalism and was accepted into a 3 year Cadetship in Radio and TV with the ABC. He spent 6 years with the ABC including a year as the North West correspondent based in Port Hedland. This gave him a very good grounding for his future career.

Following his time at the ABC, Howard moved to Channel 7 for a couple of years before leaving to travel to London for a year where he became a freelance journalist. After a very interesting year, Howard returned to Perth and began working again with Channel 7 as the Chief Crime Reporter. Following 10 years in this role, he then spent another 10 years as Deputy News Director before taking over as News Director in October 2011.

So, earlier this year, Howard made the decision that after nearly 30 years with Channel 7, it was time for a change. So, in June this year he began in a new position as Director of Media and Corporate Communications at WA Police!

We thank Howard for sharing his wisdom with our students.



## FANTASTIC NEW FACILITIES TO ENCOURAGE LEARNING



On Thursday 8 February we celebrated the official opening of our new buildings;

- Maths block
- Science block
- Technologies block
- Sports Hall
- Parking Areas
- Improvement of common areas



Our students are now enjoying state of the art learning facilities where they can thrive.

We are thankful to our community for being so patient over this period of time.







## Churchlands Senior High School FOUNDATION AND ALUMNI

### MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year the Foundation grants two music scholarships to gifted and talented students based on academic merit and financial assistance.

The Scholarship provides a sum of \$2000 in the first year of the program (Year 7) and \$500 in the consecutive years up to their last year of High School (Year 12). The Scholarship aims to assist with expenses related to musical studies and education expenses.

Mr John Gillon, Chairman of the Churchlands Senior High School Foundation and also Head Boy of the Class of 1968, encourages alumni, parents and the community to support the Foundation. This is to increase the number and range of scholarships awarded each year. Students benefit directly from funds raised through different campaigns and events.

Since its introduction students Guy Archibald, Kaiya O'Brien, Benjamin Macdonald and Bethany Jolly Fuentes have been the recipients of the musical scholarship. This year's winners are Abigail Brook and Marcel Howell.



Marcel Howell (Y7) and Abigail Brook (Y7)



Kaiya O'Brien (Y9) and Guy Archibald (Y9)

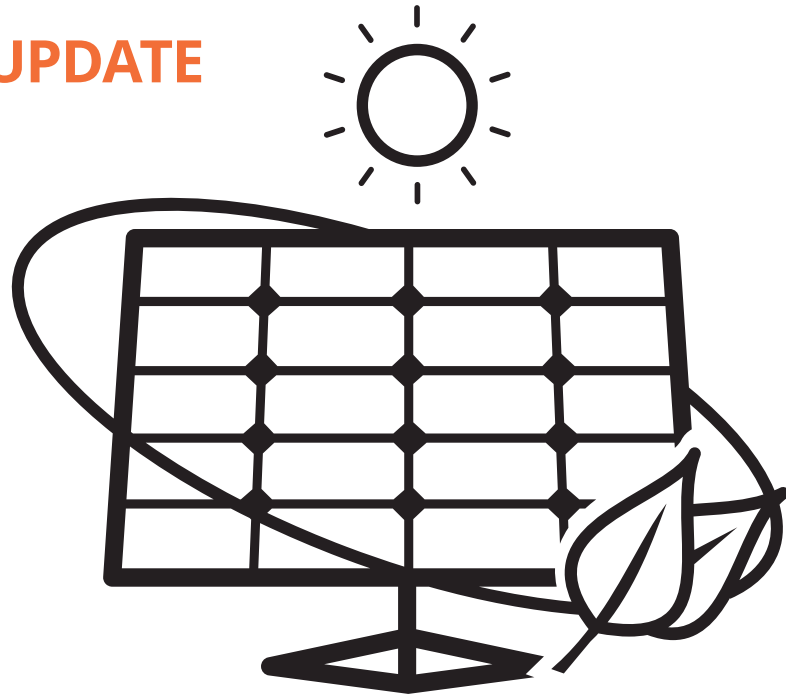


Benjamin Macdonald (Y8) and Bethany Jolly (Y8)

## SOLAR POWER PROJECT UPDATE

Since October 2016, the Foundation has undertaken to raise funds and pay for the installation of solar panels to reduce the School's power costs. The net outcome is that Churchlands students will receive scholarships and benefits each year equivalent to the amount of power costs saved by the School as a direct result of the installation of a solar power system.

The Foundation has now been granted government approval and the project will commence soon.



## Where are they now?

### ARE YOU A HEAD BOY, GIRL OR DUX?

Churchlands Alumni and Foundation are planning a special dinner for Head Boys, Girls and Duxes but we are missing some contact details.

If you were one of the above, or know the lucky person in your year that was, please encourage them to get in contact with [foundation@churchlands.wa.edu.au](mailto:foundation@churchlands.wa.edu.au) or join our database.

All the details remain on a confidential database only used to notify alumni of worthy events and milestones related to Churchlands SHS.

We look forward to hearing from you!

WE'D LOVE TO KNOW WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING SINCE GRADUATION.

SEND US YOUR STORY:  
[Foundation@churchlands.wa.edu.au](mailto:Foundation@churchlands.wa.edu.au)



**Churchlands Senior High School**

ALUMNI

presents

# Year 13 Sundowner



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**Date:** 30 November 2018

**Address:** Concert Hall, 20 Lucca Street

**Start time:** 5.30 pm

**Dress code:** Smart Casual

**Cost:** Free

*SAVE THE DATE - More information to follow soon*

AND

CLASS OF

# 1968

WELCOME TO THE GOLD CLUB

*Back to school - 50th Anniversary Reunion*

*11 October 2018*

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# Memories



# 1967 Reunion

