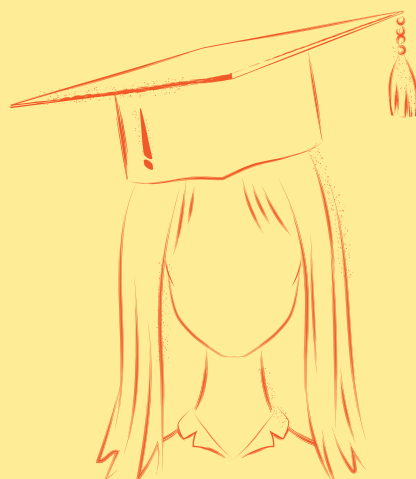
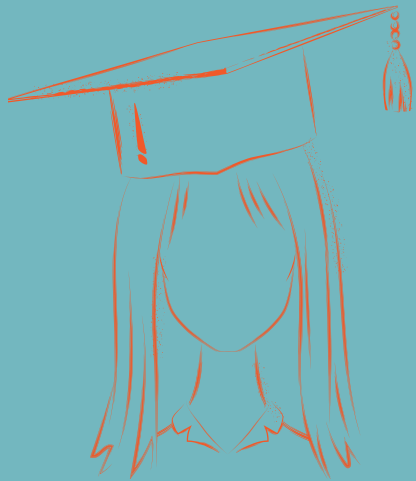




**Churchlands Senior High School**  
FOUNDATION AND ALUMNI

# Churchlands PastBlast

2019 Edition



## Dear Fellow Alumni

The work of the Alumni Association continues steadily due to the dedication of a number of key people who contribute significantly to achieving our goals. I would especially like to thank Helena Francis who is the acting Marketing and Media Officer at the school and whose role includes supporting the Alumni and the Foundation. The stalwart committee members include Robyn Overstone, Geoff Nelson, Geoff Parker, Hayley Graydon, Steve Reynolds, Lee Hockley, Kaye Pratt and Annette Beresford; their commitment and persistence is much appreciated. As always, the support given by the school Principal Mr Neil Hunt is unstinting.

As you will see in the following pages we had a wonderful morning in October 2018 welcoming back the cohort of students whose graduating year was 1968. It was our great pleasure to honour John Gillon, formerly Head Boy of Churchlands and currently Chairman of the School Board as a Churchlands Champion. John's enterprising achievements in the fields of law and business, are equalled only by his dedication to community service, in particular his old school.

In 2005, he was instrumental in the formation of the Churchlands Alumni Association. He then brought his skill, experience and business knowledge to the task of establishing the Churchlands Foundation, whose aims are to support and enrich the school and its students. John has worked tirelessly and successfully to interest former Churchlands students in this worthy and unique endeavour. He has personally and generously contributed time, money and effort and persuaded others to do likewise. We are proud that John Gillon is a graduate of Churchlands and delighted to honour his fine contribution to the school.

Profiles of all our champions will be shortly accessible on the Alumni web page. We hope you enjoy reading about the amazing people who have attended Churchlands and made their mark on the world.

Later in the year we will be welcoming back the students whose graduation year was 1969.

For the first time last year we hosted a gathering for "Year 13" – students who graduated the previous year. They had a great time catching up after their first year away from school life. On 6 December we will be welcoming the graduates of 2018.

Should you wish to get more involved in Alumni events, activities and interests you are most welcome to come along to a meeting or to talk to one of us. Please email Helena at [hfrancis@churchlands.wa.edu.au](mailto:hfrancis@churchlands.wa.edu.au) if you would like to get involved.

Best wishes

*Tracey Gralton*

## ALAN BISHOP '69

**Awarded Member of the Order of Australia (AM)**



On Australia Day this year, Churchlands SHS Alumni Class of '69 Alan Bishop was made a Member of the Order of Australia, in honour of his significant service to the insurance industry and to the community.

In the Australian honours system, the Order of Australia confers the highest recognition for outstanding achievement and service across a wide range of endeavours.

Alan is currently the Executive Chairman of EBM Group and a founding principal of Elkington, Bishop Molineaux Insurance Brokers Pty. Ltd. (EBM). He was a former President of the National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA). Alan has worked for over 45 years in the insurance industry, and has held many positions with the National Insurance Brokers Association of Australia (NIBA) over 23 years of service, including that of National President from 1996 to 1998. Alan served a record 16 years as a Director on NIBA's National Board, representing Western Australia, and is one of only eight people to be awarded an Honorary Fellowship of NIBA.

More than an insurance professional of the highest calibre, Alan's community spirit shines through. Alan's philanthropic endeavours and charitable works have focused on education and child/young adult health and well-being. This personal commitment demonstrates his support for the community as a priority.

Alan currently serves as a Board Member of the Churchlands SHS Foundation and, until his recent relocation to Melbourne, was a Deputy Chairman of *Teen Challenge Foundation WA* (faith-based addiction support).

Allan's generosity to Churchlands is enormous. He has contributed time, effort and money to the school and the Foundation. In 2012, Alan supported the *Scaling the Heights* campaign by generously donating funds for the purchase of the Fazioli piano which graces our beautiful Concert Hall and is deeply appreciated by the School of Music and the professional musicians who perform there.

Alan has strong interest in philanthropy and this interest led him to actively support various charitable cause. He is a donor and was a Taskforce Member of Ronald McDonald House Building Fund, and a significant donor to the *So They Can Charity*, which provides education for children and adults in Kenya and Tanzania.



Alan has also committed time and incredible enthusiasm to sports as President, committee member and supporter of the Wembley Amateur Football Club and the Wembley Athletic Club, of which he is a life member. His passion for the West Coast Eagles is legendary!

The Order of Australia awards were established in 1975 to recognise Australians who go above and beyond to make a significant and positive difference in their field and wider community.

Our congratulations to Alan from the Churchlands Alumni Community!

We will be welcoming Alan and his Churchlands cohort back to school in October to celebrate 50 years since their graduating year.



ALEX POWELL '83



In April this year, we had the privilege of having Dr Alex Powell as a guest speaker at our Year 12 Breakfast Club. He was a brilliant speaker and shared some of his memories, ideas and thoughts with the Year 12s.



When we invited to be our guest speaker, Alex was delighted to come and recalls very strong memories of the positive influence the school and staff had on him; allowing him to achieve his best and perhaps influencing his successful career.

Alex graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery in 1990 and became a Fellow of the Royal Australia College of Physicians in 2000. Alex must have worked hard at school, obtaining final scores high enough for him to enter medical school at UWA. During his conversation with Associate Principal for Senior School Mr Paul Housley,

Alex shared that of the one hundred places offered to medical students that year, eleven were offered to Churchlands SHS students, which was some sort of record at the time.

Alex has gone on to specialise in the treatment of cancer and is one of Perth's top medical oncologists. *He even treated one of his former Maths teachers who had been diagnosed with cancer.*

Alex is a father to four children and still lives in the local area. Despite his busy schedule, we are honoured that he was able to find the time to share his career and life experiences with the Year 12s and their parents.



Gordon L'Estrange

We are greatly saddened by the passing of our alumnus Gordon L'Estrange in January 2019. Gordon was battling cancer for the past 18 years. Gordon was a promising swimmer in the 50s prior to becoming an accomplished Coach and Art teacher.

These are unexpected turns in our lives that we can never fully prepare for. It is a great loss and our hearts go out to his family and loved ones as they go forth in their grieving and healing.

JEREMY RICH '07

At the 13th year of Breakfast Club in August 2018, we were very fortunate to have Jeremy Rich as the guest speaker. Jeremny's presence was very special as he was part of the very first group of the Breakfast Club at Churchlands SHS.

Jeremy started in Year 8 in 2013 and completed Year 12 in 2007. (When Jeremy was in Year 8 his sister, Natasha was in Year 12 and was Head Girl.)

Jeremy was also involved in lots of things at school, loved words, ideas and language and showed early promise when he became involved in debating. In 2006 and 2007 he was a member of the Western Australian schools debating team and in 2007 made the Grand Final which was very exciting until all 7 adjudicators agreed that Victoria won the grand final debate!

His skills in debating were rewarded further in Year 12 when he was selected as a member of the Australian Schools Debating Team. Although they didn't make the Grand Final in the international series, he took some small comfort in ranking the 3rd best speaker at the tournament after the preliminary rounds. Jeremy obviously managed the workload of a busy Year 12 student along with his debating commitments as he finished with an ATAR of 99.95!!

Jeremy topped the state in Literature, Modern History and Ancient History, gaining 100% for the first two and 99.8% for the third. He also got 100% for Politics & Law. Jeremy is clearly a very talented young man and is fondly remembered by all of his teachers.



Jeremy went on to study at UWA where he completed his Bachelor of Arts majoring in English and Bachelors in Law, First Class Honours. He obtained his Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Australian National University. Jeremy currently works at Allens law firm where he works in the disputes team. He works on commercial litigation for mining companies, banks and insolvency practitioners. He's also worked on quite a few pro bono matters – for example, he recently assisted a client who was seeking judicial review of the Department of Home Affairs' decision to cancel his visa.

In 2015, Jeremy won the Australian Law Council's National Golden Gavel Competition; a competition that provides opportunity for young lawyers to showcase their advocacy and comedy skills to argue their case on a usually far-fetched topic (revealed only 24 hours beforehand).

Jeremy is a very busy person and we are honoured that he is able to join us for breakfast and share some of his experiences, ideas and thoughts with our Year 11 Breakfast Club students.



Coming home - Alumni who have returned to Churchlands

We are proud to have so many talented graduates return to Churchlands as staff members. They bring fresh new ideas and are helping to impart them to the next generation.

Thank you for coming back to serve!

Robyn Overstone 1973

Completed Year 10 in 1971 and has been an institutional memory at the school. Two days after leaving school, Robyn joined HBF and worked there for fifteen years and moved on to live overseas for ten years.

She joined Churchlands as a part-time staff member in 1997 and later became a full time employee in 2005 and has been serving as a Committee Member of Churchlands Alumni since then.

Robyn's two children also attended CSHS; leavers of 2003 and 2005.



Shaq Herath 1998

Studied Information Technology and has various vendor certifications from Microsoft, IBM, Cisco and Dell.

Joined Churchlands as the Manager of Technology and Communications in 2017. Prior to joining Churchlands Shaq was a Principal Consultant for Future Logic for 11 years and worked with WA mining and government institutions - designing and building ICT solutions for business needs.



Sam Marson 2006

Graduated in 2011 with a Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Sports Science from Edith Cowen University.

Teaches Specialist Swimming and Football, Physical Education, Outdoor Education and Health Education since 2012.



Tamlin Dobrich 2007

Graduated from Curtin University with a Bachelor's in Internet Communications and obtained a Graduate Diploma Secondary Education in Science & Art from Notre Dame University.

Joined Churchlands SHS in 2017 as a Science Teacher. Teaches ATAR Human Biology, ATAR Psychology and Science and is the Year 7 Floreat House Coordinator.

Interestingly, Tamlin represented WA in the 2013 Miss Universe Australia Competition.



Douglas Cox 2009

Graduated with a Bachelors in Screen Arts in 2012 from Curtin University and went on to do a Graduate Diploma of Education at ECU in 2016.

Began his teaching career at Churchlands SHS in 2017. Currently teaches Media and Media Production & Analysis studies.



Liam Shannon 2011

Studied Exercise and Sports Science and went on to do a Graduate Diploma of Education at ECU.

Joined Churchlands SHS as a relief Physical Education teacher in 2016 and became full time this year. Teaches Physical Education, Outdoor Education, Cert II Sport Coaching and Health Education.



Tara Dullabh 2013

Tara attended UWA and attained two degrees - Bachelor of Science majoring in Neuroscience and Aboriginal Health and Well Being (2016). She then moved on to obtain a Postgraduate Diploma in Education in 2017.

Since leaving CSHS, Tara has acquired over two thousand community service hours volunteering at disadvantaged schools and townships in South Africa. Her positive experience in school was what inspired her to become a teacher.

Tara joined CSHS as a relief teacher in 2018 and became a permanent Mathematics teacher in 2019. She feels honoured to be back in the old stomping ground with teachers that are still happy and willing to guide her as an adult.



Calling all Alumni

SHARE YOUR STORY!

We are eager to build our Alumni community and need your help! We are proud of all that they achieve and we want to stay in touch.

Many of our alumni have gone on to achieve great things after high school, transitioning across numerous career paths. We want to hear what you've been up to. We believe your success stories and experiences will inspire the school community.

If you are interested in being involved and to keep us in the loop, please fill out a form [here](#).

JOIN ALUMNI

Please submit your contact details if you would like to receive Alumni information. We produce an annual online Alumni magazine edition (*PastBlast*) and from time to time we send out special editions of the school newsletter and other information about events and meetings. Access to contact details will only be by school staff to send out official alumni material. Let any friends from your Churchlands days know about this so we can build the database of interested people. [Join our database](#).





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## MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year Churchlands SHS 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 inception, the Foundation has awarded eight music scholarships. *(Currently only seven recipients due to one withdrawal.)*

- 2019 - Myra Lee and Gabriel Krzak
- 2018 - Abigail Brook and Marcel Howell
- 2017 - Bethany Jolly Fuentes  
*(one student withdrew from the program)*
- 2016 - Guy Archibald and Kaiya O'Brien

The Foundation is currently looking into creating more scholarship opportunities for our students in the areas of sports, academic, VET, leadership and much more.

Our ultimate aim is to generate opportunities for our students and create a sense of belonging to this community.



Guy Archibald, Kaiya O'Brien, Bethany Jolly Fuentes, Marcel Howell, Abigail Brook, Myra Lee and Gabriel Krzak





# Memories

# Class of 1968

# 50 Years Reunion

## RETROSPECT 1968

Churchlands Senior High School Magazine



Edward Gallop, Gary Dix  
"Creators of Grapevine"



Ian Chandler  
"Dux of School"

### STATE REPRESENTATIVES

BACK (L to R) J. Davis (Cricket) G. Rule (Rugby)  
A. Brazowski (Basketball) L. Pike (Basketball)  
FRONT T. Hicks (Hockey) C. Choate (Rugby)  
L. O'Keefe (Swimming) A. Stevenson (Rugby)  
G. Taylor (Basketball) D. Rollinson (Rugby)



Mary Beech  
"Champion Swimmer"



Andy Brazowski  
"Champion Basketballer"



Lester Joyce  
"Capt. of Football Team"



Erica Standing  
"Capt. of Softball"



### WHERE I WANT TO GO

Quietly rolling down a river, twenty feet wide.  
Muddy, dirty water. Brushing by my head,  
Large ferns and trees, the soil they hide.  
As far as I can see. Grey, green and blue.  
And warm stinging sunshine is sprayed all over me.

Aimlessly birds flutter, and sing.  
Ripples run toward the shore.  
Their cool sound continuously lingering.  
Little lizards scatter with zest.  
I hear. And aimlessly my mind wanders. At rest.

I stare into tranquility.  
Sun, shadow, leaf, and life. A kaleidoscope.  
Wandering thoughts. Not a care in the world.  
An impossible dream. but never lose hope.

E. Gallop 5B





# Upcoming events



Churchlands Senior High School  
ALUMNI

*presents*

## Year 13 Sundowner



**Date:** 6 December 2019 | **Start time:** 5.30 pm

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

**Dress code:** Smart Casual

**Cost:** Free

*SAVE THE DATE – More information to follow soon*

CLASS OF

# 1969

WELCOME TO THE GOLD CLUB

*Back to school - 50th Anniversary Reunion*

*Thursday 24 October 2019*



**Book Online:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BDLFC>

(Partners and students of the Class of '69 who left at 3rd and 4th year high are also welcome)

10:00am: Gathering at Churchlands SHS  
1:00: Lunch at The Wembley Hotel (self-funded)