



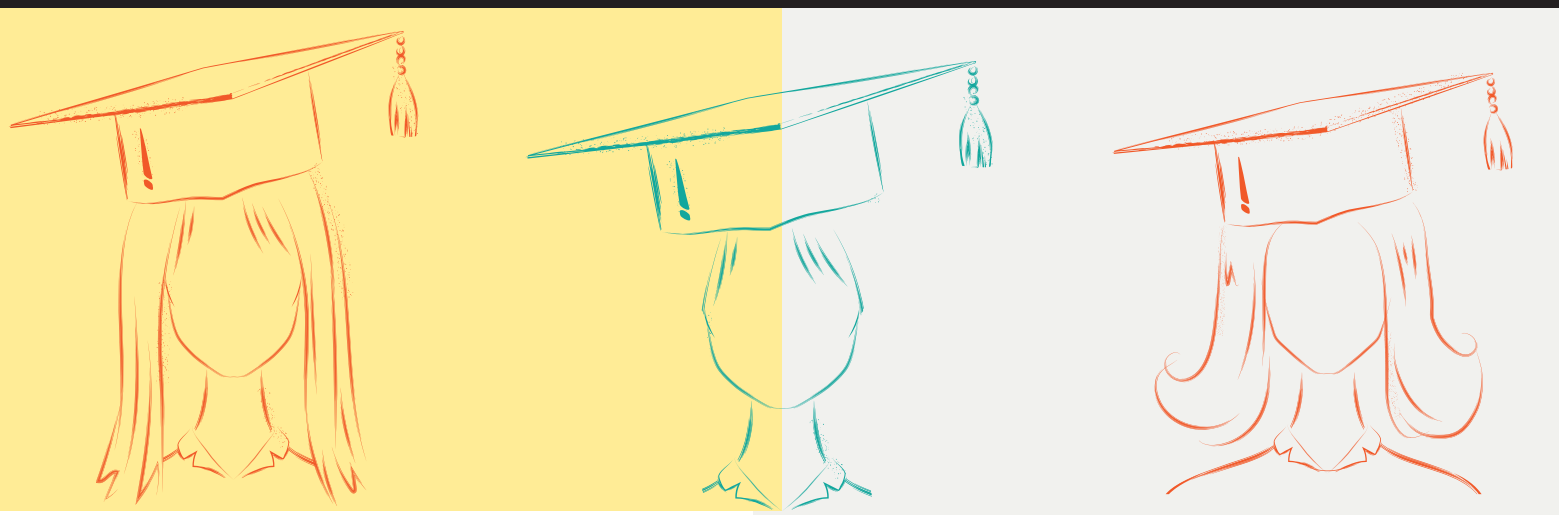
Churchlands Senior High School  
FOUNDATION AND ALUMNI

# Churchlands *PastBlast*

2020 Edition



50 Years Reunion Class of 1969



# From the Alumni Chair

## Dear Fellow Churchlands Alumni

In this strangest of years, it is a good thing to maintain connections and networks and the Churchlands Alumni Association endeavours to foster relationships between former students and staff and the school in various ways.

There have been a number of reunions planned this year. My own year the class of 1980 were lucky enough to be in the hands of a great team of organisers who scheduled our 40th anniversary event for February, well before any shutdowns or restrictions were mandated. It was a fantastic evening, with over 100 in attendance, enjoying very friendly encounters with old acquaintances in a great atmosphere. We were entertained by a brilliant presentation of photos, videos and stories of past memories and present achievements.

A reunion is a lot of work to organise but is well worth the trouble. The publicity and marketing officer at the school, Helena Francis, is a good person to talk to, if you want some help with contacting people on the Alumni database or ideas about how to get started organising an event.

As we do every year, the Alumni, together with the school, will host the students who graduated 50 years ago, at a special morning tea event on 28 October 2020. This is a great way to see the school today, catch up with old friends and celebrate the occasion. Details for registering are in this newsletter.

We also welcome the Year 12s of 2019 back for a Year 13 sundowner on 27 November. This is a great chance to catch up with school friends to reflect on the first year out of school.

Finally, I want to pay tribute to the school principal Mr Neil Hunt, who has recently moved on to another role. Neil has been an amazingly passionate and dedicated leader, developing all areas of the school from classroom practice through to major building programs. He has sought excellence in academic, sporting and community endeavours and devised practical strategies for improvement. He actively initiated and supported the establishment of the Alumni Association and the Churchlands Foundation. These groups seek to support the school through strong community relationships and in the case of the Foundation, philanthropy. This vision is about investing enthusiasm, experience and financial contributions to enhance education at Churchlands. Neil's drive and thoughtful guidance will be missed and I would like to thank him sincerely and wish him well on behalf of the Alumni.

*Tracey Gralton*

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Churchlands Senior High School has been very fortunate to have a highly skilled and dedicated member on the School Board for a number of years. John has been a steady hand leading a harmonious team, working closely on infrastructure projects and speaking up in important settings about the needs of the school and the community. John has been both wise and virtuous and the school is grateful that he has shared these qualities as a Board Member. On behalf of the Churchlands Senior High School and the community, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for John’s service. We wish him all the best.

Board Members left to right: Grant Brinklow, Shaq Herath, Neil Hunt, Tom Noordzy, Zahra Amos, Katherine Sturley, Tracey Gralton and John Gillon (seated).



## NIK BAPPOO 2012

Nik Bappoo graduated from Churchlands Senior High School in 2012. Over fifty of our highest achieving Year 12 students and a large number of their parents and staff were privileged to have him as a guest speaker at the Year 12 Breakfast Club in June 2019. His wealth of knowledge, experience and thoughts certainly inspired and motivated our Year 12s in their pursuit of academic excellence.

Nik Bappoo moved to Australia from Mauritius in 2011 and chose to complete Year 11 and 12 at Churchlands where he was determined to aim high and pursue his dreams.

Nik was a intelligent and outstanding young man and as member of the Breakfast Club back then, he fondly remembers the breakfasts and motivational talks. He went on to UWA and was accepted into the highly competitive Bachelor of Philosophy (Hons) course. Nik managed to combine his love for medical sciences and engineering by pursuing studies in Mechanical Engineering and Pathology and completed his Honours project with the Vascular Engineering Laboratory or VascLab at the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research.

Since then, he has worked in medical innovation including research work involving clinical trials of new technologies, industry work involving medical and surgical 3D printing and is now doing his PhD developing computational models of placental blood flow to predict impaired foetal development.

His work has been extremely well received worldwide and he has received several high calibre international awards, including nearly \$6000 for the Mimics Innovation Award for the Asia-Pacific region in 2017.

Outside of research, Nik holds numerous teaching positions for both high school programs and university courses. He has also led many non-for-profits such as Teach Learn Grow, addressing inequity in education, and the biomedical engineering society, aiming to bring medical innovators together and empower them to share their brilliant ideas to create a healthier and more equitable world.

Nik attributes his success to his dedication to following his passions while maintaining a life-work balance, adopting a growth mindset and building meaningful relationships along the way. He has certainly achieved a lot in the eight years since he left Churchlands!

Nik is a very busy person and we are honoured that he was able to find the time to join us at the Breakfast Club as a Churchlands Alumni and share some of his memories, work and ideas with the audience.



Credit: VascLab



Nik Bappoo speaking at the Breakfast Club



Nik Bappoo with then Principal Neil Hunt



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## SUZIE WILLIAMS 2000

Year 12s this year were very fortunate to have Suzie Williams' presence as the guest speaker of the Breakfast Club held on 1 July 2020.

Suzie Williams started in Churchlands Senior High School in Year 8 in 1996 and graduated from Year 12 in 2000. Suzie was part of the music program, was a student councillor throughout her years at high school and was the Head Girl in 2000. Suzie is also the daughter of our Head of Science Mr Sam Elias.

Academically, in Year 12 she studied Chemistry, Biology, Geography, English and Maths. Suzie went on to study Psychology at UWA, and has also completed a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology. She has worked for 15 years for the Department of Education as a School Psychologist and has also worked in private practice.

Suzie was well liked by her teachers and peers. In the 2000 Year Book edition, Suzie made the top three for the 'Most Popular Girl' award at that time.

When asked Suzie back in March if she would be so kind as to be our guest speaker, she felt honoured and was delighted to come. She has very strong memories of the positive influence the school and staff had on her.

We thank Suzie for her time and for sharing her wisdom with our students.

## MUSIC ALUMNI 2016 & 2018



Yasmin Omran, Izaac Masters and Miranda Murray-Yong - Photo: WAPAA

Three music graduates played off in the final of #WAAPA's 'Warana Prize' Concerto Competition on Saturday 7 September 2019. Miranda Murray-Yong (2016) performed Haydn, Izaac Masters (2016) performed Rachmaninov and Yasmin Omran (2018) performed Mendelssohn. The three played with enormous skill, excitement, passion and joy, and everyone adored them on and offstage. Izaac was selected as the winner of the 2019 Warana Prize.

Congratulations to them!

## ROAD TO THE '2020' TOKYO OLYMPICS

It is a dream for many to qualify for the Olympic Games and Churchlands Senior High School have a proud history of Olympic participation and achievement over the years. For three of our recent graduates, that dream has come true.



### SHANNON REYNOLDS 2012

Competing at the Olympics had always been Shannon's dream. Shannon's involvement in canoeing began through the WAIS Talent Search when she was 14 year at school. She is part of the 14 canoe sprint paddlers selected, the first athletes selected since confirmation of the Games postponement until 2021. Shannon thanks everyone at WAIS, her coach Ramon Anderson, her parents. Shannon's proud parents both have affiliation with Churchlands Senior High School; her dad Steve Reynolds ('81) sits on the Alumni Committee and mum Catriona Reynolds works in Admin at the school. Whenever her schedule permits, Shannon offers her time with relief work in the school Admin and First Aid Office.



### SAMUEL WELSFORD 2013

Sam's interest in cycling began when he was eight and showed his potential as a junior winning back-to-back team pursuit world titles in 2013 and 2014. Sam was part of the Australian men's teams line-up in the last five years winning three world titles, Commonwealth Games gold and part of the first team to set a sub 3:50 4km pursuit.



### MATTHEW RICHARDSON 2016

Graduating to the Cycling Australian Training Centre in Adelaide in 2018, Matthew took up cycling in his early teens. Matthew made his Australian team debut at the 2017 UCI Junior World Championships in Italy. In February this year, he raced his second world championships where his team won the bronze medal.

Photo: WAIS

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## LYNDON DA CRUZ 1981

Former DUX of the Year in 1981 Professor Lyndon da Cruz was awarded the 2020 'Australian of the Year Great Britain' on Australia Day celebrated in the United Kingdom (UK). The award recognises an Australian who has excelled in their own right in the United Kingdom.

After completing his medical studies in Perth, Da Cruz began his research interest in retinal disease at the Nuffield Laboratory of Ophthalmology, in Oxford in 1990. On completion of the English surgical fellowship he returned to Australia to carry out a PhD at Perth's Lions Eye Institute. He completed his Australian speciality training and carried out a vitreo-retinal surgical fellowship with Ian McAllister in Perth.

He was awarded the NH and MRC post-doctoral fellowship in 1999 and named the Menzies Scholar in Science and Medicine for Australia in 2000. He won the Howard Florey Post-doctoral Fellowship from the Royal Society that brought him to London to study with Prof. Alan Bird. He finished his clinical training with further vitreo-retinal surgical fellowships in London, at Moorfields Eye Hospital where he is now Consultant Retinal Surgeon and Medical Retina Specialist. He is Clinical Lead of the The London Project and Head of the Artificial Retina Programme at Moorfields Eye Hospital.



Photo: Australia Day Foundation

## 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](#).



## COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS 2020



**RUSS FISHWICK JP 1967**

Russ is a member of the Churchlands Alumni and was a student at the School from 1963-67. He holds university post graduate qualifications in business and management. He has a long employment history in local government holding senior positions in metropolitan councils including acting as a chief executive officer.

Russ is serving in his third term as Deputy Mayor at the City of Joondalup. He was Chair of the Mindarie Regional Council for 10 years. He sits on the Local Government Advisory Board and is a WA Local Government Association State Councillor. He is a Justice of the Peace and has been a member on the States Crime Prevention Council and Anti-Graffiti Task Force. Russ is a board member at the Poynter and Duncraig Primary Schools. Russ has a long history in surf life saving and is a Senior Assessor for Surf Life Saving WA.



**PARVINA MACKELLAR 2008**

Parvina is the Operations Manager at Ledge Finance, a top tier boutique corporate finance broking firm. Parvina leads a small team responsible for transaction management, settlements and document control, and generally facilitates the delivery of high value corporate and asset finance solutions for clients and major financial institutions.

Parvina has fond memories of her time at Churchlands and the unique opportunities she was afforded, including swimming the English Channel, an exchange trip to Japan and representing her peers as a student councillor and Head Girl in 2008. Parvina



**KRIS MAINSTONE 1993**

Kris is a former student having graduated in 1993. Attending both UWA and TU Delft the Netherlands, he went on to receive a Bachelor of Environmental Design and a Bachelor of Architecture (Hon 1st Class). Kris worked locally before moving to the UK. While in London he worked on large international projects in locations such as Russia, Switzerland, The Netherlands and the UK.

Kris has taught design at UWA and Curtin and is a member of the City of Bayswater Design Panel. He is the founding director of Maine Architecture and has 20 years experience as an architect with extensive experience in master planning, residential, retail, commercial and educational sectors.

## ALAN BISHOP AM 1969



Alan was a Floreat Park Primary School student prior to attending Churchlands for five years. He remembers enjoying the strong sporting culture at Churchlands and took pride in the achievements of the school.

His love of sport continues with his fervent support for the West Coast Eagles and his interest in Formula 1 racing.

A maths teacher in first year, Mr Anderson, had a strong influence on Alan's interests and work ethic. Alan established his own business in his early twenties, starting out with an office above Charlie Brown's pizza shop in Chelsea Village and growing to become Australia's largest privately owned independent insurance broker, with offices throughout Australia, alliances with South East Asian and NZ brokers, Lloyds of London accreditation, and 245 employees. He has thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities in this field to meet and work with many extraordinary people.

Alan has served the insurance industry as committee member, president and board director of the National Insurance Brokers Association of Australia, of which he was appointed Honorary Fellow in recognition of his contribution. He has won industry awards and was awarded Member of the Order of Australia in 2019 for his significant service, in particular his involvement with the Financial Services Reform Act.

Alan is still connected to this local area, with a home here and strong commitment to the Wembley Athletic Club of which he is a life member and to the Wembley Amateur Football Club. He has made significant contributions of funds and time to local organisations such as Ronald McDonald House, United Way, Teen Challenge Foundation, as well as overseas initiatives such as So They Can.

Most importantly for us, however is Alan's generous philanthropy toward Churchlands Senior High School - his own school. His support has been magnificently demonstrated by his work and commitment to the Churchlands Foundation, a unique body which aims to improve education at this local public school with strong and creative financial and strategic support. This wonderful concert hall was built to support the music program at the school and is an amazing asset. It was a dream that this building and the talented students and other performers who use it were worthy of a top quality professional standard grand piano. On hearing this dream, Alan personally pledged to make this possible and today a wonderful Fazioli piano graces this hall and adds immeasurable value to music making here.

For his many generous and benevolent contributions to Australia and this community, we are proud to announce Alan Bishop AM, of the Class of 1969 as a Churchlands Champion.





## CLIVE CHOATE 1969



Clive was a student at Wandarra Primary School before he attended Churchlands where he went on to be a prefect. Interschool sports were a special highlight of his high school days especially rugby, athletics, cross country and tennis all of which influenced his later interests and career. Clive was a school athletics champion, a member of a school rowing team whose borrowed boat disintegrated during a race, and a state junior rugby player and captain, representing Australia overseas.

He went on to become a teacher himself, having been motivated and influenced by teachers at Churchlands including Mr Ottaway, Mr L'Estrange, and Mr Parker in PE, Mr Stokes and Mr Young in maths and others including Mr Broom and Mr Christmas.

He recalls Mr Best sending him home for having a Beatles haircut; however he feels he triumphed in that incident as he subsequently wrote a poem about it which won the Year 8 poetry prize for that year. It was published in the school magazine and can no doubt be seen somewhere in today's display.

Clive has had a full and varied life as a teacher, community worker, mentor, coach, writer and endurance sportsman. His record of sporting events and successes is astonishing. He was a UWA rugby player and 'Rugby Blue' recipient, playing representative rugby interstate and in New Zealand. He has also represented WA or Australia in triathlon, orienteering, canoe marathon, ironman, rogaining and athletics. He was the winner of the inaugural Blackwood Ironman and completed 25 consecutive Blackwood Ironman races with 17 podium finishes. He is an endurance cyclist, having ridden across the Nullarbor, the Central desert and the Gibb River Road relay in the Kimberley. He is a competitive horseman in endurance events and polo and polocrosse. He has acted as paddle escort in 15 Rottnest Channel swims. And significantly he was the first West Australian to run a marathon on all 7 continents- the final one in Antarctica at the age of 65.

As well as developing his own sporting skills, Clive has made huge contributions to the community through junior sport coaching and administration work. In particular he has assisted disadvantaged teenagers and special needs children to achieve sporting goals and enjoyment.

We are delighted to announce Mr Clive Choate of the Class of 1969 as a worthy and inspiring Churchlands Champion.





# Churchlands Champion

## DR PAUL VOGEL AM 1969



Paul attended Floreat Primary School before commencing at Churchlands in 1965. Paul remembers his years at Churchlands fondly, including the influence of various teachers on matters of life and learning. He particularly recalls that Mr McCumskey did not see Paul's broken neck (from a surfing accident in 1968) as any reason for special treatment and subsequently failed him in chemistry. The effect of this is a little difficult to determine as Paul went on to complete a Bachelor of Science with Honours and a PhD in chemistry at UWA.

Paul has had an extraordinary public career, which has integrated his love of the environment with his scientific training and corporate management skills. He has held senior positions in the department of Premier and Cabinet and in Environmental Protection. He was appointed the inaugural CEO and Chairman of the South Australian Environmental Protection Authority, and was Chairman of the West Australian EPA from 2007-2015.

He is currently chairman of the Northern Territory EPA and also of a national Cooperative Research Centre on Contamination and Remediation of the Environment. He is a special counsel with Cannings Purple. He has unique knowledge and experience of environmental issues and regulatory matters relating to the delivery of strategic environmental and business outcomes. He was awarded the Member of the Order of Australia this year for his contribution to these important areas.

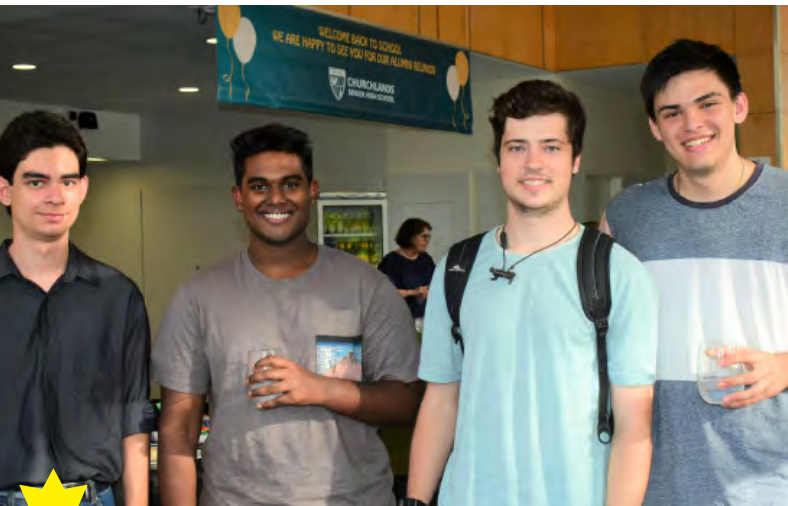
Paul enjoys footy, wine, travelling, his children and grandchildren, and his tennis club involvement, although he would like to point out these are not listed in any particular order.

We are very proud to announce Dr Paul Vogel AM, of the Class of 1969 as a worthy and outstanding Churchlands Champion.





# 7<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion - 2018





# Memories

# Class of



Retrospect Committee



Head Girl and Dux  
Noelen Broom



Rottneest Summer  
Miss Cherriman



Expedition Group - Canoeing



1969

2019



\$1 note then and now



Forrest Place, Perth



From the summit of Bluff Knoll

## PRIME MINISTER

1969

2019



John Gorton  
Liberal Party



Scott Morrison  
Liberal Party



Moonlanding



CONCORDE: FIRST FLIGHT (1969)



of 1969

50 Years Reunion





# Churchland Foundation News



## Churchlands Senior High School FOUNDATION AND ALUMNI

### MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the Gifted and Talented Year 7 Music students Sophia Bell and Sophie Lenz who were recipients of the 2020 Churchlands Senior High School Foundation Music Scholarship.

The awards were presented at the Year 7 Welcome BBQ held on Thursday 12 March 2020 by Mr John Gillon, Board Member of the Churchlands Senior High School Foundation and the then Chairman of the School Board.

In his remarks, Mr Gillon thanked the Churchlands SHS community for their generosity that made the annual scholarships possible. He also mentioned that the current installation of photo voltaic solar panels at the school were funded through generous donations by the community towards the Foundation's solar power project. It is hoped that the savings generated on electricity cost will enable the Foundation to offer other opportunities for students.

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 assists families with expenses related to musical studies and education expenses.

The Foundation encourages parents to get involved to make a difference by making a donation towards the Foundation, no matter how big or small. The Foundation is a registered Deductible Gift Recipient and all donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

<https://www.churchlands.wa.edu.au/our-community/churchlands-foundation/make-a-gift>

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.



2020  
Sophie Lenz & Sophia Bell  
2019  
Myra Lee & Gabriel Krzak  
2018  
Marcel Howell & Abigail Brook  
2017  
Bethany Jolly Fuentes  
2016  
Guy Archibald & Kaiya O'Brien



## SOLAR POWER PROJECT UPDATE

In October 2016, Churchlands Senior High School Foundation (Inc) had undertaken a brilliant initiative to raise funds and pay for the installation of solar panels to reduce school's power costs through the launch of the 'Solar Power for Scholarships' project.

As part of the project, the Foundation established an annual giving campaign and reached out to parents and alumni for donations. The Foundation has been receiving ongoing donations for this project. Thanks to the generosity of the Alumni, the P&C and past and present parents, over \$800,000 has been raised towards this exciting and innovative project.

With the hardwork of the Foundation Board and through the generous donations by the community, over 1600 solar panels were lifted have been lifted on to the roofs of our four major buildings at the start of the year.

We are excited to announce the installation of Photo Voltaic solar panels is now completed and connected to the grid. Western Power is currently in the process of testing the system. These solar panels installed on the roof of the School will generate significant savings on electricity costs. This will provide approximately 36% of the school's power and generate a return on investment of up to 38% per annum or \$180,000.



The School will be able to get back the money invested within less than three years of installation. Solar Power generates electricity that is clean, renewable and sustainable and therefore, we are excited that we will be contributing to saving the planet.

The net outcome is that students at Churchlands will be able to receive scholarships and benefits each year. It also aims to provide staff initiatives and will look at making this available to two or three staff members.

The Foundation is committed to supporting projects that will create better learning places for our students. Our aim is to create an environment that will encourage students to be creative, inquisitive and passionate – somewhere where they will feel comfortable and inspired.





# Reunions

## 40 YEARS - CLASS OF 1980



## 10 YEARS - CLASS OF 2009



## Upcoming events



**Churchlands Senior High School**  
FOUNDATION AND ALUMNI

*presents*

### Churchlands Senior High School



### *Year 13 Sundowner*

Date: 27 November 2020 | Time: 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm  
Venue: Concert Hall, 20 Lucca Street | Dress code: Smart Casual  
Cost: Free nibbles and juices | Drinks on sale

**Book online:** [trybooking.com/BKGET](https://trybooking.com/BKGET)

CLASS OF

# 1970

WELCOME TO THE GOLD CLUB

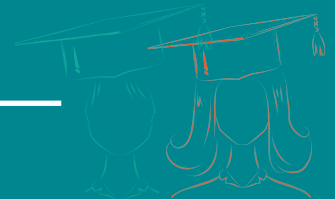
*Back to school - 50th Anniversary Reunion*

*Wednesday 28 October 2020*

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

(Partners and students of the Class of '70 who left at 3rd and 4th year high are also welcome)

10:00am: Gathering at Churchlands SHS  
1:00: Lunch - self-funded (*to be confirmed*)





# CLASS OF '82 REUNION 2020 10 OCTOBER

**2pm - Floreat Hotel**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BIPHH>

**Hope to see lots of  
familiar faces!**

**Booking:** <https://trybooking.com/BIPHH>

**Contact:** Rosalyn Anderson  
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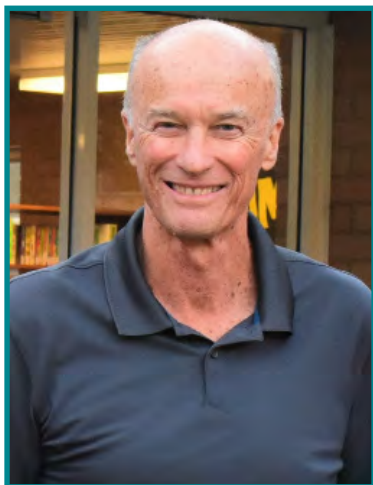
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Churchlands Senior High School has been very fortunate to have a highly skilled and dedicated member on the School Board for a number of years. John has been a steady hand leading a harmonious team, working closely on infrastructure projects and speaking up in important settings about the needs of the school and the community. John has been both wise and virtuous and the school is grateful that he has shared these qualities as a Board Member. On behalf of the Churchlands Senior High School and the community, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for John’s service. We wish him all the best.

Board Members left to right: Grant Brinklow, Shaq Herath, Neil Hunt, Tom Noordzy, Zahra Amos, Katherine Sturley, Tracey Gralton and John Gillon (seated).





## NIK BAPPOO 2012

Nik Bappoo graduated from Churchlands Senior High School in 2012. Over fifty of our highest achieving Year 12 students and a large number of their parents and staff were privileged to have him as a guest speaker at the Year 12 Breakfast Club in June 2019. His wealth of knowledge, experience and thoughts certainly inspired and motivated our Year 12s in their pursuit of academic excellence.

Nik Bappoo moved to Australia from Mauritius in 2011 and chose to complete Year 11 and 12 at Churchlands where he was determined to aim high and pursue his dreams.

Nik was a intelligent and outstanding young man and as member of the Breakfast Club back then, he fondly remembers the breakfasts and motivational talks. He went on to UWA and was accepted into the highly competitive Bachelor of Philosophy (Hons) course. Nik managed to combine his love for medical sciences and engineering by pursuing studies in Mechanical Engineering and Pathology and completed his Honours project with the Vascular Engineering Laboratory or VascLab at the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research.

Since then, he has worked in medical innovation including research work involving clinical trials of new technologies, industry work involving medical and surgical 3D printing and is now doing his PhD developing computational models of placental blood flow to predict impaired foetal development.

His work has been extremely well received worldwide and he has received several high calibre international awards, including nearly \$6000 for the Mimics Innovation Award for the Asia-Pacific region in 2017.

Outside of research, Nik holds numerous teaching positions for both high school programs and university courses. He has also led many non-for-profits such as Teach Learn Grow, addressing inequity in education, and the biomedical engineering society, aiming to bring medical innovators together and empower them to share their brilliant ideas to create a healthier and more equitable world.

Nik attributes his success to his dedication to following his passions while maintaining a life-work balance, adopting a growth mindset and building meaningful relationships along the way. He has certainly achieved a lot in the eight years since he left Churchlands!

Nik is a very busy person and we are honoured that he was able to find the time to join us at the Breakfast Club as a Churchlands Alumni and share some of his memories, work and ideas with the audience.



Credit: VascLab



Nik Bappoo speaking at the Breakfast Club



Nik Bappoo with then Principal Neil Hunt



# Alumni Spotlight

## SUZIE WILLIAMS 2000

Year 12s this year were very fortunate to have Suzie Williams' presence as the guest speaker of the Breakfast Club held on 1 July 2020.

Suzie Williams started in Churchlands Senior High School in Year 8 in 1996 and graduated from Year 12 in 2000. Suzie was part of the music program, was a student councillor throughout her years at high school and was the Head Girl in 2000. Suzie is also the daughter of our Head of Science Mr Sam Elias.

Academically, in Year 12 she studied Chemistry, Biology, Geography, English and Maths. Suzie went on to study Psychology at UWA, and has also completed a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology. She has worked for 15 years for the Department of Education as a School Psychologist and has also worked in private practice.

Suzie was well liked by her teachers and peers. In the 2000 Year Book edition, Suzie made the top three for the 'Most Popular Girl' award at that time.

When asked Suzie back in March if she would be so kind as to be our guest speaker, she felt honoured and was delighted to come. She has very strong memories of the positive influence the school and staff had on her.

We thank Suzie for her time and for sharing her wisdom with our students.

## MUSIC ALUMNI 2016 & 2018



Yasmin Omran, Izaac Masters and Miranda Murray-Yong - Photo: WAPAA

Three music graduates played off in the final of #WAAPA's 'Warana Prize' Concerto Competition on Saturday 7 September 2019. Miranda Murray-Yong (2016) performed Haydn, Izaac Masters (2016) performed Rachmaninov and Yasmin Omran (2018) performed Mendelssohn. The three played with enormous skill, excitement, passion and joy, and everyone adored them on and offstage. Izaac was selected as the winner of the 2019 Warana Prize.

Congratulations to them!

## ROAD TO THE '2020' TOKYO OLYMPICS

It is a dream for many to qualify for the Olympic Games and Churchlands Senior High School have a proud history of Olympic participation and achievement over the years. For three of our recent graduates, that dream has come true.



### SHANNON REYNOLDS 2012

Competing at the Olympics had always been Shannon's dream. Shannon's involvement in canoeing began through the WAIS Talent Search when she was 14 year at school. She is part of the 14 canoe sprint paddlers selected, the first athletes selected since confirmation of the Games postponement until 2021. Shannon thanks everyone at WAIS, her coach Ramon Anderson, her parents. Shannon's proud parents both have affiliation with Churchlands Senior High School; her dad Steve Reynolds ('81) sits on the Alumni Committee and mum Catriona Reynolds works in Admin at the school. Whenever her schedule permits, Shannon offers her time with relief work in the school Admin and First Aid Office.



### SAMUEL WELSFORD 2013

Sam's interest in cycling began when he was eight and showed his potential as a junior winning back-to-back team pursuit world titles in 2013 and 2014. Sam was part of the Australian men's teams line-up in the last five years winning three world titles, Commonwealth Games gold and part of the first team to set a sub 3:50 4km pursuit.



### MATTHEW RICHARDSON 2016

Graduating to the Cycling Australian Training Centre in Adelaide in 2018, Matthew took up cycling in his early teens. Matthew made his Australian team debut at the 2017 UCI Junior World Championships in Italy. In February this year, he raced his second world championships where his team won the bronze medal.

Photo: WAIS



# Alumni Spotlight

## LYNDON DA CRUZ 1981

Former DUX of the Year in 1981 Professor Lyndon da Cruz was awarded the 2020 'Australian of the Year Great Britain' on Australia Day celebrated in the United Kingdom (UK). The award recognises an Australian who has excelled in their own right in the United Kingdom.

After completing his medical studies in Perth, Da Cruz began his research interest in retinal disease at the Nuffield Laboratory of Ophthalmology, in Oxford in 1990. On completion of the English surgical fellowship he returned to Australia to carry out a PhD at Perth's Lions Eye Institute. He completed his Australian speciality training and carried out a vitreo-retinal surgical fellowship with Ian McAllister in Perth.

He was awarded the NH and MRC post-doctoral fellowship in 1999 and named the Menzies Scholar in Science and Medicine for Australia in 2000. He won the Howard Florey Post-doctoral Fellowship from the Royal Society that brought him to London to study with Prof. Alan Bird. He finished his clinical training with further vitreo-retinal surgical fellowships in London, at Moorfields Eye Hospital where he is now Consultant Retinal Surgeon and Medical Retina Specialist. He is Clinical Lead of the The London Project and Head of the Artificial Retina Programme at Moorfields Eye Hospital.



Photo: Australia Day Foundation

## 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](#).

## COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS 2020



**RUSS FISHWICK JP 1967**

Russ is a member of the Churchlands Alumni and was a student at the School from 1963-67. He holds university post graduate qualifications in business and management. He has a long employment history in local government holding senior positions in metropolitan councils including acting as a chief executive officer.

Russ is serving in his third term as Deputy Mayor at the City of Joondalup. He was Chair of the Mindarie Regional Council for 10 years. He sits on the Local Government Advisory Board and is a WA Local Government Association State Councillor. He is a Justice of the Peace and has been a member on the States Crime Prevention Council and Anti-Graffiti Task Force. Russ is a board member at the Poynter and Duncraig Primary Schools. Russ has a long history in surf life saving and is a Senior Assessor for Surf Life Saving WA.



**PARVINA MACKELLAR 2008**

Parvina is the Operations Manager at Ledge Finance, a top tier boutique corporate finance broking firm. Parvina leads a small team responsible for transaction management, settlements and document control, and generally facilitates the delivery of high value corporate and asset finance solutions for clients and major financial institutions.

Parvina has fond memories of her time at Churchlands and the unique opportunities she was afforded, including swimming the English Channel, an exchange trip to Japan and representing her peers as a student councillor and Head Girl in 2008. Parvina



**KRIS MAINSTONE 1993**

Kris is a former student having graduated in 1993. Attending both UWA and TU Delft the Netherlands, he went on to receive a Bachelor of Environmental Design and a Bachelor of Architecture (Hon 1st Class). Kris worked locally before moving to the UK. While in London he worked on large international projects in locations such as Russia, Switzerland, The Netherlands and the UK.

Kris has taught design at UWA and Curtin and is a member of the City of Bayswater Design Panel. He is the founding director of Maine Architecture and has 20 years experience as an architect with extensive experience in master planning, residential, retail, commercial and educational sectors.



## ALAN BISHOP AM 1969



Alan was a Floreat Park Primary School student prior to attending Churchlands for five years. He remembers enjoying the strong sporting culture at Churchlands and took pride in the achievements of the school.

His love of sport continues with his fervent support for the West Coast Eagles and his interest in Formula 1 racing.

A maths teacher in first year, Mr Anderson, had a strong influence on Alan's interests and work ethic. Alan established his own business in his early twenties, starting out with an office above Charlie Brown's pizza shop in Chelsea Village and growing to become Australia's largest privately owned independent insurance broker, with offices throughout Australia, alliances with South East Asian and NZ brokers, Lloyds of London accreditation, and 245 employees. He has thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities in this field to meet and work with many extraordinary people.

Alan has served the insurance industry as committee member, president and board director of the National Insurance Brokers Association of Australia, of which he was appointed Honorary Fellow in recognition of his contribution. He has won industry awards and was awarded Member of the Order of Australia in 2019 for his significant service, in particular his involvement with the Financial Services Reform Act.

Alan is still connected to this local area, with a home here and strong commitment to the Wembley Athletic Club of which he is a life member and to the Wembley Amateur Football Club. He has made significant contributions of funds and time to local organisations such as Ronald McDonald House, United Way, Teen Challenge Foundation, as well as overseas initiatives such as So They Can.

Most importantly for us, however is Alan's generous philanthropy toward Churchlands Senior High School - his own school. His support has been magnificently demonstrated by his work and commitment to the Churchlands Foundation, a unique body which aims to improve education at this local public school with strong and creative financial and strategic support. This wonderful concert hall was built to support the music program at the school and is an amazing asset. It was a dream that this building and the talented students and other performers who use it were worthy of a top quality professional standard grand piano. On hearing this dream, Alan personally pledged to make this possible and today a wonderful Fazioli piano graces this hall and adds immeasurable value to music making here.

For his many generous and benevolent contributions to Australia and this community, we are proud to announce Alan Bishop AM, of the Class of 1969 as a Churchlands Champion.



## CLIVE CHOATE 1969



Clive was a student at Wandarra Primary School before he attended Churchlands where he went on to be a prefect. Interschool sports were a special highlight of his high school days especially rugby, athletics, cross country and tennis all of which influenced his later interests and career. Clive was a school athletics champion, a member of a school rowing team whose borrowed boat disintegrated during a race, and a state junior rugby player and captain, representing Australia overseas.

He went on to become a teacher himself, having been motivated and influenced by teachers at Churchlands including Mr Ottaway, Mr L'Estrange, and Mr Parker in PE, Mr Stokes and Mr Young in maths and others including Mr Broom and Mr Christmas.

He recalls Mr Best sending him home for having a Beatles haircut; however he feels he triumphed in that incident as he subsequently wrote a poem about it which won the Year 8 poetry prize for that year. It was published in the school magazine and can no doubt be seen somewhere in today's display.

Clive has had a full and varied life as a teacher, community worker, mentor, coach, writer and endurance sportsman. His record of sporting events and successes is astonishing. He was a UWA rugby player and 'Rugby Blue' recipient, playing representative rugby interstate and in New Zealand. He has also represented WA or Australia in triathlon, orienteering, canoe marathon, ironman, rogaining and athletics. He was the winner of the inaugural Blackwood Ironman and completed 25 consecutive Blackwood Ironman races with 17 podium finishes. He is an endurance cyclist, having ridden across the Nullarbor, the Central desert and the Gibb River Road relay in the Kimberley. He is a competitive horseman in endurance events and polo and polocrosse. He has acted as paddle escort in 15 Rottnest Channel swims. And significantly he was the first West Australian to run a marathon on all 7 continents- the final one in Antarctica at the age of 65.

As well as developing his own sporting skills, Clive has made huge contributions to the community through junior sport coaching and administration work. In particular he has assisted disadvantaged teenagers and special needs children to achieve sporting goals and enjoyment.

We are delighted to announce Mr Clive Choate of the Class of 1969 as a worthy and inspiring Churchlands Champion.





# Churchlands Champion

## DR PAUL VOGEL AM 1969



Paul attended Floreat Primary School before commencing at Churchlands in 1965. Paul remembers his years at Churchlands fondly, including the influence of various teachers on matters of life and learning. He particularly recalls that Mr McCumskey did not see Paul's broken neck (from a surfing accident in 1968) as any reason for special treatment and subsequently failed him in chemistry. The effect of this is a little difficult to determine as Paul went on to complete a Bachelor of Science with Honours and a PhD in chemistry at UWA.

Paul has had an extraordinary public career, which has integrated his love of the environment with his scientific training and corporate management skills. He has held senior positions in the department of Premier and Cabinet and in Environmental Protection. He was appointed the inaugural CEO and Chairman of the South Australian Environmental Protection Authority, and was Chairman of the West Australian EPA from 2007-2015.

He is currently chairman of the Northern Territory EPA and also of a national Cooperative Research Centre on Contamination and Remediation of the Environment. He is a special counsel with Cannings Purple. He has unique knowledge and experience of environmental issues and regulatory matters relating to the delivery of strategic environmental and business outcomes. He was awarded the Member of the Order of Australia this year for his contribution to these important areas.

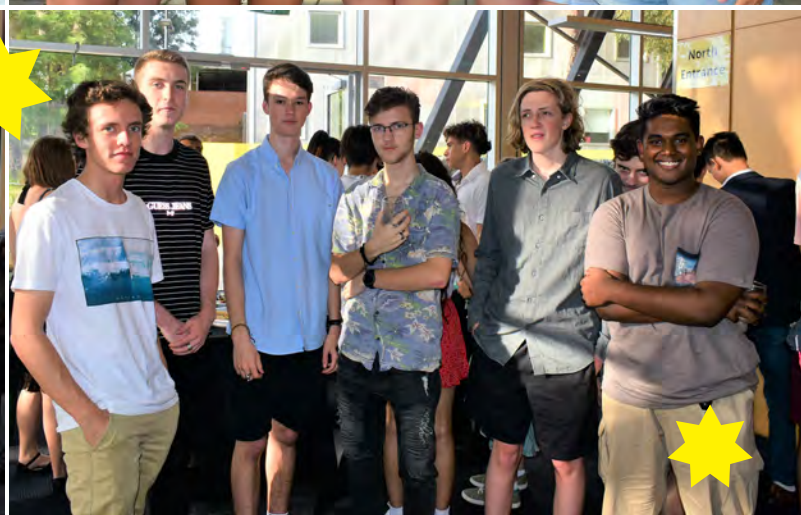
Paul enjoys footy, wine, travelling, his children and grandchildren, and his tennis club involvement, although he would like to point out these are not listed in any particular order.

We are very proud to announce Dr Paul Vogel AM, of the Class of 1969 as a worthy and outstanding Churchlands Champion.





# 7<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion - 2018





# Memories

# Class of



Retrospect Committee



Head Girl and Dux  
Noelen Broom



Rottneest Summer  
Miss Cherriman



Expedition Group - Canoeing



1969

2019



\$1 note then and now



Forrest Place, Perth



From the summit of Bluff Knoll

## PRIME MINISTER

1969

2019



John Gorton  
Liberal Party



Scott Morrison  
Liberal Party



Moonlanding



CONCORDE: FIRST FLIGHT (1969)



of 1969

50 Years Reunion





# Churchland Foundation News



## Churchlands Senior High School FOUNDATION AND ALUMNI

### MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the Gifted and Talented Year 7 Music students Sophia Bell and Sophie Lenz who were recipients of the 2020 Churchlands Senior High School Foundation Music Scholarship.

The awards were presented at the Year 7 Welcome BBQ held on Thursday 12 March 2020 by Mr John Gillon, Board Member of the Churchlands Senior High School Foundation and the then Chairman of the School Board.

In his remarks, Mr Gillon thanked the Churchlands SHS community for their generosity that made the annual scholarships possible. He also mentioned that the current installation of photo voltaic solar panels at the school were funded through generous donations by the community towards the Foundation's solar power project. It is hoped that the savings generated on electricity cost will enable the Foundation to offer other opportunities for students.

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 assists families with expenses related to musical studies and education expenses.

The Foundation encourages parents to get involved to make a difference by making a donation towards the Foundation, no matter how big or small. The Foundation is a registered Deductible Gift Recipient and all donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

<https://www.churchlands.wa.edu.au/our-community/churchlands-foundation/make-a-gift>

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.



2020  
Sophie Lenz & Sophia Bell  
2019  
Myra Lee & Gabriel Krzak  
2018  
Marcel Howell & Abigail Brook  
2017  
Bethany Jolly Fuentes  
2016  
Guy Archibald & Kaiya O'Brien



## SOLAR POWER PROJECT UPDATE

In October 2016, Churchlands Senior High School Foundation (Inc) had undertaken a brilliant initiative to raise funds and pay for the installation of solar panels to reduce school's power costs through the launch of the 'Solar Power for Scholarships' project.

As part of the project, the Foundation established an annual giving campaign and reached out to parents and alumni for donations. The Foundation has been receiving ongoing donations for this project. Thanks to the generosity of the Alumni, the P&C and past and present parents, over \$800,000 has been raised towards this exciting and innovative project.

With the hardwork of the Foundation Board and through the generous donations by the community, over 1600 solar panels were lifted have been lifted on to the roofs of our four major buildings at the start of the year.

We are excited to announce the installation of Photo Voltaic solar panels is now completed and connected to the grid. Western Power is currently in the process of testing the system. These solar panels installed on the roof of the School will generate significant savings on electricity costs. This will provide approximately 36% of the school's power and generate a return on investment of up to 38% per annum or \$180,000.



The School will be able to get back the money invested within less than three years of installation. Solar Power generates electricity that is clean, renewable and sustainable and therefore, we are excited that we will be contributing to saving the planet.

The net outcome is that students at Churchlands will be able to receive scholarships and benefits each year. It also aims to provide staff initiatives and will look at making this available to two or three staff members.

The Foundation is committed to supporting projects that will create better learning places for our students. Our aim is to create an environment that will encourage students to be creative, inquisitive and passionate – somewhere where they will feel comfortable and inspired.





# Reunions

## 40 YEARS - CLASS OF 1980



## 10 YEARS - CLASS OF 2009





**Churchlands Senior High School**  
FOUNDATION AND ALUMNI

presents

## Churchlands Senior High School



## Year 13 Sundowner

Date: 27 November 2020 | Time: 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm  
Venue: Concert Hall, 20 Lucca Street | Dress code: Smart Casual  
Cost: Free nibbles and juices | Drinks on sale

**Book online:** [trybooking.com/BKGET](https://trybooking.com/BKGET)

CLASS OF

# 1970

WELCOME TO THE GOLD CLUB

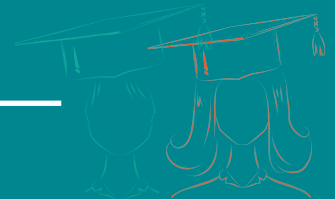
*Back to school - 50th Anniversary Reunion*

*Wednesday 28 October 2020*

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

(Partners and students of the Class of '70 who left at 3rd and 4th year high are also welcome)

10:00am: Gathering at Churchlands SHS  
1:00: Lunch - self-funded (*to be confirmed*)







# CLASS OF '82 REUNION 2020 10 OCTOBER

**2pm - Floreat Hotel**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BIPHH>

**Hope to see lots of  
familiar faces!**

**Booking:** <https://trybooking.com/BIPHH>

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