

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the Old Boys' Association enters the 1973 financial year, I report with regret that in the preceding year the Association failed to receive the support needed from old boys to enable it to fulfil its proper role in the school community. Our Association however is not alone in its present membership predicament, for the apathetic attitude of old boys towards their association seems to be the climate throughout most of the private schools associations.

It is however no answer to say that we are all facing the same problem. The time has arrived for a changing of attitude, and for the association to review its aims and objectives, for unless there can be a revitalizing of the association, and unless old boys generally are prepared to demonstrate in some positive way that they are concerned about the association, there seems little point in continuing.

For a number of years it has been the same people who are supporting and working for the association, and one cannot expect them to voluntarily continue giving of their time and effort unless they receive solid support and encouragement from the large body of old boys of the school.

In the year ahead your committee is planning an all out assault on membership and association activities, and

it is asking for and is surely entitled to expect your full and active support and encouragement.

The School Council and the headmaster have generously offered us the use of the new physical education centre at the school on one night a week, and it is hoped to start up squash and basketball clubs which will enable old boys access to first class facilities at a very reasonable rate, and will promote contact between old boys.

In conjunction with these activities it is hoped to organise complimentary social functions, but the success of all this depends upon you. The future of the association at this time depends not only upon your attitude to the association but the manner in which your attitude is manifested.

As your President I appeal to you all—follow the dictates of your conscience—write out a cheque for \$3 and send it together with your name, address and telephone number to The Secretary, Christ Church Old Boys' Association, Queenslea Drive, Claremont, and thereafter give the association your full and active support. You may in fact start by recording the fact that the association summer sports day against the school will take place on Saturday, 10th February, and by being present on that occasion.

WALKABOUT

TIM RUSSELL on one of his many trips to the U.K. ran into IAN MARSHALL at the Oval on the first day of the Fifth Test. Ian was holidaying in London from his legal work in Hong Kong.

Congratulations to BRUCE HAIGH and SCOTT SPENCER on being successful applicants for positions in the Foreign Office.

ROLAND ALLBROOK has won a Cadetship in the Papua and New Guinea Education Department but will complete his degree at the National University before working in Papua and New Guinea.

The new Assistant Secretary at the W.A.C.A. is ROGER MILLER. At School he was famous in the field of tennis. Maybe he can keep an eye on RICHARD CHARLESWORTH as he begins his first-class career in the State Cricket team. "Congratulations, Ricky".

GRANT KEADY has just completed his Ph.D. at Cambridge and returns this year to Melbourne University on a Rothmans' Scholarship.

PETER MARSHALL has made news in the farming world—he was the recipient of the Farm Management Foundation's planned management award for 1972 — congratulations, Peter.

Another Old Boy has been elected President of the Guild of Undergraduates at the W.A. University. Well done RICHARD PORTER — all Old Boys at the University wish you a successful year in this big undertaking.

BILL GODDARD, one of our leading estate agents, has just returned from a Jaycee conference in Taiwan. Our congratulations are extended to him on the birth of his son.

JON SCHUPP, working with Westfield Minerals, is now stationed in Queensland.

MURRAY CANN, a former head prefect of the school, was married recently, and has gone to South Africa.

RICK HAGEN and his wife have just returned from New Zealand where he has been studying for the past three years. Rick has obtained an honours degree in Agricultural Science at the Lincoln College, Christ Church, and is about to start employment with Agri Business Farm Management Consultants at Merredin.

STEWART ROCKIE, who has been selling life assurance for the past few years, is about to move to Sharks Bay, where he has purchased a sheep station.

Congratulations are extended to PETER LAMB and TONY CARRIS on the births of a son and daughter respectively.

BARRY CROMMELIN returned recently from South East Asia where he has been touring with a trade mission.

BILL SOUTHWOOD and his wife JULIE were in Perth prior to Christmas on their way home to New Guinea after visiting London, Sweden and Japan. Bill, an electrical engineer, is working for the Department of Post and Telegraph in Port Moresby.

BRIAN COOPER, who has been working for an insurance company in Liverpool, England, has moved down to London and plans to be back in Perth in approximately 18 months' time.

BRETT CLEMENT is now running his own legal practice in Mandurah.

GREG EASTMAN was seen in Geraldton recently where he is running the Geraldton office for a large Perth architectural practice.

JOHN MAY was in Perth recently on his way through to Melbourne. John, who has been in England, has done a masters degree in criminology (the study of criminals — not crime) and has obtained a lecturing post in Melbourne.

DAVID GARNSWORTHY, who has just joined the Old Boys Committee, is presently working for the legal firm Henshaw Wheelton & Co.

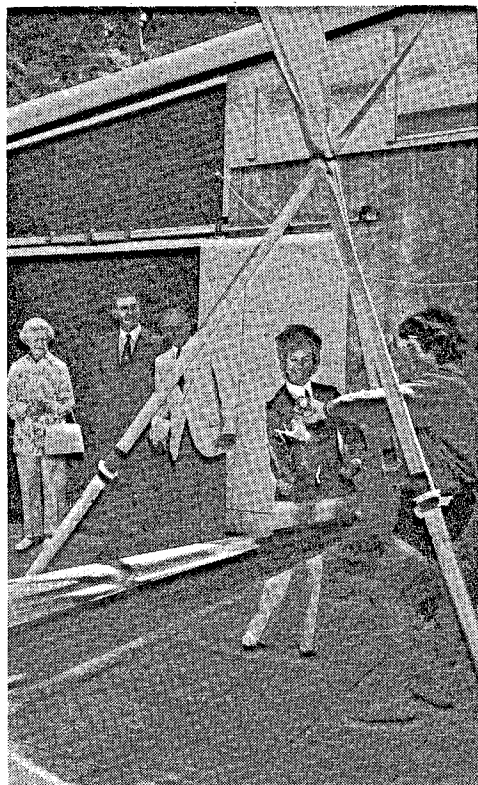
THANKS TO THE WORKERS

Six years have now gone by since our Building Fund Appeal was launched, and to a lot of people is virtually a thing of the past. Those who were more closely associated with it and have watched with interest its progress must have derived some satisfaction for their efforts (I certainly did), because the projects which were planned and could only be undertaken if the Appeal was a success, have either been completed or are nearing completion.

To raise such a large sum of money, it is necessary to have a considerable team of workers who are prepared to give their time to help and work on various committees. When the Executive Committee called for volunteers to assist, it was very pleasing to see the number of parents, Old Boys and friends of the school family come forward and offer their help. These people gave a lot of time to the Appeal; leisure time that was very valuable to them. To ask people for financial help is quite a thankless task in a lot of ways because there were rebuffs, sufficient to dampen the enthusiasm of many people (not our workers) and the ultimate success of the Appeal was largely due to them.

On behalf of the Committee; to all those who helped in any way and worked for the Appeal, thank you for your efforts.

R. H. DAWSON,
Chairman, Old Boys Division.



On Saturday morning, 11th November, Mrs. Chrystal cracked a bottle of champagne over the bow of the new racing Eight and named it the "GRAHAM NORTON".

The occasion was the House Regatta and after a couple of races the large crowd of parents, friends and boys gathered around the fine shell to pay tribute to Graham Norton for his untiring and excellent contribution to the Boat Club. It was fitting that Mrs. Chrystal had the honour of performing the ceremony as it was her generous gift to the School that enabled the shell to be purchased. Other donors to the Club included several Old Boys and the School Tuck Shop.

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A Special Invitation . . .

The Council and the Headmaster

cordially invite you to attend the

Official Opening of the Physical Education Centre

on Monday, 5th February, 1973 at 4.30 p.m.

The Guest of Honour will be

His Excellency Sir Douglas Henderson

K. G. M. G., C. B., C. B. E., D. S. O., and Bar

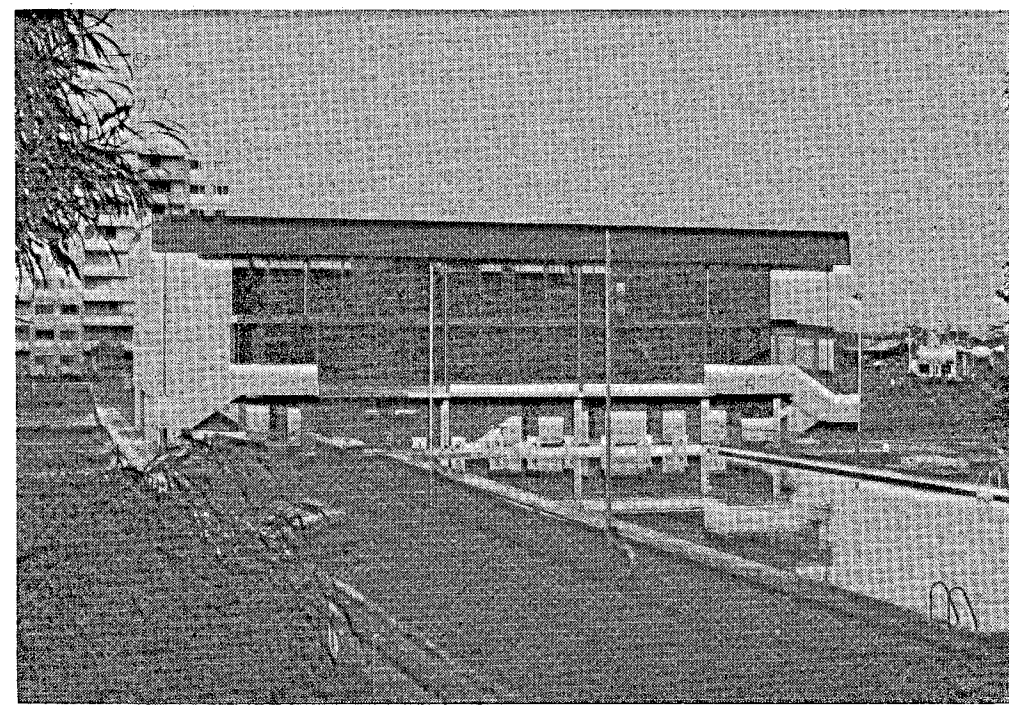
H. S. J., Governor of Western Australia

and he will be asked to open the new centre

The major building consists of the large gymnasium, two squash courts, change rooms, for boys and staff, a sportsmaster's office and store, Cadet armoury and "Q" store, a games room for boarders and a resuscitation room facing the swimming pool.

Between the gymnasium and Stirling Highway are two tennis courts and to their east is the second building which contains staff quarters on the first floor with maintenance and manual workshops on the ground floor. Further east is the groundsman's storage yard and sheds.

The entire set of buildings including the swimming pool have finished off the north-west corner of the school grounds in a manner of which we can all be proud. Not only is it a magnificent complex but a most useful asset for all who use it for many years to come.



THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LAST FIVE YEARS

by J. H. LORD,
Chairman of the School Council.

The rapid development and expansion of Christ Church in the nineteen fifties and early sixties produced a situation where most of the buildings of the School were old and inadequate, many having been built for other purposes and converted for school use. Also the advances in modern education demanded new and better facilities. While the School Council had tried to keep pace with this development, it was realised that a more drastic approach was required if Christ Church were to make any headway with this problem.

In 1967 the Council presented to the Parents, Old Boys and Friends of the School a proposal for an appeal to

assist in the financing of a building programme over a five-year period, to include a chapel, a swimming pool and a physical education centre. The Council had at that time arranged the construction of the Sandover Building including a dining hall and associated facilities, sick bay, matron's quarters and a luncheon service area.

The response to the Appeal was magnificent and a total of \$187,000 was promised, enabling the Council to proceed with the five-year building programme. In 1968 the Sandover Building and the swimming pool were completed, in 1970 the Chapel, and by the end of 1972 the Physical Education Centre. The total expenditure has been in the vicinity of \$600,000.

The buildings have been designed on an economical basis but, while they meet the numerous requirements of the School, they are architecturally attractive. The School Chapel was awarded the Bronze Medal for the best building of the year.

The successful completion of this building programme has been achieved only by the untiring and dedicated efforts of all concerned but in particular the Headmaster, the Bursar, senior members of staff, the School's architect Mr. John Lidbury, and the Council's Building and Grounds Committee.

The School still has a number of old buildings, in particular senior classrooms, to be replaced and inadequate space in some areas, e.g. library. Having done it once, I feel sure the School family will respond to another such five-year programme.

