

## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

The past year has, I believe, been a good one for the Association. Membership has reached a record level and the social functions have been well attended. Your committee has functioned smoothly.

A few years ago it was shown that the only effective means of maintaining the level of financial membership was to regularly send out accounts rather than rely on your good nature. During the year this policy was followed, with the result that there are now 314 ordinary members and 96 life members. The total of 410 is, I gather, the highest ever.

Social activities have been increased this year with the re-introduction of the Sun-downers, and it appears that everyone enjoys them. Dick Stephenson has done a great job in the organisation of these evenings and I thank him very much. We also appreciate the assistance given by Charles Atkins and the Staff at the Palace.

Following the suggestion of several members, it was decided to change the venue of the Annual Dinner to Maurice's Restaurant. There was an excellent attendance and in fact I thought the room was a little overcrowded. Much of the credit for the success of the dinner was due to Geoff and Ian Parker and to Peter Bowers and his son Chris for the effort they put into selling tickets. Once again I want to thank Dick Stephenson for running the show.

Sporting functions have followed the pattern of the past few years. Old Boys participated in cricket matches against the Parents and the School, tennis matches with the School and on the June long week-end we played the School in rugby, football and hockey. All of these events were well attended and enthusiasm for them shows no signs of failing.

The Golf Day with the Parents at Cottesloe was, however, not so well attended. This appears to be common amongst all local Old Boys' Associations and it has been suggested that we could perhaps combine our Golf Day with Old Hale. As well as the competitions between the Old Boys and parents of each School, there could be combined inter-school events. I think that the idea has a great deal of merit and could inject more life into this part of our activities.

Due to increasing costs and a certain lack of enthusiasm in its publication, the Old Boys Magazine was combined during the year with the School journal "The Chronicle." At the moment there are no complaints. It is the intention to keep one page of the Chronicle entirely devoted to Old Boys' activities.

During the year the Old Boys' Association commissioned Mr. Norman Aisbett to prepare a portrait of the founder of the School, Canon McClemens. The portrait has now been completed and in the near future will be hung in the Dining Hall together with a portrait of Sir Alfred Sandover. Over the next year or so we hope to have Mr. Aisbett paint the remaining headmasters — with the exception of the present one who still maintains he isn't yet ready to be hung.

Stan Simmonds has successfully looked after the financial affairs of the Association and I hope he will be able to report a profit for the year. He should manage it, for losses on social functions were low this year.

Ray Crooks, who has been Secretary for many years, has decided to have a break. He has done a marvellous job and I want to thank him very much. He has been of

great assistance to me as I know he has been to the Presidents before me.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your President over the past two years. Although at times the job has been frustrating there have been plenty of rewards. Among other things it has given me the opportunity to understand and appreciate the complexities involved in the organisation and functioning of the School.

At all times I have been grateful for the support of the committee, of our representatives on the Council, and of the Headmaster.

I wish the Association every success for the future.

ALASTAIR DOWLING.

## HOCKEY CLUB

**Under the guidance of Club Captain, Greg Eastman, the Old Boys' Hockey Club has completed another highly successful year.**

### Greg reports:

"After a slow start, all teams in the Club finished the season strongly.

The A3 team was unlucky to be narrowly beaten in its last fixture and so was displaced from the final four. However, in view of the limited training that was done, the team performed very well. Captain Bill Price narrowly won the fairest and best trophy from his brother Jamie and John Allen-Williams. John, who scored many of the team's goals, was judged most consistent for the year. The forwards were well supported by Chris Albany and the backline by Ian Parker and Peter Pittendrigh. Peter was recalled to the team when goalie Craig Munro was forced to retire.

Dick Sudlow stood out as fairest and best in the B1 Blue team and together with top goalscorer Alastair Dowling provided the years of experience that was required in a team of otherwise young members. Good performances were turned in by Dick Knight and Ian Gell in the forward line and by half-back Howard Synott.

The B1 Green team, "wooden-spooners" for much of the season, finished on well in the last five games. Playing well under continuous pressure, Peter Pittendrigh won the fairest and best trophy. Ever reliable Jim Boyce won the most consistent award narrowly from forwards Peter Marfleet and John Saleeba.

Rob Barnett's band of men in B2 grade, after enjoying the first half of the season as practice, finally proved their worth by beating all the top teams. Rob Kerr was always prominent and won the fairest and best trophy. Other consistent players were John Best, Phil Hopkin and Tim Dunn.

Finally, the "Old Buffers" team in B3 grade, which was the only team to finish in the four. After many teething troubles early in the season, the old men settled down into a good combination. Bill Goddard was judged fairest and best, aided by his ability to hit sizzling half-volleys from one end of the field to the other. Geoff Bevan was the most consistent and was well supported by John Martin and Peter Browne-Cooper.

The Club's social activities were many and varied. After match kegs were well attended and the success of these gatherings contributed to the success of other functions.

A social match against the University Women's team was followed by an enjoyable evening at John Batty's home. A Players' Tea at the Tum Tum Tree was supported very well by both the younger and older members, as was the end of season barbecue and dance held at the Nash Field Pavilion. Many thanks to Tom Bedells for his speech and presentation of

trophies on the latter occasion.

Much of the success of the year is due to the hard work of the Club Committee. They have, however, been well supported by all the members in all phases of the Club's activities and this has made their job worthwhile.

We hope that 1970 will see many new faces. We can promise a lot of enjoyment.

## OLD BOYS' HOCKEY CLUB

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Graham Greenacre's Residence,  
9 Forbes Road,  
APPLECROSS  
Saturday, 6th December, 1969  
5.00 p.m.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was better attended this year than it has been for some time, due no doubt to the meeting being followed by a Sundowner.

Held at the Palace Hotel on Friday, 24th October, the meeting elected the following office bearers for 1970:

### Office Bearers to 30/9/1970

Patron: P. M. Moyes, Esq.  
Vice-Patrons: Archbishop of Perth; Rev. L. R. Jupp; Messrs. J. E. D. Battye, I. Jacoby, G. D. Clarkson, M. S. Brooking, H. N. Giles, G. Russell, J. H. Lord, E. A. Lovegrove, T. Flintoff, Snr., and C. Atkins.  
President: D. Boys, Esq.  
Immediate Past President: A. T. C. Dowling, Esq.  
Vice-Presidents: D. Stephenson, J. Wisbey, I. Parker.  
Secretary: G. Dowling, Esq.  
Treasurer: S. Simmons.  
Auditor: P. Brazier.

Committee: Messrs. D. Charlesworth, P. Bowers, P. Barnett, P. Potter, M. Lankester, P. A. Hopkins, A. E. Pascoe, S. White, P. Foss.

Old Boys' Representative on the School Council: Mr. J. H. Lord was re-elected for a further 3-year term.

## WALKABOUT

**Graham Walker**, who has been overseas for five years, recently returned to Australia. After spending a couple of weeks in Perth, he moved over to Sydney where he is assisting in the establishment of a local office for his Canadian architectural firm.

Among those at the Annual General Meeting Sundowner was **Peter Wann**, who is now living in Perth.

**Tim Russell** has taken a break from his rock cracking in the Windarra region and is now working for a local share-broker.

**Kim and Mark Harrison** are at present resident House Masters in Queenslea House.

**Richard Porter** is doing a similar job in Romsey.

**John Bell** has signed on for a further twelve months with a broker's firm in London.

Pleasing to see **David Ryan** opening the batting for University's "A" grade team.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Bryan Cooper** and his wife on the birth of a daughter. Bryan is now living in Melbourne.

**Brian Muggleton** who has been chosen for the State cricket team.

**Murray Criddle** on captaining the winning team in the country football carnival.

**John Harriot** on topping final year Medicine.

**Lieut. Robert Ray**, R.A.N., for being awarded the M.B.E. for Service in Vietnam.

# Christ Church Chronicle

## SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

# \$100,000 MARK PASSED

The generosity of parents, past and present, with tremendous support from the Old Boys has made possible the marked progress now clearly seen in the image presented by the School buildings and grounds.

The Swimming Pool has been in use for almost two years and has proved a magnificent asset to the School as well as a source of great entertainment for the boys.

The School Council has completed Sandover, incorporating the boarders' dining room, sick bay and luncheon service. It is a well appointed and functional building and an amenity which has caused many parents to appreciate fully just how important it is for the School to develop its facilities. Who could imagine the School with its present educational obligations trying to manage with the buildings of 10 years ago?

The School Chapel is now well under way. A considerable amount of thought and time has been given to the Chapel by the School Council, by the Headmaster and by the architect Mr. John Lidbury, who has made the planning of this building one of the major projects of his already distinguished career. This will be a building of which all parents and Old Boys will be justifiably proud.

Forward planning has already commenced for the Physical Education Centre to be built near the swimming pool. This again will be a building which will provide a great stimulus to the School's development and relieve the increasing demands made on the Memorial Hall.

To date the Building Fund has received in cash the sum of \$103,970. I seriously request all donors to the Building Fund to keep on with the good work. The School

Council has committed itself to the completion of these projects and the Chapel will be ready for dedication just two years after the opening of the School Swimming Pool. Please keep your contributions up to date.

To sum up the position briefly:

Time to go to end of Appeal: 30 months

Gifts received to October 31st: \$103,970

Intended gifts still to be received: \$84,763

Finally, thanks to all Parents, past Parents and Old Boys for their wonderful support.

WALTER WITT,

Chairman, Follow-on Committee.

## PROFILE: DR. HARRY LEIGH COOK

*The following appreciation of Dr. Leigh Cook, whose obituary was published in the July issue of the "Chronicle" was prepared by his grandson, E. G. Barrett-Lennard, a student at the School.*

Born on New Year's Day, 1904, in Southern Cross, Harry Leigh Cook was educated at Perth Boys' School. In 1922, as a Monitor with the Education Department at Wagin School, he studied for his "C" grade Teacher's Certificate and entered Teachers' Training College two years later where he completed both his "B" and "A" grade Certificates. He then proceeded to the University of Western Australia, gaining a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in Psychology and English. His work in the former subject earned him a Hackett Scholarship but he was persuaded to turn to medicine rather than to continue studies in psychology.

After his first year of medicine at the local university, he went to Melbourne to complete his course, graduating in 1939. On his return to Perth he set up as a General Practitioner.

Amongst his numerous community activities, Dr. Leigh Cook for many years held offices in the Australian Medical Association and the State Health Committee. In 1965 he was President of the Australian Medical Congress held in Perth in that year.

His first association with Christ Church began with his appointment as School Medical Officer, a position which he held for over 20 years. It was especially in this office that he was able to help many boys with their more unusual problems. In August, 1950, he was elected to the first Christ Church Grammar School Council and in 1955 was made Vice-Chairman. He was also Chairman of the Educational Committee, his wide knowledge of educational theory and practice being of profound value in the establishing and working of an educational policy.

Perhaps he is remembered best of all for his foresight. It was largely due to his efforts and those of several others that 20 acres of land were purchased at Mount Claremont, the result of this action being the excellent sporting facilities which the School now has on these grounds.

I think it is fitting to conclude with the words quoted by Bishop Macdonald in his eulogy on Dr. Leigh Cook:

"He has gained success who has lived well, laughed often, loved much; has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; has fulfilled his niche and left the world better than he found it."



