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# MAZENODIAN

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## ALUMNI OFFICE

# FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

A large amount of our pastoral care time at Mazenod College is devoted to leading the boys into community service. We highlight the benefits to their character development and their mental wellbeing. The members of the Mazenod Old Boys are great examples of service for the community.

Four such members recently retired from our committee with over 40 years combined of giving their time and energy towards promoting the MOBWA charter.

Inaugural committee members Iggy Moro ('87) and Adrian Conti ('87) have been with the association since 2010. Robert Huston ('78) and Sebastian Fiolo ('89) have both seen the MOB through the last decade.

On behalf of Mazenod College, thank you. You are excellent role models for our current students and have left Mazenod a better place and a stronger community.

### **Jeremy Logan (87)** **Old Boys Liaison Officer**



Bob Huston



Adrian Conti



Iggy Moro and  
Sebastian Fiolo

## PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH

We welcome all former students, parents, friends and staff to renew their association with the College and update their contact details.

Let us know where you are these days and what you are doing in your family and working lives. Please email [info@mobwa.com.au](mailto:info@mobwa.com.au) or if you are an Old Boy and would like to become a member of the MOB go online to [www.mobwa.com.au](http://www.mobwa.com.au) and download the membership form.

Alternatively, you can telephone Jeremy Logan on (08) 9291 1500. Email addresses are very important to us, as most communication is via this method.



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the final edition of the Mazenodian for 2022. The stories in this edition capture many of the aspects of our recently launched Strategic Plan Aspire 2022-2026. It is heartening to see our students, staff and parents living our College Values and doing their part to develop Mazenod College as a place for all students to find their passion and seek new challenges.

A special congratulations to Fr Bill Ousley OMI who recently celebrated 50 years as an ordained priest. Fr Bill has been a wonderful addition to the College community over the past 18 months and we were thrilled to be able to assist with his most significant celebration and anniversary.

I take this opportunity to wish all students, families, Old Boys, past Mazenodian families and staff a joyful and blessed Christmas. I hope there is an opportunity for you all to take a break over the summer period to spend time with cherished family and friends, and we all look forward to a wonderful 2023.

Enjoy the read!

**Mr Andrew Watson**  
Principal



Staff  
Breakfast

Including the  
Awards Pre

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

### **Quality Catholic Education Awards 2022**

Encircle, Guide, Inspire (EGI) is Mazenod College's Early Career Teaching Program. Aimed to supplement CEWA's program, EGI aims to increase teacher retention, provide individual professional and career growth, improve the post-secondary outcomes of students, support the wellbeing of teachers and for Mazenod to become an employer of choice. The initiative sees Early Career Teachers (ECTs) navigate teaching with the support of professional learning, classroom observations, instructional and growth coaching and goal setting. The project demonstrates a commitment to CEWA's Vision for Learning and Quality Catholic Education framework, as it aims at supporting staff by providing them with opportunities to witness their faith and engage with formation, professional learning, and development.

Staff are continually aligned to Mazenod's overarching documents, the College's mission statement, Vision for Learning, School Improvement Plan, Strategic Plan and the QCE Framework, and as such a professional learning community of 10 ECTs was established. The group meet three times a term for afternoon sessions which align with the 5 domains of EGI: Curriculum, Classroom Climate, Pedagogy, Professional Standards and Assessment. Whilst some sessions are chosen by leadership and through surveys, staff have articulated areas of preference. Guest presenters from middle and senior leadership teams present and engage with ECTs. Next, a reflective component is visited through the Leave Nothing Undared 5-year plan. The plan asks teachers to reflect on their praxis against the AITSL standards, Vision for Learning and the VA Character Strengths, examining their strengths and stretches and

setting long- and short-term goals to discuss with the Assistant Deputy Principal Pedagogy and Practice. From these conversations staff complete classroom observations of colleagues in areas where they would like to grow using an instructional coaching approach. From here, participants complete Mazenod's Reflect, Act, Grow Teacher Development. Completed with the ADP, staff undertake an iGrow model, where a personalised goal is set, along with an action plan which explores steps, hurdles, and challenges, and setting check in points for when each step will be completed. Morning tea, is provided by the College, as a way of bringing the group together in a wellbeing manner and allowing ECTs direct access to the Principal to provide feedback and seek clarity.

The College chose to enter the Encircle, Guide, Inspire Initiative into the 2022 Quality Catholic Education (QCE) Awards. The QCEs recognise programs and initiatives in Catholic schools across Western Australia that support CEWA's vision of providing Christ-centred, student-focused, engaged learning environments, whilst celebrating the remarkable efforts and dedication of Catholic school communities, staff and students across our state. EGI was entered into the Stewardship pillar of the QCEs, which acknowledges outstanding initiatives and projects that demonstrate initiative and commitment to supporting the needs of students, staff, and community.

A Gala Breakfast was held on 14 October at the Hyatt Regency for Catholic Colleges showcasing initiatives, with presentations from the Director of Catholic Education, Dr Debra Sayce, and the Minister of Education and Training, Honourable Sue Ellery BA MLC. It is with immense pride that Mazenod College received a Merit Award for



Encircle, Guide, Inspire and is testament to the hard work of our teachers, who have a continued desire to improve their craft in the support of student progression.

The success of the Encircle, Guide, Inspire Initiative has been vocalised by our participants in a variety of ways. Through staff survey data participants articulate the benefits to their wellbeing and practice with being surrounded by other teachers having similar experiences with comments from staff including:

*"I have found the after school sessions beneficial, and I have been able to implement them into my practice"*

*"The supports that have been most beneficial are the conversation with experienced teachers who ran the sessions. It is comforting to hear them speak with candour about the issues that arise and to know that even at a senior level there will always be hurdles to face".*

Staff explored their Leave Nothing Undared Plans and sought out colleagues to add to their network. As a result they were provided with opportunities to explore their stretches in ways that they never imagined such as teaching that ever sort after ATAR class. Lastly, the College has witnessed improved practice quantified through notification in our learning management system; an increase in confidence in approaching and managing classroom behaviours, the inclusion of colleagues to support in difficult times and an increase in working with parents to ensure that our students are future focused, prepared gentle men.

**Beth Murphy**  
**Assistant Deputy Principal (Pedagogy & Practice)**

## RALPH BRADSTREET RECOGNISED FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Earlier in Term 4 we acknowledged Ralph Bradstreet for his 50 years of service to Catholic education at a breakfast held by Catholic Education Western Australia at the Hyatt Hotel. This significant achievement allowed Mr Bradstreet to be recognised as a dedicated educator and we thank him for his years of service, particularly here at Mazenod College.





## OBLATE CRICKET CUP 2022 MELBOURNE

Returning after 2 years the Oblate Cricket Carnival was hosted in Melbourne by Mazenod College Victoria. Following our arrival in Melbourne we attended the opening Mass and dinner.

Game 1 was against Iona College at Mazenod College Victoria. After a delayed start due to rain, Iona won the toss and elected to bat. Iona made a solid start with wickets being hard to come by as their top 4 made good scores which helped them post a total of 208 all out off 40 overs. Lachlan C 3/29 and Vicario G 3/33 were our main wicket takers. In reply Mazenod struggled to get going, falling short of the total and finishing their innings on 4/155. Our run makers were Harrison G 42no, Harrison B 30no and Joel D 28.

Game 2 was against Whitefriars College at Donvale. Mazenod won the toss and elected to bat, posting a total of 130 off 40 overs in tough conditions. Again Harrison G made some runs scoring 41 and Zaid B 33

helped post a respectable total. In reply Whitefriars won the game making the score in the 38th over. Lachlan S 3/17 was the pick of the bowlers and was unlucky not to have more.

Game 3 was washed out due to wet conditions and the team was unable to play Mazenod Victoria.

While the results didn't go the way the team wanted it was a fantastic carnival and the students had a great time making friends and socialising with students from the other Colleges. We would like to thank Mazenod Victoria for their hospitality and organisation of the carnival and also the host families who looked after the Mazenod WA students. Well done to Iona College who won the Oblate and Invitational Cups. Next year the tournament will be hosted by Iona College Qld.

**Chris Mason**  
Sports Coordinator



# RYAN LENEGAN (04)

What is your current job title and what does it involve?

Chief Executive Officer, Perth Basketball Association, home of the Perth Redbacks

Is there anything, you would like to share?

In 2005, I headed to the Gold Coast for study, graduating with a Bachelor of Journalism from Bond University. After journalist cadetship stints in Merredin, WA and then the Gold Coast Bulletin, QLD, I returned to part-time study, completing a Masters of Sports Management. My sports administration career has taken me around the world and across many sports, including hockey, football (soccer) and now, basketball. I managed to squeeze in playing Australian Rules football around my career, winning my first senior premiership with the Bond University Bullsharks in 2015, before hanging up the boots a couple of years later.

My now wife, Vanessa, and I returned to WA in 2018 - we welcomed our son, Adam, in November 2021, and live in Rivervale.

What did you learn that has had an influence in your life and/or career?

I didn't appreciate it at the time, but opportunities like public speaking and community service have been so important in my career and personal life.

Secondly, the importance of friendships. After spending many years away from WA, it has been special to come back to friendships made at Mazenod, where we are connected by the same set of values.

What can you share with the current students that may help them on their journey through secondary school?

The importance of extra-curricular activities. For me, this was sport - a passion that was fostered at Mazenod, and one that I've turned into a rewarding career. Whether it's sport, music, art; make time for your passions - you never know where they could lead you.

**Ryan Lenegan (04)**

## OLD BOYS' STORIES





## BOARDING

Semester Two has continued to be very busy and productive in our Cebula Residential Community with the winter sport season keeping the boys occupied with training sessions and games. I'd like to acknowledge the support of the College day parents who were just amazing in providing transport to and from games for the boarders each week.

Earlier in the year, we introduced the Extended Care Program which provides day families with busy lives, a flexible alternative to many aspects of their son's schooling. It's also an ideal option when life's unpredictability disrupts daily family routines. There are a variety of Extended Care options including Afternoon Boarding where the boys have their activities, including study, supervised and dinner provided before being collected by parents. Other options offered are overnight boarding, weekend boarding, weekly boarding and a customised approach that allows families to tailor make a package to suit their specific needs. To date we've been delighted to be able to assist several families who have taken advantage of this service.

Last month we farewelled our Year 12s at a Boarding Graduation Dinner attended by parents and boarding staff. The boys were also farewelled by their fellow boarders with a guard of honour and

a final dinner together as a boarding community. We wish them all well as they embark on the next exciting chapter of their lives.

For some of the boarders the recent Learn to Surf programme has been a welcome addition to our ever-growing weekend recreation programme. The boys have enjoyed learning some new skills alongside their friends and it's been great watching the sense of camaraderie that has developed between them. It's also been really encouraging seeing the increasing numbers attend the various weekend activities on offer. With an average of four activities each weekend, many designed around an Act Belong Commit ethos where we focus on getting the boys outside in the fresh air and sunshine, exercising and making valuable social connections, the boys have been able to enjoy weekends full of fun and mateship.

As we approach the end of what's been a very successful year in boarding, I'd like to express my thanks to Deputy Head of Boarding, Mr John Keogh. John has worked alongside the boarding staff since mid-2020 to ensure the highest levels of care for the boys while undertaking a variety of important tasks in the day to day running of the boarding house. I know that both the boys and their families have felt supported by John who





has always approached his role with dedication and professionalism. In 2023 John will be taking on the Acting Head of Faith and Mission role at school and will continue as an evening boarding supervisor, assisting the boys with their study and evening routines. With the variable nature of boarding enrolments, we will be exploring best practice staffing models for 2023 and beyond.

A boarding community is dependent on so many individuals to keep things ticking along. Thank you to our wonderful Housemothers Fiona Logan and Leigh Daff, our weekend and weekday supervisors, the catering, laundry, cleaning, and maintenance teams for the support they give us daily to ensure we can provide a positive experience for the boys in our care and their families.

**Annamaria Cream**  
Director of Boarding



# DID YOU KNOW?

Mazenod offers an

## Extended Care Program

Our Extended Care Programme includes:

- Afternoon boarding
- Overnight boarding
- Weekend boarding
- Week boarding
- Customised boarding

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For more information please contact:  
Boarding Director, Annamaria Cream  
(08) 9291 1500 or  
[cream.annamaria@mazenod.wa.edu.au](mailto:cream.annamaria@mazenod.wa.edu.au)



## WHAT IS SUSTAINABILITY?

Some people look at sustainability and think it is just for the “hippies and greenies” out there, but, sustainability is really about ensuring our kids have the same lifestyle in the future that we enjoy now and therefore is something we can and should all work to achieve across all aspects of our lives. This is why it is now embedded as part of the curriculum across all schools and all ages in Australia.

### **Wastesorted School Accreditation**

For the second year Mazenod has been recognized as a Wastesorted School. So what? I might hear you say. Being a Wastesorted school means we have access to grants of up to \$5000 per year to put our sustainability initiatives into place.

### **Waste Audit**

Over the last several years the school has conducted waste audits. These are designed as a snapshot of what waste the school is producing and how we can reduce this amount. Waste removal costs the school money so if we can achieve this goal, it is a win-win.

### **Worm Man incursion**

One of the school’s largest waste streams that goes into general rubbish is organic waste- lunches that are uneaten including whole pieces of fruit, sandwiches and scraps. Therefore a grant was applied for to deal with this waste and produce a usable product of organic fertilizer as a way of adding value. We successfully applied for a grant of

over \$3000 for 3 separate worm farms and with some help from the Parents Association put every Year 8 student through a Worm Man incursion. These worm farms will be able to process 6kg of kitchen/ organic waste per week. We also plan to have worm wiz (liquid fertilizer) available for sale shortly with funds going into further sustainability projects.

### **GoGreen Student Voice Sustainability Summit**

In August, 9 of our students joined students from the four De Mazenod Family Colleges’ Sustainability Teams to host the inaugural GoGreen Student Voice Sustainability Summit. Several associated primary and secondary colleges also joined the event to hear from industry and Christian organisations to learn from each other, share information about their projects, and inspire each other as leaders, that they can make a difference to their communities locally and globally.

### **WasteSorted Schools Meet**

A small group of dedicated sustainability group leaders attended the WasteSorted Schools Meet at John Curtin College of the Arts. They heard from some inspirational speakers including many students like them who spoke about the great things being done in schools in the area of sustainability. Well done to the lads for giving up time to attend this event.



### #Towards Net Zero Week

In Term 3, Week 8, we ran #Towards Net Zero Week, designed to showcase student engagement and knowledge around the area of sustainability. It included the Year 8 Worm Man incursions, the Winners are Grinders sausage sizzle, whole school Kahoot quiz, Mega Mazza Mobile muster and the worm farm art competition winners were drawn.

### Containers for Change

In the months leading up to this event boys collected eligible containers for the Containers for Change Program as a form competition. The best forms won a sausage sizzle. Over the last 2 years this program has been running Mazenod has collected over 75,000 containers to raise a staggering \$6000 split between Vinnies, MMD and ongoing sustainability projects.

### Mega Mazza Mobile Muster

Mr Dave Walczak came up with the idea of filling the key-way of the basketball court with old mobile phones to send to mobile muster (the full list of what can be reused is below). Instead of sending them over east to be crushed we found a local autistic lad who is rebuilding old IT equipment and giving it to those in need instead. 53 items were donated to Sam's Spares for refurbishment and donation.

We hope this initiative can happen each year.

For more information visit [www.samssparses.org](http://www.samssparses.org)

### Worm Fridge Art Competition

Two fridge worm farms were purchased with the grant money received. Boys were asked to come up with ideas for decorating them. The winning designs came from Quinn I in Year 8 and Clay M in Year 10. Both of whom won \$50 for their efforts.

As you can see it has been a very busy year for our small band of sustainability leaders. We have discussed lots of ideas and hope that we might be able to move on some of these in 2023. Our ideas include: Helping the boarders to reinstate the farm, tree planting programs, Peer Support lessons on recycling and waste reduction, working collaboratively with the St Brigid's College sustainability group, working more closely with the Vinnies group and many more.

We would love to hear from anyone who has any ideas for us to improve our school's ecological footprint or can help us to bring our ideas to fruition so please get in touch.

**Sally Budge**  
Sustainability Group leader



## ROSIES IMMERSION 2022

This year has seen our first Immersion since December 2019. Mr Wallis and Mr Websdale took 4 Year 11 boys to Queensland to engage in outreach to the poor through Rosies. Rosies is a ministry of the Oblates so it is great to be able to connect our Oblate school of Mazenod with another Oblate ministry.

“Rosies reaches out to those most in need, people who are homeless or at risk, lonely, and socially isolated within our communities.” Rosies Team Leader Emma Miller Place.

The boys spent the week undertaking Rosies outreach in Gold Coast, Logan, Toowoomba and Brisbane. A typical evening of engaging in outreach with Rosies saw the group divided into two groups

with Mr Wallis, Archie and James heading to Burleigh Head while Mr Websdale, Brendan and Daniel headed to Southport to link up with our respective Rosies teams. Each group engaged in a variety of tasks such as preparing food, loading the buses and replenishing food supplies at the bases before heading out to provide a cuppa, a warm plate of food and a some much needed company and conversation within the respective communities.

**Damian Wallis**  
Director of Faith & Mission

## MAZENOD COMMUNITY MASSES

Over the course of 2022 Fr McMahon OMI and Fr Ousley OMI have had the pleasure of celebrating three community Masses.

These Masses included the Mother’s Day Mass in May, the Father’s Day Mass in September and the Grandparents Mass in November. In recent years these Masses have grown in popularity. One of the things that makes these Masses so special is the way the boys take pride and enjoyment in attending these celebrations with their loved ones. As always, these celebrations are also social occasions, as the attendees enjoy a fantastic morning tea after Mass, provided by the wonderful canteen ladies. They often reconnect with old friends and make new connections at these community Masses.

At the recent Grandparents Mass we were reminded how important that relationship between Grandparent and Grandchild is by Pope Francis: “You are an important presence, because your experience is a precious treasure, indispensable for looking to the future with hope and responsibility. Your maturity and wisdom, gathered over the years, can help the younger ones, supporting them on the way of growth and openness to the future, and in their search for their own path.”

**Damian Wallis**  
Director of Faith & Mission



## CELEBRATING FR BILL OUSLEY OMI 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD

On 23 November, 2022 the Mazenod College community gathered with a Mass to celebrate Fr William "Bill" Ousley OMI's 50th Anniversary of Ordination. Fr Bill was ordained on the 27 November 1972. Growing up, he was educated by the Oblates at Iona, Qld. He then spent some time at Mazenod College WA, in 1973, before going onto various ministries in parishes and Iona and Mazenod, Victoria. Father Bill returned to Mazenod WA in 2020. Since then he has enjoyed celebrating class and boarding house masses, visiting classes, promoting his love of music and singing and getting to know all the boys. As a community, we thank God for his many years of faithful service and wish him well on his Jubilee day. *Laudetur Jesus Christus et Maria Immaculata* (Praise be Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate)

**Damian Wallis**  
Director of Faith & Mission





## ANN FERNANDO

Ann was born in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in August 1936. She was the eldest of 6 children. Although from a Chinese Taoist family, Ann was educated at a Catholic convent and was later baptised into the Catholic church. After school, Ann went to Teachers' College and in 1955, as a student teacher at La Salle Sentul, she met the love of her life, the handsome sports star Francis "Ferdie" Fernando. Their romance thrived and despite Ann's parents refusing to support the marriage, they fled and married in 1962.

Ann and Francis enjoyed a comfortable life style during their early years and with help of maids and servants they raised 3 children in Malaysia: Maryanne, Patricia, and Harry. However, in 1969 life in Malaysia became very unsafe due to the racial and religious unrest after Malaysia gained independence. During this time the family home was attacked, and Francis had to barricade the house to defend the family. This very scary scenario resulted in them making the difficult decision to leave Malaysia and seek a better life in Australia. Francis went first to find a new home and left Ann with the 3 children to sell the home and possessions.

Francis found a rental property and as fate would have it, Mazenod was seeking a teacher at that time and so Francis began his long and illustrious career at the College. Ann arrived in Australia with the children some time later, however, she was about to get a huge culture shock. The poor exchange rate meant the money they had brought soon ran out

and finances became very tight. Ann had to quickly adapt to not only a foreign country but also a whole new lifestyle. During this time, she learnt to be strong, independent, resilient, and frugal.

Ann started working at the Commonwealth Bank to supplement the family income and eventually they were able to purchase a block of land in Lesmurdie and built what was to be their forever home. Michael was born in 1973 and as soon as he went to school, Ann started her teaching career at Mazenod. Ann was one of a very few female teachers to survive the tough environment of an all-boys secondary school. They were difficult times to teach in even for male teachers, with the main disciplinary action being the strap or "waddie" as it was affectionately known. Ann however, developed her own techniques and she earned the respect of her students because she was extremely dedicated, determined, caring and organised. Ann taught mainly Accounting and Typing during her time at the College, and many old boys credit their careers in Accounting to Ann's dedication and inspiration.

Ann and Francis were an awesome team, both extremely generous. They also shared a great passion and love for the Oblates and the College. During these times Mazenod was still young with very few facilities and very little money. The College gymnasium for example was built by Fr Turner and his band of staff and



## JOHN BERNARD LOUGHNAN

19 AUGUST 1930 - 5 OCTOBER 2022

John Loughnan had three sons who attended the College, Tim, Chris and Matthew.

John was involved in the College for over 20 years as a supporter of the College, involved in fund-raising, sporting and cultural activities through the 1970s and 80s.

parent volunteers of which Francis was an integral part, with Ann providing meals to enable work to continue late into the nights. Ann and Francis also both had an empathy for those who were struggling or needed a lift and found practical ways to support them. Tributes from social media speak of holiday camps at their beach house and fostering boarders who needed a new place to stay.

Ann was an awesome cook. Francis would invite people for dinner and without any notice Ann, without complaint, would disappear for a few hours and then serve up a feast. It was amazing to witness the quality and quantity of food, course after course that Ann could prepare, cook and serve out of a tiny kitchen. She could have made a fortune as a chef!

Ann and Francis both resigned at the end of 1996 after giving their all for a combined total of over 40 years at the College. The Fernando name is forever etched into the fabric of the College and the community. The Lower Oval and the House Sports Trophy are named in honour of Francis, however, as Michael indicated during his eulogy at Ann's funeral; behind every great man there is an even greater woman! The College owes a great debt of gratitude to the Fernando family. Vale Ann, rest in Peace.

**Peter Douthie**  
Deputy Principal



## DES HART (O'HART)

23 MARCH 1948 - 26 NOVEMBER 2022

Des and his family have had a long connection to Mazenod College. In 1985, the Hart family moved to Lesmurdie from Manjimup where Des had been an orchardist and potato farmer. Des and his wife Angelina had nine children Stephanie, Natalie, Jeremy, Monica, Simon, Eilish, Joshua, Claire and Gemma. All the Hart children attended St Brigid's College before sons, Jeremy (1994), Simon (1998) and Joshua (2002) moved onto Mazenod College for secondary school. Moving from farming to running small businesses in the city was a huge change for the family and Des continued to work tirelessly to provide for his family. For over twenty years he owned Pallo's Carpets, and supplied carpet to many Mazenod classrooms.

Angelina ran the Mazenod uniform shop for several years before she sadly passed away in a car accident in April 2005. Her death had a profound impact on the local community and Des and his family were devastated by her loss. In 2009, Des married Ellita De Nardi, who had also sadly lost her husband, Lou, to illness a few years earlier. Ellita's three sons Jesse (2009), Arni (2015) and Toby (2020) also attended Mazenod College.

The family's connection to Mazenod College continued with several of his sons-in-law and grandsons attending the College; Thomas (2015), James (2018) and Lachlan Pavlinovich (2020), sons of Stephanie and Justin Pavlinovich (1989) who has also been a staff member at Mazenod (2006-2022), Joshua (2022) and Xavier Newton (Year 10), sons of Natalie and Dean Newton (1991) and Jacob Allen (2022) son of Eilish and Kane Allen (2000).

Des died unexpectedly after suffering a major heart attack. The main themes of his funeral Mass were his love and commitment to faith, family, friends and football. In the last hours of his life, Des attended Mass. His faith was central to his life and he regularly attended morning mass in the Mazenod College chapel. As a dedicated and proud father and grandfather, Des could often be seen supporting his family members in their sporting endeavours at football, cricket, athletics, basketball or hockey matches. Des helped others in whatever way he could, whether it be runner for football matches or in his volunteer work with St Vincent de Paul, collecting and sorting donations made by the Young Vinnies. At Des's funeral, generations of Mazenod men were in attendance, a testament to the impact Des's warmth and joy had on mates of his sons and grandsons over the years.



## MOB SUMMARY

# MAZENOD OLD BOYS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past 12 months have seen the Old Boys hold a wide range of successful events: maintaining our more traditional events, while exploring new avenues and building on relatively new ones.

Our community is a special one that is able to claim a special place in the wider Mazenod community. Being a member of the Old Boys holds a special place in many graduates of Mazenod and it is always great to hear about the various roles, careers and projects that Mazenod Old Boys are up to. The Mazenod bond, or "Mazza Spirit" is life long and I thank all those who donate, volunteer, attend and participate in all of our events throughout the year – it is much appreciated.

Mental health recently has begun to be given a prominent place in our Old Boys community. For our third time we promoted men's mental health at our XVIII V Old Boys football match through promoting RUOK? Day, having banners and giving away a RUOK? Footy to the best Old Boys player. As always, we took 1 minute's silence with the players to remember all old boys who have passed. At our Golf Day, players were able to see the completed blue tree project and the plaque installed.

This was a fantastic initiative finally realised and I thank committee members Andrew Ross, Jeremy Logan and Mazenod staff member Michael Scarfone for their assistance. Thank you also to Hartfield Golf Course for allowing us to use a tree on the course.

The Old Boys committee has now had the second '13th Year' event where the immediate previous cohort was invited back for pizza and drinks to talk about their successes, challenges, and just general reflections from the first 6 months out of school. It was received quite well with over 20 'students' attending.

This year, in a concerted effort to focus on Old Boys who are boarders, we held a catch up session at the Commercial Hotel in Dowerin, in between the Dowerin Field Days. This was the first Old Boys event of its kind and we plan to continue to have at least one focused boarding Old Boy event a year in the future. This is an area the committee is really focused on and I thank them for supporting this initiative for 2022.



The Old Boys were also proud to support fellow Old Boy and Oblate Fr Gerry Conlan (78) with the purchase of a projector for one of his parishes in Kenya. We thank Fr Gerry for visiting and we continue to pray for you and your mission work!

Another special visit we had to the College this year was Old Boy Greg Moriarty (81) and his brother John (82). Greg is Defence Secretary and John works for FIFA in IT. Both were boarders and had not been back to the College since graduation. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit back and tour of the school.

Matt Keogh (98), who has gone on to become the first Old Boy from any Oblate College in Australia to become a federal minister, spoke to our Year 12's before their Farewell Assembly. Finally, superstar Fremantle Dockers player, Paul Hasleby(98), spoke at the Sportsman's Dinner. We encourage all Old Boys to please get in touch should they wish to pop in and visit.

Throughout the year the College has also continued to invite Old Boys from various years speak to Year 10s, 11s and 12s about future careers and give advice. It has been wonderful to see this continue.

A special shout out to Dean Munns, class of 2012 - for his co-captaincy of the West Perth Football club and their flag win earlier this year. I am sure you will have many stories to tell.

This year also sees us updating our Constitution - always a difficult challenge for any group and I thank all Old Boys for their assistance with this.

Other events this year included the Students V Old Boys Hockey match, our Golf Day and the Year 12 BBQs. It was great to see many Old Boys at our Kalamunda Hotel Sunday session on 27 November.

Our Annual Memorial Mass, held on 5 November was a moving service for the families that have lost loved ones who were students at Mazenod.

To our newest members, the class of 2022 - Congratulations - "Welcome to the club". I look forward to seeing you at some of our events or taking part in the '13th Year' events for 2023.

Lastly, none of this could take place or exist without the dedication and tireless work of the Mazenod Old Boys committee. This group of gentlemen have served the Old Boys for many years and a number of them have made the decision to step down at the end of this year. Many of these members have served since the Old Boys formal incorporation since 2010. They are to be proud of their work and service given to the MOB over the years.



Bob Huston (78) – Inaugural committee member and VERY long serving secretary of the MOB.

Adrian Conti (87)– Inaugural Vice-President and committee member. Overseeing the staff V students Old Boys Match.

Iggy Moro (87) – Inaugural committee member and long supporter of various events over the years, offering great financial counsel.

Sebastian Fiolo (89) – Long standing committee member. Generous supporter providing fruit, wine, hospitality, and support to many MOB events.

Chris Mason (02) – Supporter of all things sport for the MOB, always willing to lend a hand and help.

Liam Staltari (12) – Continues on as committee member, but stepping down as Vice-President for last 3 years. Thankyou Liam for your wise words of counsel, support and help at various events over the years.

I thank everyone on the 2022 MOB committee overall and those staying on – Sean Cameron (82) as Treasurer Liam Mallon (06) as Secretary, Jeremy Logan (87) as School Liaison Officer, Leo Conti (82) and Andrew Ross (96). Your work and dedication is always appreciated, and I thank you for all that you do for the “MOB”.

Finally thank you to all the MOB members, supporters, and College community for the support of the MOB throughout the year. We have shown great community spirit. Thank you.

**John Keogh (04)**  
**MOB President**



The following is a list of what the Mazenod Old Boys do in any given year...

- Mazenod hardship support for families.
- Provide financial annual travel bursaries to assist students reach their goals – National representation in a sport; National representation in an academic competition endeavours, etc.
- MOB scholarship bursaries for Old Boys to help advance their education or training.
- Sponsor of Junior and Senior Sportsman's of Year
- Sponsor of Craftsman of the Year prize
- Help coordinate and conduct reunions.
- Conduct our Annual MOB Footy tipping competition.
- Provide 3 BBQs to Yr 12 students.
- Hold sporting events with Students Vs Old Boys in Basketball, Hockey and Football.
- Present one main significant event a year – Formal dinner/music presentation/Quiz night/etc.
- Sponsorship of major award for each year group at Presentation Evening.
- Hold annual MOB Golf Day at Hartfield.
- Conduct annual MOB Memorial Mass for students who have passed.
- Hold the Sunday Session at the Kalamunda Hotel.
- Provide advice to newly graduated students through the "13th year" programme.
- Dedicated Old Boys boarding event to support lifelong support, networking and friendships
- Sponsorship of community groups - Kalamunda Cougars, Mazenod Lesmurdie Cricket Club, Mazenod Junior Football Club and Mazenod Basketball Club
- Provide networking opportunities, support and advice between fellow Old Boys and graduating students
- Coordination and invitation of Old Boys to speak to Year 10-12 students about career and job opportunities
- Promote Old Boy accomplishments and successes for example Dean Munns (Sport), Greg Moriarty (government), Jake O'Brien (fundraising, community involvement).





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