



# MAZENODIAN

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## ALUMNI OFFICE

# FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

As outlined in the constitution of the MOBA Inc. we have a list of objectives we work towards. How have we gone so far in 2024?

- (a) **To foster interaction amongst Old Boys and to keep them in touch with the College;** Old Boys Hockey, Basketball, Golf and Football, Sponsorship of Lesmurdie Mazenod Cricket Club, 13th Year, Reunions.
- (b) **To enhance the well-being of the College Community;** Mazenod Old Boys Community House.
- (c) **To organise such social gatherings as are from time to time determined upon;** Lesmurdie Club Catchup and Reunions.
- (d) **To complement and strengthen the well being of the College; to provide material support for the education of the students and infrastructure of the College; and to further the aims of the College as required.** Careers Carousel, Subject Selection Guest Speakers, Graydon Perrett talk, Yr 12 BBQ's, Sponsors of the Craftsman of the Year Competition, Presentation Evening Awards.

Still to come is the Memorial Mass and Old Boys Sundowner and I am sure the committee will pick up on a few events I have missed!

Featured in this issue is the biggest project we have undertaken in the 15-year history of MOBA - The Mazenod Old Boys Community House project - 18 months in the making to achieve an unhosted holiday rental license and prepare a home for our regional families. Boarding families now have a very cheap option to stay in Perth to spend family time together in a 4-bedroom house with a yard and space to really enjoy each other's company. Well done to all involved.

If any Old Boys are interested in joining the committee or giving it a trial, please email Logan.jeremy@mazenod.wa.edu.au.

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

## 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.



Greetings to all,

I've spoken before about the importance of a sense of belonging in our lives and, as a still relatively new member to the Mazenod community, how impressive I found, the reach of the Mazenod Old Boys Association. This edition of The Mazenodian is a true testament to the dedication of the community to keep the option for connection and support alive amongst members.

Past student associations have generated many exciting but vital projects that at their core, build amazing community bonds that all can be proud of.

I don't recall however, ever experiencing a project as exciting and heartwarming, as the Mazenod Old Boys Community House Project. From the very first conversation with Jeremy Logan, this project captures the imagination for what communities can do for, and share with, others. I feel this project aligns beautifully with the values of the Oblates and connection with the story of St Eugene, our Mazenod College community and our dedication to our College values of "Compassion and Charity", the spirit of service of the Old Boys Association and the warmth of spirit and heartfelt generosity of the benefactor in entrusting their family home for the benefit of others. Alignment of this scope and magnitude I expect, is rare in communities these days. I look forward with much excitement to sharing in this story for many years to come.

There has been so much happening within and beyond our College since the last edition and I hope you enjoy reading about the arrival of Fr Michael Twigg OMI, the departure of Fr Bill Ousley OMI, the growing excitement around the development in Boarding, the tribute to Cedric Baxter OAM from Colleen Wilson, the vast array of MOBA events and so much more. I conclude by thanking all of those who have contributed to this edition of The Mazenodian for you all to enjoy, especially Brett Scarey (Community Relations and Marketing Manager) for his work in bringing this all together.

God bless,

**Mr Simon Harvey**  
Principal



# MOBA COMMUNITY HOUSE

It is with great pride that the Mazenod Old Boys Association (Inc.) would like to announce the MOBA Community House.

A wonderfully suitable property has been made available to MOBA through the generosity of the Mazenod College Community. The MOBA Community House is an unsupervised, short-term rental house which allows us to provide cheap accommodation options for boarding families in the Hills. We understand the significant strain placed on boarding families and so this is why we are so proud to provide accessible and affordable accommodation for boarding families by Term 4 2024.

This property will mean families of boarding students can stay close to the College to support their son/s, whether for a night or a week, for an emergency or to support an event. It also means families can be together more easily when needed and the boys can receive their favourite home cooked meal.

The exclusivity of the Perth Hills poses challenges to the accessibility of this type of accommodation close to the school. This adds an unnecessary burden to boarding families when planning trips to Perth. The MOBA has understood this for several years and as such this short-term accommodation option has been a long-term ambition of the association. And, so, we are very proud to finally be able to provide this convenient option to boarding families.



The Mazenod Community House Project will be run as a not-for-profit, designed to provide a useful service to boarding families. It is anticipated bookings will open in Term 4 2024 through an online booking system which will be advertised to families and caregivers of the Cebula community. While boarding families will be given preference, circumstances exist where non-boarding families in the Mazenod community may book the MOBA house.

Funds and donations are sought to cover the cost of the rent fee associated with obtaining the property, furnishing and fitting out the property, and then running and maintaining the property. The more donations and in-kind support this project can receive, the lower the fees will be for boarding families.

### WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR GENEROSITY FOR GOODS AND SERVICES.

- Mazenod P&F
- Liam Mallon
- Mazenod Design and Technology Department
- Carling Family
- Paull Family
- Phill Glass
- Aidan Reed and Family
- Kento Pollard
- Andrew Rossi and Family
- John Dobson
- Rachel Elliott
- Daryl and Julie Peck
- Chris and Naomi Parkes
- Angela and Richard Parker
- Rory Hoey and Response Electricians
- Year 10 Industry and Enterprise Class

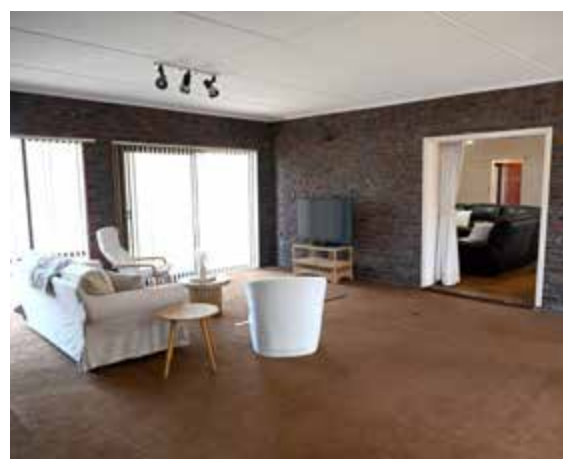
We still need the following to make our guests as comfortable as possible

- A split system air conditioner
- New carpets in 2 rooms
- Shade sails for outdoor area

All businesses and benefactors will be recognised.

Donations:  
MOBWA HOUSE PROJECT

BSB: 066000  
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# BOARDING

It has been an exciting time in the Cebula boarding community watching the progress of the construction of our new boarding house. With work on the internals currently taking place, we are optimistic that the project will be finished in time for the start of the 2025 school year. For the duration of the build, 23 boys have been residing at St Brigid's College, utilising one of their empty boarding houses. Whilst occasionally the logistics of transporting boys between two campuses has been a little challenging, overall, the boys have enjoyed the experience to date. I'd like to thank the boys for the fabulous way they've taken on board the extra commitment needed to live off campus and still be super organised - they have all been brilliant.

The winter sport season is always a busy one and this year has been no exception with boarders taking part in football, basketball, hockey, rugby and soccer for both College and community-based clubs. Over the past few weeks, the boys have been part of finals teams with several proudly showing off grand final winning medals.

We recently farewelled Fr Bill Ousley OMI who has been an integral part of the boarding community over the last few years. Father Bill will be leaving Mazenod to return to Queensland. We thank him for his commitment to the boys, his pastoral and spiritual guidance, and his wonderful storytelling. We wish him all the very best in his future endeavours.

The Year 12 boarders are preparing for their last few weeks at Cebula House. For many, this will be the culmination of a six-year boarding journey. It has been heartwarming to hear the boys speak so positively about their time and the wonderful lifelong connections and friendships that have been created. Our blessings and good wishes go with this fine group of Mazenod young men as they embark on the next exciting chapter of their lives.

**Annamaria Cream**  
Director of Boarding





# INVITATION

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# MOB

MAZENOD OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

invite you to the

*Old Boys Memorial Mass*

to be held in the

## Mazenod College Chapel

55 Gladys Road, Lesmurdie  
Saturday 2 November, 2024 at 5:30 - 7:00pm

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Before the mass please congregate at the memorial wall near the chapel where we will reflect on the names on the wall and begin the service with a blessing. The evening concludes with light refreshments in the undercover quadrangle.

Celebrants: Fr McMahon OMI and Fr Twigg OMI

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Please RSVP by Friday 25 October 2024  
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# WELCOME

## FR MICHAEL TWIGG OMI

The Oblates have served the College and surrounding region for almost 60 years in a wide variety of ways. This has been as Rectors, Chaplains and Parish Priests. After a break of 23 years it is a genuine joy for me to be back here in Mazenod.

Our community of Oblates has included Fr Joe Anthony OMI, Fr Michael McMahon OMI, Fr Bill Ousley OMI, Fr Matthew Raj OMI and also myself. During the past 12 months we have also expanded our mission here in Lesmurdie to include the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes after a 10 year break.

This year also saw the reintroduction of the Oblate role of Rector at the College after a pause of 5 years, since Fr Peter Daly OMI passed away. While still in its initial stages, it is intended to be a role of service to the whole College community, and in a special way a support to the Principal who leads the school on a daily basis.

The Oblates are committed to this wonderful region and also to the entirety of Western Australia through our Cebula Residential Community (Boarding).

St Eugene de Mazenod OMI compels us to reach out to those in need and this is a fundamental goal as a follower of Jesus. It is our prayer and community life that fuels our relationships here.

I am genuinely looking forward to visiting many within our community and also in the Boarding community. As a College we will be celebrating our 60th anniversary in 2026 and this will provide many moments of gratitude.

I am very keen to renew my practical and vocal support to the Fremantle Dockers and hope that they have sustained success (and one day a Premiership)!!!

I give thanks to God that I am back in Western Australia.

**Fr Michael Twigg OMI**







## AUSTIN GERHARDY (19)

I am currently a livestock agent and auctioneer for Nutrien Livestock, based in Manjimup in the Southwest region. I've been with Nutrien for approximately 4 years. In that time, I have worked throughout WA in the Wheatbelt, Pilbara and Southwest before being posted in Manjimup. My main role as a livestock agent is to market our clients' livestock. The auctioneering part of my role consists of conducting auctions at saleyards around WA, as well as on farm clearing sales and stud sales.

I had the pleasure and great opportunity of representing both WA and my company Nutrien at the National ALPA Young Auctioneers Competition held at the Sydney Royal Easter Show at the end of March. The winner of the Australian National Competition will then go on to represent Australia at the World Championship Auctioneering Competition in Canada.

I often reflect back on my time at Mazenod fondly, in particular, the staff who made my time at the College extremely enjoyable. I am also grateful for the leadership opportunities that I was presented with in my last year at the College.

If I had any advice for students who are starting or are on their journey at Mazenod, I would say, take hold of every opportunity that presents itself, allow yourself to leave your comfort zone. Your time at the College is short so make good use of it.

**Austin Gerhardy (19)**





## MAZENOD OLD BOYS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope this edition of the Mazenodian finds you well! The first 6 months of this year have gone quickly and the MOBA of course have been busy as always.

We have had the first lot of our BBQ's for our Year 12's as they complete their final year of Mazenod College. We also held our annual Old Boys v Students Hockey game in March (Old Boys won) and the Old Boys v Students Mitchell Delle Coste memorial basketball game in June (Old Boys won). Thank you to those who have played in many of these matches over the years. Best on ground for Old Boys were Lachlan Pavlinovich and Matthew Alexander respectively.

The College had some recent graduates back to present to Year 12s and Year 10s about career options. The Mazenod staff always enjoy hearing what former students have been up to, and it was great to have the boys pass on their 'wisdom' to the current students.

The College also held its 13th year event, now in its fourth year. This event has grown from strength to strength over the years, with over 60 students attending from the 2023 cohort. This event is aimed at checking in with how our newest MOB members are going, strengthen relationships and to allow them to provide their thoughts on how Mazenod can improve. It was great to catch up with the boys.

A very significant chapter has begun for the Old Boys with the announcement of the Mazenod Old Boys Community Housing Project. This initiative sees the Old Boys have use of a house very close to the school that can be utilised for

short term rent by boarding parents when they visit their son/s for a day, weekend or week. It allows boarding families to be close together and support one another. This initiative ties together a number of objectives of the Old Boys: "to foster interaction amongst Old Boys and to keep them in touch with the College", and; "to complement and strengthen the well-being of the College and provide material support for education of the students and infrastructure of the College as required."

This project has been quietly worked on over the past 12+ months by committee members and has seen a large amount of work and preparation. In particular, I would like to mention Jeremy Logan ('87), Andrew Ross ('96) and the very generous assistance from Fr Gerry Conlan OMI ('79). Thank you for your work. More information is within this edition of the Mazenodian.

For the remainder of the year - be sure to update your diary when we begin to advertise these events. Hopefully you can make some of them.

- Old Boys Annual Memorial Mass - 2nd November
- Kala Sunday Sesh - 24th November

Thank you to the MOBA committee that makes all of these events possible and to our wider MOB membership who take part and make the MOBA what it is! Enjoy the rest of 2024.

**Mr John Keogh**  
**MOB President**

# Annual General Meeting of the Mazenod Old Boys Association.

The details of the meeting are as follows:

**Date:** 6th November, 2024

**Time:** 7 pm

**Place:** Mazenod College Staffroom, Gladys Rd, Lesmurdie.



## A tribute to Cedric Baxter

Cedric Baxter OAM who passed peacefully on 10 March 2024 at the age of 93 was a gentleman held in high regard by family and friends.

He was an artist, cartoonist and teacher with exceptional talent. He had a reputation as a brilliant cartoonist with the West Australian newspaper displaying his diverse knowledge on art, literature and music. He produced the official poster for the 1962 Commonwealth Games and won the Walkley Award for Cartooning in 1968. His lively sense of humour evident in all his activities and he had the ability to relate his personal history and stories with wit and enthusiasm.

Cedric was awarded the Order of Australia in 1990 in recognition of his services to Badminton and received a BWF Distinguished Service Award in 2003 as a Life Member for his contribution to the sport, on a National and International level.

Cedric was born in Burma and escaped the bombing of Rangoon in 1942, trekking by elephants across the Assam Mountains to Mandalay. He travelled to Australia with his family and met his beautiful wife Pat and they embraced the Australian life-style. Their three sons, Mark, Simon and Adam attended Mazenod while his daughters Michelle and Giselle attended St Brigid's.

Cedric was deeply involved with supporting Mazenod. He was President of the P&F and over the years donated many of his exceptional artworks to the school.

Cedric was instrumental in the setting up of the Mazenod College Annual Art Exhibition in 1996. He was a mentor and advisor for over twenty years and enabled the Mazenod Art Exhibition to have a reputation of excellence amongst the exhibiting artists and broader community. Throughout the many years of the exhibition, he was an exhibiting artist and also featured in a number of National fine art galleries.

On a personal level I always found Cedric to be friendly and willing to share his knowledge of Art which helped Mazenod establish such a renowned exhibition supported by the school community.

**Colleen Wilson**



# STUDENTS V MAZENOD BASKETBALL

On Saturday 22 June the Mazenod Old Boys took on the students from the Mazenod Junior Basketball Club. This event is held in memory of Mitchell Delle Coste who sadly passed away in 2018.

It was a fantastic event packed with impressive finishes, 3-pointers and dunks (and many bricks) which saw the Old Boy team winning both games.

Matthew Alexander was awarded the Mitchell Delle Coste MVP trophy for the Old Boys and Kano Kudra (Year 11) took out the student MVP.

Thank you to Danny and Kym Delle Coste for joining us and presenting the MVP trophy in Mitchell's name.



# ANNUAL Golf Day

Monday 19 August saw the annual Mazenod Old Boys Golf Open held at Hillview Golf Course once again. The day was the first one in a while that was very overcast, with a fair amount of drizzle and some slow, marshy greens.

Thank you to our supporters and sponsors of the event – Mike and Harry Fernando, Greg Roberts and the Di Florio family. The Di Florio family donated a prize in memory of their son Jordan (2010) who passed away in 2022 – a great way to remember Jordan.

We had around 24 groups take part, The group with the best raw score off the stick was Team Grabski on 68. After the random handicap generator being applied, the following teams got final placings with these scores:

**1st : Truss group – 68.25**

**2nd: Snadden group – 68.51**

**3rd: Warrington group – 71.03**

With the ambrose event and random handicap, it really is anyone's game!

Thanks to Liam Mallon (06) and John Keogh (04) for their assistance. To all those who participated on the day thank you for making it another successful event.

**Mr John Keogh**  
MOB President, Class of 2004



# Fr Kevin Davine celebrates 65 years as priest

During the Oblate Annual Retreat we were able to celebrate as a Province, three great anniversaries of ordination for Fr Kevin Davine OMI (65 years) and Frs Lewy Keelty OMI and Pat Moroney OMI (60 years). A combined 185 years of service to the people of God in Australia. May God raise up more great missionaries to serve his people.



## OLD BOYS CATCH-UP LESMURDIE CLUB

Thanks to everyone who made it to our Old Boys Catch-up at the Lesmurdie Club. We had a good range of years from the 80s to the last few years. Thanks for coming and thanks again to all our sponsors of raffle prizes. Make sure you follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or send through your email to be added to our email list.





## CLASS OF 1983 REUNION

On Saturday 11 November 2023 the Class of 83 held their 40 year reunion at Lalla Rookh in the Perth CBD.

We had a fantastic attendance, with 37 class mates turning up on the night, unfortunately there were a few last minute apologies. Being the 40th it was great to see several new faces who had never attended one of our reunions before. We have had the majority of boarders attend and even Dean Lewis travelled from Brisbane with only 7 days' notice to attend.

We are fortunate that we organise a yearly catch up, however this one was very special being the 40th year since leaving Mazenod and even longer for some, so this

required a bit more tracking down of our school mates.

Some of us have known each other since Grade 1 so we have been friends for over 50 years!

Lots of laughter and reminiscing about the good old days where a number of stories were retold and a lot of catching up on current situations was done. It was amazing how everyone was just able to continue from where they last left off and old friendships were rekindled as some of us had not seen each other for over 40 years!

It was great to see some of the old teaching staff come along, Fr McMahon (still enjoying a red), Pete Douthie, Rob Holt, Jeff Ronan & Geoff Stallard. These legends all had some input into how we all turned out as young men and matured into adults, some of us anyway!

Thanks to the MOB who provided pizza to soak up some of the alcohol before people ordered meals, at least some did!

The feedback from the night was really positive and that everyone enjoyed themselves and would attend again.

We will be having a catch up on the 16th November 2024 and details will be emailed out to the group.

[Sean & Basil](#)

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## STUDENTS V MOBA HOCKEY MATCH

Back in March the MOBA held our annual Old Boys v Students Hockey match. The Old Boys prevailed on the day, winning 3 to 1. It was a hard fought game with some great skills on display. The MOB had players from the 1970s, 2000s, 2010s and 2020s, which was fantastic to see. Hopefully we will see 1980s and 1990s representation next year! Thanks goes to the MOB and school hockey committees and also the Year 11 and 12 students for putting up a good fight. Congratulations to Lachlan Pavlinovich for BoG. We're looking forward to next year already.





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