

# OLD CONCORDIANS **Connect**

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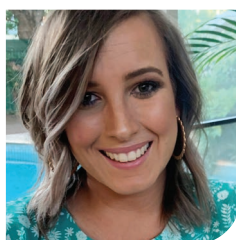


## Welcome from the President

Welcome to 2021 – a year in which we look forward to resuming a full program of reunions and events. We hope we see you at some of them, and in particular we hope that you can help us celebrate the 100 (+1) year anniversary of the Old Concordians' Association at our Centenary Dinner in June.

In 2020, the Old Concordians' Association committee welcomed **Jodie Escott** to our regular meetings. Jodie began her role as Director of Community Relations during the year and has worked closely with alumni associations in the past. We feel very privileged to have her energy and passion at Concordia, and we very much value her expertise. We also welcome a new committee member – **Chrissy Barnard**, Class of 2003. We are looking forward to working with Chrissy and caught up with her for a short Q&A.

**Matt Bruening**, Class of 2016  
President



## Q&A with Chrissy Barnard

Class of 2003 – committee member  
and Old Concordians' Netball Club  
Coordinator

### What is great about being an Old Concordian?

Concordia has been so great for forging lifelong friendships, it's wonderful to still have so many friendships and connections with my peers. Since starting at Concordia in Year 8 it is clear the positive relationships that are built amongst staff and students both past and present will stand the test of time.

### Tell us about the Old Concordians' Netball Club

We have just had our first season, with two teams entered in the SA United Church Netball Association summer competition. It has been really exciting to see the level of interest and engagement from Old Concordians and it looks like our club will continue to grow from season to season! Sport and friendships are both very important to all of the girls and being able to reconnect with each other and have fun is fantastic.

### What motivated you to join the Old Concordians' Association Committee?

The Old Concordians' Association generously supports all of the sporting groups (Old Concordians Netball, Cricket, Soccer and Pedal Prix) and being on the committee will be a great way to support the association that supports us! As an Old Concordian who is very involved in the Concordia community, I am eager to advance the Core Purpose of the Old Concordians' Association, which is to 'Facilitate and encourage lifetime connections between Old Concordians and the Concordia community'.







## Sporting Clubs



### Old Concordians' Sporting Clubs

The Old Concordians financially support the setup and some of the running costs of our sports clubs and were pleased to see the growth of all clubs in 2020. If you are interested in starting a sports club or special interest group for Old Concordians, we encourage you to contact the Alumni Manager, Sue Spry, via email [alumni@concordia.sa.edu.au](mailto:alumni@concordia.sa.edu.au) or phone 08 8291 9339 for details about how we can help.

For information about joining an existing Old Concordians' Association sports club, please contact the relevant Club Coordinator listed below:

**Netball Club**, Chrissy Barnard [chrissybarnard@gmail.com](mailto:chrissybarnard@gmail.com)

**Soccer Club**, Cameron Basnec [cbasnec@gmail.com](mailto:cbasnec@gmail.com)

**Cricket Club**, Tim Kupke [timkupke@hotmail.com](mailto:timkupke@hotmail.com)

**Pedal Prix Club**, Nelson Harris [nelsonharris02@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonharris02@gmail.com)

## Lifelong Connections

Reunions provide the opportunity for Old Concordians of all ages to keep in touch with each other and the College. Due to the easing of COVID-19 restrictions in the later months of 2020, we were pleased to be able to resume reunions with modified numbers. Many Old Concordians enjoyed the chance to once again get together with friends old and new.

1. 60+ Lunch, Saturday 19 September
2. Eyre Peninsula Reunion – Port Lincoln, Saturday 17 October (no photo)
3. Class of 1980, 40 Year Reunion, Friday 23 October
4. Class of 1960, 60 Year Reunion, Saturday 24 October
5. Class of 1970, 50 Year Reunion, Friday 30 October
6. Class of 2000, 20 Year Reunion, Friday 6 November
7. Class of 2010, 10 Year Reunion, Friday 20 November
8. Class of 2015, 5 Year Reunion, Friday 4 December

We look forward to our full program of reunions in 2021, including the rescheduled **100 (+1) Centenary Dinner** celebrating 100 years of the Old Concordians. The full schedule of reunions and other events appears on the back page ... see you at one or more of these this year!











## The Suaviter Gallery

### The Suaviter Gallery

2020 was a special year for Concordia. As well as the Old Concordians recording 100 years of the alumni association, it was 130 years since our College began in 1890. To celebrate these milestones, and as a tribute to our rich history, we installed a historical gallery dating from 1890 to the present day in The Suaviter.

The Suaviter served as the College Chapel from 1927 to 1990 and since then has been utilised for reunions and events, parent dinners, year level meetings, many other functions and even wedding receptions. With the help of donations from Old Concordians, we have created a space where students can learn about the important history of their school and where Old Concordians, families and visitors can view the fabulous new gallery while they attend events or College tours.

We sincerely thank you for your generous support of this project, and we invite you to contact the Alumni Manager, Sue Spry, via email [alumni@concordia.sa.edu.au](mailto:alumni@concordia.sa.edu.au) or phone 08 8291 9339 if you would like to view the gallery.





# Spotlight on an Old Concordian

Jonathan Koch,  
Class of 1999



In November, we heard from Jonathan who is an offshore oil and gas drilling engineer with Shell. Jonathan lives in Brisbane,

but his work takes him far and wide – including to some very remote places! He is currently stationed in the Persian Gulf on the Iranian border with Qatar where he leads an exploration drilling rig in the middle of the Gulf and is one of the few still travelling internationally. It is a very challenging and dangerous environment, especially with the concerns of COVID-19. Jonathan values the support of others to maintain a connection to home and is very glad to say that it is often the strong relationships formed at Concordia that continue to this day to help him through.

## What are some defining memories of your time at Concordia?

As an adult reflecting on my time at the College I have a much greater awareness that for many of my teachers, their role as Christian educators was very much their calling in life as opposed to purely a teaching profession, which is a special distinction worthy of note. I have countless fond memories of individuals such as Peter Leske, Peter Schmidt, Beryl Solly and Mark Schubert, to name a few, going the extra mile to provide an encouraging environment for students to learn academically and to develop as unique individuals.

## What advice would you offer current students?

Make the most of your time at the College and recognise the value of the relationships you have with those with whom you are sharing the experience. Your time at Concordia College is but a short time in your life; however, the bonds you build with each other will serve as a strong base for you to then branch out and explore the world.



## What motivates/inspires you?

God has given us all unique talents and gifts and a diverse world in which we can apply them. It is our calling to use what He has given us for His glory and for the welfare of others.

## Old Concordians' Centenary Dinner +1

**Friday 4 June 2021, 7-9.30pm**  
*The Suaviter, Concordia College*  
Tickets: \$40pp  
[www.trybooking.com/BNLMM](http://www.trybooking.com/BNLMM)

All Old Concordians are invited to a three-course banquet with complimentary drink on arrival and entertainment to celebrate the 100 (+1) year anniversary of the Old Concordians' Association. BYO.

## Get Involved

Interested in joining the Old Concordians' Association committee? We would love to hear from you!

Please contact the Alumni Manager, Sue Spry, for more information [alumni@concordia.sa.edu.au](mailto:alumni@concordia.sa.edu.au)

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# Reunions and Events

## Class of 2020 Welcome to OCA

**Thursday 25 February 2021, 3-7pm**

*Concordia College*

Free Event, Graduate Workshop and Reunion.

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BLALE](http://www.trybooking.com/BLALE)

## Old Concordians' Canberra Reunion

**Friday 5 March 2021, 6-8pm**

*The Howling Moon – Rex Hotel Rooftop Bar, Canberra*

Tickets: \$30pp // Drink on arrival and grazing table.

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BNCHR](http://www.trybooking.com/BNCHR)

## Old Concordians' Sydney Reunion

**Friday 30 April 2021, 6-8pm**

*Tilbury Hotel (Room 1) 12-18 Nicholson Street, Woolloomooloo*

Tickets: \$30pp // Cocktail menu and drink on arrival included.

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BNDIU](http://www.trybooking.com/BNDIU)

## Harmony in the Chapel & 70+ Reunion

**Friday 7 May 2021, 1.30-2.30pm**

*Concordia College Chapel*

Free Event // All Old Concordians who began at the College 70 or more years ago are invited to enjoy a concert from Concordia ensembles, and afternoon tea.

Bookings: Sue Spry – [alumni@concordia.sa.edu.au](mailto:alumni@concordia.sa.edu.au) or 8272 0444

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Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BNLMM](http://www.trybooking.com/BNLMM)

## Class of 1971, 50 Year Reunion

**Friday 4 June 2021, 7-9.30pm**

*The Suaviter, Concordia College*

Tickets: \$40pp // The Class of 1971 are invited to join the Centenary Dinner to celebrate your 50 Year Reunion. You will be seated together and enjoy a three-course banquet with complimentary drink on arrival. BYO.

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BNLKW](http://www.trybooking.com/BNLKW)

## Class of 1981, 40 Year Reunion

**Friday 4 June 2021, 7-9.30pm**

*The Suaviter, Concordia College*

Tickets: \$40pp // The Class of 1981 are invited to join the Centenary Dinner to celebrate your 40 Year Reunion. You will be seated together and enjoy a three-course banquet with complimentary drink on arrival. BYO.

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BNLMK](http://www.trybooking.com/BNLMK)

## Brown & Gold 60+ Lunch

**Thursday 23 September 2021, 12 noon-3pm**

*The Suaviter, Concordia College*

Tickets: \$25pp // All Old Concordians who started at Concordia in 1961 or prior are invited to attend a catered three-course lunch.

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BNLOR](http://www.trybooking.com/BNLOR)

## Class of 1961, 60 Year Reunion

**Thursday 23 September 2021, 12 noon-3pm**

*The Suaviter, Concordia College*

Tickets: \$25pp // The Class of 1961 are invited to join the 60+ Brown & Gold Lunch with others who started at Concordia in 1961 or prior. Enjoy a catered three-course lunch and entertainment.

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BNLMT](http://www.trybooking.com/BNLMT)

## Class of 1996, 25 Year Reunion Tour

**Saturday 16 October 2021, 5.30-6.45pm**

*Concordia College*

Tickets: \$25pp // A tour at the College will be followed by a reunion at The Edinburgh Hotel, High Street Mitcham at 7pm. Includes food and a drink on arrival.

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BOBLN](http://www.trybooking.com/BOBLN)

## Class of 2001, 20 Year Reunion

**Friday 19 November 2021, 6-8pm**

*The Art Courtyard, Concordia College*

Tickets: \$30pp, children free // Catered family event. Picnic style dinner and drinks.

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BNLQM](http://www.trybooking.com/BNLQM)

## Class of 2011, 10 Year Reunion

**Friday 26 November 2021, 6pm**

*Edinburgh Hotel, 7 High Street, Mitcham*

Tickets: \$20pp // Garden cocktail party. Canapes and a drink on arrival provided.

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BNLQC](http://www.trybooking.com/BNLQC)

## Class of 2016, 5 Year Reunion

**Friday 3 December 2021, 6pm**

*Edinburgh Hotel, 7 High Street, Mitcham*

Tickets: \$20pp // Garden cocktail party. Canapes and drink on arrival provided.

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BNLPX](http://www.trybooking.com/BNLPX)

## Partners welcome to all events.

For information regarding any of the reunions contact the Alumni Manager, Sue Spry  
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