

OLD CONCORDIANS' Connect



Matt Bruening, Class of 2016

Welcome from the President

Welcome to the latest edition of Old Concordians' Connect. On behalf of the Old Concordians' Committee and College Principals, I hope you all had a restful Christmas and New Year period.

The Old Concordians' Committee was able to deliver our full program of 2021 reunions, with events having great attendance and enjoyed by all. Interstate events were limited once again due to COVID restrictions, but the Canberra and Sydney reunions were much appreciated by those who attended earlier in the year.

The Old Concordians also began sponsorship of the Concordia Sailing team, as well as funding the set-up of the Old Concordians' Volleyball team, who were division champions in their first season! We hope to continue diversifying and expanding our support for the College community in 2022.

Please take the opportunity to get involved in reunions and events on offer again this year and contact the committee alumni@concordia.sa.edu.au with any news you may like to share or ideas/opportunities for Old Concordians you would like to share. We love hearing from you!

Honorary Old Concordians

Each September the Old Concordians' Association host a gourmet breakfast for the current Year 12 cohort as they reach the end of their journey as a student at Concordia and look forward to life as an Old Concordian and the opportunities and activities that offers.

At this year's breakfast we had the privilege of welcoming Laraine Nelson and James Gerhardy as Honorary Old Concordians in recognition of their service to the College and our students over many years. Congratulations Laraine and James!



Spotlight on an Old Concordian



Maxx Corkindale, Class of 2000

Since graduating in 2000, I've been working as a Cinematographer, filming projects of all kinds, building a career that continues to challenge my creative brain every day. I've been lucky to have been involved with such a rich mixture of projects over my career, from big blockbusters like *Mortal Kombat* and *Escape From Pretoria*, to TV series' like *The Tourist*, *Wolf Creek*, and *Aftertaste*, and a couple of *Hilltop Hoods*' music videos.



Cinematographer Maxx Corkindale, Class of 2000 has generously come back to Concordia to mentor students who have a passion for media, just as he did when he was here. We asked Maxx about where life has taken him after Concordia...

My favourite type of film work though is documentary, as it takes me to new places, and I get to meet new people and learn about their experiences and help bring their stories to the screen. In 2019 got to travel around the country and the world, following the Directors of the Adelaide Festival, as they scoured the globe and battled the clock to deliver the 2020 Adelaide Festival in its 60th year for the ABC documentary, *Getting Their Acts Together*.

A major highlight and honour was documenting the final years of David Gulpilil's life for his screen finale, *My Name is Gulpilil*. I spent the last 4 years visiting David with Director Molly Reynolds and got to listen to David tell stories of his culture, his long and esteemed acting career, and how he was dealing with his cancer diagnosis. We travelled up to Arkaroola to revisit his memories of his work on *The Tracker*, where he reminisced about his career and got emotional thinking about all the projects he had worked on over the years. I will never forget all the times we sat in his lounge room - as he looked up into my lens with those incredible eyes that somehow show both strength and power and such deep emotion - and just talked so humbly and openly about his life.

The opening 2-minute shot of *My Name is Gulpilil*, is a personal highlight of my career, and will stay with me forever.



If it's important to you it's important to us!

We love hearing from Old Concordians of all ages, both near and far, so please do get in touch to share stories, milestones and any news, or simply to update your contact details.

To update your details, please contact the Alumni Manager, Sue Spry, for more information alumni@concordia.sa.edu.au

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



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Building Projects, Donor Thanks

Thanks again to our wonderful community of Old Concordians who support the College with gifts to our appeals and special projects, especially as we begin two exciting and much needed building projects over both campuses.

If you would like to know more or to donate, please go to our website, www.concordia.sa.edu.au/community/giving-to-concordia/



Old Concordians' Sporting Clubs

Sporting Clubs Join the Fun!

The OCA Sporting Clubs have enjoyed great success in the past few years, and memberships continue to grow. Clubs have multiple teams catering for all skill levels and new players are always welcome.

The clubs provide a great opportunity to connect with other Old Concordians and to play and socialise in a positive, supportive atmosphere. If you would like to know more, please get in contact with the relevant organiser:

Soccer Club OldConcordiansSoccer

The Old Concordians' Soccer Club had a strong finish to the 2021 season with the club promoted to division 1 of the CSL. We are looking forward to the 2022 season with plans to expand to 4 teams and encourage all those who are interested to come out and have a go. Pre-season will run from mid-January to late March before the season kicks off in April. 2022 is shaping up to be the most exciting season in the short history of the club.

Please contact:
Cameron Basnec, cbasnec@gmail.com

Netball Club

The Old Concordians' Netball Club will soon be finishing up what's been a fantastic summer season so far for all 3 teams. We will be looking forward to starting up again for the 2022/2023 summer season playing in the SAUCNA competition on Wednesday nights. Old Concordians of any age or playing abilities are welcome to join and/or start your own team. Registrations are due in August 2022.

Please contact:
Chrissy Barnard, chrissybarnard@gmail.com

Volleyball Club

The Old Concordians' Volleyball club has been running for nearly a year now, with one team playing in a social competition on a Monday night. After a year of great success, great fun, and many new friendships, the club will be expanding in 2022, and are ready to welcome new players.

Please contact:
Emma Whyte, Emma.whyte@internode.on.net



Cricket Club ConcordiaCricket

The cricket club has 3 teams in the Adelaide Turf Cricket association with over 40 Old Concordians that play in these teams. Currently our B and C grade are both in contention for finals as we head towards the end of the season in March. It's been great to see quite a large group of players join us from the class of 2020, and we encourage other Old Concordians and friends to join the club.

Please contact:
Tim Kupke, concordiacricket@hotmail.com

Pedal Prix Club

The OCA Racing Team has recently received racing dates for 2022 from the racing officials. Our first race will be in Mount Gambier on March 26th, so it's a busy time getting everything ready and lots of fitness training. Each year the team has grown with a wide variety of different years of school leavers. Last year we were able to fully purchase our second trike with our fundraising efforts. Some riding positions are still available, so if any Old Concordians would like to compete with this energetic team, please contact Nelson.

Please contact:
Nelson Harris, nelsonharris02@gmail.com





Old Concordians Supporting the Concordia Sailing Team

In 2021 The Old Concordians' Association provided funding for the Concordia Sailing team to purchase a banner and sailing gear. Old Concordian Emily Ward (2020) is the team coordinator and had the following to say:

“The Concordia sailing team provides a great opportunity to students of all ages to get to know each other while competing in a team sport. The latest season saw plenty of fresh faces, bringing a focus on rebuilding and learning new skills. After competing in four metro regattas, the team left the three-day South Australian Team Sailing State Championships with the Chairman’s Award - A trophy awarded to the team who showed the best sportsmanship! With the support of the OCA, we were able to get life jacket covers, caps, and a banner to proudly represent the school.”



Reunions

Once again, our reunion program has proven to be a popular way for Old Concordians to come together and enjoy spending time with one another over a meal or drinks and canapes. We were excited to be able to hold the following reunions in the last half of 2021 and want to thank our Old Concordians for coming along and making them memorable events.

1. Class of 1961, 60 Year Reunion
Thursday 23 September
2. 60+ Lunch
Thursday 23 September
3. Class of 1996, 25 Year Reunion
Saturday 16 October
4. Class of 1991, 30 Year Reunion
Friday 29 October
5. Old Concordians 20 Year Reunion
Friday 19 November
6. Old Concordians 10 Year Reunion
Friday 26 November
7. Class of 1971 50 Year Reunion
Friday 12 November
8. Class of 1981 40 Year Reunion
Saturday 27 November
9. Class of 2016 5 Year Reunion
Friday 3 December





2022 Reunion Schedule

CLASS OF 2021

WELCOME TO THE OLD CONCORDIANS

Please note new date

Thursday 1 December 2022 5:30 – 7:00pm

Concordia Art Courtyard

Free Event // Drinks & Nibbles

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BTXRC

70+ HARMONY IN THE CHAPEL FOR THE CLASS OF 1952 AND PRIOR

Friday 13 May 2-3:30pm

Concordia Chapel

Free Event // Concert by Concordia bands & choir

Afternoon Tea in the Chapel Narthex

RSVP to Sue Spry - 08 8291 9339 or

email: sspry@concordia.sa.edu.au

CLASS OF 50+1 YEAR REUNION

Friday 20 May 2022

6-7pm *Concordia College Tour*

7:15pm *Drinks and Canapes at The ED*

Cocktail Garden, High St Mitcham

Tickets: \$20pp // includes finger food at The Ed

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWVNY

BAROSSA REUNION

Friday 10 June 2022, 6-8pm

Barossa Distilling Co, Copper Club Room,

18-28 Tanunda Rd Nuriootpa

Tickets: \$35pp // includes drink in arrival,

canapes and pizza

Partners, Past Staff and friends of Concordia

all welcome

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BXDXX

CLASS OF 1972, 50 YEAR REUNION DINNER

Friday 17 June 6:30-9:30pm

The Suaviter, Concordia College

Tickets: \$40pp // includes catered three course

meal and complimentary drink on arrival

BYO and bar provided

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWVNL

CLASS OF 1982, 40 YEAR REUNION DINNER

Friday 1 July 6:30-9:00pm

The Suaviter, Concordia College

Tickets: \$40pp // includes catered three course

meal and complimentary drink on arrival

BYO and bar provided

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWVOF

BRISBANE REUNION

Friday 5 August 2022, 6-8pm

Botany - Indoor Bar Area

1/76 Skyring Tce, Newstead

Tickets: \$35 pp // includes drink on arrival and canape menu

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWYMS

MELBOURNE REUNION

Thursday 25 August 2022, 6-8pm

Pepe's Italian, Rintel Private Room

276 Exhibition St, Melbourne

Tickets: \$35 pp // includes drink on arrival, antipasto and pizza

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWZKC

60+ BROWN & GOLD LUNCH FOR THE CLASS OF 1962 AND PRIOR

Thursday 22 September 2022, 12 noon-3pm

The Suaviter, Concordia College

Tickets: \$25 pp // includes a catered lunch

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWVXX

CLASS OF 1992, 30 YEAR REUNION

Friday 28 October 2022, 6-8pm

Concordia Art Courtyard

Tickets: \$30 // includes drinks, finger food and college tour

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWVXY

CLASS OF 2002, 20 YEAR REUNION

Friday 11 November 2022, 6-8pm

Concordia Art Courtyard

Tickets: \$30pp // includes drinks, finger food and tour, children eat free!

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWWJM

CLASS OF 2012, 10 YEAR REUNION

Friday 25 November 2022, 6pm

The Edinburgh Hotel, High St Mitcham

Tickets: \$25pp // includes drink on arrival and finger food

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWWJW

CLASS OF 2017, 5 YEAR REUNION

Friday 9 December 2022, 6pm

The Edinburgh Hotel, High St Mitcham

Tickets: \$25pp // includes drink on arrival and finger food

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWWJY

In accordance with the Emergency Directive 2021 registrations and proof of vaccination status are essential to attend events held at Concordia, you may be required to present evidence of COVID-19 vaccination certificate.

Partners welcome to all events.