



“Old Flames” held an end of year function at Gilmore College on 7th November 2019 and amongst those attending were “Old Flames” Patrons, Mayor of Kwinana Carol Adams OAM, CEO of the Kwinana Industrial Council Chris Oughton, financial contributors to “Old Flames” and representatives of the Gilmore College Board. “Old Flames” are the members of the Kwinana High Gilmore College Alumni which is the School’s Association of former students.

It was a great opportunity for “Old Flames” to announce their program of seven Scholarships for students entering Year 11 at Gilmore College in 2020. The “Old Flames” Scholarship program is proudly sponsored by Alcoa’s Kwinana Alumina Refinery. Scott Hansen, Alcoa’s Community Relations Officer, was in attendance and said Alcoa has a long-standing relationship with Gilmore College and Alcoa’s support for the Old Flames’ scholarship initiative was a good fit.

“Alcoa has been a key contributor to the economic and social fabric of the Kwinana area for 56 years,” Scott said. “Over that time many ex-KSHS and Gilmore College students have found employment with Alcoa or one of the many contractors that work with us. We are pleased to have the opportunity to support current Gilmore College students via the Old Flames scholarships.”



L-R “Old Flames” President David Redpath, Alcoa’s Scott Hansen, Mayor of Kwinana, Carol Adams OAM.

“Old Flames” also announced the inauguration of Tanya Dupagne as the first member of “Old Flames” Hall of Fame. President of “Old Flames” David Redpath said “All too often negative stories are told about our old school. The negatives are a fraction of the whole story. We want to start telling the positive stories about former students from Kwinana High and Gilmore College and the sensational contributions they have made to the community.



Alcoa's Scott Hansen, Tanya Dupagne, David Redpath

Tanya has spent the past 15 years running camp and youth activity programs for at risk children in Australia, America, South Africa and Vietnam. In WA Camp Kulin has gained national and international recognition for its pioneering work, particularly in helping children and teenagers who have survived trauma. Tanya is one of the leaders in her field, and her programs have been recognised at State, National and International level including being **named 2017 Rural Woman of the Year**.

Tanya has worked with over 130,000 children across the world. She is the founder of the Dance 4 Africa and Kwinana Children's Choir programs, developed the Koorliny Arts Centre Boys & Girls Clubs, and in 2009, became the youngest female Councillor ever elected to the City of Kwinana Council. She was GM/CEO of charity Global Good Foundation for 2 years, leading large scale program expansion. Tanya was the recipient of the 2012 WA Department for Child Protection Churchill Fellowship via the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust,

If you are a former student of Kwinana High or Gilmore College and would like to know more about "Old Flames" their website is <https://www.oldflames-edu.net.au/> or call David Redpath on 9390 9095.