



# Old Flames Update

The official newsletter for the Kwinana Senior High School – Gilmore College Alumni Association Inc



## “Old Flames” President’s Report

2019 has been a fantastic year for “Old Flames. “Old Flames” has strongly supported Gilmore College through our Scholarships and Awards program which is now proudly sponsored by Alcoa’s Kwinana Alumina Refinery and our social events and catch ups including the 2019 School camp, coffee mornings, lunches and golf days have been sensational.

Sincere thanks to all those "Old Flames" who have supported the Association and the Scholarship Trust with membership fees, donations and through taking part in our various events. The support and donations from our members has been amazing.

### Who Are We?

- Former Kwinana Senior High School and Gilmore College students.
- Staff and former-staff of the school.
- Parents of students.

### What are we doing?

- Help organise reunions and social events.
- Award Prizes, scholarships and other grants to students.
- Promote Gilmore College’s image with positive advocacy.
- Raise funds, to support Gilmore College
- liaise with and co-operate with the leadership of the school.

## Scholarships & Sponsorships

“Old Flames” has supported the Gilmore College Valedictory evening with cash awards to the ATAR Dux, the VET Dux and the Strathalmond Trophy male and female winners.

The Gilmore College Educational Scholarship Trust has been established. It has Designated Gift Recipient status with the Tax Office which means donations to the Trust above \$2.00 are Tax Deductible. (BSB 036032 Account 623522).

“Old Flames” 2019 Scholarship and Awards program has progressed to the point where seven Scholarships will be awarded to Year 10 Students who will be entering Year 11 at Gilmore College in 2020. This is in addition to the ATAR and VET Dux Awards and Strathalmond Trophy Awards presented by “Old Flames” at Gilmore Colleges Valedictory in October.

The Seven Scholarships recipients have been selected and will receive a letter and Certificate at a Gilmore College Assembly on 4th December 2019. From the Gilmore College Educational Scholarship Trust we will fund seven Year 11 scholarships Sponsored by Alcoa’s Kwinana Alumina Refinery.

- The Year 11 Sustainability Scholarship.
- The Year 11 Hospitality Scholarship (VET).
- The Year 11 Building & Construction Scholarship (VET).
- The Year 11 Creative Arts Scholarship.
- The Year 11 Financial Assistance Scholarship x 3 (To support students in financial need.)

“Old Flames” has also financially supported the Gilmore College music program providing access to instruments to two students. Our total Financial support for Gilmore College students will be \$4,400.00.

Earlier this year we entered into a Community Partnership with Alcoa’s Kwinana Alumina Refinery. Sincere thanks to Scott Hansen, Community Relations Officer for his assistance and support for this Partnership.



Alcoa’s Scott Hansen with Mayor Carol Adams OAM and “Old Flames: David Redpath and Christina Howe

Thanks also to “Old Flame” Tony Solin who is CEO of the Rockingham Kwinana Chamber of Commerce the Chamber provided a membership to “Old Flames” together with a donation to our Scholarship program. Sincere thanks to Tony and the Chamber.



Jenny & Tony Solin, David & Pauline Redpath, Russell Edmunds, Caroline Hume and David Redpath

## Committee and Membership

The “Old Flames” Management Committee has met regularly and my sincere thanks to all of our Committee Members who have given so much of their time towards the success of “Old Flames”. Special thanks to Melissa Peacock and John Dell who are standing down at our AGM.

The “Old Flames Management Committee members are:-

President David Redpath  
Vice President Klaus Felsche  
Secretary Christina Howe  
Treasurer Marie Zaknich  
Asst Treasurer Pauline Dupagne  
Rob Meyer  
Melissa Peacock  
Kim Bebbington  
John Dell  
Cheryl Wellburn  
Invited Member Chris Oughton  
Principal Smith is an Advisor to the Committee

Suggestions on things that you would like to see happen are most welcome.

In 2019 we set ourselves a challenging work program and all our "Old Flames" were encouraged to be a part of that future.

We have been able to

- Set up a Board of Patrons
- Organised a system for people to be able to apply for Scholarships from the Trust
- Sought Corporate Fundraising opportunities.
- Set up a “Hall of Fame” of former students on the website as iconic examples of what former students have achieved.
- Attended Gilmore College events eg “Harmony Day” “Valedictory” etc..
- Effectively managed the Association for members and Promote the School and Association into the Community.

Our next steps will include:-

- Recruitment of additional members across all the graduating years
- Other events eg reunions and fundraising events
- Continue to effectively manage the Association
- Continue our fundraising and social activities.



Two of our “Old Flames” in Kerstin Bamkin and Wendy Taylor made a significant financial contribution to become Life Members of “Old Flames. Sincere thanks to you both and thanks also to Mark & Shelley Iriks and Helen Morris who made substantial donations to support “old Flames”.



**Sincere thanks to all of you and to everyone who paid a membership fee or made a donation to “Old Flames” in 2019.**

## Hall of Fame

Tanya Dupagne was acknowledged as our first “Hall of Fame” Member in 2019.

Tanya was Recently awarded an honorary doctorate by ECU and 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 recognized at State, National and International level including being **named 2017 Rural Woman of the Year**.



As part of our role of providing positive advocacy for Gilmore College and Role Models for current students a series of articles have appeared this year in Gilmore College’s “In Touch” Newsletter entitled the Triple G Club for “Great Gilmore Graduates. Tanya was one of those featured along with Wendy Taylor, Ryan Widdicombe and Tony Solin.

## Gilmore College

Sincere thanks to Principal Smith and the staff at Gilmore College, particularly Senior School Manager Lauren McCaig who assisted so much with our Scholarship selections. Our essential relationship with Gilmore College is very strong.

I have attended several events at Gilmore College this year including the ANZAC Day celebration, Naidoc, Harmony Day and the College's inter house Athletics Carnival.



I was appointed Chair of the Gilmore College Board earlier this year which has enabled our relationship to be even stronger and for "Old Flames" to better align its activities with the College.

Members of the Gilmore College Board photographed with Member for Kwinana and Deputy Premier Roger Cook.



## “Old Flames” Appoint Board of Patrons

The “Old Flames” Management Committee have announced that The KSHS Gilmore College Alumni Association has inaugurated a Board of Patrons whose role will be as positive advocates and supporters of the Alumni Association and Gilmore College.

Our Board comprises

Carol Adams OAM, Mayor of Kwinana
John Dell, 1974 Dux,
Tony Solin, CEO RKCC,
John Iriks, President Kwinana Rotary,
Roger Cook, Deputy Premier, Member for Kwinana
Chris Oughton CEO of the Kwinana Industrial Council.



## “Old Flames” Support Harmony Evening

Gilmore College held its annual "Harmony Evening" on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019. It was an energetic event with cultural displays including Japanese Drumming and various international food stalls and music performances.

“Old Flames” were there to support the event and held an information stand.



Gilmore College Harmony Evening 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
L-R “Old Flames” in attendance included Cheryl Wellburn, Eric Pegg, Terri Pegg, Marie Zaknich, David Redpath & Christina Howe

## Coffee Catch ups 2019

“Old Flames” have been attending a series of Coffee Catch ups which have extended into 2019. Thanks Eric Pegg for organising so many of these events. They are terrific.

Venues have included Mandurah and Busselton Kwinana, Cockburn.



Morning Coffee often extends into lunch and a great time is had by all in attendance.



Dome Kwinana



The Coffee Catch ups and other events have led to people being much more in contact and organizing other social events.



Melbourne Cup Lunch



Golf at Kennedy Bay during a visit from Alan Platt from England.



Dinner after an "Old Flames" Patrons Function.

## School Camp May 2019

An intrepid group of KSHS Class of 74s and friends headed to the South West for a weekend of fun in Quindalup.

Sincere thanks to Rick Berghuis and Leonie for making us so welcome on their gorgeous property.



It was a fantastic weekend with lots of things to do.

Visits to wineries, lunch at the Wild Hop Brewery, big Sunday breakfast and lots of camaraderie.



## RKCC Golf Day 2019

"Old Flames" entered a team in the Rockingham Kwinana Chamber of Commerce Corporate Golf Day at Secret Harbour and it was an absolutely fantastic day.

Thanks RKCC CEO and KSHS Class of 74s Tony Solin and his team at RKCC for making it all possible and organizing a sensational fun day.

The RKCC has been a strong supporter of "Old Flames" and does a fantastic job for the local community.

Thanks to our players Ray Morley, Larry Geere and Bernie Spain for so valiantly taking up the challenge and finishing the day 2 under par.



## WA Police Legacy Quiz Night 2019

Several of the "Old Flames" Management Committee and friends formed a Quiz Team that went along to support the WA Police Legacy Quiz night.

"Old Flame" Peter Janczyk from the KSHS Class of 74 is very involved with Police Legacy and organised a fantastic night. Good on you Peter.



## Going Forward - Social Events for 2020

No doubt our social events calendar will be well supported again in 2020 and the very popular Coffee Catch and lunches will continue on a regular basis.

Plans are underway for another School Camp trip down south in May 2020. Thanks in advance to Rick Berghuis and Leonie for making ups their property available again.

"Old Flames" are encouraged to support the Gilmore College "Harmony Day" which takes place in March 2020.

Looking further forward in 2020 and we will be organising a fun and very social fundraising event.

**Suggestions and ideas for other things members and supporters would like to see happen are most welcome.**





## “Old Flames” Places

Old Flames website is located at

<https://www.oldflames-edu.net.au/>

There you will find information about “Old Flames”, how to become a members, the Gilmore College Educational Scholarship Trust, news and events.

Also check out the Facebook pages for KSHS Class of 72, KSHS Class of 73, KSHS Class of 74 and KSHS Class of 75, which are for people from a particular year to access and keep up. There are lots of missing years to come.

“Kwinana Flames” is a Facebook page for “Old Flames” which is for Alumni “banter” eg photographs, videos etc... and

“Kwinana Senior High School Gilmore College Alumni Private,” is intended for official notifications about Alumni business.

Other Facebook pages which are not connected to the Alumni Association are “Kwinana Senior High School Friends” which is a page with over 1,000 former KSHS students as members and “419 er memories” which has many old photographs and posts from KSHS people.



## Donations and Sponsorships

Donations and gifts made to "Old Flames" BSB 036001 Account 649340 or to the Gilmore College Scholarship Trust BSB 036032 Account 623522 and are gratefully received. **Please** identify yourself and why you are making a payment. Donations to the Scholarship Trust over \$2.00 are Tax Deductible. Full details of how to make donations can be found at <https://www.oldflames-edu.net.au/payments-donations>

The "Old Flames" Management Committee is also undertaking Corporate fundraising and has been or is about to be in contact with several local companies and businesses. Do you know a Business which might help us please contact David Redpath or Email [info.oldflames@gmail.com](mailto:info.oldflames@gmail.com).



### "OLD FLAMES IN ACTION"

"Old Flames" recently agreed to sponsor musical instruments for several students in Gilmore College's Music program.

"Old Flames" sponsors the Strathalmond Trophy for the school's top athletes.

"Old Flames" awards cash prizes to the ATAR and VET Dux of Gilmore College.

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## KWINANA SENIOR HIGH GILMORE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INC

*The "Old Flames" Alumni Association is Seeking sponsorship and donations to the Scholarship program supporting Gilmore College students.*

### BACKGROUND

"Old Flames" is an organisation of former students of Kwinana Senior High School and Gilmore College which supports Gilmore College and current students. We work closely with the dedicated College staff to target our support where it will generate most benefit.

### WHAT "OLD FLAMES" DOES

"Old Flames" has founded the **Gilmore College Educational Scholarship Trust** and awards prizes, scholarships and other grants to deserving students.

Considerable effort is directed at raising funds to deliver our programs. Alumni members provide direct financial support and we are reaching out to the community for support.

The Trust is registered with the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission and has Designated Gift Recipient Status with the Australian Taxation Office. **Gifts and donations to the Trust above \$2.00 are Tax Deductible.**

"Old Flames" also

- Raises funds, to support Gilmore College and its students
- Promotes Gilmore College's image with positive advocacy.
- Liaises and co-operates with the leadership of the school.
- Helps to organise reunions, fundraising and social events.
- Connects current students with the community including business, industry and other community sectors by promoting work experience and similar programs

## Memberships

Our Membership Year is 1 July to 30<sup>th</sup> June each year. 10% of all Membership fees are paid to the Gilmore College Educational Scholarship Trust.

New members are most welcome and may become members through our website

<https://www.oldflames-edu.net.au/copy-of-home>.

Or by completing an Application for Financial Membership a copy of which is on the next page.

Existing members encouraged to renew their Financial Memberships for 2019-20.

- will receive tickets to events at a discount to acknowledge their status as Financial Members;
- will be permitted to pay their Annual Membership fee in advance for a maximum 5 years.



## Financial Members

We encourage all “Old Flames” to become Financial Members. This will be the way in which “Old Flames” can contribute to the future of the school, and the work of the Association.

An “Old Flame” who is a Financial Member will receive the following additional benefits:

- the satisfaction of knowing that their financial contribution is assisting with the program of work of the Alumni Association and in turn supporting the students of the College;
- will be eligible to stand for election to a position on the Management Committee of the Alumni Association;
- will be eligible to serve on sub-committees of the Association;
- will be acknowledged on the Roll of Financial Members on the Alumni web page;
- will receive priority in ticketing to limited attendance events;

