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Our front cover contains a photograph of the legendary Cameron twins, two of the greatest men to contribute to the College - ever ! Derek (L) and our beloved Dave (R). Derek's tribute to the recently deceased Dave is on page 6.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 13 August 2021

Blue and Gold Vintage Lunch and Mass (10:00am)

Friday 17 September 2021

Old Boys Golf Day

Check the Old Boys' website at

www.ashgroveoldboys.com.au for further details.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Old Boys Hub has now been launched. After many decades, the OBA are updating our database by way of a new hub dedicated to Old Boys which allows us to stay in touch. Please visit the below link to check or update your details as soon as possible. **Please use your email address as your username.** It takes less than a minute.

<https://www.oldboyshub.marash.qld.edu.au/>

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear fellow Old Boys,

Welcome to the first edition of your Ashgrovian for 2021. In contrast to 2020, we have had much to look forward to this year with our planned events as we have moved back to a more normal calendar for the Old Boys Association.

At the time of writing, we are all still coming to grips with the unexpected passing of Dave Cameron, featured on our front cover. Dave was made an honorary life member of our Association in 2019 as recognition for his dedication to the College since he arrived in 1983. Dave was a teacher, a rugby and athletics coach and in more recent times, a dedicated and passionate archivist for the College and the OBA. There has been an inundation of messages from Old Boys expressing their sympathy and their reflections on the impact that Dave had on them, either in the classroom, on the sporting field or just how to live by the Marist principles that we hold so dearly. He will be sorely missed by all.



Our new Head of College, Michael Newman, has settled in well. As a Marist Old Boy himself (St Joseph's Hunters Hill), Michael has a great understanding and appreciation of the role of the Marist Ashgrove Old Boys and is providing much support to our Association. Our New Head of Primary, Liam Beatty (2008), is an Old Boy of our College. Again, Liam has made a wonderful start to his time in that role. We look forward to working with these College leaders for many years to come.

On Saturday 24th April, we had the Rosalie tribute match at the College. This fine tradition of our 1st XV playing in the Marist Rosalie jerseys in their final trial match is growing in stature. We had approximately 50 Marist Rosalie Old Boys come along to support our boys and catch up on old times in the Cyprian Pavilion. We were joined by Brother Neville and Mark Elliot from Marist Australia to help make it a very special day. With thanks to John O'Hare, our Old Boys touch and soccer teams competed at the Lauries' "Back to Runcorn" Day and John's full report on those games is inside.

The Old Boys' Sports Day was held on 29th May when our 1st XV played against Iona. At this function, we honoured the 1960, 1961, 1970, 1971, 1980 and 1981 1st XV teams who presented the current 1st XV with their jerseys before the game. It was a very special day for all involved and a great tradition of the College. The day after the Champagnat Sports Lunch (11th June) we had the Old Boys Reunion Day on 12th June. This was a fantastic day open to all Old Boys to reunite with mates from their year and all other years. Again, it was held in the Cyprian Pavilion overlooking the 1st XV's final match of the season against St Patrick's College. The 1st XV came over to salute the Old Boys after another winning performance. Again, a very special moment for all. Make sure you start organising your year mates for next year's Reunion Day on 21st May 2021. The Vintage Blue and Gold Lunch will be held on 13th August and is always a special day for our elder statesmen. Finally, the Golf Day is scheduled for 17th September at the Keperra Golf Club. Please stay tuned for more information on that great event as it nears and start organising your playing groups. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these functions.

Your OBA is actively involved in assisting the College in many ways as we all strive to continue to make it the best it can be for the current students. One practical example is the continuation of our support for the ongoing 'Careers Link' program. This initiative aims to connect our current students with Old Boys already well established in their careers. Another tangible initiative of assistance to the current students is the Old Boys Bursary Fund. This fund supports sons of Old Boys who are struggling financially (at the Head of College's discretion). We always welcome any contributions to the fund to ensure it continues to grow.

Sadly, we have lost a number of our Old Boys since our last edition. There are fitting tributes to some of these wonderful men inside. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Finally, we continue to work on keeping all of our Old Boys connected. There has been much done on the database and that will continue. It is quite a large project to ensure we have accurate information for over 14,500 past students. If you are not receiving the Ashgrovian or regular communications, you may need to update your details. The new link is on page 2 or otherwise please send an email to the secretary@ashgroveoldboys.com.au so we can action any changes. Also, please remember to follow us on our various social and business sites including LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram. You can find us at "ashgroveoldboys".

Don't forget our monthly meetings are held in the Tower building on the first Tuesday of every school month commencing at 7:00pm. All Old Boys are warmly welcome.

VIRILITER AGE!

Steve McAuliffe
President

FROM THE HEAD OF COLLEGE

Dear Old Boys and friends of Marist College Ashgrove,

Thank you for your kind welcome and messages of encouragement at my appointment as Head of Marist College Ashgrove, a renowned and esteemed College that educates young men in our Marist Tradition, inspiring them to love, learn, lead and serve (College Mission Statement).

My first association with the College was in 1985 when I spoke to the Year 12 boys at an assembly and facilitated an evening prayer at the boarding house. My memories were of polite and friendly boys who had great pride in their school. Further, I recalled with surprise and admiration, the many boys who dropped their bags at the Chapel door on the way to school each day, to walk in and say a small prayer before scurrying off to class. This is a tradition that I hope continues into the future.

There were also my memories as a student at St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill where, annually, we played hard fought Rugby games against Marist College Ashgrove. These were always challenging as the young men with the golden jerseys proved to be a most formidable opposition, indeed. The Brothers at Joeys seemed to be up for these games – "it's an important game to win" – reflecting the respect they had for Marist Ashgrove.

Now, as a Head of College, I am pleased to be guiding and leading this wonderful College with my new colleagues. I marvel at the fact that we stand on the shoulders of some outstanding giants of the past, including Headmasters whom I admire: Br Jack Alman, Br Alexis Turton, Br Geoffrey Joy (also my Principal as a boy), Br Terrence Heinrich, Br Neville Solomon and of course, the first lay Principal, Mr Peter McLoughlin. As Principals, all of these men have left their legacy and indelible mark on the College and the boys.

Today, our world is changing at a fast pace, presenting many complexities and challenges. Educators are faced with a myriad of external and societal influences, where even political rhetoric impacts on our schools. Current discussions and educational expectations lie in the areas of sexuality & gender education, consent, alcohol, drugs & vaping, IT, social media and our digital footprint world, discrimination, the environment, the publication of academic results, and so on. Therein lies our call to educate all boys holistically in this modern world with its new and extensive challenges.

The rudder that keeps us on a straight course, or the lens through which we view all these complex educational issues is that of the Marist charism. Br Michael Green (fms) writes beautifully and extensively regarding that which is quintessential, or at the heart of what it means to be Marist. I share with you a few of his inspiring thoughts:

The Presence of God

All human beings are loved by God. Each day we are called to reflect upon and deepen our experience of God's loving presence within ourselves and others. We are all called at Marist Ashgrove to enter into an intimate affair of the heart – a conversation between God and me. Fr. Champagnat spoke often in his practical way along the lines that prayer is just as important as the business of the day.

Trust in God

In all things we must trust in God with confidence. Fr Champagnat said 'The bigger the intention, the more we should ask for and the more pleasing this is to God'.

Love of Jesus and the Gospel

Fr Champagnat shaped his order after becoming moved while speaking to a dying boy who had little education and knew nothing about God. From here St Marcellin Champagnat was empowered to 'make Jesus Christ Known & Loved.' We need to make the gospels and teachings of Christ a central part of ourselves. We reflect on Christ's great love for each person through his birth as a human (crib), his ultimate sacrifice for us (cross) and his covenant he shares with us in love (altar).

In Mary's Way

We pray to Mary, because she always had her beloved son within her arms or heart. Champagnat believed that the son would never refuse his mother's wishes. Mary was Fr Champagnat's reliable source, the one whom he trusted in.

Family Spirit

Fr. Champagnat espoused the qualities of family to all – able to be ourselves and accepted for who we are, forgiven, supported, joyful, forgetful of self, open to others and loving. He spoke of Jesus as 'his sacred heart' and Mary as 'our good mother' in very loving and endearing maternal terms.



Simplicity

Fr Marcellin Champagnat had an authentic and simple faith. His faith was integral, trusting and openhearted. Like Mary's Prayer, "The Magnificat" we need to be aware of our personal giftedness as a blessing from God, and so remain humble and modest at all times.

Love of Work

The simple lifestyle that St Marcellin Champagnat espoused, courageously calls us to make do with our resources and talents. With our giftedness from God, let service, compassion, empathy and a devotedness to all and especially those most in need, be core.

Today, more than ever, schools like Marist College Ashgrove are so important to the educational debate, fabric and landscape of this city of Brisbane and country of Australia. We provide an education, based on the values, principles and ethics of a gentleman, a saint named Fr. Marcellin Champagnat. Complimenting this is our namesake 'Marist', our devotion and role model 'Mary our good mother' who provides us with a feminine perspective on how we should interpret and commit to the Gospels – 'All to Jesus through Mary'. These quintessential beliefs and philosophies, their faith and fortitude, their example and inspiration, forms the basis of who we are and what we stand for. That is, to provide our boys today with a faith based educational experience with sound and logical values, forming young men who can lead, serve, love and in the spirit of humility continue to learn and grow each day.

Let us, as the Marist family, take on this inspiring charism with both hands, as we continue to embrace our College and each of the boys in our care to become young men, full of hope, faith and passion striving for a positive future together.

I look forward to meeting, engaging and partnering with many Old Boys and supporters the College in the years ahead.

May our loving God, Mary our Good Mother and St Marcellin Champagnat walk closely with all members of the Marist family.

Viriliter Age.

Michael Newman
Head of College

PASSING OF PAST PRESIDENT - JACK LARACY (1953)

Immediately before publication, the OBA became aware of some very sad news. The irreplaceable John William "Jack" Laracy (1953), aged 85 years and late of The Gap, passed away peacefully on 11 July, 2021, surrounded by his family. Husband of Karin, father and father-in-law of Stephen (1980) & Janelle, Susan & Laurie, Andrea and Bianca. Jack was also grandfather of Anneliese, Nicholas (2012), Isabella, Imogen, Charlotte and Emily. Jack was the older brother of Robert Laracy (1957, dec'd). Jack's Funeral Mass was held at Marist College Ashgrove Chapel, Ashgrove on Tuesday 20 July 2021.

The OBA recognises with gratitude our wonderful past President and all that he contributed over many decades to the College and to its Old Boys.



Seniors provide a guard of honour for Jack Laracy

THE OLD BOYS SALUTE THE INCREDIBLE DAVE CAMERON

In May this year, the Marist College Community suffered a devastating loss with the sudden passing of our beloved Dave Cameron who was still, as always, performing a magnificent role as the College archivist.

There was only one man who could put into words what Dave meant to our community.

Dave Cameron, who unexpectedly died on May 4, 2021, was the adopted son of Joyce and Alf Cameron and twin brother of Derek. Beginning on July 16, 1950, his was by today's standards not a long life; but if deeds rather than longevity be the measure of the man, Dave's life was rich, full and well lived.

He grew up in a world far simpler than contemporary times, where conservative social values were the order of the day and where institutions such as Church, School and the Scouting movement set the bar for acceptable conduct. Participating eagerly in all the opportunities thus presented, Dave absorbed those values and held true to them for the rest of his days. It was also a time where 'people made their own fun' and that statement vouchsafed a whole world of hands-on activities where interactions with peers and their families generated a rich and supportive social climate. While contemporary critics might label that view of days gone by as naive or uninformed, Dave remembered it as the foundation of a fortunate life and used the word 'idyllic' to describe his childhood.

Perhaps as a portent for the future, the fickle finger of chance meant that living next door in Mitchelton was Ray Lindwall, test cricketer and one of the greatest Australian fast bowlers. The predictable result was that the whole neighbourhood was cricket mad and Dave lived for the time that the great man would participate in our interminable backyard games. He showed considerable talents and participation in school and club cricket honed his skills. It became a lifelong interest - perhaps 'addiction' is a better word, considering the blood, sweat and tears Dave expended on behalf of the fortunes of Queensland and Australian cricket in decades of passionate support.

Supported and encouraged by his caring parents, Dave completed his schooling with great success, especially in English and the social sciences. After earning a History Honours Arts degree at the University of Queensland, he opted to become a secondary school teacher through completing his Diploma of Education. Posted to Murgon State High School, Dave began another chapter of his life in his first extended period away from home. The ten years he spent there exposed him to a side of life and a cast of characters that would leave him with another set of enduring friendships and a fund of entertaining stories that appeared bottomless. It also meant that the always present but carefully masked larrikin streak in Dave's character was given free rein; not perhaps always wisely, but ever without malice and to the huge amusement of his kindred spirits. Professionally it was a difficult introduction to teaching, but he learned quickly and built a teaching philosophy that looked deceptively simple: 'teachers teach, kids learn'. As Ashgrove students would later learn, underlying this dictum was a whole set of assumptions about what was – and



what was not – acceptable behavior in his classes! He also claimed to have survived ten ‘educational revolutions’ in his time as a teacher by the simple device of ignoring the whole lot and getting on with his job!

In Murgon, Dave’s personal life also blossomed. He met and married a fellow teacher, Anne Durrant. Their two sons Geoffrey and Gregory would receive their vigilant care and direction through infancy, schooling and young manhood, before forging professional careers of their own. In due course, Dave also became the proud and doting grandfather of three grandchildren and lavished care and attention on them. It was in fact the demands of their sons’ education that caused Dave and Anne to move back to Brisbane. Posted to The Gap State High School, Dave sought with some difficulty to reintegrate to the demands of city life.

Fate intervened again, this time in the form of two Ashgrove stalwarts: Michael Gubbins and Brother Jack Alman. Alerted to Dave’s considerable talents, both sought to make him ‘an offer he could not refuse’ in the form of joining the Ashgrove staff. Memory suggests that he needed remarkably little convincing, but this may be looking through rose-coloured glasses. Nevertheless, the deed was done and in 1984, Dave appeared for the first – but not the last – time in the ‘Blue and Gold’. It was the beginning of an enduring partnership between Dave and the College that was to their mutual benefit and was ended only by his recent death.

As classroom teacher, then teacher librarian and finally archivist, Dave gave his all as a loyal and talented employee and it would be no exaggeration to say that his initiatives and activities became an integral part of the glue that bound the Ashgrove staff community. Whether as organiser of textbook distribution, unfailing deliverer of the Courier Mail, organised and disciplined teacher, editor of College and Old Boys’ publications, passionate collector of College history and artifacts or supportive colleague, Dave threw himself into his job, revelled in its ‘busy-ness’ and added value to whatever he touched.

To get the true measure of the value of his contributions, one should however look far wider to all the ‘extras’ that Dave involved himself in. As the most avid of cricketers, it was an axiom that he would coach that sport and the Second XI in particular benefitted for many years from his knowledge and skills. (Anecdotally, Dave was also the hardest umpire in Christendom to persuade that an LBW appeal had merit!) Claiming from his years of Rugby League ‘up the bush’ that he knew nothing about the complexities of the 15 man game, he started out with junior Rugby teams but soon acquired expertise and was the long-term coach of the Fourth XV. This laid the foundation for many legendary encounters between Dave’s Fourths and Derek’s Third XV, aka ‘Cameron v Cameron on Cameron’. Memory – again possibly faulty – says that only once was the lower team victorious. That day, Dave took the sage advice of his good mate Stanley Carr that the way to win was to play by the Maori Rules of Rugby (that is, none)! The results were not important for either coach – what was imperative was that each player be as skilled as possible, understand that there was no ‘I’ in the word ‘team’, and play the game for the fun it was obviously meant to be. The broad grins and camaraderie that marked training and games suggested that Dave achieved those laudable goals consistently. Nor was this the end of Dave’s sterling work. His sons had possessed considerable athletic talents and it wasn’t long before he was also involved passionately in Track and Field at the College. Many budding long and triple jumpers received wise counsel from Dave and his stalwart efforts combined with the athletes’ talents to produce many memorable performances on each year’s ‘Big Day Out’. Fittingly he was also editor of the magnificent



THE OLD BOYS' SALUTE THE INCREDIBLE DAVE CAMERON CONTINUED...

history of Ashgrove Track and Field, *"Passing the Baton"* published last year. Dave 'the coach' Cameron thus also looms large in any attempt to capture the breadth of his achievements.

And yet it's only when we dig beneath this long list of positions and contributions that we can truly understand what 'made Dave tick': to leave the quantifiable and venture into the realm of the anecdote and the vignette. He was always welcoming, whether in the library, the book room or the archives, and the rank or status of the visitor was of no account to Dave – you were worthy of respect until your conduct or attitudes indicated otherwise! Provincials, Brothers, parents, teachers, school officers, services staff members and past or present students all entered Dave's orbit; to each, he extended respect, care, good humour and whatever skills he possessed to make your day easier or brighter. To anyone who was in distress, either professional or private, Dave offered counsel, care and support and he was the most loyal of friends. He did these things not because it was his job, but inherently – he cared about the world, his fellow travellers on the journey, and especially his Team, in the broadest sense of that word. His laconic quips about the various situations in which he was involved, often uttered tongue in cheek and with just the occasional dash of cynicism, rightly achieved legendary status.

To cope with the stresses of complex tasks and the added responsibilities of being a 'people person', Dave found both guidance and sustenance in routine. It probably didn't escape the notice of family, work mates and friends that he was the proverbial 'creature of habit'. You could set a watch by when he would appear and what he would do in any activity, as you could by the comments or quips that would greet anyone he met in the course of doing so. Whenever he found time for fishing (the great love of his recreational life) the routines adopted came close to driving his fellow anglers to distraction, so painstaking and repetitive were they. It should be noted that this did not stop rods falling off the roof of the car, or crab pots being thrown overboard without ropes attached – but at least Dave had theoretically taken precautions! Equally, Dave fancied himself from Murgon days as a horse whisperer able to divine the form guide and bet his way to endless riches. The reality was that every time he put a ticket into the TAB machine, it was another triumph of hope over experience.

Thus, Dave Cameron: husband, father, grandfather and brother; teacher, librarian, archivist and wordsmith; friend, coach, raconteur, humourist and larrikin; would-be slayer of fish and hopeless punter. Each of these vantage points offers clues to the measure of the man and their sum is a picture of a rich life, well lived. He was that enviable combination of a highly educated individual who never lost the common touch, a richly talented man who used those talents in a way that bettered the lives of others. We are all poorer now that he has been taken from us, too soon.

Vale, Dave!

Derek Cameron



DR KEVIN VANDELEUR (1969) AWARDED ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

The entire Marist College Ashgrove Community was delighted when informed that Dr Kevin Vandeleur (1969) had been appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Australia Day Honours List.

Whilst many of our members had assumed the award was for services to cricket, given the dynamic opening partnership 'Big Kev' and John Connolly established in 1969 (surely one of Ashgrove's greatest ever), Kev has achieved far more since then.

After completing ophthalmology training in 1983, Kev participated in post-graduate studies in Canada, USA, Italy, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. His primary interests include cataract, refractive surgery, vitreo-retinal and retinal detachment surgery.

In addition to being one of Australia's leading ophthalmologists and a very proud Ashgrovian, Kev is renowned for his selfless philanthropic work in leading teams of volunteers (including fellow Old Boys) to remote areas of East Timor, Myanmar, Cambodia and Kiribati to perform crucial eye surgery on the poorest members of society.

Kev has informed the OBA that when attending Kirabati (180,000 people on an island near the equator) in the early days, they often visited a small Marist Father's Community. Kev then had the pleasure of 20 years of annual trips to Kiribati with the eye team supported by the Royal Australian College of Ophthalmology. As is the trait of all Ashgrove Old Boys, Kev is quick to acknowledge other Marist family members on the team including Dr Peter Stewart (Marist Old Boy) and Mr Bill Watson (whose sons Gus and George are currently at the College).

Kev was also one of many who have made a huge impact on eye care in East Timor. Kev emphasised to the OBA that we all owe a huge debt to the East Timorese for their selfless protection of troops escaping from Japanese occupation during World War II. Truer words were never spoken.

That group's focus from the start was to begin a program to train eye doctors from the local community. That was an ongoing commitment and the group ultimately have handed over some of the routine surgery to the locally trained doctors.

The team also made yearly trips to Myanmar (Burma) to provide cataract and retinal services. Other Australian teams also participated in volunteer services to this area.

An Ashgrove man always, Kev told the OBA, *"Can I take this opportunity to offer a big thank you to Marist Brothers for the happy years at Ashgrove and a big hello to fellow mates whose company I enjoy when we catch up."*

The Old Boys congratulate you Dr Kevin William Vandeleur AM. Your selfless service to others and your humility epitomises everything that is great about the incredible education and the guidance we all received from the Marist Brothers.



OLD BOYS' SPORTS DAY - MAY 29, 2021

The new Head of College, Mr Michael Newman, the MCA OBA and the College Community were, on Saturday May 29, 2021, delighted to welcome back from across the decades 1st XV representatives from 1960 and 1961, 1970 and 1971, and 1980 and 1981. Their counterparts from Rosalie were also part of the celebrations.

Following the Head of College's welcome, the presentation of jerseys to today's First XV and a fabulous lunch for the representatives, those attending were presented with magnificent medallions and acknowledged by an appreciative crowd in front of the John Eales Grandstand. Everyone then settled in for the mouth-watering 1st XV Iona v Ashgrove 'Clash of the Titans,' where the young men of today impressed their much older brethren with a scintillating display to win by 36-19.

The 1941 St. Mary's College Ashgrove 1st XIII line-up was recorded in the Gazette, which was the official QRL Program. Backs: F. Wilson, N. Sheridan, L. Burton, C. Henry, A. Bamback, J. Moore, L. Hayden. Forwards: G. Hales,



1941 1st XIII Rugby League

Back Row: C. Henry, K. Hogan, R. Christensen, E. Clark, J. Gerrard, F. Wilson

Centre Row: N. Sheridan, L. Burton, G. Hales, W. Hayes

Front Row: K. Thomas, J. Moore, L. Hayden, F. Mullen, A. Bamback

K. Hogan, F. Mullen, R. Christensen, J. Gerrard, E. Clarke.

The 1951 1st XIII were MCSA Co-Premiers with SLC and played in the 10-Stone-Seven weight division. Ashgrove's 1st XV played mainly against the GPS schools, SPLC and Industrial High School, and were successful in all



1951 1st XV Rugby Union and 1st XIII Rugby League - MCSA Co-Premiers

Back Row: V. Williamson, D. Connor, K. McMahon, J. Ford

Second Row: B. McMackin, B. Reid, M. O'Reilly, T. Nutley, K. Elliott, M. Biltoft

Front Row: L. Luton, D. Callaghan, B. Kassulke (Capt.), K. O'Leary, M. Williamson

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games. The highlight of the season was the match against Downlands, and it was played as a curtain-raiser to the Queensland v New South Wales game. Downlands scored a converted try on full time to secure a 19-all draw.



1961 1st XV Rugby Union - Undefeated Premiers

Back Row: S. O'Reilly, J. Breen,
L. Coote, T. Robinson, J. E. Hawkins,
F. McDonnell (Capt.), K. Sankey,
K. McCormack, J. Hodgson,
P. Moloney

Front Row: R. Meagher, J. Rodgers,
R. Grcman, Rev. Br. Francis, P. Miller,
A. Pope

The 1961 1st XV had a successful season with seven players selected in the Combined TAS team to play Combined High Schools of New South Wales in Sydney. The 1st XV retained the premiership for the seventeenth consecutive



1971 1st XV Rugby Union -TAS Runners-up to Villanova

Back Row : P. Van Schyndel, W.
McDonnell, L. Wieland, P. McDonnell,
M. Cranitch, T. McCormack,
G. Hamilton, P. Hollamby, B. Cooke

Middle Row : P. Andrews, M. Lyons,
B. Hanley, G. Moffat, Br. Alexis,
T. Batch

Front Row : O. Mills, B. Lee, K. Glass

OLD BOYS' SPORTS DAY - 1970/71 TEAMS

50 YEARS ON!



1971 1st XV

From left: Bill McDonnell, Tony McCormack, Terry Batch, Bernard Lee, Peter (Shorty) McDonnell



1970 1st XV

From left: Peter Gibson, Wayne Cass, Pat Tierney, Kevin Murphy, Phil Bonanno, Charley Barbagallo, Peter Diezmann, Pat Laughren

Absent: Terry Burkett (c)

OLD BOYS' SPORTS DAY - MAY 29, 2021 - BARRY'S GREATS RETURN IN DROVES

The Old Boys' Sport Day was made just that extra bit special because of the return of so many members from those magnificent teams from 1980 and 1981 together with their legendary coach, Barry Honan. The 1980 team were recognised as one of the toughest to ever take the field while the 1981 team marched through the season undefeated against all comers. The 1981 team was universally recognised as one of the most talented Ashgrove teams to ever lace on a boot.



1981 1st XV Rugby Union - TAS Undefeated Premiers

Back Row: Mr B. Honan (Coach), G. McNally, D. Fitzgerald, J. Mee, P. Walters, D. McCarthy (V-Capt), J. Taylor, G. Weier, P. Dempsey (Assistant), Mr. D. Cameron (Assistant Coach)

Second Row: B. Batten, C. Robinson, P. Veivers, D. Patterson (Capt), D. Burke, M. Frisby, A. Price

Front Row: M. Doxey, J. Tam, D. Stower, D. Clarke, C. Kassulke



1981 1st XV - One of our all time greatest teams



1980 1st XV - As tough as they come

ASHGROVE CELEBRATES THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF FATHER JOHN HOPKINSON (1963)

The entire College Community offers their congratulations to our beloved Father John Hopkinson S.M. on his Golden Jubilee as a priest.

Father John was ordained on May 27, 1971 at Mater Dei Church at West Ashgrove.

He has provided decades of service as a Marist Father in South America and is currently looking after the poorest in Bolivia.

We give thanks for the endless service by Father John and salute him as one of our greatest of Old Boys. Any members who would like to contribute to Father John's celebration by way of donation should email the OBA at secretary@ashgroveoldboys.com.au.



OLD BOYS CALLED UPON TO ASSIST THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF CAREERS LINK

The OBA are very proud of our role in the innovation and growth of 'Careers Link' which now has a very special place in the fabric of the College. The Careers Link program is designed to connect students and graduates of Ashgrove with our extensive Old Boy business community. It provides important opportunities to students and graduates of Ashgrove.

Our Community needs the ongoing assistance of our members if the program is to continue to grow. Members are invited to join our LinkedIn Page at 'Ashgrove Old Boys' but more importantly if you or your business can provide the opportunity by way of work experience, internship, trades and employment to a high quality young man, please contact Mrs Tara Franklin at the College on franklint@marash.qld.edu.au.

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1981 40 YEAR REUNION BRINGS BACK THE MEMORIES

Undoubtedly one of the most talented year groups Ashgrove has ever produced possessing brilliant sportsmen, educators, military leaders, musicians, pilots, philanthropists, businessmen, gifted academics, judges, leading lawyers, world class engineers and many other outstanding tradesmen and professionals, the 1981 year group returned in force after 40 years to celebrate together over the Super Reunion Weekend. After generously sponsoring the Sports Lunch, the event was capped off with huge numbers in attendance in the beautifully appointed function room in the renovated Tower. An absolutely superb weekend which was enjoyed by all.

If you are looking to organise your year group's reunion please email us at reunions@ashgroveoldboys.com.au.



That magnificent 1981 4th XV reunite one more time - the very essence of Ashgrove.

1991 RETURN FOR SUPER REUNION WEEKEND

The 30 year reunion is always something very special. Lives have been lived; and stories can be told from yesteryear without anyone checking social media for accuracy.

The Super Reunion Weekend saw the return of that brilliant 1991 year who celebrated at the Sports Lunch, the College Super Reunion Day and then headed to the Brewery to cap off an unforgettable weekend. The Old Boys give their thanks to the 1991 year for their magnificent contribution to the history of the College. Congratulations Boys!



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SUPER REUNION WEEKEND

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After this year's stunning success, the OBA are proud to announce the dates for the 2022 Super Reunion Weekend.

Friday 20th May 2022 will be the Champagnat Trust Sports Lunch at the Brisbane Convention Centre.

Saturday Afternoon 21st May 2022 will be the Super Reunion Day in the Cyprian watching the First XV play for the Premiership.

Saturday evening 21st May 2022 will be your year group's reunion.

START GETTING YOUR YEAR GROUP ORGANISED !

SUPER REUNION WEEKEND PROVES A BLOCKBUSTER

The first ever “Super Reunion Weekend” on 11 and 12 June 2021 generated incredible memories for Old Boys and will be one of the great weekends in the College’s history. This glorious weekend started with the sold out 17th Champagnat Trust Sports Lunch on Friday 11 June 2021 (with over 1,200 in attendance) followed by the Super Reunion Day on the Saturday where the 1st XV Rugby Union put on a dazzling display and the 1st XI Football took out the premiership. The year groups from across the generations then celebrated their own history on Saturday evening. This incredible weekend which will be repeated on 20-21 May 2022. So get your year groups organised!



HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR PETER MURDOCH AND GRAHAM LAWSON

The Old Boys’ Reunion Day on Saturday June 12, 2021 was particularly special because it saw the awarding of honorary life membership of the Association to Peter (‘Chippa’) Murdoch and Graham Lawson. The Old Boys President, Steve McAuliffe (1985), said *“Both Peter and Graham have made immeasurable contributions to the history of the College and their commitment to the education and support of thousands of Old Boys is the stuff of legend. It was a wonderful day and the many hundreds in attendance offered their overwhelming support for these two icons who both commenced in 1973. It was my great pleasure to present them with their life membership and we look forward to seeing them at Old Boys’ functions in the years to come.”*



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OLD BOYS BATTLE IT OUT WITH LAURIES AT RUNCORN

On May 1, 2021, the Ashgrove Old Boys once again accepted the challenge from St Laurence's College Old Boys and participated in the "Back to Runcorn" Day playing both Football (Soccer) and Touch Football as curtain raisers to the Firsts matches.

The Football match started with impeccable attacking interplay by Ashgrove. The ball was propelled to Zac Kierpal (2020) who sent a precise left foot cross to Tom Vosper (2018) who then fired the ball past the despairing Laurie's goalkeeper. Despite our new superstar recruit Zac K dominating up front, the score remained 1-0 at halftime.

In what can only be described as a second half defensive master piece by both sides, no one could get past the two brilliant keepers; until Laurie's attempted a desperate long range shot with the prevailing tailwind that found the corner of the net, ensuring a 1-1 final score. Previous encounters had gone to Laurie's in 2017(2-0) and 2019 (2-1). Thanks to Andrew Girjes (2013) and Jamie Morgan, MCA Football coordinator for organising the following Old Boys: Tom Vosper (2018), Jem Corrish (2018), Nick Sgroi (2019), Jeremy Kaye (2019), Zac Kierpal (2020), Jackson Barrick (2020), Max Fryar (2020), Zac Payne (2020), Angus Mines (2020), Lewis Reilly (2013), Michael Cristiano(2013) and goalkeeper, Oliver Vlug (2020).

The MCA touch footy team that ran out at Runcorn have been victorious in 2015 (4-1) and 2017 (4-0), followed by a draw in 2019 (1-1). Ashgrove's 2021 team had a wealth of experience across the generations while Lauries gambled heavily with the speed of youth. It was a dour match as the rain fell with Laurie's having a halftime lead of 1-0.

The second half began at breakneck speed with Ashgrove brilliantly attacking but making the only handling blemish of the entire afternoon as the line beckoned. It would be costly. Lauries investment in youth paid off as they combined well to score late in the right corner, leaving the result 2-0 to SLC.

The 2021 MCA Touch Team comprised:

Pat Howard (1990) Coach, Clinton Mohr (1983) Captain, Bret Ambrose (1987), Mick Gleeson (1994), Matt Blinkhoff (95), Damien Harrison (1995), Xavier Dorney (1995), Andrew Farley (1997), Mark Jones (2002), Matt Jones (2004), Trent Jones (2007), Max Stubbings (2014), Declan McWhirter (2014), Louis Gannon (2014), John O'Hare (1972) Manager and Ben Webb (1991) Referee.

Congratulations to Lauries for retaining the Old Boys Shield, 3-1 in the combined competition.



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VALE GREG DUX (1964)

The Old Boys Community was greatly saddened to learn of the death of one of our true legends, Greg Dux (1964) on June 12, 2021. Gregory Lawrence Dux stands alone as the only Ashgroviaan to be selected in the 'Team of the Century' in both Rugby and Cricket. Phenomenal! A wonderful man and deeply loved by the Ashgrove community.

Greg's Headmaster, Geoffrey Joy (Brother Phelan), wrote:

I was very saddened to hear of the death of Greg Dux.

He certainly was a marvellous school boy - in character, study, YCS, Cadets, rugby, cricket etc.

He was in the top tier of senior students I knew in fifty years around schools.

I join in prayers for Greg, his family & friends.

His great friend Henry Mendra (1965) also provided the Old Boys with the following tribute:

In 1964 Greg was the opening fast bowler for the Marist 1st XI, coached by Br. Phelan. Greg's mannerisms oozed confidence and purpose, he cast a large shadow. Noticeable to every batsman was the steel toecap on his right boot. As he marked out his run-up, the anxiety intensified on the face of the opening batsman. Maybe facing the first ball was not such a good idea after all. Those were the days when a batsman had pads, gloves, and bat to fend off the ball. There were no helmets, no body pads, and even a box was only optional. At the point of delivery, most often an inswinger of yorker length, a mighty grunt that even the deaf could hear, was let out. The steel capped right boot dragged along behind him, and helped arrest his follow through. Greg towelled up the opposition in quick time, and the runs required to win the match were comfortably scored by the batsmen. That year the 1st XI went through the season undefeated, mainly due to Greg's prowess with the ball.

Greg, Peter and John Dux lived in a house adjacent to the sports oval which has now become the Brisbane Broncos home ground. In the '60s it was our playground. Sometimes we'd scratch together a team for a game of touch football - Greg and Peter Dux, Russell Hooper, Paul Simmons, myself, and a stray dog to even out the numbers. Greg played touch with a touch more vigour and enthusiasm than the rest of us.

Greg became a teacher and taught at Brisbane State High. However, his commitment to Marist Ashgrove remained firm as he took over the training of the school cadet band to shape it into one of the best school bands in Brisbane.

It is evident that Greg lived life to the full. Sadly he has now left us. But the memories will live on.

The Old Boys pass on their condolences to Greg's beloved wife, Sue, daughter Jane and son Paul; and also to Greg's four grandchildren and younger brothers, Peter (1966) and John (1969).



OLD BOYS' WEBSITE CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

The Old Boys' website at www.ashgroveoldboys.com.au just gets better and better!

We are continuing to add information but please make it one of your favourites and visit regularly to see what is happening both at the College and in the world of the Old Boys.

And just a reminder the OBA is now on Facebook and Instagram. With LinkedIn coming soon.

OLD BOYS RECOGNISE THE LIFE OF THE MAGNIFICENT NOEL JOSEPH CAVANAGH

It was another sad day when the Old Boys learned of the passing of Noel Cavanagh, a treasured member of that esteemed family which are so much the fabric of this College.

Brother Roger Burke wrote these words in honour of our great friend and colleague Noel Cavanagh.

What a charismatic man, husband, father, grandparent, Christian, true friend, adventurer, master story-teller, great party host, a person with a social conscience! What an illustration of a noble life that did so much good for others!

Noel grew up along Waterworks Road, within the Catholic Parish of St Finbarr's where he attended the Primary School before coming to St Mary's College Ashgrove, the fourth of the Cavanagh boys to do so. Ted was a foundation student (1940-1941). Harold and Keith would also precede Noel in attending Ashgrove. He was the first Cavanagh to go through to Senior (Year 12). Two more brothers, Brian and Paul, were to follow him at the College. Six boys at the College – is that some kind of record? Noel was the sixth child in a family of ten.



**Noel Cavanagh
Cadets - 1955**

After Senior, and after a preparation of a mere three weeks, Noel set out to PNG on a career as a Cadet Patrol Officer – the launch of an adventure (20 years, 1956-1976) - arguably the highlight of his entire life. Noel relished in the contribution he could make to that country still under the jurisdiction of Australia, culminating when Noel was appointed the Acting District Commissioner for the Southern Highlands.

Along the way, the beautiful Genevieve became part of Noel's scene. Also from the Ashgrove neighbourhood, Genevieve went to school with Noel's younger sister Letitia. After Noel and Genevieve announced their engagement, they wrote to each other every day, both carefully filing all correspondence. Years later, on their 25th wedding anniversary, Noel presented Genevieve with a bound copy of all her letters to him.

After a short engagement, they married in 1968, and shared life together in PNG for eight (8) years before their return to Brisbane.

Noel next bought into a newsagency in Nambour and later worked in the Public Service. Then in 1988 Noel accepted the position of General Manager of the Tiwi Enterprises for the Aboriginal Association on Bathurst Island. The local community held him and his family in high regard, and testament to this was his acceptance into a Tiwi family. His bestowed title of 'Paraka' was used by his ten grandchildren for the rest of his life.

Noel's funeral Mass, concelebrated on January 29, 2021 by his classmate, Emeritus Bishop Brian Heenan, and Fr Bernie Gallagher, was a memorable ceremony and a triumph of a life lived with lovable passion. A younger Fr Brian Heenan had presided at the wedding of Noel and Genevieve in 1968.

At the funeral, beautiful eulogies were delivered by daughter Sarah (also on behalf of Genevieve), son Justin (1992) (also on behalf of his sister Tristan and her family in Doha), and Noel's cousin John Kenny (also on behalf of Noel's sister Letitia living in Lyon in France). His eldest daughter Ainslie and her family were also present at the funeral.

The symbols placed in the chapel for his funeral service said so much about Noel's life: rosary beads and Cursillo Pilgrim's Guide; his PNG Medal; and the Marist Old Boys shirt from the 75th Jubilee Year. He became a Life Member of the Old Boys Association in 1969, and would attend Reunions whenever possible. Noel was always proud of his College days at Ashgrove.

Noel made people believe in themselves! He will be long remembered by all those whose lives he touched.... his loving family and many friends.

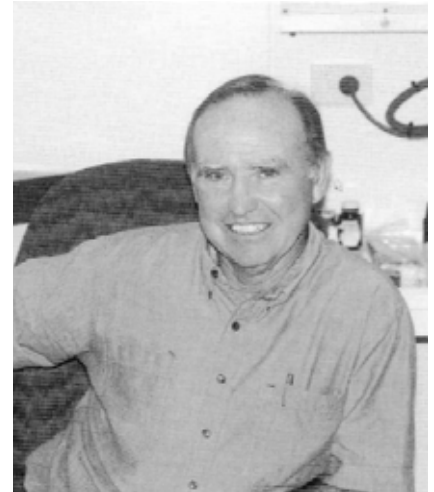
SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES

The College and the Old Boys are updating the records of those who have served in the Armed Forces. Do you know of any Old Boy of Marist College Ashgrove or Marist College Rosalie who has served at any time? If so, please email military@ashgroveoldboys.com.au.

MICHAEL J. P. BARRY (1960)

Michael J. P. Barry (60) attended MCA from 1952-60. It was with great sadness that the news headlines of November 6, 2020 announced:

"Respected surgeon and former national rugby union representative Dr Mick Barry has died after being pulled from the water on the Gold Coast. Ambulance crews were called to the beach near Currumbin Surf Life Saving Club just before 6am. A 78year old Miami man and five of his long-time friends had been for their daily swim. Once in the water they experienced a strong southerly pull in the water. Mick Barry may have suffered a medical episode. His friends and the ambulance attempted to give him CPR but he was unable to be revived."



Mick Barry (1960)

The jungle drums started beating quickly and somehow Mick's school friends, Frank McDonnell (1960) and Paul O'Donnell (1959) realised the seriousness and had incredibly connected with Fr Jacob who gave Mick last rites on the beach. John McCaffery (60) had been a classmate of Mick's from Grade 1 at St Finbarr's to Grade 12 at MCA, and lived not far from Mick and his older brother Neville (1950, dec'd) in Glenlyon Drive, Ashgrove. John always thought Mick was the quintessential Ashgrovian, a perfect example of quality. John always admired his character and was amazed at his sporting ability where his Athletics prowess stood out right from the beginning. "In his very first year at MCA in 1952 when at 9 years of age, he won the "Junior Mile" in grand style! Mick continued his run as underage Athletics Champion from U11 in 1953 to U13 in 1955. Mick had also placed second in the U12 Broad Jump at the Queensland Schoolboy Championships."

In his senior years, cricket and rugby were the sports he would excel in. Mick Barry was a member of the 1960 MCA 1st XI Cricket Team. He was also in the 1959 Undefeated Premiership Cricket 1st XI. In 1959, Mick was halfback in the undefeated 1st XV Rugby Premiership team. In the premiership winning 1960 1st XV, Mick was the best back and top try scorer. He represented the TAS representative side in both 1959 and 1960 against Combined GPS schools. The "Telegraph" reported on the match on July 30, 1960:

"For the Associated Schools, halfback Mick Barry who ran from his own 25 to score a brilliant try was outstanding."

Dr Mick Barry was a retired Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist. Mick was a former three times premiership winning halfback for the Brothers Rugby Union Club. He played one Test for the Wallabies in 1971-the third Test against South Africa at the SCG, a series known for the anti-apartheid demonstrations. Mick was also Test reserve multiple times as he forever seemed in the shadow of those two great halfbacks- Ken Catchpole and John Hipwell. Mick still made two Wallaby tours -in 1968, to Ireland and Scotland, and in 1969 to South Africa.

Mick had made his first appearance for Queensland against New South Wales in 1966 and soon after played against the 1966 British Lions at Lang Park. In 1971, he was halfback when Queensland scored that remarkable 15-11 win at Ballymore over the British Lions. Later in his final season of 1971, he would also captain the Junior Wallabies against the Springboks. The South Africans smashed the Juniors 31-12! This was an abrasive game that had Barry sporting facial stitches, chipping the Springboks at the after match function for over-robust play. In 1971, Doctor Barry was a plus on many fronts-he had sowed a few chins with his dexterous stitching work! Mick Barry finished his magnificent Rugby career as a true icon of the game and his life reflected this- so highly regarded and loved by all!

The Old Boys have also recently been advised of the passing of Mick's beloved wife, Janelle.

The Old Boys offer sincere condolences to Mick and Janelle's, sons Andrew (dec'd), Shaun, Matt and daughter Liz.

REMEMBERING JOSH TAM (2013)

The OBA remembers the tragic passing of our young brother, Josh Tam (2013), in late 2018.

For those who wish to support the wonderful legacy of Josh, please visit the website set up by his parents, John (1981) and Julie.

www.justmossin.com.au

There are great times ahead for young Ashgrovians, but please take care. Look after each other.

DR BARRY WOOD (1962)

Dr Barry Wood (62): 'Woody' passed away peacefully on Tuesday night, May 25, 2021, after a 'brave fight' with cancer. Barry was the much-loved husband of 50 years to Beris Lorraine, and adored by his three daughters, Lisa, Katherine, and Jacqueline and four grandchildren. Barry and his family had resided at their property at Pinjarra Hills for the past 47 years. Barry's Funeral Mass was on Thursday June 3, 2021, at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Kenmore.

Woody lived with his parents and sister, Loretta and brother, Brian in Stewart Road and attended Marist Ashgrove. He was a fine Rugby player and played in the undefeated premiership winning 3rd XV (1961) and 2nd XV (1962). Barry was adept at scoring tries and the 1961 B&G reported: "the now typical try by Barry Wood brought the final score to 8-0."



Left to right: Gary Kerr (1962), Ron Whelan (1964), Errol Allan (1964) and Woody (1962)

Errol Allan (63) provided the following kind words:

"Dr. Barry Wood (Woody) was Professor of Chemistry and chief scientist at the University of Queensland for many years until his retirement in February 2020. Barry recently showed me the UQ Certificate presented to him by the Vice-Chancellor when he retired. This certificate stated that Dr Barry Wood was the longest serving UQ Academic Staff member since UQ at St Lucia started in the 30s! Woody was employed by UQ for 53 years until his retirement last year.

We will all miss his contagious and playful character which always brought such joy to his family and his old school and rugby mates. Barry was such a nice person-one of the good guys!"

DESMOND KEITH BURKE (1954)

The youngest of the four Burke boys prominent at Ashgrove in the ten years following the War – Brian (1949), Kevin (1949), Raymond (1953) and Desmond (1954) – passed away on 9 December 2020, at the age of 82. Des spent the first 20 or more years of his life in the family home at Ashgrove before moving into a high-rise Unit in George Street Brisbane overlooking Parliament House.

Des left school at the end of Junior (the present-day Year 10) as most students did in those days. He had a number of casual jobs in Brisbane before being employed as a travelling salesman for a Sydney company whose main business were neckties, corporate scarves and fashion accessories like cuff-links. He travelled all over Queensland in this work.

Des the adventure-loving overseas traveller was our best description for him. His first trip was to the Olympic Games in Melbourne 1956 at the age of 18, followed by a trip to the Rome Olympics 1960. These were the forerunners to a countless number of times to all parts of the world, to every continent, even to the South Pole. Just a few years ago he managed four overseas trips in the one year. He often travelled with his life-long friend Paz who lived down Sunnybank way. He always returned to Brisbane with a profound knowledge of the places visited.

Des never married, and lived on his own in Central Brisbane. He was an avid reader of the daily newspapers, and had a great love of Rugby League. Some of his visits to the heart-land of League in North of England were like pilgrimages for him. One of his return trips was featured in the British Press.

Des' funeral Mass was led by the Marist College Ashgrove Chaplain, Fr Jim Hargrave, before his interment with his parents, Henry and Marion, at the Pinnaroo Cemetery, Albany Creek.



Des Burke (1954)

PETER MICHAEL SCOTT (1953)

Peter hailed from a well-known family (4 girls, 2 boys) living in Glenlyon Drive, Ashgrove. The second of the Scott boys to come to St Mary's College Ashgrove, following on from his older brother Neil (1950) (who died less than a year ago), Peter completed the whole course of schooling at the College, Year 4 to Senior. Upon leaving school in the early 50s, Peter obtained a position with the Valuer's General Department where he was to spend the rest of his working life.

Married to Shirley, with two children – Stephen and Michael – Peter spent the best part of his working life, since 1961, in the suburb of Chelmer. The family were staunch members of the Christ the King Parish, Graceville, from where it was fitting that both Shirley (2018) and Peter were farewelled at Requiem Masses.

Peter had a great love for sport, a passion no doubt fostered by his dad Mick and his own participation in the various teams at the College. His sister Marie remembers Peter essentially as a sporting man. He represented the College in the 1st XI Cricket for two years, and is remembered as a stylish left-hand batsman. Upon leaving school, Peter played one season with Wests Rugby Club, and then turned to his great love, Rugby League, where he played full back for the Brothers Club for a few years. He also played cricket for Valleys. After retirement, Peter took up golf, playing every Saturday for the next 20 years. During all of this time, he would never miss his fortnightly meet-ups with his former mates from work at a hotel in the city.

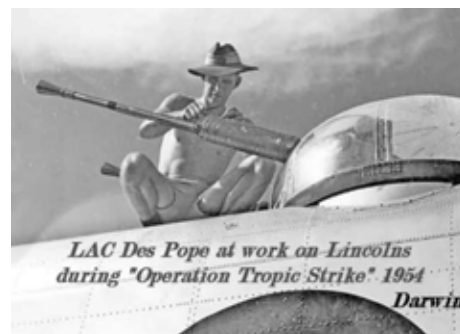
Let his sister Marie have the last say: Peter was a good man, a decent chap, a great bloke, gentle – a real gentleman in the true sense of the word (as was his brother Neil) – simple in his tastes, contented, always ready for a laugh, a loyal and good husband, a good and proud father of Stephen and Michael, and a good brother to Nora, Kathleen, Patty and myself. In her eulogy for Peter, Marie said that Peter was a person of determination, fortitude and forbearance.



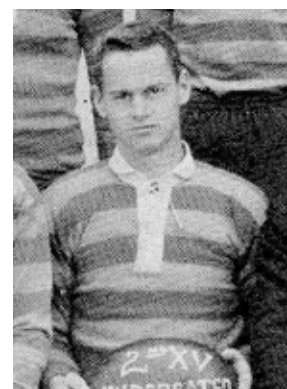
PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for the following who have deceased recently.

- Emile Ferrandiere 1938-2021 (Br Reginald Peter FMS). Many MCA students from the 1960s to the early 1990s might remember the former Brother Reginald Ferrandiere who passed away in Bundaberg Base Hospital on July 10, 2021. He was a Brother from 1955 to 1992. After leaving the Brothers he resumed his family name Emile and lived on a small rural holding outside Bundaberg where he continued his love of the rural life. Ever the farmer Emile worked over the years at Mittagong, Campbelltown, Eagle Heights, Ashgrove, Hamilton and Mabiri (PNG). He was also well regarded as an outstanding junior science teacher. He was different and he was creative. He cared for kids. May he rest in peace.
- Desmond John Pope (1948), late of Canberra, passed away peacefully on July 10, 2021, aged 90 years. Des was married to Beverly, father of Michael & Amelia, brother of Josephine (dec'd) & Alex (1961) and uncle of Claudia, Oliver (2000), & Andrew (2002). Des attended MCA from 1945 to 1948. During the War years, Des attended Eagle Heights. Des was an outstanding athlete at MCA and in his final year of 1948, was a member of the MCSA winning Ashgrove Open Relay with John Mines, Allan O'Connor and Joe Fenton which won in record time.
- Robert Joseph Barry Garvey (1960), but known to friends as Barry, passed away peacefully after a short illness on May 4, 2021. Barry was formerly a boarder from Toowoomba and boarded at MCA from 1956-60. Barry's brother Pat, also



Des Pope (1948)



Barry Garvey (1960)

PRAYERS PLEASE CONTINUED...

boarded at MCA and completed Junior in 1960. Barry was the beloved husband of Barbara, daughter Angie and five sons who all attended MCA as day boys-Dan (84), Tim (86), Rob (87), Ben (95) and Pete (98). Barry was very proud that Tim's son Luke (Grade 7, 2021) is continuing the tradition as a Garvey, third generation Ashgrove. Barry was a fine rugby player who captained the second XV in 1960 to an undefeated premiership. Barry was also very active in the MCA Old Boys' Association, serving as Vice-President and representing the Association at the International Federation of Marist Ex-students Convention in Germany and France.

- Tony Francis Prain (1963), late of Albion, passed away on 28 March 2021 aged 74 following a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. Tony was the beloved Husband of Roslyn and dearly loved Father of Emily and Kate (Harrison), Father-in-Law of Matthew (Harrison) and Grandfather of Jack and Grace. The eldest Son of Don and Athole Prain, late of Ashgrove, Tony will be missed by his Brothers Peter (1966) and Michael (1970), who also attended Marist Ashgrove, and Marie his 'little Sister' and their respective families. Tony was farewelled at a service from St Mark's Anglican Church, Clayfield on 09 April 2021. The class of '65 were especially saddened when they heard of Tony's passing. John MacGinley (1965) : "Tony was such a good guy whom I used to sit next to at School and played with him in the Ashgrove Cadet Band ." Damien Carroll (1965) added: "I first met Tony in grade 4 in 1956. Tony had suffered from Polio in his younger years and wore a leg brace, but never let his disability hinder him. By his last year at school, he was in the school band and marched as well as anyone else. May he rest in peace."
- Jim Truscott (1973) was son of Meta & Alan (both dec'd), brother of Fr. Stephen (1970) and Maria. Jim was married to Colette and they have four children. Jim was living in Perth, formerly Yoku Road Ashgrove, passed away suddenly in New South Wales in his 65th year.
- Timothy McGahan (1976) passed away peacefully on April 20, 2021. Tim attended the College as a boarder from Dalby, along with his five brothers, John (1975), Peter (1979), Marty (1981), Andrew (1983) dec'd and Philip (1986). Tim's loving family which also included his sisters attended his funeral service which was held at the College on Saturday April 24. Tim's younger brother Andrew (1983) who won Australia's top literary award-the Miles Franklin in 2005- predeceased Tim in February 2019.
- James Vincent Babao (1966), late of Smithfield, Cairns, passed away peacefully at home on January 25, 2021, aged 72 years. Much loved Husband of Martha and loving Father of Angelica and Troy. Jim's two younger brothers, Philip (Junior 1966) and John (1971) also attended MCA as boarders from Marienberg, PNG.
- Paul Girling (1991), much loved husband of Amanda, passed away tragically, early in the morning of February 28, 2021. Paul's brothers, Mark (1985) and Chris (1987) attended MCA as day boys from The Gap.
- Garnet Patrick Donohue, late of Taigum formerly of Ashgrove, passed away peacefully Sunday morning 14 February 2021 in his 66th year. Dearly loved son of Jack and Eileen Donohue (both dec'd), brother of Sharon Gallagher, Tony Donohue (1966), Mick Donohue (1970), brother-in-law of Kerry Gallagher (Rosalie 1964), uncle to both Tim Gallagher (1989) and Ben Donohue (2001). The family was blessed to have old boy and Chaplain of the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Fr Michael Carroll (same Senior class as Mick of 1970) join Sharon, Kerry and Mick in the Prayers for the Commendation of the Dying for Garnet in his final hours. Thank you Fr Michael" - Mick Donohue.
- Craig Mead (1984) passed away suddenly on November 14, 2020. Craig was married to Tracy and they have three children, Beau, Cassidy and Brooke. Craig was the son of Bernie (1948) and the nephew of Leo (1954). Craig's brothers, Shane (1975), Brett (1977), Scott (1980), Bart (1982) and sisters Jill and Janie, wife of Michael Burke (1984), survive him.
- Julian G. Jefferis (2002), aged 34 years, sadly passed away on December 14, 2020 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Jules was the much-loved son of Peter ('Bushy')(73) & Debbie and brother of Sam (2006) and younger sister Anna. Jules is survived by his wife Allison and newly born son Percival Julian ('Percy').



Tony Prain (1963)



Julian Jefferis (2002)

PRAYERS PLEASE CONTINUED...

- Christopher John Talty (1970), late of Wellington Point, formerly Bardon, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2021, aged 68 years. Chris was the dearly loved husband of Yvonne and loving father of Shane, David, James and Bridget. Chris was brother of Mark (1968) and Leo (1972).
- Dr Kevin Walter Vandeleur, late of Gold Coast and formerly Banksia Avenue, Ashgrove, and originally Innisfail, passed away peacefully on October 28, 2020, aged 93 years. Kevin was the proud Father of Kevin Jnr, OAM (1969), Margaret, Barbara, Peter (1976), Brian (1979) and their families.
- Tony Condon, father of Trish Bathersby (wife of Chris (1983)), grandfather to James Condon (2005), Josh Zanetti (2013), Aaron (2004) and Paul (2005) Zanetti, Chris (2005) and Nick (2007) Brockhurst, Ben (2017) and Will (2019) Bathersby. May Tony Rest In Peace.
- Bernard Thomas "Bernie" Homan, late of Keperra, formerly St John's Wood, passed away peacefully on February 15, 2021, aged 87 years. Beloved Husband of Judith and dearly loved Father, Father-in-Law and Grandfather of Peter (1981), Christopher (1983), Michael (1985) and their families.
- Angelo Bertoni, late of Sinnamon Park, formerly of Mt Isa, passed away peacefully on March 31, 2021, aged 87 years. Angelo was the beloved husband of Yvonne and loving father of Robin (1971), Denis (1973), Chris (1975) and their families.
- Gordon Patrick Jardine, late of Boondall, formerly Everton Park, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2021, aged 89 years. Beloved husband for 70 years of Helen and much loved father and father-in-law of Gordon (1968) & Rita, Peter (1970) & Mary, Adrienne and John, Marilyn and Kevin, Derek (1974) & Lyn, Paul (1976) & Lynda, Helen & Ashley and Glenn (80) & Sarah. Much loved grandfather to 23 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Gordon's Funeral Mass was held at the Little Flower Catholic Church, Kedron on April 21, 2021.
- Nora Mary Biltoft (nee Scott), late of Murwillumbah, NSW and formerly of Glenlyon Drive Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on April 17, 2021, aged 89 years. Nora was the dearly loved wife of Mark (1951) and devoted mother and mother-in-law of Michael (1975), Terry & Ralph, Greg (1976), Tim (1983), Gavin (1978) & Vicki and cherished grandma of their families. Nora was also the sister and sister-in-law of Neil (1950) dec'd & Glenda Scott, Peter (1953) dec'd & Shirley Scott dec'd, Kathleen, Patty & Angelo.
- Barry Little (aged 85), a devoted supporter of the Brothers' Community and an affiliated member of the Marist Brothers, father of Matthew (1981 dec'd). Barry passed away peacefully at the Sunshine Coast on December 28, 2020. Barry is survived by his daughters Lisa and Celeste, and his wife Shirley.
- Mrs Pat Burkett was a legend in the 60s and early 70s for her mothering of the boarders and support of the Ashgrove sporting teams. Pat lived close by at 51 Glenlyon Drive Ashgrove. Several of the Old Boys from 1968-1970 from North Queensland took the time to write a loving tribute to Pat which can be found on our website. Margaret Patricia "Pat" Burkett, late of Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on May 29, 2021, aged 90 years. Pat was the beloved wife of Bill (dec'd) and dearly-loved mother of Terry (1970), Brian (1970) and Julie. Pat was the proud nanna of William (2007), and Claire & Meeghan, and great-nanna.
- Maureen Heinrich, wife of Ted(dec'd), passed away suddenly in January 2021. Maureen was Mother of Aaron (1987), Jacob (1991), Sam (1995), and Vanessa. Maureen was sister-in-law of Br Terry Heinrich, MCA Headmaster 1991-96.
- Jane King, formerly of Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on December 18, 2020. Jane was the loving Wife of Michael, devoted Mother and Mother-in-law of Patrick (2000), Cameron (2002) and Kieran (2009) and their families and loved Grandmother of 6.
- Doreen Mary Driver, late of Mitchelton, passed away peacefully on December 4, 2020, aged 88 years. Much loved Mother of David (1972), Julie, Keith (1979), (dec'd), Ian (1984) and Phillip (1986).
- Yvonne Poloskey, beloved Ashgrove Mother of Richard (1983) and Gabor (1985) and grandmother of Michael (2009), Ben (2012) and Josh (2013) who attended here as well.

PRAYERS PLEASE CONTINUED...

- Patrick Kevin (Pat) Newman, late of Moola Road, Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on June 17, 2021, aged 97 years. Pat was the beloved husband of Fay for 72 years and father of Philip (1967), Ross (1969) and Maree. Pat was also the treasured Pop to his nine grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. A Family service was held on June 23, 2021.
- Sr Margaret Patricia Mines RSC, OAM, passed away peacefully on June 12, 2021 in Brisbane. Loved member of the congregation of the Sisters of Charity for 69 years. Sr Margaret was sister of John Mines (1948), David Mines (1959), aunt of Anthony (1985) and great-aunt of Angus (2020) and a loyal friend of many. Mass of Christian Burial was held on June 18, 2021 at St John the Baptist Church, Enoggera.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

VALE SECTION ON THE OLD BOYS' WEBSITE

The website has a special 'Vale' section where eulogies and memories of Old Boys are recorded. Please visit www.ashgroveoldboys.com.au and click on 'Vale'.

BROTHER ROGER BURKE (1953) - RETIRES

Reprinted from - The Paraclete: Holy Spirit Seminary Queensland:

It was with sadness and gratitude that the seminary community farewelled Br Roger Burke who retired as a valued and much-loved member of the formation teaching staff at Holy Spirit Seminary.

For more than a decade, Br Roger introduced seminarians from across the Province of Queensland and beyond into the beautiful and sometimes mysterious world of Latin.

Initially only taught for one year, since 2016 the seminary has included two years of Latin language as part of its formation program. This was at the special request of the 2016 batch of propaedeutic students, and the tradition has continued ever since.

In introducing students to Latin, Br Roger drew on a long career teaching in Marist Schools across Australia where he eventually served also as principal. Seminary students appreciated the insight that Br Roger brought to the Latin classes, reminding us often that a better understanding of Latin will also assist in securing a better understanding and appreciation of the English language.

In addition to his Latin classes, Br Roger also offered English lesson tutorials to many students. These were particularly welcomed by seminarians from overseas and those encountering tertiary level studies for the first time as they benefited from Br Roger's previous roles as an English teacher in schools as well as his spiritual and theological insights.



Brother Roger (Centre)

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Members will note that advertising has been included in the Ashgrovia. It has proved necessary because of the huge costs now associated with producing and distributing such a high quality publication. However, the advertising is both limited and selective. It has also been restricted to not only those who have a close association with the College but also have a service which is attractive to Old Boys. The OBA acknowledges their ongoing support and asks members to make use of their services wherever possible.

AUSTRALIAN MARIST SOLIDARITY – TOGETHER, WE BRING HOPE

Did you know that the beautiful grounds of the Ashgrove campus are also home to the head office of the international development agency Australian Marist Solidarity? Find out more about AMS with our Q&A with Old Boy and board chair Peter Sheehan – and also ways you could help out.

How did you come to know about and connect with AMS?

I am a very proud past student of Marist College Ashgrove (1976). Over the years I have been involved in various roles with the Old Boys Association and more recently with the College itself as a parent. In 2013 I was approached by Br. Chris Wells to join the Advisory Council for Marist Asia Pacific Solidarity (MAPS) and later that year I was invited by Br. Jeff Crowe and Br. Al Sherry to join the board of AMS.

What aspects of the work of AMS are you most passionate about?

At AMS we believe that education holds the key to transforming lives and communities. I am most passionate about those projects that build resilience and provide care and support for the most vulnerable, empowering them to take their own path to development through other more formal education and training programs conducted by our in-country local partners.

Why do you support AMS?

Our vision says it all for me: “a world that reflects Marists’ desire that vulnerable young people are brought towards the centre from the margins through access to education”.

How can Old Boys get involved?

Please visit the website to find out about the amazing educational projects we are involved with in Asia and the Pacific.

As a small not-for-profit agency, we often have tasks and projects that we do not have staff capacity for. We are currently seeking pro bono support for:

- Cyber security
- Contract law
- Graphic design
- Database management.

I’ve found it personally very rewarding to contribute to AMS and I’m sure other Old Boys would as well. Contact us at ams@marists.org.au for information.



Peter Sheehan (1976)



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