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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 6 February, 2024

AGM, 7:00pm at the College

Saturday 23 March, 2024

Rosalie Tribute Day

Friday 30 May, 2024

Champagnat Sports Lunch at the Convention Centre

Saturday 31 May, 2024

Old Boys' Sports Day (v SLC)

Old Boys Reunion Day at the College (v SLC)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Old Boys,

Welcome to the final edition of The Ashgrovian for 2023. It has been a great year for the Old Boys as we celebrated many events together. 2023 again saw further strengthening of our ties with the College. This is only possible due to the tireless efforts of the Old Boys on the committee and the executive who have taken up the many challenges presented this year with presence and courage. We saw this especially with the OBA's adaptability, with so many major constructions underway around the college and being without our beloved Cyprian Pavilion. It is wonderful for the MCA OBA to work so cooperatively to help implement the College's masterplan which will greatly benefit future generations of students.



The OBA is looking to revitalise the Association and increase the relevance to all of our past students, with some exciting new initiatives on the horizon for the coming year- watch this space. All Old Boys are keenly watching the progress of the wholesale renovations occurring with the Cyprian Pavilion upgrade. As we wait with much interest for the project's completion, Old Boys will be excited to know that the College has approved the proposal for a new Sports Honour Board to be located there. Creating a new Sports Honour Board for the Cyprian Pavilion, titled "Old Boy National Representatives," will also include Old Boys who have represented other nations, as well as Australia in their particular sports. To be included on this Honour Board, all representatives must satisfy extensive criteria for selection.

On this new board, it is proposed that the sports will be listed in an ordered fashion, such that the effect will be impressive and maximise the sporting reputation of the College. Under each sport the names will be listed chronologically, and their last year attending the College inserted. Space will be provided to cater for future additions in terms of individuals or other sports.

The existing Sports Honour Board in the Champagnat Centre (Gym) foyer will be retained. As it is full, a replacement board will be created for additional names to be added, so the College can continue the same tradition there of recording representatives chronologically into the future."

We saw many well-supported events including the OBA Sports Day, with teams from Years 1953, 1963, 1973, and 1983 returning to watch the MCA 1st XV, and several Old Boy fathers even presenting their sons' jerseys on the day. Other events, including the Marist Vintage Lunch (for those old boys who had left school more than 40 years ago) and the annual Golf Day, were also outstanding successes. The OBA also continued to support various College activities, including the Green Ash Program, the Marist Tower Art Show, and the Marist Card Days. The standout for me personally was Super Reunion Day, which was timed to coincide with the Champagnat Trust Sports Lunch and the Boarding Parents Weekend. Nearly 400 Old Boys joined us for the day at the BBQ area beside the Cyprian Pavilion, sharing a cleansing ale and some tall tales as they reminisced about their time in the Blue and Gold.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to the Executive of the Old Boys and the committee we have had this year and on behalf of the OBA to the Head of College, Mr Michael Newman, the Deputy Head of College, Mr Charles Brauer, and Director of Public Relations, Mrs Bethany Halpin, as well as the entire College staff for their ongoing support. I wish to welcome the Year group of 2023 who have faced their own challenges this year in many ways, learning some hard life lessons throughout their final year. You have banded together and forged many strong friendships at Marist College Ashgrove that I'm sure will last you a lifetime.

VIRILITER AGE!

Dom Melrose
President

VALE JOSEPH STEPHENS (2023)

We pay tribute to Joe Stephens, a much-loved and cherished Year 12 student who tragically passed away after a car accident in the mid-year holidays. Joe is now peacefully resting in God's loving arms. Our thoughts and prayers are with his parents, Paul and Kate, and his siblings, Lucinda and Tom.

In honour of Joe's memory, Paul and Kate have generously donated a shield to be presented at the 2024 Awards Night onwards. This award will be presented to a student who possesses many of the qualities that Joe is remembered for – empathy, kindness, compassion and care for others.

Marist is committed to honouring Joe's memory ensuring his spirit continues to live on in our community.



FROM THE HEAD OF COLLEGE

Dear Marist College Ashgrove Old Boys and Marist Confreres,

There is no doubt that Marist College Ashgrove has always been focused on a values-based education. These values are quintessentially shaped in the Catholic faith and expressed through the Marist charism created by Marcellin Champagnat. So many wonderful Marist Brothers and lay teachers have graced this College with their practical application, natural infiltration, and explicit teaching of these values over time. Having lived and been formed by the Marist Brothers for some 18 years, I've come to know well the values of many past Marist College Ashgrove Brothers who gave their heart and soul to the education of young people and wouldn't hear a bad word said about this place. I personally feel a great sense of debt, but also a responsibility to keep alive the vision and values they strongly instilled at the College.



This is all despite a society that continues to become more secular today. The challenges a Catholic school, like Marist College Ashgrove, faces today due to this more secular world in which we live are growing exponentially. The challenges start with the limited understanding of our Catholic faith by many of our students today, to a lack of understanding of the culture and life of the Catholic school throughout history, to at times a contradiction of values from our new entrants to the College, as reflected in society.

Last holidays, I was reminded of this fact when viewing the launch of a new book about how to be happy. The key to happiness, they said, was to be satisfied with your lot in life and to stop wanting more. At first glance this seemed a good and noble idea to espouse, to create a sense of happiness. However, on further reflection, I realised that this idea was only an old idea packaged in a new secular format. The basic ideal of Buddhism is that you can only reach enlightenment when you stop desiring. Christians in turn, speak of happiness as being "poor in spirit". The authors, however, were so proud that they had discovered this seemingly new idea on how to be happy, but really the values of the Catholic Church and other religions have already explained this wisdom for us in their teachings and writings. We just need to continue recontextualising our story for modern society.

Now, with the many wonderful Old Boys of the College, we aim to continue this traditional values-based education. The legacies and the values you espouse, we wish to live into the future of this great college. We are proud to trace your footsteps in the classrooms, facilities, verandas, music rooms, playing grounds, and ovals to continue to experience these values of the Catholic faith through the Marist charism into a new paradigm of teaching and learning for the boys in our care. When a boy walks through the gates of Marist for the last time, I hope it is said that they are young men with the spirit of the Catholic faith, with Mary as guide acting simply, modestly, and living humble lives, working hard to make the world a better place.

We acknowledge our young men of Year 12 who are finishing up at the College as we speak – our newest Old Boys! We wish them well for their future and recommend them to our world as "good Christians and good citizens" (Saint Marcellin Champagnat).

I sincerely congratulate the Old Boys on this stimulating publication, and I sincerely thank the positive and hard-working Old Boys Committee of Dom Melrose (President), Tim Slack (Secretary), Bret Ambrose (Treasurer), Steve McAuliffe (Vice-President), and the very enthusiastic and generous John O'Hare.

Together, we look forward to inviting many Marist College Ashgrove Old Boys back to their Alma Mater over the years ahead.

May our loving God, with Mary our Good Mother and St Marcellin Champagnat walk lovingly with all our Marist College Ashgrove Old Boys.

Michael Newman
Head of College

MARIST ASHGROVE A PROVEN LEADER

The following is an excerpt from the October, 2023 edition of "The Catholic Leader".

2023 College Captain, Joseph Lewis, demonstrates true Marist leadership. Leading with humility and a strong faith, Joseph takes great pride in his role as College Captain and understands the responsibility bestowed upon him. A Marist man since Year 5, Joseph has made the most of every opportunity given to him during his eight-year Marist journey.

Joseph has had a strong presence throughout the College during his time as College Captain. He is seen as a significant role model to his peers involving himself in liturgy, prayer and social justice undertakings.

Joseph has been an active member of the College's Senior A Debating team for the last three years with aspirations to study a Bachelor of Laws and Arts (Honours) at the University of Queensland after school.

Joseph is an accomplished public speaker and was selected as a delegate at the National Schools Constitutional Convention in Canberra as well as the Lord Mayor's Youth Advisory Council in Brisbane. Joseph has a keen interest in global affairs and reached the national finals of Australia's most prestigious high school Model UN competition, the Evatt Competition, run by UN Youth Australia.

As well as his debating and public speaking pursuits, Joseph is also a keen musician and has been a member of Marist College Ashgrove's Big Band and Guitar Orchestra throughout his schooling.

Joseph has achieved outstanding academic results throughout his time at the College in his chosen subjects of Chemistry, Literature, Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics and Study of Religion. His dedication to his studies and desire to be a lifelong learner is an inspiration to his classmates and younger students at the College.

"Most importantly Joseph is a good young man who treats his neighbour with dignity and lives his faith admirably in a positive practical manner," said Mr Michael Newman, Head of College.

Marist College Ashgrove is proud to be home to many high achievers and outstanding young men such as Joseph.



Bernie Lewis (Rosalie) (1958), Joseph Lewis, College Captain (2023), Peter Lewis (1988)

MCA 2023 AWARDS NIGHT

Warm congratulations to all the recipients recognised at the recent Marist College Ashgrove Awards Night, held at the Queensland Performing Arts Complex.

A selection of the prominent award winners from the evening are noted below.

Joseph Lewis - The Honorable Sam Brassington Cup for Leadership Exercised by the College Captain; **Eoin Paznikov** - The Doctor Alban J. Lynch Character Cup; **Oliver Lee** - The Brother Terence Heinrich Memorial Prize for First Aggregate in Year 12; **Harrison Barrett** - The Thomas Foley Memorial Prize for Second Aggregate in Year 12; **Matthew O'Keeffe** - The Father Tom Maloney Medal for Marist Ministry and Service; **Joshua Foxon** - The Father Walter Cain Memorial Trophy for Contribution to College Mission; **Sebastian Harman** - The Marist Brothers Service Award; **Jude Knapp** - The Des Ridley Memorial Cup for Sportsman of the Year; **Isaac Lynn** - The John Batty Memorial Trophy for Consistent All-Round Effort in School Life.



Joseph Lewis is congratulated by Deputy Head of College, Mr Charles Brauer.

CLASS OF 2023: FROM GRADUATES TO LIFETIME OLD BOYS

Ashgrove's Old Boys and their sons gathered for the annual photo, a snapshot in time of the school's enduring legacy. This simple yet profound tradition, set against the backdrop of the Inaugural Mass, captures the unbroken link between past and future. As the Class of 2023 steps into the alumni community, they join a lineage steeped in camaraderie and shared values. We extend a special mention to Bernie Knapp (1958), father of the late Marcus (1990) and paternal grandfather of Jude Knapp.

Here's to living the legacy and welcoming our newest members with open arms.



Back Row: Bill (1987) and James Prole, Tim (1990) and Ben Fergusson, Christopher (1985) and Will Ford, Neville (1983) and Alistair Boland, Brock (1991) and Joseph Sangster, Bret (1987), (Brian (1953) dec'd) and Finlay Ambrose, Luke (1986) and Michael Garske, Mark (1989) and Ben Kumaru, Gregory (1989) and Cameron Stirling

Third Row: Alex and (Matthew (1987) absent) Masel, Josh and (James (1988) absent) King, Langton (1986) and Ethan Clarke, Richard (1990) and Tobais Graham, Patrick and David (1986) Ryan, Patrick (1982) and Alem Fitzgerald, Darcy and Gregory (1987) Woodroffe

Second Row: Xavier and Kevin (1992) Brennan, Danny and Damian (1983) O'Rourke, Jason (2005) and Benjamin Courtney, Shannon (1993) and Oscar Clay, Lee and Robin (1989) Martin, Connor and Aaron (1987) Heinrich, Jeffery (1989) and Jacob McKinnon

Front Row: Bernie (1958), (Marcus (1990), dec'd) and Jude Knapp, Patrick (1986) and Luka Manahan, (Peter (1988) absent) and Joseph Lewis, Matthew and George (1969) Mazzetti, Edward (1984) and Fergus Duff, Ariinui and Oscar (1990) Netzler

Absent, but there in spirit: Richard (1990) and Luke Ballantyne, Simon (1992) and Oliver Lee, Chris (1973) and Riley Mitchell, Denis (1976) and Zane Seeto

FATHER TOM MALONEY AWARD FOR THE BEST AND FAIREST IN 2ND XI CRICKET

Old Boys will surely remember Father Tom Maloney, an illustrious presence in the TAS for his remarkable leadership of the 2nd XI Cricket team from 1972 to 1987. Under his tutelage, Ashgrove regularly clinched undefeated premierships. To honour Father Tom's unwavering commitment, the OBA has established a distinguished trophy for the most skilled and fair-minded player of that team.

This season, the honour was bestowed upon Michael Garske. Coaches commend Michael for consistently displaying exceptional skill and upholding the rigorous ethos Father Tom set for his squad.

The OBA offers its warmest congratulations to Michael on earning this prestigious award.



CLASS OF 2023

Roman Ah Loy, H
Finlay Ambrose, I
Jenan Ancheta, H
Jack Andrews, R
Atticus Armstrong, D *
William Armstrong, F
Mikey Austin, F
Oscar Azzopardi, E
Luke Ballantyne, E
Harrison Barrett, R
Oliver Barrie, D
Archie Bathe, H
Jackson Beale, R
Fletcher Beasley, S
Kyle Bedford, S
James Beling, F
Caylis Bellman, S *
Thomas Black, H
Alastair Boland, D *
Angus Bosse, R
Declan Boundy, H
Lachlan Boyd, D
Tim Bradford, S
Samuel Brassington, E
Benjamin Bremner, F
Xavier Brennan, F *
Ben Bright, R
Sean Browne, G
Nico Calabrese, D
Charlie Callinan, D
Riley Canavan, G
Bailey Caplick, R *
Luke Carr, R
Darcy Carroll, E
Kaden Cerfonteyn, I *
Maxwell Chapman, I
Peter Cheesman, E
Alex Clark, G
Ethan Clarke, H
Oscar Clay, S
Oliver Clements, S
Samuel Collins, S
Harry Condon, I *
Henry Cook, F
Ryan Cooper, I
Leo Copeman-Hill, E
Oliver Cottam, H
Benjamin Courtenay, F
Fraser Cronin, S
Harry Cunynghame, D *
George Daly, H
John Davidson, S
Tom Davies, R
Cruz Day, D
Kyle Delos Reyes, E
Gabe Dennison, E
Gabriel Dinneen, G
Tom Doherty, G
Joshua Dollar, G

Fergus Duff, F *
Joel Ephraims, R
Zeke Esler, F *
Xavier Evans, E
Daniel Feltrin, F
Benjamin Ferguson, H
Alem Fitzgerald, H
Cooper Fitzpatrick, R
Jack Fogarty, R
Will Ford, F
Toby Foxall, R
Joshua Foxon, I
Eamonn Frawley, S
Eliseo Furlan, E
Gino Gagliardi, E
Henry Gardiner, I
Michael Garske, I
Braden Gettliffe, F
Nathaniel Gillett, F
Josh Glen, E
Olly Gordon, E
Tobias Graham, E
Joshua Gray, S
Harry Grellman, R
Nicholas Gullo, F
Jack Haddad, H *
Kynan Hale, H *
Sebastian Harman, I
Tommy Harney, G
Charlie Harris, S
Joshua Hawke, S
Michael Hayter, G
Connor Heinrich, H
Thomas Hicks, F
Leif Higgins, I
Max Hodge, F
Hugh Hodgetts, S
Zander Holliday, G
Patrick Hooper, F
Flynn Hubbard, G
Hunter James, D *
Reuben Jamieson, I
Lucius Jaynes, I
Jack Johnson, H
Darcy Johnston, S
Alessandro Jorquera, H
Aidan Kani, G
Sebastian Karamihas, F
Leon Karena, G *
Connor Keane, S
Austin Keates, E
Nick Keir, F
Ben Kelly, F
Josh King, R *
Jude Knapp, D
Addison Knight, I
Henry Knight, R *
Zander Knoetze, H
Ryan Kucsak, F *

Ben Kumaru, E
Jamie Landolt, G
Will Lane, H
Hugo Law, F
Charlie Lawliss, R
Keli Law-Palm, G *
Jack Leckie, I
Oliver Lee, D
Xavier Leung-Dias, H
Joseph Lewis, F
Oliver Lister, G
Jeremiah Loli, E
Parker Lovering, F
Cooper Lunn, I
Isaac Lynn, G
Aengus Madden, G
Connor Maguire, S
Spencer Mahoney, E
Dominic Mahony, E *
Luca Malghem, S
Ollie Maloney, R
Luka Manahan, I
Troy Manoa, I
Harry Marshall, I
Lee Martin, I
Alex Masel, G *
Matthew Mazzetti, R
Henry McAuliffe, I *
Alistair McClure, S
Hamish McEachern, D
Liam McEachern, D
Jacob McKinnon, E
Callan McLean, H
Luke Mifsud, S
Cole Miklashek, S
Andrew Milner, R
Callan Milner, R
Riley Mitchell, H
Thomas Mitchell, H
Hayden Moffitt, G
William Moon, H
James Moore, G
Hamish Mortimer, G
John Murphy, R *
Joshua Murray, E
Maxton Murray, D
Daniele Narduzzi, G
Ariinui Netzler, R *
Liam O'Keefe, D
Matthew O'Keeffe, G
Cody O'May, G *
Danny O'Rourke, G
Marcus Pang, H *
Eoin Paznikov, I
Sova Pogara, D
Robert Power, F
Cooper Price, D
Edward Price, H
James Prole, S

Cody Radman, F
Louis Rebula, S
Thomas Rees, S
Sam Reid, R
Kurt Roberts, H
Riley Roberts, F
Felix Rodriguez, G
Ned Rosenbrock, I
George Roset, I
Dominic Rowell, I
Sean Russell-Ahern, E
Archie Ryan, D *
Patrick Ryan, I
Darcey Salter, D
Joseph Sangster, E
Angelos Saragossi, E
Charles Scarcella, G
Griffyn Seagren, G *
Eric Sebastian, D
Zane Seeto, I
Matthew Sharland, R
Jack Sloman, F
Elijah Smith, F
Theodore Song, D
Joshua Spanevello, I
Joe Stephens, E
Cameron Sterling, R
Jasper Tapara, D
Rhys Taylor, H
Carter Thomas, D
Christopher Thomson, G
Harry Thomson, D *
Luca Tuckey, I
Declan Tunny, E
Jack Urquhart, D
Neil van der Walt, S
Lachie Walker, E
Sam Waters, G
Roman Watt, H
Beau Weaver, I
Charles Weaver, R
Ryan Webster, R
Joshua Werner, F
Thomas Wex, D
Matthew Wheeley, R
Joseph Whitten, R
Hamish Wilson, R *
Fox Wood, H
George Wood, S *
Munroe Wood, S *
Darcy Woodroffe, S
Sam Wright, E
Zac Wright, E
Emmanuel Yasi, F *

Key for Name List

* beside name indicates boarder.

Letter beside name indicates House, e.g. D=Ridley, E=Ephrem, F=Foley, G=Gilroy, H=Harold, I=Ignatius, R=Rush and S=Slattery

WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



ROW 4: Atticus Armstrong, Carter Thomas, Archie Ryan, Jack Urquhart, Jude Knapp, Oliver Lee

ROW 3: Liam O'Keefe, Harry Thomson, Charlie Callinan, Oliver Barrie, Sovia Pogara, Hunter James

ROW 2: Theodore Song, Nico Calabrese, Eric Sebastian, Cooper Price, Alastair Boland, Darcey Salter

FRONT: Maxton Murray, Hamish McEachern, Thomas Wex, Cruz Day, Lachlan Boyd, Harry Cunynghame, Liam McEachern

ABSENT: Jasper Tapara

PASTORAL LEADER: Mr David Meehan (Old Boy 1977)



ROW 4: Declan Tunny, Samuel Brassington, Darcy Carroll, Angelos Saragossi, Sean Russell-Ahern, Jacob McKinnon, Spencer Mahoney, Gino Gagliardi

ROW 3: Joseph Sangster, Gabe Dennison, Luke Ballantyne, Tobias Graham, Joe Stephens, Peter Cheesman, Ben Kumaru

ROW 2: Oscar Azzopardi, Joshua Murray, Lachie Walker, Austin Keates, Jeremiah Loli, Sam Wright

FRONT: Kyle Delos Reyes, Dominic Mahony, Zac Wright, Josh Glen, Olly Gordon, Eliseo Furlan, Leo Copeman-Hill

ABSENT: Xavier Evans

PASTORAL LEADER: Mr Tony Byrne

WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



ROW 4: William Armstrong, Thomas Hicks, Mikey Austin, Cody Radman, Fergus Duff, Joseph Lewis, Ben Kelly, Parker Lovering
ROW 3: Henry Cook, Braden Gettliffe, Patrick Hooper, Xavier Brennan, Jack Sloman, Elijah Smith, Will Ford
ROW 2: Hugo Law, Max Hodge, James Beling, Benjamin Bremner, Benjamin Courtenay, Ryan Kucsak, Sebastian Karamihas
FRONT: Robert Power, Zeke Esler, Riley Roberts, Daniel Feltrin, Nicholas Gullo, Joshua Werner, Emmanuel Yasi
ABSENT: Nathaniel Gillett, Nick Keir

PASTORAL LEADER: Ms Julia Wilken



ROW 4: James Moore, Oliver Lister, Sam Waters, Alex Clark, Keli Law-Palm, Flynn Hubbard, Zander Holliday
ROW 3: Charles Scarcella, Christopher Thomson, Danny O'Rourke, Leon Karena, Hamish Mortimer, Hayden Moffitt, Tommy Harney
ROW 2: Sean Browne, Cody O'May, Riley Canavan, Daniele Narduzzi, Matthew O'Keeffe, Jamie Landolt
FRONT: Isaac Lynn, Tom Doherty, Felix Rodriguez, Griffyn Seagren, Alex Masel, Michael Hayter, Gabriel Dinneen
ABSENT: Aengus Madden

PASTORAL LEADER: Mr Patrick Denkes (Acting)

WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



ROW 4: William Moon, Edward Price, Benjamin Ferguson, Oliver Cottam, Kurt Roberts, Thomas Black, George Daly
ROW 3: Zander Knoetze, Callan McLean, Will Lane, Roman Ah Loy, Connor Heinrich, Jack Haddad, Riley Mitchell
ROW 2: Jenan Ancheta, Ethan Clarke, Kynan Hale, Archie Bathe, Thomas Mitchell, Declan Boundy
FRONT: Jack Johnson, Xavier Leung-Dias, Alem Fitzgerald, Fox Wood, Roman Watt, Marcus Pang, Alessandro Jorquera
ABSENT: Rhys Taylor

PASTORAL LEADER: Mr Brendan Kiernan (Old Boy 1984)



ROW 4: Patrick Ryan, Lucius Jeynes, Jack Leckie, George Roset, Finlay Ambrose, Cooper Lunn
ROW 3: Joshua Foxon, Michael Garske, Eoin Paznikov, Dominic Rowell, Leif Higgins, Luka Manahan, Harry Condon
ROW 2: Troy Manoa, Ryan Cooper, Henry McAuliffe, Reuben Jamieson, Joshua Spanevello, Beau Weaver
FRONT: Henry Gardiner, Kaden Cerfonteyn, Harry Marshall, Lee Martin, Luca Tuckey, Sebastian Harman, Addison Knight
ABSENT: Ned Rosenbrock, Zane Seeto, Maxwell Chapman

PASTORAL LEADER: Mr Gareth Kolkenbeck-Ruh

WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



YEAR 12 RUSH HOUSE

ROW 4: Cameron Sterling, Jack Fogarty, Angus Bosse, Charles Weaver, Callan Milner, Ollie Maloney, Harry Grellman
ROW 3: Cooper Fitzpatrick, Matthew Wheeley, Jackson Beale, Ben Bright, Andrew Milner, Harrison Barrett, Henry Knight
ROW 2: Joel Ephraims, Tom Davies, Josh King, John Murphy, Charlie Lawliss, Joseph Whitten
FRONT: Ryan Webster, Sam Reid, Bailey Caplick, Luke Carr, Matthew Mazzetti, Matthew Sharland, Toby Foxall
ABSENT: Hamish Wilson, Jack Andrews, Gian Netzler

PASTORAL LEADER: Mr Scott Minogue



YEAR 12 SLATTERY HOUSE

ROW 4: Luca Malghem, Tim Bradford, Neil van der Walt, Joshua Gray, Kyle Bedford, Louis Rebula
ROW 3: Darcy Johnston, Connor Maguire, George Wood, Hugh Hodgetts, Samuel Collins, Connor Keane
ROW 2: James Prole, Munroe Wood, Oscar Clay, Caylis Bellman, Oliver Clements, Fraser Cronin
FRONT: Eamonn Frawley, Cole Miklashek, Fletcher Beasley, John Davidson, Luke Mifsud, Joshua Hawke, Darcy Woodroffe
ABSENT: Charlie Harris, Alistair McClure, Thomas Rees

PASTORAL LEADER: Mr Michael Abbott

2003 - TWENTY YEARS REUNION

The 2003 Year group reunited recently to catch up on the past and some mates we hadn't seen since leaving school.

On Thursday 8 June saw the 1st XI Cricket boys sneak in a quick training session, bowling over a few beers and recalling their premiership season (and not forgetting similar feats by the rugby, soccer, tennis, basketball, swimming, and track and field teams).

The next day we filled a couple of tables at the annual Champagnat Trust Sports Lunch. For some, their first; for others, seasoned campaigners.

On Saturday, we joined the Old Boys to watch the 1st XV, but also took a quick walk around the school to see the significant changes since graduating. Catching a BCC bus in operation during our school years (thanks to James Hedges), was a fitting way to get to the old haunt, Caxton Hotel, and continue the festivities long into the night (including a special visit by Alfie Langer and the Broncos).

We saw around 90 blokes over the weekend. Thanks to all those who came, especially from around the world and Australia. To you and others we missed, look forward to the next catch-up, even if the hair has thinned or greyed a bit more!



40 YEAR REUNION - 1983 RETURN



MCA TERM 3 AND 4 AIC SPORT

While Marist Ashgrove has dominated **Track and Field**, MCA have also been more than competitive in the broad range of AIC sports on offer in the second half of the school year. Many of the schools compete in the Brisbane Schoolboys Hockey Cup. The MCA Open **Hockey** team progressed to the grand final in August and were gallant in defeat, with St Edmund's Ipswich, 3-1 winners. Ashgrove's Nick Keir represented Qld at the National U18 titles in Hobart.

MCA hosted the 25th AIC **Golf** Championships at Keperra Country Club on Monday, July 31. Year 11 MCA student Jackson Williams placed eighth overall in individual competition whilst Ashgrove's team of five players came fifth out of nine schools in the team's competition.

In **Basketball**, the 1st V finished fourth. Villanova won its third premiership in a row. Ashgrove's 11B, 11C and 8C were premiers. MCA was fourth in the aggregate.

In **Tennis**, the College's 1st IV finished third in a tight contest with SLC, where matches finished 4-4, but Lauries won on sets. The 8Bs were premiers and MCA was second in the aggregate. Congratulations to St Peter's on their premiership.

In **Rugby League**, the 1st XIII were third overall and second in the aggregate. Villa and Padua shared the premiership. MCA's Seconds, 10A and 9As finished first in their division.

The AIC **Touch** Carnival at Runcorn and Water Polo Carnival at Ashgrove were held on October 21 and 22, respectively. Ashgrove's Open Touch team exceeded expectations to win their pool and progress to the grand final, where Iona were declared premiers. The College's Year 8/9 team made amends, winning their division after the hooter, 5-4! Head of Sport, Derek Lennon convened a bevy of coaches for the 10 teams participating across all primary and secondary age groups.

In **Water Polo**, MCA entered teams in the three divisions, Year 7, 8/9 and Opens. Year 8/9 were undefeated in their 3 matches as was MCA's premier Open team who finished as the only unbeaten College with impressive performances against SPLC (10-0), Villa (7-3) and Padua (11-4), and claimed the AIC title and again defended their Qld All Schools trophy. Ryan Apps, Ms Grace Ryan and Will Valentine provided the expert coaching for MCA.

The 2023 AIC **E-Sports** Competition was again held at Villanova. MCA won the inaugural competition held at Villanova College in 2022, but were unable to defend their AIC title but remained in contention throughout the tournament. Villanova defeated St Laurence's College in this year's final. E-Sports is a growing league that encourages teamwork, problem-solving and communication through organised video games and is becoming increasingly popular in schools all over the world. This year the teams played capture the flag in Minecraft, with round-robin matches in the morning, moving into finals after lunch. Ms Justine Natoli coached and coordinated our E-sports teams.



NINE IN A ROW! MCA WIN AIC TRACK AND FIELD AGAIN IN 2023

This year's AIC Track and Field team victory was a culmination of a journey starting the day after Marist's championship win in 2022. Our representative season was perhaps the most successful in Marist history winning the National Schools Challenge, 13 QLD representatives, 11 State Medals and 6 National Medals. Plus a strong contingent medalling at Met North titles in 2023 and moving on to Schools State Titles in 2023 at the time of writing.

The Marist AIC Championships team performance in 2023 left many in the coaching team as well as those connected to the program speechless. In winning the 9th AIC Senior title in a row, this Marist team has created new history and surpassed many of the incredible Track and Field squads seen from Marist in the 1970s-1980s where Marist saw 2 separate groups win 5-6 consecutive titles in that time (1978-1982/1984-1989). The current win connects teams all the way back to 2015 and we spoke of "legacy" at our recent camp linking athletes/coaches/supporters across the years who have supported the Track and Field community on this historic journey.

The final points had Marist with 4 age group trophies (13, 14, 15, 16 Years), plus two 3rd places in Opens and 12 Years. This was a Marist team performance for the ages putting an exclamation mark on Marist having one of the strongest school athletic programs in Australia. The points gap to 2nd placed Padua was as high as seen in recent years with a 183.5 point win.

Our Primary squad was not to be outdone and with an incredibly deep Year 5 group committed to the Marist cause and a hardy Year 6, both years won their Year level trophies, culminating in winning the aggregate. Mr John Lambourne should be congratulated for his work in winning their 3rd consecutive AIC Junior trophy.

Thanks to Head Coach Mr Rob Martin (1989) for his support and dedication to all Marist athletes throughout this successful 2023 season. His extraordinary knowledge and technical capability, the amount of hours he commits to making the program the best it can be, his passion for the sport, and his genuine care and commitment to the students have created a wonderful program and a competitive culture.

We are very fortunate to benefit from the guidance of Director of Track and Field, Richard Graham and the a coaching team like no other at school including: Old Boy coaches – Mr Rob Martin (Head Coach), Mr Will Burkett, Mr Zack Newsham, Mr Dan Drew, Mr Carl Martin, Mr Tom Prole, Mr David Meehan and Mr Bill Prole (Head of Distance); College Coaches – Ms Maddie Spann, Ms Eli Kenny, Mr Andrew Fogarty, Mr Laurie Boustead and Mr Paul Knight; External Coaches – Mr Eric Brown (Head of Jumps), Mr Des Davis (Head of Throws), Mr Paul Kearney, Mr Tim Castley, Mr Cameron Pfeffer, Mr Brendan Saunders, Mr Gav Hunter, Mr Connor Duggan and Mr Jeremy Davis.

Thanks to our team co-captains James Prole and Lee Martin plus supporting vice captains Joel Drew and George Daly. All 4 were QLD representatives leading with distinction and high performance along with many of their Year 12 open team members who leave Marist having never been defeated at the AIC championships.

Marist has now won 9 AIC titles in a row which is unprecedented, and the team look forward to defending our title in 2024 seeking a historic 10th victory.





NATIONAL SCHOOLS U17 CHAMPIONS



Athletics Australia hosts the National School Challenge every year in December. At Adelaide in 2022, MCA was crowned the winner of the National U17 Boys Competition, beating closest rivals Knox Grammar School (NSW) by four points.

Second Row: Joel Drew, Xavier Simms, Asher Parkin

Front Row: Ben Caughley, Lee Martin, Rob Martin (Coach), James Prole, Isaac Roach

MCA OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

JOE BRUMM (1995) - "QUEENSLAND GREAT AWARD"

After Bluey launched in the US in September 2019, and its success exceeded all expectations, Joe Brumm said humbly: "It's a great feeling. In the beginning, I asked our crew to help me make a beautiful cartoon. That's what we've been doing, and to see what we've been doing, and to see it embraced by the rest of the world is so satisfying."

Daley Pearson (2001) Bluey's Executive Producer similarly agreed. "I know there is something very special about Bluey but I never expected this reaction."

Bluey is now available in more than 60 countries and dubbed into 30 languages around the world.!

Also receiving a Queensland Great Award is Australian Rugby League icon, Steve Renouf, father of MCA Old Boys Sam (2010), Billy (2011) and Charlie (2016).



CHARLIE CAMERON (2011) - ALL-AUSTRALIAN

Brisbane Lions forward, Charlie Cameron (2011) has been rewarded for a standout season by being named in the AFL All-Australian team at the AFL Awards on August 30, 2023. The electrifying goalkicker booted an impressive 53 majors earning his second All-Australian blazer, after first receiving the honour in 2019.

Charlie was drafted in 2014, and returned to his home state in 2018, after four seasons at the Adelaide Crows. In 2017, Charlie scored a late consolation goal for the Crows when they were defeated by Richmond in the GF played at the MCG before over 100,000 spectators.

Charlie Cameron has been the Brisbane Lions leading goalkicker for the past five seasons. At the completion of the 2023 final series, Charlie has now played 202 AFL games and scored 359 goals. Charlie's late goal in the 2023 AFL Grand Final appeared to have won the game for the Brisbane Lions, but Collingwood snatched the match at the death to win by four points in a thriller! Charlie recorded three fine majors in the GF which were applauded by once again, more than 100,000 spectators. In 2019, he earned All-Australian honours for the first time! In 2023, Charlie was the sole Brisbane Lion player to receive this accolade. Always an Aussie Rules fan-favourite, Charlie's iconic motorbike handlebar celebration gets the Gabba roaring as does his signature song, "Take me home country road!"



EMOSI TUQIRI (2017) - FIJI WORLD CUP CALL-UP

Congratulations to Emosi Tuqiri (2017) on his selection for the Fiji World Cup squad at the 2023 Rugby World Cup played in France in Sept/October. Emosi was rewarded with a callup to the Fijian national squad as a replacement for the injured Jone Koroiduadua. Emosi was a disappointing omission when the original team was announced but returned to Brisbane, continued training and set his goals for next season. Emosi played for the Fijian Drua in Super Rugby this year after previously playing for the Melbourne Rebels. Emosi is a cousin of dual international, Lote Tuqiri. Fiji advanced to the quarter-finals at the expense of the Wallabies who they defeated 22-15 in their pool match.



RAY MEAGHER (1963) - LOGIES CONTENDER AGAIN

Sixty years ago, Ray Meagher was the 1963 School Captain, Sportsman of the Year, 1st XI Captain, 1st XV Captain, Captain of Athletics and member of the Swimming and Tennis teams. Ray represented Queensland in Rugby Union in 1968. Following his rugby career he has had a brilliant film and TV career. The following is an interview from the Sunday Mail on July 30, 2023 titled:

SHOWBIZ- "He ain't Alf glad to be nominated for another gong"

Australian television's 'night of nights' will see glitz, glamour, and a number of famous Queenslanders be rewarded for their contribution to Aussie TV, including Queensland screen icon, Ray Meagher.

Nominated for the prestigious Silver Logie, the 78-year-old actor from Roma remains humble about his long and successful career.

Meagher is no stranger to the Logies, having previously won the Gold Logie in 2010 and earned another Gold Logie nomination in 2022, while receiving seven nods for most popular actor for his portrayal of Alf Stewart.

When congratulated on his nomination, Meagher modestly dismissed his individual recognition, saying, "it's more of a compliment to the show than it is to me." He further praised his colleagues, stating that the young cast members work hard to make the show a success and that his nomination is "really a credit to everybody."

Reflecting on the enduring success of Home and Away, Meagher admitted he wasn't sure it continues to resonate with viewers. "If I knew that I'd leave now and write one myself," he said. However, he attributed the show's longevity to strong storylines, great crew, and "a few actors who don't fall over the furniture."

When asked about his future plans, Meagher revealed no intention of retiring anytime soon, stating he thoroughly enjoys his role and the company of the cast. "I really enjoy going there each day," he said. "I don't know what I'd do in retirement. The office is pretty nice too, you know, working on Palm Beach."

On his journey from a remote part of Queensland to become one of Australia's most recognised actors, Meagher credits his elder brother Colin for influencing him after their parents passed away at a young age.

"His values, his sense of fair play. Just everything about the guy I admired," he said, expressing how these traits have helped form his own attitude and contributed to his success. As for his Logies night routine, Meagher admitted that he's planning on "keeping it simple," revealing he would be wearing "just a suit" he found in a wardrobe. Despite acknowledging that the awards night can seem to take forever, he expressed excitement about this year's host, Sam Pang, praising him as a "lovely bloke." What an icon is Ashgrove's legend, Ray Meagher!



SAM SHORT (2018) - SWIMS INTO HISTORY

It seems we had only just finished celebrating Sam's amazing 1500 metres gold at the Commonwealth Games in 2022.

OB Sam Short (2014-2018) was drawn against the current Olympic champion, Ahmed Hafnaoui from Tunisia, in the final of the 400m Freestyle at the World Championships in Japan. But that was not going to stop our man.

Sam then proceeded to swim the 4th fastest time in history (3:40.60) to take the gold by 0.1 seconds. Breathtaking stuff! Sam also won the silver medal in the 800m and bronze in the 1500m. Congratulations to Sam.

We can hardly wait for Paris 2024.



MCA OLD BOYS IN THE NEWS

MARCUS BEREHULAK (2013-2018) - AUSTRALIAN WATER POLO REPRESENTATIVE

Marcus kindly responded from the heart to several in-depth questions from the MCA OBA concerning his formative years and reaching the pinnacle of his sport. We congratulate Marcus on his wonderful performances at the recent 2023 Water Polo World Championships. Marcus is a credit to his family and his nation. The Old Boys and the College are also very proud of Marcus and will be cheering for him as Marcus continues his sporting career. All the best.

Marcus Berehulak's journey in water polo is a compelling tale of dedication, progress, and the pursuit of excellence. His career, marked by pivotal experiences and milestones, reflects the determination and resilience required to succeed in such a demanding sport.

Berehulak's recent experience at his first World Championships with the Australian Men's water polo team serves as a capstone for years of rigorous training and personal sacrifice. The shift from junior to senior world-level competition was stark, with the heightened pace of the game demanding rapid adaptation. This was Berehulak's fourth international tournament, yet the challenge was as intense as ever, underscoring the continuous learning curve even for established athletes.

Competing against seasoned European teams like Greece, France, and Croatia was both daunting and exhilarating. The victory against Japan was particularly significant, bolstering the team's confidence before facing the formidable Croatian squad. Berehulak's time on the international stage has been invaluable, reinforcing the need to augment his strength, finesse his skills, and fortify his mental resilience to thrive at the zenith of the sport.

Reflecting on his formative years, Berehulak reminisces about representing Marist College Ashgrove in swimming and water polo. Achieving the College Age Swimming Championship in Years 5 and 6 was an honour he cherishes deeply. His foray into water polo during Year 8 was somewhat serendipitous, influenced by his father's involvement in the sport. As a capable freestyler and breaststroker, Berehulak found that his swimming background lent speed to his water polo gameplay, a crucial asset in the water.

Inspiration to reach the pinnacle of water polo in Australia came from various quarters – his parents, junior coaches at the Brisbane Barracudas Water Polo Club, and iconic figures like Pietro Figlioli (2001), whose career Berehulak had followed closely. Figlioli's transition from swimming to water polo mirrored Berehulak's own, serving as a beacon of what could be achieved.

The camaraderie and connections formed during his time at Marist College have endured, with fellow alumni like Will Valentine (2021) sharing both personal and professional bonds with Berehulak. With busy schedules, it is difficult to keep in contact with other notable athletes like Sam Short, but the mutual respect remains, with Berehulak acknowledging Short's recent accomplishments in swimming.

Berehulak's aspirations include not only immediate goals such as representing Australia in the Paris 2024 Olympics but also long-term objectives like playing professionally overseas and eventually returning to Brisbane. Concurrently, he's preparing for life beyond water polo with a degree in psychology, ensuring a well-rounded future.

To aspiring athletes and students at Marist Ashgrove, Berehulak's advice is grounded in the philosophy of enjoyment and effort. Success, he believes, is rooted in passion for one's pursuits and the willingness to fully commit to them. He encourages students to embrace a range of experiences, put forth their utmost effort, and set clear goals to achieve their fullest potential.

Berehulak's story is not just about individual triumph but also about how formative environments and supportive communities shape one's journey. From the swimming pools of Marist College Ashgrove to the world championship arenas, Berehulak's narrative is a testament to the fact that with passion, hard work, and a willingness to seize every opportunity, one can transcend the ordinary and make a splash on the world stage.



SEAN O'BRIEN (2001) - AUSTRALIAN WINDSURFING CHAMPION

Sean O'Brien's journey from a young windsurfer to an Australian champion is a story of dedication and perseverance. Starting at the tender age of 5 under his father's tutelage, Sean's talent was evident early on. His schooling at Marist College Ashgrove honed his skills, and upon graduating in 2001, he pursued further education, obtaining a dual degree in Psychology and Biomedical Science at the University of Queensland. His passion for windsurfing and media design dovetailed into a successful career and the creation of his media design agency, 'Brisbane Agency'.

The waters called him back, and Sean's prowess on the windsurfing board led him to clinch 11 Australian Windsurfing Titles between 2002 and 2018, becoming the most decorated Australian windsurfer in history. His accolades include being ranked 7th in the world in Formula Windsurfing in 2012 and winning the Australian Olympic Windsurfing Class Title in 2007, propelling him into the Australian Olympic Squad for Sailing.

A turn of fate with an injury in 2007 altered his Olympic dreams, but Sean shifted his focus to event organisation, bringing to life successful championships in Australia. His expertise also saw him coaching young Australian talent for the ISAF Youth World Championships.

Sean's competitive spirit took him to Europe, Asia, and the UK, competing in prestigious events such as the PWA World Tour and the IFCA World Championships, with a European base in Poland. His approach to competition is methodical, focusing on immediate goals like making finals before aiming for the top of the PWA leaderboard.

From the classrooms of Marist College Ashgrove to becoming a dynamic figure in international windsurfing, Sean's legacy is a testament to setting goals and achieving them, an inspiration that will resonate for generations.



JEREMY RIGBY (1987) - TRAMPOLINE CHAMPION

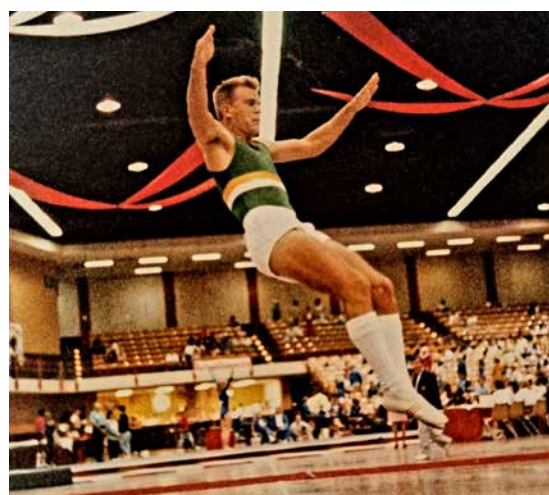
Jeremy Rigby's journey from a budding trampolinist to a multi-faceted professional is a narrative of remarkable versatility. An Ashgrove alumnus, his trampolining prowess shone through early with a bronze medal at the World Age Trampoline Titles in 1981. Rigby's time at Ashgrove, from 1978 to 1987, was marked by numerous local, state, national, and international accolades.

Post-graduation, Jeremy led the Queensland and Australian Age Trampoline Teams, achieving significant success, including a second place in men's power tumbling at the 1988 World Age Games in the USA and serving as the Queensland Tumbling State coach.

Transitioning from sports, Jeremy found his calling in the Queensland Railways and the creative realm of film. His talents as a writer and producer have seen his documentary work showcased internationally, including at the Pyongyang International Film Festival.

A key figure in Brisbane's film community, Jeremy co-founded the Australia Independent Film Festival, which is fast gaining global prestige and is backed by Brisbane City Council and Screen Queensland, among others. This year, the festival introduces 'SEQ Future Stars', a new category for high school filmmakers, which will be judged by industry experts and community leaders. Bart Mellish MP is confirmed as an adjudicator for this innovative session.

Jeremy Rigby stands as a testament to Ashgrove's rich heritage, inspiring current students to explore their creative potential. For more on the festival and entry details, visit www.filmfreeway.com/ausindefest. Kudos to Jeremy for a stellar and diverse career trajectory.



BR NEVILLE'S HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

We're pleased to share a reprint of the touching speech given recently by Tony Hogarth (1976), honouring Br Neville's Honorary Life Membership award. Through Tony's words, experience the warmth and respect for a valued member of our community. Enjoy the read.

It is an honour and privilege to be asked to say a few words on behalf of the Old Boys Association, for its newest inductee as an Honorary Life Member of the Marist College Ashgrove Old Boys Association, Brother Neville Solomon F.M.S..

50 years ago, this year, Neville Solomon, having just graduated from University, was appointed by Brother Alexis Turton, as a lay teacher at the College, for his first teaching role. Strong in the Arts, Neville taught French, English and History. He was also an accomplished musician, and involved in the College Cadet Corps. When Cadets ended, Neville continued to foster the remnants of the Cadet Band, which morphed into the first College Band. As Graham Lawson reminisced, this was probably the beginning of the College's spectacular Music Department of today. Staff of that era, recall Nev enthusiastically playing the piano at end of term and year staff functions and of course he regularly played the organ in Masses at the College.

It was my pleasure to be taught the French language for two years by Neville, in Years 9 and 10. It remains one of my scholastic regrets that I didn't continue studying that subject to Year 12; especially when later visited France and I realised how little of the French language I actually knew. Nev was a highly accomplished teacher. He had a lot of energy and was well-liked by the boys. The boys in those days, being astute observationists, gave Neville the handle, 'Nifty Nev'; as he was a snappy dresser and moved with intent. In 1976, when the senior student cohort finished Year 12, I'm told Brother Alexis announced to the staff 'he and Neville were to leave the College; and that Nev, intended to become a Marist Brother'. There was one minor hiccup, Neville, a devout Anglican, had to be received into the Catholic Faith first. He duly was, and the rest is history.

Neville taught at and held numerous roles at Marist Colleges in Australia. In 2003, Neville (by now of course, Brother Neville), returned to Marist College Ashgrove, this time, as Headmaster of the College. He had come full circle, from his commencement as a first-year teacher, to Marist Brother and Headmaster of this great College. He remained Headmaster until the end of 2008, during which time he was highly supportive of the OBA and the various other institutions within the College. He was, to this point in time, the last Marist Brother to be Headmaster at the College and succeeded of course by Mr Peter McLoughlin.

After 2008, Neville took on the role of Formator at Our Lady of The Hermitage in France; the spiritual home of the Marist Order and from where it all began with Marcellin Champagnat. It was here, with my son Tom, also an Old Boy of the College, and student during Brother Neville's time as Headmaster, reconnected with Brother Neville. We stayed for several days at The Hermitage. During this time, we received first-hand, the benefit of Nev's passion for and knowledge



of history, particularly Marist history. He took us to Marcellin's birth place, where Marcellin grew up as a boy, the location of the miracle attributed to Marcellin, the Cathedral, in Lyon, where he was Ordained, and finally, the room in which Marcellin died. All the while, Neville talked about Marcellin, the man, his life, his work, and inspirations for founding the Marist Orders. This was a living history lesson, and for me, cemented my understanding of the wonderful Marist Ethos. Nev was brilliant!

Neville later returned to Australia and is currently a member of the Star of the Sea Province, based in Rosalie, Brisbane. He has held many significant roles within the Marist Order in Australia, France, and Rome as well as significant roles within the Church generally.

He has never forgotten his formative and further years at the College. In total, Neville has spent 16 years of his life at the College. He has always had a passion and deep commitment for education, in the Marist tradition, and the welfare of the boys he has taught, tutored or mentored at the College. Neville has always held a place in his heart for Ashgrove and strongly supported the OBA in its efforts to foster relationships among Old Boys and the benevolent support work its members do for the College. Brother Neville Solomon is undoubtedly a worthy recipient of the Honour to be bestowed upon him today.

I kindly ask for Brother Neville to come forward to be presented with the Honorary Life Membership Certificate of Marist College Ashgrove Old Boys Association, by Mr Dominic Melrose, President of the Marist College OBA.

2023 MARIST OLD BOYS VINTAGE MASS

The College welcomed back our newly ordained Old Boy priest, Fr Isaac Falzon (1997-2001) for the MCA Assumption Day Mass and then for the Vintage Old Boys' Mass/Lunch on Friday August 18, 2023. Isaac's younger brothers, Matthias (2002-2009) and Shem (2008-2015) also attended MCA from Year 5, after leaving St Peter Chanel Primary School, The Gap. Isaac is MCA's third ordained Old Boy priest in the past five years with Fr Tom Zaranski (2004) and Fr Tom Duncan (2011) ordained in 2018 and 2019 respectively.

Isaac shared his personal story with the boys in the homily which follows, which included him being expelled from the secondary school in Year 9 and the disappointment of his parents. Isaac spoke about a prayer that he had learnt at Marist that he often recited in the difficult times of his youth, including a second expelling from a bayside state school in Year 10 in 2002. From his time at MCA, he took away this meaningful prayer that meant a lot to him-the Sub Tuum. His dream at the time was to play for the Brisbane Lions and to graduate wearing the iconic Marist Ashgrove blazer which the College Captain Joseph Lewis presented to him as a keepsake at the Assumption Day Mass. Isaac wore the blazer to the Vintage Lunch one week later!

Please enjoy the homily from Fr Isaac Falzon.

The very last time I was here at Marist College Ashgrove I was about 14 years old and I was standing outside the boarding dorm Br Geoffrey House, near the roundabout. It was about 10:00am and a very hot day. I stood there sweating, literally and metaphorically, because I had just been expelled and was waiting for a cab to pick me up and take me back home. Sadly, this wasn't the only time I was to be expelled either.

This expulsion was the result of many things: bullying, depression, anxiety, partying. But most of all it was the result of a war that was raging inside my heart and the fact that I felt like I couldn't reach out and share this experience with anyone.

My only two aspirations in life were to play AFL for the Brisbane Lions, and to wear that iconic blue blazer out of this very hall on graduation day. As good as those dreams were for me at that time they never came true because they were not experiences that I was meant to enjoy. God had other plans and a different path for my life.

These feelings of rage, resentment, and sadness were something I dealt with over the next 16 years of my life. But in those dark and scary moments there was always something I could lean on, there was always hope – because there always is. The glimmer of hope for me in my darkest moments were these words: “Sub tuum praesidium confugimus, Sancta Dei Genetrix. Nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus, sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper, Virgo gloriosa et benedicta. Amen. - WE fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

This school song that is always sung with such fire and passion. Was sung sometimes as a song of victory, sometimes to taunt our enemies at a swimming carnival or rugby game, and sometimes just to show mateship and brotherhood. This song – this war cry - this prayer – is the oldest known prayer to our Mother Mary known to humanity which dates back to around the year 250. And it is exactly that - a song – a war cry – and most importantly a prayer.

Now, why would I share a story like that about myself on a day like today? Well, it's because today in our Gospel reading we encounter a beautiful story about two women who shared their experience with one another. The first

being Mary, the Mother of God who visits her relative Elizabeth, who is also pregnant with John the Baptist. This encounter between these two remarkable women highlights the significance and impact that sharing our experiences with one another has in our journeys, especially our faith journeys.

As Mary and Elizabeth greet each other and start to share their experiences of miraculous pregnancies they are reminded that their lives are not solely for themselves but are connected through God's divine plan. Just as Mary's "yes" to the angel's message brought about the Incarnation - brought about the son of God – Jesus. Elizabeth's child leapt in her womb at the sound of Mary's voice. Here in this moment, it symbolises the connection that occurs when we share our joys and sorrows with one another, revealing to others, and ourselves a deeper understanding of the presence of God in our lives.

The lesson that this Gospel is giving us today is that when we reach out and share our experiences with one another, truthfully and honestly, we can learn from each other's experience and grow as more authentic men. And when this is done through the eyes of faith it provides an avenue for freedom and love to exist in those darkened areas of our life. Breaking us free from those chains that hold us back.

In a world often marked by individualism and isolation, this gospel story about Mary and Elizabeth's encounter serves as a powerful example of the blessings that come from community and connection. Just as Elizabeth exclaimed, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" we too are called to be blessings to one another. One way that we can do this is by looking after our mates, asking if they are alright and speaking about our experiences. Especially the ones of faith, hope, and love.

Brothers, there is a lot that can tear men down in this world and none are more brutal than ourselves.

May we be inspired by the bond between Mary and Elizabeth, and may their example remind us that fostering positive connections and building positive relationships leads us closer to God. Through our shared stories, we can truly encounter God and God's abundant grace which is offered to each one of us.

A single act of pure love (like asking if your mates ok, and listening to them) pleases God more than a thousand imperfect prayers.



2023 MARIST OLD BOYS VINTAGE LUNCH

On Friday 18 August over 150 people attended the annual Marist Vintage Lunch held in the MCA Boarders' Dining Room, with many also attending Mass in the College Chapel immediately preceding lunch.

We were fortunate to have newly ordained MCA Old Boy, Fr Isaac Falzon (1997-2002) celebrate Mass with College Chaplain, Fr Alatini Kolofou'ou sm. The first reading was read by Br Alexis (Headmaster 1971-76) while Marist Rosalie Old Boy Br Adrian Story read the second reading. Br Neville Solomon (Headmaster 2003-08) was our organist and cantor. Marist Brothers Community Leader Br Daniel Hollamby (1969) was our altar attendant and was joined in the Prayer of Intercession readings by Br Roger Burke (1953), Peter McLoughlin (Headmaster 2009-2020), Geraldine Knapp, Graham Lawson, Stan Macionis (1965, Rosalie), Kieran McCormack (1963), Chris Muir (1968), Jim Johnson (1968), Rob Ferguson (1973), Joe Podobnik (1973) while Richard Ward, Kay Wells and Peter Murdoch officiated in the Offertory Procession. Charles Brauer, MCA Deputy to Head of College, welcomed the congregation and the lunch attendees. A short tour of the newly restored Tower following Mass was very well received.

The Classes of 1953, 1963, 1968 and many survivors from 1973 attended as part of their milestone reunions. Highlights of their school years were provided by MCA OBA President Dom Melrose and Rosalie OBA President, Jim Griffith (1963). 93 year old MCA Foundation student Don Whittington (1940-1941) was on the attendee list, as was Mark Whittington (1973), Don's nephew. Unfortunately, Mark's father, Glen Whittington, also a foundation student has passed on. Marist Rosalie's Richard Rosentengel, aged 97 years young, attended Mass and Lunch and still looked sprightly when stumps were drawn late in the afternoon! Richard attended Rosalie from 1935-38 (prior to MCA's foundation in 1940!) when his family resided at 37 Amarina Avenue Ashgrove. Our most treasured recently deceased Old Boys were fittingly recognised during the day.

Br Neville Solomon was bestowed Honorary Life Membership of the MCA OBA for his unstinting service to MCA since first commencing as a teacher at Marist College Ashgrove, fifty years ago. Tony Hogarth (1976) detailed Br Neville's wonderful service and Br Neville responded with the most humble appreciation.



CLASS OF 1973 - 50 YEAR REUNION

Thanks to Rob Ferguson (1973) for the update from the recent Class of 1973 Reunion.

The Marist Ashgrove class of Senior 1973 celebrated our 50th year since graduation at the recent Old Boys Lunch.

Our previous reunion was 25 years ago, ie at a time when snail mail was still the dominant form of communication, telephones were primarily landlines and some but definitely not that many had email addresses. Plus we all had jobs. The organising committee back then was able to track the majority of the class down in a relatively short time.

This time, when our champion sleuth Joe Podobnik tried to contact the boys, it proved to be a very difficult exercise. Sadly we have lost a few, landlines are redundant, we had few mobile details and old work emails don't work for retirees! Plus we discovered we don't use Facebook! Joe was undaunted and did track down a good number of the class and as a result we had almost 40 in attendance, including a large number who had left after Year 10 in 1971. Quite a few travelled significant distances to get here as well – overseas, interstate and country regions of Queensland. Plus Bev Conroy from Beenleigh!

The Old Boys Association did a great job on our behalf by organising the advertising, ticketing and the event itself, meaning we only had to get in touch with old classmates and encourage them to come along. It allowed us all to just concentrate on catching up with old mates and sharing great memories. It was an excellent lunch provided by the school. Some ex-boarders expressed surprise at the quality, given the event was held in the boarders dining room. The day boys among us always suspected they were whinging about nothing back then.

After the lunch a big group adjourned to the Broncos to continue swapping 50 year old stories – both truth and fake news equally enjoyed!

We did vote on a few awards afterwards:

- Least Hair – about half the group
- Whitest / Greyest hair – the other half of the group - Denis Maher actually took a very sneaky and somewhat hurtful photo of our heads from behind
- Most Hair – Definitely Dan Feehely. Started growing that beard 50 years ago.
- Best Preserved – Al Robinson – lives in England so has a peaches and cream complexion
- Naughtiest student – Eugene O'Sullivan – Eugene kept interjecting during the speeches, knowing full well that Br Alexis couldn't throw the blackboard duster at him!

It was interesting for many of us to find out from Br Alexis that in the year we left he was 34 years old. And had been our principal for a few years before that! We thought he was so old and wise.

A common comment from the group was how the school was obviously so much bigger than in 1971 or 1973, but at the same time looked so familiar.

We have all promised to meet again more regularly, but we also said that 25 years ago. So looking forward to catching up when we are 92.

From all of us thanks very much to the Old Boys Association and to Ellen Kassulke and Bethany Halpin who did so much to make it such an enjoyable day.



HISTORY OF AFL AT MCA - 1996 TO 2023

In July of 2023, the Brisbane Lions claimed their eighth consecutive victory in a thrilling match against the West Coast Eagles at the Gabba, but the highlight of the day was a different kind of reunion on the Gabba Trust verandah. It was a gathering of the original Ashgrove Eagles, a team formed amid controversy back in 1996, marking a pivotal moment in the school's sports history.

The establishment of an Aussie Rules team at Ashgrove, a school with a history steeped in rugby, was initially met with disbelief. However, thanks to the unwavering efforts of Jim Tracy, who spearheaded the movement with petitions and gathered support from the senior students, the Ashgrove Eagles came into being in 1996, with Tracy as their inaugural coach.

Comprising predominantly rugby players with limited Aussie Rules experience, the initial Eagles squad, led by Michael Levens, exhibited a raw passion and tenacity that saw them clinch the minor premiership in division two of the Queensland Independent Schools Competition. Although they did not secure the grand final victory, their remarkable run to the finals in division one was a sign of the potential within the team. Individuals like Matt McVerry, who took home the goalkicking award, and joint Best and Fairest winners Gerard Steel and Samuel Batty, were among those who left an indelible mark on the field.

Subsequent years saw the Eagles aiming to replicate their initial success, with the Ashgrove Marist rivalry with Marymount College intensifying. Standout players included Matthew Rankine, David Mapleston, and Ben Scott, with Mapleston later being drafted into the Brisbane Lions Rookie list for 2001. Despite not always claiming victory, the team continued to build its legacy with determination and skill.

The early 2000s were a mixed bag for the Eagles, with some near misses and a few disappointments. However, 2003 saw a second-string Ashgrove Eagles team win the premiership, a hopeful prelude to further triumphs.

The following year, while the senior team finished as runners-up, the Ashgrove Eagles U15s went undefeated to win the premiership, a feat they would repeat in subsequent years. In 2005, the Ashgrove Eagles, led by Jack Lawler, clinched the AIC Undefeated Premiers title, a monumental achievement marking their tenth AFL season. Future AFL stars such as Lachlan Keeffe were part of these victorious squads.

By 2006 and 2007, the Opens continued to perform strongly, and the U15s achieved a remarkable four consecutive premierships. The coaching and managerial shifts in 2008 and 2009, with Peter Fowler and John Mulvihill taking the helm, continued to usher in success and growth for the teams across new age groups.

The inclusion of Charlie Cameron in the U16 team in 2009 marked the beginning of a journey for a player who would become a Brisbane Lions icon. The school's commitment to the sport was further evidenced in 2018 with the appointment of Brett Gillett as the AFL coordinator and the expansion into younger grades.

By 2019, the Ashgrove Eagles had established a complete AIC level Aussie Rules program, leading to the co-premiership victory in 2023, a testament to the program's success and the talent it nurtured, including the likes of Charlie Cameron and Lachlan Keeffe.

Jim Tracy, remembered affectionately as 'Tracka', passed away in 2010. A devoted Cats fan, Tracy never missed a Bears or Lions game and left a legacy that resonated deeply within the Ashgrove community. The reunion of the original Eagles team in 2023 served as a heartfelt tribute to their pioneering coach, with many flying in from across Australia to honour his memory.

The Ashgrove Eagles have come a long way since their inception, evolving from an underdog team to a formidable force in Queensland's school AFL competitions. As they celebrated their roots and remembered the man who started it all, the spirit of 'Tracka' Tracy and the enduring legacy of the Ashgrove Eagles were undeniably present at the Gabba.



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF HOUSE SYSTEM AT MCA

Br Terence Heinrich, MCA Headmaster from 1991-1996, introduced the House System to commence in January 1993. This involved a departure from the arrangements the College had operated under for most of its history. The change from an organisation within the College based on year groups to one dependent on Houses, eight of them, was significant.

The division of the boys and staff in the secondary school into eight groups, each composed of boys from initially each of the five-year groups (Years 8 to 12) and later six-year groups (Years 7-12), created the opportunity to better support helpful relationships between boys and staff, among the boys themselves and among staff. As the boys moved through school and up in seniority in their Houses, they assumed greater leadership and increasing responsibility for others in their House.

A number of decisions were made in the year leading into the House system start-up. David Meehan (1977), Foundation Head of Ridley House, provided this insight:

“Br Terry Heinrich consulted with the Foundation Heads of House with respect to their colours. Blue, Gold, Red and Green were obvious as they were the traditional sports houses at the College. It was then decided to have 2 Reds, 2 Greens, 2 Blues. Each House would have a colour that would clearly distinguish it at sporting carnivals. Gerard Monsour selected White for Ignatius and I went for Maroon, as Des Ridley was a Queenslander and represented and captained Queensland in Rugby, hence the Maroon association seemed a natural fit. We also realised how easy it was to get white and maroon coloured gear.”

Other Heads of House, such as Gilroy’s Foundation Head, Peter Tuckwell, thought their colours needed to be “modern and trendy” and opted for Light Green. Tony Byrne, long-term Ephrem Head of House, felt that some of the Foundation Heads decided on a colour because of association. For example: Ephrem - Dark Green, which was associated with the many gardens on the property which Br Ephrem helped beautify; Harold - Gold was very much linked with Eagle Heights where Br Harold Carlson had worked tirelessly. The winning Gold team at the Athletics carnival there in 1942 actually proposed the College warcry ‘Gunga Lora.’; Rush - Red is often associated with the Archbishop’s clerical garb.”

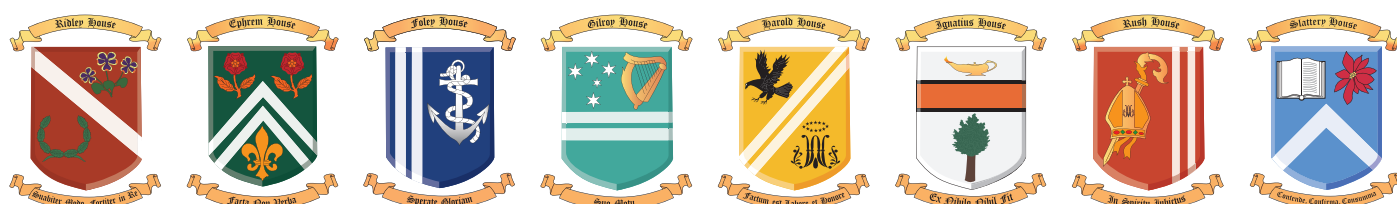
David Meehan advised with respect to the House Crests.

“Br Terry Heinrich decided on the shape of the crest for each House, with the mainly white sash going diagonally, vertically, or horizontally. Initially, there was just a House letter on the crest. Later Br Terry came up with a symbol, e.g., Ridley’s Laurel Wreath.

Later still, the Heads of House were advised to come up with a Latin motto and a second symbol if they wished. I brought in the ‘Three Violets’, which is the international symbol for the Marist Old Boys link.”

Tony Byrne incorporated the Fleur-de-lis, a lily which took on Marian symbolism in the Middle Ages and established the flower as an iconographic attribute of the Virgin Mary. This combined well with two roses above, both stemmed and leaved, which thrived in the College gardens. Peter Spensley (1970), Head of Slattery House, included the red poinsettia, the Brisbane floral emblem. The Irish Harp was added to the green Gilroy crest, an instrument in recognition of music teacher, Mrs Gilroy. Ignatius House would add the Ashgrove landmark, the Kauri Pine, which had been prominent on the ‘Flats’. Harold House had the Eagle rising, which was appropriate because of the connection with Eagle Heights. Foley House accepted the symbol of the anchor so as to be steadfast leaders.

The Head of House is usually the first point of contact for parents if they have any concerns for their son/s. Tutors meet with students every morning, and weekly House meetings can involve presentations, small group discussions, Year level meetings, and social gatherings. Boys generally stay in the same House during all their secondary years and usually develop firm friendships with the other boys in the House. Various College activities involve competition between Houses.





RIDLEY HOUSE

Named after Des Ridley, an outstanding schoolboy and gifted sportsman who died tragically and very young.

House Colour: Maroon

Motto: *SUAVITER IN MODO FORTITER IN RE* (Gentle in Manner, Resolute in Deed)



EPHREM HOUSE

Named after Br Ephrem Stevens, missionary and long serving teacher who worked tirelessly to beautify the College.

House Colour: Green

Motto: *FACTA NON VERBA* (Deeds Not Words)



FOLEY HOUSE

Named after Tom Foley, Marist College Ashgrove's first P&F President, an exemplary supporter and energetic leader.

House Colour: Navy Blue

Motto: *GLORIAM* (Hope of the Glory)



GILROY HOUSE

Named after Kitty Gilroy, teacher, musician, loyal friend of the College and staff member for 25 years.

House Colour: Light Green

Motto: *SUO MOTU* (On One's Own Initiative)



HAROLD HOUSE

Named after Br Harold Carlson, a College pioneer and worker extraordinaire in shaping the College.

House Colour: Gold

Motto: *FACTUM EST LABORE ET HONORE* (It is Done by Labour and Honour)



IGNATIUS HOUSE

Named after Br Ignatius O'Connor, the College's first Headmaster and visionary who contributed magnificently to the College's early years.

House Colour: White

Motto: *EX NIHILO NIHIL FIT* (Nothing Comes From Nothing)



RUSH HOUSE

Named after Archbishop Francis Rush, former Archbishop of Brisbane and a great leader and ever-encouraging friend of the College.

House Colour: Red

Motto: *IN SPIRITU INVICTUS* (Invincible Spirit)



SLATTERY HOUSE

Named after Leo Slattery, a long serving College teacher with outstanding commitment to the College.

House Colour: Sky Blue

Motto: *CONTENDE CONFIRMA, CONSUMMA* (Strive, Encourage, Achieve)

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VALE KEVIN ROW (1946)

Judge Kevin Frank Charles Row (1946) passed away peacefully on June 17, 2023 in Caloundra where he had been living. His early years had been spent at Tewantin and Cooroy.

Kevin was a past OBA President (1957) and the recipient of the highest accolade that the OBA can bestow-the Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award (2016), awarded in appreciation for his valuable lifetime contribution to MCA and the Old Boys' Association.

Kevin worked generously with Br Peter Carrick with the art unions in the late 50s and early 60s and had a very special role in the production of 'Canvas of Dreams'. He was Chairman of the Committee charged with the task of researching and collating all the material which was available. Br Mark Farrelly, the author who embraced the project so enthusiastically, wrote to Kevin, just prior to the launch on June 1, 1990, recognising his great contribution to the record of the first 50 years of the College.

"Thanks Kevin for guiding the project of this history so carefully over the years. I appreciated your support and kindness very much."

On July 29, 1991, the Marist Brothers welcomed Kevin into the Australian Marist Affiliation. The Provincial at the time, Br Alexis Turton described Kevin as "One of the pillars that make up the edifice that is our Marist Ashgrove odyssey."

Kevin had enrolled at the then St Mary's Ashgrove as a boarder in 1943, but because of WW2 the College had moved to Eagle Heights. The College shifted back to Ashgrove in 1945 and Kev graduated in 1946. Kevin excelled academically and at sport. He was a member of the 1st XI as first change bowler who were undefeated premiers. He was in the Athletics team, running in the 100, 220 yard events as well as the relay. He was also a member of the Open Tennis 1st IV that were premiers. Kev played outside centre in the 1st XIII that were premiers in 1945 and 1946 and after he left school, he played rugby union for Maristonians, a club Br Cyprian established, which was the forerunner to Wests at Toowong.

Kevin completed Arts and Law degrees at UQ and was admitted to the Bar in December, 1952. He had a very successful career at the Bar and was appointed a Judge of the District Court in February 1980. He was appointed a Judge of the Local Government Court and spent a great deal of his time on the Bench in that jurisdiction. Kevin retired in 1994.

Kevin had married Vondell Cruden, whose brother Alf was a first day pupil of the College. Sadly Vondell died in 2004. Their only son, Christopher attended MCA from 1968 to 1975 while their daughter Cary attended MSM. Some years later, Kevin married Veronica Rosen, who herself was a mother of two Ashgrove Old Boys.

Throughout his life, Kevin maintained a very close connection with many of his classmates. The Marist spirit was always important to him and Kevin will always be remembered for his close association and effort on behalf of the College and the Old Boys. Kev was also a dearly loved Father, Grandfather and Great-grandfather and his Funeral service was held in Caloundra to a capacity congregation, on June 26, 2023.



VALE MICHAEL ASHLEY (1956) MULLINS SM

These brief Reflections on Ashgrove Old Boy Fr Michael Mullins SM are largely taken from comments regarding Michael's life was given at his funeral mass by Father Paul Sullivan SM and Michael's brother Peter Mullins.

Michael Mullins was born on the 25th of November 1940 the same day as his father Major George Mullins arrived in Egypt with Australian troops in World War II. Michael was named after the Archangel Michael the patron saint of soldiers and after his mother's maiden name.

Major Mullins was an engineer and was sent by the Japanese to work on the notorious Burma Railway. It would be 5 years before Father and Son were to meet each other. During this time Michael grew up under the tender care of five women, his mother, grandmother and aunts. Michael was taught by the Sisters of Mercy at Wentworthville and by the Marist Brothers in Parramatta, Ashgrove (1951-1956) and Camberwell Victoria. He was frequently heard expressing his admiration and gratitude to the Brothers who taught him. He did well at school winning a Commonwealth Scholarship and a bursary to Melbourne University. He did not take these up however choosing to try his vocation with the Marist Fathers novitiate at Glen Davis.

As a clinical psychologist, one of Michael's guiding principles was that if you want to understand a person you need first of all to understand their family of origin. From his father, Michael was blessed with the gift of courage to face difficult and challenging situations. He was ready willing and able to name and speak the truth or if you prefer - to fire a 'shot', if and when required and sometimes even when not required!

Michael himself developed a gift of integrity and professionalism in his ministry. A significant influence on his life were his studies at the East Asian Pastoral Institute in Manila Philippines and the Tavistock Institute in England. He especially valued his local and international networks. He was a strong presence among professional colleagues in a Sydney Reflection group once a month for 30 years. They named their group "A Work in Progress".

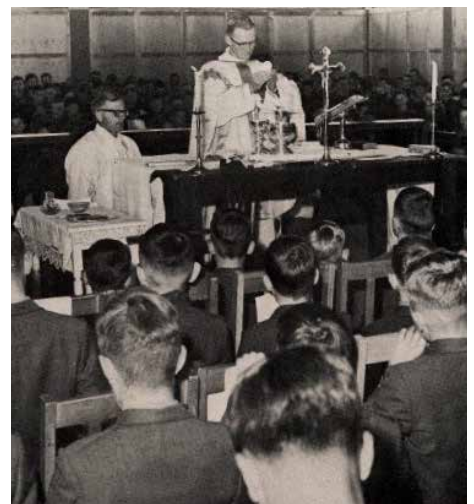
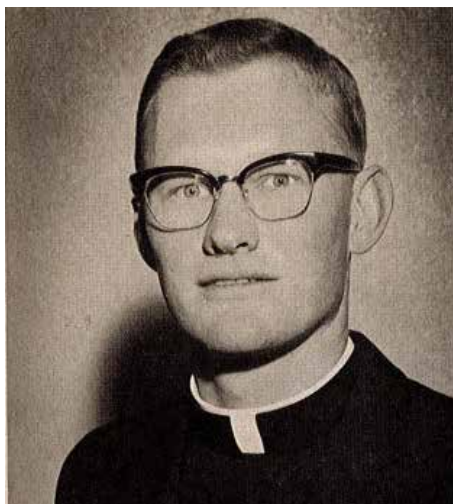
The gifts of courage compassion integrity and professionalism shaped Michael's ministry.

As Superior of the Marist Formation program Hunters Hill in Sydney Michael with the participation of other religious institutes and ecumenical colleges transformed the academic program into the Catholic Theological Union that was to become part of the Sydney College of Divinity - a degree granting body. This was the formation for mission for women, men, lay religious clerical students together. The key to the program was the integration of four foundational principles, namely - intellectual, human, pastoral and spiritual formation.

With his friend and professional colleague Marist priest Father Gerald Arbuckle he became very involved in what was known as Refounding Pastoral Development. For Michael this involved the facilitation of General Chapters, Assemblies and the Supervision of Leadership Teams and individual leaders involved in ministry both in Australia and many countries overseas especially those involving the Marist Family.

Michael and his younger brothers Peter (1964) and Tim (1967) were all Old Boys of Ashgrove. Michael inherited his parents belief in hard work until the day he died aged 82. He also inherited his father's characteristic of not suffering fools gladly although this was always tempered by a genuine hard won Christian charity. As Peter said in his reflection as "we were all taught by the Marist Brothers to use our talents to the fullest in the service of others." Michael lived a very rich and fulfilling life following his parents example. Michael had been ordained a priest on the 10th of July 1965 and he died in his sleep on the 10th of July 2023 exactly 58 Years later. He would have been pleased with this symmetry.

How wonderful it was that he should slip so easily into God's hands.



VALE WILLIAM HENRY (1956)

William Henry was the fifth of nine children, with 3 brothers and 5 sisters. He was a man of few words, yet throughout his life he was known by many names amongst family, friends and colleagues: William, Will, Willy, Bill and 'Snowy' to his siblings because of his pale skin and white hair when he was a boy. William grew up in the family home at 21 Harding Street, Enoggera.

William and his three brothers, Michael (1954), John (1956), and Patrick (1960) all attended Marist College Ashgrove. William's sons, Stephen (1983), Paul (1985), Dominic (1994), and Joseph (1996), and grandsons Jack (2022), James (Year 11, 2023) and Leo (Year 11, 2023) have followed him through MCA as the Henry tradition proudly continues at the school.

William became an electrician as soon as he left school, taking up the trade from his father, William Duffy Snr. He went on to apprentice three of his own children as electricians - Paul, Dominic and Joseph.

William married Mary in April 1963 and they built a home at Lomatta Street, The Gap where they have lived all their life and raised their family. This year they celebrated 60 years of marriage. They were blessed with a marriage full of love and adventure with their 6 children (4 sons and 2 daughters, Michelle and Theresa) and 16 grandchildren. To his family, Will was a kind and generous man; quietly determined with an inner strength and good humour, kindness and humility. William passed away at age 84 years, and on August 30, 2023 William's life was celebrated with his Funeral Mass at St Peter Chanel Church, The Gap. William Henry will live on in everyone's hearts and memories.



VALE MARK CRANITCH (1971)

Mark passed away on August 20, 2023 at the age of 69, following a short illness.

While at Ashgrove, Mark was greatly admired as an outstanding athlete and sportsman (champion fast bowler, exceptional rugby player, and hurdler extraordinaire). He was a state hurdling champion and held the TAS Open Hurdles record for many years. He was awarded the 1971 College Sportsman of the Year.

Post-school, Mark joined the Queensland Department of Natural Resources, working in various regions before becoming the Northern Queensland Director in Townsville. Renowned for his leadership, affability, and integrity, he led his team effectively until his early retirement. As a dedicated family man, retirement for Mark meant savouring moments with Marilyn, his wife of 48 years, their sons Matthew, David, Anthony, Joshua and the wider family circle of ten grandchildren, through travels and shared experiences.

Mark will be sadly missed by his family, siblings, and his friends. Mark's older brother Michael Cranitch (1969) also attended MCA as a day boy from Ashgrove. Mark's Funeral Service was held in Esk, where he had been living, on September 1, 2023. He was remembered as a great bloke by his many friends and his 1971 cohort, among whom were his best man, Robert Toovey and groomsman, Steve Donnelly, lifelong friends from those many years ago.



PRAYERS PLEASE

- Stephen Francis Markwell (1955), late of Bray Park, formerly of the Gold Coast and originally from Winton, passed away peacefully on Sunday 22 October, aged 86 years. Steve was the dearly loved husband of Robin and much-loved father and loving grandfather. Steve was a boarder at Eagle Heights in 1948 before boarding at Ashgrove from 1951-1955. He was College Captain in 1955, a member of the 1st XV Rugby, Debating team, Captain of Athletics, and Open Champion as well as U19 State Schoolboys Champion in the 880 yards. After leaving school, Stephen was a Patrol Officer in PNG until 1962 and then spent the next 38 years in the sales and marketing office for GMH and Nissan. Steve's life was celebrated with his Funeral service at Holy Spirit Church, Bray Park on Thursday 27 October.
- Patrick Earle Page (1949-1954), late of The Gap, formerly of Dorrington, passed away peacefully on Sunday 4 September. Pat was the beloved husband of Patricia and loving father of Michael (2003), Dominic (2004), and Kathleen. Pat was a treasured grandfather and loved brother of Peter (1956), Bevin (1958), Bruce (1960), Malcolm (1961, dec'd), and Mark (1973). Pat's Funeral Mass was celebrated at St Peter Chanel Church, The Gap on September 14, 2023.
- Michael Major (1965), formerly of Mitchelton, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on November 2, 2023. Michael's funeral was held at the Lakeview Chapel, Bridgeman Downs on November 10, 2023.
- Peter Anderson, late of Mitchelton, formerly of Ashgrove and Paddington, passed away peacefully on Friday 30 September, aged 87 years. Peter was the loving husband of Fay for 68 years and much-loved father of Vicki, Kim, Peter (1983), Paul (1984), Gregory (1986), Michael (1988), and Joseph (1989). Peter was also a loved father-in-law and grandfather of nine, including Shaun (2017), Brett (2019), Patrick (2023, Year 11) and William (2023, Year 11). Peter was a wonderful volunteer whose forte was ground maintenance and bingo. Peter's Funeral Mass was held at the Marist Chapel on Thursday 6 October.
- John Emmett Honan (1955), late of Ashgrove, formerly Bardon, passed away peacefully on July 19, 2023, aged 83 years. John is survived by his devoted wife Mary and children Stephen, Julie and Linda. John was brother to Barry (1964) and Bob Honan (1961) and like both brothers and son Stephen (1985), also attended Marist College Ashgrove. John left school after year 10 to pursue an electrical apprenticeship and later became an electrical engineer spending most of his working life designing industrial electrical switchboards for large companies like Mt Isa Mines. John was born with a congenital heart problem that prevented him from participating in highly active sports. However, before his younger brothers made their names as representative rugby players, John took up serious ballroom dancing and soon became a Queensland champion in Latin American style.
- John Anthony Nutley (1953), late of Newstead, formerly of Paddington, passed away peacefully on Thursday 29 September, aged 87 years. John was the dearly loved husband of Maureen and father of John and Vickie, cherished grandfather and brother of Mary, Tom (1951, dec'd), and Paul (1954, dec'd). John's Funeral Mass was held at the Holy Spirit Church, New Farm on Tuesday 11 October.
- John Cavendish (1969), passed away peacefully on Friday 9 June, aged 87 years. John was the beloved husband of Karuna, and much-loved father of Matthew and Kathy-Ann, and grandfather of three. John was the loved brother of Peter (1972), Mark (1973), Beth, and Michael (dec'd). John had spent twelve years in the RAAF before moving to Telstra. John's life was celebrated by family and friends at a private memorial service.



Stephen Markwell



Peter Anderson Sr

- Br Mel Madden FMS (John), late of the Marist Community, Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on Tuesday 8 August, aged 89 years and in the 69th year of his Marist life. Br Mel had taught at many Marist schools, including Rosalie in 1955, and had been with the Ashgrove Marist Community from 1981-2023. Br Mel's Requiem Mass was held at the Marist Chapel on Tuesday 22 August.
- Joe Briffa, formerly Br Cormac FMS, passed away peacefully on Friday, 2 June, aged 90 years. Br Alexis Turton remembered Joe fondly: "Joe was a really nice man and always had a smile on his face. He was a popular and successful teacher. I remember picking him up at Mittagong station in 1958 when he came to our novitiate to join the Brothers after a few years as a successful sales rep in domestic equipment and furniture in the eastern suburbs of Sydney. Most of his teaching and leadership were in primary education from Cairns to Canberra, including Ashgrove from 1964-1968. When he decided to return to secular life, he lived at Varsity Lakes on the Gold Coast where he met a lovely lady, Dorothy Croft, whom he married in 2002. They were a great couple and enjoyed five years together, travelling overseas and around Australia before Dorothy passed away in 2007. Joe instantly acquired three sons and eight grandchildren. Subsequently, eight great-grandchildren were added to the fold. He adored them all, and they him. To them, he was always the gentleman, always the teacher, always loved. I was able to visit Joe earlier this year at Tweed Heads Aged Care in Tweed Heads. He was a welcoming host, but his health was deteriorating." Joe's Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, 13 June in Lismore, and his ashes were interred next to his wife at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Surfers Paradise, where they would attend Mass together.
- Joyce Mary Meehan, formerly of Grevillea Road, Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on 31 July 2023, aged 90 years. Joyce was the beloved wife of the late John and much-loved mother and mother-in-law of Bryan (1972) and Sue-Belinda, Frances and John, David (1977, Head of Ridley House) and Moira, Kevin (1979) and Susan, Stephen (1983) and Beth, and Louise and Christopher. Joyce was adored by her 16 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Joyce's Funeral Mass was held in the MCA Chapel on 8 August 2023.
- Betty Jason Cramb, late of Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on Thursday 13 July, just shy of her 93rd birthday. Betty was the much-loved wife of Reg (1940-1941, dec'd) and mother of Peter (1972, dec'd), Michael (1975), Joanne, Patrick (1983), Gabriel, and adored grandmother and great-grandmother. Family and friends attended a private memorial for Betty.
- Frances Ann Lewis, late of Auchenflower, formerly Enoggera, passed away peacefully on Thursday 17 August, aged 68 years. Fran was the dearly loved wife of Chris (1972), and loving mother of Brendan (2004), Kirsty, Shona, and Stephanie. Fran's life was celebrated with Requiem Mass at St Michael's Church, Dorrington on Thursday 24 August.
- Carmel Joyce Nolan, late of Mitchelton, passed away peacefully on Sunday 6 August, aged 81 years. Carmel was the beloved wife of Patrick (dec'd, Hon Life Member MCA OBA), and dearly loved mother of Garry (1981), Elizabeth, Simon (1983), Jeremy (1986), and Dominic (1989), as well as a loved mother-in-law and grandmother. Carmel's Funeral Mass was held at St William's Church, Keperra on Monday 14 August.
- Alfred Patrick Roughan, late of Mitchelton, passed away peacefully on Sunday 25 June, aged 95 years. Alf was the beloved husband of Gloria and Cecily (dec'd), and loved father of John (1974), Anne (dec'd), Donna, and Jennifer, as well as father-in-law and grandfather to their families. Funeral Mass was held at St William's Church, Keperra on Thursday 6 July.
- Kevin Kennedy (1966), who attended MCA as a boarder from Southport, also sadly passed away in the middle of 2023.
- Sr Patricia Heenan RSC, late of St Vincent's Care, Kangaroo Point, originally of Ashgrove, passed away peacefully on Tuesday 24 October. Much-loved member of the Sisters of Charity for 72 years. Loved sister of Mary (d), Frank (d), Peter (1946, d), Paul (1952), and Bishop Brian (1955). Mass of Christian Burial was offered for Sr Patricia in the Giovanni Chapel at St Vincent's Private Hospital, Kangaroo Point on Wednesday 2 November.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let 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'.

OLD BOYS' GOLF DAY - 6 OCTOBER

Golf Convenor Peter Casey (1974) provides a recap of the day.

Once again we were blessed with a fine day with a little cloud cover and no sign of any inclement weather. What could possibly happen to spoil my day, well it can be fully covered by just one word, GOLF. But that was just me.

We had a somewhat smaller field than we have had in the past but were bolstered by some first time parent groups and players which was great to see. Two of whom were kindly hole sponsors. I would like to thank Gareth Honke from Boss Packaging and Justin Hagen from Calibre Real Estate for this, along with Iain McLean from YourPhysio and Stuart Roebig from Retail Logic, who have been very supportive over several years as existing sponsors. I would also like to thank Michael Dash and his team from Keperra Country Golf Club for their assistance on the day.

Winners were Iain McLean, Luke Gervais, Andrew Marsh, Vince Bold and Ray Olesk and nearest the pins were won by Tim Carmody and James Keating while the longest drive was Nathan Weir.



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