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Tuesday 7 February

Friday 24 February

Saturday 22 April

Friday 5 May

Saturday 3 June

Friday 18 August

Friday 29 September

AGM, 7pm at the College

Champagnat Trust Sports Lunch - Brisbane Convention Centre

Marist Anzac Dinner - Champagnat Centre

Ashgrove Golf Day

OB Sports Day

Vintage Blue and Gold Mass and Lunch for classes from 1940 to 1977

Reunion Evening Function at the Cyprian Pavilion

Check the Old Boys website at www.ashgroveoldboys.com.au for further details.

ATTENTION: ALL OLD BOYS FROM THE 1940'S TO 1960'S

THE OBA AND THE COLLEGE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING THE DATA BASE IN RESPECT OF ITS OLD BOYS.

WE WANT TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH YOU. USING OLD BOYS AS THE SUBJECT ENTRY, WOULD YOU PLEASE

EMAIL TO hoffmannk@marash.qld.edu.au THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Name, years at Ashgrove, address, home phone, mobile phone, email

PLEASE PASS THIS MESSAGE ON TO YOUR COLLEAGUES

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Fellow Ashgrovians,

The Marist College Ashgrove Old Boys' Association has had another active and enjoyable year. This has been reflected in so many ways. On the 12 August 2016, the annual Vintage Blue & Gold Lunch was again attended by a record number of Old Boys and their partners. Many also attended the Mass in the College Chapel celebrated by Fr Chris Ketsore followed by a tour around the College to admire what has been built since they themselves were students. The Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award was presented by Tom Treston along with some kind words to Judge Kevin Row. Again a great roll up from Rosalie Old Boys made the lunch even more welcoming.

Over 150 Old Boys from 2015 to 1976 attended the informal reunion evening on Friday 30 September at the Cyprian Pavilion. In particular the support from the 1981, 1996 and 2006 classes who rekindled their friendships in huge numbers was most impressive. The Headmaster and Old Boys' Committee welcomed the reunion classes and special thanks to Stuart Laing, Anthony Collins, Peter Casey, Jim Gardiner, Brad Butten, John O'Hare and Mike Mitchell for organising and managing the night so successfully it was a fun night for all!

In October, I was most privileged to join College Headmaster, Mr Peter McLoughlin along with past President of the OBA Tony Hogarth (1976) on a tour of Papua New Guinea. The purpose of the trip was to meet

with parents and boys interested in attending MCA and to attend Old Boy functions. On this year's visit, for the first-time, New Ireland was included. From the moment we stepped off the plane in Kavieng we knew we were in for a special trip. We were greeted by the Provincial government officials along with the Grand Chief of the local clans of New Ireland in a traditional welcome. The hospitality was nothing short of amazing travelling to various parts of the province and many schools. We were always met with warm welcomes and open hearts. The trip improved everywhere we went, visiting some beautiful islands around Rabaul-Kokopo and finishing off Port Moresby. The trip overall was an outstanding success, and reaffirmed the impact that a Marist education can have on one's life. The focus of so many of the former Marist students from numerous Marist schools across Australia is to improve the education and teachers across Papua New Guinea. Our visit coincided with new initiatives which will enable more children to share in the dream of attending school in Australia. I would like to thank Michael Chan (1965), Peter Lung (1975) for their parts in organising much of the trip. Whilst in Rabaul, we visited the former Marist School, Sacred Heart School, at the base of a volcano, learning of some current students destined for Ashgrove in the coming years. That evening's function was attended by parents and Old Boys from MCA and St. Joseph's College Hunters Hill. A similar function was held in Port Moresby which was well attended by

present parents and Marist Old Boys. Thanks to Sir Julius Chan (1958) along with son Toea Chan (1992) for their generous support of the College and OBA and current Ashgrove parents Matthew and Carol Cooper and Leo Badcock for hosting us at the Gateway and Kavieng Hotels.

I would like to thank all members of the OBA committee for their commitment to ensuring all our functions are such a success. Special appreciation also to Kay Wells, MCA Community Relations Manager for her tireless efforts and advice which ensures everything runs seamlessly. My thanks also to MCA Headmaster, Peter McLoughlin and Deputy Headmaster, Mr Trevor Goodwin, for their enthusiastic support of all OBA endeavours.

Finally, welcome to the Seniors of 2016 as our newest members. As was said to my year on our graduation day "Life is mostly froth and bubble but two things stand like stone, kindness in another's trouble and courage in our own." We wish all of you the best in the next stage of your journey and may your friendships forged at MCA last a lifetime.

Viriliter Age!

Dominick Melrose
President

The OBA congratulates the College for winning both the Swimming and Athletics for the 2nd year in a row.



FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear members of the Marist College Ashgrove Old Boys' Association,

2016 has been a big year not only in the Catholic Church but for all of us Marists as well! Pope Francis declared 2016 an extraordinary year of Mercy, encouraging all of us to live our lives in consideration and service to others.

His Holiness has stated:

“Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us.”
Misericordiae Vultus 2.

I'm very grateful to those of you who contribute to your Association and enable it to offer bursaries to boys for whom an education at Marist College Ashgrove would be otherwise cost prohibitive. I also hope that you will consider supporting us in 2017 as we aim to raise the funds to restore the iconic Tower building back to her former glory. Draft plans will be available shortly.

On 23 July this year, we celebrated Fourvière Day, the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Marist movement. The 12 Marist aspirants, priests and seminarians, including Marcellin Champagnat, climbed the hill to the shrine of Our Lady of Fourvière in Lyon France (pictured). They placed their promise to found the Society of Mary under the white cloth on the altar. After communion, they read out their declaration promising to devote themselves and



all they had to the foundation of the Society of Mary.

So, the significance for all Marists will be further illuminated on 2 January 2017 when we celebrate the bicentenary of the founding of the Marist Brothers, when Marcellin Champagnat welcomed Jean-Baptiste Audras and Jean Marie Granjon to what he called The Little Brothers of Mary. The Institute of the Marist Brothers now exists in 80 countries worldwide and is joined in Australia by the Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat. We all have the opportunity to be a part of the Association.

Our heartfelt congratulations go to the class of 2016, our newest Old Boys! They leave the familiarity of life at MCA for the next steps in their journey. We hope that they have taken on board the holistic education

that will enable them to be “Good Christians and Good Citizens” as Champagnat wanted.

They have been a very positive and engaging group. I thank them for this. Their commitment to the College and what it stands for has been commendable. Particular thanks to 2016 College Captain, Harry Willmington, and Vice Captains, Jimmy Bellingham, Tom Hutchinson (sometimes referred to as “Wilkinson”), Samuel Knynenburg and Fergus McMahon. They have been very good leaders.

May the class of 2016 live their lives with simplicity, modesty and humility.

Yours in Jesus, Mary and St Marcellin.

Peter McLoughlin
Headmaster

CLASS OF 2016

Lachlan Adams, D
Bailey Ainsworth, E
Jarrod Alger, S
Tom Andreas, R
Jac Andrews Ridgers, H
Gianluca Anzalone, H
Jayden Arndell, R
Isaac Bacon, E *
Graham Badcock, D *
Koopyr Bailey, F
Jackson Barbeler, I
Jimmy Bellingham, G *
Alex Bertossi, R
Charlie Best, D *
Jack Bingham, D
Jason Birney, I *
Joseph Biuso, S
Mitchell Blanche, F
Kevin Boga, S
Fletcher Booth, I
Harrison Bowles, F
Hayden Boyce, E
Declan Brice, D
Tyron Brockhurst, R *
Harry Brodie, S
Liam Brookes, H *
Aaron Brown, D
Mitchell Bruce, D
Jack Butler, I
Jay Buzzo, F *
Marley Callaghan, I *
Lachie Campbell, E
Morgan Campbell, E
Rory Campbell, F
Brady Carroll, I
Will Carroll, S
Jack Carter, F
Ned Cavanough, I
Jules Cerasani, G *
Michael Ciccone, R
Zac Clarke, E
Samuel Coats, D
Eli Cole, F
Harry Condon, G
Liam Connolly, I
Oscar Cooney, E
Tyson Cooper, E *
Tim Coops, H
Ethan Corrigan, S
Patrick Cotter, S
Jimmy Cramsie, F
Thomas Croft, G *
Joseph Dalton, G
Rory Davidson, F
Isaac De Flavis, D *
Oscar de Waal, R
Cohen Delaforce, G
Oscar Della-Vedova, H
Gino Dennis, S *
Isaac Devery, E
Paddy Donnelly, E

James Downs, S
Lachlan Drury, R
John Dunne, F
Luke Dupont, F
Will Eaton, F
Lawson Enright, H *
Daniel Evans, S
Aidan Fabris, G
Dominic Fielden, R
Thomas Ford, S
Mitchell Fox, S
Macklin Freke, F
Benjamin Gardiner, G
Michael Gardiner, G
Oliver Garratty, D
Joseph Gavin, H
Caolan Geraghty, H
Matthew Geraghty, D
Deaglan Gibson, S *
Jared Godkin, E
Daniel Goodwin, F
Henry Gordon, I *
Elliot Grace, D
James Graham, R
Lachie Graham, F
Liam Granahan, R
Daniel Grebenshikoff, I *
Alfie Green, I
Nick Greentree, R
Harrison Griffin, I
Jack Gullo, F
Riley Hall, E *
Isaac Hallam, R
Jake Hallam, E
Xavier Hamilton, E
Joshua Hammond, G
Zachary Hancock, H *
Tom Hanson, R
Hamish Hastings, H
Tavish Healy, G
Thomas Healy, D
Callan Henschke, E *
Hugo Herron-Vellacott, H
Oscar Herron-Vellacott, H
Patrick Hoey, I
Hunter Hohenhaus, R
Ryan Horwood, D
Rory Humphries, R
Brian Hung, R
Thomas Hutchinson, S
Joseph Jarjees, F
Samuel Jeffery, F
Nicholas Jenkins, I
Alec Johnson, S
Finn Keeley, G *
Joseph Kelly, R
Angus Kempf, S
Carter Kendall, I
Max Kennedy, H *
Thomas Kennedy, D *
Alexander Kidd, F

Lachlan Kiernan, I
Sam Knynenburg, S
Joey Kreutzer, E
Guy Kurth, I
Sean Lamur, D *
Thomas Lane, S
Patrick Lawson, D
Vincent Lemon, D
Kuyen Lewis, S
Patrick Lewis, I
Ben Lister, S *
Ben Loff, E
Dugald Lowis, I
Calvin Lun, D *
Connor Lynch, F
Kieran Mackie, R *
Kirby Madden, G
Callum Maloney, S
Ila Mamatta, F
Yohan Manuel, H
Jacob Marr, E
Ryan Matthews, H
Ethan McCall, E
Callum McCarthy, G
Oliver McFadden, H
Nick McGovern, D
Storm McIlveen, D
Dylan McLachlan, G
Connor McLauchlan, G
Fergus McMahon, R
James Mee, G
Thomas Meggitt, S
Max Melit, G
Luke Meyn, S
Max Midgley, H
Zac Miller, I
Jordan Mostert, E
Oliver Murray, G *
Ryan Nebe, S *
Rory Newton, G
Jackson Neylan, D
Sam Nilon, S
Jack O'Connor, D
Patrick O'Connor, R
William O'Donoghue, R *
Connor O'Farrell, S
Flynn Ovenden, D
Oliver Patterson, D
Jack Pearson, I
Lachlan Perryman, G
Alex Pierce, R
James Piercy, I
Jarrad Pon, R
Dane Poutsma, H

Zachary Pregnell, D *
Jai Priyovich, S
Daniel Purcell, R
Jack Purtil, H
John Pyle, H
Max Pyne, I
Tom Rafter, G
Alex Ray, H
Alex Readman, I
Charlie Renouf, I
Jack Riley, R
Tom Roberts, E
Daniel Roche, F
James Rutch, H
Jarrod Ruysch, F
Charlie Ryan, I
D'Arcy Ryan, I
Monty Ryan, D *
Joe Scannell, I
Tim Schurmann, H *
Rory Scott, F
Alexander Sgroi, G
Henry Sheldon, H
Ethan Sivijs, F
Lachlan Sligar, H *
Connor Smith, G *
Thomas Springborg, I *
Tom Spry, S
Coby Stack, G
Jacob Stower, F
Hayden Sullivan, H
Hamish Symon, S
Kingson Tai, E *
Buddy Tait, E
Declan Tapsall, D
Ben Thompson, R *
Nick Truscott, R
Samuel Tucker, D
Samuel Urquhart, G
Chris Vidler, H
Harrison Walker, R
Thomas Ward, E
Charlie Wareham, F *
Sam Warren, I
Alexander Whiting, E
Donal Whyte, G
Harrison Whyte, R
Edward Wildin, E
Callum Williams, H
Harry Willmington, S
Lachlan Wilson, F
Alexander Wood, E
Allan Wratten, E *
Judah Yafai, D *

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



YEAR 12 RIDLEY HOUSE

Front Row: Flynn Ovenden, Samuel Coats, Isaac De Flavis, Judah Yafai, Calvin Lun, Thomas Healy, Lachlan Adams

Second Row: Samuel Tucker, Elliot Grace, Jack Bingham, Storm McIlveen, Charlie Best, Declan Brice, Nick McGovern, Graham Badcock, Oliver Patterson

Third Row: Patrick Lawson, Mitchell Bruce, Matthew Geraghty, Zachary Pregnell, Monty Ryan, Jack O'Connor, Thomas Kennedy, Jackson Neylan, Sean Lamur

Absent: Aaron Brown, Oliver Garratty, Ryan Horwood, Vincent Lemon, Declan Tapsall

Pastoral Leader: Mr David Meehan



YEAR 12 EPHREM HOUSE

Front Row: Buddy Tait, Isaac Bacon, Morgan Campbell, Lachie Campbell, Paddy Donnelly, Joey Kreutzer, Tyson Cooper, Callan Henschke, Alexander Wood

Second Row: Edward Wildin, Tom Roberts, Alexander Whiting, Jordan Mostert, Zac Clarke, Ben Loff, Hayden Boyce, Riley Hall, Thomas Ward

Third Row: Bailey Ainsworth, Oscar Cooney, Jared Godkin, Ethan McCall, Allan Wratten, Jacob Marr, Xavier Hamilton

Absent: Isaac Devery, Jake Hallam, Kingson Tai

Pastoral Leader: Mr Tony Byrne

WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



YEAR 12 FOLEY HOUSE

Front Row: John Dunne, Luke Dupont, Rory Davidson, Jay Buzzo, Daniel Goodwin, Mitchell Blanche, Rory Campbell

Second Row: Ila Mamatta, Jacob Stower, Lachlan Wilson, Jack Carter, Lachie Graham, Jack Gullo, Harrison Bowles, Ethan Sivijs, Alexander Kidd, Koopyr Bailey

Third Row: Connor Lynch, Macklin Freke, Jimmy Cramsie, Eli Cole, Will Eaton, Joseph Jarjees, Daniel Roche, Charlie Wareham, Jarrod Ruysch, Samuel Jeffery

Absent: Rory Scott

Pastoral Leader: Mr Stan Kosiek



YEAR 12 GILROY HOUSE

Front Row: Tom Rafter, Max Melit, Samuel Urquhart, Tavish Healy, Rory Newton, Joseph Dalton, Harry Condon, Jimmy Bellingham, Kirby Madden

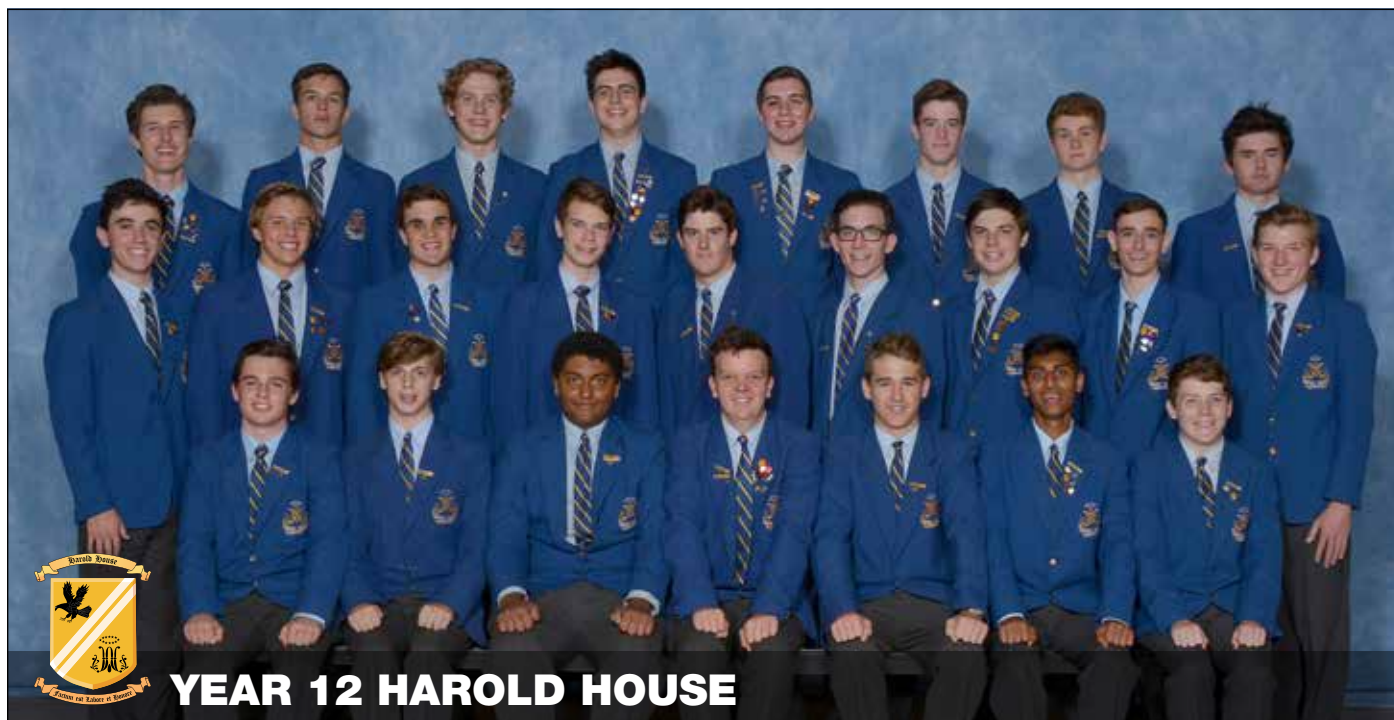
Second Row: Callum McCarthy, Thomas Croft, Oliver Murray, Finn Keeley, Jules Cerasani, Coby Stack, Connor McLauchlan, Joshua Hammond

Third Row: Aidan Fabris, Benjamin Gardiner, Donal Whyte, Lachlan Perryman, Cohen Delaforce, Michael Gardiner, Alexander Sgroi

Absent: Dylan McLachlan, James Mee, Connor Smith

Pastoral Leader: Mr Brett Gillett

WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



YEAR 12 HAROLD HOUSE

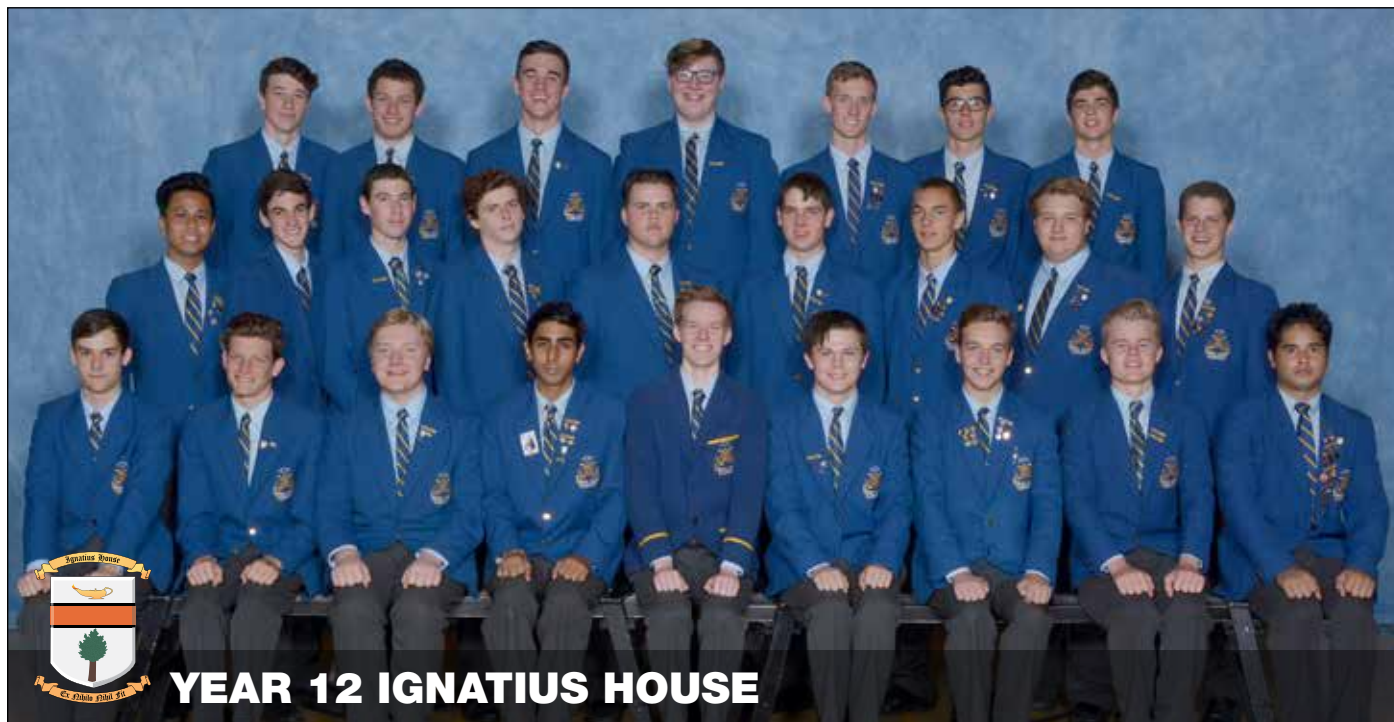
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Second Row: Caolan Geraghty, Callum Williams, Alex Ray, Ryan Matthews, Hugo Herron-Vellacott, Oscar Della-Vedova, Zachary Hancock, Gianluca Anzalone, Chris Vidler

Third Row: Henry Sheldon, Max Midgley, Jac Andrews Ridgers, Jack Purtill, Lawson Enright, Oscar Herron-Vellacott, Lachlan Sligar, Joseph Gavin

Absent: Tim Coops, Max Kennedy, John Pyle, Kristian Schuh, Tim Schurmann

Pastoral Leader: Mrs Ronnie Grant



YEAR 12 IGNATIUS HOUSE

Front Row: Brady Carroll, Jackson Barbeler, Sam Warren, Marley Callaghan, Carter Kendall, Patrick Lewis, Max Pyne, Lachlan Kiernan, Jason Birney

Second Row: Charlie Ryan, Zac Miller, James Piercy, Henry Gordon, Harrison Griffin, Jack Butler, Alfie Green, Jack Pearson, Patrick Hoey

Third Row: Guy Kurth, Nicholas Jenkins, D'Arcy Ryan, Dugald Lewis, Liam Connolly, Alex Readman, Fletcher Booth

Absent: Ned Cavanough, Daniel Grebenshikoff, Charlie Renouf, Joe Scannell, Thomas Springborg

Pastoral Leader: Mr Gerard Monsour

WELCOME TO THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



YEAR 12 RUSH HOUSE

Front Row: Brian Hung, Harrison Walker, Oscar de Waal, Alex Pierce, Hunter Hohenhaus, Jarrad Pon, Patrick O'Connor

Second Row: Jayden Arndell, Daniel Purcell, Michael Ciccone, Isaac Hallam, Kieran Mackie, William O'Donoghue, Dominic Fielden, Nick Truscott, Tyron Brockhurst, Tom Andreas, James Graham

Third Row: Harrison Whyte, Rory Humphries, Liam Granahan, Nick Greentree, Lachlan Drury, Ben Thompson, Tom Hanson, Jack Riley, Fergus McMahon, Joseph Kelly

Absent: Alex Bertossi

Pastoral Leader: Mr Phillip Holding



YEAR 12 SLATTERY HOUSE

Front Row: Joseph Biuso, Alec Johnson, Harry Brodie, Daniel Evans, Kevin Boga, Patrick Cotter, Mitchell Fox, Gino Dennis, Thomas Lane

Second Row: Thomas Ford, Ethan Corrigan, James Downs, Jarrod Alger, Harry Willmington, Tom Spry, Hamish Symon, Thomas Meggitt, Thomas Hutchinson

Third Row: Sam Knynenburg, Callum Maloney, Ryan Nebe, Angus Kempf, Kuyen Lewis, Connor O'Farrell, Jai Priyovich, Will Carroll

Absent: Deaglan Gibson, Ben Lister, Luke Meyn, Sam Nilon

Pastoral Leaders: Ms Megan Wandell

SONS OF OLD BOYS CONTINUE TO GRADUATE IN HUGE NUMBERS

When the roll call went out for this year's graduating sons of Old Boys, one could feel the mists of the late 70's and 80's sweeping up from the Flats. There was a Midgley, a Melit and an Enright (all 3rd generation) together with names now synonymous with Ashgrove such as Geraghty, Stower, Mee, O'Connor, Kiernan, Cole and Pyne. Not to be outdone, two Gardiners and a cousin, Best, stood on the steps of the Carrick Wing where the old days returned, for just a moment, while some very proud fathers had another historic photograph with their annoyingly taller sons.

While time has marched on, just like all those years ago, more Ashgrove friendships have been cemented for yet another generation.

The OBA congratulates our older members on their impeccable blood lines and extends its special welcome to this superb group of young men. We look forward to hearing of their great achievements in the years ahead.



Back Rows: Steven (1985) and Carter Kendall; Damian (1972) and Thomas Meggitt; David (1986) and Max Pyne; Scott (1988) and Declan Brice; Tony (1980) and Jack O'Connor; Mauro (1985) and Jay Buzzo; Jimmy (1982) and James Mee; Damien (1983) and Elijah Cole; Stephen (1979) and Matthew Geraghty

Middle Rows: Paul (1986) and James Downs; Simon (1987) and Charles Best; David (1981) and Jacob Stower; Jim (1980) and Michael and Ben Gardiner; Gerard (1990) and Max Midgley; Michael (1985) and Patrick O'Connor; Tim (1988) and Harrison Condon; Peter (1989) and Alex Readman; David (1988) and Daniel Goodwin

Front Rows: Brendan (1984) and Lachlan Kiernan; Brogan (1983) and Maxwell Melit

Absent but there in spirit: Russell (1982) and William Eaton; Tom (1981) and Lawson Enright; Trevor (1976) and James Graham; Derrick (1983) and Jarred Pon

IMPORTANT NOTICE

MILITARY SERVICE BY MARIST ASHGROVE AND MARIST ROSALIE OLD BOYS

The OBA is collecting names and details of all Old Boys who have served in the military.

If you (or anyone you know), are on Old Boy of Ashgrove or Rosalie, and have served in the Military at ANYTIME

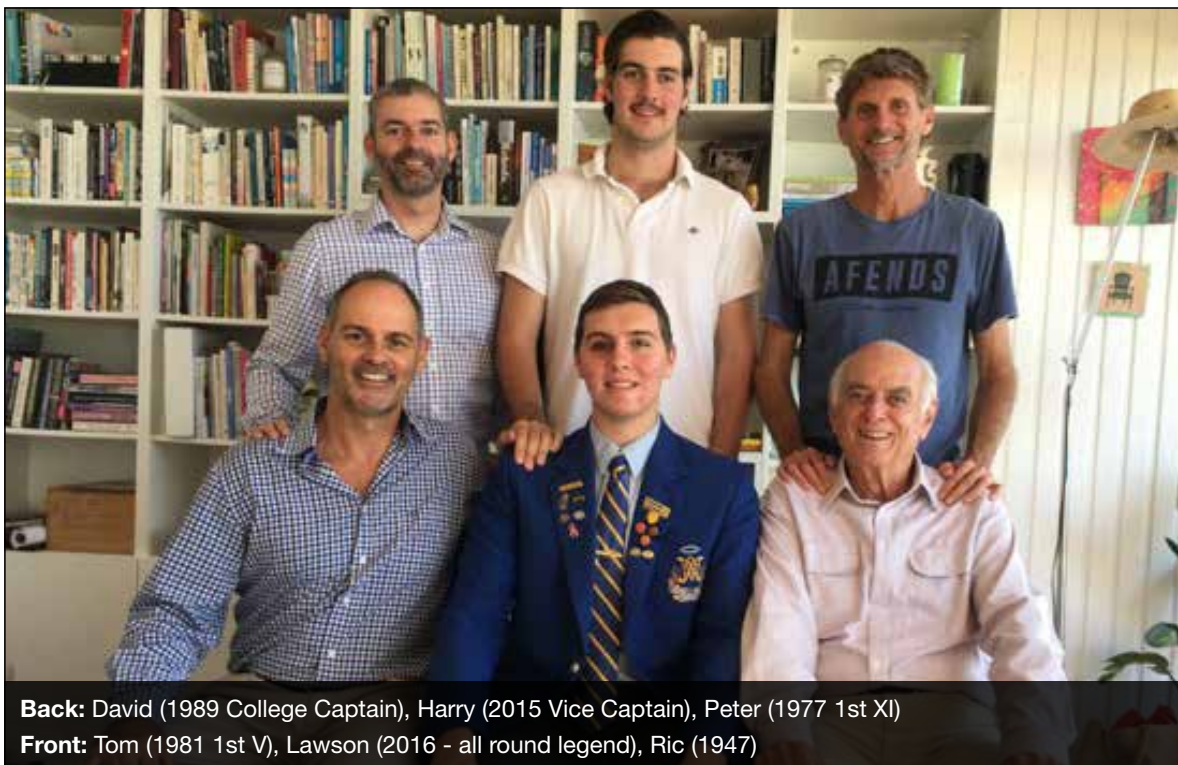
Please email details about your military service as soon as possible to military@ashgroveoldboys.com.au

ENRIGHTS MAKE THE JOURNEY FROM BEAUDESERT TO DUBAI AND BACK AGAIN

Young Ric Enright came up the mountain from Beaudesert to Eagle Heights in 1944 and then on to Ashgrove after the war from 1945 to 1947. Ric's arrival at Eagle Heights heralded the start of what has historically been known as the 'Beaudesert connection' reflecting the very deep roots between the College and many families from that district. While travelling the road to Beaudesert on an old bus in the 70's and 80's was hard enough for Ric's three sons and two daughters, the Enrights have gone to some very special efforts for the third generation. Tom (1981), an Emirates pilot, has been based in Dubai for some years with wife, Delwyn. Their sons, Harry (2015) and Lawson, have made their journey back to the boarding house at MCA where so many Enrights studied until late into the night. But the boys still made time for the odd visit to Ric at the famous Enright sawmill to put in a few back breaking hours.

The Old Boys Association recognises the magnificent contribution of the Enright family over many decades. Long may the 'Beaudesert connection' be part of College history.

The OBA especially welcomes Lawson to the Association to join his grandfather, father, uncles and brother.



Back: David (1989 College Captain), Harry (2015 Vice Captain), Peter (1977 1st XI)
Front: Tom (1981 1st V), Lawson (2016 - all round legend), Ric (1947)

PATRICK LEWIS - FATHER TOM MALONEY TROPHY WINNER - 2016



In recognition of his superb coaching record and contribution to 2nd XI cricket over many years, the Old Boys Association donated the magnificent Father Tom Maloney Trophy for the best and fairest player in the 2nd XI.

This year Patrick Lewis led the team with enthusiasm and a dogged determination. He led a fierce bowling attack and took a number of wickets at crucial times throughout the season. Patrick was always at his best when the team had their backs to the wall, whether it be through his batting, bowling or eagerness in the field. Patrick's tough but fair leadership of the 2nd XI cricket team saw the team go through the season as undefeated premiers, and he is a worthy recipient of the Father Tom Maloney trophy.

The OBA notes that Patrick holds all the qualities of a true Ashgrovian and extends its special welcome to the Association.

READMAN FORMS PART OF MCA'S THIRD UHLSPORT WIN

Known as the FA Cup of Schoolboy Soccer, the Uhlsport Cup is ferociously contested by Schools from the GPS, TAS, AIC and the Independent competitions.

It is rare to even get close to a shot at the title, let alone play in the big dance. Arriving at the final, the Ashgrove First XI were confronted by GPS powerhouse, Ipswich Grammar, who quickly grabbed a 1-0 lead and assumed that magnificent trophy was heading west. But assuming anything is pure folly when playing Ashgrove. By full time, the floor had been wiped, Ash had put 3 goals in the back of the Ipswich net, and that same magnificent trophy was safely in the back of the Headmaster's car. 2016 now join their older brothers from 1999 and 2009 as part of Ash Football royalty. While everything at Ashgrove is a team sport and all boys in the team are to be congratulated, the OBA would particularly like to acknowledge Alex Readman, son of Peter (1989), for his outstanding efforts in the Football campaign and extends its special welcome to Alex to the Association.

LIDSTONE ROLLS BACK THE YEARS FOR AN UNDEFEATED 1ST V BASKETBALL PREMIERSHIP

In one of the year's sporting highlights the 2016 Basketball 1st V went on to join an elite group of their older brothers and fathers from 1975, 1981, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1999 and 2000 by winning the AIC Premiership undefeated. The first time an undefeated premiership had been achieved in 16 years. It was the first premiership of any type since 2006.

Special mention goes to Mike Lidstone (2016) younger brother of James Lidstone (2001) and Tom Lidstone (2005). In an amazing piece of Ashgrove sporting history, all three brothers played in premiership winning sides.

The OBA extends its special welcome to Mike as he joins his brothers in the association.



MCA's first family of basketball
Tom (2006), Mike (2016) and James (2001)

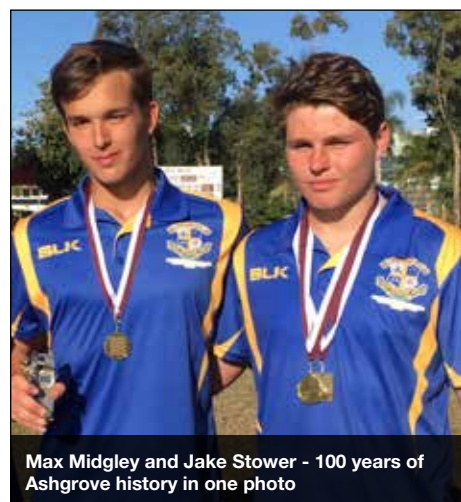
STOWERS CLOSE TO WRAPPING UP A GENERATION OF CONTRIBUTION

In the 1970's and 80's and the decades that followed, the "Stower" brand was something on which the College could rely. They never let the College down.

There was always a Stower somewhere in the rugby (nearly always in the loose forwards) or the cricket or contributing heavily to College events. Indeed, the Stower contribution over the years really can't be put into words. Like all true Ashgrovians... Just happy to help.

2016 sees the next to last of the Stowers (for only a short time we hope) as Jake finishes his time at Ashgrove. Son of David (1981), nephew of Tony (1982), cousin of Dominic (2014) and next year's senior Matthew (2017), Jake wraps up 8 fine years having made his contribution in all areas of College activity. On the rugby field, Jake dominated in the loose (as all Stowers did) and then made his final contribution by being one of the outstanding players in Ashgrove's first-year entry into the Confraternity Shield rugby league carnival. It goes without saying, they won their division.

The OBA welcomes Jake to the Association and looks forward to hearing of his achievements in the years ahead.



Max Midgley and Jake Stower - 100 years of
Ashgrove history in one photo

RECENT REUNIONS

Over 150 Old Boys from 2015 to 1976 attended the informal reunion evening on Friday September 30 at the Cyprian Pavilion. In particular, support was most impressive from the 1981, 1996 and 2006 classes who rekindled their friendships in huge numbers. The Headmaster, Mr Peter McLoughlin and MCA OBA President Dominick Melrose welcomed the reunion classes and thanked the OBA Committee, in particular Stuart Laing, Anthony Collins, Peter Casey, Jim Gardiner, Brad Butten, John O'Hare and Mike Mitchell for organising and managing the night so successfully. A fun night for all!



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RECENT REUNIONS



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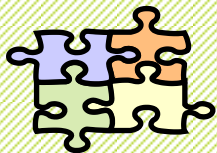
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PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for the following who have deceased recently -

- Michael Grigorieff (1948-49) who attended MCA as a resident of South Brisbane
- Stephen Poloskey, father of Gabor (1985) and Richard (1983) and grandfather of Michael (2009), Benjamin (2012) and Joshua (2013).
- Garry David boarder (1980-1986), Gary graduated in 1985. His brother Dean 1983 and cousins Brooke (1985) and Brett (1991) also attended the College.
- David Doyle (1988). David passed away suddenly recently in Mt Isa. He is the twin brother of Martin. He leaves 2 small children, a daughter and a son.
- Nathan Thompson (2010) sadly passed away on October 17, 2016. Nathan had already passed his Carpenter's apprenticeship which he undertook enthusiastically after leaving school and worked fulltime for twelve months. Nathan was son of Russell and Judy who were great followers of Nathan and wonderful supporters of MCA. Nathan had an elder brother Daniel and an elder sister Kellie. Nathan was a kind person who will be remembered fondly as Nathan was a very loyal friend to all who knew him. Nathan excelled at Basketball (Firsts 2010) and Rugby (Seconds 2010) and had the honour of taking a hat-trick at Cricket for MCA (v BGS) in Grade 6! A huge turnout of family, friends and classmates from MCA were there to celebrate his life which touched so many when Nathan was farewelled at Pinnaroo on Oct 27, 2016. Rest in peace Nathan.
- Les Kajtar (Junior 1970) who attended MCA in 1970 as a boarder from Madang, PNG

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them

CHARLES WILSON “CHILLA” (1944)

Wilson, Charles Roy (“Chilla”) Passed away on Friday September 2, 2016. Aged 85 years. Much loved husband of Susan, father of Andrew, Robin, Annabel and Georgina and cherished grandfather to their children. Younger brother of Fergus (dec'd), also foundation student of MCA (1940-44).

Chilla enjoyed his early years at Ashgrove and Eagle Heights from 1940-44 and recalled those times with great happiness when the OBA visited him in the last few years.

Chilla recalled the Eagle Heights school building called “Semloh” which he informed us was the owner's home (Holmes) spelt backwards!

On completing his late secondary years at BGS, Chilla studied medicine at UQ and then specialised in obstetrics.

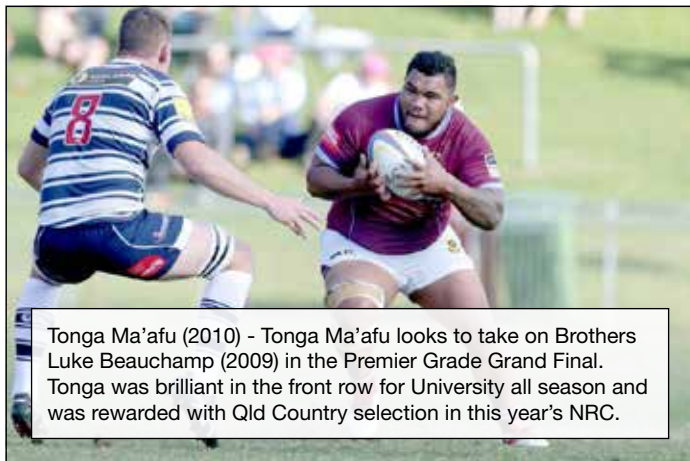
Chilla played Rugby for UQ and then Queensland in 1952 to 1959. In 1957, Chilla played his first test for Australia against the touring All Blacks. In 1958, he was Captain when Queensland beat NSW 10-6 for only the second victory over them since the War. This performance vaulted him into the captaincy of the 1958 Wallabies to NZ. This gallant team won the Second Test by 6-3 and Wilson shone in the Australian pack. Des Connor and Terry Curley also gave exemplary performances under their inspiring captain. He captained his country three times in Tests and was Captain in eight other matches. He later managed the Australian tour to NZ in 1982, to Italy and France in 1983, and the Grand Slam Tour of 1984. In the 60s, Chilla was a great asset, playing as captain-coach of Western Districts and then just coaching Wests A grade which culminated in 1968 with a narrow prelim final loss to premiers Brothers.

Chilla was much loved and respected and lived his life to the fullest. He will be missed. He remained forever an Ashgrove man with the rare honour of being a Foundation Student. Vale to the great man of whom we are all so proud.





Luke Beauchamp (2009) - On the attack against Uni in the major semi-final at Ballymore. Luke was selected as breakaway for Brisbane City this year in the NRC. Luke played a key role in Brothers 31-28 win over Uni in the Premier Grade Grand Final.



Tonga Ma'afu (2010) - Tonga Ma'afu looks to take on Brothers Luke Beauchamp (2009) in the Premier Grade Grand Final. Tonga was brilliant in the front row for University all season and was rewarded with Qld Country selection in this year's NRC.



Scott Malolua (2011) - Scott Malolua weighs up his options against Eastwood in the Australian Club Championship earlier this year. Scott was the mainstay of semi-finalist Souths. Scott also earned selection for Qld Country in the NRC.



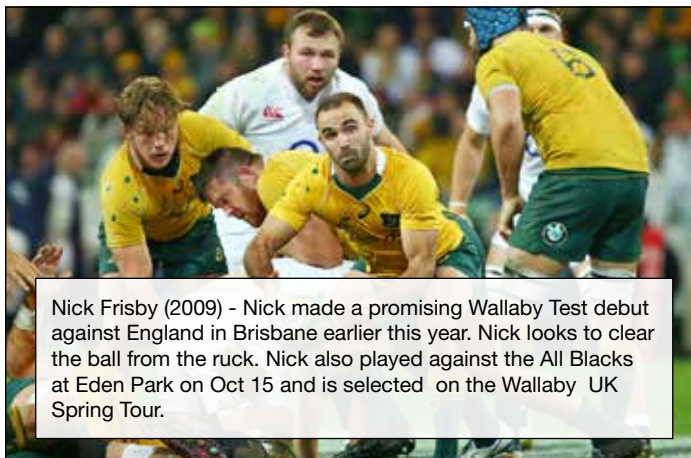
Shane Arnold (Far left - 1999) & Anthony Mathison (Far right - 1998) - Assistant Coaches to Rob Seib for Brisbane City in this year's NRC. Shane is attack coach for the Reds in 2017.



Michael Heenan (1990) - Michael Heenan won all trophies for Uni in 2016 except the Hospital Cup! Mick has an outstanding record as Head Coach winning 3 Premier Grade Premierships (2010, 2012 & 2014) and Runner-Up in the 2016 Grand Final against Brothers in a nail-biter.



Bryce Hegarty (2010) - Bryce made his debut for the NSW Waratahs this year. Bryce impressed until a knee injury against the Brumbies ended his season. Bryce (centre) tries to slip through through fellow team-mates Will Skelton and Dave Dennis at training.



Nick Frisby (2009) - Nick made a promising Wallaby Test debut against England in Brisbane earlier this year. Nick looks to clear the ball from the ruck. Nick also played against the All Blacks at Eden Park on Oct 15 and is selected on the Wallaby UK Spring Tour.



Alex Toolis (2009) - Alex has returned from Scotland to play Super Rugby with Melbourne Rebels in 2017. Alex made his NRC debut for Melbourne Rising.

OLD BOYS CONTINUE TO MAKE THEIR WAY IN THE LEGAL WORLD

The Old Boys Association is hearing great things about some of our younger members as they make their way into the business world. Ashgrove's rich history in the legal fraternity stretches back generations to include judges, magistrates, QC's and partners of major law firms.

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Pat told the Ashgrovian "the firm has a particular culture of maintaining old style values in the modern world whilst pursuing excellence. That culture is only enhanced by employing the highest quality solicitors and paralegals. It is not surprising that a number of Ashgrove Old Boys have made their way to the firm. They bring with them the very high standards that have been learnt during a Marist education". The firm can be contacted on 07 3231 0600 or mcw@mcw.com.au



Ashgrove Old Boys at McInnes Wilson Lawyers

Back Row: Jack Marshall (2009), Jack Dunstan (2014), Ashley Dunn (2014), Finnegan McGrath (2014), Fergus Geary (2014) Patrick Meehan (2007), Jacob Owen (2006)

Front Row: Henry Hall (2008), Patrick McGrath (1987), Jack Fairweather (2007), Thomas Fairweather (2012)

MCA OBA VINTAGE BLUE AND GOLD LUNCH

On Friday August 12, 2016 a full house of 230 people attended the annual Vintage Blue and Gold Lunch at the Cyprian Pavilion and many also attended Mass in the College Chapel immediately preceding lunch.

We were fortunate to have Fr Chris Ketsore, MCA's recently appointed College Chaplain who celebrated Mass. Fr Chris was assisted by Br Roger Burke (1953). Three former Headmasters participated in the Eucharist. Br Alexis read the Epistle, Geoffrey Joy (Br Phelan) read the opening Prayer of the Faithful while Br Neville provided the musical accompaniment. Current Headmaster, Peter McLoughlin introduced proceedings and then kindly escorted the massive group on a spectacular tour of the College.

The Classes of 66 and 76 attended in huge numbers and special thanks to their respective Year co-ordinators, Bill Andrews (1966) and Tony Hogarth (1976). Bill Lenehan (1966) and Peter Sheehan (1976) joined with Philomena Apelt and Jeannine Treston with prayer readings at Mass. Deceased Old Boys from both 1966 and 1976 were also recognised. They included :

1966: Peter Costello, Michael Flynn, Bernard Hannagan, Frank Saemala, Michael Strong, Trevor Towler.

1976: Brendan Lynagh, Mark Wilkins, David Day, Brian Cole, Paul Burnett, Kim Florence, Steve O'Callaghan, Dennis Burton.

Judge Kevin Row (1946) was presented with the MCA OBA most prestigious award, the Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award. Tom Treston (1947), the inaugural recipient in 2014 detailed Kevin's involvement with MCA over his many years and Arthur's brother, Colin Apelt (1946) was able to honour Kevin with a framed certificate signifying his great achievement.

The many Old Boys present from the forties, including six foundation students and our oldest living old boy, Ray Cottrell (1946) who is approaching his 90th birthday, joined with a good contingent of Rosalie Old Boys and a representation from every decade of MCA Old Boys in giving Kevin Row a rousing ovation.

Thanks to everyone who attended for making the day so special and to MCA Community Manager Kay Wells for her amazing organisation of the day.



Left to right: Peter McLoughlin, Kev Row, Colin Apelt, Tom Treston, Dominick Melrose



Back row: Terry Casey (1965), Dan Casey (1970)
Front row: Kevin Casey (1966), Pat Casey (1972)

THOUGHTS FROM THE CLASS OF '66

Friday at the College for the Vintage Blue and Gold Lunch with a larger group of other Old Boys. Meeting old class mates, some of whose faces we hadn't seen for 50 years. Easy recognition. None of us had aged a jot since fleeing the College as soon as we finished the last 1966 public exam. Entertained our Headmaster, Geoff Joy and his wife Kate. Geoff's a sprightly octogenarian (just). Dawning realisation that he was only 12-13 years our senior when he ruled the roost at Ashgrove in 1966. Our admiration of him soared.

Dinner on Saturday night at Gambaro's restaurant near Brisbane's famous Lang Park. Private dining room for 25 Old Boys, most with partners. A super evening of great food and good wine - with all but one of us behaving ourselves. Geoff and Kate livened the party again. Old Boys from as far afield as Sydney and Cairns. So many warm comments of the ilk of "it feels like it was only yesterday ...". It was obvious that there is still something special about the camaraderie forged at Ashgrove way back before decimal currency was introduced. A few short speeches of thanks. All agreed to return for the 55th anniversary reunion. Home to bed. Hadn't been up so late for years.

Peter Draney (1966)

2016 MCA SPORT RESULTS

| Cricket | Volleyball | Swimming | Rugby | Football | Cross Country | Chess | Basketball | Tennis | Track & Field |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 st XI 3 rd | 1 st VI 3 rd | Opens 2 nd | 1 st XV 3 rd | 1 st XI 2 nd | Opens 2 nd | 1 st IV 5 th | 1 st V Premiers | 1 st IV 4 th | Opens Champions |
| 2 nd XI Premiers | 2 nd VI 2 nd | 16 years 6 th | 2 nd XV 3 rd | 2 nd XI 6 th | 16 years 2 nd | Senior A 3 rd | 2 nd V 4 th | 2 nd IV 3 rd | 16 years 2 nd |
| 3 rd XI 2 nd | 3 rd VI 7 th | 15 years 3 rd | 3 rd XV 2 nd | 3 rd XI 4 th | 15 years 7 th | Senior B 1 st | 3 rd V Premiers | 3 rd IV 3 rd | 15 years 2 nd |
| 4 th XI Premiers | 11A 7 th | 14 years Champions | 16A Premiers | 4 th XI 4 th | 14 years Champions | Inter A 2 nd | 11A 2 nd | 11A 5 th | 14 years 2 nd |
| 10A 3 rd | 11B 2 nd | 13 years Champions | 16B Premiers | 10A 2 nd | 13 years 3 rd | Inter B 3 rd | 11B 3 rd | 11B Premiers | 13 years 2 nd |
| 10B 2 nd | 10A 8 th | 12 years 3 rd | 15A 2 nd | 10B 4 th | 12 years 3 rd | Junior A 4 th | 10A 3 rd | 10A 4 th | 12 years 2 nd |
| 9A 5 th | 10B 4 th | | 15B Premiers | 10C Premiers | | Junior B 2 nd | 10B 4 th | 10B 1 st | |
| 9B 3 rd | 9A 5 th | | 15C Premiers | 9A 3 rd | | | 10C 1 st | 9A 2 nd | |
| 8A 4 th | 9B 4 th | | 9A Premiers | 9B 2 nd | | | 10D 4 th | 9B 3 rd | |
| 8B 1 st | 8A 4 th | | 9B Premiers | 9C 4 th | | | 9A 4 th | 8A 3 rd | |
| 7A 4 th | 8B 6 th | | 9C Premiers | 8A Premiers | | | 9B 2 nd | 8B 2 nd | |
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VALE TERRY CURLEY

Marist College Ashgrove and the Australian Rugby community are mourning the death on October 17, 2016 of former MCA teacher, and Wallaby Terrence Curley at the age of 78.

Terry was born in Newcastle and became a Wallabies fullback at 18 and went on to earn 11 Test caps, before retiring to enter the Marist Brothers. He had attended St. Josephs College Hunters Hill which won the Sydney GPS Rugby competition in 1955.

Terry made his Test debut at the SCG (May 25, 1957), twelve days before his 19th birthday against the formidable All Blacks and then played the second test (June 1, 1957) at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground. His performances earned him selection for the Wallabies tour to Great Britain where he starred in 34 matches throughout Britain, France and America, including all five Tests.

In 1958, Terry toured NZ with the Wallabies and in the Second Test at Christchurch, the Wallabies won 6-3. Terry Curley had kicked a lineout penalty just before halftime. The 20-year-old Terry Curley had an immaculate game at fullback and continually stemmed the tide when the All Blacks threatened. Terry Curley was adjudged by the experts to have given one of the greatest fullback displays in Wallaby history. Terry Curley continued his brilliant form in the Third Test at Auckland, then retired prematurely to go into the Marist Brothers. Many could not understand this extraordinary decision which was so life-changing and involved great sacrifice.

1965 was his first year at Ashgrove and his first teaching appointment after he was professed as a Marist Brother. He was Sportsmaster from 1965-70 and was an excellent teacher of Chemistry. As Br. Terrence Curley he would have a profound influence on all at Ashgrove. Some of the Senior Class of 65 remembered him fondly.

Robert Keating (65): "As a 17 year old to have a Chemistry teacher of such an international reputation and interesting story of commitment was quite amazing and inspiring. We could not understand why he gave up such an exciting international rugby career to follow his calling to dedicate his life to serving us but even in his first year of teaching he gave so much of himself and what he believed in i.e. the Marist Brothers ethos and pursuit of individual excellence in whatever you tried to achieve.

Whether you agreed with his style or not it certainly made you think and form an opinion.

He along with many of the Brothers from my time at Ashgrove had an amazing impact on my life. May he rest in peace."

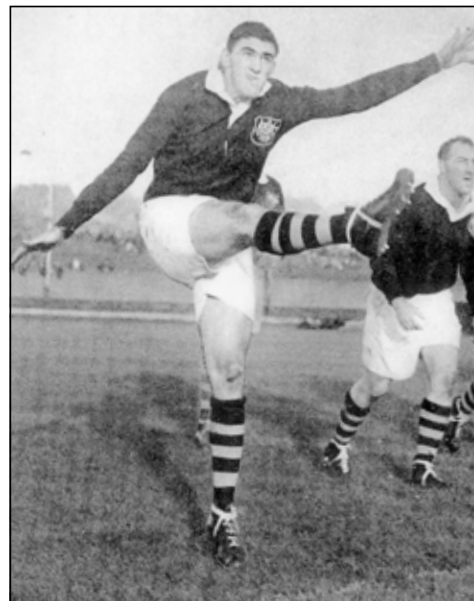
Laurie Ceccato (65): "I have very fond memories of Terry's cricket training. We would regularly go for 5 mile runs and at training we would do half hour fitness training before we could touch a cricket ball. I am sure his coaching methods helped in securing the 1st XI and 1st XV Premierships."

Bryan Dollar (65): "He drove us to seek perfection."

David L'Estrange (66): "Many enjoyed his time at Ashgrove, including his very strong views on life, and I include myself am one who benefitted greatly from my contact with him and his support at and after my time at the college."

Throughout his six years at MCA he coached many sporting premierships. The Annual Blue and Gold Magazines have recorded many of his thought provoking and motivating statements which enriched our lives and raised the bar to achieve incredible sporting successes. Some classic examples from the years 1965-70 include;

1965: 1st XV Premiers. Praise for the standard of Rugby could be no better summarized than in the comment of John



Left to right: Bob Wood, Trevis McEwen, Charlie Kramer and Terry Curley

VALE TERRY CURLEY (CONTINUED)

Thornett's "Clairvoyant" and Jules Guerassimoff's "Exhilarating and Purposeful"

1966: The 1stXV Premiers provoked the challenge and prompted the Kennedian philosophy of what the individual can do for the team, rather than what the team should do for the individual.

1967: The record of the 1st XI, in going through the cricket season undefeated was a triumph, not so much for the extraordinary cricket ability of the team, but rather for the human values the team as a whole portrayed, namely a wonderful team morale, co-operation and refusal to say "die".

1968: It could not be said that "what paralyses life is a failure to believe and failure to dare," because in all games each member tried to give that little extra to the game. (1stXI cricket MCA were Undefeated Runners-Up after one game was deemed unplayable when all other games in the competition proceeded).

1969: "And when the last great scorer writes against our name, he writes not that we won or lost, but how we played the game. (Sir Henry Newbolt)"

After the 1st XV recorded a Co-Premiership. In this life, man has all but too few opportunities to do something great. Each encounter has to be so treated as such an opportunity.

1970: "Our lives are what our thoughts make them."

Successful rugby only comes from successful thinking.

How fortunate we were to be educated by this great man who inspired everyone to strive to be the best they could be.

When David L'Estrange (66) and Bill Andrews (66) travelled to Mittagong where he was in a care facility in May 2016, they were told that Terry had little time to live. He remained strong and philosophical about his situation saying that he had a very good life and that it was his time. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Libby at this sad time.

MCA OLYMPIC REPRESENTATIVES NEWS



ARTHUR APELT MEMORIAL SERVICES AWARD TO KEVIN ROW BY TOM TRESTON

The depression and the years of WW2 were the background to his childhood and adolescence, but it was family, friends and Marist boarding school which were strong influences in Kevin Frank Charles Row's life as he transitioned from country boy to respected Barrister and Judge.

He was born at Gympie on 27th November 1929 to parents Frank Alban (Ab) Row and Vera Margaret (nee Crank). Kevin's early years were spent at Tewantin and Cooroy where he and his older sister (Noela Catherine) lived a carefree life with a large extended family living nearby. Both of his parents were keen tennis players and that background later helped him when he came to Ashgrove. In 1945 he and 3 other boys won the Interschool Senior Tennis Shield with both Kevin and Neil Pedrazzini both being undefeated in their singles matches.

He attended school at Tewantin until Year 3. He then went to Cooroy school, where his mother had been enrolled during the school's inaugural year. He rode a horse to school. He went to St Joseph's in Nambour in his Scholarship year (1942). It was run by the Good Samaritan sisters.

In the early 1940s, the very new St. Mary's at Ashgrove was proactive in recruiting students. The Principal, Brother Ignatius, travelled to country areas in his green Tetraplane to invite Catholic families to send their sons to the College. Kevin was enrolled in 1943 as a boarder, the College having moved to Eagle Heights. He was given the duty of Sacrist and so was privileged to be boarded in the old garage with senior boys. Many Beaudesert boys came to Eagle Heights, one of them being Tom Kassulke who was later to become Best Man at Kevin's wedding. Kevin chipped a tooth while boxing at Eagle Heights. He recalls the trip to Mr. Sneesby (a dentist in George Street) with Br. Ignatius having one hand on the steering wheel along the very narrow winding road with the other hand clutching his Rosary.

As we know, the College shifted back to Ashgrove in 1945. Kevin excelled both academically and at sport (swimming excluded), despite his young age – he was not quite 17 years when he finished Senior. He was a member of the First XI (as first change bowler), who were undefeated Premiers. He was in the Athletic team, running in the 100 and 200 yard events, and was a member of the relay team.

He played outside centre in the 1st XIII (in one match he scored 4 tries).

Although beaten in their first match in 1945, they became Premiers and they were undefeated Premiers in 1946. After he left school he played Union with the Maristionians, a club which Br. Cyprian established. I believe they won the "B" Grade competition in 1948 but perhaps promotion of the team to First Grade led to the demise of the Club.

On leaving school, he worked for three months in the PMG before transferring to the Commonwealth Crown Solicitor's Office. He did Arts and Law degrees at UQ and on completing his degrees was admitted to the Bar on 16th December 1952. He had a very successful career at the Bar and was appointed a Judge of the District Court on 4th February 1980. He was appointed Judge of the Local Government Court and spent a great deal of his time on the Bench in that jurisdiction. He retired on 12th July 1994. He was, and still is, immensely proud of the fact that at one stage there were more Judges on the Federal, Supreme and District Courts who were Old Boys of Ashgrove than there were Old Boys of both Nudgee and Terrace combined!!!

Kevin always involved himself in Old Boys activities in earlier years. The 1956 Blue and Gold contains the following report – "An informal meeting, instigated by Br. Peter Carrick, was held in May. At this meeting a temporary committee was formed to organise the first Annual General Meeting of the Old Boys' Association. Vigorous efforts by this committee, especially by Kevin Row (and two others) were amply rewarded by an attendance of over 80 at the AGM held on August 17th...."

Needless to say, Kevin became one of the Committee members. He was the one largely responsible for drafting the Constitution. He was determined that the term of President should be limited to two consecutive years (was this because the President of the OBA of another College was in office for many, many years?) Kevin became President of the OBA in 1957. He remembers working with Br. Peter Carrick on Art Unions in the small room at the back of the Chapel, which was then on the ground floor of the Tower Block.

He had a very special role in the production of "Canvas of Dreams". He was Chairman of a committee charged with the task of researching and collating all of the material which was available. The Committee met monthly at the College for up to a year. The meetings were followed by dinner in the Brothers' dining room. He says that the publication had a gestation period of at least two years. He approached the person who had worked on the Joeys book with a request that he edit it, but had no success.

Brother Christopher then took a hand and persuaded Brother Mark Farrelly to take on the tedious job. Thankfully, he embraced the project enthusiastically. Needless to say, Kevin was still very much involved with meetings and carrying out his own research. He had particular assistance from Dan Flynn who, as Secretary to the Archdiocese, provided access to archives, to John Brosnan for his recollections of Beaudesert (as you know, many Beaudesert boys attended the College), and to Val Pearson (assistant Music Teacher at the College who became John's wife) for her insight into behind the scenes life at the College. Of course, there are many others who assisted Kevin and Mark Farrelly and they are named in the Preface to the book.

It was a major undertaking under Kevin's overall supervision and with his very direct involvement. The culmination was the launching of the book on 1st June 1990.

The launch took place at a special dinner at the College attended by many members of the P & F, Old Boys and their wives, and other College supporters. Kevin was successful in arranging for the Governor of Queensland, Sir Walter Campbell, to launch the book. Kevin must have prevailed upon the Governor to take great interest in the book as he gave an excellent resume of it.

Shortly prior to the launch (22nd May 1990) Br Mark Farrelly, wrote the following note to Kevin, recognising his great contribution to the production of 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 the 29th July 1991 the Marist Brothers welcomed Kevin into the Australian Marist Affiliation. The Provincial at the time was that great friend of ours, Br. Alexis. He has recently written along these lines about Kevin:

Kevin has always been in that special group of quiet, solid and very loyal Old Boys. His involvement as a student, and as an Old Boy has been very comprehensive. His student days were filled with study and sport. As an ex-student, he took particular pride in noting College successes when compared to some of the more "prestigious" Catholic or Independent Schools of the time. That did not change when he graduated to Old Boy and parent ranks. When he took on a task such as the leadership of the Old Boys and the promotion of the College, it was well done. He was one of those who saw the need of a College History and despite initial setbacks, with his typical (legal?) persistence and thoroughness, Canvas of Dreams became a reality. Kevin is one of the pillars that make up the edifice that is our Marist Ashgrove odyssey.

Throughout his life, Kevin maintained a very close connection with many of his classmates. In his profession, and as a Judge, he travelled to a number of centres in Queensland. He always made contact with John Brosnan in Cairns, Ron Leong in Townsville, Charlie Barbagallo in Innisfail and Ray Cottrell in different towns and cities where Ray happened to be working. Of course, he frequently saw Brisbane class mates Bill Roberts, Kevin Osborne, and Tom Kassulke as well as other Old Boys Dan Flynn and Jock Murdoch. The Marist spirit was always very important to him.

Kevin married Vondell Cruden, whose brother Alf was a first day pupil of the College. Sadly Vondell died in 2004. Their only son Christopher attended Ashgrove from 1968 to 1975. Kevin has since married Veronica Rosen, who herself is the mother of two Ashgrove Old Boys.

I am sure all will agree that Kevin Row's 70 plus years of close association and effort on behalf of the College and the Old Boys warrants his receiving the Arthur Apelt Award for 2016.

MICHAEL BOHL (1979) OLYMPIC SWIMMING COACH

Michael Bohl (1979) is married to Cate, and has two daughters, Georgia and Charlotte. MCA has played a major part in his Swimming success. As a coach, he is a great communicator, but it's not all sunshine and rainbows. As a squad member reflected: "If you have a crap session, he'll let you know, but most of all he listens. He is a really good guy."

Our thanks to Michael Bohl and Mike Colman (Q-Weekend, Courier-Mail) for helping us present Michael's incredible story and extraordinary achievements so far. The MCA OBA is very proud of Michael and are privileged to acknowledge his success below:

"THE RISE AND RISE OF MICHAEL BOHL!"

Michael Bohl grew up in the middle of four sisters in the Brisbane inner-Northern suburb of The Grange. Michael was a typical knockabout youngster until struck down with a virus that robbed him of 90% of vision in one eye. The family doctor advised against ever playing contact sport in case his good eye was damaged. Bohl's father, George, a giant of a man who was desk sergeant at Brisbane Watchhouse had played 1st XV GPS rugby for three years before joining the Police Force. He didn't like the idea of his only son sitting on the sidelines while others played sport, so at the age of seven, he took him to Cheryl Kensett's swim squad at Wilston State School.



Cheryl Kensett had represented Australia in the 400m freestyle at the 1962 Commonwealth Games in Perth, WA and didn't take long to realise she had something special on her hands. Michael had everything, the physique, the determination but at this stage it was important he shouldn't be pushed too heavily, too early. He was sent on to Ron Johns at Centenary Pool, Spring Hill after about 3 weeks and for the next two years Ron Johns brought him along slowly.

Michael enrolled at Marist College Ashgrove as a Year 4 student in 1971 and around this time he started training seriously and needed a heated pool where he could train all year round. Bohl's parents moved him to the Fortitude Valley pool, to be coached first by John Rigby and later Bill Sweetenham. While Michael's school mates at Marist College Ashgrove were also immersed in their Rugby and Cricket, Swimming was also in their sights and their goal of Champion TAS school would be achieved in Michael's 1979 Senior year under his captaincy.

"Most memorable from my time at Ashgrove was the camaraderie within the College, especially from within our cohort. Our final year, 1979 was the year Ashgrove won the Swimming, Cricket, Athletics and Rugby for the first time. Swimming had always eluded us because of St. Laurence's domination since 1956, but 1979 was the first time we ever won the aggregate to be champion TAS school.

But, back to 1971 and as a Year 4 Gold student, Michael would become U9 Age Champion and be instrumental in the Greens winning the Intra-School Swimming Carnival which they also retained the following year. Amazingly, Michael's new College record of U9 50m freestyle of 34.3 seconds was close to John Moore's 1941 Open record of 34 seconds while Michael's new U9 50 m Breaststroke record (46.4 seconds) eclipsed John Moore's 1941 Open record by 4.1 seconds! In perspective though, standards had improved markedly in that thirty year period as professional coaching became more prevalent. In that same year 1971, Fred Lizzio broke the Open College 50m Freestyle record swimming 28.4 seconds while Peter Nilsson (39.4 seconds) broke Bryan Meehans U15 50m Breaststroke from the year before.

Michael Bohl's fine performances continued in 1972, rewriting the College records (6 new records) as well as setting 6 new records in the Combined Catholic Colleges Carnival with his 6 first places! Once again Michael was College U10 years Age Champion. Michael would become Age Champion in all 9 years he attended Ashgrove. In 1973, Michael attained 5 first and set 5 new CCC records. Ashgrove finished Runners-Up to SLC (270-259) but won the U11 and U12 CCC shields. These were MCA's first shields since the CCC was formed in 1958. Similarly in 1974, Ashgrove would retain the U12 shield as Champion CCC school.

In 1975, Michael contested the Australian Age Group Championships in Adelaide. There was "Swimming Glitter" celebrations when he returned with 3 wins in the 12 years and under, 200 m individual medley, 200 m breaststroke, and 100m backstroke. At the 1976 TAS Carnival, Michael provided the team's best performance winning the U14 100 m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly and the Open 400 m freestyle. Michael would win every individual stroke in U15 at TAS the following year, 1977. Once again he returned victorious from the Australian

MICHAEL BOHL (1979) OLYMPIC SWIMMING COACH

Age Championships winning 4 individual events in the 13-14 years, 200 m butterfly, 100 m Backstroke, 200 m Backstroke and 200 m Individual Medley. In 1978, Michael was in Year 11 and celebrated training in MCA's new 50 metre pool gaining 5 first places in the TAS Open Division, all College records and 3 of them TAS records.

Most of the events and times of 1978 were significantly lowered in 1979 as were the Open Freestyle (1.47.36) and Medley relays (2.04.52) which he anchored home. For the first time since the inception of TAS in 1956, Ashgrove would win the Aggregate Championship with Michael, fittingly squad Captain. This set the scene for the many TAS/AIC Championships that have followed.

1978

100 m Freestyle 57.72 – (College record)
100m Breaststroke 1.15.06 – (College record)
100m Backstroke 1.04.21 – (TAS record)
100m Butterfly 1.02.09 – (TAS record)
400m Freestyle 4.20.09 – (TAS record)

1979

100 m Freestyle 57.64 – (College record)
100m Breaststroke 1.12.91 – (College record)
100m Backstroke 1.02.59 – (TAS record)
100m Butterfly 1.02.33 – (TAS record)
400m Freestyle 4.20.85

In the years preceding Michael's amazingly successful performances for MCA, it's interesting to note the steady improvement from the early 60's at TAS especially in the 100 m Breaststroke and 100m-400 m freestyle.

In 1962, Open 100 m breaststroke Rodney Tabrett swam 1 min 26 sec. Open freestyle Brian Allingham 1 min 6 sec , U16 100 m freestyle John Sontag 1 min 3.9 sec. 400 m freestyle John Sontag 5 min 10 sec.

In 1969, Open 100m Breaststroke Sam Bonanno swam 1min 20 sec. 200 m Freestyle Ross Newman 2 mins 34.4 sec. U16 100m freestyle, James Houston 1 min 3.2 sec and 200m freestyle 2 mins 25.7 secs and 400 m freestyle James Houston (U16) 5 mins 20 seconds.

As expected, all Michael's school swimming records have been lowered in the intervening years to today. Aaron Bourke (94), a Commonwealth Games representative to Canada in 1994 is still the holder of the school freestyle record for 100 m 52.17, 200 m 1.51.65 and 400 m 3.57.29 while Sebastian Leavy MCA Grade 10 student swimming in the U15 National Age Group Titles swam extraordinary times in 100m Breaststroke 1min 5.23 sec , 200m Breaststroke 2min22.9 secs and 50m Breaststroke in 29.86 secs.!! Michael set the standard and the swimmers of Ashgrove have responded impressively!

Michael was effusive in his praise for MCA and his fellow students and Teachers:

“Sport was a high priority at MCA and the staff and fellow students were very supportive throughout the years I attended, 1971-79.



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In Primary School, Mr. Bob McCosker, Jack Eales ('I'm going to come down on you like a ton of bricks, son!'), Alan Clarke, Graham Lawson, Mrs Monsour and Br. William, the number 1 supporter of swimming! From secondary years, Br. Paul McQuillan, Derek Cameron, Br. Kenneth, Br. Alexis, Mr. Paul Pattinson (coach), Brian Lindsay, Peter Spensley, Heath Chandler, Neville Solomon, Mick Gubbins, Barry Honan, Mrs Lynn Rive, Br Hugh, Br. Peter Corr (pretty sure he gave me my one and only 6 of the best for supplying the boarders with tobacco and tally ho! – but it didn't hurt!!) Being absorbed into the great football tradition that Ashgrove had over the years and watching players go on to represent Queensland and Australia has been a highlight for me. Watching the Rugby teams, especially the firsts was a fond memory. Brendan Moon playing football and running at TAS Athletics was very memorable. A great memory for was when I had two races, back to back at TAS Swimming and Fr. Tom Moloney, who was the announcer, beefed up all the announcements between my back to back races to give me more time to recover. It was most appreciated at the time by me, and I'm still not sure whether the other schools were awake as to what was happening! Thanks Fr. Tom!"

AFTER SCHOOL

In 1979, aged 17, Michael made his first Australian team on a tour to Japan and the U.K. He returned confident of making the Moscow Olympics in backstroke and medley, but 1980 was not a good time to be a swimmer in Australia. With the USA boycotting the Games over Russia's invasion of Afghanistan and the Australian Government pressuring individual athletes to pull out, the Australian Olympic Committee selected a team of only 17 swimmers, rather than the usual 30-plus. Despite finishing second in his qualifying events, Bohl was cruelly left at home. Despondent, he considered quitting the sport but grabbed a lifeline in the shape of a scholarship offer from Southern Illinois University in the USA. He returned after two years and joined the star-studded squad of the charismatic Laurie Lawrence in time to make the team for the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games. Michael swam in the 200 m Individual medley final, placing fifth. It was won in world record time by Canadian Alex Baumann.

Bohl had a second crack at making the Olympic team for the 1984 Los Angeles Games. Michael was ranked top in Australia in three events and 100% committed to making that Olympic team. "I just swam terribly at the trials. I think I was third, fourth, fifth. I put too much pressure and expectation of myself because I was so pissed off about missing that last one. It still eats at me today. That's what's made Georgia making the Rio Olympics team extra special. You learn a lesson and it's helped me as a coach. You want to get your swimming up for the big events, but not too much. It's finding that balance."

In 1987, after a stint at the AIS where he met his wife Cate Welch, a track sprinter, Bohl gave up swimming, returned to Brisbane, waited tables and enrolled in teachers college. Cheryl Kensett was coaching at the Queensland University Pool and was determined to hand over her squad to the right person. The day of the big, rough, tough, brutish coach was over. Michael with his more contemporary demeanour, intelligence and patience was ideal.

His first Australian representative was Angus Waddell, who won a Silver medal at the 1990 Auckland Commonwealth Games in the 50 metre freestyle. Two years later, Waddell and Darren Lange became his first Olympians when they made the team for Barcelona. The foundations for the medal factory were being laid, but Bohl says in his mind the results were never measured only by how high on the podium his swimmers stood.

"I've always had the philosophy, whoever comes in you just do the best

COACHING

1987

University of Queensland, St Lucia

1989

St Peters Lutheran College

1990

QUT, Gardens Point

1991 - 2002

Queensland Director of Coaching

2002 - 2003

Saudi Arabian National Head Coach

2003 - 2016

St Peters Lutheran College,
Indooroopilly

NATIONAL TEAM

1991

Pan Pacific Games, Canada

1992

Olympic Games, Barcelona (Angus Waddell, Darren Lange)

1995

World Cups Europe

1996

Olympic Games not me but 2 swimmers (Ian Van Der Wal and Glen Housman)

1997

World Cups Europe, USA Youth Meets, World Short Course Championships - Sweden

1999

World Cups Europe

2001

Mare Nostrum, Europe

2003

Mare Nostrum, Europe

2004

Olympic Games - not me but Nicholas Sprenger (Silver Medal) World Open Water Championships Egypt Brendan Capell Gold Medal

2005

World Championships , Montreal (Nicholas Sprenger) World Short Course Championships

2006

Commonwealth Games Melbourne (Stephanie Rice - 2 Gold) World Open Water Championships Josh SantaCaterina Gold Medal

2007

World Championships Melbourne (Stephanie Rice - 2 Bronze)

2008

Olympic Games, Beijing (Stephanie Rice - 3 Gold, 3 WR / Meagen Nay, Nicholas Sprenger)

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possible job you can. From the best swimmer in the group to the worst, these kids are getting up at the five o'clock to come in and train. They're doing everything you're asking them to do so you've got to feel that responsibility."

These days Bohl has access to hi-tech sports science that coaches such as Don Talbot, Laurie Lawrence and even the forward thinking pioneer Forbes Carlile could never have dreamed of. But for all the statistics and printouts and sessions with the QAS scientists, at Bohl's medal factory it's still about body and mind. Hard work and self-belief.

"If they don't believe they're a chance of doing something, they're not going to get there. You can have them so well-conditioned, so well primed, but if they truly don't believe, it's really hard for them to get the best of themselves."

In 2003, two monumental events came together to secure the future of Michael Bohl's medal factory. First St. Peter's Lutheran College offered him the position of head swim coach. As well as having access to the school's superb facilities for his club squads, he now runs their school program, his reputation and expertise attracting international students from as far away as Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong plus all states of Australia. "if it wasn't for the school, I couldn't afford to coach in Australia," citing big offers from Spain and Saudi Arabia.

The second event was when a 15 year old girl named Stephanie Rice arrived at training. The best coaches have at least one champion with whom they will always be associated. Carlile had Shane Gould, Talbot first made his reputation with the Konrads "twins", John and Ilsa, and Lawrence will always be remembered for his reaction in the stands when Duncan Armstrong won gold.

In Beijing, when Rice ruled the Olympic aquatic centre known as the "Ice Cube", by winning both the 200m and 400m medleys in world record time, she took Bohl to the top of his profession. From then on, theirs would be a partnership written in the pages of sporting history.

In Rio de Janeiro, 2016, 37 Australian swimmers competed, but no other coach had a squad so large as Bohl's. Seven swimmers this year; in London four years ago he had nine, in Beijing in 2008, only three, but one was triple gold medallist and Female Swimmer of the Meet, Stephanie Rice. It's a record that puts him in elite company, alongside the likes of Don Talbot, who also had seven swimmers including gold medallists Bob Windle and Kevin Berry, on the team at the Tokyo Olympics in 1964, and Bohl's own former coach and mentor, Laurie Lawrence who had eight at Seoul in 1988, including 200metre freestyle champion, Duncan Armstrong.

If sports historians wanted to illustrate a chart mapping the development of swim coaching in this country over the past half century, they could do worse than use images of these three: gruff hard-taskmaster Talbot; master motivator Lawrence and the latest model, Bohl, who combines elements of both his predecessors, along with his own ingredient, described by his first coach as "contemporary demeanour".

As Michael Bohl says

"Australian Swimming is in a good state as we have great swimmers, facilities are improving all the time and corporate sponsorship is getting better. We have a great tradition for swimming in Australia and hopefully it continues into the future".

If Michael Bohl (79) continues to steer the ship, we have no doubt it will!

Footnote: At the Rio Olympics, Michael would meet up again with Alex Baumann. Alex's son Ashton swam for Canada in the 200m Breaststroke. Georgia Bohl would swim in the women's 200m and 100m Breaststroke for Australia!

2009

World Championships Rome
(Stephanie Rice Silver, Bronze, Meagen Nay Bronze, Kenrick Monk

2010

Pan Pacs California, Commonwealth Games Delhi (Meagen Nay Gold, Ryan Napoleon 2 Gold, Kenrick Monk Gold

2011

World Championships Shanghai Mitch Larkin, Steph Rice, Meagen Nay, Ryan Napoleon, Kenrick Monk, Tae Hwan Park (Korea Gold, Silver)

2012

Olympic Games, London (Bronte Barratt Silver/ Bronze - Leisel Jones Silver - Stephanie Rice - Tae Hwan Park 2 Silver - Nick D'Arcy - Kenrick Monk - Ryan Napoleon - Ned McKendry - Mitch Larkin - Meagen Nay

2013

World Championships Barcelona (Bronte Barratt , Mitch Larkin , Meagen Nay, Ned McKendry

2014

Commonwealth Games Glasgow - Madison Wilson, Mitch Larkin (Gold Silver Medals) Bronte Barratt Gold Silver Medals Madeline Groves (Bronze) Grant Irvine Silver

2015

World Championships Kazan - Mitch Larkin 2 Gold 1Silver / Madison Wilson Silver / Bronte Barratt Silver Emma McKeon 2 Silver / Madeline Groves/ Grant Irvine

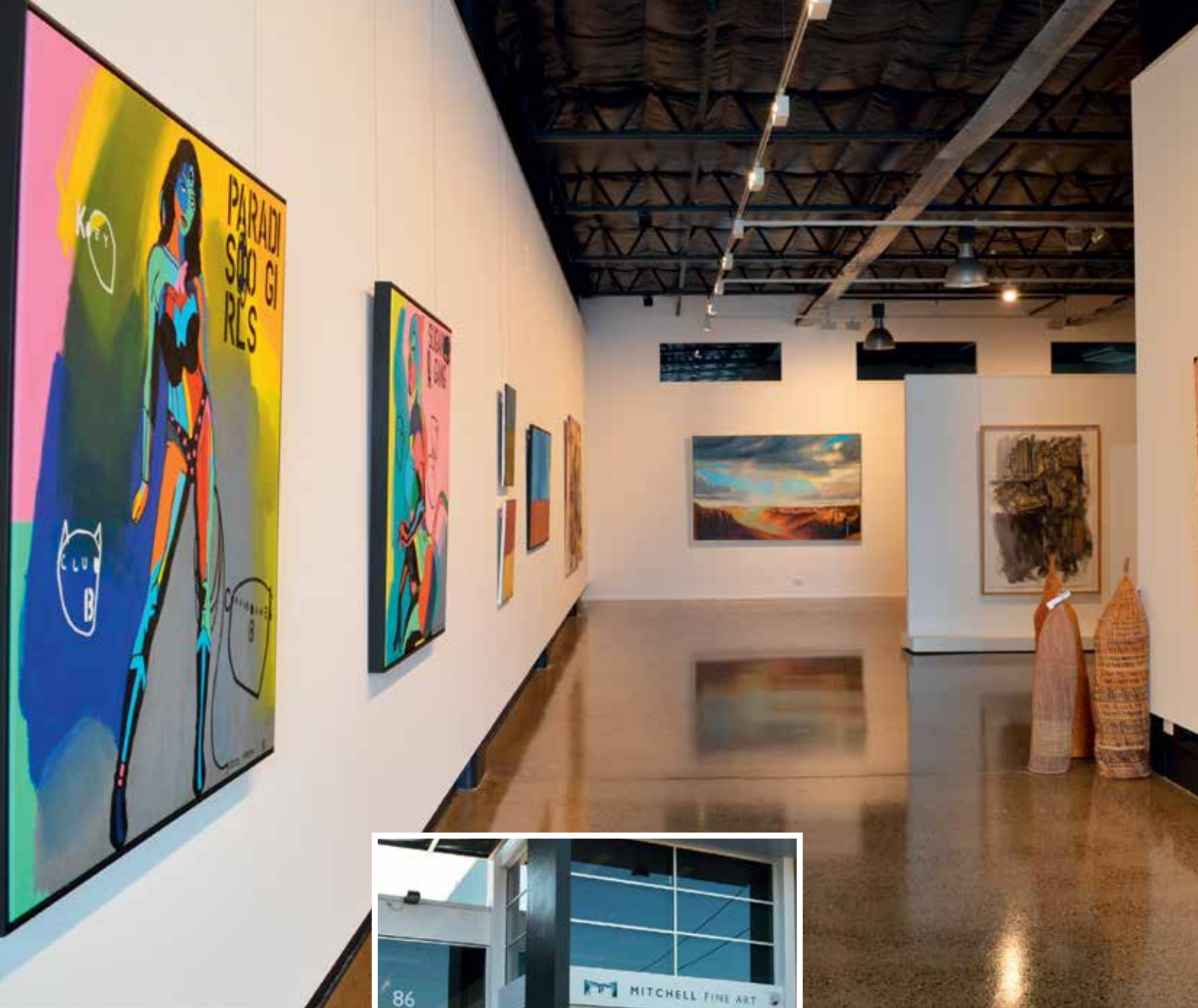
2016

Olympic Games Rio - Madison Wilson, Madeline Groves, Georgia Bohl, Bronte Barratt, Emma McKeon, Mitch Larkin, Grant Irvine

Gold - Madison Wilson, Emma McKeon

Silver - Mitch Larkin, Madeline Groves x 2, Bronte Barratt, Madison Wilson, Emma McKeon x 2

Bronze - Emma McKeon, Mitch Larkin



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