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MARIST, ROSALIE NEWSLETTER

Age Quod Agis – whatever you do, do it wholeheartedly and well

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FOREWORD

This will be our last Newsletter for 2021 so it is an appropriate time to wish you and your family a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Who would have thought as we reach the end of the 2021 year and approach the beginning of 2022, we would still be battling our third year of the Covid-19 pandemic? Hopefully, we will avoid a further major crisis from another variant and our global citizens have a sense of urgency in staying safe through immunisation. We must be vigilant and cautious. The simple act of handwashing will fight germs and risk of infection from viruses. There is no doubt 2020 and 2021 have been tumultuous years for many of us. This includes members of our family, loved ones, close friends, and associates. Many people have lost their jobs, been affected financially, and suffered severe health problems because of the pandemic.

OUR ASSOCIATION

In the calendar year 2021 your committee has completed an extraordinary amount of work. Our achievements included:

- **The creation of a new Old Boys Web site which is now live.**
- **Distributed approximately 150 Rosalie Jerseys.**
- **Co-ordinated with Marist Ashgrove to hold a Rosalie Tribute Match.**
- **Organised members of Rosalie 1st XV for 1960-1961, 1970-1971 and 1980-1981 teams to attend the Marist Sportsmen's Lunch at the Cyprian Pavilion.**
- **Expanded the database to include over 1,300 active members.**
- **Grown the database to a total of over 3,200 members in total.**

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THE FUTURE OF OUR ASSOCIATION AND ROSALIE

In the future the baton for running the Rosalie Old Boys' Association needs to be passed to the younger guys. Currently, we have four enthusiastic guys from the younger generation on the Management Committee. We want to reach out to past students who have skills that would be valuable to the Association.

This month we have forwarded a letter to members of the Old Boys' Association asking Old Boy members if they have skills that would help us to put their hands up and lighten the load for members of the Management Committee. If you have those skills we need, please give us a few hours of your time each week.

If you believe you can add value to the Association, we want to hear from you. The guys we currently have are dynamic, keen and knowledgeable. We are very fortunate to have them.

We live in a world where Information Technology, social media and Communication is paramount to any organisation to reach out to its contacts.

This is particularly true even for a small organisation such as Rosalie. We are looking for someone with database management skills that can help us move forward as we grow our membership.

Our current systems need reviewing and we need to change some of the tools we are using for management of our membership system.

We are hoping that some of our past students can help us. Those persons need not necessarily sit on the Management Committee and can act in a development role and provide us with guidance and apply their technical skills to update the current applications we are using and recommend alternative ones if necessary

If you are that person, please feel free to contact Jim Griffith on 0419 715 697.

Marist College Rosalie has a significant role in the future of education in Queensland. There is definitely unfinished business for the school. **Hindsight vision shows that the school should never have closed.** The school's history shows us it was entitled to have been part of the evolution of Catholic Education in Brisbane.

The Rosalie of the future might look different to its past, but it is important the history of our great school lives on for future generations.

We remain optimistic that this CAN happen. We need external organisations to give us on-going support to make the dream come true. None of us can make it alone.

WE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGE YOUNGER GUYS TO PUT UP THEIR HANDS AND BE INVOLVED.

Jim Griffith

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

The second AGM of the Marist Rosalie Old Boys' Association since re-incorporation in 2020.

Financial Report

The accounts for 2020/2021 were presented by Richard Marszalek.

Summary:

Total Income & Gross Profit	**$13,293.78 (major source of income was jersey sales $9,330.00)**
Total Expenses	**$13,241.70**
Net Surplus	**$79.08**

NOTE: An account for of $2,656.50 for the cost of ties was paid in this year (YE 6/21) but relates to income from the year ending 30 June 2020.

Election of Management Committee

The committee for the coming twelve months includes:

- President - James (Jim) Griffith
- Secretary – Jaccie Dawson
- Treasurer - Richard Marszalek
- Committee - Tony Farrell, Josh Kindred, Hien Le, Alex Pringle and Owen Strath

Strategic Direction of The Marist Rosalie Old Boys' Association.

Committee member Josh Kindred outlined a summary of our "Strategic Direction". This was discussed with the Management Committee at recent meetings. It highlighted what we want to achieve in the future. The new Committee will be working in the same direction.

There is a spirit and a feeling that the Old Boys must be relevant in today's world and for its members.

The 'Rosa Spirit' is alive amongst the Old Boy's. Contact must be maintained as there is no current 'Rosalie' school. Many Old Boys are disillusioned about the decision to close the school. We cannot live in the past and we must look to the future.

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Raffle

Anthony Collins, Ashgrove Old Boys' Association Treasurer attended the AGM to draw a raffle; the prize being a large esky with the Rosalie badge on it. The winner was Rob Harris who is pictured proudly displaying his prize; As you can see, he is ably assisted by one of his long-time drinking buddies, Mike Allen.

I am certain the esky will be put to good use on Robert's luxury boat as he navigates the waters off the coast of Yeppoon.

Rosalie College Captains' Lunch: The Marist Centre	**21ST January 2022**
Old Boys' Sports Day and Lunch Cyprian Pavilion	**30th April 2022**
Marist Rosalie Rugby Tribute Match Ashgrove vs Villanova	**14th May 2022**
Rosalie School Re-union	**TBA**
Marist Vintage Lunch Cyprian Pavilion	**12th August 2022**
Rosalie End of Year Lunch	**TBA**

IMPORTANT DATES – 2022

MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

January	**15th. 2022**
March	**19th. 2022**
May	**22nd. 2022**
July	**16th. 2022**
September	**17th. 2022**
November	**26th. November**

Venues where meetings are convened may vary depending on availability.

If you wish to attend Management Meetings as an observer you are most welcome. You will not be entitled to vote on motions.

Should you wish to present a business case for consideration by the Management Committee this must be submitted in writing to the Secretary 14 days before the scheduled meeting.

We encourage ideas that a are beneficial to our Association. If there is a cost involved, we would request that an estimate also be included as part of the submission.

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ROSALIE WEBSITE

The Rosalie Old Boys' website now been up and running for well over three months and is fast becoming the hub of information for our old school. Creating the website has been a resounding success.

As we move forward it is important that members who have access to the internet visit the site regularly. We will rely on the internet as our principal means of communication with our members.

It is easier and allows us to get information to members quickly. It makes us informative and responsive to our members.

We are fast approaching the 2,000 marks of individual visitors to the site since its inception. Below is a breakdown of some statistics between 20th of October - 18th. November.

What we do not know who the actual visitors to the site are. We need Old Boys to contact us and register their details so that we can contact them directly.

The intention is to keep the Rosalie Old Boys' website refreshed and updated regularly. We do not want to wait until the Newsletter is distributed to members every quarter. This enables members to be informed about what is happening with Rosa currently. **Please visit the website often.**

The URL for connection to the home page is **www.rosalieoldboys.com.au**

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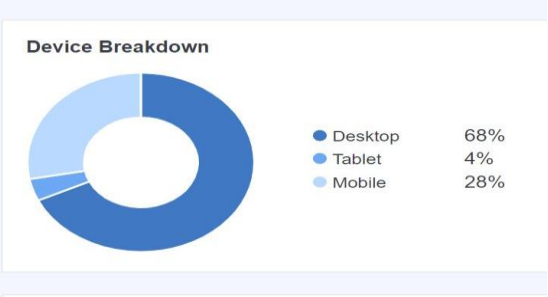

Top 10 Countries

1.	Australia	124
2.	United States	46
3.	Japan	26
4.	United Kingdom	3
5.	Canada	2
6.	Spain	2
7.	South Korea	1
8.	Mexico	1
9.	Netherlands	1
10.	Singapore	1

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PETER FEGAN – Rosalie Memories and Beyond

We have received the following story from 9 Network Journalist and Presenter, Peter Fegan. As you can see Peter has received prestigious awards in his chosen field. We are proud of Peter, as we are, of all Rosalie "Old Boys". We welcome more articles like this from past students.

If you turn on the Channel 9 News you will often see Peter proudly displaying the colours of Rosa in his tie.

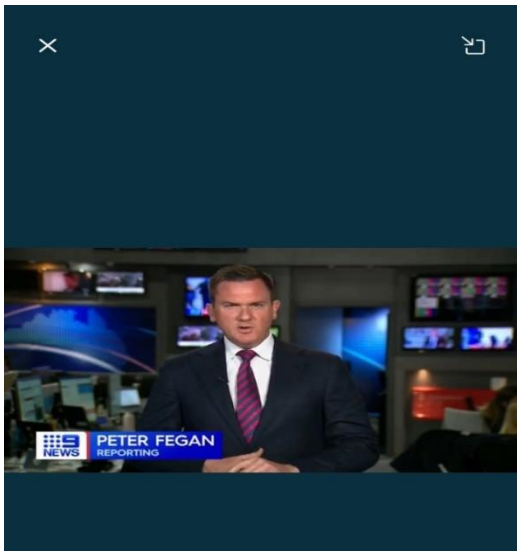
AWARDS- CLARION AWARD – Best TV report.

CLARION AWARD – Best broadcast interview

CLARION AWARD- Queensland Journalist of the year 2021.

WALKELY AWARD NOMINATION – Best broadcast interview (Winner announced Feb next year)

Circa 1998, a group of at least 20 young, scruffy, kids sit in a line at Indooroopilly Train Station waiting for the 7:50 Nambour all stations, our destination? Milton.
Now, for many of the group, Indooroopilly was essential for our travel to school, some of us lived in the outer western suburbs, such as Kenmore, Moggill and Bellbowrie. Then there were those that had no reason to be at Indooroopilly Train station other than to catch up with their mates before school, and that's what separates Rosa Boys from the rest.



We were more than mates, we were brothers. Sure, we were banded by differing circumstances, our families were from different parts of the world, heck, we may not have even known each other that well, but we spoke and acted as if we had grown up together.

Now I have a gripping admission to make, I wasn't always a Rosalie student. My earlier secondary schooling I attended Gregory terrace. Now before you all start booing me, I want to make something very clear, I will always be a Rosa Boy. In fact, looking back, one of my greatest regrets was not asking my parents to send me to Rosalie in grade 8.

I still remember my first day. I already knew most of the year 11 and 12 kids, and when I walked through the gates for the first time, I was flanked by names already synonymous throughout the halls of Fernberg rd. Names such as O'leary, Meier, O'Donoghue, Moon, just to name a few, but I was still nervous, nonetheless. Nervous that maybe I wouldn't be baptized into the Fernberg Family, nervous I wouldn't belong, nervous I'd let the famous crest down. But it was thanks to the likes of the names mentioned that I was able to overcome the timidity, and it paved the way for 2 years that I will never, ever forget.

For the last 15 years or so, I've lived south of the border, the majority of which was spent in Sydney, where I worked as a journalist for the 7 Network.

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Recently, I've returned home to Brisbane. It was adverse circumstances that landed me back here, but now I have begun a new journey. In January I accepted a role with the 9 Network. Now at first, the transition was daunting. Re-adjusting to life in Brisbane hasn't been easy, and even know I was born in bred here, the changes to the city made it seem as if I was living in a different country.

Bouncing back from adversity can be likened to dragging a Mack Truck around with you everywhere you go, and yes there were times I thought it was too hard, that maybe I would never bounce back, I wouldn't be human if I didn't. Then one day, my prospective changed and I owe it all to a trip up Fernberg Rd.

I still remember the day as if it was yesterday. I sat in my car, parked on Fernberg Rd, staring aimlessly at the old brick building we all use to refer to as simply, 58. I'll admit, I was down. But as I sat, I started to remember my days at Rosalie. See, it was adversity that landed me at Rosa in the first place, and those feelings I had on my first day were the very feelings I was experiencing at that exact moment. It's then it dawned on me, all Rosa Boys, at one stage of their lives, stared aversity in the face, and most of us were able to overcome it, that's what defined us, that's what being a Rosa Boy was all about. None of us had it easy, but all of us were tough.

Fast forward two months to March 27 of this year, and not only did I break the biggest story of my career, but it was of the biggest stories in the country. A story so big, it threatened to change the course of Government. A Federal member of Parliament had been accused of bullying women, and I was there to tell the story. There I was, only two months earlier, the lowest I think I'd ever felt, and now I was back on top, and I owe it all to that trip up Fernberg rd.

October this year, I was named Queensland Journalist of the year, one of highest honors a journalist can receive. I have also been nominated for a Walkley Award, recognized alongside the best journalists in the nation. Working on Mt Coot-Tha, I will often drive the long way home through Rosalie. It's hard to look at the old buildings just sit there, but while Rosalie may have closed its doors, the Cerise and Blue spirit will live on for eternity.

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Peter Fegan.

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BRISBANE CATHOLIC EDUCATION

New Catholic education executive director named for Brisbane

by **MARK BOWLING**

9 November 2021

Highly-experienced educator Dr Sally Towns is to be the new executive director of Brisbane Catholic Education and will start the role next year.

With more than 26 years in teaching and school and system leadership roles Dr Towns is currently director of Catholic Schools and chief executive officer of Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Limited.

Current BCE executive director, Pam Betts, will retire on December 10 and Dr Doug Ashleigh will act as executive director until Dr Towns takes over next May.

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"In welcoming Sally, I pay great tribute to the contribution that Pam made to Brisbane Catholic Education and the Archdiocese of Brisbane for the past nine years and wish her well in the future," Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge said.

The Marist Rosalie Old Boys' Association wishes to thank Pam Betts for the support and encouragement she has given to our Association over several years. She will be regrettably missed, and we are deeply grateful for her assistance.

We look forward to working closely with Dr. Towns when she takes office in May 2022.

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OLD BOYS' SPORTS DAY

The Old Boys Sports Day is scheduled to be held **on 30th April 2022. The match being played is between Ashgrove and St. Laurence's on McMahon Oval.**

Team members who played in the 1st. XV for Ashgrove, Rosalie, and St. Laurence's in **1952, 1962, 1972 and 1982** will be invited to the annual lunch and official events on the day

We hope to see a large representation of previous players from each of the three schools.

We are encouraging Rosalie Old Boys who played in those teams to register ASAP.

Please register so you receive an official invitation. Without it, you will not be admitted to the official lunch.

All Old Boys are welcome to watch the game however the **official lunch is limited to players from those years.**

In the past we have had an excellent representation at this event and hopefully a strong Rosalie contingent will be present at the lunch and official ceremonies.

If you are a member of any of the above teams who was selected for any match during the above years, please contact the undersigned as soon as possible so an official invitation can be forwarded to you.

Please forward your details to Jim Griffith at maristrosa45@outlook.com together with the year you represented Rosalie ASAP. The deadline for registration is 31st. March 2022.

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ROSALIE TRIBUTE MATCH

For the past seven years Marist Ashgrove have been playing a **Rosalie Rugby tribute match**, usually a trial game, as a prelude to the AIC Rugby Season.

In 2021, the Trial Game was played against Sunshine Coast Grammar and we had approximately 60 past Rosalie students attend the festivities and game. The Rosa guys who were there had premium viewing from the deck of the Cyprian Pavilion.

In 2022, we are proud to announce that the 2022 Rosalie Tribue Match will be a full Premiership Game. The match will be played against **Villanova** and is **scheduled for 14th. May, 2022**. Kick-off time is yet to be confirmed.

This year we should have fewer restrictions with numbers, because of the Covid-19 vaccinations. We would like to see a bumper crowd of "Rosa Old Boys".

We will be keeping you informed as to registration requirements as we near the date of the game.

DRINK AND NIBBLIES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DECK AND A SMALL CHARGE WILL BE PAYBLE IF YOU ATTEND.

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VINTAGE MARIST LUNCH

Each year Marist Ashgrove host a vintage lunch for Old Boys' who were educated at Ashgrove and Rosalie for students who graduated forty years past from both College

In the past we have had up to fifty Rosa guys attend and while the numbers were a little lower this year due to a clash of a couple of Rosalie class lunches, we still managed to have 24 attendees.

We did have a very good representation of guys from the Classes of 1958 and 1968.

At the lunch our Old Boys' Association presented a Rosalie Jersey to the Ashgrove Head of School, Michael Newman. This Jersey will be framed and will hang in the Tower Building at the Ashgrove College.

Due to the lunch being moved from the Cyprian Pavilion where the event is usually held photos were limited and there were only a couple of shots taken on the day.

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Terry O'Sullivan, Pat Lynch and John Dallas

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REUNIONS AND BIRTHDAYS

A birthday accolade to Stan Macionis who celebrated his 70th. Birthday at Stanthorpe with some Rosalie VIPS. Many of the Class of '68 recently turned 70 this year. So, a few of them celebrated with a degustation lunch at the Qld College of Wine Tourism, Stanthorpe. **Recommended!**

Front Left- Stan Macionis, Kev Southern, Michael Forrest

Front Right-Richard Bylicki, Os Cianflone, Kev Whimp.

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CLASS OF 1971 -50TH. SCHOOL REUNION

TOP ROW (L TO R)

DEREK BULTEN, TONY {HARRY} RAND, GREG HUNTER, GERRY GLEESON, PAUL SMITH, STEVEN GOTT, ROYCE JACKSON, PAUL DONALDSON, PETER FORSTER

FRONT ROW (L TO R)

ROB WOLFE, DAVE IRWIN, DAVID HUTTON, MARTIN SILEC

ABSENTEES & APOLOGIES

GRAHAM MURRAY, NOEL TAYLOR, PETER REEVES, RAY WILLEY, KEVIN KEEFFE, GREG HOCKEY

IF YOU CHANGE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WE NEED TO BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY.

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CLASS OF 1966

Left Side (Front to back) - Alan Whimp, Richard Duczmal, Tony Crowley, Patrick Ponting, Tom Forster, Richard Marszalek, Peter Harris, Greg Stacey

Right Side (Front to back) - Brian Hooper, John Varendorff, Greg McMahon, Kef Dale, Michael Moore, Peter Rotolone, Brian Morris, Steve Cloake

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MARIST SOLIDARITY

We have been asked by Debra Hudson, Campaign Manager for Marist Solidarity to promote in our Newsletter information about a campaign they are running for Christmas to support a child with disabilities.

The Rosalie Management Committee passed a resolution to make a donation by our Association of $253. This will provide disability rehabilitation for children for a week. This is a small drop in the bucket and as our Association grows and matures, we want to help those most in need.

If you prefer to make your own personal donation, which is tax deductible you can visit the following link and donate now.

https://give-the-gift-of-care-this-christmas.raisely.com/

Who is Marist solidarity?

Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) works to ensure that all young people have access to educational opportunities.
We believe education has the power to eradicate poverty. With your help, we support grassroots movements run by local people, by empowering them to make a change in their community.
Working across Asia and the Pacific, our projects focus on providing access to education for vulnerable young people, building facilities for the future to ensure safe spaces for learning, and investing in resilience and readiness to help young people who need a little extra support to thrive in learning environments.
Together, we transform the lives of young people by raising awareness of the power of education, and the funds that make it possible.
Together, we bring hope.

You can read more on the following website

https://www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/about-us/

The Solidarity Campaign

Together, we can give the gift of care this Christmas

Many children living with a disability in Asia and the Pacific are impoverished, cannot attend school, and experience bullying and discrimination.

To help these children get the services they need now, Australian Marist Solidarity has launched a Christmas appeal.

The *Give the gift of care this Christmas* campaign will fund disability services projects in our nearest neighbouring countries.

Donating to the appeal is a gift that will change lives.

AMS has a strong history of supporting inclusive, all-access educational opportunities for vulnerable young people in Asia and the Pacific.

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Projects such as:

- the Marist Champagnat Institute in **Fiji**, which offers programs to young people with learning disabilities who have struggled to fit into mainstream schooling.
- KATILOSA in **Timor-Leste**, a program that works to improve the lives of children and youth with disabilities by catering for their needs, advocating for their human rights and educating those around them
- the Anondo Neer centre in **Bangladesh**, which enables people with a disability to receive medical care, life skill training, basic physiotherapy, literacy and numeracy education, income generating skills and opportunities for socialisation outside of their home.
- LaValla in **Cambodia**, a boarding school that caters for children and young people with physical disabilities, means children can attend primary school on site, and then stay in safe, accessible accommodation when attending the local high school.

With our supporters' help, children living with a disability in these regions will get the services they need.

By giving the gift of care this Christmas, together, we will change their lives. Funds from the campaign will provide support that means children with a disability will be able to attend school; have improved health and education outcomes, experience less discrimination; and increase their feelings of self-worth and confidence.

Donations will help children like Bopha, who is in her early teens in Cambodia.

"*I'm Bopha and I live in the north of Cambodia with my mum, dad, three sisters and two brothers. I was diagnosed with polio at a young age and now I use a wheelchair.*

I used to attend a local primary school but it was difficult because I wasn't treated well and other children discriminated against me because of my disability.

My mum and dad enrolled me into La Valla [a school funded by AMS] and it has been life changing for me. I've made lots of friends and it is much easier for me to move around easily with my wheelchair.

I completed my primary school education at La Valla and because of that I was able to graduate to high school where I'm very happy and have lots of friends.

I hope to continue to Grade 12 and study to become a primary school teacher."

Donations are tax-deductable and will help children with a disability gain the care and skills they need to achieve their potential.

Together, we can bring inclusive educational opportunities to vulnerable young people in Asia and the Pacific.

To donate, please visit the AMS website at https://www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/ or call (07) 3354 0600.

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VALE GEORGE BLAZAK

Late of Ferny Hills and formerly of Paddington and Milton.

Adored Husband of Anne, father of Paul, Adam, Darren and John and their families.

George was cherished by his family.

George was educated at Marist College, Rosalie before graduating in the 1964 Senior class.

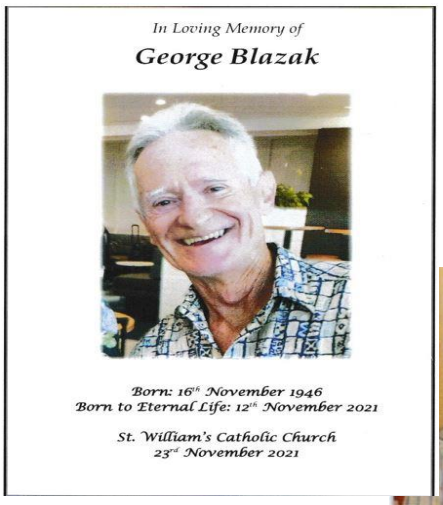
During his time at Rosalie, George was an outstanding sportsman excelling in Cricket and Athletics. In 1962, George was a member of the Senior Athletics Team that beat Ashgrove in the TAS carnival by a wide margin.

George also played for Valley District Cricket Club taking 295 wickets at an average of 14.05. George recently played Veteran's Cricket representing Queensland in the National Championships and winning two finals.

During his career George worked at the University of Queensland and was involved in ground-breaking research projects in the School of Chemistry.

The celebration of George's life was held at St. William's Catholic Church, Dawson Parade, Grovely, on Tuesday, 23rd. November.

Sadly, taken from us, but will be forever remembered and loved by all who knew him.



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Gorge Blazak Tribute - Valley Vs Norths 13th. November 2021

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