



CERISE & BLUE

MARIST, ROSALIE NEWSLETTER

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

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FOREWORD

As we approach the end of another year it is time to reflect on what has happened with The Marist Brothers Rosalie Old Boys' Association Inc. in the past twelve months.

We are all still fighting Covid and we have done pretty well, all things considered. Although it is painfully obvious from the latest statistics that we need to be vigilant and we cannot afford to relax. The onus is on all of us to exercise caution to avoid catching this virus.

The world is still fighting wars and we still have leaders across the world who are driven only by their own ego and have no consideration for others. The casualties of these conflicts are the ordinary everyday citizens of these countries; they are the people who suffer most. As someone once said greed is still the biggest motivator, although we could well add entitlement and self-gratification to that.

As one moves into the twilight years of their life, one starts to recognise their own mortality and vulnerability.

I personally believe that the majority of people in the world want a peaceful life without turmoil, havoc and chaos. For something so simple, why is it so difficult to attain?

A lot of people in the modern era have turned their backs on Christianity and the religious beliefs they were raised with. If one just reads the Ten Commandments and thinks about them, it is not difficult to consider them as an exemplary set of rules to live by. They just make sense. If we just used them as a criterion to live by, we would all be better people and have a better life.

As we approach Christmas, we should remember how important it is. It reminds us of God's gift of love and hope for the world. It is painfully obvious that the phrase "Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all men" has been forgotten by many. We need to rekindle the meaning of this simple phrase.

My Christmas and New Year's wish is for my family and friends and their families to have good health and happiness.

I would like to thank all those people who have shown great kindness and generosity to me and my family, not just in the last twelve months, but on an on-going basis. I value their friendship immensely, not for just the help they have given me in 2022, but for all of my life.

I feel very Blessed to have so much to be thankful for. I feel very passionate about many things, but for what stands out for me as the most important, is my family.

I wish to convey my best wishes to all members of our Association and their families. May God keep you and your families safe and well, not just in the festive season, but for the future.

Thank you for supporting our beloved school in the past twelve months.

I look forward to serving the Marist Brothers Rosalie Old Boys' Association in the coming year and if there is anything I can do personally for you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jim Griffith

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MARIST ROSALIE OLD BOYS Association

AGM 2022

The Marist Rosalie Old Boys' Association held its **2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM)** at the **Paddington Tavern** on **Saturday 19th. November 2022.**

It was so pleasing to see such a large contingent of Old Boys from the 1950's and early 1960's including Mike Victor, Neal McClafferty, Brian Hallam, Pat Lynch, Terry O'Sullivan, John McCotter, Paul Cummings, Brian Iselin, John Carroll, John Galligan and Ray Pearson.

I would like to thank everyone that attended the event. If you meet up with other Old Boys, please encourage them to come along to other events.

The agenda for the event was as follows: -



Opening of AGM

- President's Address

Minutes of 2021 AGM

Financial Report for 2022

Recognition of Proxies

Resolutions

Election of Office Bearers

Office Bearers for 2022 are: -

President – Jim Griffith

Secretary – Jaccie Dawson

Treasurer – Richard Marszalek

Committee – Tony Farrell, Michael Harvey,
Hien Le, Stan Macionis and Bob Sibley

Other Business

Presentation by Bec Bromhead, AMS

I would like to thank outgoing Committee Members, Joshua Kindred, Alex Pringle and Owen Strath for their service to our Association. They provided a valuable service to our Old Boys.

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President's Address

AGM Welcome Address – 2022 Marist Rosalie Old Boys' Assn. Inc.

Good morning and welcome to the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Marist Rosalie Old Boys Association.

I would like to welcome those Old Boys who are also joining us online through Zoom.

At this time, I will ask Jaccie Dawson to deal with apologies.

I would now like to invite Clifford Cleven to read the Acknowledgement of Country.

As our history is one of being a Catholic School, we will start today's proceedings with an opening prayer. I would like to invite Brother Neville Solomon to recite this prayer.

We have just completed another extremely busy and challenging year for our Association.

During 2022 we held a number of events including: -

- The Annual Reunion
- The Rosalie Rugby Tribute Match
- The Annual Marist Sports lunch attended by 1st. XV Rugby Team members from 1962, 1972 and 1982.
- The Annual Marist Vintage Lunch.

In 2023 we will once again be involved in the same, or similar events.

Today, I am delighted to report that our membership has continued to increase, and we are now approaching 1,500 registered members.

We have spent a large amount of time searching for missing members and updating the database. Our strategy has been; if we increase our members database this would automatically translate to having more attendees at events throughout the year.

Unfortunately, our thinking was flawed and there are many reasons for this, including geographical location of members and the age of many Past Students. We had a less than expected turnout to the Annual Reunion and the numbers were also lower for The Rosalie Tribute 1st XV Rugby match compared with the previous year.

There were mitigating circumstances for the lower than usual number at the reunion this year. As you will remember the evening of this event experienced horrific weather. We had a large number of cancellations due to road closures and people's homes had severe flood damage. We were expecting guests from outside Brisbane, but travel became impossible for a number of people.

The Rosalie Rugby Tribute match the following day was also postponed due to the condition of the oval. This game was eventually played on the final day of the AIC season; by that time momentum and enthusiasm had waned. We had anticipated a greater attendance at this game.

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After seven seasons of playing in various versions of the Rosalie colours, this was the first year the game was played as a Premiership match, not a trial. We had been lobbying for this for a few years.

The Annual Marist Vintage Lunch was well attended, and numbers were consistent with previous years, although, 2017 remains the largest attendance for this event.

At our AGM in 2021 we stated that one of our main goals was to analyse our purpose, mission and vision. Those that attended will remember Josh Kindred providing an overview of our initial workshop. We plan to continue with this project in 2023 and we want to encourage more old boys to be involved.

In the most recent publication of our Cerise and Blue we communicated that we plan to hold a half day workshop in 2023. Invitees would include either Past College Captains, or a representative from their year, if those captains are unavailable.

The purpose of this workshop is to continue defining our future so that we are working for the common good of the Old Boys of Rosalie. We want those attendees to help us with that project and assist us to increase the membership numbers in our database by locating missing Old Boys.

We have contact details for almost all College Captains going back to 1960 so we are hopeful of a good attendance. In the coming weeks, an invitation will be emailed to recipients to attend this workshop. We have no objection to having more than one attendee from any given year if it is going to be beneficial to the success of this event.

At our most recent Committee meeting it was agreed we do not want to just hold social events. We want to do something stronger to ensure the "Spirit of Rosa" lives on.

At the end of 2021, our committee made a small donation to Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) on behalf of our members. Following this, some Old Boys communicated to us they would also like to donate to our cause, one even matching our donation. All Committee members present agreed AMS was an extremely worthy recipient.

For those that are unaware of what AMS do: they work to ensure that all young people have access to educational opportunities. AMS believe education has the power to eradicate poverty. With our help, AMS can support grassroots movements run by local people, to empowering them to make a change in their community.

Working across Asia and the Pacific, AMS 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.

Rosalie was a school who educated students from many ethnic backgrounds. Many families arrived from overseas countries to Australia to escape the turmoil of life in their homelands. It could be argued for many years Rosa was the largest multicultural school in Brisbane. One of the things these people needed help with was the opportunity of a strong education for their families. The Marist Brothers stepped up to fulfill that role in their lives.

One of our goals for the coming year is to ask our members to donate money. Just the price of one cup coffee each per month, can make an enormous difference. With the funds we raise we can donate to those schools in most need. We can sponsor Bursaries and even sporting events which will assist those schools to develop and mature.

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Our plan is to appoint a sub-committee to manage raising funds for this worthy cause. We need volunteers for that purpose. If you are interested in a supporting role, please speak to Jaccie Dawson or me after the AGM.

We will liaise with AMS annually to decide on who should benefit from the money we raise. We need Old Boys to embrace this project for the cause to be successful.

What greater honour could there be than to make sure Rosalie is remembered for helping people receive an education in The Marist tradition.

The Main mission of the Brothers is to make a difference in the world by showing young people that they are loved, safe and cared for. The Marists minister in school settings, parishes, retreats, spiritual accompaniments, at-risk youth settings, young adult ministries, and overseas missions.

Today you will hear from the CEO of Australia Marist Solidarity, Bec Bromhead, who will provide you with an insight on the struggles and hope of people in our region today.



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FOGI (FRIENDS OF GALLIPOLI INCORPORATED)

Another important project we are working on for 2023 is called FOGI or Friends of Gallipoli Incorporated.

A few months ago, I received a call from Lt. Colonel Garry Spencer (retired) who was an old boy of the school and is part of FOGI.

FOGI has been instrumental in organising trees which have been grafted from the original Lone Pine Tree at Gallipoli. I am sure anyone who has read the history of the Gallipoli Campaign will be aware of the significance of the Lone Pine Tree.

A number of these trees have been donated to schools around Australia and they have been planted in a prominent place in the grounds of schools in memory of those who served or lost their lives in ADF campaigns.

Garry approached me and asked if we were interested in accepting a tree for our school. Because we do not have a current school and the site at Fernberg road is unsuitable we decided that gifting the tree to Marist Ashgrove in memory of Marist Rosalie and Ashgrove Old Boys who served in the ADF would be appropriate.



I approached Ashgrove through their Old Boys' Association and spoke to the Head of College, Michael Newman. Their enthusiasm for the idea was overwhelming.

It is envisaged the tree will be presented to Ashgrove by a diplomat from the Turkish government. It is planned that other dignitaries will be invited to the event. The tree would be given a place of significance in the college grounds and a plaque would be placed at the foot of the tree with both the Rosalie and Ashgrove badges.

Details for this event are still to confirmed.

AGM 2020

Some of you will recall the AGM and lunch held in 2020 in this very room when the Brisbane Catholic Education Executive Director, Pam Betts, addressed attendees.

At that lunch Pam spoke about capturing the spirit of Marist College Rosalie so that story of our great College would be preserved in the future. Pam also said she was unsure how this will look – but BCE would engage with myself and the Old Boys to explore possibilities.

In 2021 everything went awry with the emergence of Covid-19. BCE and the Catholic Education system was in chaos, as was most of our country. Pam is now no longer part of BCE and has been replaced by Dr. Sally Towns.

It has always been made clear to me by BCE that Rosalie would never re-open in Paddington. That being the case my thrust has been that we should fight hard to ensure the memory of our great school lives on by having the history of Rosa, the school motto and the "Cerise and Blue" instilled in a new school opened by BCE that would operate in The Marist tradition.

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There was discussion between Mark Elliott, Regional Director of Marist Schools Australia and myself about this strategy and we discussed the location of a school that was a strong possibility where this could occur. That school was in South Caloundra and called "Aura". Earlier this year three names were put forward for that school and these were Champagnat, Sacred Heart and Notre Dame. We were strong protagonists for the name of Champagnat, but the final choice of the name is Notre Dame Aura. Notre Dame was due to open in 2024 but due to budget constraints the construction of this school has been postponed for a further twelve months.

Recently, I had a meeting with Dr. Towns and Mark Elliot. While no firm plans were established, we did discuss that there will be opportunities in the future for Rosalie to have a footprint in a new school.

Following that meeting I sat down with Mark Elliott, and it was decided that our best strategy to increase the chances of Rosalie being part of a new school would be to support it via bursaries and sporting awards in memory of Rosa. For example, we might have the Stan Pilecki Medal or Trophy for the most outstanding Rugby player from the school or it might be an educational bursary in honour of Rosalie for academic achievement.

We will need to be proactive by submitting a proposal to the new school when the Board and Principal are appointed. Marist Schools Australia are willing to assist us with that project. This could be highly successful given any new school has no history or criterions for various achievements.

We need to search our database for the skills to prepare this proposal and we will be looking to our members for this expertise to ensure the likelihood of success.

I have always been a great believer that no one achieves anything without a plan.

In 2018, when we re-established the Rosalie Old Boy's working group; we could never have predicted its evolution and envisaged the amazing support we would receive from past students and external organisations.

To be successful on our journey, we need to summon the right skills from our ranks to achieve the goals we set. I remain steadfastly positive that we can preserve the history of our school in another school.

The history of Rosalie has an equally, if not, a better story to tell, than many other Brisbane Colleges. Reflecting on the quality of education Rosalie provided in an era where the bulk of its students came from working class backgrounds, we can only be in awe of the outstanding young men who grew into champion leaders in the community.

Men who excelled in many fields including religious life, politics, the legal profession, the medical profession, law enforcement, the defence forces, media, education business, sports, and citizens who built their reputations as diligent workers in the community and good men who helped mould our beloved state and country. Their contributions helped make it a wonderful place to live and raise a family.



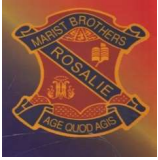
Thank you for listening to me today and I hope you will join with me on our continuing journey to ensure **The Spirit of Rosa** lives on.

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MARIST ROSALIE COLLEGE CAPTAINS LUNCH

We are pleased to announce that this event originally scheduled for 2022, is to be held in early 2023.

The Captain's whom we have contact details for will be receiving an "Expression of Interest" so we can set the format for the event and this will ensure a productive event.

We will confirm the date following our Management Meeting on 21st. January.

The purpose of this lunch is to discuss how we can increase our membership and locate missing past students as well as gain input on the future of our Association. We will be inviting every College Captain from 1960 to 2008 to attend the event. If Captains wish to attend earlier than the year 1960, they are most welcome.

We are conscious that there may be difficulty for some former College Captains to attend this event due to their geographical location, or they may also feel that they are not the person who has regular contact with Old Boys from the year they were the College leader. We would be appreciative if they could suggest someone from their year who would be better suited to be the contact. It may be that there is someone more suitable from their year who has many contacts personally, or via social media.

If we do not receive a reply within a reasonable time, we will reach out to other members of that year to be the year contact.

The actual for the lunch is still to be confirmed but will be at The Rosalie Room, Marist Regional Office at Ashgrove.

This Regional Office is situated in the precinct of Marist College, Ashgrove. A map will be provided with the formal invitations when they are sent out. This email will also contain an agenda for the morning. We expect this event will be held on a Saturday and commence at approximately 9.00 am finishing with a light lunch at approximately 1pm.

We look forward to holding this event and we believe your help will benefit the Old Boys Association.



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IMPORTANT DATES

AGM and End of Year lunch	19th. November 2022
Captain's Lunch	TBA
Management Meetings 2023	21st. January 2023
Rosalie Tribute Match	22nd. April 2023

MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

The calendar for the all 2023 Management Meetings and events will be updated following the first Management Meeting for 2023 which will be held on 21st. January.

If you wish to attend Management Meetings as an observer, you are most welcome. However, you will not be able to vote on motions. You can attend in person or via Zoom. Please contact Jaccie Dawson for the Zoom link.

Should you wish to present a paper or suggestion for consideration by the Management Committee you must submit this in writing to the Secretary 14 days before the scheduled meeting. We will invite you to attend a subsequent meeting to make your presentation.

We encourage ideas that are beneficial to the 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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AUSTRALIAN MARIST SOLIDARITY (AMS)

AMS is the international agency organisation for the aid and development work of the Marist Province of Australia (Star of the Sea Province) throughout Asia and the Pacific Islands.

At the end of 2021, our Association made a small donation to assist AMS with providing disability rehabilitation for children. This is a small drop in the bucket of needs that is supported by Marist College Australia. It is our plan in the future to increase our support of AMS in the coming year.

AMS works with the people in The Asia Pacific Region, now called the **Star of The Sea Province** on a combination of long-term and short-term development projects. These projects aim to develop and support education opportunities for the young people in these regions, with a focus on those who are marginalized or disadvantaged.

Please visit their website at www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au if you wish to familiarise yourself with this organisation and understand the work they do.

IN 2023, WE WILL REACH OUT TO OUR MEMBERS TO HELP INCREASE OUR ACTIVITY BY RAISING FUNDS FOR THIS VERY WORTHY CAUSE. WE BELIEVE THIS CAN BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF ENSURING OUR STRATEGY OF ENSURING "THE SPIRIT OF ROSA LIVES ON".

WE ARE ASKING OUR 1,500 MEMBERS TO COMMIT A SMALL DONATION TO THIS WORTHY CAUSE. THESE PEOPLE DESPARATELY NEED OUR HELP AND IF WE WERE TO DONATE THE COST OF A CUP OF COFFEE ON A MONTHLY BASIS, WE CAN CHANGE PEOPLES LIVES FOR THE BETTER.

WE HAVE ALREADY HAD AN OLD BOY MATCH THE PREVIOUS YEARS MONEY WE DONATED AND ANOTHER HAS COME FORWARD TO DONATE.

WE STRENUOUSLY URGE YOU TO VISIT THE WEBSITE AND UNDERSTAND THE PLIGHT OF THESE PEOPLE. www.australianmaristsolidarity.net.au/about-us/

FOR EXAMPLE, TIMOR LESTE IS ARGUABLY THE POOREST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD AND THESE PEOPLE STRIVE TO EXIST ON OUR DOORSTEP.

Traditionally Marist College, Rosalie was a working man's school and the many men were this educated in this fine establishment came from the generosity of other parents who subsidised their fees and expenses to ensure they received an education in the Marist Tradition.

In the twentieth century, many displaced persons arrived in Australia from war torn parts of the globe and required a new place to call home and raise their children. What a blessing to our country! They settled in Australia; they raised families and became important contributors to the development of our nation.

Many of them have become members of our community, some are now family members from marriage to our brothers, sisters and relatives. They are indeed our best and staunchest friends.

Our nation is suffering a severe labour shortage and we may well see more new citizens arriving on our shores. They will need help and most importantly, good education.

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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.

You can read more at:

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

An example of the Marist Solidarity work is as follows: -

Twenty years ago, when Timor-Leste finally gained its hard-fought independence, the Australian Marist Brothers asked the Church in Timor-Leste how it might contribute to the country. The Bishop of Bacau invited the Brothers to set up a teacher training college, and so ICFP Teacher Training College was started. Using the teaching curriculum from the Australian Catholic University, this college has become one of the strongest beacons of hope for quality education in the small country. Graduates return to their communities not only with excellent academic qualifications but also with a Marist love for and commitment to the young people they serve. Trainee teachers come from across the country and AMS is seeking more sponsors to ensure that there are no barriers to every child receiving a top-quality education from a well-trained and committed teacher.

We believe the best way to support these groups is to allocate a portion of money that is raised each year and donate it in the name of old boys who have passed away in that calendar year. At the annual AGM we will move a motion to donate funds to the project of choice for that year.

We ask that you help us support this cause

If you prefer to make your own personal donation, which is tax deductible, you can visit the Marist Solidarity website at:

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THE FUTURE OF OUR ASSOCIATION AND ROSALIE

Sometime in the future the baton for operating the Rosalie Old Boys' Association needs to be passed to the younger guys. Currently, we have a couple of enthusiastic men from the younger generation on the Management Committee. We are thankful for the assistance they give us.

Recently there has been a lot more interest in the Association from students who studied at the College, especially in 1990's. We welcome this very much and if the Spirit of Rosa is to live on it will be through guys who went to school at the college from 1980 until it closed.

We previously communicated to members of the Old Boys' Association asking members if they had skills that would help us. We need them 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.**

We live in a world where Information Technology, social media and Communication is paramount to any organisation's success. This is particularly true, even for a small organisation such as The Rosalie Old Boys' Association. We are looking for someone with database management skills and website maintenance to help us. If you are proficient with Word Press it would be extremely beneficial.

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

We know that some of our past students have the necessary skills to help us. Those persons need not necessarily sit on our Management Committee. We need them to provide us with guidance and utilize their technical skills to update our current applications.

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 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.



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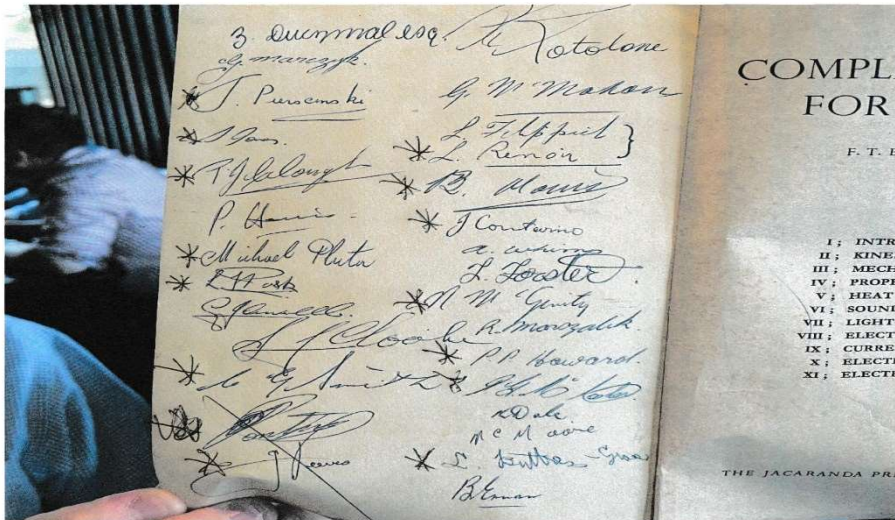
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1966 REUNION



Left Hand Side: Peter Harris, Michael Moore, Peter Rotolone, Tom Forster, Greg McMahon, Richard Marszalek

Right Hand Side: Greg Stacey, Alan Whimp, Brian Lewis, Richard Duczmal, Steve Cloake and Kef Dale.



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CLASS OF 1978 REUNION

After two very enjoyable reunions in 2018 for our 40th anniversary, the Marist Rosalie Class of 1978 met at the Paddo Tavern for another 'get-together' on Saturday 29 October 2022.

The intent was to try and meet each year after the 2018 reunions, however, COVID put a damper on that. We all had come through times which were foreign to our way of life. There were lockdowns, isolation, wearing of masks, major bushfires and significant floods. It was great to finally get back together again as a group.

Although there were a few withdrawals, over twenty former Rosalie classmates and two teachers (Pat Condon and Theo Helbig) gathered at the Paddo Tavern for a very enjoyable day. Many school stories were re-told and the latest developments in the lives of our school mates were discussed at length. We had an opportunity to think about those who had passed including Peter Casey (Grade 9 - 1975), Dan Sullivan, Gavin O'Sullivan, Len Hooper, Frank Motika and sadly recently Peter Gilroy. We remembered our teachers who had passed including Brothers Ray Mulvogue, Julius Walsh, Francis Rodgers, Harold Carlson, Jude Featherstone and lay teachers Joan Fitzgerald, Pat Wilson, Col Aldridge and Tom Doolan. Also those had passed since our last gathering Brother Richard Lenehan (Brother Silverius or more fondly as 'Silvo') who passed in March 2019 and Ronald Holmes (Brother Ronald) who passed in April 2019. The reunion was a great opportunity to catch up on 'old' stories and new experiences.

Some of us had 13 years of schooling together. Many of us started at Rosa in 1970 (Grade 4) and went through to 1978 (Senior). Other classmates joined and left at various years in-between. We are all part of the Marist Rosalie Class of 1978!

A great time was had by all who attended the reunion and it was agreed that we will gather together again in 2023 for our 45th anniversary reunion.

- Jim Ottaway



FRONT ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT

MARK HARTRIDGE, ROLY KNIGHT, PATRICK O'FLAHERTY, PAT CONDON (TEACHER), STEVE KENYON.

BACK ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT

JIM OTTAWAY, CHARLIE TOSCANO, CHRIS WALSH, SHANE WYNN, JOHN URSIC, ADRIAN FREEMAN, STEVE MACHIN (SCHOOL CAPTAIN 1978), MICHAEL NEILL, TIM STEVENS, JOHN CRAWFORD, THEO HELBIG (TEACHER), TONY MCGUIRE, PAUL LAPHAM.

Gunter Jakl and Terry Hopper had already left when the photo was taken.

The group photo was taken by Catherine Toscano, Charlie's wife.

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