

# **CERISE & BLUE**

MARIST, ROSALIE NEWSLETTER

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

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#### **FOREWORD**

As we head into the last few months of 2023 there are only two more events to be held before we wind up another successful year for The Marist Brothers Old Boys' Association. Those are the AGM and the end of Year Reunion.

At the beginning of October, we will be sending out nomination forms and other documentation for the 2023 AGM which is scheduled for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. November. This again will be held at the Paddington Hotel in the Sync Room. The Paddo is the spiritual drinking hole for Rosa Old Boys especially for those that lived in the surrounding suburbs of the school.

The AGM is that time of the year when we review our efforts and elect officers for the coming year. If you believe you can contribute to our Association, please put up your hand. If you do not want to be a Committee member you can still help us on various projects. As Br. Cyprian Dowd once said. "You can never have too much help".

At this year's AGM we will be announcing the introduction of a charge for annual membership of the Old Boys Association. While we do not want to build a huge bank balance for the association, we do have expenses which need to be paid. We cannot do that without the support of our members. Our annual expenses include maintaining the website, software charges, newsletter production, government charges, postage, stationery, and several other costs.

Following the AGM, we will be holding our "End of Year Reunion Lunch". Some of you will remember the lunches that were held a few years ago at The Gap Tavern. We would like a good attendance for this event. If you would like an individual table(s) for your year, we are happy to organise this. It may be of particular interest to classes from 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993 and 2003 who are having major milestones this year.

Attendees will be able to choose from one of three food items from the menu. Guests will also be provided a free drink and some raffle tickets. The bar will also be open for ordering of drinks of your choice. We will be having some light entertainment on the day. I am certain you will thoroughly enjoy the reunion.

It has been another busy year for your committee. The regular events held included The Rosalie Tribute game and for the 13<sup>th</sup>. year the Ashgrove 1<sup>st</sup>. XV wore the cerise and blue colours onto the field.

In 2024 it will be necessary to replace the Rosa Jerseys the boys have worn for the last three years in the The Rosalie Tribute Game. We will be reviewing the design the boys will be wearing next year. The boys outgrow the jerseys and then there is the normal wear and tear factor.



We will be inviting members to make submissions and/or suggestions for the design of the replacement jerseys. Because of the long lead time to have the jerseys manufactured we need to start raising funds to pay for them very soon.

We were also involved with the Marist Sports Day event where Ashgrove hosted available members from the 1953, 1963, 1973 and 1983 1<sup>st</sup>. XV Rugby Teams from both Colleges. The representatives from both Colleges enjoyed a lunch together and were introduced to the crowd and then were presented with a memorial medallion of the event.

Another event we held in 2023 was the Leader's forum in the Rosalie Room at the Marist Centre. We had several College Captains and Vice-Captains in attendance. Some Captains or Vice-Captains were unavailable because of their residential location, although we did have a representative from most years. Those in the room provided us with valuable feedback on the day. Over 90% of the attendees who came indicated they would attend a follow up event in the future.

We asked the people in the room to tell us what we were doing right and in what areas we could improve. What we heard was that it was important that The Rosalie Old Boys' Association needs to be more than just a social club and not just hold social events. We need to have a real sense of purpose. It became obvious that we needed to escalate this as one of our major goals for 2023 and beyond.

Since that meeting, we have formalised an alliance with Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) to support them in the Star of the Sea Province which encompasses the Pacific rim and beyond. Our goal for the remainder of 2023 was to raise money through donations for AMS. AMS work tirelessly in regions such as Timor Leste to provide education facilities to those less fortunate than our country.

We had previously made a small donation to AMS to provide opportunity for young people to have the same education as we were given by the Marist Brothers. This amount was subsequently matched by other Old Boys. You can see the progress of our fund raising on our website. We set ourselves a target of \$5,000 for 2023. We have fallen short of that amount with only \$1,495 being the total amount raised so far this year. We thought the total gifting to AMS would be higher, especially with 1,400 members on our database. The average of approximately \$1 per member is not overgenerous. We ask that you find it in your hearts to consider a donation and reach into your pockets to donate to the Rosalie Old Boys' cause.

We set up a link on our website to make it simple to donate to AMS. The link to the donation page on the website is as follows: -

#### https://rosalie-old-boys-ams-donation-page.raisely.com/

We are grateful to those loyal members who not only gave a donation by putting their hands in their pockets but all those who give their time at meetings and events throughout the year.

The most recent event held for 2023 was the Marist Vintage lunch where twenty members from our Association attended.



At that lunch was the most senior old boy in age from both Colleges, Richard Rosenstengel, who attended Rosa from 1935 to 1938. Also in attendance was Br. Adrian Story who left the College after scholarship (Year 8) and completed his education at Mittagong before being professed as a Marist Brother

Another project we completed in 2023 was migration of our members database to a new software application (HubSpot). We thank both Chris Byrnes and Chris Speare for the time and effort they have both given us to make this project successful. Firstly, Chris Speare for converting the data from our existing system and designing the necessary fields in the new system.

Chris Byrnes arranged for the software application available free of charge for our use and provided training. Chris Byrnes also uploaded into HubSpot the data Chris Speare had downloaded. HubSpot is a very sophisticated CRM system and is simple to use and is suitable for any businesses, large or small.

HubSpot will allow us to better communicate with our members. We can quickly produce a mailing list of any class members or group that we have on file. It allows us to assist members or class groups who might be holding reunions or get together with their fellow mates. This year we have already provided information to several classes.

We continue to call on "Old Boys" to come forward to assist in various roles to help continue to ensure that **The Spirit of Rosa Lives On**. The success of The Rosalie Old Boys' Association is due to the support we receive from our members, and it is true to say we need to get more help to continue our journey.

Our committee continues to work tirelessly to ensure the success of our Association. We do this by having strong membership and promoting the Rosalie brand through the events we hold. **We need your support and attendance at these events** to ensure these occasions are a success. Your commitment, communication and enthusiasm are important.

One of the main benefits of having strong members support is that the Catholic and wider Communities see that Rosalie is still functioning through our "Old Boys" Association.

Our college will celebrate the centenary of its foundation in 2029 and our aim is to plan something special for that event. We already have suggestions including a book, or a publication to honour the event. In the coming year we will be talking to members regarding contributing through personal effort for a publication and/or a financial donation. With your help this project can be a huge success.

If you would like to be a member of the sub-committee, we will be forming to make our centenary a special occasion please let me know as soon as possible.

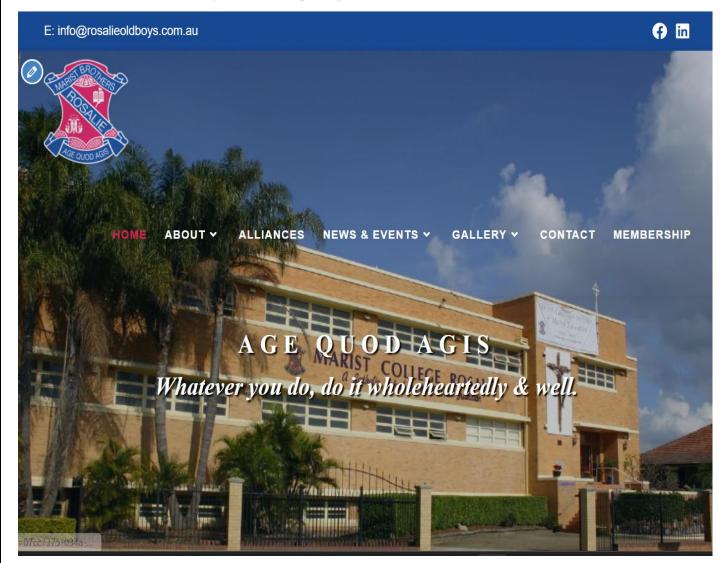
Jim Griffith



### **ROSALIE WEBSITE**

We receive a consistent number of visitors to our website daily. This site now been fully operational for over twelve months. We would like to see more traffic to the site, which justifies the cost of maintaining the website.

If you use social media, you can also follow us on LinkedIn or Facebook. It is intended that the website and social media will be the repository for communication we need to send to our members. Please visit <u>www.rosalieoldboys.com.au</u> regularly.





### MARIST ROSALIE AGM - 2023



The 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Marist Rosalie Old Boys' Association will be held in The Sync Room at The Paddo Tavern at 11.00 am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. November.

#### At our AGM we will be: -

- Delivering the Chairperson's report.
- Delivering the Treasurer's report.
- Electing Officer Bearers for the 2023-2024 Financial Year
- General Business



All documents for the AGM will be emailed to you in ample time to nominate for election to a position on the Committee. Your nomination must be submitted to The Secretary indicated on the nomination form by the prescribed date.

If you wish to propose a resolution to be passed at the AGM, you must do so by the date prescribed in the documentation.

If you are unable to attend, you can provide your proxy to another registered member, and this must also be submitted as per the date notified to you in the AGM documentation.

The Committee may also submit resolution(s) for amendment to the Constitution of The Rosalie Old Boys' Association inc.

If you feel you can contribute to our Association, we encourage you to nominate for a position on the Committee or at the very least sit on a sub-committee. It does not take an onerous amount of your personal time. However, from time to time there are deadlines that need to be met. This may involve a little extra effort and time.

If you would like to contribute you can still help your association by volunteering to be part of a subcommittee.

We are specifically looking for assistance in the following areas: -

Social Committee	Events Manager
Social Media Co-ordinator	Linkedin
	Facebook
Newsletter	Author/Editor

To fill the above roles, it does not necessarily mean you have to hold a position on the Committee although it may be necessary to attend some Committee Meetings for communication purposes.

#### **Important Dates for 2023**

ITEM	DATE
Rosalie AGM, Paddington Tavern	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 11.00 am.
Marist Rosalie End of Year Lunch	25 <sup>th</sup> . November 2023 12.00 am.

#### MANAGEMENT MEETINGS November

4<sup>th</sup>. 2023

If you wish to attend Management Meetings as an observer, you are most welcome.

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



### **MARIST ROSALIE REUNION - 2023**

Over the past few years, our annual School Reunions have usually been held around the month of May. This year we are holding the re-union in the form of a lunch on Saturday  $25^{th}$  November.



We will have some interesting entertainment and a surprise guest and hopefully some fun.

We are aiming to give advanced notice so as not to clash with any Class re-unions happening around the same time. Keep your eye on the website.



You are welcome to hold your class re-union on the same date at this venue and share some interesting stories and tales about your time at Rosalie.

- **4** Get your year group together and book a table.
- Catch up over a leisurely lunch and a couple of drinks of your choice.
- Partners are very welcome!
- Your attendance will be confirmed <u>Once payment has</u> <u>been received.</u>

Please use this link which will take you to your website and fill it out and submit it. <a href="https://rosalieoldboys.com.au/reunion-lunch-2023/">https://rosalieoldboys.com.au/reunion-lunch-2023/</a>

**Please add your name** when depositing the \$45.

Payment is to the Rosalie Old Boys Account -

BANK: WESTPAC

BSB : <u>034 045</u>

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 108758

ACCOUNT NAME: <u>THE MARIST ROSALIE OLD</u> BOYS' ASSOCIATION INC.



### MARIST VINTAGE LUNCH

When the Rosalie Old Boys Association lapsed into inactivity after the school closed in 2008, we were invited by Ashgrove to have a Rosalie presence at this lunch, which was then called the Blue and Gold Lunch. In past years we have had up to sixty attendees and many more are welcome to attend.

To make the lunch more inclusive for both Ashgrove and Rosalie Colleges combined, the name was changed two years ago from the Marist Blue and Gold lunch to the Marist Vintage Lunch.



Stan Macionis - Rosalie, Mass Reading





Some of the Rosalie Attendees at the Marist Vintage Lunch - Top: David Clayton, Peter Kenny; Garry Burke; Chris Begley

Bottom Left: Br. Adrian Story (1950's), Br. Roger Burke (1940's), Jaccie Dawson (Secretary), Jim Griffith and Stan Macionis (1960's)

Bottom Right: Steve Cloake, Stan Macionis, Alan Whimp (1960's), Richard Rosenstengel (1935-1938)



### **AUSTRALIAN MARIST SOLIDARITY**

**Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS)** is the international agency for the aid and development work of the Marist Province of Australia throughout Asia and the Pacific Islands. AMS works with the people in this region on a combination of long-term and short-term development projects. These projects aim to develop or support locally sustained education opportunities for the young people in these regions.

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

#### 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, 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.

Together, we transform the lives of young people by raising awareness of the power of education, and the funds that make it possible.





### MARIST ROSALIE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION SUPPORTING AUSTRALIAN MARIST SOLIDARITY

#### MARIST BROTHERS ROSALIE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION



Marist Brothers Rosalie - Old Boys Association (OBA) was formed to facilitate a continuing relationship with the College and former classmates.

Marist Brothers Rosalie represents an enduring example of the history of Catholic Education in Queensland.

The Marist Rosalie Old Boys Association has a long history of providing support through bursaries for students at Rosalie College and later at Marist College Ashgrove. We are excited to support AMS and ICFP, with the first \$5000 raised being contributed to this impactful program.

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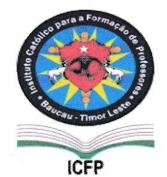
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#### TOGETHER, WE BRING HOPE







Two recent graduates, Zulmira Freitas Belo and Joaquina Espirito Santo de Oliveira (Licentiate Degree - 5th March 2022)

Instituto Católico para a Formação de Professores (ICFP) is an AMS-supported, Marist-run Catholic Teacher's College in Timor-Leste. ICFP is one of only two primary education teacher training providers in the country and offers an accredited Bachelor Teaching. ICFP aims to strengthen the Catholic School system and provide the country with fully qualified teachers.

ICFP has a specific focus on forming fully qualified professional teachers within an environment influenced by the values of Jesus and the gospels within the context of the Catholic Faith and the culture of Timor-Leste.

In keeping with the Marist ethos, it aims for student teachers to develop the qualities to:

> "become good citizens and good Christians" (Saint Marcellin Champagnat).

Your donation supports AMS in ensuring that sustainable, quality teaching can evolve in Timor Leste breaking generational inequalities. Donate online at: https://bit.ly/OBAdonate

Or scan the QR code to donate.



#### Connect with us to find out more.



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### We ask that you help us to support this cause.

Use the following procedure to donate online: -

- 1. Enter the URL <u>https://bit.ly/OBAdonate</u> into your web browser of right click on the link here and select "open hyperlink".
- 2. Select the amount you wish to donate.
- **3.** You will then be prompted to enter your name and other details. This will ensure you receive your Tax Receipt via email.



Thank you for supporting our Association to help to change lives.



### SOCIAL MEDIA

The Rosalie old Boys' Association now has its own dedicated pages on Facebook (Meta) and Linkedin.

The URL addresses for those two apps is as follows: -

FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/rosalieoldboys

LINKEDIN: <u>https://www.linkedin.com/in/rosalie-old-boys-association/</u>

We will be using the above accounts to post photographs, up to date news and information and events.

If you are a member or contact on the previous social media pages, you will need to send a friend or contact request again to be added to the group.

If you wish to post blogs or information to either application, you will be free to do so. However, if a post is considered not in keeping with good decorum and is contrary to the professional ethics and conduct of our Association it will be removed and you may be blocked.

Please visit these sites as soon as possible and become a member of the group.

We encourage you to post comments, news and photographs to the website so what you post can be shared with other Old Boys.

If you have suggestions or recommendations which are beneficial to all members, we would like you to continue to send these to the Management Committee at <u>info@rosalieoldboys.com.au</u>

# IF YOU CHANGE YOUR EMAIL OR CONTACT DETAILS

# WE NEED TO BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY.



### **HUBSPOT CRM AND KLYP**

When The Marist Rosalie Old Boys' Committee made the decision to hold the "Leader's Forum" in 2023, we knew that for us to give continuous improvement in the services we provide to our members, our communication tools needed to be upgraded to a platform more suitable for our association. We

were aware there was untapped talent amongst our members and one of our goals was to muster support from our Old Boys. One of our members, Chris Byrnes, Class of 2000, CEO of digital marketing company KLYP stepped up to help provide us with a CRM application for our membership system to replace the clumsy software we were using.

Chris' Company, KLYP had all the skills and the product (HubSpot) we needed to manage our association and we could tailor the product to fit to our own requirements. After a few months of migrating our data to the new system, Chris provided us with the necessary training. We have now been using HubSpot for the past few months.



### ABOUT KLYP

### A Digital Marketing Agency Where Nothing is Static

KLYP is a full-service digital marketing agency in Brisbane, specialising in online marketing, website development, and graphic design. We are named after the Calypte Anna hummingbird, the fastest animal on earth. Just like the hummingbird, we are agile, fast moving, and ultra-efficient.

We produce end-to-end digital marketing solutions for a diverse range of commercial, educational, and government organisations. We take a collaborative approach to digital marketing and project creation involving our specialists across creative, marketing, and technology because we know holistic strategies yield extraordinary results.

If your business requires expertise from a company who can provide you digital marketing solutions, then you should contact Chris at KLYP. KLYP's website is <u>https://KLYP.co/</u>

You can also visit KLYP on their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/KLYP.co

#### **HUBSPOT**

HubSpot's Customer Relationship Management application (CRM) is made up of six core products for marketing, content management. Operations and commerce. Each product in the platform is connected to the same underlying CRM database, providing the user with incredible insight to every contact at each stage in their customer journey.

HubSpot has the facility to send emails directly to members from the application. We will be transitioning to using the HubSpot email facility in the near future. You will notice some differences between the current and the new email system once it is installed. We must be alert to scams and fake senders so if you receive an email which looks suspicious, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time to verify authenticity of emails you receive from our association.



### PETER KENNY, AUTHOR – CLASS OF 1967, TOLKIEN FAN

Peter Kenny is a retired schoolteacher based in Brisbane. Peter possesses one of the most significant personal collections of Tolkien memorabilia in Australia and the world. Peter has a passion for everything Tolkien and in four decades has become a recognised authority in the field sharing his knowledge and passion for Tolkien's stories with adults and children around the world through a series of presentations at schools, libraries, conventions and festivals.

During his forty years as a teacher, he often used The Hobbit as a literacy unit in the classroom and shared Tolkien's world with hundreds of students through

reading stories and composing art.

Now retired, Peter writes poems songs and fantasy stories inspired by Tolkien's Middle earth as a hobby and shares his work in his presentations and with his friends.

Described as Australia's biggest Tolkien fan, Peter Kenny has over 1000 pieces of memorabilia relating to the fantasy author's tales – *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*. "It's certainly the most diverse in the country," he says.

For Peter, collecting all things Tolkien has been a serious business since he first read the stories in 1976.



#### His books would make a wonderful gift for your children or grandchildren.

When you read his poetry and stories you will be fascinated by Peter's talent. It takes you to another world and as an adult if takes you back to your youthful days.

If you would like to purchase either or both volumes of Peter's work the cost is minor compared with the joy, you will get out of reading his work.

I can totally recommend these books especially for children or young adults. Peter has a unique talent and a beautiful mind, which takes one back to a world many of us remember. As some of you know my wife Lorraine has a cognitive impairment, which is progressive and irreversible. I have spent time reading her this beautiful poetry from Volume 1 and it gives her much solace.

### Cost \$15 per volume or \$30 for both volumes PLUS POSTAGE

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