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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 our achievements as the Marist Rosalie Old Boys Association in 2023.

Sadly, the world is still fighting Covid. Whilst we thought we had done well the pandemic is still with us and we need to remain vigilant. The current statistics indicate we must not be complacent. The responsibility is on each of us to exercise caution to avoid catching this virus.

The world is still fighting wars and we have leaders across the world who are driven by ego without consideration for the global community. The reality of war is that casualties of these conflicts are the ordinary everyday citizens of these countries. It is the innocent who suffer the most. A familiar quote comes to mind, "Greed is still the biggest motivator" We might well add entitlement and self-gratification to that.

As one moves into the twilight years of their life, they become more aware of their own mortality and vulnerability. I personally believe that most people in the world want a peaceful life without turmoil and chaos. For something so simple, why is it so difficult to attain?

We have all traversed 2023 encountering situations that tested us, but we have survived and, in many instances, survived. These trials and tribulations are simply part of the journey of life, and we know it has challenges. As human beings we are resilient, and it has been repeatedly proven we can overcome enormous adversities. Using these experiences to overcome the highs and lows of everyday life gives us the gift of grace. Sometimes we need a helping hand and sometimes there is the opportunity to reach out to others to help them. The power of giving is a mighty thing, and it is amazing how good you feel inside when we are generous to people who are less fortunate than us. Our resilience lies in our ability to come together in challenging times, especially with family and friends, extending unwavering support to each other, whether consciously or unconsciously. This support manifests itself in various forms for different individuals. It brings us together.

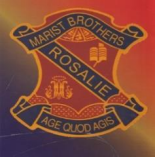
As we approach Christmas, we can reflect on the message and God's gift of love and hope for the world. The gift of a child. It is painfully obvious that the phrase "Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all men" has been forgotten by many. My Christmas and New Year's wish is for my family, friends, members of our Association and their families to have good health and happiness.

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I would like to thank all those people who have shown great kindness and generosity to my family and I in what has been a difficult and challenging year for us. I value your friendship immensely, not for just the help you have given me in 2023, but throughout my life.

I feel very Blessed to have so much to be thankful for. I am deeply passionate about many issues and projects but there is nothing more important to me than 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 personally do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jim Griffith

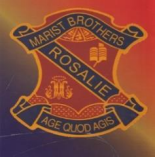


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Annual General Meeting: 2023

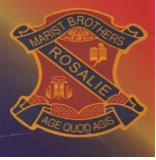
One of the essential functions of the AGM is to appoint the Committee for the coming year and I have pleasure in announcing the Committee for 2024 is as follows: -

Office Bearers for 2024 are: -

President	- Jim Griffith
Vice-President	- Michael Harvey
Secretary	- Jaccie Dawson
Treasurer	- Andrew Boyle
Committee	- Tony Farrell - Mark Plattz - Chris Speare - Bob Sibley

We also thank all those who have supported us during the year. The more members who can offer to complete even a small amount of work to assist our association make life much simpler and deepens our connection as an organisation. There are always small tasks to perform, and we appreciate any help that is offered. If you could give some of your time to assist at events and functions, we would be grateful and welcome you with open arms. The more the merrier!

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Official AGM Opening and Welcome Address – 2023 Marist Rosalie Old Boys' Association. Inc.

Good morning and welcome to the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Marist Rosalie Old Boys Association.

I want to welcome everyone here today especially those who have travelled a long distance for this year's AGM and reunion lunch. We have guests from Northern New South Wales, the Sunshine Coast, and the Darling Downs region.

As we conclude another extremely busy, successful, and challenging year for our Marist Brothers Rosalie Old Boys' Association I want to thank those members of our committee and our supporters who put up their hand and worked tirelessly throughout 2023 to ensure our association runs smoothly.

Firstly, I would like to offer my personal thanks to one member of the team here today. I am certain anyone who has served on a committee, especially in the position as a secretary, would tell you that it is the busiest job of all. These events do not just happen and most of the work always falls back on the secretary. I must tell you that our Secretary, Jaccie Dawson never fails to deliver on what must be done; always prioritising the work of our organisation in her busy schedule.



Supporting a 'worry wart' like me can be energy sapping but she does it with genuine care for "The Old Boys." In addition to her dedication to us, Jaccie also works and volunteers her time to charity work which assists people in need. None of what happens here today would come to fruition without her dedication. Please join me in giving Jaccie a round of applause as a gesture of thanks for all the work she does for our association.

It is fitting that we acknowledge those Old Boys from the 1950's attending the AGM and/or lunch today. We have six duces from the college, Hector Macdonald, Barry

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Brown, George Macionis, Alan Whimp, Stan Macionis, Chris Speare, and Joel Hodge. George and Stan Macionis were the one of only two sets of brothers who were Duxes in the school's history. We also received an apology from Stan Jewell, dux of the college for 1960.

Also joining us are former College Captains, Tony Steel (1962), Ron Gordon (1963), Peter Harris (1966), Michael Harvey (1968), Chris Speare (1973) and Michael Lynch (1998). We received apologies from other Captains Paul Stirling (1976), Danny Donaldson (1977), Danny Loch (1986) and Andrew Veprek (1990). Chris Gabbett (1992) is also a late apology due to hospitalisation of his young child. We thank Joel Hodge, Vice-Captain of the College from 1999 for being present today.

There are also several former Committee Members here today and one who is respectfully remembered and that is our former long-term President, Joe Nowak. Tony Steel, also present, was President when Rosalie celebrated the 50th. Anniversary of the school held at the Melbourne Hotel in 1979. We thank them for coming today.

During 2023 we held several events including: -

The Leader's Forum

Invited to this event were as many College Captain's and Vice Captains who were available. If it was not possible for a Captain and/or Vice Captain to attend for any given year, we suggested a representative from that year be present. Our goal was to get feedback from our members on what we were doing well and what we could do better. Following a successful forum, we produced a priority list of ideas for the future. Most of the attendees believed that we needed a sense of purpose for our Association that was deeper than a social club. Discussions strongly indicated the highest need on the list was to help underprivileged children receive the same opportunity to have a good education like we did. Timor Leste seemed the obvious choice because of the Marist connection and statistically it is arguably the poorest nation on earth.

A sub-committee was established and led by Michael Harvey. The simplest way to channel the donations to where they could best be utilised was through Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS). AMS is the international agency for the aid and development work of the Marist family in Australia and throughout Asia and the Pacific Islands.

A modest target of \$5,000 was established. I am pleased to tell you today, that thanks to our members and especially one generous benefactor, we have achieved that target. The total we have raised year to date is \$5,275. This money will educate a student for three years in The Marist tradition. We intend to continue with this campaign in 2024 and beyond, so The Rosa Spirit lives on. We need more of our

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members to contribute to this worthy cause. 2.1% of our 1400 members have generously contributed and we really encourage all our members to consider joining us in championing the future of these children.

The Rosalie Rugby Tribute Match

2023 marked the 13th year the annual tribute Rugby match which is played at Ashgrove. The wonderful tradition of the Ashgrove 1st. XV boys wearing the cerise and blue colours in a game was started by three Old Boys including former President Joe Nowak, John Richards, and Martin Silec.

Three years ago, a change of Jersey was required, and it was decided that we would have them play in the Cerise and Blue Butchers stripe Jerseys that the whole of school wore back in the 1950's and early 1960's. We sold approximately two hundred jerseys to our Old Boys as a fund raiser and that money helped top up our bank account and pay for the Jerseys we donated to the players.

In 2024 or 2025 we are looking to change the current jerseys. The boys get bigger every year and outgrow the Jerseys. There is also the wear and tear factor to be considered when the game is Rugby.

There has been staunch support to change to the white knight's jersey for the coming season. The cost of donating a new set of Jerseys is approximately \$3,000 and consideration needs to be given on how we will fund this. We will be looking to our members to help raise this money.

This year a large crowd watched the game and enjoyed refreshments and finger food. Our Old Boys presented the Rosalie Jerseys to the team members before the game which is an honour for the boys. I remember the first year of the presentation clearly and was pleasantly surprised how much the boys knew of the History of our school.

A suggestion has been made to retrieve the existing Jerseys from Ashgrove and donate those to Timor Leste as a good will gesture and a memento from our school. The Committee will research this in the coming weeks.

The Sports Lunch

The Marist Sport's Lunch is held annually during Champagnat week and is hosted by Marist College Ashgrove.

Invitees include Old Boys from both Ashgrove and Rosalie who represented the 1st. XV with the same trailing digit as the current year. For example, this year students from both Colleges from 1953, 1963, 1973 and 1983 attended this lunch and presentation. These fine athletes were presented to the crowd on the main oval and awarded a memorial medallion to mark the event. Rosa was well represented this

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year. We had one attendee from 1953, John Quinn. Some of you will recall that 1953 was the first year our school changed from Rugby League to Rugby Union.

The Annual Marist Vintage Lunch

In 2013 we were invited to organise tables for Rosa old Boys which at that time was called the blue and gold lunch. This event was originally hosted by Ashgrove for Old Boys who attended their school more than forty years ago. It was then extended to invite Rosalie Old Boys and we have had regular attendance since then. Two years ago, we convinced Ashgrove to change the name from The Blue and Gold Lunch to the Marist Vintage Lunch and over time approximately 20-60 Rosa have joined in celebrating our history at the quality lunch each year. It would be great to see even more familiar faces in 2024.

This year we had a remarkably interesting Old Boy attend this lunch. His name was Richard Rosenstengel and he attended Rosalie between 1934 and 1938 leaving school to join the family business. Richard was a family member of the famous Rosenstengel Furniture Manufacturers who made high quality furniture in Brisbane in the pre-world War II period. If you have some Rosenstengel pieces in your possession today it is quite rare and valuable.

Some of you here today have attended the vintage lunch event and it is a most enjoyable day. We do have to listen to some of Ashgrove's achievements, but we are slowly infiltrating the event through our presence. We have the opportunity for a Rosalie Old Boy to address all attendees at the lunch, and it is a good opportunity to talk about the history of our school. More attendees from Rosa means we can have a considerable influence on the theme and direction of the event.

Membership System

One of the benefits we gained from holding the Leader's Forum was assistance from one of our Old Boys, Chris Byrnes. Chris operates a software business in Brisbane called Klyp and with the help of another Old Boy Chris Speare, transitioned our database from the clumsy legacy system we were using, to his product, HubSpot. HubSpot is a sophisticated CRM system which has more features and functions than we need, but it is superior to the system we were using previously.

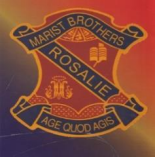
We still have work to do within the HubSpot domain and we need to decide on how much of the application's functionality we want to embrace. Currently using HubSpot has cost us nothing, however if we do choose to take on more of the functionality it will come at a cost. Therefore, we need to evaluate using these features on a cost/benefit analysis.

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Membership Fees

When we re-established the Association in 2018, we had no intention of introducing an annual fee for our membership. We want to provide more services to our old boys. To continue our projects comes at a cost. Today one of the resolutions we will introduce is an annual membership fee for our association.

The fee amount we propose is \$25. We intend to send out notices early in the New Year and the \$25 charge will cover membership until June 30th. 2025.

We believe \$25 is a reasonable amount to be a member of our Association and not a financial burden. We encourage you to support this initiative so we can continue to provide you a strong association.

If you decide to become a full member by paying the annual fee, there will be further benefits in the future. These will be announced in due course.

Donations

It is true to say some of our old boys have been very generous with donations. Only recently we received a \$5,000 donation from one old boy who has requested he remain anonymous.

From his donation he asked that \$2,500 be given to The Australian Marist Solidarity Fund we are supporting, \$1,250 was to be given to our General Fund and the remaining \$1,250 set aside for another fund which I will talk about shortly. The money given to AMS enabled us to make our donation target as I mentioned earlier and will provide education for a student for 3 years.

Marist Rosalie Centenary

In 2029 The Centenary of the Marist Rosalie School will be celebrated, and in the New Year we will be commencing discussions on how best to mark this important occasion.

One suggestion that has been tabled is that we produce a publication in the form of a book to honour the event.

We have a large amount of material including photographs and stories which date back to the founding of the school. We have details of notable alumni who attended the College and providing we can muster the right skills and enthusiasm I believe we can achieve an excellent result.

We already have our first contribution of \$1,250 for this fund and I have been in recent consultation with potential donors who are interested in being sponsors for this project. It is a challenging project, and we need to commence developing a roadmap to the centenary as soon as possible.

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Summary

Finally, I want to thank those members who are stepping down from the Committee today including, Stan Macionis, Hien Le, and Richard Marszalek. Stan is President elect of the Polish Club and that will occupy much of his time in the coming year. We value the knowledge, skills, time, and effort Stan has put into our association and his generous offer to collaborate on future projects when time permits. I want to especially mention Richard who undertook the combined role of Treasurer and Secretary when he joined the committee. What a superb job he did. Every committee needs a Richard. He is meticulous due to his wonderful eye for detail. I know on many occasions he has picked me up on small errors that made my life much simpler. Thank you, Richard. Please show your appreciation for the service these guys performed in the usual way.

A few years ago, I stated that 2023 would be my final year as President. I have undertaken a scrupulous and reflective discernment process over these last months and only made my final decision in the last two weeks. I intend with your endorsement to remain in the position for one more year. I am hopeful that in twelve months' time we have found some younger guys to take over the reins of the Association. You cannot run a membership organisation of any magnitude without embracing technology. The younger generation have a massive advantage with their knowledge of the applications and systems that make life simpler. I worked in the IT industry for over forty years, and I can tell you in all honesty technology is starting to pass me by. It is a young person's domain.

In retrospect, when we started this journey back in 2018, it seemed an enormous challenge without having an active school and a lot of historical records, but I must tell you that I have enjoyed the work and camaraderie immensely. In those first years, there was me, Henry Zuk, Chris Begley, Tony Buckley, and Tony Farrell. Tony Farrell and I are the last survivors of the original group. Over time, there were some outstanding guys who attended Rosa, and many have become leaders in our community. I feel honoured to have met many of them and listened to their Rosa stories.

We receive numerous accolades from old boys, not just those residing in Australia but from all over the globe and it deeply resonates with me that what we are doing is worthwhile.

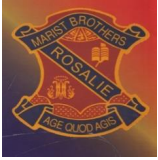
Together our committee has achieved an enormous amount since we resurrected the association including producing twenty newsletters, numerous bulletins, building a website and locating missing old boys. We have created more events than most active school old boys' associations do and most importantly we have brought past

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mates back together. Our goal has always remained the same. To ensure that the Spirit of Rosa lives on.

Finally, I want to offer my sincere gratitude to every person here today. Your gift of patience, loyalty and friendship is a blessing in my life. I truly value all you do to make my role in the old boy's association both easy and rewarding. I will always advocate for and support the Association where I can whether it is a personal chat, a cuppa, a committee meeting, or a large-scale event. I will bring it 100% of the time.

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.

AGM RESOLUTIONS – MEMBERSHIP FEES

At our AGM we also passed several resolutions. The most important of these was to introduce a membership fee to for our Old Boys to become a full member of our Association. The **amount approved was \$25** and we will commence **billing our members early in 2024**.

Our Association cannot continue to function without funds and while we have received some generous donations, we have ongoing expenses that need to be met. We make small profits from functions throughout the year, but we have run at a loss for the past two years and our current bank balance has fallen below where it needs to be. This cannot continue and we had no option but to introduce a membership fee.

The motion was met with overwhelming support at the AGM, and we do need our Old Boys to pay this amount when they receive the invoice.

AGM Photos

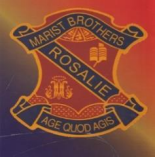


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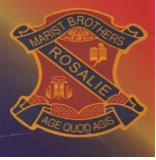
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MARIST ROSALIE TRIBUTE MATCH

The Marist Rosalie Tribute Match is scheduled to be played on McMahon Oval at Ashgrove on 23rd. April 2024.

Details of the match are yet to be announced. Next year, 2024, will be the last year that the boys will play in the Cerise and Blue Jerseys. For those who have purchased a supporter's jersey it would be a wonderful sight to see a sea of Cerise and Blue overlooking the oval from our special vantage point and watch the guys run on to the field in our school colours.

Watch for further announcements on the Rosa website at www.rosalieoldboys.com.au or Facebook or LinkedIn for details.



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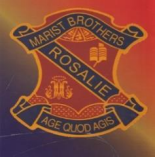
*Save the Date -
23 March 2024*

MAIN OVAL
Marist College Ashgrove v **TBA**



KICK OFF : TBA.
Age Quod Agis !

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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 that is needed by AMS to service these communities. It is our plan in the future to increase our support of AMS in the coming year.

AMS collaborates 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 RAISED OVER \$10,000 TOWARDS THIS WORTHY CAUSE AND THAT MONEY WAS CONTRIBUTED THROUGH A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF "OLD BOYS". IN 2024 WE WILL CONTINUE TO REACH OUT TO OUR MEMBERS TO CONTINUE DONATING TO AMS. WE KNOW THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF ENSURING OUR STRATEGY AND MISSION "THE SPIRIT OF ROSA LIVES ON."

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET MADE A DONATION TO AMS, PLEASE REACH INTO YOUR POCKET AND GIVE IF YOU CAN. WE ARE ASKING OUR 1,400 MEMBERS TO COMMIT A SMALL DONATION TO AMS. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE DESPARATELY NEED OUR HELP AND IF WE WERE TO DONATE ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT ON A MONTHLY BASIS, WE CAN CHANGE PEOPLES LIVES FOR THE BETTER.

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

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

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Traditionally Marist College, Rosalie was considered a “working man’s school” and the many men who were 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; raised families, ran businesses, 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 a good education.

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 the help of The Marist Rosalie Old Boys’ Association, we can 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.

You can read more at:

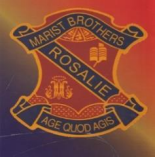
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An example of the Marist Solidarity work is as follows: -

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.

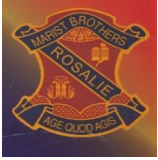
We believe the best way to support these groups is to allocate a portion of money that is raised each year and donate it in the name of old boys who have passed away in that calendar year. At the annual AGM we will move a motion to donate funds to the project of choice for that year.

We ask that you help us support this cause.

WHERE YOUR SUPPORT GOES



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OUR ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our Association runs or is involved in several events held each year including the following: -

- The Rosalie Tribute Day – April
- The Marist Sport's Lunch – May
- The Marist Vintage Lunch – August
- The Marist Golf Day – September
- The Rosalie Reunion – TBA

We are looking for assistance from a member(s) of our Association to consider the role of "**Events Manager**" to assist with planning and managing the above events. It will involve using our database to reach out to encourage our "Old Boys" who are available to attend these events.

Do you have and are willing to share your knowledge and skills in:

- Working in a team to coordinate upcoming events.
- Social Media (i.e. posting events on Facebook and LinkedIn)
- Office 365
- Liaising with our web team (re: advertising materials)
- Strong communication skills.
- Attention to detail.

You **do not** need to be a member of the Management Committee just an ability to collaborate with other members of the Committee and our external web team.

If you are interested in assisting the Association with these duties, please call **Jim Griffith, 0419 715 697** for further discussion.

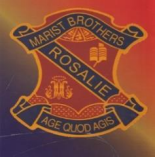
If you have some time to share and have skills you think can help the Old Boys' Association, please give us a few hours of your time each week. Many hands make light work!

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CLASS REUNIONS - 2023

1962

A group of guys from 1962 had a wonderful lunch together at Broncos Leagues Club to welcome our long-time schoolmate and friend Brian Harris back to Brisbane for a visit.

Brian was one of Rosalie's highest achievers in the corporate world and has spent most of his life living in the USA, running an extraordinarily successful business in the retail consulting sector. He has raised a beautiful family but has never forgotten his roots in Australia.

In the photo are from left of table Mike Allen (1972), Robert Harris (1969), Tony Steel (1962 – College Captain), Dick Lolic (1962), Kent Warbrook (1962), Ian White (1962).

On the right side of the table from the front is Peter Harris (1966 – College Captain), Jim Griffith (1963), Brian Harris (1962), Wally Kasprovicz (1962) and Larry Corkran (1962).

After leaving Brisbane Brian travelled to Sydney catching up with his other brother Ross (1967) and Peter Bolton (1962)

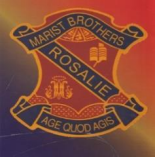


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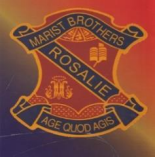
The 60th. reunion for the 1963 cohorts was a quiet affair. Only six attendees attended the event organised by College Captain Ron Gordon at The Gap Tavern. We still managed to have a few laughs and tell a few lies.

In attendance was Jim Hinsch, Ron Gordon, Jim Griffith, Brian Battersby, Vic Boudette and Joe Nowak.

Four of the six can trace their roots back to 1955 when they started Grade 4 together. When you can recollect having a class size of about seventy it makes you wonder where they others have all gone. Having said that, many are spread far and wide around the world and others have passed into eternal life.



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1965

Cohorts from 1965 got together at the 2023 AGM and enjoyed lunch and a few drinks. It was great to see them all together looking trim, tort and terrific.

There is also a photo of their Grade 6 class and I sure these guys picture is in there somewhere. It should be simple enough to match the guys from 2023 with the Grade 6 boys but I will leave that to them. They are still trying to identify some of the boys in the Year six photo below. So, if you can help with that information and have contact details, please email Bob Sibley at robertjamessibley@gmail.com

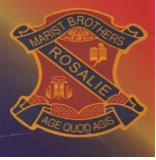


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1973 -50 Year Re-union

What a fantastic effort to get so many from the one year along after 50 years.



Back Row L-R, Brian Bauer, Geoff Nicholls, Arthur Ponting, Geoff Funnell, Gerard Doyle, Joseph Donataccio, Isidora Camiolo, Cec Kojrowicz, Geoff Byrne, Alfio Strazzeri, Nino Di Marco, Sam Andaloro

Middle Row L-R, John Szandurski, Anthony Ladd

Front Row L-R, Chris Hart John Kearney, Paul Scanlon, Gaetano Turissi, Frank Forrest, Peter Coman, Noel Lavery, Chris Speare

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CLASS OF 1978 – 45th. REUNION

Marist Brothers Rosalie Class of 1978 45th Anniversary Reunion Pineapple Hotel, Kangaroo Point – Sunday 19 November 2023

On Sunday 19 November 2023 the 'old boys' of Marist Rosalie Class of 1978 came together for our 45th anniversary of leaving Senior. The gathering took place at the Pineapple Hotel, Kangaroo Point.

All up we had 24 attendees... 19 classmates plus Kev Sullivan (Class of 1980, Dan's (RIP) brother) and two teachers... Mal McKenna and Peter Crombie, and two wives. It was great to see our classmate, Peter Hanlon, who flew up from Adelaide specially for the reunion.

Old school photos were mulled over, many school stories were re-told, and the latest developments in the lives on our school mates were discussed. We also gave special mention to two classmates who had died since our last reunion in late October 2022... John Crawford, who passed away on 13 June 2023 and Peter Evans, who passed away on 12 July 2023 in New Zealand. A few of us had attended John's funeral at Holy Family Church, Indooroopilly, and Peter Evans' celebration of life at the Normanby Hotel. We were truly fortunate to have John attend last year's reunion. Rest in peace John and Peter.

We also reminisced about our other classmates who have passed... including Peter Casey (Peter passed away in 1975 when we were in Grade 9), Dan Sullivan, Gavin O'Sullivan, Len Hooper, Tony Reeves, Frank Motika, and Peter Gilroy.

There were also some amusing stories told about our teachers during the years 1970 to 1978 and we remembered them as well including many who have passed... Brothers Ray Mulvogue, Julius Walsh, Francis Rodgers, Harold Carlson, Silverius Lenehan, Jude Featherstone, and lay teachers... Joan (McAdam) Fitzgerald, Pat Wilson, Col Aldridge, Tom Doolan and Ronald Holmes (formerly Brother Ronald).

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

We all had a wonderful time at our 45th anniversary reunion and plan to meet again each year, as 'we are not getting any younger'.

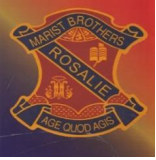
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IMPORTANT DATES

Management Meetings 2024

**13th. January 2024
TO BE CONFIRMED**

Rosalie Tribute Match

23rd. April 2024

**Champagnat Sports Day – Rugby Match vs St. Laurence’s
(Special guests include 1st. XV players from Ashgrove Rosalie and St’ Laurence’s from
1954, 1964, 1974 and 1984)**

31st. May 2024

MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

The calendar for all 2024 Management Meetings and dates and details of future events will be updated following the first Management Meeting for 2024 which will be held on 13th. January (To be confirmed).

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

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

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