

A HISTORY OF THE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

Since the first enrolment, Rosalie boys have always had an exceptional school spirit. To them the College is more than just a building of brick and timber, it is a college to which they have walked daily for many years.

The Catholic education which they have received was worth any hardships and the friendships made will last a lifetime. It is not surprising therefore that an Old Boys' Association was formed in 1938 and was quite successful until the war broke out and many of its members fought in the defence of their country. Foremost among these were Terry Corkran who as the first R.A.A.F. man to win the Military Cross in World War II.

Victor Glandfield was the first President, John Hallam and Col Donaldson were joint Secretaries and Jim Cummerford the first Treasurer. Stan Karney, Arthur Kean, Alwyn Smith, Owen and Fred McCourt, Jack Moran, Colin Robinson, Edward McCabe, Frank and Don Luton and Jack Allen were among the early supporters.

After the war it was difficult to trace former members and it was a few years before the Association reformed. It was not until 1959 that the present Association was formed.

It was Brother Cyprian who at a farewell dinner given in his honour in November 1958 spoke of the need for an Old Boys' Union.

Ken Glanville and Dan Begley were conveners of the inaugural meeting held at the College in April 1959. In May of that year the first annual meeting was held and the first committee formed.

The new Principal of the College in 1959 Brother Cloman (now Brother John Murphy, Director of Pagewood College, Sydney) worked very hard with the early members of the revised Old Boys' Association who were -

Ken Glanville - First President
Bill Mayne
Bill Winter
Leo Luton
Tony Machin
Tom Ryan
Arthur Ponting

Bernie Manion
Terry O'Sullivan
Arthur Keen
Laurie McCosken and
Bob Frederick - First Secretary
Dan Begley

Since 1959 the following Old Boys have been President of the Association.

Ken Glanville
Bill Mayne
Bill Winter
Hector McDonald
Noel Evans
Barry Maranta

Terry Gilday
Doug Semple
Ivan Donaldson
Joe Nowak
Tony Steel

In 1963 during Bill Winter's year as President, Paul Pemberton was the editor of the first Old Boys and College Magazine. Another Magazine was produced by Paul in 1964 and Bill Mayne was the producer of the 1965 Magazine.

During Noel Evans' year as President in 1967 Barry Maranta in addition to writing school text books was the editor of the Magazine.

During this year the Jubilee year of the College there is much activity by the Committee of the Old Boys Association.

All Old Boys of the College can participate in the many functions being organised this year. By this means of christian fellowship we can positively compliment the work of present and past committees as well as the teachers and Brothers at Rosalie College.

Peter Bolton

OLD BOY SNIPPETS

Fr. Tyson Doneley M.S.C. (1929-35) is Headmaster of St. John's College, Darwin.

Br. Brian Slack S.J. is working with Caritas, the International Catholic Relief and Welfare Organization, in Lucerne, Switzerland.

Fr. Liam Horsfall S.V.D., is the Australian Provincial of the Divine Word Missionaries. He is stationed at Epping, Sydney.

Fr. Harry Laing is Chaplain to Mt Olivet Hospital, Kangaroo Point.

Br. Cyrus Callaghan (1936-42) is Superior and Principal of Marist Brothers High School, Eastwood.

At present *Br. Laurence Breen* and *Br. Francis McGrath* are completing their Second Novitiate at Fribourg, Switzerland. They will return to Australia towards the end of 1979.

A number of old boy brothers are teaching in Brisbane: *Br. Peter Cokley* and *Br. Anthony Shears* at Enoggera, *Br. Neil O'Leary* and *Br. Paul Maranta* at Ashgrove, *Br. Casimir Novak* at Rosalie, and *Br. Des Phillips* at Buranda.

OLD BOYS JUBILEE MASS AND DINNER

This function was held on Thursday, 10th May. Three hundred and forty former teachers and old boys attended and the success of the night was a credit to the committee of the Old Boys' Association and in particular Dr A. Steel, Mr J. Nowak, Mr H. Stewart and Br. Casimir.

The Mass was concelebrated at the Sacred Heart Church Rosalie. The main celebrant was His Grace Francis Rush, Archbishop of Brisbane. The Archbishop was assisted by His Lordship Bishop Edward Kelly, M.S.C., Bishop of Toowoomba, His Lordship Bishop John Gerry, Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane, and thirteen priests. These included ex-students Fr. Liam Horsfall, S.V.D., Fr. David Brimson, O.S.A., Fr. Paul Hewitt, Fr. Peter Luton, Fr. John Ponting and Fr. Ashley Warbrooke. Bishop Kelly gave the homily at Mass. Fr. R. McKiernan was the Master of Ceremonies.

The Melbourne Hotel was the venue for the dinner. Mr Alan Thomas acted as chairman for the evening. Guests at the official table were:

His Grace Francis Rush, Archbishop of Brisbane
His Lordship Edward Kelly, M.S.C., Bishop of Toowoomba
His Lordship John Gerry, Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane
Rev. Fr. B. O'Shea, Director of Catholic Education
Rev. Fr. D. Power, P.P., Rosalie
Rev. Fr. T. Maloney, S.M., Chaplain Ashgrove
Rev. Br. Alman Dwyer, F.M.S., Vice Provincial
Rev. Br. Robert Goodwin, F.M.S. Provincial Council
Rev. Br. Campion Muldoon, F.M.S. Foundation Member
Rev. Br. Harold Carlson, F.M.S.
Rev. Br. Raymond Mulvogue, F.M.S., Principal
Dr. A. Steel, President O.B.U.
Mr D. Semple, President P & F
Mr R. Hales, Ashgrove O.B.U.

Congratulatory letters and telegrams were received from the following:

Br. Charles Howard, F.M.S. Councillor-General
Br. Kieran Geaney, F.M.S. Provincial of the Sydney Province
Fr. P. Downey, S.S.S., ex-student 1935 - 1938
Br. Othmar Weldon, F.M.S., former Provincial of the Sydney Province
Convent of Mercy, Rosalie
Marist Family Australian Federation
Marist Missionary Sisters
Peter Howard, Adelaide
Brian Harris, Culver City, California
Marist Community, Parramatta
St. Columban's Old Boys' Association
Fr. T. Doneley, M.S.C., Darwin - first Old Boy Priest
Fr. M. McLindon, Broadmeadows, Victoria
Br. Brian Beggs, F.M.S., Parramatta
Fr. Brian Cooper, Dutton Park

During the evening there were four speeches:

Toast to the Marist Brothers - Archbishop Rush
Reply - Brother Alman
Toast to the College - Bishop Gerry
Reply - Brother Raymond

Towards the end of the evening the Jubilee Cake was cut by Brother Campion and about twenty of the 1929 students. Mr D. Begley presented the College with a photo of Br. Cyprian Dowd and a cheque from the Brother Cyprian Trust which goes to the library.

The Committee was delighted with the attendance of present and former teachers including:

Br. Julius, Br. Anthony Harkness, Mr P. Condon, Mr P. Crombie, Br. Brian Etherington, Br. Venantius, Br. Herbert, Br. Silverius, Br. Nivard, Br. John (Cloman), Br. Oliver, Br. Bernard (Dionysius), Br. Roland, Br. Samuel, Br. Leonidas, Br. Gilbertus, Br. Wayne (Charles), Br. Marcellin, Br. Vianney, Br. Norman, Br. Francis (Conran), Br. John (Conrad), Br. Vincent (Egbert), Br. Terence (Sylvester), Fr. Francis (Celsus), Br. Kostka, Br. Hugh, Br. John (Abel), Br. Benet, Br. Mark, Br. Basil, Br. Jude, Br. Br. Oliver, Br. Charles.

Old Boy Brothers present included:

Br. Cyrus Callaghan, Br. Peter Cokley, Br. Robert Goodwin, Br. Paul Maranta, Br. Ernan Morgan, Br. Casimir Nowak, Br. Neil O'Leary, Br. Des Phillips, Br. Anthony Shears, Br. Cecil Shiel, Br. Anthony Speare, Br. Brian Sweeney, Br. Richard Thomas, Br. Paul Turner, Br. Wayne Wildin.

EXTRACTS FROM BROTHER RAYMOND'S SPEECH AT THE OLD BOYS' GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER

"This College owes much to its foundation staff - our first Director, Br. Osmund, Br. Athanasius and Br. Campion. Brother, the College honours you tonight and we thank you for being with us. To put together the happenings of fifty years is not my task. Each of you who attended Rosalie would have his own memories and they are being shared across the table. Memories like: the depression days, concerts at the Plaza Theatre, Maristonian Balls at Lennons, Boxing tournaments at the Paddington Theatre, visits by the governors, Corpus Christi processions, the war years and students who fought for Australia - some never to return, - swimming, football, cricket and tennis stories, and above all personalities among the staff and students of your time

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As members of the Rosalie school community we possess a tradition, a history, a style, some physical assets and an array of spiritual and intellectual resources.

The tradition that stands out in our history is that of educating the children of working class families. Your parents and our parents today, by and large, are the traditional working class of clerical, skilled and unskilled labour. Your parents sent you to this College for a Catholic education. Many of you have begun the upward socio-economic movement characteristic of any education. Do not forget your background and that today there are many in this working class background who need our support and leadership.

The College history spans five decades. In this history the Rosalie parish has always played a dominant role and through its parish priests – Mgr. Lee, Fr. O’Keefe, Fr. McGinley, Mgr. McCarthy and Fr. Power – we have always received tremendous spiritual and financial support. As Dean Lee said at the opening of the Monastery on 21st January, 1929

The monastery for the Marist Brothers is the very best we could devise and we have spared no efforts to make the building suitable for them. Their coming marks the beginning of a new epoch in my parish.

From 1929 to 1970 this school was built by the people of Rosalie and the surrounding parishes. In 1970 we became an Archdiocesan College and thus under the control of the Catholic Education Office. I thank Fr. O’Shea for his support of our College and the dedicated, imaginative and prayerful years he has given to Catholic education as Director for the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Our history also revolves around the eleven headmasters of these fifty years. Each man contributed his personality, his leadership, his life which may be reflected in buildings, but more importantly in the students of those years. Tonight the College would like to thank these men.

On behalf of the College, thank you, Brothers. Br. Osmund, Br. Regis and Br. Cyprian have died. To those of you who were students under these men, I ask on their behalf a remembrance in your prayers.

Our history can be its spirit of learning, its religious heritage of devotion to Jesus and Mary, its sporting history. At times we were winners; other times down the list. Of course, we hoped to perform well and I think the boys of this College have always displayed a manly spirit of sportsmanship

What is the style of our school? To me it comes from our not being a big school. Our size has meant that there was a close bond between student and student, student and staff, staff and parents. Yes, this is the Rosalie style – a friendship we call family spirit. Like any family we have had our triumphs and frustrations, our joys and crosses. Our boys have kept the faith, some have strayed, perhaps some have become bitter. Our school must, like any Christian family, turn to the only sure solace namely the love of God our Father and pray that our God will be merciful to each and every boy who has attended Marist Brothers’ College, Rosalie.

Another aspect of our style was expressed most aptly by Bishop Gerry when he recently visited the College for the presentation of the portrait commissioned by the Old Boys. Bishop John used these words:

Like you, we were a group of unsophisticated boys.

Yes, this is also a part of our style.

Our physical assets are well known to you all. Today the building that remains from our foundation day is the monastery. The senior and junior colleges, laboratories and library, a swimming pool have all been built since 1948; Br. Cyprian would be very proud of our Lavalla fields. These physical assets, however, only have life in my last reflection namely the school community’s

spiritual and intellectual resources. For fifty years this College has had the experience of living faith in its families, teachers and students. I thank God, our Mother Mary, our founder Blessed Marcellin Champagnat, for this witness and the forty-four priestly and religious vocations the College has fostered to serve Christ’s church. Gentlemen, do pray that the College may, in the years ahead, inspire some of our young men to answer the call of service to His church.

The teachers of this College have endeavoured to impart the cultural heritage of our faith, knowledge and experience to each generation of young people. I thank all teachers, past and present, for your contributions to the living history of Marist Brothers’ College, Rosalie. As teachers, yours is a privileged relationship, for inevitably the response you stimulate in the boys is a response to yourself

Vatican Council, the recent popes, the Congregation for Catholic Education all reminded us to be true to the Catholic school. To our teachers, religious and lay, I address these words of Mother Teresa of Calcutta:

When you are teaching you are not working for the rich, you are working for God’s children. If we are losing the young people of today, the fault lies in our schools. Who will bring Jesus to our young people?

Marist Brothers’ College, Rosalie, must continue to bring Jesus to the young people of Rosalie and the western line

EXTRACTS FROM THE ADDRESS OF BROTHER ALMAN DWYER, F.M.S., VICE PROVINCIAL AT THE OLD BOYS’ GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER

Mr Chairman, Your Grace, My Lord Bishops, Reverend Fathers, Brothers and Gentlemen. It is my privilege to reply to the very thoughtful and kind toast from our dear Archbishop tonight.

As Marist Brothers we wish to love Mary and have others love her. We present her as the privileged expression of the love of God, who formed her to become His mother as well as ours, and proposed her to us as the perfect response of redeemed humanity. Such is the meaning of our teaching on Our Lady, and as her sons, we have her much in mind tonight as we celebrate fifty years of Marist work in Queensland at Rosalie.

Another, deeply in our thoughts tonight is the cause of it all, our founder Marcellin Champagnat, a great son of Southern France, of whom it was once said by a priest of the time:

No, no; it is impossible. The man is wanting in everything. He neither understands what he is doing nor has he the means of carrying it out; how then can he succeed? One of these days, his creditors will come down upon him, and he will be obliged to give up all and run away; therefore you do very wrong in thus encouraging him in his folly, and running the risk of loving your money.

Yet, today, we find his Brothers working for the cause of Christ in 55 countries around the world. He always insisted – quietly yet deliberately – that his men should try to be humble, simple and modest – not formidable or offputting.

And so, whilst this Jubilee is for all a great occasion of joy and gladness – and we are genuinely thrilled at what has been accomplished, at the same time, we are deeply conscious of the spirit demanded of us by Marcellin Champagnat.

Unfortunately, Brother Len Marshall, Provincial of the Christian Brothers, who was with us at Mass, had to leave for Solemn Office for Brother Murphy, of St. Laurence's who passed away yesterday. I would wish to say to Brother how greatly we admire the magnificent work and contribution made to the Queensland Church by the Christian Brothers for well over a hundred years now. Likewise, to the Sisters of Mercy, alongside of whom we have been privileged to work for the past fifty years at Rosalie, congratulations and thanks.

I doubt whether schools have ever been more under the microscope than at the present time. An old mate of mine used to say "You don't accuse the mirror if your face is ugly".

A college will not become Christian by issuing a statement to the effect, but by steadily working on letting Christianity penetrate all its operations. It follows that a college is never fully Christian; it is always in the process of becoming. The search for a Christian spirit cannot be merely the task of some individuals; it must be the work of the whole academic community. And it has been going on down through those fifty years. From my own close observations, this search for a Christian spirit is very evident in the daily life of the College.

Brother Raymond, a deeply spiritual and human leader, works with a dedicated, generous, united staff, religious and lay. They are a very real and supportive school community.

I would like to express my own congratulations to the present boys at the College and, the Old Boys, many of whom I have met in the past two years for their evident spirit of MANLINESS and INDEPENDENCE.

It is interesting, when you look down through the years, to note how many of the Brothers and lay staff have been of this type – manly, upright, independent. It certainly shows in the Old Boys and in the College at the moment. This is blended with a real 'gut' loyalty which is quite outstanding.



Bishop Gerry, Fr. Power, Mr B. Hales, Br. Robert and Father T. Maloney.

Bishop Gerry proposing the toast to the College.



Mr A. Burgess, Br. Harold, Mr D. Semple, Br. Campion, Fr. B. O'Shea and Bishop Kelly.



Fr. T. Maloney, Fr. J. Ponting, Fr. L. Valente, Fr. D. Power, Fr. R. Pascoe and Fr. H. Laing.



Bishop Kelly, Archbishop Rush, Dr. A. Steel, Br. Raymond, Bishop Gerry and Fr. D. Power.





*Fr. D. Brimson, Fr. A. Warbrooke, Fr. P. Hewitt,
Fr. B. O'Shea, Fr. P. Luton, Fr. L. Horsfall and Fr. W. Morris.*



*Mr A. Manion, Br. Gilbertus, Br. Oliver,
Br. Robert Goodwin and Mr F. Bellet.*



*Br. Leonidas, Br. Venantius, Br. Wayne, Mr Leo McQuillan,
Mr A. McQuillan and Br. Robert Goodwin.*



Br Harold and Br. Campion



Joe Nowak, Br. Vianney, Br. Ernan and Tony Steel



Brother Campion and the 1929 students cutting the Jubilee Cake.



A view of the Melbourne Hotel Function Room



Br. Alman and Archbishop Rush



Old boys with former teachers, Br. John Vance, Br. Samuel and Br. Brian.



Br. Alman replying to the toast to the Marist Brothers. The Chairman, Mr Alan Thomas, is in the background.



Br. Campion and the 1929 students



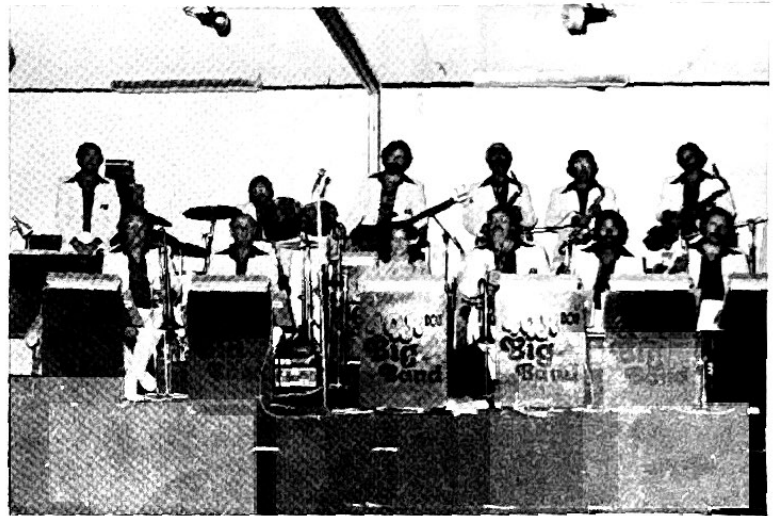
The Jubilee Mass at the Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie

MARIST FAMILY DINNER DANCE



Ex-student Paul Stirling & partner

4QR Big Band



*Mr Bill Jackson, Mr & Mrs Bill Donaldson, Mrs Iris Robinson,
Mr & Mrs Roger Speare*

Mr & Mrs Tom Handy and Mr & Mrs Harold Handy



Mr Dan Begley, Brother Silverius, and Mrs Begley

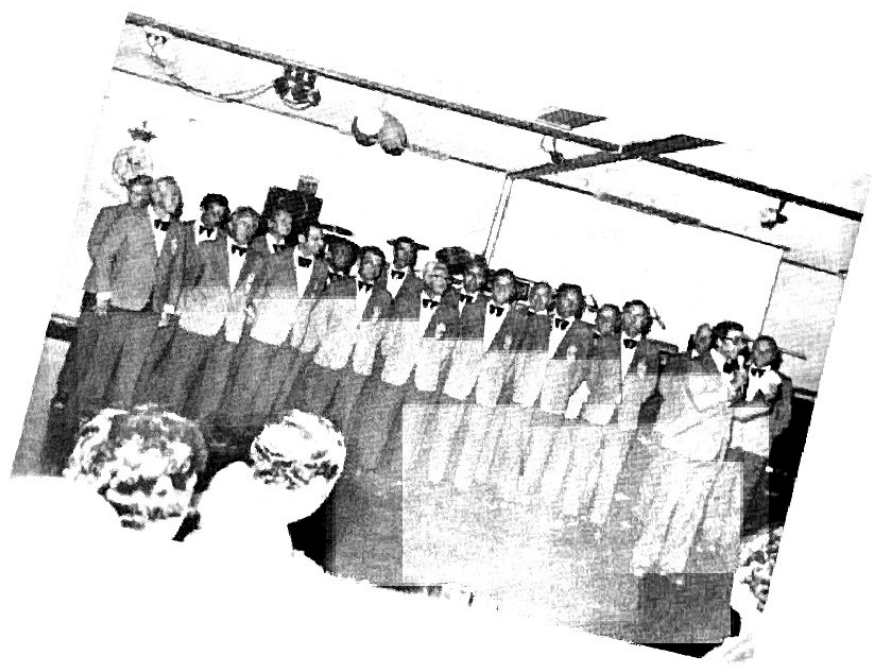


*Mr & Mrs McLaughlin, Father Liam Horsfall, Mr & Mrs Frank Luton,
Mr & Mrs Barry Maranta, Mr & Mrs Leo Luton, Bishop John Gerry*



Brother Wayne Threlfo, Mrs Pat Dawson and Brother Nivard

Verdi Choral Group



Ex-student Paul Scanlon & partner