

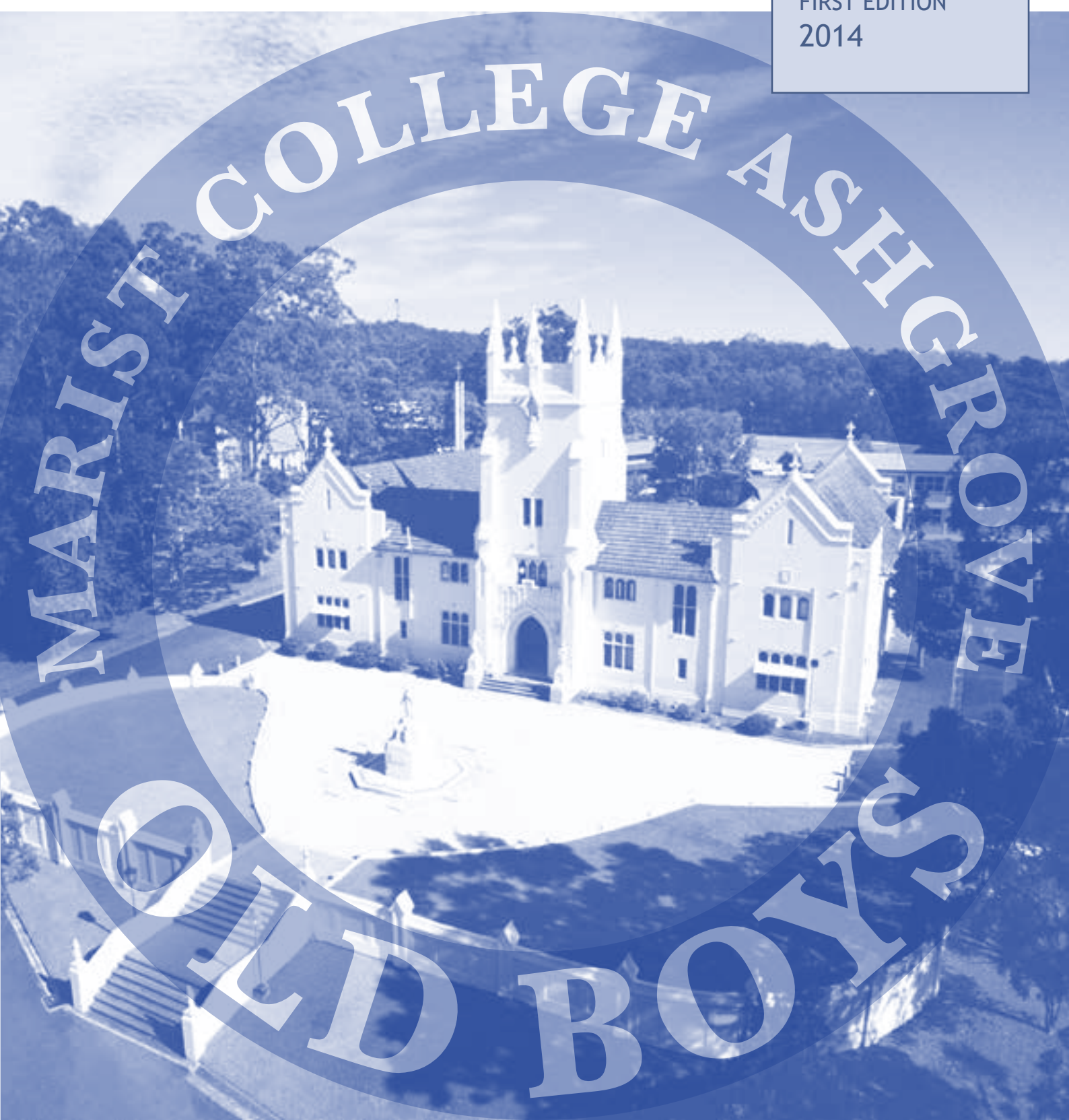
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DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

Friday 15 August - VINTAGE BLUE & GOLD LUNCH for classes from 1940 to 1974

Sunday 14 September - Old Boys Annual Race Day

Friday 3 October - REUNION MASS AND EVENING FUNCTION at the Cyprian Pavilion

Check the Old Boys website at www.ashgroveoldboys.com.au for further details.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Ashgrovians,

Welcome to all Old Boys and MCA supporters, but especially our 2013 Senior Graduating Class and may your friendships forged at Ashgrove last a lifetime.

2014 has started quite busily for the new Committee of the Marist College Ashgrove OBA.

At the AGM on the 4th of February 2014 the new Committee was installed and our first decision was to accept unanimously the proposal to admit Pat Nolan as an honorary Life Member of the Association. Pat is a most worthy recipient with a long history of association with MCA and selfless dedication to the College which has been to the benefit of all Old Boys. Pat had an older brother pass through the College, all three of his sons attended and now his grandsons are here. Pat was co-chair (with Bernie Knapp) of the Ash Appeal for fundraising for the Champagnat Centre in the late 80's and was also a tireless organizer behind the scenes. Pat also provided the College with legal advice in many diverse areas.



The OBA has also instigated the Arthur Apelt Memorial Service Award which will be awarded to a MCA ex-student who has provided outstanding service to the Association, above and beyond the call of duty. Once again the Committee decided unanimously that the inaugural recipient will be Tom Treston (47), whose generosity, goodwill and unstinting service over every College domain has extended his whole lifetime. Tom's children and grandchildren's presence at MCA had enabled Tom to maintain his association, uninterrupted into his mid-eighties!



Back left to right: Anthony Collins (Treasurer), Sean Harkin, Dom Melrose, Stuart Laing, Brad Batten
Front left to right: Jim Gardiner, Peter McLoughlin (Headmaster), John O'Hare (President) Peter Casey (Secretary)

Absent: Chris Shay, Jack Laracy, Mark Kierpal

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Continued...

Both Tom and Pat will be honoured at the Vintage Blue and Gold Lunch on August 15 and the OBA is privileged and delighted that Arthur Apelt will also be represented by his wife Jill and family.

On March 29, the OBA hosted the exciting Staff v Army Charity Rugby match to raise funds for Lance Corporal Stjepan (Rick) Milosevic's family. Rick was killed in Afghanistan while serving with the Australian Defence Force on the 29th of August 2012. With wonderful support from the Australian Army, generous contributions from Rick's 1989 Class and the MCA community, the OBA was able to donate over \$27,000 to Rick's wife Kelly and children Sarah and Kate. Thanks to the OBA Committee, particularly Jim Gardiner, Stuart Laing, Dominic Melrose, Anthony Collins, Chris Shay, Sean Harkin, Mark Kierpal and especially Kay Wells for coordinating the day so well.

Eight days earlier, Friday May 21st, the Annual Golf Day was again a most enjoyable day with 76 starters who participated in perfect conditions at Keperra (KCGC) in a 4 Ball Ambrose event. It was good to see some of our younger Old Boys represented with some real talent on display with Tim Roach (2010), handicap of 3, going close to the \$10,000 Hole-in-one, (193 metre Par 3, 12th hole) prize, and thankfully our Treasurer can relax for another 12 months. Thanks to Peter Casey for his efforts in ensuring the day is such an enjoyable one.

Our final function for Semester One was to host Villanova College for the first time since our MCA Old Boys Sports Day commenced in 2007. On May 24th, 2014 we had the reunion of the Ashgrove 1954, 1964 and 1974 1st XV and 1964 and 1974 1st XV from Villanova. This year the five Wallaby Captains from both Colleges were invited to attend - Ashgrove's Chilla Wilson, Des Connor and John Eales and Villanova's, Andrew Slack and Ben Mowen.

A record number of guests attended from both schools and this event has certainly gained in popularity. Thanks to Kay Wells for organizing the day and for her tireless effort and remarkable "Midas touch" in ensuring all College functions run so successfully. Thanks also to Mullins Lawyers for their generosity in sponsoring the day.

The OBA also looks forward to our continuing role in fundraising for the Tower Block restoration. With MCA Headmaster, Peter McLoughlin's support and guidance an Area of Remembrance for departed Old Boys in the Tower Block is proposed. The sacred and solemn nature of the Tower site will thus be returned and Old Boys should feel a special connection to this aspect. Please give generously to the MCA Foundation to restore our iconic Marist Tower Block to its graceful former glory.

Finally, as we prepare next year to celebrate 75 years since MCA's foundation in 1940, a special 75th Diamond Jubilee anniversary function at the Brisbane Convention Centre is planned for August 1st, 2015. This is when the Marist Schools Rugby teams and the 2000-2009 MCA Team of the Decade will be announced and it will certainly be an occasion not to be missed. Exciting times lie ahead but, prior to 2015, we have our remaining OBA functions in 2014, i.e. Vintage Blue and Gold Lunch on August 15th, Old Boys Race Day on September 14th and the Annual OBA reunions get-together on October 10th for Old Boys who graduated after 1974. We thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to catching up.

Viriliter Age
John O'Hare
President

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear members of the Marist College Ashgrove Old Boys' Association,

The movie *The Bucket List* has a lot to answer for! Many would be familiar with the plot, two cancer patients Edward and Carter decide to forgo treatment and embark on a world tour in order to "cross off" as many items they have listed on their bucket list. Such items as the pyramids of Egypt, the Great Wall of China, Hong Kong, the Himalayas, safari in South Africa were some of the travel highlights, the must-sees.



On 13 April I went to the fourth round of the US Masters Golf Tournament held at Augusta National Golf Club, Georgia USA. Why the Masters? I've probably been a golfing tragic since I was ten (45 years!). I've watched the Masters on TV every year since I can remember. Why? I've loved the traditions and the expectation that it brings. Mostly also "living and dying with the Shark" aka Greg Norman in the 1980's and 1990's. It has always intrigued me. Why? The great lengths they went to in presenting the golf course in perfect condition. The way the tournament organisers seemed to control everything (except the weather!). Interestingly though, it wasn't until I went there that it dawned on me how the approach of the organising committee was to act with simplicity, modesty and humility. This statement may shock many of you but I will explain.

Simplicity - easy. At the entrance for the Patrons (that's what you're referred as) security welcomes you, "Welcome to the Masters. Please no cell phones, no cameras. Y'all have a wonderful day at Augusta National." Amazing! In 2014 at what I estimated to be over 50,000 people and no one had a mobile phone! You don't run - anywhere, anytime. If you do, they escort you to the gate and tell you if you run again, you'll be asked to leave.

Modesty - a chicken and salad sandwich, a beer and a bottle of water cost the grand total of \$5.50! Prices are set to be fair to the patrons. Chairs - you can buy a Master chair (we received one as part of our package) and you write your name on a card and place it in the back of your chair. Wherever you leave it, no one will sit in it and no one will take it. We left our chairs not far from the 11th green and close to the 12th tee. We left the chairs unoccupied for over two hours and they were in the position we had left them in when we returned.

Humility - the players are expected to behave in a humble manner, so are the patrons. There was no one yelling out, "You're the man!" or "Get in the hole!" When the Chairman of Augusta National introduced himself at the presentation ceremony he said, "Hello. I'm Billy Payne and welcome to the Masters." Lots of members were there (they wear green jackets too) and they mixed with the patrons, not segregated, except for one area in front of the clubhouse. We followed John Senden, staff member Michael Connolly's brother-in-law. We met his wife, they were fantastic, down to earth Australians. They made us feel special because we followed John (he finished tied for 8th). The golf course was even better than it looks on TV. But, I'll never forget the way everything is conducted simply, modestly and humbly.

Members of the Old Boys Committee wonder how many editorials I'll write about my trip to the Masters. Well, this is it. It was awesome!

Let's all remember the wish of St Marcellin that we should always act simply, modestly and humbly.

Yours in Jesus, Mary and St Marcellin,
Peter McLoughlin
 Headmaster

OLD BOYS SPORT DAY - MAY 24 2014

The Headmaster, Peter McLoughlin, Old Boys' Association and the College community were delighted to welcome back members of the Ashgrove 1st XV's from 1954, 1964 and 1974 and the 1964 and 1974 Villanova College, 1st XV's along with the Headmaster of Villanova College, Denis Harvey and Peter Ferguson, Vice-President Villanova OBA.

Judge Kevin Row (1946), also attended with his wife Veronica, mother of Tony Rosen (1981), who passed away, December 7, 2012 and was also remembered on this special day.

Our special guests were the 5 Wallaby captains or family representatives from both Colleges. Marist College Ashgrove's three Test Captains are Chilla Wilson (1940-43), who captained the Wallabies in 3 tests in 1958 against the All Blacks; Des Connor, who captained Australia, played 12 tests for the Wallabies, coached Australia and also played for the All Blacks in 12 tests and John Eales, who captained Australia in winning the 1999 World Cup, was then Bledisloe Cup winning Captain, Tri-Nations winner and victorious series winning captain against the 2001 British Lions.



Villanova College was represented by Andrew Slack, 1984 Grand Slam (UK) captain, 1986 Bledisloe Cup series winning captain in N.Z. and captain of the Wallabies in the first World Cup in 1987 and current Australia captain, Ben Mowen.

Anthony Collins raised much needed funds for the OBA by organizing the five Wallaby Captains autographed rugby football raffle which was most popular.

Following the Headmaster's welcome and lunch for the former Wallaby Captains and the teams, they were presented with medallions and acknowledged by the large crowd present. Most stayed on to watch the 1st XV match and what a good spectacle it was, with Ashgrove prevailing, 44-5.

Some memories of the Ashgrove 1st XV's.

1954 1st XV - Undefeated premiers

Many of Ashgrove's supporters were quick to praise this side "best team ever" in tribute to their standard of football where they put together a game of speed, power and perfect understanding. Eight of the 1954 side were selected in the MSSSA representative team that defeated GPS, 13-6. They were Brian Crank, Noel Lane, Brian Lindsay, Des Ridley, Vince Nipperess, Michael O'Reilly (capt), John Nutley and Paul Moroney. Other members of the MCA 1954 squad included, Clive Davies, Patrick Duffy, Michael Henry, Paul Jackson, William King, Brian McKee, William Ovenden, William Renton-Power. Br. Fabian was the coach and Br. Francis, Sportsmaster.

1964, 1st XV: Finished as Runners-up to SPLC, after winning seven of the eight competition games. The team was a good, balanced one with the forwards especially effective in tight play and the backs, safe and very determined. 1964 was the last season the 1st XV would wear the white shorts.

The 1964 team consisted of: Barry Honan (capt) (Inside centre), John Breen (Vice-Capt) (Second row), Maurice Luissi (Fullback), Damian Carroll (Winger), Michael Neill (Breakaway), David L'Estrange (Winger), Colin Loag (Breakaway), Errol Allan (Five-eighth), Rob Wiemers (No8), Ron Whelan (Hooker), Jeff Leggart (Breakaway), Robert Wood (Outside-centre), John Simpson (Prop), Charlie Kramer (Second row), Greg Dux (Prop), Travis McKewen (Halfback). Replacements during season: Peter Berge, Leo Seeto. Coach: Br. Phelan. Linesman: Gerard King

1974 1st XV team - Co-Premiers with Villanova. The 1974 1st XV was a strong combination that defeated BSHS, BGS and BBC in trials. Ashgrove went down 19-14 to Villanova, despite scoring three tries to two. The team breathed again when St. Columban's defeated Villanova. The team comprised Fullback - Greg Chan Wings- Michael Craig, Frank Sciani, Centres - Richard Kelly, Paul Mills, Mark O'Connor (inj), Five-Eighth - Peter Lung, Half Back - Gary Allen, No.8 - Kelly Moran, Breakaways - Julian Counsel (capt) and Rory Sykes, 2nd Row - David Barbagallo (Aust. Schoolboys) and Mark Devereux, Props - Michael Webster, Greg Smith. Hooker - John Murray. Coach: Br Alexis

OLD BOYS SPORT DAY - JUNE 1 2013 *Continued...*



1954 TEAM

Back Row:
 Clive Davies, Brian McKee, Bill Oviden, John Lane (for Noel, RIP), John Nutley and Peter McLoughlin (Headmaster)

Front Row:
 Brian Crank, Brian Lindsay, Mick O'Reilly, Vince Nipperess, Bill King, Pat Duffy.



1964 TEAM

Back Row:
 Gerard King (Linesman), Jeff Leggat, Bob Wood, Damien Carroll, Maurice Liussi, Greg Dux and Peter McLoughlin (Headmaster)

Front Row:
 Colin Loag, Bob Wiemers, Barry Honan, Ron Whelan, Errol Allan, David L'Estrange.



1974 TEAM

Back Row:
 Michael Craig, Michael Webster, John Murray, Rory Sykes, David Barbagallo, Frank Sciani and Peter McLoughlin (Headmaster)

Front Row:
 Paul Mills, Mark O'Connor, Gary Allan, Br Alexis Turton (coach), Peter Lung, Julian Counsel (Captain)

DES DWYER (1948)

Born: July 24, 1933. Died: November 28, 2013.

In 1953 the Metropolitan Caloundra Surf Life Saving Club acquired a new surf boat that had been built in Brisbane but they didn't have a trailer to collect it, so Des Dwyer and four mates came up with an idea – they would row it home. The plan was to overnight on the beach at Bribie or Redcliffe en route to Caloundra. The only hitch came when they decided to take a shortcut and ran aground at the mouth of the Brisbane River. Knee-deep in mud they had to drag the surf boat 200m to get clear. Fifty years later, two of Des' sons re-enacted the voyage – with a support boat, two crews and a comfortable overnight stay in a motel.

Des Dwyer joined the surf club in December 1948 and remained a stalwart until his death, aged 80, in November.

He held all key club posts – Captain, President, branch delegate and superintendent and was a foundation member of both the nippers and supporters clubs. He was awarded life membership in 1959 and in 2002 became only the second person to be named a life governor of the club. In 1970, Des was awarded life membership of the Sunshine Coast branch of SLSA.

To the broader Sunshine Coast population Des Dwyer will be remembered as the mayor of Caloundra City from 1994 until 2000, a businessman, stalwart of the community and great supporter of rugby league. Des was a Caloundra man through and through and his territory was Kings Beach.

Born in Brisbane the elder of two sons of Tom and Cate Dwyer, nee Muldoon, Des was only five when he arrived in the coastal town he was to call home for the next 75 years. He attended Caloundra State Primary School and was sent to MCA to complete his secondary education. Returning from boarding school aged 15, Des joined the surf club and started work as an apprentice radio technician for Les Skipper, who had an electrical appliance store at 31 Bulcock Street.

He eventually bought the business and main street property from Skipper in July 1966 and also managed to buy another business property at 87 Bowman Road. Through business acumen and hard work he built it into the leading electrical retailer, Dwyer's Retravision, his reputation being one of unquestionable honesty, integrity and a natural leader. The business remains in the family at the Bowman Road site.

Gordon King, who joined the surf club in 1954, said Des had been away on National Service when he first arrived. When he finally met "this bloke called Heapsa, a nickname given because of his size, he was exactly as they had said – precise, knowledgeable and with a great sense of humour".

In the late 1950s, the licensee of the iconic Perle Hotel, which stood on the site of the current Kings Beach Tavern, was a big man called Jack Slattery. His attractive daughter, Mary, was admired by all the lifesavers but they kept their distance. At the surf club's Easter dance at the Glidaway Hall in Kings Beach, Des made his move. When the Slatterys moved to Newcastle, Des decided to do a course in the new field of television as a technician, which meant he had to go to Sydney. By night he worked in the bar at Jack Slattery's hotel and during the day he travelled into Sydney. By the time he had finished his course, romance had blossomed. Des and Mary were married in 1960 and within the next decade had nine children, who they raised on a quarter-acre block at Queen Street in Kings Beach.

Although busy building his business, Des always had time for his growing family, often taking the brood to Kings Beach for a run and a swim before school. He also ensured his children had the best opportunities. All were sent to boarding school because he believed in a rounded education.

Des entered local government in 1988 and served a three-year term as a councillor. In 1994 he was elected mayor and was returned to the top job at the 1997 elections. One of the major projects carried out under his watch was the Caloundra section of the coastal walk. In 2003, at the request of the community, a section from Shelly Beach to Moffat Beach, was named the Des Dwyer Walkway. He was also a member of the Caloundra Ambulance Committee, serving for a time as Vice-President, and was made a life member. In 2005 he received the Order of Australia Medal for his community service and service to surf lifesaving. His most recent accolade was acknowledgement of his support of the Caloundra Sharks rugby league club with life membership.

Des is survived by Mary, his brother Fr John Dwyer, his nine children, 19 grandchildren and a great-grandchild he did not live to see.

Brisbane Courier Mail, Saturday 25 January 2014



RECENT REUNIONS



Reunion - Class of 1970 - Breakfast Creek Hotel 22/12/13

Back Row: Peter Lavercombe, Mike Barry, Brian Jones, John Gamble, Al Lieschke, Pat Laughren, Joe Normando, Kerry Medland, Sam Monforte.

Middle Row: Peter Spensley, Michael Fitzsimon, Greg Wallace, Dan Casey, Robin (Pop) Cooney, Lou Duronio, Paul Higgins, Peter Jardine, Mike Donohue, Peter Diezmann.

Front Row: Laurie Phillips, Morris Crowley, Terry Burkett, Fr. Michael Carroll, Kev Murphy, Br. Alexis, Peter Gibson.

CALLING ALL OLD BOYS. CAN YOU HELP? YEAR CO-ORDINATORS FOR THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

We need your help please! We are seeking a person from each year group to be a Year Co-ordinator. The purpose of this is to be a contact person to enable the Old Boys to keep in touch with all our members. This may be by way of helping to update addresses/emails/phone numbers or to get the message out there re special events on the Old Boys' calendar.

If you feel you can help the Old Boys with this then please contact Jim Gardiner.

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PRAYERS PLEASE

- Carolyn Gardiner who passed away late last year, Carolyn is the mother of Old Boys, Lachlan (2001), Alasdair (2009) and Duncan (2003).
- Sadly John Bernard O'Brien's father, Bernard John O'Brien passed away peacefully in February and his funeral was held at Buderim Catholic Church. Bernard was 86 years old. Bernard was an Old Boy of the Marist College Forbes (NSW) and his wife, Carmel passed away a couple of years ago. It is intended for both parent's ashes to be taken out to Charleville to be with John (1972). John's younger brothers Damien and Tim also attended Ashgrove in the mid to late seventies.
- Kerry Thomas, mother of Old Boy Matthew of 2011, passed away in January 2014.
- Jacob Scheer who passed away in January in London. Jacob graduated in 2003.
- Tim Simmonds (1992), of the Meandarra Cricket Club, was tragically taken from us on the 16th April in a car accident near Glenmorgan.
- Carlos Alberto Yudi (father of Matias, College Vice-Captain 1997) lost his brave, long and courageous battle with bowel cancer. He passed away in the early hours of Tuesday the 6th May at the Wesley Hospital surrounded by his family. His funeral was held at St Ignatius Catholic Church, 30 Kensington Terrace, Toowong, on Friday 9th May.

FATHER JOHN BEGG

Fr John Begg was six when his father died after being wounded in war, and he was later to give part of his own life in service of others in the same part of the world.

The death of his father, a young man from Scotland, left his wife Frances, a country girl from Warwick, Queensland, to raise their three children on her own. John was the eldest, and he had a younger sister, Ann, and a younger brother, Brian, who died three years ago of cancer.

Fr John, a Marist Father doing supply work in parishes around Brisbane archdiocese, carried the memory of his father when he celebrated Mass on Anzac Day, wearing a specially made colour strip representing Charlie's four war medals. For helping the family deal with that loss down through the years in practical ways, Fr John is deeply grateful to Legacy.

Even more than Legacy, though, it is the Marists who have been part of Fr John's life from the beginning. He grew up in Ashgrove and the family was part of the St John's Wood parish where the Marist Fathers had served since 1927. After finishing at St Finbarr's Primary School, he went to MCA and finished his last two years of school at St John's College, Woodlawn in northern NSW.

Young John, like his mates, had well and truly absorbed the Marist charism, and the support of the Marist Fathers in the days, months and years after his dad's death had deepened their appeal when he was thinking of becoming a priest.

But, after answering the call to priesthood, his time at the seminary was to change the way he would follow.

His thinking changed when he met some of the Marist missionaries who would come home on holidays from the Pacific islands. Missionary work did not happen for him straight away but, after his ordination in Sydney in 1963, he held that thought for a few years while he was teaching at St John's College, Woodlawn.

He applied to go to the Pacific, to the Marist Fathers' Oceania Province, as a missionary and in 1970 was appointed to the Bougainville region where he spent 20 years.

Since leaving Bougainville in 1989, Fr John has carried his missionary experience into his ministry in Marist parishes in Sydney, Gladstone and Brisbane, and now as a supply priest in Brisbane archdiocese.



CONSTRUCTION AROUND THE COLLEGE

Many Old Boys will be saddened to hear of the passing of a College landmark – the toilet block in the Main Yard. Completed in 1962 as an essential for a College that was expanding in both student population and infrastructure, the toilets served their obvious purpose very nobly for over 50 years.

A more devious usage, and the bane of the College administration, also centred on the same toilets – a convenient hiding place for decades of College students who found it impossible to get through the school day without having their nicotine fix. It was easy for students to post a lookout atop a pedestal, peering through the louvres for the approach of any supervising teacher, while his desperate mates greedily inhaled the sustaining smoke. So thick did the illegal pall hang around the toilet block at one stage that a frustrated Deputy Principal was heard to mutter, "If someone comes in for a good honest **** it's like a breath of fresh air!!!"

Present Deputy Mr Richard Ward noted with surprise that the problem largely went away around 2006 – presumably because public education campaigns and repeated Physical Education programmes had finally embedded in students' grey matter that smoking was indeed not good for future health. The few smokers we have in 2014 now have found other places to hide, but the teachers are not far behind them, and so the game goes on.....

Old Boys, part of the "puffing culture" or not, will no doubt wish the toilets a fond Vale as they disappear from the College campus. *Sic transit Gloria mundi.*

DAVE CAMERON – College Archivist



Before



Demolition has started



Demolition has started



Elsewhere around the College - completed locker area



His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

10 April 2014

Mr John O'Hare
Old Boys' Association President
Marist College Ashgrove
PO Box 82
Ashgrove Qld 4060

Dear John

Thank you for your very kind letter congratulating me on my appointment as Governor-General of Australia. I was delighted to hear from the Old Boys of the school with which our family has had such a close association.

I am very conscious of the great honour that has been conferred upon me, and I look forward with enthusiasm to fulfilling the duties of the position.

With my sincere thanks for your good wishes.

*Warm regards
Peter Cosgrove*

OLD BOYS GOLF DAY - FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

Again we were able to greet the day with a cloudless sky. The course was in immaculate condition, we had a healthy group of 76 willing participants, the beer was cold and I was in my usual confident frame of mind, that this would be the year for victory. I will stop there, but it was an enjoyable day anyway, despite questions on my parentage from my group. Guys we were only 6 shots behind the winners. I suppose to me the day is reflected by the camaraderie at the 19th hole, as we organise the day with the sole purpose of re-connecting with old friends, making new ones and just being a part of the Marist family.

I thank the hole sponsors for the day, Wayne Hansen from the Marist Foundation, Jonathan Marshall from Aussie Home Loans, Stuart Roebig from Retail Logic, Angus Waddell from ICMI Speakers and Gavin McLeod from Commercial Aquatic. Without their support and the support of the players on the day, we could not make this the shining jewel on the Old Boys calendar that it is.

Winners on the day were Brett McSweeney, Mark Curcuruto, Michael Hocken and Paul Pearce, with a gross 61 and a net 54.88. There's some pretty good shooting there guys.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Keperra Country Golf Course. Michael Dash and his crew who have never failed in providing a seamless golfing experience.

2015, in the College's 75th anniversary year will be a bottler, so until next year always remember in the immortal words of Dean Martin: "If you drink, don't drive, don't even putt". I think there is a message in there somewhere for some of us.

Peter Casey

FIRST XI CRICKET

41st Marist Carnival & AIC Champions

The 2013/14 Cricket season has been one of great success for the members of the Ashgrove First XI. The season commenced in December with a thirteen man touring side from Ashgrove heading down to Adelaide where Sacred Heart College played host to the 41st Australian Marist Cricket Carnival. Four other touring squads from; Marcellin College Bulleen, Marist College Canberra, Lavalla Catholic College Traralgon & St John's College Woodlawn made up the competition group & all had a hand in turning out what was to be an enthralling & truly memorable week of cricket contested in typical Marist Spirit. It was a dramatic week in which the lads from Ashgrove did themselves & their College proud, producing some wonderful team efforts to eventually prevail in four of their five matches & claim the Stan McCabe Trophy as the Champion School of the Carnival. This is only the 5th time Ashgrove has won the Marist Carnival since its inception in 1974. There were also several individual accolades awarded to acknowledge outstanding achievement.

- Oliver West was awarded the David Parsons Trophy for the best fielder of the carnival.
- Daniel Cranitch (son of Tom (1986)) with 13 wickets at an average of 13.77 won the Tony Lantry trophy for the bowler of the carnival.
- Brock McLachlan with 236 runs & an average of 118 was awarded the Br. Evan O'Halloran Trophy for the cricketer of the carnival.
- Harry Collier (son of James) was named the recipient of the Champagnat award which is given to the team member who displays true Marist spirit throughout the tournament.
- Daniel & Brock were also named in the honorary Australian Marist XI for their performances.
- The team reaped the benefit of the exciting all round talents of Lachlan Messery (son of Michael (1980))

Riding high with confidence of a successful carnival, the team repeatedly turned out performances of the highest quality for the duration of the AIC season. Each week it seemed that their opponents could not match our batting depth, our consistency & accuracy with the ball, or the intense pressure applied in the field. The side played without peer for the entire season & the title of Undefeated First XI AIC Premiers is most certainly a fitting one.

Congratulations to all involved & thank you for a most rewarding & successful year. We now look forward with a great deal of anticipation to the exciting prospect of hosting the 42nd Marist Carnival here at Ashgrove in December.

Ben Maddox, First XI Cricket Coach

WALKATHON FLASHBACK

The Ashgrove Walkathon began on the 17th March (The month could not have been better named!), 1968 with Br Hugh ('Happy Jack') the prime motivator. The inaugural journey was to Jolly's Lookout and over the next ten years the College would journey to Ferny Grove, Bunya Park, Aspley and Brookfield. Each year, Ashgrove boys, accompanied by parents, little brothers and sisters, friends and well-wishers have toiled kilometre after kilometre to complete the course.

Every year, Br Hugh would instill enormous enthusiasm in the weeks leading up to the special Family Day with poems and songs - most will remember the remarkable adaptation of Benny Hill's, *Ernie* (Alias "Happy Jack") - And he drove the Fastest Milk Cart in the West!"

In 1977, Br Hugh enlisted Senior English Teacher from 1964-78, Mr. Leo Slattery to write the main Walkathon Song. Courtesy of Leo's widow Florence (now aged 98 years young) the OBA is in possession of Leo's 1977 masterpiece with acting hints! (and apologies to Banjo Patterson's "A Man From Snowy River"!

A MONOTONOUS WALKATHON MONOLOGUE

1. It's a moving day at Ashgrove, for the word has got around
That this Sunday is our 15,000 day
(Roars of approval)
So polish up your bunions, and pound the rugged ground,
For very soon the mob'll surge away
(Starter's gun: "They're off!")
(Walking sound effects)
2. All the boarders, and the day-boys, and NEARLY ALMAN'S staff
(Disapproving noises?)
Have been stoking up their energy all night
(A few bars of Drinking Song??? or glugs and gurgles?)
Boy, the range of walking actions here would make a gum-tree laugh,
While kaleidoscopic gear looks a fright
(“Blinded” mime or NOT?)
3. There's Michael there to row the boat, while others rock along
But Big John adds momentum to the surge,
While the chalkies and the chippies and the science bods join the throng
And the brethren of all ages get the urge
(Use BIG JOHN & what else?)
4. So it's stagger out to Brookfield and more sadly stagger back
(How show?)
But everyone out walking does his best
It isn't really stamina, but energy, we lack
(Show of lack of strength here?)
Still on Monday we can gloat, and glow, and REST.
(Communicate the bliss?)
5. It's natural that thinking men reject so grim a fate
And claim the money isn't worth the strain
But you can bet your bottom dollar in the ~~YEAR 0 78,~~
~~A thousand mugs' if hit the road again.~~
(Limp off in ragged orderly formation)

The Walkathon is now 46 years old, and the day itself is still one to remember, beautiful weather, wonderful helpers and willing walkers (and runners) which sets the scene for a successful day. These days MCA takes advantage of the scenic terrain of the Enoggera Army Camp. In 1979, over \$18,400 was raised. In 2013, \$96,000 was collected. The Walkathon is still the big success that it has been in the past! May the tradition continue.



Br. Hugh Reilly



Mr. Leo Slattery, Ashgrove, 1964-1978.

CONGRATULATIONS AND NEWS

REBEL WITH GOOD CAUSE - WORLD TREK TO RAISE FUNDS FOR BEYONDBLUE

Marsit College Ashgrove old boy Jonathan Gibson (2004) is all set for his Sydney to London trip to talk about depression. Jonathan Gibson is a man on a mission.

The 27-year-old urban designer, bar tender and self confessed motorcycle geek is riding from Sydney to London on a 1969 Royal Enfield motorcycle, the same motorcycle his grandfather Herman Whitehead rode at his age.

His aim is to raise \$20,000 for beyondblue and to raise awareness about mental health issues - specifically male depression - after losing three friends to suicide.

“Losing one friend to suicide is losing one too many,” Mr Gibson said.

beyondblue CEO Kate Carnell said the latest statistics showed suicide rates in Australia were extremely high: 49 people - 37 men and 12 women - commit suicide every week.

Mr Gibson first left Sydney on March 16, but his 45 year-old motorcycle has already broken down eight times and he is currently at his Bunya home fixing it.

Scary, when you realise the Marist Ashgrove old boy will ride through 23 countries – including Indonesia, Pakistan, Iran, Bosnia, Switzerland and France – during his self-funded trek.

“The bike breaks down a lot, but it is easy to fix,” he said.

Mr Gibson aims to leave Brisbane on April 12, bound for Darwin.

All funds donated will go directly to beyondblue.

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Ashgrove Marist old boy Jonathan Gibson is riding from Sydney to London on an Enfield motorcycle.

2014 T20 WORLD CUP IN BANGLADESH

Alex Cusack (1997), aged 33 scampered thru for a bye off the last ball for Ireland to beat Zimbabwe last night on St. Patrick's day. Very exciting. Alex took a wicket also but wasn't as economical as he usually is.



3 GENERATIONS OF MCA GRADUATES

Treston family at last years graduation day. Grandfather, Tom (1947), Father, Brendan (1977) and Joseph (2013).

Tom, hailed from Innisfail where he attended the local Marist Brothers College in 1944-45 and then transferred to Ashgrove. Married to Jeannine, their 4 sons all went to Marist Ashgrove as well. Anthony (1975), who resides in the USA; Brendon (1977), Greg (1978) and Luke (1985). Brendan has another son, Seamus in Year 9 at MCA; Greg has Jack in Year 12 and Tom soon to arrive at MCA; Luke's son Liam is in Year 7 and Dylan in Year 5. Tom and Jeannines' daughters, Jane and Rebecca attended MSM, Rebecca's sons, Dominic, Year 6 and Mathew Year 5 are also at Ashgrove.

CONGRATULATIONS AND NEWS



DANIEL TEWSON STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH FOR ALEX LEAPAI

Dan Tewson (1997) recently travelled to Germany as part of the Alex Leapai team. Dan is his strength and conditioning coach. In the 12 months that Dan has been training him Alex has rapidly risen in the rankings and fought unsuccessfully for the World Heavyweight Boxing Title.

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND MEDAL
 Congratulations to James Gallo (2006) who has been notified he is to be awarded a University of Queensland Medal, after graduating from Medicine with First Class Honours in 2013.

Blake Dimetrijevic (1994) returned from Zurich, Switzerland to be groomsman at his brother, Damon Dimetrijevic's (1998) wedding at Maleny on May 2, 2014.

Blake will be working in Hong Kong in 2015 which will be closer to home - relatively!

Ashley Elphinston (1998) who is married to Blake and Damon's sister, Cara, also returned from the island of Jersey in the English Channel for the wonderful day.

Ashley who represented as a No.8 in Rugby as an Australian Schoolboy, Australian U20 World Cup representative and Premier Grade player for University and GPS, completed another great season for Jersey where they just missed promotion to the English Championship first Division. Ashley's also working in Jersey as an accountant with Ernst and Young.

CRICKET NEWS

Alex Cusack (1997) was again outstanding for Ireland as their opening bowler in the T20 World Cup in Bangladesh.

Chris Kent (2008) represented PNG and was the mainstay of their batting in attempting to gain qualification over the past year in both the T20 and One Day World Cups.

Lachlan Thompson (2011), completed his first full season of A grade club cricket, finishing as No. 3 batsman for Sandgate-Redcliffe, averaging 35 for the season and with a highest score of 90 and concluding with a 65 as S-R just missed the semis.

Local club Valley which has a huge contingent of Ashgrove current and ex-students playing at the club won the A grade premiership.

RYAN WALSH OLD BOY 1997

The new Tourism Queensland campaign. It features the music of 1997 Old Boy and composer Ryan Walsh. Pretty amazing!

vimeo.com/83564623

CONGRATULATIONS AND NEWS

WILL BEANLAND (2008)

Will is currently doing a degree in Justice Studies and as a VHA Legal Studies man, he's well equipped to give the Year 11 students chapter and verse on criminal and civil law. He assiduously researches current cases and is a mine of information about the latest videos/DVDs on aspects of the justice system. Will is always well received by the Legal Studies classes because his passion for the law readily communicates itself to his audience. Will was recently nominated and gained membership to Tattersall's Club.

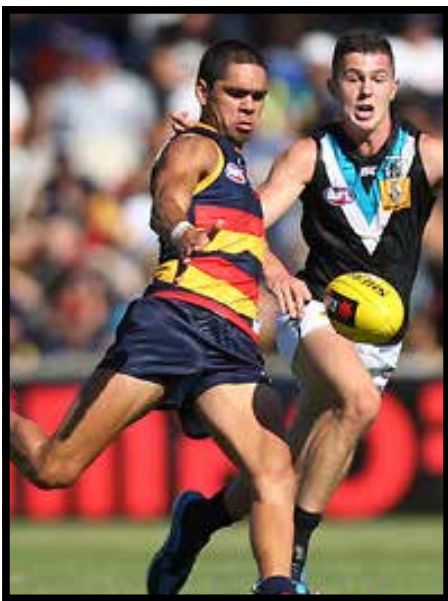


ANDREW COLE (1977)

Former international referee Andrew Cole from Australia has been appointed to sit on the IRB Match Official Selection Committee following the withdrawal of South Africa's Tappe Henning.

Cole took charge of 31 Tests during his career and since retiring in 2005 he has remained in the Game, currently serving as Australia's national referee coach.

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CROWS UPGRADE ELECTRIFYING SMALL FORWARD CAMERON

Adelaide small forward Charlie Cameron (2011) is set to make his AFL debut against Collingwood after being elevated to the Crows' senior list.

Cameron's form has steadily improved during this year's SANFL season, with the 19-year-old showcasing blistering speed and forward line pressure.

Cameron has booted nine goals in his five SANFL games. He's the club's leading SANFL goalkicker.

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STOP PRESS: The Courier Mail reported on Saturday May 31, 2014 of the former Queensland Junior representative in basketball and rugby union, Charlie Cameron. "He could go a long way, people are saying he is going to be the next Andrew McLeod. His first game against Collingwood for a young, skinny kid was fantastic".

BRIAN MCLEAN (1972)

Brian McLean, Biomechanist. Worked in Sports Science at the AIS, Canberra from 1988-2007. Then Consultant with New Zealand Cycling team at the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games. Brian will be based in Paris for next 2-3months working with the French national Track Cycling team. Brian is married to Lyn and has a daughter Jess and son Jack (2006) who also attended Ashgrove.



OLD BOY COREY BROWN MAKING HIS MARK IN THE BRISBANE ROAR

Congratulations to Old Boy Corey Brown (2011) who has resigned with the Brisbane Roar following a proposed move to the Jets. The Roar have been successful in keeping the home town boy with a last minute contract bid.

Digger's unit and former school clash in rugby match to fundraise for his children's education fund, **Cpl Nick Wiseman** reports.

LCPL Stjepan 'Rick' Milosevic's children are in safe hands with his unit and former school raising more than \$20,000 for their future education.

LCpl Milosevic was killed in an insider attack in Afghanistan in 2012.

Combining forces to look after their own, 2/14LHR (QMI) and Marist College Ashgrove held a fundraising rugby match, with all donations and proceeds going to LCpl Milosevic's family.

Rugby team member and one of the event organisers, Sgt Andrew Ballantyne, said it was an easy decision to take on LCpl Milosevic's school for the match.

"It's a local community school and Milo went there himself," he said.

"Marist did most of the fundraising with us there in support to play the match."

The day began with a small crowd gathered to watch the

school's rugby trials. The supporter numbers grew to fill the stadium for the fundraising match between the two rugby teams.

Sgt Ballantyne said although Marist School took out the match 17-5, the focus was on having fun and supporting the family.

Fellow player Cpl Jeff

Cummings said the day was a great success.

"There were a lot of people there on the other team playing that knew Milo," he said.

"After the game they came up to shake our hands and say

thanks for being there.

"Everyone had a great day, especially the Marist team, as they beat us."

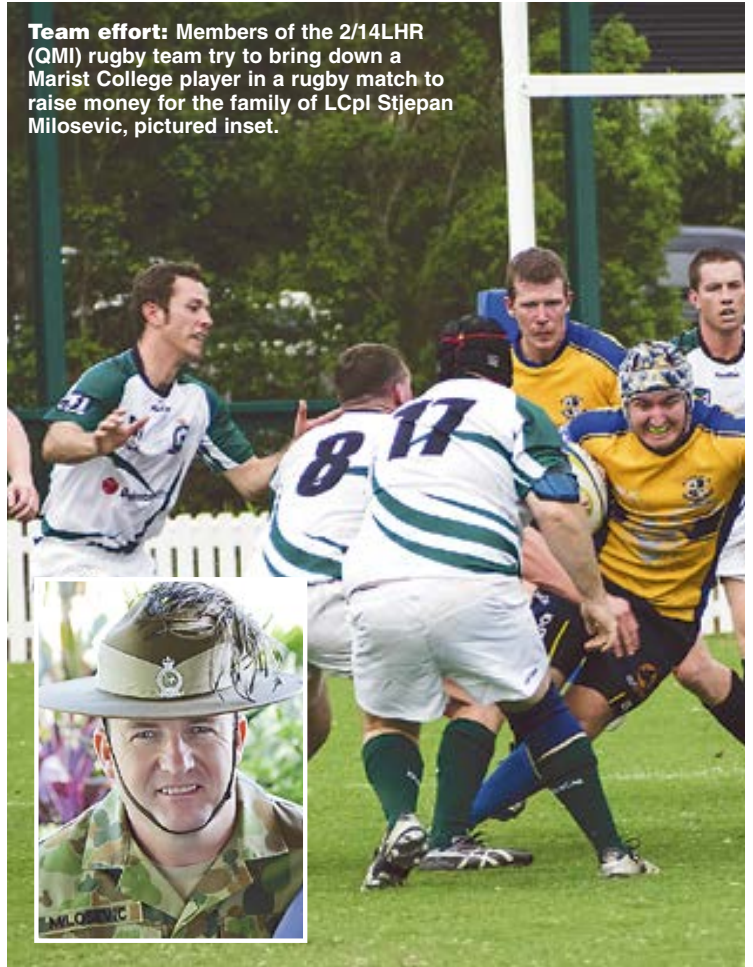
CO Lt-Col Ash Collingburn added it was important for the members of the regiment to always look out for each other.

"Milo's family will always be part of our unit," he said.

"Our lads put up a really good fight, particularly considering several former Wallabies represented the college as old boys."

Milo's family will always be part of our unit.

– Lt-Col Ash Collingburn, CO 2/14 LHR (QMI)



Team effort: Members of the 2/14LHR (QMI) rugby team try to bring down a Marist College player in a rugby match to raise money for the family of LCpl Stjepan Milosevic, pictured inset.

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Scott Malolua (2011) was recently selected in the Samoan U20 squad. He also played in the Junior World Cup early this year.

Matias Yudi (1997) was College vice-Captain, and was involved in soccer, long distance running, cricket, basketball, debating and reached the OP1 level of academic achievement.

He continued on to do physiotherapy as a prerequisite to continue his father's steps into Medicine. He worked at MCA as a boarding supervisor to support his university studies while studying Physio. In the meantime he managed to publish his Maths Book "Breaking through Maths B".

He also created his online tutoring business of Maths B, Science, Physics and Chemistry under the "e-tutor" name.

He was interested in providing discounts to a bracket group of young people between the ages of 18 to 28 with reasonable entertainment and access to different places at hugely discounted prices, hence he created "Funk" card.

Medical school absorbed all his time until he obtained his internship first, then his physician training and membership before being accepted as a Cardiologist Registrar at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

He has done numerous presentations in Australia and overseas for cardiology conferences.

He will be finishing his Senior Registrar position before embarking in his two years fellowship overseas. Congratulations Yudi.

ASHGROVIAN QLD SCHOOLBOY REPS FROM MCA

In both editions of the 2013 Ashgrovians, nominees were listed from Marist Schools throughout Australia except Marist College Ashgrove. These nominations are to be considered for the selection of the Champagnat Australian Marist School's Rugby Teams to be announced at the special 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary celebration of MCA to be held on August 1st, 2015 at the Brisbane Convention Centre, South Brisbane. These selections will also commemorate the celebration of the Marist Brothers arrival in Australia in 1872.

In this 2014 edition we now proudly list nominations from MCA to be considered for both the Qld Marist Schools and Australian Marist Schools Rugby selections. In the following edition, we will list MCA's notable sporting representatives from other sports, and discuss the players vying for selection in the MCA 2000-2009 Rugby Team of the Decade which will also be announced on our special night (Aug 1) of celebration next year. The participation and interest throughout Australia has greatly exceeded expectations and it is extraordinary to have received nominations from every Australian state as well as ACT and NT. The selector's have felt the list of nominations so far quite perplexing. With the following submission of worthy candidates from MCA, it has become quite baffling! Readers are encouraged to provide positive feedback.

ASHGROVE PLAYERS SELECTED IN QLD I AND II TEAMS (1986-2013) AND IN QLD SCHOOLBOYS 1969-1985

1969	Peter Fleming	1990	Patrick Howard	1999	Daniel Heenan	2009	Luke Beauchamp
1970	Terry Burkett		Peter Lethbridge		Brendan Sexton		Pompy Toolis
	Al Borle		Graeme Bond		Anthony Harrison		Laurie Elisala
1971	Bernard Lee		Richard Graham		David Collis		Tonga Ma'afu
1972	Hilton Hurst	1991	Simon Connor		Shane Arnold		Kurt Gelsomino
1974	David Barbagallo		Justin McGinty		Scott Richards		Rory Callaghan
1975	Paul Mills		Mark O'Brien		Ryan McDonald	2010	Tonga Ma'afu
	Paul Burnett		Luke Hammond	2001	James Bourne		Michael Richards
1976	Brendan Moon		Michael Flanagan	2002	Brendan Stanley		Mitchell Pilat
	Paul Burnett	1992	Justin McGinty		Patrick O'Connor	2011	Scott Malolua
	David Robertson		Graeme Bond		Brendan McKibbin		Jono Kent
1978	John Stower		Mark Sitch		Francis Harrison		Will Thomassen
1979	Paul Johnston	1993	Mark Sitch		Liam Ferguson	2012	Nicholas Richards
1980	Darren McCarthy		Jason Air	2003	Julien Slade	2013	Henry Devine
1981	Brett Leavy		Ross West		Christopher Rynders		
	Dean Patterson		Bruce Young	2004	Alex Tallon		Barry Honan
	Darren McCarthy	1994	Beau Mulheran		Viv Kelesi		QLD Schoolboys Coach &
	John Tam	1995	Matthew Waterhouse		Liam Stower		Selector 1981 & 1983-85
1982	Anthony Herbert		Craig Smih		Joel Potter		
	Michael Tyrrell		Glen Wiley		Joao Caleira-Santos		David Meehan
	Dean Patterson		Samuel Moore	2005	Brendan Altadonna		QLD Schoolboys Assistant
1983	Anthony Herbert		Daniel Johnston		Rob Southwood		Coach 2002
	Anthony Mee	1996	Michael Heffernan		Daniel Gorman		
	Andrew Smith		Chris Richards		Samuel Chapman		
1984	Anthony Mee		Luke Wilkes		Alex Tallon		
	Sam Scott-Young		Luke DeHayr		Tom Fleury		
	Michael Taylor		Michael Levens	2006	Jono Ellis		
1985	Shaun O'Brien	1997	Andrew Farley		Michael Lynagh		
1986	Terrence Honan		Tom McVerry		John Dalton		
1987	Daniel Schriek		Curtis Mohr	2007	Patrick Rynders		
	Nicholas McKendry		Ashley Elphinston		Daniel Early		
1988	Tim Mohr		Peter Loli		Damien Stower		
1989	Mark Muttukumaru	1998	Anthony Mathison		Ben Skerman		
	Pat Devery		Daniel Heenan		Michael Lynagh		
	Nick Fraser		Ashley Elphinston		Richard Lee		
	Kevin Rosanoski		Paul Sheedy	2008	Tim Southwood		
	Rohan Hoffman		Damon Dimitrijevic		Nick Frisby		
			Jonathon Ahlberg				

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE - AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOY RUGBY REPRESENTATIVES

Name	Years Attending MCA	Years Played 1st XV	Years Played Australian Schoolboys
Ahlberg, Jonathon	-1998		AustralianSchoolboys Side (1998)
Air, Jason	-1993		AustralianSchoolboys Side (1993)
Barbagallo, David	1973-1974		AustralianSchoolboys Side (1974)
Bond, Graeme	1988-1992	1990,1991 (inj.) and 1992 (Capt.)	AustralianSchoolboys Side (1992)
Dalton, John	-2006		AustralianSchoolboys Side (2006)
Elphinston, Ashley	-1998		AustralianSchoolboys Side (1997/1998)
Farley, Andrew	-1997		AustralianSchoolboys Side (1997)
Fleming, Peter	-1969		AustralianSchoolboys Side (1969)
Graham, Richard	1985-1990	1989 and 1990 (Capt.)	AustralianSchoolboys Side (1990)
Heenan, Daniel	1997-1999	1998/1999	AustralianSchoolboys Side (1998/1999)
Heffernan, Michael	-1996		AustralianSchoolboys Side (1996)
Herbert, Anthony	1975-1983	1982 and 1983 (Capt.)	AustralianSchoolboys Side (1982/1983) CaptainedAustralianSchoolBoys
Malolua, Scott	2011	2011	AustralianSchoolboys Side (2011)
Mathison, Anthony	-1999		AustralianSchoolboys Side (1998)
McCarthy, Darren	-1981		AustralianSchoolboys Side (1980/1981)
McDonald, Ryan	-1999		AustralianSchoolboys Side (1999)
McGinty, Justin	-1992		AustralianSchoolboys Side (1992)
McVerry, Tom	-1997		AustralianSchoolboys Side (1997)
Mills, Paul	-1975		AustralianSchoolboys Side (1975)
Mohr, Curtis	-1997		AustralianSchoolboys Side (1997)
Moon, Brendan	1967-1976	1975,1976 (Capt.)	AustralianSchoolboys Side (1976)
Mulheran, Beau	-1994		AustralianSchoolboys Side (1994)
Rynders, Pat	-2007		AustralianSchoolboys Side (2007)
Sheedy, Paul	1994-1998	1997and1998	AustralianSchoolboys Side (1998)
Stich, Mark	-1993		AustralianSchoolboys Side (1993)
Tallon, Alex	-2005		AustralianSchoolboys Side (2004/2005)

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE - QUEENSLAND REPRESENTATIVES

Name	Years Attending MCA	Years Played 1 st XV	Years/games played for Qld
Allan, Errol	-1961		1968
Andrews, Bill	-1965		1969 - 1972
Apelt, Arthur	-1949		1953
Arnold, Michael	1969 - 1977	1977	1982
Barry, Michael	-1960		1966 - 1971
Batch, Patrick	-1969		1972 - 1979
Batch, Terry	-1971		1976
Batty, Sam	-1996		2003
Collis, David	-1999		2005
Comerford, Paul	-1953		1955
Connor, Des	-1953		1954 - 1959 (Captain)
Costello, John	-1962		1967
Costello, Paul	-1977		1980 - 1984
Crank, Michael	1969 - 1977	1977	1983 - 1989
Craven, Ken	-1958		1961
Dux, Greg	-1964		1972 - 1973
Eales, John	-1987		1990 - 2001 (102 Caps) (Captain)
Farley, Andrew	-1997		2002
Flanagan, Michael	-1991		1996
Fleming, Peter	-1969		1972
Flynn, Mick	-1966		1969 - 1978
Frisby, Nick	2002 - 2009	2008 and 2009 (inj.)	2012-2014
Graham, Richard	1985 - 1990	1989 and 1990 (Capt.)	1998
Hammond, Luke	-1992		1998
Heenan, Daniel	1997 - 1999	1998/1999	2000-2003 (23 Caps)
Heenan, Peter	-1949		1952 - 1953
Heinke, John	1976 - 1977	1976 and 1977	1986 (2 caps)
Herbert, Anthony	1975 - 1983	1982 and 1983 (Capt.)	1986 - 1994
Herbert, Daniel	1983 - 1990	1989 (1990 - Selected as captain but broke arm and missed season)	1993 - 2003 (124 Caps) Captain
Honan, Barry	1958 - 1964	1963, 1964 and 1965 (Capt.)	1966 - 1971 (Captain)
Honan, Bob	1958 - 1961	1960 and 1961 (inj.)	1963 - 1966
Howard, Pat	1986 - 1990	1990	1993 - 1995
Johnston, Paul	1970 - 1979	1979	1983-1985
Kassulke, Bryan	-1952		1953 - 1955
Kassulke, Nigel	-1978		1985
Knaap, Christiaan	-1990		1995
Knaap, Paddy	1948 - 1955	2 nd XV 1955	1961
Laracy, Bob	-1958		1961
L'Estrange, David	1958 - 1966	1964, 1965 and 1966 (Capt.)	1970 - 1975
Loli, Peter	-1997		2000
Lucey, Jim	-1960		1963
Malolua, Scott	2011	2011	2012 - Ran on during Exhibition game against Hurricanes
Mathison, Anthony	-1999		2002-2006
McDonnell, Bill	-1972	1971, 1972	1980
McKibbin, Brendan	1998 - 2002	2002	2009
McMahon, Kevin	-1953		1955
McVerry, Tom	-1997		2003 - 2004
Meagher, Ray	1959 - 1963	1961, 1962 (Capt. But inj.) and 1963 (Capt.)	1968
Mills, Paul	-1975	1974, 1975	1985 - 1988
Moon, Brendan	1967 - 1976	1975, 1976 (Capt.)	1978 - 1986
Morgan, Garrick	Attended MCA Yr. 5 - 10.	N/A - Completed senior years at Downlands College.	1990, 1992-1996
Pope, Alex	-1961		1967 - 1971
Ridley, Des	1951 - 1955	1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955 (Capt.)	1952 - 1960 Captain 1959
Scott-Young, Sam	-1984		1987 - 1995
West, Ross	1997		1999
Williamson, Maurice	-1951		1953
Wilson, Charles (Chilla)	1940 - 1943		1952 - 1959 (Captain)
Wood, Bob	1957 - 1965	1964 and 1965	1969 - 1974

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE - STATE/SUPER TEAM REPRESENTATIVES (OTHER THAN QLD)

Name	Years Attending MCA	Years Played 1 st XV	Team Played for and Years
Bond, Graeme	-1992		NSW Waratahs and ACT Brumbies 90's and 2000's
Heenan, Daniel	-1999		ACT Brumbies - 2004 - 2005
Hegarty, Bryce	2006 - 2010	2008 and 2009	Melbourne Rebels 2013 - 2014
Howard, Pat	-1990		ACT Brumbies - 1995 - 2003
Lindsay, Brian	-1952		Victoria (1950's)
McKibbin, Brendan	1998 - 2002	2002	NSW Waratahs - 2010 - 2012
O'Connor, Pat	-2002		Western Force and NSW Waratahs (2010 - 2012)
Rokabara, Alex	-1997		Melbourne Rebels, 2013 NSW Waratahs Squad - Not selected to play super 12
Sheedy, Paul	1994 - 1998	1997 and 1998	NSW Waratahs Squad - Not selected to play super 12

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE - AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

Name	Years Attending MCA	Years Played 1 st XV	Years/Tests Played for Australia
Barry, Michael	1952 - 1960	1959 and 1960	1 test for Australia (1971) v Sth Africa (1971) Res. V NZ 1968, France 1968, Scotland 1970, Wallaby Ireland -Scotland 1968-1969, St. Africa 1969.
Batch, Paddy	1968 - 1969	1969 (1 st XV Touring team to NZ)	18 tests for Australia (1975 - 1979)v Fiji (3), Wales (3), England (1), Scotland (1), France (2), NZ (3), Argentina (1). Wallaby tours to British Isles/America 75-76, France/Italy 76-77, NZ 1978, Argentina 79.
Bond, Graeme	1988 - 1992	1990, 1991 (inj.) and 1992 (Capt.)	5 tests for Australia (2001 - 2002)
Connor, Des	1946-1953	1950-53	Australia (1957 - 1959 - 12 Caps)v NZ Maoris(2)- both as Captain, NZ (3), Lions(2), Wales (1), England (1), Scotland (1), Ireland (1), France (1). Wallaby Tours to Gr. Britain, France, Canada, USA. New Zealand (1961 - 1964 - 12 Caps)all as Vice-captain v Australia (7), France (3), England (2) including 1962 All Black Tour to Australia. Wallabies Hall of Fame inductee
Eales, John	1980-1987	1986-87	86 tests for Australia (1991 - 2001) Captained Australia 55 times including captaining Australia to the 1999 world cup Played in 3 World Cups Won 2 World Cups - 1991 and 1999 and 2-1 series win over 2001 British Lions
Flynn, Michael	1959 - 1966	1965-66	Wallaby Tour to France 1971
Heenan, Daniel	1997 - 1999	1998/1999	2 Tests for Australia (2003)

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE - AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

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Herbert, Anthony	1975 - 1983	1982 and 1983 (Capt.)	10 Tests for Australia Wallaby (1987 - 1993) World Cup Winner (1991)
Herbert, Daniel	1983 - 1990	1989 (1990 - Selected as captain but broke arm and missed season)	67 tests for Australia (1994 - 2003) Wallaby Vice-Captain World Cup Winner (1999) Named in 'Team of the World Cup' in 1999 1999 'L'equipe International Player of the Year'
Honan, Barry	1956 - 1964	1962, 1963 and 1964 (Capt.)	9 tests for Australia (1966 - 1970)v NZ (2), France (1) Ireland (1), Scotland (1), Sth. Africa (4). Wallaby tours to Ireland-Scotland 1968-69, Sth. Africa 1969, Res. For Australia in Jubilee Test v NZ in Wellington 1967.
Honan, Robert	1953 - 1961	1960 and 1961 (inj.)	2 test for Australia (1964) v NZ on Wallaby Tour to NZ.
Howard, Patrick	1986 - 1990	1990	20 Tests for Australia (1993 - 1998)
Kassulke, Nigel	1977 - 1978	1978	2 tests for Australia (1985) v Canada
Knaap, Patrick	1948 - 1955	1955	Reserve Australia v Fiji 1961
L'Estrange, David	1958 - 1966	1964, 1965 and 1966 (Capt.)	16 tests for Australia (1971 - 1976) v Tonga (2), NZ (6), France (2), England (1), Wales (2), Scotland (1), Ireland (1), USA. (1) including Wallaby Tours to France (1971/72), NZ 1972, England/Wales 1973/74, British Isles/America 1975/76.
McKibbon, Brendan	1998 - 2002	2002	Test Reserve v Wales. Nov/Dec 2012 at Cardiff. Replacement, Wallaby tour.
Moon, Brendan	1967 - 1976	1975, 1976 (Capt.)	35 tests for Australia (1978 - 1986) v England (2), Ireland (4), Scotland(3), Wales (1), France (4), NZ (10), USA (1), Argentina (4), Fiji (1), Italy (1). Wallaby Tours to NZ 1978, Argentina 1979, Fiji 1980, British Isles 1981/82 and 1984/85, Italy/France 1983.
Morgan, Garrick	Attended MCA Yr. 5 - 10.1980-1985	Completed senior years at Downlands College.	24 tests for Australia (1992 - 1997)
Pope, Alex	1957 - 1961	1961	1 test for Australia (1968) v NZ. Reserve in two other tests v NZ.1968 and France 1969. Wallaby Tour to Ireland/ Scotland 1968/69.
Scott-Young, Sam	1983 - 1984	1984	7 tests for Australia (1990 - 1992)
Sullivan, Shane	1954	Completed senior years at St Joseph's College Nudgee	1969 Tour of South Africa. 11 appearances but never made test side.
Wilson, Charles	1940-1944	Completed senior years at BGS	1 Test v NZ. 1957 and Captain of Australian Touring Team to NZ in 1958 (3 Tests)
Wood, Robert	1957 - 1965	1964/65	1 Test v Fiji 1971. Wallaby Tours to Sth. Africa 1969, NZ./ Fiji 1972.

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE - OLD BOY RUGBY UNION REPRESENTATIVES

Old Boy	Years at MCA	Years Played 1 st XV	Career History	Position
Allan, Errol	-1961	1963 and 1964	QLD (1968)	
Andrews, Bill	1965	1965	QLD (1969 - 1972) Australian XV V Fiji (1969)	
Apelt, Arthur	-1949		QLD (1953)	
Arnold, Michael	1969 - 1977	1977	QLD (1982)	
Ahlberg, Jonathon			Australian Schoolboys side (1998)	
Air, Jason			Australian Schoolboys Side (1993)	
Barbagallo, David	1973 - 1974	1973 and 1974	Australian Schoolboys Side (1974)	
Barry, Michael	1952 - 1960	1959 and 1960	Australia (1 Test) QLD (1966 - 1971)	
Batch, Paddy	1968 - 1969	1969 (Touring team to NZ)	Australia (18 Tests) QLD (1972 - 1979)	
Batch, Terry	1970-71	1971	QLD (1976)	
Batty, Sam	-1996		QLD (2003)	
Bond, Graeme	1988 - 1992	1990, 1991 (inj.) and 1992 (Capt.)	Australia (5 Tests) ACT Brumbies (90's/2000's) NSW Waratahs (90's/2000's) Australian School boy (1992)	
Breen, John		1964	Australian Manager, 1991 World Cup	Manager
Cole, Andrew	1975 - 1983	No Record	International Referee	Referee
Collis, David	-1999		Qld 2005	
Comerford, Paul	-1953		QLD (1955)	
Connolly, John	1960 - 1969	1967/68/69	Australian Coach (2006 - 2007) Australian Selector QLD Coach (1989 to 1999 including: 1992 Super 6 Championship, 1994, 1995 Super 10 Championship and 1999 Super 12 Minor Premiers) 2 X Super 12 Coach of the Year (1998 and 1999) Stade Français Coach (1999/2000) Swansea RFC Coach Bath Rugby Coach	Coach
Connor, Des	-1953		Australian Captain Australia (1958 - 1959 - 12 Caps) New Zealand (1961 - 1964 - 12 Caps) NZ Vice-captain QLD (1954 - 1959) Wallabies Hall of Fame inductee Australian Coach (1968 - 1971) Famously unveiled the shortened lineout in 1968 against New Zealand	Scrum-half
Costello, John	-1962		QLD (1967)	
Costello, Paul	-1977		QLD (1980 - 1984)	
Crank, Michael	1969 - 1977	1977	QLD (1983 - 1989)	
Craven, Ken	-1958		QLD (1961)	
Dalton, John			Australian Schoolboys Side (2006)	
Dux, Greg	-1964	1962,1963,1964	QLD (1972 - 1973)	
Eales, John	-1987		Australia (86 Tests) Australian Captain (55 Tests) World Cup winning Captain (1999) Played in 2 World Cup winning Tours (1991/1999) Played in 3 World Cups (1991, 1995, 1999) QLD (1990 - 2001 - 192 Caps) QLD Captain	Lock
Elphinston, Ashley			Australian Schoolboys Side (1997/1998)	
Farley, Andrew	-1997		Australian Schoolboys Side (1997) Australian U19 Side (1999) Australian U21 Side (Runner up in world cup) (2000?) QLD (2 Caps - 2002) QLD U19 and U21 Sides (1998/1999) L'Aquila RFC (2000) Otago RFC (2001) Swansea RFC (2002 - 2003) Connacht Rugby (Capt.) in the European Cup (2003 - 2008) Captained Connacht against the Springboks in 2007 lead up game to world cup. Played for Ireland A side (achieved residency while living in Ireland) in 2007 Barclays Churchill Cup FC Grenoble (2009 - 2012 +)	
Flanagan, Michael	-1991		QLD (1996)	
Fleming, Peter	-1969		Australian Schoolboys Side (1969) QLD (1972)	
Flynn, Mick	-1966		Qld (1969 - 1978)	

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE - OLD BOY RUGBY UNION REPRESENTATIVES Continued...

Old Boy	Years at MCA	Years Played 1 st XV	Career History	Position
Frisby, Nick	2002 - 2009	2008 and 2009 (inj.)	Australian U20 (Junior World Cup - 2012) Played for QLD (2012 +) Qld Schoolboys 2 (2008)	Scrum Half / Full Back
Graham, Richard	1985 - 1990	1989 and 1990 (Capt.)	Australia (7's) Commonwealth Games Bronze Medallist Medallist Rugby 7's (1998) QLD (1998) Australian Schoolboys Side (1990) Coached Western Force 2013 QLD Reds Coach	
Hammond, Luke	-1992		QLD (1998)	
Heenan, Daniel	1997 - 1999	1998/1999	Australia (2 Tests) Australian U18/ 21/Australia A Australian Schoolboys Side (1998/1999) Australian Schoolboys Captain (1999) QLD (2000-2003 - 23 Caps) ACT Brumbies (2004 - 2005)	Flanker/Lock
Heenan, Peter	-1949		QLD (1952 - 1953)	
Heffernan, Michael	-1996		Australian Schoolboys Side (1996)	
Hegarty, Bryce	2006-2010	2008-2009	Melbourne Rebels (2013-2014)	
Heinke, John	1976 - 1977	1976 and 1977	QLD (1986 - 2 caps) Rothman's Club Best & Fairest (1985)	
Herbert, Anthony	1975 - 1983	1982 and 1983 (Capt.)	Australia (1987 - 1993 - 10 Tests) World Cup Winner (1991) Australian Schoolboys Side (1982/1983) Captained Australian School Boys Qld (1986 - 1994) QLD Reds Manager 2000's	
Herbert, Daniel	1983 - 1990	1989 (1990 - Selected as captain but broke arm and missed season)	Australia (67 Caps) Australia Vice-Captain World Cup Winner (1999) QLD (1993 - 2003 - 124 Caps) QLD Captain Named in 'Team of the World Cup' in 1999 Awarded the 'L'equipe International Player of the Year' in 1999.	Centre
Hoffman, Rohan	-1989		Portugal (1996 - 2003 - 30 caps) Portugal (7's) in 2 world cups (Hong Kong and Argentina) Assistant Super 15 Referee International Assistant Referee (2012 - Fiji) + (Monaco v Bosnia, Croatia v Sweden and Malta v Sweden.) Brisbane Premier Grade Referee	
Honan, Barry	1956 - 1964	1962, 1963 and 1964 (Capt.)	Australia (9 Tests) QLD (1966 - 1971) Qld schoolboy coach 1981, 1983-85.	
Honan, Robert	1953 - 1961	1960 and 1961 (inj.)	Australia (2 Tests) QLD (1963 - 1966) Represented Australia in Rugby League 1968 v NZ. On Kangaroo Tour. NSW Rep. 1968, 1971.	
Howard, Patrick	1986 - 1990	1990	Australia (20 Tests) QLD (1993 - 1995) ACT Brumbies (1995 - 2003) Leicester Tigers Rugby Coach High Performance Director for the ARU General Manager for Cricket Australia	
Johnston, Paul	1970 - 1979	1979	QLD (1983-1985) QLD School boy rep	
Kassulke, Bryan	1948 - 1952		QLD (1953 - 1955)	
Kassulke, Nigel	1977 - 1978	1978	Australia (2 Tests) QLD (1985)	
Kiernan, Brendan		1983 and 1984	Queensland U18 Rugby Union (1985) GPS Premier Grade (1988 - 1992)	
Knaap, Christian	-1990		QLD (1995) NSW Waratahs	
Knaap, Patrick	1948 - 1955	1955	Reserve for Australia v Fiji 1961. QLD (1961)	
Laracy, Bob	-1958		QLD (1961)	
L'Estrange, David	1958 - 1966	1964, 1965 and 1966 (Capt.)	Australia (16 Tests) QLD (1968, 1970 - 1975) Australian XV v Fiji (1972)	
Lindsay, Brian	-1954		Victoria (1950's)	
Loli, Peter	-1997		QLD (2000)	

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE - OLD BOY RUGBY UNION REPRESENTATIVES Continued...

Old Boy	Years at MCA	Years Played 1 st XV	Career History	Position
Lucey, Jim	-1960		QLD (1963)	
Malolua, Scott	2011	2011	Australian Schoolboys Side (2011) QLD (2012 - Not a Cap - Ran on during Exhibition game against Hurricanes) NZ School Maori Representative 2010 QLD Schoolboys 1 (2011) National Academy (2012)	Halfback
Mathison, Anthony	-1998		Australian Schoolboys Side (1998) QLD (2002-2006) Emerging Wallabies Tour to UK. 2005.	
McCarthy, Darren	-1981		Australian Schoolboys Side (1980/1981)	
McDonald, Ryan	-1999		Australian Schoolboys Side (1999)	
McDonnell, Bill	-1972	1971, 1972	QLD (1980)	No8
McGinty, Justin			Australian Schoolboys Side (1992)	
McKibbin, Brendan	1998 - 2002	2002	QLD (2009) NSW Waratahs (2010 - 2014) Wallaby reserve Test v Wales 2012, Cardiff QLD Schoolboys 1 (2001)	
McMahon, Kevin	-1953		QLD (1955)	
McVerry, Tom	-1997		Australian Schoolboys Side (1997) QLD (2003 - 2004)	
Meagher, Ray	1959 - 1963	1961, 1962 (Capt. But inj.) and 1963 (Capt.)	QLD (1968)	
Meehan, David	1969 - 1977	1977 (Capt.)	Aust "A" schoolboys Coach (2004/2005) Aust U17 Development side Coach (2000/2001) Qld schoolboys - Head coach (2004/2005/2006) Qld schoolboys - Assistant coach (1999/2000/2001/2002/2003)	Coach
Meehan, Steve	1975 - 1983	2 nd XV 1983	Bath Rugby Coach Western Force Coach 2013 QLD Reds Assistant Coach (2014)	Coach
Mills, Paul	-1975	1974, 1975	Australian Schoolboys Side (1975) QLD(1985 - 1988)	
Mohr, Curtis	-1997		Australian Schoolboys Side (1997)	
Moon, Brendan	1967 - 1976	1975, 1976 (Capt.)	Australia (35 Tests) QLD (1978 - 1986) Australian Schoolboys Side (1976)	Wing
Morgan, Garrick	Attended MCA Yr. 5 - 10.	N/A - Completed senior years at Downlands College.	Australia (1992 - 1997 - 24 Caps) QLD (1990, 1992-1996) 1993 - Voted worlds best player by l'Equipe newspaper	Lock
Mulheran, Beau	-1994		Australian Schoolboys Side (1994)	
O'Connor, Pat	-2002		Western Force NSW Waratahs (2010 - 2012)	
Pope, Alex	1957 - 1961	1961	Australia (1 Test) (1968) QLD (1967 - 1971)	
Ridley, Des	1951 - 1955	1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955 (Capt.)	QLD(1952 - 1960) Captained QLD (1959)	
Robertson, David	1968 -1976	1976	Australian Schoolboys Manager	Manager
Rokabara, Alex	-2007	2006-2007	NSW Waratahs Squad - Not selected to play super 12 Melbourne Rebels, 2013	
Rynders, Pat	-2007	2006, 2007	Australian Schoolboys Side (2007)	
Scott-Young, Sam	1983 - 1984	1984	Australia (7 Tests) QLD (1987 - 1995)	
Sheedy, Paul	1994 - 1998	1997 and 1998	Australian Schoolboys Side (1998) QLD Schoolboys 1 (1998) NSW Waratahs Squad - Not selected to play super 12	
Stich, Mark			Australian Schoolboys Side (1993)	
Sullivan, Shane	1954	Completed senior years at St Joseph's College Nudgee	1969 Wallaby Tour to St. Africa.	Prop
Tallon, Alex	-2005		Australian Schoolboys Side (2004/2005)	
West, Ross	1997		QLD (1999)	
Williamson, Maurice	-1951		QLD (1953)	
Wilson, Charles	1940-1943	Completed Senior years at BGS.	(1) Test v NZ 1957 then Captain of Australian Touring Team to NZ in 1958, 3 Tests	
Wood, Bob/Robert	1957 - 1965	1964 and 1965	Australia (1 Test) v Fiji 1971 Wallaby Tours to Sth. Africa 1969 and NZ/Fiji 1972. QLD (1969 - 1974)	
Stewart, Wayne	1963-1966	2 nd XV 1966	(1) Rugby League Test V NZ (1972). Qld Rugby League Rep (1970/72) 12 Games.	

RUGBY SCHOOLDAYS - TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF THE 50'S

John O'Connor (57) wrote a great article about his rugby schoolboys in the "Ashgrovian" Summer Edition of 1995. Forever known as "Bones", John is recently retired after a great career teaching in Queensland followed by stints as headmaster at various secondary schools, the last of which was Wavell Heights High School where John was headmaster for nearly fifteen years.

Here is an update:

"Br. Vitalis (Williams) announced to his 1949 Grade 3 class that football season was starting and all the primary School would go to the main oval for a training session. After that, inter-school teams were chosen from boys who attended the "weigh-in". I was quite happy to miss this event as it created a distinct possibility of having to line up against unknown quantities from other schools. Sooner or later, one way or another, we were coerced into the inter-school four stone seven or the five stone seven team. For me personally, these were miserable experiences. The boys from the other schools seemed tougher, harder, and unlike us, completely devoid of a sense of fun.

Occasionally we were herded down to the main oval to watch Br. Vitalis's six stone seven team play. Now these were real footballers, sweeping backlines, flashing wingers, hard running forwards and tough tackling. After achieving some sense of superiority following an Ashgrove victory, we would be encouraged to stay and watch the Firsts play after 3.00pm. This consisted of giants with huge hairy legs attacking each other to the accompaniment of grunts and winded sounds. At this stage of my Rugby development it seemed a little grotesque. I empathized more with the non-hairy boys of the six stone sevens even though it meant sharing Br. Vitalis's exuberance in victory and depression in defeat.

Throughout my primary days we were continually reminded of the heroic efforts of our 1st XIII and 1st XV and impressed upon us that never had Ashgrove lost a competition match at this level. This sort of talk from Br. Cyprian (Dowd) made our class feel vaguely uncomfortable as we could not win a game. St. Columbans, St. James and particularly Nudgee Junior, all had our measure. Often we would discuss what would happen when our legs became big and hairy and it would be our turn to wear the gold jersey. What disasters and shameful defeats lay ahead? I remember coming home in a bus after a particularly heavy defeat at the hands of the Marist boys at Eagle Heights. We consoled each other that at least after the Scholarship year (year 8), they would all be playing for us!

Sub-Junior arrived in 1954 and the Brothers delivered. Good strong country boys from all around Queensland and PNG, Luke O'Reilly (Beaudesert), Ray Mullen and Bob Graham (Eagle Heights), Danny Currier (Winton), Joe Chan (Rabaul) and others were to be our saviours. The downside of all of this was that we were then forced to compete with these lads for places in such teams as 3rds, 4ths, 5ths and 6ths. Early in this season I was elevated beyond my skills to the highly prestigious Fourths coached by Br. Francis (McMahon). After several games Br. Francis made an announcement at training that one of our backs would have to drop back to the Fifths. It was me!

Whilst boarding this year, I had a Rugby revelation. During one of our Sunday afternoon colour competition games down on the flats I was running happily in the clear when all of a sudden my feet were clamped together and I pitched head first into the rock hard ground with a sickening thud. I had been a victim of a Peter Evert ankle tackle. I thought about this for a few weeks and came to the conclusion that this was the way for a thin man to tackle. I had earned the well observed nickname "Little Bones"! My brother Terry was called "Big Bones"! Amazingly, I still encounter grown men who with the best of good will, still call me "Bones!"

The following year I was elevated to the thirds and after suffering the indignities of losing heavily to Nudgee and Churchie, we managed to share the premiership. I can still remember the day at Churchie with these massive fellows bearing down on our full-back Bernie Knapp who stood like a Tom Sweeney in front of a charging Joe Levula, QLD V Fiji, 1952, taking one after the other in head on tackles.

As our own time approached, watching the firsts took on a new dimension. Every year they would sweep all before them - GPS teams, TAS teams. Then like the Sheffield 'this will be the year' Shield Team, this would be our year to beat Nudgee! Great players like Des Connor, Des Ridley, Paddy Knapp, Danny Tufui, Bernie McMackin, Bryan Kassulke (and many others) playing in great teams, all failed in this elusive quest. Nudgee was always our "big one". Each year we would believe that we couldn't be beaten and Nudgee would come out and give us a hiding. They were our nemesis.

1956 arrived and the 1st XV for the first time in memory appeared weak. So weak in fact that Bernie Knapp and myself, both 10 stone, were pitched-forked into the Firsts as front rowers. We were given harsh introductions by receiving comprehensive floggings from Ipswich Grammar, Brisbane Grammar and Gregory Terrace. The scores had never, nor ever, will be exceeded.

Despite a moderate performance against Nudgee, we were looking down the barrel of losing Ashgrove's first competition game ever. St. Laurences who had beaten Terrace and run Grammar close, were the team tipped to inflict our first defeat. Things went as expected in the first half and we were down 14-6. Something happened at half-time, maybe it was the prayer to Our Lady, the inspirational address by captain Larry Perrett, or the resin that we rubbed on our hands for the first time but we went out and played like we expected to win and finished 24-14 up. After that everything fell into place. George Doniger became indefatigable, Julius and Joe Chan untouchable and John Fitzgibbon unforgiving. Second rowers Ray Mullen and Nev Morrison were our inspiration.

1957 dawned and here we were on the eve of our triumph. Nudgee would be ours! We warmed up drawing with BBC, beating Gregory Terrace and Downlands. We played Nudgee as the main curtain-raiser to the Queensland All Blacks clash one night at the Exhibition Grounds. Peter Mahoney scored and in holding the ball for Bob Laracy's conversion, I fumbled it crooked and Bob

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missed. We held the 3-0 lead until 5 minutes from the end and Vince Creagh of Nudgee equalized with a penalty from 45 yards out. Eternal glory and possibly salvation had been with-held. We went on to retain our premiership undefeated but we had missed the greatest prize of the season. There was some mutterings around the school about how "Bones" had blown it.

I continued to follow Ashgrove in the year that I left school. Then it finally happened. One rainy afternoon, on the St. Laurences oval cut out from the face of a cliff, Bernie Knapp's team was beaten by St. Laurences The dream of invincibility was over. Even though Ashgrove thrashed them in the return match, something had left Ashgrove football and I guess, never would return.

Now I pick up my Sunday Mail and read about AIC competitions with Ashgrove being narrowly beaten by such teams as Villanova, Iona, St. Peters and St. Edmunds. I wonder if there is the same gnashing of teeth that followed defeat in 1958. I wonder if they feel as passionately about winning as we did. We thought it was our right and inheritance.

Mind you I also heard about victories over Nudgee too. And we have won the Sheffield Shield, several times!"

John O'Connor just recently advised "The Ashgrovian" that Br. Vitalis, the young Brother who had such a huge influence on all the Yr 3/4 boys was a patient at St. George Hospital in Sydney. "Oddly enough my brother Terry was a doctor there and this old guy, by the name of Stan Williams walks in. It was Br. Vitalis 55 years on. He had no memory of Terry, myself or the other guys of year 3/4 in 1949/50. So Sad! Br. Vitalis is known to my children and grandchildren for having taught me how to spell Parramatta, his favourite Rugby League team and his birthplace.

It is Mrs. P, Mrs. A, Mrs. RRA, Mrs. M, Mrs. A and Mrs. TTA! Now to business!! The run-on team that drew with Nudgee in 1957 was a follows; as well as 1956 (Nudgee 24 def Ash 6) & 1958 (Nudgee 14 def. Ash 6 - Halftime 3-3) encounters.

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Ashgrove

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NUDGEE
(Colours: Royal Blue and White)

(1) J. SHAY
(5) R. BLATCHFORD
(2) B. McGUIRE
(4) J. SUGARS
(3) R. KING
(6) J. RASMUSSEN
(7) J. ARNELL (V.-Capt.)
(8) S. PRICE
(9) P. ROACE
(11) B. PASCOE
(12) B. GRAHAM
(14) P. FLYNN
(13) D. PURCELL
(15) N. O'CONNOR
(10) T. COUGHLAN (Capt.)

Reserves:
(16) J. ENRIGHT
(17) P. McAULIFFE

v.

ASHGROVE
(Colours: Blue and Gold)

(1) D. CURRIER
(2) D. KAESE
(3) J. CHAN
(4) L. PERRETT
(5) S. O'CONNOR
(6) B. LARACY
(7) J. CHAN
(8) J. FITZGIBBON
(9) R. MULLEN
(10) G. DONIGER
(11) M. MIDGLEY
(12) N. MORRISON
(13) J. O'CONNOR
(14) P. CALLAGHAN
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Linesmen: Messrs. D. Heest and K. Harvey

ASHGROVE
(Colours: Blue and Gold)

(1) F. MAHONY
(2) A. BARBER
(3) K. CRAVEN
(4) R. LARACY
(5) B. COPLEY
(6) D. KAESE
(7) B. DAWSON
(8) B. KNAPP
(9) J. O'CONNOR
(10) L. O'BELLY
(11) R. MULLEN
(12) M. MORRISON
(13) D. CURRIER
(14) P. CALLAGHAN
(15) B. WILSON

Reserves:
(16) L. ALLEN
(17) G. PAFF
(18) T. SWANTON

v.

NUDGEE
(Colours: Royal Blue and White)

(1) B. SMITH
(2) M. MALOOF
(3) M. BARWICK (V.-Capt.)
(4) J. POWER
(5) F. SEXTON
(6) V. CREAGH
(7) J. SHAY
(8) B. SEARLE
(9) B. HOSE
(10) T. O'REILLY (Captain)
(11) M. LYNECH
(12) H. O'CONNOR
(13) B. FLYNN
(14) T. GIBBS
(15) B. BARNES

Reserves:
(16) R. LOUIS
(17) A. DOYLE
(18) J. EZZITICH
(19) P. RASMUSSEN

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Curtain raiser to Australia V N.Z. Maoris 14/6/1958 (Aust 15 def. Maoris 14)

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ITINERARY OF THE N.Z. MAORI TEAM IN AUSTRALIA

May 28: v. A.C.T. at Canberra.—Won 30-13.
 May 31: v. Sydney team at Sydney.—Won 19-3.
 June 4: v. Barbarians at Sydney.—Won 38-8.
 June 7: v. Newcastle at Newcastle.—Won 20-13.
 June 11: v. Queensland at Brisbane.—Won 24-12.
 June 14: **FIRST TEST** at BRISBANE.
 June 16: v. New England at Armidale.
 June 21: v. N.S.W. at Sydney.
 June 25: v. Central West at Orange.
 June 28: **SECOND TEST** at SYDNEY.
 July 1: v. South Australia at Adelaide.
 July 5: **THIRD TEST** at MELBOURNE.

STAR ATHLETE
 Maori winger, Russell King, is a star athlete as well as footballer.
 In 1955 he won the New Zealand junior long jump championship. He also is an Auckland University athletics Blue.
 Next year he intends to concentrate upon sprinting.
 He first took up sprinting while doing National Service training.
 He also has made his mark in academic circles.
 He is a Bachelor of Science, and now is studying for his Bachelor of Engineering degree.
 While he is on tour in Australia, Auckland University students are making a copy of notes from lectures for him when he gets back.

THE HARD LUCK MAN
 Hard luck man of the Maori team is Bill Gray, one of the centres.
 He broke an ankle in the second game in Sydney.
 This is a big loss to the tourists, as he was one of their most experienced backs.
 He has been a member of New Zealand Maori sides in each of the past five seasons, and represented New Zealand in 1955-56-57.
 He was called "The Iron Man" in the 1956 Test series between New Zealand and South Africa because of the way he stood up to the tackling of the Springboks.
 He toured Australia last year with "Ponty" Reid's All Blacks.
 Aged 26, he is a survey assistant with the Maori Affairs Department in Rotorua, famous thermal pleasure ground in New Zealand.

Curtain Raiser Teams

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1958

12.30 — NUDGEE COLLEGE v. ASHGROVE COLLEGE

Referee: Mr. L. Kelley
 Linesmen: Messrs. L. Rice and F. Thomson

<p>NUDGEE (Colours: Royal Blue and White)</p> <p>Full-back: (1) J. THORLEY</p> <p>Three-quarters: (2) R. LOUIS, (3) J. POWER, (4) J. GORDON, (5) B. WELLER</p> <p>Five-eighth: (6) J. ERZETICH (V.-Capt.)</p> <p>Half-back: (7) A. HOSE</p> <p>Forwards: (8) B. BARNES, (9) B. HOSE, (10) K. WARLOW, (11) J. McKEERING, (12) L. WILLIAMS, (13) T. O'REILLY (Capt.), (14) C. HAZEL, (15) W. NOJIN</p> <p>Reserves: (16) R. BANKS, (17) J. LYONS</p>	<p>ASHGROVE (Colours: Gold with Blue Monogram and Numbers)</p> <p>Full-back: (1) M. BARROS</p> <p>Three-quarters: (2) T. POLLOCK, (3) K. CRAVEN, (4) A. BARBER, (5) T. BABAO</p> <p>Five-eighth: (6) D. KAESE</p> <p>Half-back: (7) J. CHAN</p> <p>Forwards: (8) L. O'REILLY (V.-Capt.), (9) T. RYAN, (10) B. KNAPP (Capt.), (11) T. RODGERS, (12) A. MADSEN, (13) D. CURRIER, (14) P. CALLAGHAN, (15) B. WILSON</p> <p>Reserves: (16) R. GREMAN, (17) F. LANE, (18) L. MONSOUR, (19) E. GELLING</p>
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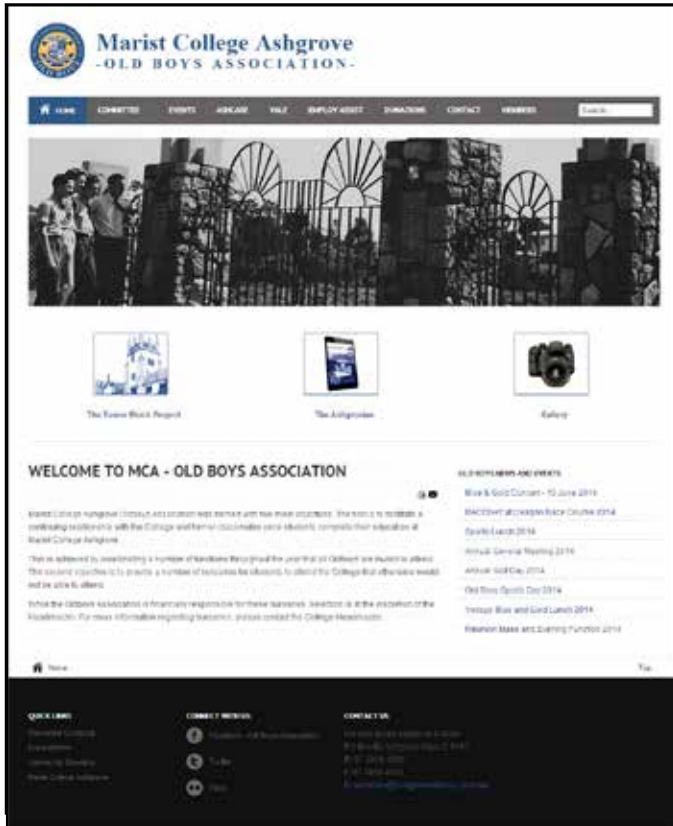
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