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## EDITORIAL

Dear *Roll Call* readers,

As I write this, the Premier has just announced that lockdown #6 is to be extended by another two weeks and from 9.00pm tonight a curfew will be in place. This will be the third issue of *Roll Call* to be impacted by COVID-19 and hopefully, it will be the last. Due to the lockdowns, we had to postpone some of our scheduled reunions, and we look forward to seeing you all when they resume. In lieu of the Classes of 2010 and 2011 Reunions, we have compiled a pictorial spread of some of the highlights of the last 10 years. We hope you enjoy walking down memory lane. Similarly, the 50 Plus Reunion was postponed and will take place as soon as permitted.

In this issue of *Roll Call*, we profile the work of some of our Old Collegians, who never disappoint with their interesting lives and endeavors. Public servants, medical specialists, healers, environmentalists, writers, artists and religious leaders - all committed to serving their communities and living in the footsteps of The Founder. The cover of this issue is something of a homage to our Old Collegians, who have missed out on the opportunity to reconnect this year due to the pandemic. Enjoy.

Kerry Martin  
Editor



## LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,

A little note to say thank you for maintaining my connection to De La Salle College through *Roll Call*. It was amazing to see the familiar faces at the Class of 1981 Reunion, moments of nostalgia I will treasure. Thank you again for producing *Roll Call*, I look forward to receiving the hard copies in the mail.

Regards

John Connors (1981)



# From the Principal

Dear Old Collegians,

This edition of *Roll Call* offers a terrific presentation of the achievements and community contributions of a rich variety of talented, successful and generous Old Collegians. Sadly, yet predictably, a number of the College events we had planned to report on in this edition have been postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19, but there is still plenty to update you on.

Recently, De La Salle College launched an initiative to refresh our Old Collegians database and build a new and vibrant Old Collegians Association. Bigger, better and more frequent events for Old Collegians are in the pipeline, designed to enhance your connection with the College and your past classmates. More information will be forthcoming soon, but if you do know of any Old Colls whose details are not up to date, please encourage them to contact our Alumni Office or connect via the College's social media platforms.

This year, we have launched a pilot High Performance Program for football, soccer, basketball, cricket, swimming and athletics, with plans to expand this in 2022 and beyond. Year 7 and 8 students have been invited to join the Kennedy Club for Football, the Agar Academy for Cricket, the Sean Macdonald Basketball Squad, the De La Salle Soccer program and the DLS Torpedoes Swim team. Thank you to John Kennedy Jnr (1977) and the Agar family (Ashton 2011, Will 2013 and Wes 2014) for granting permission to have the squads named in their honour. Sean Macdonald (2018), an elite basketball player, who represented Australia at various under-age levels, has also lent his name to the program, for which we are very appreciative. Football, soccer, basketball and swimming were just underway before lockdown interrupted, with cricket and athletics set to launch later in the year.

The High Performance Program is designed to provide elite, specialist



coaching in all aspects of the students' chosen sport, drawing on the expertise of a variety of external experts to work with our young men. For example, Mick Stinear (2002), Melbourne AFLW Coach, Melbourne AFL Assistant Coach and Director of Coaching at the Old Colls Football Club, has come on staff as Director of Football. Mick helped with various teams at training and match days during our Term 2 season and is now drafting recommendations for improvements to our football program for 2022 and beyond. The aim of the Program is to improve the overall experience, quality and enjoyment of sport at De La Salle.

As we navigate our second year of COVID-19 and our interrupted academic program, with many cancelled and postponed activities and events, it has become increasingly important to revise how we operate as a school. The mental health and wellbeing of students and staff have become major emphases, with the days of just concerning ourselves with academics, co-curricular, spirituality and general administration a distant memory.

I have been very pleased with and genuinely proud of the way our College community has managed to not just cope, but flourish in dramatically changed circumstances.

To add to the complexity, we operate very much in a constantly shifting landscape. Relatively regular lockdowns, mostly at very short notice, have seen staff and students transition seamlessly to remote learning the very next day. Supporting each other to be adaptable, to build resilience, to remain positive and look forward with optimism. Building a trust that things will improve, and our school year will turn out okay is a new part of life in a school!

In recent months, we have also launched a major marketing campaign with the intention of maintaining and building enrolments in an increasingly competitive market. You may have noticed various billboards on major thoroughfares or heard us on both AM and FM radio stations. Our main message is that De La Salle College is a Lasallian community with a place and pathway for all and continues its 109-year tradition of turning out great young men of quality, respect and empathy.

I'm sure you'll enjoy this latest edition of *Roll Call*. Take care and we hope to see you in person at a College function soon – when we're allowed!

Peter Houlihan  
Principal

# Golden Years

**Moving from the remote South Australian town of Whyalla in 1977, Chris Janes (1980) found himself seated in the front row of the Year 9 Gold class.**

Janes spent his primary school years in Whyalla, after his father, who worked for BHP, was transferred there. The move to De La Salle College was a big change for Janes. "I look back on my first days at the College and remember being aware of how much bigger the school was compared to my primary school in Whyalla. It was a massive change for me," he said.

"Remarkably, the boys I was seated next to on my first days at Malvern remain some of my closest and dearest friends."

After graduating from the College, Janes completed a Bachelor of Economics at Monash University and the Securities Institute of Australia Diploma and has since established himself in the banking and finance sector.

Starting out at the ANZ Bank, two years later he moved to Citibank where he spent 11 years, finally as a Vice President. This was followed by 17 years at JP Morgan Chase, initially as an Executive Director, and then four years as their Executive Director Global Commodities, based in the Singapore office.

Now based in Sydney, Janes has been the Director, Corporate Sales for the Westpac Institutional Bank for the last five years, where he works with major corporate customers in Australia and Asia across resources, infrastructure and utilities managing their financial risk.

"In my current role, I am responsible for advising and executing bond issuance and financial derivatives associated with these transactions as well as hedging currency and commodity risk around client revenues," he said. "This role has enabled me to work with both

international investment banks in Australia and Asia and now with Westpac in my current role."



*Chris Janes' family*

Janes says he most enjoys working with clients in the mining sector.

"Over the years I would have to say I get most passionate about my time working with miners in the gold and metals sectors."

With the banking and finance sector now being subject to greater regulation, Janes says this has impacted the business. "The heightened regulatory and compliance regime that now exists within the banking sector has made our work more challenging."

"Whilst some of this was warranted, the industry will find it very difficult moving forward with the heightened costs involved and its inability to assist clients due to some of the regulations that are now in place. You might say any of the fun that might have existed has gone."

A typical day for Janes, who lives in Sydney with his wife Vanessa and his two children Tom, 14 and Maya, 11, starts at 7.30am.

"I'm at my desk early seeing how the markets have fared overnight," he said. "Sometimes I work throughout the night to complete a transaction in the European or North American time zones."

To escape the hurly burly of the finance world, Janes finds his escape on the water. "I love getting out on Sydney Harbour either sailing, or more recently kayaking early in the morning whilst the water is pristine."

"I know how to turn off once I leave work, family is more important than work."

"With the exception of four years in Singapore, Sydney has been home for almost 30 years," he said. "Having renovated a large house some years ago, I also get to enjoy my garden. Looking after it has become a bit of an interest."

"While life is busy with a 14 and 11-year-old, I still make time to enjoy a game of tennis and snow skiing when I can."

"I still have a strong sense of connection with De La Salle College and this year my nephew, Sam McNidder, is in Year 12. My brothers Damien (1979), Timothy (1988) and Simon (1992) are fellow Old Collegians."

Recently Janes flew down to Melbourne for his Class of 1980 Reunion. "Seeing the old boys did bring back some very fond memories of the Year 9 Gold days and we all agreed to try and catch up more often."

*By Kerry Martin*



*Chris Janes in Year 9 Gold*

# Driven to Make a Difference

**Michael Kennedy (1970) has always been a “driven” individual. “Work hard, study hard, exercise hard,” is his mantra. As the Professor of Practice and Leader of Industry Programs and Partnerships in the Institute of Transport Studies at Monash University, Kennedy has held several senior roles serving his profession and the community. In 2009, he was awarded a Medal in the Order of Australia (OAM) for Services to the Community in lifesaving, health and sporting organisations, and in local government.**

Dr Kennedy’s work ethic kicked in early and by the time he was 20, he was supervising 160 bus drivers at Ventura Bus Lines. The experience taught him some important lessons early in his career. “I learned how to lead while enabling and supporting people in what they do,” he said. “I recognised early that leadership was a privilege, and that it’s not about you, it’s about the people you lead and the cause you serve.”

Since those early years, this motto has essentially been the common thread of his professional and pro bono work ever since.

In the ensuing years, Dr Kennedy moved into progressively larger national transport organisations, often with a transformation and innovation focus. He was active in industry and professional peak bodies and never lost sight of the need to give back.

While his career was forging ahead, he was pushing himself physically. By the time he was 37, he had completed a ‘sub-3’ marathon, in 2 hours and 58 minutes. Subsequently, together with his son, who was 15 at the time, he ventured into the triathlon world. A few years later they competed in Ironman Australia. The father and son team are still active triathletes and still race together.

In 1993, he became CEO at the Shire of Hastings. For the next two decades he led a period of transformational change, through the local government reform

period, at the City of Boroondara and then Mornington Peninsula Shire. “These roles gave me great opportunities to make significant contributions to the communities I served, including a major focus on early childhood development, and young people’s education and employment.”

During that time, he completed a Doctor of Business. “My thesis focused on servant leadership, and I became very active in pro bono board director and chairman roles, with that same change leadership and “make a difference” focus, including as founding Chairman of Life Saving Victoria, Chairman of Victorian Healthcare Association, and as Chair of Institutes at University of Melbourne and Monash University, essentially helping universities to better respond to industry and community expectations.”

“Subsequently I was invited to teach professional practice at university level, which led to my appointment as a professor at Monash University. As with every other role I have had, I consider this to be an immense privilege.”

“My greatest passion is teaching strategic thinking to masters students, helping them to work out “what success looks like”, that it’s not about passing a subject or a course, it’s about the sort of professional and personal life you want to lead. Students then learn how to achieve it, hopefully guided by personal values, with a focus on more than just earning money.”

“Teaching ethics is a key part of that process. I also lead an education program at secondary schools across Victoria, focused on teaching young teenage students about the potentially fatal consequences of being distracted by mobile phones when travelling by public transport and crossing busy roads.”

“Looking back more than 50 years since leaving De La Salle College, I reflect on how fortunate I have been, to get to do the things I’ve done.”



*Professor Michael Kennedy OAM*

“Every day of that time I’ve known that none of it would have been possible without the nuns at primary school and the Brothers at De La Salle. My family situation back then was ‘not great’, and the Catholic education system picked me up, provided scholarships, and helped instil values that have guided my life, and still do.”

“While living a very fortunate and very busy life I have been largely driven by the need to ‘pay back’ what I have been given. Most importantly, I’m as close to my children as any dad could hope to be. As it happens all three are now involved in teaching, so the conversations about the essential role that teachers play in helping young people to live good and purposeful lives, goes on. What could be more important?”

*By Kerry Martin*



# The Passionate Paediatrician

As the Clinical Director of Paediatrics at The Mercy Hospital for Women, Dan Casalaz (1981) loves working with families and babies and with 6,000 babies born each year at the Mercy, he gets a lot of practice.

Not surprisingly, his job is all consuming, looking after the clinical and administrative demands of a major hospital, collaborating with other major neonatal hospitals, as well as teaching and research responsibilities. At the end of the day, Casalaz will tell you his passion lies with caring for the babies and their families.

Care is the word that springs to mind when describing Casalaz and his work, he is one of those people who immediately puts you at ease with his softly spoken, compassionate approach. When he talks about his work, he does so from a place of genuine compassion.

"I am very privileged to be involved with families during such pivotal, and often incredibly stressful, times in their lives," he said.

"We deal with many sick and extremely premature babies in our nursery and it can be a very hectic place at times, but we also provide care for "routine" newborn problems on our postnatal wards."

"We run extensive follow up programs and outpatient clinics that cater for our nursery "graduates" as well as the local paediatric population."

"My clinical work involves ward rounds to look at each baby and plan their management. It also involves talking with parents about their babies regarding progress, plans and any concerns that might be present."



Dan Casalaz

"We work as a team – medical, nursing and other staff – and it is a very supportive environment for the families, as well as staff. This is very important in what can be very emotionally charged situations."

"We are unique at the Mercy in that we are the only neonatal hospital in Australia and New Zealand that has at least one Senior Neonatologist in the hospital at all times. This is great for the babies and families but means that I do a night in-hospital

at least weekly and work weekends regularly."

"Clinical work is 24 hours a day, seven days a week – babies don't stick with appointment times - and we all take part in after-hours care."

With a 60-bed neonatal special and intensive care unit, the Mercy Hospital cares for nearly 6,000 babies born a year and the constant challenges with the workload, stress on staff and the provision of ever more complex care – often

made more stressful with issues around funding and resources. "We now deal with much smaller and more premature babies than when I commenced my training in neonatal medicine. It is not uncommon to have babies born at 23 and 24 weeks' gestation."

"We can save many more small babies and the challenge is to ensure that they have the best outcomes possible. It can be incredibly rewarding and incredibly sad at times. The staff are amazing though and really have the best interests of the babies and the families at heart. Our staff go above and beyond regularly."

As well as his clinical and administrative duties, Casalaz is also involved in teaching and training medical and nursing staff and medical students as well as keeping up with his own research.

"Leading a great team of people in my department is probably the main highlight of my career and I've been fortunate to have found a home at The Mercy Hospital for Women. My aim is to ensure that we continue to provide the best care for babies and their families. When I step down from being Director, I hope the place will be better than when I started and we'll be in a position to continue to be the safest and best place to have a baby in Australia."

"My day starts early and after feeding cats, the dog and getting the 16-year-old off to school, I head to work and take part in the morning handover round where we discuss the babies in the intensive care nursery."

Along the way he has managed to complete a Master of Public Health – majoring in Biostatistics and Epidemiology – from the University of Melbourne and is currently halfway through a further degree in Paediatric Infectious Diseases through the University of Oxford.

Casalaz commenced his medical studies at The University of Melbourne and after his internship headed to the UK to study paediatrics in Oxford and Bristol. He returned to Melbourne in 1991 to complete his initial paediatric training and exams at the Royal Children's Hospital.



Four years later he returned to the UK for further training in Neonatal Paediatrics and attained a Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, Membership of the UK Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and took up a Senior Neonatal Consultant post in Bristol.

"In 1997, I returned to Melbourne (the desire to come home and see the Saints play was too great) and took up the role of Senior Specialist Neonatologist at the Mercy, where I have become part of the furniture." This is his eighth year as Clinical Director of Paediatrics.

Somewhere in all that, Casalaz finds time to exercise and catch up on the day's events with his wife, Cath and children. "My wife is a wonderful and talented GP, whom I met in India in 1986 when working at a hospital in Mysore. She's English and we have four children – three boys and a girl. All of them very much enjoy supporting the Aussies whenever they play against the Poms!"

"My family and sport fill my time outside of work and I love being involved in junior sport. I have been the coach of my children's basketball teams over many years – it gives me a chance to shout at them!"

"I've also been coach and trainer for their football teams and love being out on the field rather than spectating from behind the fence."

Casalaz got his love of sport while at De La Salle College. "I played ACC football and cricket and with the DLSOCAFC junior teams. I also managed one game of hockey when there was a bye in the footy – we lost 14 to one, but I managed to score our goal."

The College taught me how to get along with different kinds of people. "We had students from very diverse backgrounds and situations, and I learned to accept everyone on face value and not be distracted by preconceptions. It made me realise the importance of diversity and the benefits that differences in perspectives and actions can bring."

"The College also taught me that you can go a long way by having a friendly attitude and being kind and respectful, but that sometimes you need to stick up for fairness and equity and try to make things better for all."

We can rest assured that newborns and their families are in safe hands.

*By Kerry Martin*



# Improving Health Outcomes for our Elderly

By 2057, it is projected there will be 8.8 million older people in Australia and by 2097, the Australian Bureau of Statistics predicts there will be 12.8 million people in Australia aged 65 and over. This increase is driving demand for improved health care outcomes for older people in our community.

Improving the health care of our older members of society has been a priority for Andre Catrice (1981) for two decades. In his current role as a Senior Policy Officer in the Department of Health, Catrice has been instrumental in the ongoing expansion of an aged-care initiative known as GEM in the Home. The Geriatric Evaluation and Management program delivers hospital-based specialist multidisciplinary care and with this initiative, this care can be provided in an older person's home. This reduces the need for a lengthy stay in hospital or avoids an admission altogether.

Catrice first became involved in GEM while he was working at Caulfield Hospital. "As a unit manager of one of the GEM units at Caulfield Hospital, I saw how the program effectively improved outcomes. I was then able to build on this experience when I joined the Department of Health, overseeing the GEM and rehabilitation program in Victorian hospitals," he said.

"Due to its success, the GEM approach is also now becoming increasingly available for patients with rehabilitation needs."

Catrice believes a more integrated approach is required to deal with the complex needs of our ageing population. "My focus now is broader, looking at how



Andre Catrice

our healthcare system can better address the health and wellbeing needs of people with complex needs associated with ageing. This includes frailty and dementia in hospitals, but also at the interface with community through early intervention and proactive management."

Catrice acknowledges the sector has its challenges. "Clearly an ageing population is driving demand putting a strain on healthcare and aged care services," he said. He also acknowledges that he is now a member of the ageing demographic.



“It is not just ageing, but also addressing people’s mental health needs as well as chronic diseases resulting from us living longer and impacts of our lifestyles. It can be argued that meeting this demand is not sustainable with the way the system is set up now, with big implications for costs and resourcing, such as building infrastructure and having the workforce.”

“Moving to a more integrated service system that is built around the needs of the individual rather than the system is easier said than done, especially given the rather fractured nature of our healthcare and political systems.”

“Working in policy, it can be a mix of providing advice and responding to issues for government, sometimes at very short notice. With my older person and subacute services lens, I am often required to review and comment on department work in a range of areas. This may include health service planning and infrastructure, health service funding reforms, mental health, disability and aged care.”

“The recent Royal Commissions into Aged Care Quality and Safety and Victoria’s mental health system has exposed some serious failings. This is generating a significant amount of work for the department. Oh, and did I mention COVID-19 and its impact on residential aged care in Victoria.”

Before his career in public health, Catrice considered a career in music. At De La Salle College, he studied guitar and sang in College choirs. “In Year 7 I went to the USA with the Australian Boys Choir to participate in an international choir festival held in Philadelphia as part of the Bicentenary celebrations.”

At the end of Year 12, he went to the Conservatorium at Melbourne University to study music,

majoring in music composition and graduated with a master’s degree.

“Although I loved music and composition in particular, I was acutely aware that it would be extremely difficult to make a living from it.”



*Andre Catrice and daughter, Isabelle*

There was a demand for nurses at the time, so I enrolled in a nursing course at the Alfred Hospital – which in those days, was more of an apprenticeship really,” he said.

“I started out by working in a range of clinical areas and eventually ended up running the geriatric medicine unit at Caulfield Hospital.” During this time, I also completed a Diploma in Management at Monash University.”

“These days I am not involved in music in any serious way although occasionally I pick up the guitar for fun. I do enjoy listening to music and try to get to a few concerts.”

Catrice enjoys cycling and participates in an annual road trip with friends. When he was 16 years old, he and another Old Collegian, Chris Grafen (1981) cycled to Adelaide. “I still wonder what our parents were thinking in letting us just head off, it took us six days.” Although he does admit to recently

buying an electric bike for the latest trip to ease the pain of the hills around Daylesford.

Outside of work Catrice enjoys the usual things, but cooking is something he really loves. “My mother is a fantastic cook and as she only had sons, we were all expected to help. My job was to pour the oil when she made the mayonnaise and I would be chastised for pouring it too quickly as I thought I had better things to do.”

“Through the COVID-19 lockdown, I have also developed an unhealthy obsession with online auctions, mainly antique and collectables.”

Andre is a passionate family man and when his son Nicholas (2015) started playing football for the DLSOCAFC senior’s team, he decided to get involved in the club. First as the Team Manager, then as a Committee member and last year he took on the role of Club Secretary. His daughter Isabelle has also started at the club this year. “In spite of my lack of interest in footy when I was at the College, I find being at the club has reconnected me with a number of blokes I went to school with.”

“De La Salle College gave me a sense of giving back and a focus on the needs of others was pretty much ingrained into our sense of self through our education.”

“While I may not have thought on it much while I was at school, I do think that De La Salle’s strong ethos, if not shaped me, did reinforce my view of the world. I have a strong sense of social justice which of course comes through from being taught in the Lasallian tradition.”

“I also appreciated the diversity of the students when I was at school, from their family and social backgrounds to their educational needs.”

# Into Africa

**Allan Drummond (1959) believes in the power of words. The former teacher once wrote history books for his students and more recently spent several years teaching in South Sudan, where he encouraged his students to write about their experiences. Nowadays, he keeps up his love of writing through his publishing endeavours and via his popular Facebook page.**

It was his interest in history that launched his career as a writer. "In the mid-90s, I was teaching Year 8 History and the English faculty decided that all students up to Year 10 should spend 10 minutes a day reading after lunch," he said. "There wasn't anything suited to young readers of history, so I decided to write something for them. I ended up writing four medieval biographies, which were a hit and Green Barrow Publishing was born. Over the years Green Barrow published more than 40 titles for the young adult market. "My best seller was the story of Mary Gilmore."

Drummond's history books are enjoyed by teachers and students alike for their accessibility and human interest. His book on John Monash, earned high praise from the likes of football legend, Ron Barassi and former Prime Minister, John Howard, who said, "John Monash is a lively presentation, easy to read and a nice accessible tribute to a great Australian."

When Drummond's wife passed away in 2015, after 43 years of marriage, he was at a bit of a loose end. Br Bill Firman (1961) asked him to join him in South Sudan as part of the Solidarity with South Sudan project, where he spent three years training new teachers.

"Being in South Sudan was an extraordinary privilege, and a life changing one," he said. "So much poverty, so much suffering caused by civil war, tribalism and bad governance. However, there is so much optimism, resilience, generosity and gratitude."

"Trainee teachers have to spend two



years in Yambio, which means leaving their families for two years residential study. Nearly half of the students are mothers and fathers themselves."

"There are so many challenges to education with students having had their schooling interrupted by violence, losing many years in some cases."

"I encouraged students to write of their own experiences," he said. "One of them wrote at length about when he was a little boy, fleeing to Uganda with his family. His father disappeared on the way, presumed killed. Rebels intercepted their party and raped and murdered his mother in front of him."

The power of his account was so moving. "It was a shock to read this account from a quiet, studious young man. He has since been selected as one of our graduates to complete further studies in Nairobi, after which it is expected that he will take up a teaching position at Solidarity Teacher Training College, Yambio."

"None of our students in South Sudan are far removed from tragedy but, somehow, they remain resilient, optimistic and extremely grateful. Solidarity Teachers College is a powerful model of what South Sudan should be, with students from a variety of tribes, who might otherwise be at war, learning and living together in harmony."

It was his historical bent that led him to compare the situation in South Sudan with that faced by Saint John Baptist de La Salle. "South Sudan is eerily reminiscent of France in the days of Saint John Baptist de La Salle - like 17th century France, it faces similar levels of poverty and a lack of trained teachers and schools."

Drummond said he was constantly aware of the dangers of living in the war-ravaged country. "Living in South Sudan, there was the constant threat of danger and despite the barbed wire and high walls, terrible things happened. One nun was raped and another murdered shortly before I arrived."

Grounded in Melbourne by COVID-19, Drummond is currently waiting for a visa to be able to travel to Papua New Guinea to work alongside the Brothers in Mount Hagen. In the meantime, he is converting some of his more popular titles such as *Joan of Arc*, *Richard the Lionheart* and *Charlemagne* to eBooks.

*By Kerry Martin*





# The Practice of Harmony

**For more than 30 years, Mark Gibson (1972) has been a yoga teacher and practitioner. A regular visitor to a yoga ashram in India, he has used his practice to help himself and others improve their physical, spiritual and mental wellbeing, through the power of yoga.**

A back injury sustained from lifting a motorcycle engine when he was studying building at RMIT, first led Gibson to yoga. Years later when he was diagnosed with hemochromatosis, a chronic degenerative condition caused by the retention of iron in the body. Yoga helped him deal with chronic pain.

The back injury led Gibson to Melbourne yoga pioneer, Valda Moore, who introduced him to Iyengar Yoga, which is renowned for its focus on precision, alignment, sequencing, timing and props to assist students with difficult poses.

After four years of studying to become a builder, he realised that his real talents lay in yoga and not building. "I came to the realisation that my developing interest in yoga was where my practical abilities lay," he said.

After completing his Iyengar Yoga training and gaining accreditation, he started teaching yoga at Melbourne University. In 1987, together with a couple of other teachers, he set up a yoga school in Carlton and five years later established the Doutta Galla Yoga Studio in Ascot Vale, which up until it closed last year, had built a reputation for innovative approaches to helping people with varying physical abilities.

His practical skills learned in building and working on bikes, gave him the grounding he needed to understand how certain purpose-built apparatus could assist yoga practitioners. His Ascot Vale studio was filled with wooden props and aids designed to make the yoga poses more accessible for his students.

As a senior teacher in the Iyengar Yoga community, Gibson has been

involved in conducting many interstate workshops, training teachers and assessing prospective students for certification under the auspices of the Yoga Association. "Being involved with a voluntary organisation has been a way of being a part of 'community' and giving back, an important life principle," he said.



"There are many benefits of yoga in modern society, ranging from correcting bad posture and dealing with injuries all the way to today's big problems, stress and mental health issues," he said.

"Iyengar Yoga practice emphasises asanas (postures) that exercise muscles, nerves and glands, reduces fatigue and soothes the nerves. But their real importance lies in the way they train and discipline the mind."

"The development of equanimity and the venturing inwards for stability and confidence. Paying attention and being mindful. To put it allegorically: To stand on one's head and invert your view on life and be comfortable with different perspectives. To be flexible and open."

As a student at De La Salle College, Gibson was a competent swimmer and captained the College Swim Squad in 1972. He also sang in the choir and dabbled in gymnastics for a time – a precursor to yoga!

His interest in Philosophy developed out of the discussions in Comparative Religion classes helped to encourage his spiritual interests and the questioning of dogma. "This was also

a link to my short-lived interest in the school debating team."

His interest in motorcycles was first sparked when a fellow De La Salle student started riding a motorbike to school. "Peter Searle rode his AJS to school - how cool!"

Eventually Gibson bought himself a Ducati 750 Sport that he rode for many years to work and on road trips. "I still have a couple of Ducati 450's that need some committed work."

Both his parents were active in the De La Salle College and Kildara communities, where his five sisters went to school.

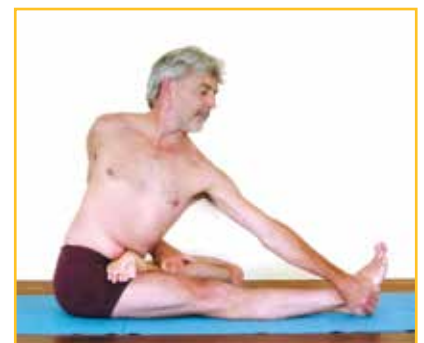
"My mother was keenly involved with the Mothers' Committee. Her death 18 months ago refreshed memories of this time and her strong sense of social justice is what I admired most," he said.

"Her life was one of caring for others. This was a strong motivation and influence in my teaching of yoga."

*By Kerry Martin*



*Mark Gibson*



# Teach a Man to Fish

**If John Barker's (1970) car had a bumper sticker, it would read, 'Gone Fishin'. For more than 40 years his professional and personal life has evolved around the fishing industry in one way or another.**

As a committed naturalist, Barker has devoted his life to caring for marine creatures and their environment in both the private and public sectors.

In 2014, he received the inaugural Department of Environment and Primary Industry Science Award for Emergency Management for his work coordinating the activities of several government agencies to prevent the spread of Northern Pacific Seastars along the Victorian coast.

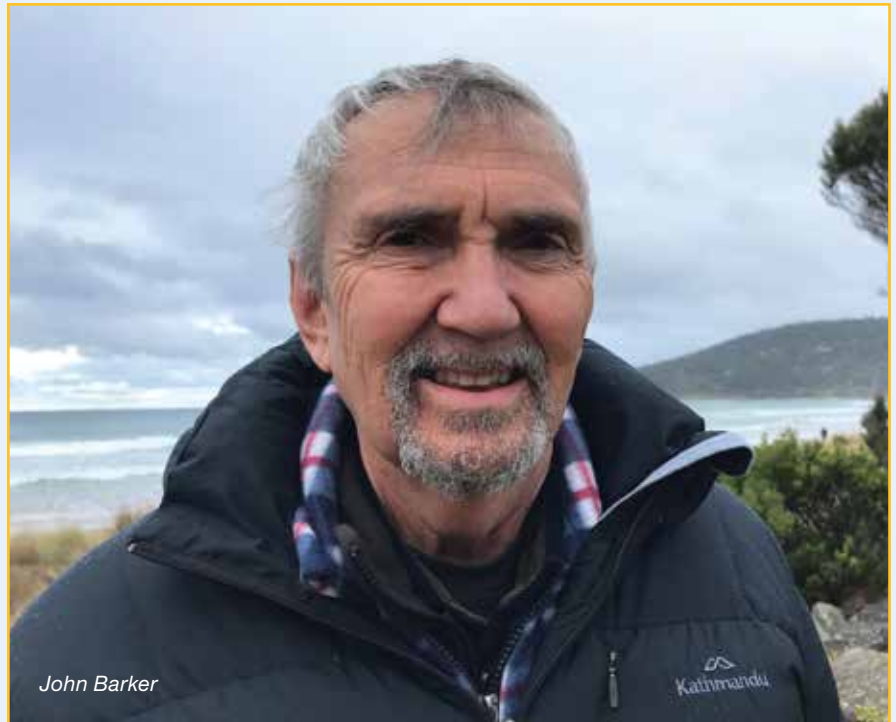
As a young student at De La Salle College, he loved nature, fishing and rock collecting. "I was fortunate in Year 11 to be able to study Geology, even though it was not on the school curriculum. Br Mark tutored me through the subject. The same year, I got into trouble for wagging a sports day to go fishing. It was a sign of things to come," he said.

After finishing Year 12, Barker got a job as a deckhand on scallop boats out of Lakes Entrance. "After a year, I bought my first boat and spent the next 12 years working as a fisherman around Lorne."

"It was a hard but interesting life. I was always excited to wake up every morning to see what I could catch. Eventually I bought a block of land just out of Lorne and used my spare time building a mud-brick house."

"In those days it was a preferred building method by those who had time but not much money," he said. Unfortunately for Barker, the 1983 Ash Wednesday fires destroyed the house before it was completed. A year later he was dealt another setback when his boat sank. "A rogue wave capsized my boat when I was working crayfish pots close to shore. I was trapped under the boat for a while and came close to drowning."

Without a house and a boat, he decided to move back to Melbourne



and worked for a few years in the Wholesale Fish Market, starting work every morning at 3.00am. Despite the long days, he managed to find time to study and graduated with a Social Science (Environmental) Degree from RMIT.

"While most of our environmental problems need to be understood in scientific terms, they usually can only be properly solved if they are tackled as people problems, and this requires socio-political and economic skills."

For the next decade he worked as a fisheries policy officer with Fisheries Victoria working on a range of marine and fisheries management policy areas. "Although it was mostly a desk job, writing strategy documents, management plans and legislation, my practical experience from thousands of hours at sea gave me a distinct advantage, and I was called upon frequently to tackle emerging fisheries issues."

Barker was involved in managing the abalone fishery industry and drafting new fisheries regulations for the 1995 Fisheries Act. "I also played a key role in negotiations between Victoria, the Commonwealth and adjacent State jurisdictions, to establish fishing

arrangements when Commonwealth waters were extended from 12 to 200 km."

After 10 years of working with Fisheries Management, he worked in various government departments on several projects, including marine safety, port policy and coastal environmental protection. "I even worked for several years in the Prisons Directorate, working on introducing a smoke free working environment in prisons as well as a water saving policy during Victoria's great drought."

"In 2009, I returned to my love of the marine environment by joining the Biodiversity Division of the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) providing specialist policy advice related to marine biodiversity and biosecurity management and represented Victoria on National committees and working groups."

Barker and his wife Kathryn, have two daughters, Eleanora and Jasmine. He is currently studying a Master of Theology at the Australian Catholic University.

*By Kerry Martin*



# De La Salle Music Tour of Southern Grampians

**The De La Salle Music Department was thrilled that the annual Music Tour was able to go ahead this year. In Term 3, 60 students and six staff toured the Southern Grampians playing to more than 700 students from schools across the region.**

Music Coordinator, Luke Serrano, said that it was extremely fortunate that the tour went ahead given the state of lockdowns this year. "After the cancellation of the 2020 tour due to COVID-19, the prevailing feeling was one of gratitude that this tour was possible at all."

"This year's tour was miraculously snuggled between lockdowns and their necessary preventative measures. Five of a planned seven performances went ahead but increasing incidences of the Delta strain in Melbourne led to the early suspension of the tour, with the touring party arriving home one day early."

The annual Music Tour is a De La Salle College tradition. Each year along with staff, Music students in Years 8 - 12 visit a small pocket of regional Victoria, and over the course of three days perform concerts in local schools.

The tour is preceded by two days of rehearsals and workshops at school, to prepare the various items for performance.

This year, the tour took place in Penshurst and Hamilton Primary Schools, Tarrington Grammar, Dunkeld Consolidated School and Monivae College.

"A typical one-hour show includes performances by the College Choir, String and Wind Ensembles, Year 9 Band, Guitar Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, Concert Band and Stage Band. By the end of each show our audiences are dancing along to the music." Mr Serrano said.

"Often the Music Tour visits small and remote communities who are rarely witness to musical performances, and the inspiration which our students

provide to these young primary students is beautiful to behold."

"However, performance is not the full picture. Various Music Ensemble Band Captains also host the events, whilst every musician also has a 'tour duty' to ensure that all of the instruments and equipment set up at a new venue can be 'bumped in' ready for a performance within 20 minutes of alighting from the tour bus. Of course, it all then needs to be packed away again perfectly, ready for the next gig down the road in 45 minutes."

"It's a fast paced, highly organised event, but there is always time for developing friendships through a shared love of music, connecting with the locals and visiting nearby attractions. The ways the Music Tour extends the abilities and aptitudes of our students, is a true embodiment of the College motto, Live. Learn. Lead."



*Cormac Fleming leads the band at Monivae College*



*Conor Haigh leads the Stage band at Tarrington Grammar*



*Conga line time at Hamilton*



*Concert Band at Dunkeld*



*Music Tour 2021*

# Focus on Fiji

**As Fiji's Acting Consul General and Trade Commissioner to Australia and New Zealand, Daniel Stow (2009) is playing a key role in helping rebuild an economy severely impacted by COVID-19.**

"Fiji has been disproportionately affected by COVID-19, with its economy contracting almost 19 per cent during 2020 (compared to about 2.4 per cent in Australia and 3.3 per cent globally). This is largely due to the overnight collapse of international tourism, which accounts for nearly 40 per cent of Fiji's GDP. It has significantly impacted the livelihoods of many Fijian people who rely on this sector - both directly and indirectly," Stow said.

With responsibility for generating trade and investment opportunities for Fiji and promoting greater economic ties between Fiji and Australia and New Zealand, Stow's role is integral to Fiji's economic recovery from COVID-19.

"The role of our office is now more important than ever - whether that be through the delivery of essential consular services for Fijian nationals needing to return home - or through trade and investment flows essential for Fiji's recovery and providing economic opportunities for its people."

With unprecedented impact caused by the pandemic, research is vital to mapping a pathway to economic recovery. "We are producing high value research to assist the government in its overall policy response. For example, we are providing latest market updates to identify opportunities for Fijian exports and developing capacity building programs to help Fijian businesses be in a better position than they were pre-pandemic, particularly in the areas of e-commerce and digital literacy."

"My office aims to contribute to Fiji's development through investment promotion to attract high quality



*Daniel Stow*

foreign direct investment into Fiji and export promotion to assist Fijian businesses to tap into market access opportunities in Australia and New Zealand. We also provide consular assistance to Fijian nationals residing in Australia and for tourists wishing to visit Fiji."

Since joining the Consulate in 2018, Stow's office has facilitated over \$AUD60 million worth of exports from Fiji to Australia/New Zealand

and 45 investment projects in Fiji valued at over \$AUD130 million, generating nearly 600 local jobs.

Of importance was the signing of a landmark agreement between Australia and Fiji in 2019. The 'Vuvale' partnership, which means family in 'i-Taukei', the native language of Fiji, strengthened ties between the two countries paving the way for deeper security, economic and diplomatic ties.





*Fiji Prime Minister, Frank Bainimarama, with staff at the official opening of the new Fiji Consulate General and Trade Commission office in Sydney, 2018. Also pictured Fiji's High Commissioner to Australia, H.E. Luke Daunivalu, and Fiji's Minister for Commerce, Trade and Tourism, Hon Faiyaz Koya*

The partnership was viewed as an elevation of Australia's relationship with its Pacific neighbours.

Stow's work is varied, and no two days are ever the same. Naturally, there are many ceremonial duties to perform for visiting dignitaries, including numerous official visits by the Fijian Prime Minister, The Honourable Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama. In 2018, Stow was the Master of Ceremonies when Prime Minister Bainimarama officially opened the new office of the Consul General in Sydney. He has also been instrumental in Fijian Independence Day celebrations and charity events.

"My day consists of talking to clients here in Australia and in New Zealand and communicating with my Ministry in Fiji (Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport). I am also responsible for the ongoing management and day-to-day operations of the office and being a diplomatic mission, we are also busy with providing consular services."

"We are responsible for coordinating disaster relief and donations with the Fijian community in Australia in response to numerous tropical cyclones which have impacted Fiji."

"Sometimes my job has a lighter side and during a business mission to Brisbane, Fiji's High Commissioner to Australia, H.E. Luke Daunivalu, told me the Prime Minister wanted to go for a drive and asked if I could take him. He wanted to surprise one of his grandchildren, who lives in Brisbane and pick her up after school. We went to McDonalds afterwards where he bought me some fries."

Before his current role, Stow was an Account Manager at Google. He has completed studies in International Relations and Development Studies, both here and in Indonesia. In 2019, he was awarded a Juris Doctor from the University of Sydney.



*Daniel Stow and Fiji Consulate staff with former Australian Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, at Lowy Institute event, Sydney, 2019*

Five years ago, Stow married Karina, whom he met when they were both working as Lasallian Youth Ministers. "These days much of my time outside of work is taken up by my two children, Savannah (3) and Raphael (1). Karina and I enjoy travelling and doing active things together as a family."

As a De La Salle College student, Stow was a keen cross-country athlete and was heavily involved in social justice initiatives, volunteering with the St Vincent de Paul Society, the Coolies India program and in 2011, he worked as a Lasallian Youth Minister.

"De La Salle has left me with the values to strive to be what my former Principal, Br Bill Firman, described as being a 'man for others.' I continue to be driven by the values of faith, service and community and endeavour to make a difference in the lives of others wherever I can, whenever I can, however I can - with whatever I have. I will be forever indebted to the De La Salle Brothers and teachers and all those who make the College such a special place."

*By Kerry Martin*

# People's Choice Award for Year 12 Art Student

**This year's ACC Art and Technology's *People's Choice Award* went to Year 12 student, Emmett McCann, for his photorealistic pencil drawing of US actor Chadwick Boseman, who passed away last year.**

McCann said he created the piece during lockdown after Boseman passed away in August. "Boseman was an inspiration for so many people of colour as a symbol for equality and representation, especially with 'Black Lives Matter,'" McCann said. "As tributes poured in after his death, one resonated with me, a fellow cast member stated that people could always read Boseman's performance within his eyes."

"Many people often say that eyes are the window to the soul. This conviction

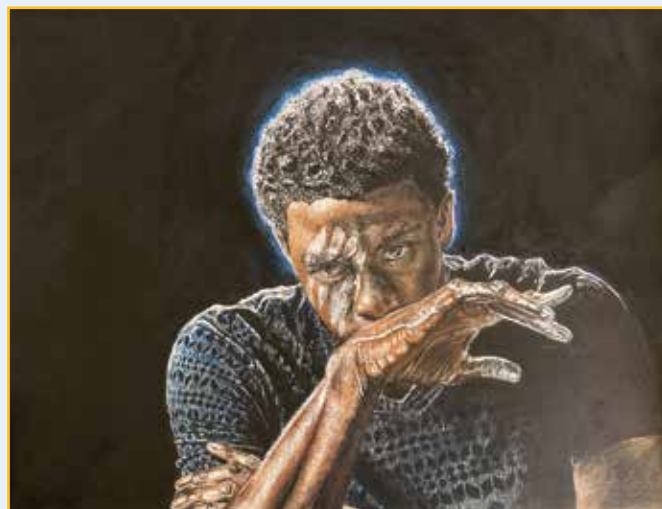
was the driving force for me to follow realism portraiture," he said.

"Without any words or speech, a person's face is what engages people the most, with expressions of many emotions. As Anh Do put it, 'I paint portraits because I'm interested by people, their dreams, desires, regrets, their sadness'."

"Having my work exhibited along with so many other creative pieces from ACC schools was an incredible

experience. It is such a wonderful opportunity for students to share and have their work appreciated by the wider community."

*By Kerry Martin*



## College at its Best

**"Be Your Best" is the theme of a new multi-channel marketing campaign launched in July by De La Salle's Marketing Department.**

Featuring a mix of traditional and digital marketing, outdoor advertising on supersite billboards, digital media and radio, the campaign's message is simple, De La Salle College is a school for all which supports students to be their best.

College Marketing Manager, Dee Houlihan, said the campaign's purpose was twofold. "To position De La Salle College as the School of Choice that welcomes all, and to inform our community that we have a robust Year 5 and 6 Primary school, as well as our Secondary school and each campus is customised to suit every stage of a boy's journey to becoming a respectful, quality young man."

From July until October, six outdoor supersites and digital billboards carrying eye catching images feature along major roads in East Brighton, Bentleigh, Cheltenham, Albert Park and Yarraville.

The campaign will also carry across to the College bus and outdoor hoarding signage.

The images depict students with one-metre-high styrofoam letters of the College initials, DLS and an extended DE LA SALLE for the large-scale elements of the campaign. "I think everyone involved really enjoyed the experience of a commercial studio photoshoot," Ms Houlihan said.

"Another facet of the campaign is radio advertisements on KISS FM and Nova FM which will run until October."

"De La Salle Marketing have also partnered with an education based digital agency on a strategic six-month Google Ads campaign and a targeted social media campaign with



the same messaging," Ms Houlihan said. "We are also appearing in some traditional school education publications, who have strong digital offerings and engagement."

"Underpinning the campaign message is an invitation for families to experience De La Salle's warmth and inclusiveness on a College Tour or via our social media, to experience our community and decide if you would like to "Be Your Best" by becoming part of our Lasallian School."





# A Life of Community Service

**The Ryan family have been part of the Mount Waverley community since the early 1800s, when they farmed much of the land east of what is now Mount Waverley Village, including Valley Reserve. Well-known Ryan descendent and Old Collegian, Laurie Ryan (1948) celebrated his 90th birthday this month and still lives in the area. As a long-time local Councillor and Mayor, 40 years as a Justice of the Peace and community volunteer, he has devoted most of his life serving his community. Recently he shared some of his recollections about his life with our readers.**

Laurie Ryan attended De La Salle College from 1943 to 1948, including a year at St Joseph's Malvern, where he won a Junior Government Scholarship. "I was fortunate to receive the wonderful tuition provided by the Brothers, from Br Declan through to Br Peter," he said. "My favourite subjects were Mathematics and Physics but I also did well in other areas."

"After I graduated from the College, I studied Civil Engineering at RMIT and went on to work with the former MMBW (later Melbourne Water), for the next 36 years. This was a period of substantial growth for Melbourne's sewage system as it expanded to cope with an ever-growing urban population. "At one stage I managed the Sewage Urban Development

Division with a staff of approximately 130 including 11 civil engineers," he said.

In 1964, Ryan married June, an Occupational Therapist, and they have four children, two boys, two girls, and five grandchildren. "I sent both my sons to De La Salle College, Nick (1986), now the general manager at Bob Stewart in Kew and Chris (1986), a statistician with the United Nations based in Fiji. Our daughter Ursula is a cartographer with the Antarctic Division in Hobart and Edwina is a doctor and academic at Victoria University."

In 1972, Ryan was elected to the then Waverley City Council (now Monash) and served the municipality for 20 years, including two terms as Mayor. He has continued to serve the local community as a Justice of the Peace for over 40 years and still voluntarily supports the work of the police particularly at the Glen Waverley Police Station.

He was a keen cricketer and umpire. "I was a founding member of the Mount Waverley Catholic Cricket Club and enjoyed playing and umpiring cricket. I did so for more than 40 years with the club," he said. He went on to chair the Umpire's Tribunal for many years when he finished umpiring.

Ryan was also a foundation member of the Waverley Historical Society and served six years as chairman and remains an Honourary Member.



*Laurie Ryan and son, Nick (1986)*

For 64 years he was a Knight of the Southern Cross and a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, which supports the Catholic Church within the Holy Land. He is also still involved in activities at the Holy Family Church in Mount Waverley.

Living his whole life in Mount Waverley, Ryan still enjoys growing vegetables in his productive garden. Since retiring in 1990, he has traveled extensively mainly throughout Asia, acting as a tour guide on many occasions in China. Only recently he enjoyed a weeklong train trip on The Ghan, travelling from Darwin to Adelaide.

He remains in good health and still enjoys attending the College reunions and catching up with classmates from the 1940's.



*Laurie Ryan at home in his garden*



*Laurie Ryan in 1940s with sister Marie.*



*Laurie Ryan as Lord Mayor of Waverley 1977*

# A New Auxiliary Bishop for Melbourne

Bishop Anthony (Tony) Ireland (1974) was born a short walk from St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne. He was ordained a priest in the cathedral and on Saturday 31 July 2021, was ordained a bishop within those same walls. In his 34 years as a priest for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, Bishop Ireland has served in various academic and leadership roles, but at the heart of his ministry lies his desire to invite people to know and love the person of Jesus Christ.

Bishop Ireland grew up in Caulfield, in Melbourne's inner south, in a home that fostered Catholic life and culture. The eldest of three children, his devoted parents Bernard and Elizabeth Ireland (now both deceased), led the family in Rosary each night. The family attended Mass weekly and they were all involved in local sodalities, or Catholic groups, that fostered friendship and camaraderie within the context of prayer and service.

He attended De La Salle College, in his teens and remembers the positive influence of the Brothers and the nearby Vincentians. "The Brothers always folded their arms when they prayed. And before doing the Sign of the Cross, they always began their prayer with, 'Let us remember that we are in the Holy presence of God';" he said. "That stayed with me for a long, long time. It still does. If I'm asked to lead prayer, I occasionally use that phrase."

Only a week after graduating from De La Salle College, Bishop Ireland started work at the then National Australia Bank and later worked for the City of Hawthorn. He also studied Business part-time. In his early 20s, inspired by his Catholic



faith and those who had helped shape him, he applied to enter the seminary at Corpus Christi College in Clayton.

"At Corpus Christi College, we were blessed with staff who were good pastoral models. Monsignor Peter Jeffrey was rector at the time and he always spoke of his hometown, Bendigo, and about service of the people. He was and is a good pastoral man," he said.

Bishop Ireland doesn't describe himself as a typical poster boy for vocations. "Initially, I didn't consider 'this is for me', but considered 'I'm going to give this a try'. He said he 'knew' it was going to work when, aged 29, he was ordained a Deacon in 1986. 'When the Bishop said, "we choose this man", that's when I knew.' He was ordained to the priesthood one year later and went on to serve in

the parishes of Grovedale, Torquay, Mentone, Sandringham, Langwarrin and Frankston. For the last 12 years he has been the parish priest of St Gregory the Great in Doncaster.

During his priesthood, he has undertaken academic studies in Italy, receiving higher degrees in Moral and Spiritual Theology, as well as a doctorate. He has lectured in Moral Theology at Catholic Theological College in East Melbourne and was Head of the Department of Moral and Practical Theology for eight years. He has been a tutor at Corpus Christi Seminary College in Carlton, was appointed its Dean of Studies and was also Rector for several years.

"I can still remember when I first started the academic work at Catholic Theological College. I wasn't so keen on that," he said. "But Fr Austin Cooper OMI took me aside and said, 'Now, you



might think you want to be with the people and run the youth groups and do all those types of things, but this is pastoral work too. You, teaching and giving these people a good education and forming good priests for the future is pastoral work too.' So that was very helpful."

Along with his parish and academic work, Bishop Ireland has been Spiritual Director to the St Vincent de Paul Society State Council and has been appointed to several boards, committees and councils. He has been Episcopal Vicar for Health and Aged Care and is currently the Episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Region of the Archdiocese.

"The academic [part] has been a large part of my life as a priest—the academic formation of future priests, religious, and lay people for leadership within the church," he reflected.

"Being of service to the Church in various portfolios of committee work and making a contribution by way of expertise and decision making has also played a key role."

"But through it all, it's also been about prayer and life with the people. Most of my ministry has been spent living in parishes, being with people and at the pastoral service of the people. Prayer and life with the people have always been an emphasis of my ministry."

"For me, the thing that is important is being with people at the right moment, for the right moment. Being with them in the right moment. It could be with someone who is vulnerable on their death bed, or someone who is joyful about the announcement of an engagement, or the celebration of their marriage. It's about being with the people in those moments."

This was illustrated during a recent visit to a local hospital to anoint a sick parishioner.



"I was in the lift leaving and a gentleman stepped into the lift with me. He asked, 'Are you a Catholic priest?' I said, 'Yes, I am.' He said, 'We've been hunting and hunting for a Catholic priest. My father needs to be anointed up on the fourth floor.' I said, 'OK, let's go.' I walked in and knew the man. He was a well-known figure at the Catholic War Veterans Mass, and I knew his daughter. I anointed him and he died shortly after. So that was a case of being there at the right moment."

"The important thing is to be there at the significant times in the lives of people from womb to tomb, from birth to death."

As he prepares for his pastoral mission as Auxiliary Bishop for the southern region of the Archdiocese, Bishop Ireland hopes to be a living witness to the words he has chosen for his episcopal motto – "Confirm, Strengthen, Support" (1 Peter 5:10).

He explained, 'Peter is writing to the early Christians who are being persecuted and he is saying to them, you will only have to deal with these challenges for a certain amount of time. He then goes on to say, "The God of grace, who called you in

Jesus Christ will confirm, strengthen and support you". The Ministry of an Auxiliary Bishop is to confirm, strengthen and support the priests and local communities in the region to which he is sent.'

Recognising that the Church faces many challenges, and inspired by his own personal relationship with Jesus Christ, Bishop Ireland said he intends to be a bearer of hope 'in this moment'. 'We're in the wilderness and we're not alone. God meets us in the wilderness. The wilderness is a place of promise and that gives us hope.'

He hopes to help the Church be a 'vehicle' for introducing and reintroducing the person of Jesus Christ to others. 'The Church is the vehicle for the proclamation of the kingdom of God and the person of Jesus Christ, and for introducing people to the love, mercy and healing of Jesus Christ.'

Imagine a mirror. On one side of the mirror is you. On the other side of the mirror is the Lord Jesus. You are reflected in him, and he is reflected in you. We want people to see their value in Jesus Christ and his value for them.'

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# DLSOCAFC Season 2021

**Season 2021 has been a mixture of anticipation, frustration and excitement due to the COVID-19 lockdown interruptions.**

The season kicked off in high hopes that our senior mens' teams would bounce back to the Premier grade of the VAFA, and a renewed sense of optimism for our women's team (The Guns), who had recruited well and looked set to be part of post-season action.

Then came the frustration. At the time of writing, the home and away season has been cut short by the latest lockdown, but there is still hope that the finals series will go ahead and the Blue and Gold will get a taste of late season glory.

The men's team, under the coaching of David Madigan and leadership of Thomas Humphrey (2010) and Hugh Nicholson (2010), finished the home and away season in fourth place on the ladder and with a growing sense of optimism and high hopes of advancing to the finals. Their success was buoyed by Under 19 graduates, Cam Roberts (2018), Tom Deane-Johns (2019), Joe Lloyd (2019) and Ryan O'Meara (2018) moving up to the senior team, adding to the experience of Adrian Indovino (2012), Sam Williams (2015), Michael Griecken (2015) and recent recruit, former AFL player, Darren Minchington.

The excitement came from seeing the Reserves finishing undefeated on top of the ladder. With a mix of young and more experienced players, hopes are high that they will get a chance to prove themselves in the finals. The team includes De La Salle College teachers, Tom Chalkley and Ryan McDonough, and Old Collegians, Ben Nethersole (2008) and Luke Williams (2008), who are nurturing the next generation of players including, Nic Catrice (2015), Ben Ahearn (2016), Tom Deferos (2016), Chris Gherisi (2016) and Sean O'Callaghan (2016). The Thirds also finished on top of the ladder and were likewise finals contenders before lockdown hit.

This year, the two Under 19 teams have been very competitive in what is a very tough competition. The Blues, who play in Premier grade, and are coached by Josh Galbraith (2015) have powered ahead due to the talents of Tom Lyngberg (2019),



Joel May (2019), and former College Captain, Liam Jenkins (2019,) along with Harry Hawker (2020), Shane Ho (2020) and Tom Robinson (2020), as well as current students, Finn Sullivan and Jack Forer. The Golds have found the going tough this year, but they are well led by Captain, Sean Kelliher (2020) and Vice-Captain, Travis Shannon (2019), with the support of Bryce Loughnan (2019), Sam Paine (2019), Tom Coyle (2019) and Hayden Reed (2020) and current students, Xavier Geddes and Brad Ambrose.

The season also saw the women's team celebrated two firsts; they made it to the finals and Steph McMurray became the first woman to play 50 games with the club. Since debuting in 2017, The Guns continue to build on its connections with De La Salle College. Many of the players have brothers or fathers who are Old Collegians, including Rachel McDonough, Sally Fyfield, Isabelle Catrice, Michelle Bourke, Sophie Nash and Grace McConnell.

Due to the pandemic, the club, like most clubs, has been impacted by lockdowns and the committee, led by Matt O'Callaghan (1986), have been working hard to keep spirits of the players and supporters up, while looking for ways to make up for losses of reduced match day revenue and the cancellation of the usual annual fund raisers.

In July, in between lockdowns, the club, with the help of Bernard Dunn (1970) and Phil Proy (1988), organised a sponsors' networking forum to foster links. Essendon Football Club

President, Paul Brasher, who was the guest speaker, told the forum that he was extremely grateful for the positive influence the College and the club had on his sons, Nick Brasher (1997) and Mark Brasher (1999).

The club is always grateful for our supporters which help the club meet its commitments. All donations to the club receive a 50 per cent tax benefit. Go to: <https://asf.org.au/donate/dlsocafc-football-growth-fund/>

From all of us at the club, we look forward to seeing the season back up and running and welcoming you all back to Waverley Oval.

Go Dees!

*Martin Kelliher (1981)*  
General Manager



# Class of 1990 Reunion

What an awesome night! I thoroughly enjoy these reunions and everything about them. From seeing all the familiar, yet ageing faces, slipping right back into old high school style dynamics, to rediscovering mannerisms and idiosyncrasies of old mates that 31 years simply cannot hide. Even with his back turned, from the way he is gesticulating and the tone/amplitude of his voice I know who that is!

At multiple points throughout the night, I found myself smiling or in deep and connected conversations, only to peer over the shoulder of an old friend and see another six that I needed to speak to right then and there!

I don't often reflect upon my schooling years, but if I could summarise my journey at De La Salle College into one single word, it would be brotherhood. The De La Salle College bond runs deep.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in 2030.

*Daniel Dumais (1990)*





# Class of 1991 Reunion

One common theme that kept coming up during our recent reunion was the fact that De La College produced great blokes. While many are lucky enough to catch up regularly, it was wonderful to see some familiar faces that we see less often. Many strong bonds remain, and it added to a wonderful night.

Just like our Speech/Presentation night at Dallas Brooks Hall in 1991 where the Year 12 group sang, "You'll Never Walk Alone", it certainly seemed that everyone felt they were back where they belonged. It was great to reminisce about the old school days and hear of the varied paths our lives had followed. As the night unfolded, the laughs got louder, and the stories grew larger!! Even after 30 years, the De La Salle boy is never far from the surface.

Subsequently, we have a few informal long lunches planned for later in the year and we recruited some new (old) blood to attend.

Thanks to the mighty Tommy Purcell for showing up to share the memories of teaching our Year Level three decades ago. Also, thanks to the College for organising a fantastic event.

After 30 years, De La Salle keeps on giving.  
*Stephen Hoy (1991)*





# Class of 2010

Well the year is 2010 - Collingwood won the AFL premiership, epidemiology was not a widely promoted career path and I've graduated in front of a packed house at Tiverton Gymnasium without social distancing. Just as we learnt about our schooling years, change is the only constant.

Unfortunately, the Melbourne lockdown has led to the postponement of the Class of 2010 Reunion twice in the last 12 months. However, staying connected has been made easier through social media and it's great to see what many have been up to since 2010. From travelling and working overseas, to getting married and even becoming fathers, there is plenty of catch up on.

Reflecting on the De La Salle College days, they are cherished memories. Whether it was classroom learnings, volunteer work, performing in a band on Founder's Day or representing the school through ACC and sports carnivals, there was an opportunity for everyone. But it's often the simple things such as the schoolyard banter and camaraderie which we still turn to today. I'm grateful for the continued friendships which now extend beyond 15 years and look forward to reconnecting as a group soon.

*David De Fazio*  
College Vice Captain (2010)





# Class of 2011

This year, the scheduled reunions of the Classes of 2010 and 2011 were postponed due to lockdowns. We decided to look back through the College archives at the highlights of the last decade for both graduating classes.

The Blue and Gold Yearbooks revealed photos of bright-eyed young men in their dinner suits and at their Year 12 Formal. "A student wrote: *"Lincoln of Toorak was the venue again and it was a night to remember — chauffeured limos, elegant couture, excellent catering, followed by some wild dancing (even the Nutbush). It was a night to remember."* Other photos showed groups of relieved graduands at their Valedictory Dinners. Previous editions of *Roll Call* recorded the Class of 2010 and 2011 at their Year 12 Revisited and 5 Year Reunions. The eyes of the Old Collegians are just as bright, albeit some happy faces were adorned with less hair on top. We hope you enjoy this virtual walk down memory lane, and we look forward to seeing you at your 10 Year Reunions as soon as it is possible.





# Where Are They Now?

**Michael Edge (1971)** is living in Manila and was unable to attend his 50 year reunion in April. He sent this letter to his classmates.



## A Letter to the Class of 1971

*I am sorry that I could not attend the 50th anniversary of our Class of 1971. It would have been fantastic to catch up with everyone and be part of this special occasion. I am sure you all look very different than you did in 1971. I am still in good health despite contracting COVID-19 a couple of months ago. Luckily, I recovered with no problems. Since 1995 I have been living in Manila, but I manage to get back to Melbourne as often as I can. After graduation in 1971, I joined the merchant navy as a deck cadet. For 24 years I worked as a deck officer on numerous Australian ships, finally becoming a Master Mariner. Life at sea was fantastic and wish I was still sailing the seas now.*

*In 1995, I came to Manila to help my father in his hospitality business and decided to keep it going after his passing in 2002. Almost 20 years later, I am still here and surviving the numerous COVID -19 lockdowns. I was supposed to be back in Australia last year, but I am one of those stranded Australians who is still waiting to get on a flight. I have been married twice and am proud to be the father of five children, four boys, Matthew, Robert, Jeffrey and Daniel and a 13-year-old daughter Julia, who keeps me young. I am very proud of them all and what they have achieved in life.*

*As well as my business commitments, I am also the General Manager of the Philippine Australian Football League, a job I love very much. I wish I was young enough to still play, but running things from the sidelines is also very rewarding. Being a big part of the Philippine Eagles Asian Champion*

*team in 2016 was also a special moment in my life. I still barrack for my beloved Melbourne Demons with a passion. Go Dees! I would truly love catching up with everyone sometime in the future. See you at the next reunion.*

**Mac Turley (2019)** has been awarded a two-year baseball scholarship to study at Frontier Community College, Fairfield, Illinois in USA.

**Daniel Stow (2009)** is the Officer-in-Charge; Manager Trade & Investment & New Zealand for Fiji Consulate General and Trade Commission, Australia and New Zealand. Pictured below with wife, Karina and children, Savannah and Raphael



**Alex Gow (2005)** has a new album, KANGOUROU, his sixth, coming out this month through Endless Recordings. His new podcast, *One*

*Guitar*, was launched at this year's Melbourne Writer's Festival.



**Aaron Trusler (2017)** has commenced his studies at the University of Richmond, Virginia. Commencing in 2021, Aaron was offered

a full scholarship to play football alongside his studies. Aaron's goal is to graduate with a Master of Business Administration (MBA). He will be majoring in economics in his undergraduate degree.



**Matt Tyler (2001)** has joined the Menzies Foundation Board. Tyler, who is a Harvard Menzies Scholar, is the Executive Director of the

Men's Project at Jesuit Social Services.

**Tony Citera (1991)** is an accountant who enjoys an annual boating holiday with a group of fellow Old Collegians.

**Alfie Dimalanta (1990)** is a chiropractor and runs two wellness centres. He and his family live in Point Cook.

**Adam Gheller (1991)** is an inventory planner. His son Jed is in Year 9 at the De La Salle College.

**Nicholas Catrice (2015)** is working for EFM Logistics. He completed a Bachelor of Commerce and Economics at Monash University and lives in Elwood.

**Daniel Dumais (1980)** and his wife set up Ubabub in 2009. The family owned business designs and makes contemporary baby furniture for the Australian and North American markets. They have four children, Bianca – 15, Sabine – 12, Uma – 10 and Arlo - 18 months. I'm hoping he'll be a De La boy too!



**Nicholas Bufallo (2019)** has been nominated by the VAFA as a Rising Star. Bufallo was selected for the VAFA 2020 and



# Chronicle of a Burnley Boy

plays for Sandringham Zebras as well as the DLSOCAFC. His coaches say his strengths as a player include a penetrating kick, dynamic line breaking abilities and his defensive skills. "Nick is a quiet achieving, highly determined, driven young man." He is currently on the Sandringham VFL list.

**Wes Agar (2014)** made his debut for the Australian One Day International Team in the West Indies in July 2021 as part of the first One Day International series. Wes' older brother Ashton (2011) presented Wes with his first Australian Cap in a very emotional tribute to his younger brother.



**Adam Martuccio, Joe Squires and Charlie McGaw (2017)** are raising funds for Beyond Blue in training for the Iron Man 70.3 Melbourne in November 2021.



**Nick Quin (1963)** during a trip to Sydney in May, caught up with some of the De La Salle Brothers at Kensington. Pictured left to right front: Br Rory Higgins, Nick Quin, Br Gerard Rummery and back left to right: Br Bill Shaw, Br Paul Rogers and Br Colin Griffin (previously Br Sixtus). Brs Rummery and Griffin were both teaching at Malvern when Nick was a student and Br Paul Rogers is a former De La Salle College Principal.



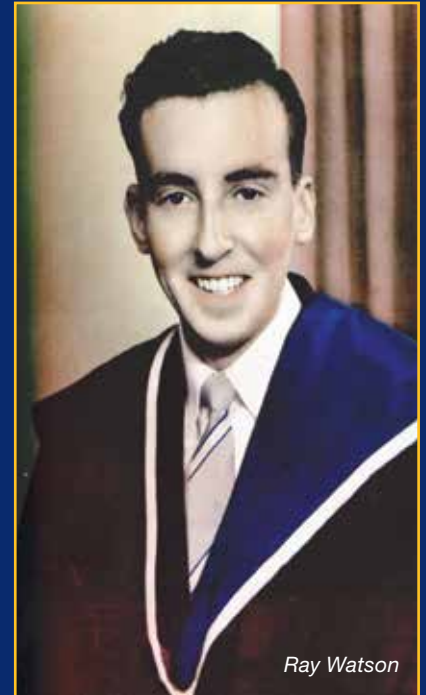
**Chronicle of a Burnley Boy is Ray Watson's (1954) autobiographical memoir about growing up in Richmond in the 1940s and 1950s. Watson attended St James Primary in North Richmond before he came to De La Salle College for his secondary schooling. The much-loved former De La Salle teacher, Br Julian Watson, who sadly passed away in 2019, was his older brother as well as his teacher at the College.**

After graduating from De La Salle, Watson started his National Service while at university where he became involved in student life. Against a background of social change, war, strikes, current fads, popular music and the ALP split, his book provides a personal account of the fun, puzzles, problems, triumphs, failures, sorrows and joys he experienced during those years and later when teaching in Seymour.

In the 370-page memoir, Watson reflects on events and friendships made during his life at De La Salle College. At university, he continued to draw on associations made at College both academically and socially. Two associates from his De La Salle days separately led to his deep involvement in the hurly burly of politics arising from the 1950s ALP Split: he became actively involved both at university and in Richmond. So, as a former member of the two bodies, which were about to emerge respectively as the National Civic Council and the Democratic Labour Party, Watson offers an unorthodox insider's views of the events occurring during those years.

The book takes readers to many different locations and features a cast from many different levels of power, influence and wealth. It takes us to some unexpected and otherwise unreported places. Nowhere else can you find reported the bit-part played by the late Andrew Peacock in the 1958 Yarra election.

The book also raises issues pertinent in today's world by focusing as it does on male development as a search for an acceptable model of manhood amidst a sea of cultural change.



Ray Watson



Ray Watson with his older brother Keith (Br Julian) at Keith's graduation at The University of Melbourne

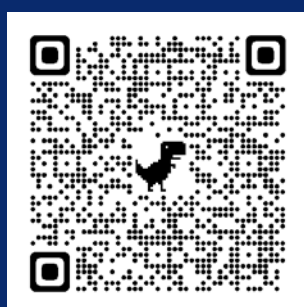
## Rest In Peace

John Beable	1949
John Sabine	1950
Len Ledwich	1950
Brian Gallagher	1954
Des Young	1956
Terry Waters	1960
Dominic Picone	1963
Patrick Buick	1963
Daniel Kane	1964
Mick O'Byrne	1964
Rod Lucchinelli	1966
Gary Yodgee	1969
Kevin Gregory	1969
Anthony Netting	1984



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