



DIVE IN!

Marist College Ashgrove Pool Complex Redevelopment



SUMMER 2015

HEATED OLYMPIC SIZE POOL
10-LANE AND 50 METRES
20 X 25M LANES ACROSS THE POOL
OLYMPIC-STANDARD WATER POLO FIELD
LIGHTING FOR NIGHT TRAINING
CHANGE ROOM FACILITIES
OFFICE AND TRAINING FACILITY
GRANDSTAND
AND MUCH MORE...



THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE HAS COMMENCED

Marist College Ashgrove's \$5.5 million Pool Complex redevelopment has officially commenced. We look forward to this world-class facility being fully operational for use by Summer 2015/2016.

"What's exciting about the redeveloped Pool Complex is that it will not only cater to our students needs, but also to that of the Community. We have plans for swimming clubs for Old Boys, parents of current students as well as the wider Ashgrove Community." Peter McLoughlin, Headmaster

The Pool Complex redevelopment has only been possible with the financial contribution of the College community and the purpose of this brochure is to reach out for further support.

We are offering opportunities to become a Pool Patron or receive naming rights, where you can have part of the complex named in honor of your family or someone special to you. You will find the full details of contribution opportunities on page 5.

We sincerely thank you again for your kind contributions in the past and into the future as they will help us achieve our vision of creating a world-class Swimming Centre for the students at Marist College Ashgrove.

Please take some time to read this brochure as we also share the history of the first pool, built in 1940, and a snapshot of what you can expect to see this summer.



Since Marist College Ashgrove's far-sighted founding Headmaster Brother Ignatius O'Connor created the school's first pool virtually by hand in 1940, it has been an integral part of College life.

THE TRADITION OF DIGGING DEEP

At a time when swimming pools were unimaginable luxuries even for private schools, Ashgrove's first Headmaster Br Ignatius O'Connor recognised what an important educational and recreational asset a pool would be to his fledgling school when it opened in 1940.

Wartime restrictions on labour and materials meant the pool would be a DIY project for the new school community. The Brothers worked alongside volunteer fathers digging the pool with picks and shovels and carting the dirt away with a horse and dray. The cement was mixed by hand, builders and plasterers donated their time and skills, and scores of fathers and boys worked as labourers. Even the 1940 heatwave couldn't stop them: when it was too hot to work by day, Br Ignatius brought in the College truck and a car at night so work could continue by headlight.

Innovation, hard work and College spirit overcame all challenges and limitations and the College's first pool, then called 'The Baths', was officially opened in November 1940. A dressing shed was constructed in 1956 and money raised by the Old Boys' Association

funded a modern chlorination and filtration plant in 1960, an important improvement as the original pool was chlorinated but had no filtration system. The pool's walls, floor and surrounds were also renovated and an ornamental picket fence installed. The pool was further modernised in 1971 with a new filtration system, and a new Olympic-size pool was built in 1977 that has served the College up until now.

Brother Ignatius' vision resulted in a facility that has always been at the heart of the College's sports program. It helped launch the careers of 1982 Commonwealth Games and 1983 Pan Pacific Games competitor and 2008 Australian Coach of the Year Michael Bohl, and two-time Paralympic Games Medallist Ricardo Moffatti. Marist College Ashgrove has been winning swimming titles since the 1950s in the original TAS Competition.

The College has brought home eight of the last nine AIC Swimming Championships and 11 of the total 15 AIC Swimming Championships since the Competition's inception in 1999.

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Today, 300 boys are actively involved in the College's popular and successful swimming squad program. The pool is also used for water polo, triathlon, water fitness and lifesaving training and competition.

It is a focus of the College's health and physical education program, and is an important recreational asset for day students and boarders alike.

THE NEW VISION

Brother Ignatius' vision continues in the 21st century with Marist College Ashgrove's \$5.5 million Pool Complex re-development project.

The new 10-lane, 50 metre, heated Olympic size pool is proposed to provide for year-round use. Upgrading to a heated facility maintained at 27°C during winter will transform the pool into a year-round asset and alleviate the difficulties and safety issues that arise when multiple classes must use the pool simultaneously.

A heated pool provides more freedom and flexibility to deliver the College's health and physical education programs and water-based fitness and physical activities, and implement the National Curriculum.

The 10-lane pool can also be configured to 20 x 25m lanes across the pool for specific short-course training in winter, and provides for one Olympic-standard water polo fields across the width of the pool.

New lighting will allow for night training and competitions and having 10 lanes will allow MCA to host regional and/or state level competitions with all their associated benefits.

Designed to meet the needs of all students, the new pool will feature a shallow area to help junior students gain swimming confidence and facilitate FlippaBall, a modified form of water polo for younger students.

The Pool Complex redevelopment will also include new change room facilities; an office and training facility; a grandstand; a canteen; and state-of-the-art heating, pump room, storage and water treatment equipment.



SHARE OUR VISION

Please help us achieve our vision of creating a world-class Swimming Centre for Marist College Ashgrove. All current families, as well as Old Boys, past families, staff and friends of the College are invited to contribute to achieving this important goal. All contributions are welcome and donations over \$2 are fully tax deductible. There are many ways you can contribute.

Become a Patron

By contributing \$2,500, you can become a valued Patron of the Swimming Centre. Your contribution will be acknowledged on the Patrons' Board.

Naming Rights

Become an integral part of the Swimming Centre redevelopment by purchasing the naming rights to the complex's infrastructure. Your generous contribution will be acknowledged on the Patrons' Board as well as on 'your' part of the Swimming Complex, or you may choose to have that part of the complex named in honour of someone else.

Starting Blocks (SOLD OUT) \$ 5,000
10 naming rights opportunities

Change Rooms \$20,000
2 naming rights opportunities

Sports Training Room \$25,000
1 naming rights opportunity

Grandstand \$30,000
1 naming rights opportunity

Please contact Alex Pope, Acting Marist College Foundation Manager, on phone (07) 3858 4584, mobile 0407 393 126 or email popea@marash.qld.edu.au for more information about how you can contribute.

WATER POLO CHAMPION STRAIGHT FROM THE MCA POOL PIETRO FIGLIOLI

Old Boy Pietro Figlioli was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Figlioli moved to Australia with his family in 1988 at the age of three after his dad fell in love with Australia whilst competing at the World Masters Swimming Championships. His father was a triple Olympian for Brazil and once held the 100m breaststroke World Record.

Figlioli began playing water polo at Marist College Ashgrove, where he attended from 1997 – 2001. Figlioli, a.k.a. Rocket Arm, was a shining star in the pool, a phenomenal Water Polo player, demolishing every other team in the school competition. He began his water polo career in U13 1997, U14 1998, U15 1999 and in the Open Water Polo Team 2000 & 2001. He went on to play 152 senior internationals and was a member of the Australian Water Polo Team at the 2004 Athens Olympics (9th) and 2008 Beijing Olympics (8th).

Figlioli is considered to have the fastest shot in the world at almost 100km/h and in 2007 was unbeaten in all swim-offs for the ball in the FINA World Championships in Melbourne.

In 2009, Figlioli signed a lucrative deal with Italian water Polo Club Pro Recco, to become one of the highest paid water polo stars in the world. He went on to represent Italy at the 2012 London Olympics (Silver).





Images are indicative only.

“I remember the excitement and ‘energy’ surrounding the news and subsequent reality of the ‘new’ pool back in the 1970s. Our Year 12 cohort was determined to win the swimming that year and we were the first school to win the Grand Slam of swimming, rugby, athletics and cricket.”

Never underestimate the power of good facilities to inspire future champions!”



Michael Bohl

MCA Old Boy 1979

2008 Australian Swimming Coach of the Year
(trainer of triple gold medallist Stephanie Rice,
Nicholas Sprenger and Glen Housman)

Member of the Australian coaching team for
the 2008 Beijing and 2012 London Olympics

2010 Age Group Coach of the Year

1982 Commonwealth Games and

1983 Pan Pacific Games Competitor

SHARE OUR VISION...

Marist College Ashgrove Pool Complex Redevelopment

Yes! I would like to contribute to the redevelopment of MCA's pool complex. Please tick as appropriate.

YOUR DETAILS

Title Mr / Mrs / Ms

First Name _____ Surname _____

Postal Address _____

Suburb _____ State _____

Postcode _____

Phone (BH) _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

Are you a:

- Current parent Past parent Old Boy - Year _____
 Current staff Past staff Friend of the College

YOUR CONTRIBUTION

I would like to contribute to the MCA Pool Redevelopment project by

- Becoming a Patron (\$2,500) Making a Donation

I would like to make a one-off donation of \$200 \$100 \$50
Amount _____

- I would like to donate the sum of \$ _____ regularly:
 Monthly Quarterly Annually

I understand this is an ongoing pledge and not a one-off donation and that I can change this arrangement at any time by contacting the Marist College Ashgrove Foundation on phone (07) 3858 4584 or emailing popea@marash.qld.edu.au.

Signature _____ Start month _____

Date _____

I would like Naming Rights Opportunities:

- Starting Blocks **(SOLD OUT)** Change Rooms Grandstand
 Sports Training Room

TOTAL _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

I prefer to contribute by:

- Direct deposit

Account name: Marist College Ashgrove Foundation Ltd
BSB: 064 786

Account number: 2819 30100

Reference: First initial and surname

- Cheque / money order (made payable to Marist College Ashgrove Foundation)
 Cash
 Credit card (Please complete form below)
 Mastercard Visa

Payment amount \$ _____

Cardholder's name _____

Card number ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ / ____

Expiry date ____ / ____

Signature _____

CCV _____

For more information on Marist College Ashgrove's Pool Complex

Redevelopment project, please contact the Marist College Ashgrove Foundation on phone (07) 3858 4584 or email poepa@marash.qld.edu.au.

Please return this form to Marist College Ashgrove by mail (PO Box 82, Ashgrove Qld 4060), fax to (07) 3858 4502 or scan and email to poepa@marash.qld.edu.au.

