

Ray Foster
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Ray has adjusted well from Eastwood to Mittagong. Needless to say he is totally enthusiastic about the Marist Resource Centre which he is developing on the upstairs western wing of Marist Centre.

We went for a tour through the displays that he is gradually putting together. We also had a look at the emerging new location of Marist Publishing. All materials were transferred from Dundas at the beginning of this year and are now catalogued and stored downstairs at Marist Centre. Ray takes great delight in showing people such as myself around the developing displays of the Resource Centre. While he drives some people mad with his daily phone calls there cannot be any doubt that something good is being set up. It is also very helpful to have somebody such as himself to refer others to when inquiries are made about such and such a publication.

He also does numerous other jobs for the Province such as Marist Family News and keeping the database of affiliates updated.

On the community side of things however, all is not well. On one level he functions extremely well with those he likes (Coman, John and Owen). However, he is particularly antagonistic towards Greg and Tom and one could even be forgiven for judging him as being "bitchy" towards them. Clearly this is not a healthy state of affairs and I challenged him directly on it.

He also experiences serious problems with his sugar levels. However, much of this is self imposed since he pays scant attention to his diet. His sugar levels are almost always elevated and this sometimes results in erratic behaviour. I also suspects it is not wise for him to drive alone for long distances. I urged him to maintain regular physical check ups and in particular to have his blood analysis test done on a regular basis.

I thanked him for the extraordinary work he is doing in setting up the new displays and once again encouraged him to alter his mode of relating with some of the members of the community.