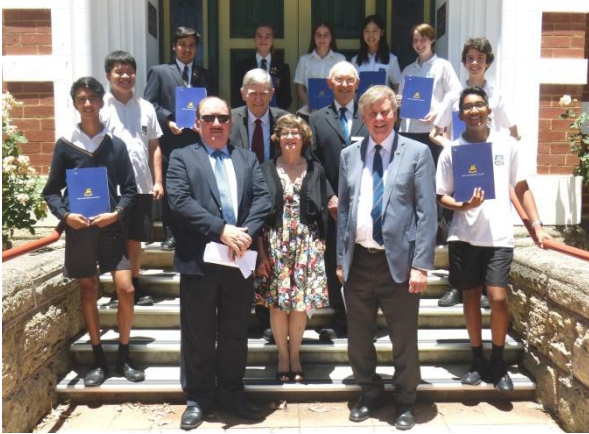




PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

## *Annual Report 2016*

Sphinx Scholarships Year 10 awardees and presenters



Annual Reunion - 11th Sept. 2016



Frank Hedges and Ray Dingle



Modernian Fellow, Moderna Scola Awards



2016 Perth Modernian Society Oration

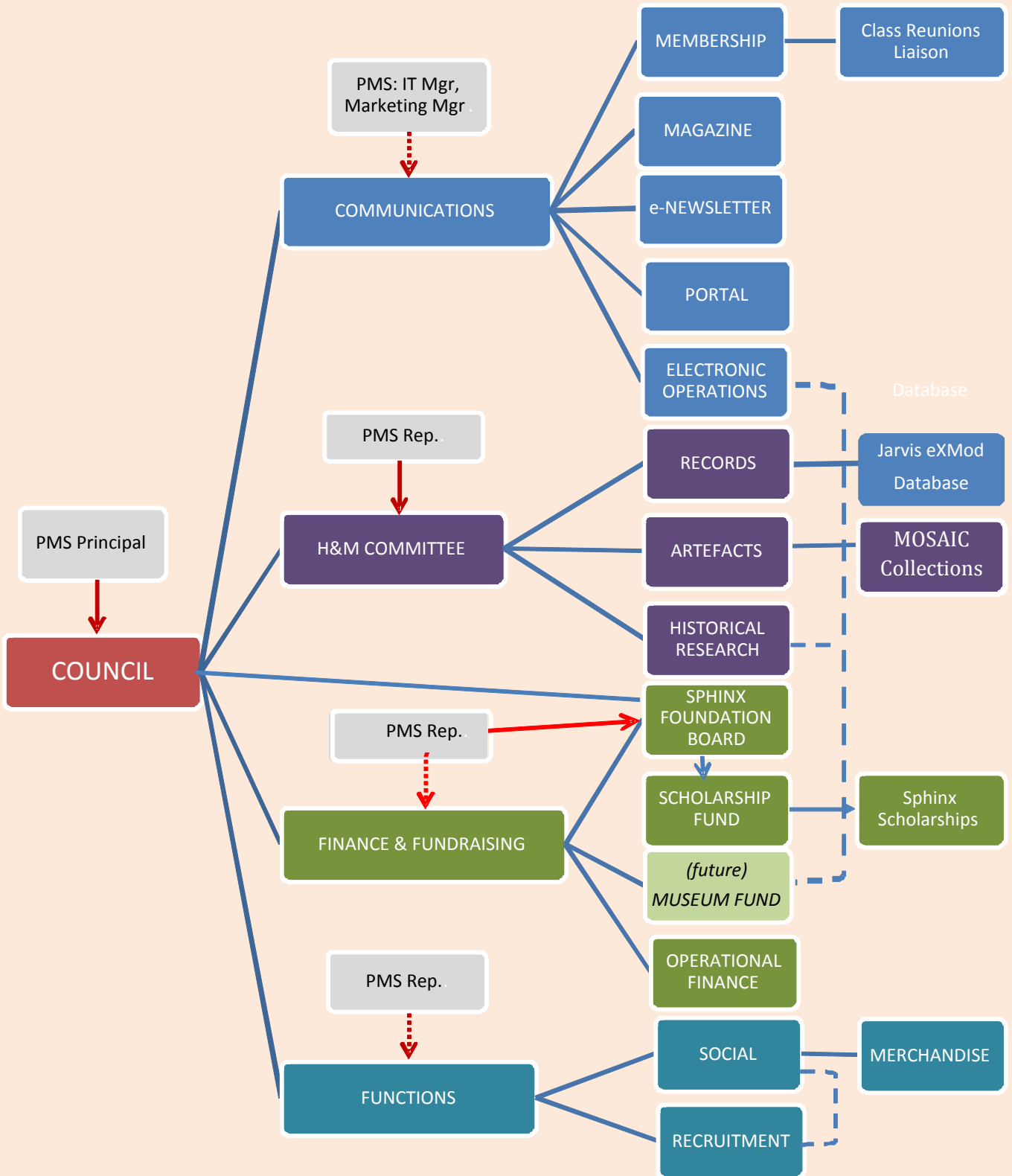


Class of 1966, 50 years' reunion



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

## ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE SOCIETY





## PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2016

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The **primary object** of the Perth Modernian Society (Inc) is the advancement of education for the benefit of the community as a whole. In undertaking the primary object this Society of former staff and students (alumni) must have regard to the educational principles and practices of Perth Modern School from its inception to the present and which may guide the School in the future.

#### **Vision**

A vibrant, respected and valued alumni organisation that values inclusiveness, educational excellence and collegiality.

#### **Mission**

To provide opportunities to connect Modernians; preserve history and traditions of Perth Modern School; and to support and encourage current students to achieve their personal best.

#### **Values**

Modernians share the core values of Perth Modern School in addition to ensuring the inclusiveness and relevance for all past, present and future members of the Society.



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

**2016 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

***Introduction***

In its 21<sup>st</sup> year, the Society continued to blossom in 2016 and achieved many good things, and Modernians collectively again proved to be one of Perth Modern School's most valuable assets.

At last year's AGM the Principal, Lois Joll, on behalf of the School acknowledged what she called "The amazing work of the Society and the History Centre". She said it is important for students to follow examples and to recognise and give back and contribute to society.

***Overview of 2016 activities***

Governance

Since the 2016 AGM in April 2016, the Council comprised Peter Farr (President), Eve Broadley (Hon. Treasurer), Deborah Beresford (Hon. Secretary), Sallie Davies, Barrie Baker, Dr Irene Froyland, Ian Jarvis (Communications), Barbara Mallett, Prof. Geoffrey Soutar (from Nov 2016) and Ed Lazarus (from June 2016). Bruce McCallum resigned due to a timing conflict with his work and former Vice President Annemie McAuliffe was granted leave-of-absence for the period from May 2016 to the 2017 AGM. The Council has operated without any Vice Presidents since the 2016 AGM. Dr Irene Froyland was elected to represent the Society on the PMS Board. Lois Joll (Principal) reported to Council meetings about school activities/achievements and issues, and on some occasions was represented by Val Furphy or Steve Jurilj.

I sincerely thank all Councillors for their dedicated efforts.

Initiatives in 2016

The Council commenced/progressed several initiatives including:

- Revision of the Constitutions for the Perth Modernian Society Inc and the Sphinx Foundation Inc;
- Drafting a Constitution for the proposed Perth Modernian Society History Museum Foundation Inc.
- Encouraging Modernians to be involved in the fundraising for a proposed 700-seat multi-purpose state-of-the-art auditorium.
- Re-order of Perth Modernian Society memorabilia: watches and men's ties, and approval of the design for a lady's scarf.
- The Perth Modern School administration requested contact details of members for occasionally sending out information about events and developments, and the Council agreed on an opt out policy if members do not want to share their contact details with the School.

**Perth Modernian Society Awards in 2016**

Barrie Baker and Ian Jarvis were recommended for the award of Modernian Fellow. Alan Porter and Deborah Beresford were recommended for the award of Moderna Scola, and Alison Woodman was made an Honorary Member of the Perth Modernian Society. The awards comprising a Certificate and trophy were presented by the President at the Annual Reunion in September, and Alison Woodman received her award at a Volunteers Morning Tea in December. The names of Barrie and Ian have been gold lettered onto the Modernian Fellows Board in the McCusker Room and the names of Alan and Deborah have been added as inaugural awardees on a new Moderna Scola Board, and similarly for Alison's name on a new Honorary Members Board; the two latter boards are in the History Centre.

The Society worked cooperatively with the School administration, P&C Association and the School Board.

### 'A Celebration of contribution: Tales of the courage, commitment and creativity of Modernians 1911-1963'.

The Society applauds the School for commissioning and producing an impressive book of biographies featuring 160 Modernians, and which was launched by the School's Patron **Malcolm McCusker** AC CVO CitWA QC in June 2016.

The major helpers on the project were **Roger Stubbs, Alison Woodward, Verity Albert and Sallie Davies** who researched, wrote, edited and sourced material and photos. This is the third in a series of history books written about PMS.

Book launch photo:  
Peter Farr, Prof. Shirley Randell and Dr Irene Froyland



### Premises

The Society is very fortunate to have an Archive room in the Parsons Building, and as well the History Centre.

### Keeping in Touch

#### Communications

- Perth Modernian Society portal [www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au](http://www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au) ;
- e-Newsletter, sent quarterly to some 1,600 members (all issues are available on the website);
- eVent Notices;
- 'The Perth Modernian' 16-page glossy magazine - distributed via email link to Contributing Members who had provided an email address, and mailed only to those who had not;
- The Perth Modernian Society Facebook Page;
- The 2015 Annual Report was distributed in hard copy at the AGM in April 2016, and is also available on our website.

The Guest Speaker at the 2016 AGM was Modernian **Philip Jennings** AM, Emeritus Professor of Physics and Energy Studies at Murdoch University on the topic 'Science and Conservation'.

#### Annual Oration

Distinguished Modernian **Professor Lesley Parker AM FTSE** presented the sixth Annual Oration to senior students and visitors in November 2016 on the topic '*Reflections on being a Modernian*'. Lesley and her husband spent time with students over morning tea following her presentation. Letters were sent to previous people who had given the Annual Oration keeping them informed of the Perth Modernian Society Annual Oration for 2016: Michael Kirby, Kevin Parker, Janet Holmes a' Court, Phillip Playford and Shirley Randell.



#### Reunions

Numbers at the **Annual Reunion** in Sept. 2016 were swelled by the attendance of around 30 from the 1956 Class Reunion. Thanks go to Guest MC **Rebecca Dollery**, student 1999-2003, of ABC fame for her part in the auditorium program.

Thank you also to **Annemie McAuliffe** and **Irene Froyland** for their efforts to provide an information service for organisers of class/year reunions. The enthusiasm for these events appears to be

increasing. Thanks go to the people who organised class reunions, and those who kept our Facebook page humming.

### **History Centre and Archives**

The Council is thankful for the dedication of the volunteers who contributed numerous hours to the History Centre and Archives over the year. Work progressed on creating a special tax-deductible **Museum Fund**. (Refer separate report.)

### **Constitution Amendments**

- Work commenced in 2016 on the revision of the Constitutions for the Perth Modernian Society Inc and the Sphinx Foundation Inc;
- Work commenced in 2016 on drafting a Constitution for the proposed Perth Modernian Society History Museum Foundation Inc.

**Nigel Hunt**, a Director of the Sphinx Foundation Board, did the principal legal work on these *pro bono*.

### **Perth Modern School Board**

As an Independent Public School (IPS), Perth Modern School has a school Board comprising the Principal, parents, staff and members of the general community. Since its inception, the Society has been invited to nominate one of the Board's Community members - a role filled in 2016 by **Dr Irene Froyland**.

### **Membership Trends**

The Society's Strategic Plan 2014-2017 focuses on the need to expand membership - especially in the post-scholarship era cohorts, and to entice more members to volunteer their services so that the workload can be spread better and so that more can be achieved where gaps have been identified.

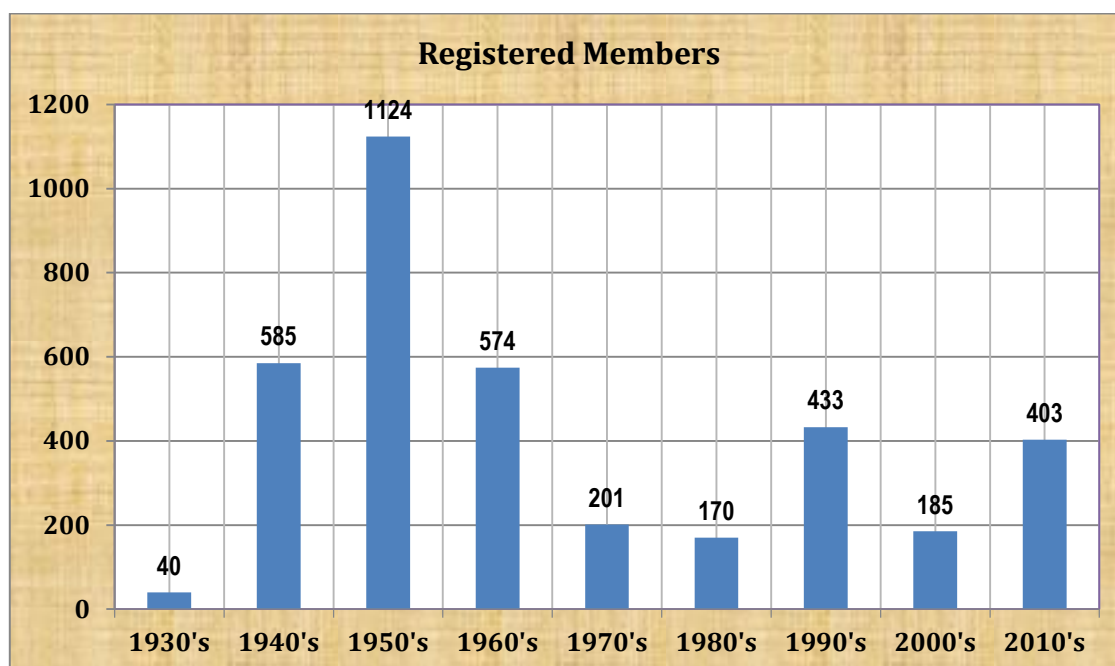
Membership levels increased slightly once again in 2016, but regrettably a significant number of members passed away in 2016. At the end of 2016, the Society had some 818 Contributing Members, as well as some 3,600 Registered Members, making 4,408 total members. Changes in membership over the past seven years are summarised in the table below:

<b>Year ended December:</b>	<b>New 4-Year Contributing Members</b>	<b>Total 4-Year Contributing Members</b>	<b>Registered Members</b>	<b>Total Members</b>
2010	29	471	3196	3667
2011	18	494	3366	3860
2012	85	580	3758	4338
2013	35	614	3638	4252
2014	108	722	3559	4281
2015	38	765	3583	4348
2016	25	818	3590	4408

Whilst people might very often surmise that the Society's membership is very skewed towards the original scholarship school era, the year-by-year data used for Fig. 1 below shows that of 3,715 members with Core Final Year data recorded, we have 1,936 (=52%) members up to and including 1960, and 1,779 (=48%) members from 1961 onwards.

Fig 1 shows the 'age' distribution of members based on their core final year at Mod.

Fig. 1 Members' Age Distribution based on their Core Final Year



### Finances

The Financial Statements for the Society have been prepared by the Hon. Treasurer Eve Broadley, and are to be found at pages 12-18.

External audits have not been commissioned for the Society or the Sphinx Foundation Inc. for the 2016 Financial Year.

The external audit of the Sphinx Scholarship Fund for 2016 is complete at the time of writing.

### Income and Expenditure - Perth Modernian Society Inc.

In 2016, Income amounted to \$13,553 and Expenses \$11,294, giving a net Operating Profit of \$2,259, and leaving the Society with a net cash at bank at 31/12/2016 of \$19,600.

- Subscriptions yielded \$3,792 (lower than the \$4,910 in 2015).
- The main recurrent cost items comprised: Newsletters, Printing, Stationery & Postage, IT, Communications and website hosting, Insurance, trophies (i.e. Honours Awards).
- Net function cash inflows amounted to \$1,045 after payment of a donation to the Music Department as thanks for staging a memorable concert for Annual Reunion attendees.
- The Society was grateful to the School to be given the opportunity to run the football parking using the School grounds for one AFL game, which resulted in a payment of \$3,260 back to the Society. Please note that without this income, the Society would have run at a small loss for the year.

### Sphinx Foundation Inc

The Council is thankful for the dedicated efforts of the Chairman and Directors of the Sphinx Foundation Inc. It is noted that the Sphinx Scholarship Fund had a record-breaking year in 2016 in terms of the number and value of scholarships and bursaries awarded to PMS students. (Refer separate report.)

### Imminent Future Challenges

I very much regret to say that events leading up to and since the WA State election on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017 have put a lot of things concerning the future status of Perth Modern School in limbo, and *ipso facto* question marks over the future roles of the Perth Modernian Society, the Sphinx Foundation, the Sphinx Scholarship Fund and the History Centre.

I assure our thousands of Members that the election outcome has not dented the collective opposition by the Perth Modernian Society, present day students, parents of students, the P&C Association, the Save Perth Mod Action Group, and the PMS Board to save Perth Modern School from the downgrade to local intake high school that the WA Government intends.

Serendipitously however, the campaign during Feb and March 2017 to save PMS, in which the Society's Council and Members at large have played a leading part, has done more to unify this organisation AND the whole Perth Mod community than anyone could possibly have dreamed of at last year's AGM. The words **Perth Mod, Perth Modern School, alumni, Modernians, philanthropy and Sphinx scholarships** have featured in the Western Australian press and airwaves on almost a daily basis in Feb and March 2017.

### **Conclusion**

It has been a privilege to work with the Councillors, Directors and the School Executive and staff.

I sincerely thank, on members' behalf, the Society's Councillors, the H&M Committee, the Sphinx Foundation Board, many other volunteers, and special contributors for the enormous amount of work and goodwill that they put in to so many projects during 2016.

I am very pleased to have seen the 'coming of age' of Perth Modern School, the Perth Modernian Society, the History Centre, the Sphinx Foundation and the Scholarship Fund.

Naturally like so many alumni and others I am extremely disturbed at the current threat that we collectively face - and possibly in the years ahead - from WA Government's announced education policy, and I can only hope that it won't end up diminishing the fantastic work that this Society does for Perth Mod.



**Peter Farr** FAIM, FAICD  
**President**  
31/3/2017





## **SPHINX FOUNDATION INC**

### **2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

#### **Governance**

The Sphinx Scholarship Fund is independently audited and the Sphinx Foundation reports annually as required to the ACNC (Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission).

In February 2016, the Board was pleased to welcome new members **Jeanette McQueen** and **Nigel Hunt**. The other members, continuing from 2015 were:

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| • Barrie Baker  | Chairman and sharing Secretary            |
| • Peter Farr    | Treasurer                                 |
| • Eve Broadley  |   |
| • Petrice Judge | Sharing Secretary                         |
| • Val Furphy    | Co-opted, representing the PMS Principal. |

#### **Meetings**

The board met on six occasions:

- 17 February 2016 – Ordinary Meeting
- 4 April 2016 –informal meeting to welcome and induct new members Jeanette McQueen and Nigel Hunt
- 28 April 2016 – AGM
- 28 April 2016 – General Meeting
- 28 July 2016 – Ordinary Meeting
- 7 December 2016 – Ordinary Meeting

#### **Constitution Amendment**

The Board meeting held in July 2016 agreed that there needed to be revision of the Sphinx Foundation (Inc) Constitution for its own sake, as well as to conform with new legislative guidelines. Nigel Hunt volunteered to work on this. The Board meeting in Dec. 2016 discussed proposed amendments to the Sphinx Foundation Constitution and provided guidance to the drafter Nigel Hunt on revisions. The revision process continued into March 2017 and is being done simultaneously with revision of the Perth Modernian Society Inc. Constitution and a new Constitution for the proposed Perth Modernian Society Historical Museum Foundation (Inc).

#### **Scholarships**

With the assistance once again of Emeritus Professor Lesley Parker, the Board played a big part in the process of advertising for and selecting scholarship and bursary winners.

Scholarships paid out in FY 2016 to Peth Modern School on behalf of awardees totalled a record **\$40,240**, up from \$28,500 in FY 2015 and \$19,700 in FY 2014.

#### **Scholarships/Bursaries Awarded in Dec. 2016**

##### **New Year 7:**

- McCusker (Academic Excellence) Scholarship
- 3 x Don Tyler (Academic Excellence) Scholarships

- 5 x Perth Modernian Society (Academic Excellence) Scholarships
- Chris and Ling Hayes 1 Year Scholarship (*new*)
- 3 x Perth Modernian Society Bursaries  
**New Year 10 tenable in Years 11/12:**
- Jean & Jim Cundill Creative Writing Scholarship; Jean & Jim Cundill Creative Writing Bursary
- Daniel Girling and John Down Music Scholarship; Daniel Girling and John Down Music Bursary
- Don Tyler Physics Scholarship; Don Tyler Biological Science Scholarship; Don Tyler Chemistry Scholarship
- Perth Modernian Society Mathematics Scholarship
- Shirley Randell Social Sciences Scholarship (*new*)
- Malcolm Evans Foreign Languages Scholarship (*new*)
- Ling and Chris Hayes Economics-Accounting Scholarship (*new*)
- **Renewals:**
- Year 8 (10), Year 9 (6), Year 10 (7), total 23
- **Principal's Discretionary Bursaries for 2017**
- Total value a record \$2,705 up from \$1,000 in 2016. (Covers (say) 6 bursaries @ average \$450 each)

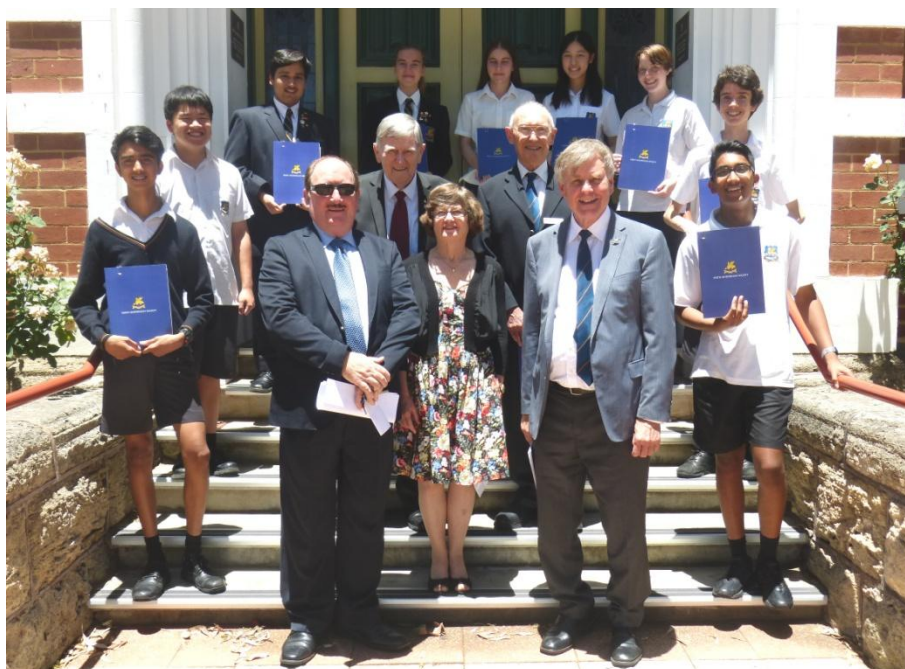


Photo: Sphinx Scholarships Year 10 awardees and Scholarship presenters Dec 2016. **Allen Prince** (representing Don Tyler), **Malcolm Evans, Julia Heptinstall** (representing her father the late John Down), **Barrie Baker and Peter Farr** (Perth Modernian Society & Sphinx Foundation)

### Annual Fundraising Appeal

The Annual Appeal letters were mailed out in early May 2016 and realised donations over the FY totaling \$29,000. Pledges were received for an additional \$52,000 and these funds were received in Jan. 2017. So far over 350 people have donated to the Scholarship Fund since its inception. Around \$800,000 is invested and earning interest.

### Financial Reports

#### Sphinx Foundation

The Net Cash at bank at 31/12/2016 was \$636.

#### Sphinx Scholarship Fund

##### Notes:

1. Sale of shares in Colonial Notes (CNGH) realised \$46,261. New investments: \$75,000 in the Centuria Zenith Fund (unlisted property trust, A-grade office asset in Chatswood, Sydney NSW) (7.0% yield)
2. Net return on average investment assets for FY 2016 = 6.4%.

3. Scholarships paid out in FY 2016 to students at Perth Modern School totaled a record \$40,240, up from \$28,500 in FY 2015.

### **Income and Expenditure**

In 2016, Sphinx Scholarship Fund income amounted to \$88,938 and Expenses \$43,650, giving a net Operating Profit of \$45,288, and leaving the Society with a net cash at bank at 31/12/2016 of \$49,321.

### **Balance Sheet**

Sphinx Scholarship Fund Net Cash at bank at 31/12/2016 = \$49,321. Total Assets = \$774,902. Total Liabilities = Nil. Net Assets = \$774,902.

### **The Future**

The Sphinx Foundation Board has set itself these principal targets for 2017:

- (i) Finalisation of the revised Constitution and submission to the WA Dept of Commerce.
- (ii) Sharing of the workload associated with the Scholarship Fund.
- (iii) Reaching the target for converting 3-year entry scholarships to 4 years; and creating new scholarships for middle/upper school students based on financial or other demonstrated need.
- (iv) Securing donations for academic excellence scholarships for the remaining learning areas - namely Technology and Enterprise, Politics/Law, Health and Physical Education, and the Arts - with the aim of promoting excellence and assist with education costs in Years 11 and 12.
- (v) Resolving if necessary the implications for the Sphinx Foundation of the WA Labor Government's 'Education Central' (EC) election policy involving creating a proposed new 'Perth Academic College' for Academic Selective students in the Perth CBD, and the consequential 'repurposing' of Perth Modern School as only a local intake school from 2020.

Regarding **Item (v)**, before and since the WA State election on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017 there has been widespread praise for the Sphinx Scholarship scheme at Perth Mod. At the time of writing, the Board is concerned about:

- Potential impact of the EC policy on Sphinx Foundation Inc., Sphinx Scholarship Fund, Annual Appeal in 2017, previous Deeds of Gift, intended/future Bequests;
- Potential impact on renewable Sphinx Scholarships then current in 2020, and Scholarships that would normally be awarded post-2020;
- The pre-election claim by Labor candidate John Carey (now MLA) that "he saw no reason why the scholarships would not be transferable to the (proposed) new 'Perth Academic College' site in the CBD".

**Barrie Baker**

Chairman

29/3/2017



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

**PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC)**

**ABN 26 086 852 570**

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

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**PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC)**

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**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
BANK	19,600	18,062
SUNDRY DEBTORS	983	102
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>20,583</u>	<u>18,164</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<u>210</u>	<u>50</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>210</u>	<u>50</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u><u>20,373</u></u>	<u><u>18,114</u></u>
<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	<u><u>20,423</u></u>	<u><u>18,114</u></u>

PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC)

ABN 26 086 852 570

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	NOTES
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
Functions	6,100	6,031	
Interest	256	205	
Subscriptions	3,792	4,910	
Sale merchandise	0	444	
Donations	145	0	
Football parking	3,260	2,873	1
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>13,553</u></b>	<b><u>14,463</u></b>	
 <b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
Donations	1,000	1000	
Function catering and labour	3,852	3,495	
Function equipment hire	150	224	
Function other	53	152	
Silver badges		0	
Newsletter printing and editorial	877	1,272	
Printing, stationery and postage	835	935	
Contribution to Sphinx Foundation		0	
Computer & communication costs	2,828	3,116	
Insurance	691	1,596	2
Trophies	1,008	0	
Computer hardware	0	398	
Sundry	0	52	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>11,294</u></b>	<b><u>12,240</u></b>	
 <b>OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)</b>	 <b><u><u>2,259</u></u></b>	 <b><u><u>2,223</u></u></b>	

**PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC)**  
**ABN 26 086 852 570**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2016**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FUNCTION ACTIVITIES</b>		
Receipts from function activities	6,100	6,031
Payment to suppliers	-4,055	-3,871
<b>Net function cash inflows</b>	<b>2,045</b>	<b>2,160</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OTHER OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Receipts from members	3,714	4,910
Payments to suppliers	-7,144	-7,320
Donation received	612	620
Donation made	-1,000	-1,000
Interest received	256	205
Sale of merchandise and other	665	342
Contribution to Sphinx Foundation	0	0
Refund book sales to Sphinx Found.	-203	0
Refund donation to H&M	-367	-530
Refund book sales to school	-300	-215
Football parking from school	3,260	2,873
Lottery West grant	0	0
<b>Net operating cash inflows</b>	<b>-507</b>	<b>-115</b>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	1,538	2,045
Cash at beginning of year	18,062	16,017
<b>Cash at end of year</b>	<b>19,600</b>	<b>18,062</b>

**PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC)**

**ABN 26 086 852 570**

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING METHOD**

This is not a general-purpose financial report. It is a special purpose report prepared for the Members of the Society to enable compliance with requirements of the Corporation Act, the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 and to enable compliance with requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA).

**NOTE 1.**

Perth Modernian Society Council organized resources to conduct the football parking for one AFL game, with the money collected going to Perth Modern School. The School subsequently contributed \$3,260 to the Society as its share of the overall income from parking in 2016.

**NOTE 2.**

Associations Liability Insurance, which amounted to \$905 is being paid for by the Sphinx Foundation Inc. as this insurance cover is more relevant to the Foundation's Directors' responsibilities.



**PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY**  
**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

The Council has determined that the Society is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial report.

In the opinion of the Council the financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Perth Modernian Society (Inc). as at 31 December 2016 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Perth Modernian Society (Inc) will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Council and is signed for and on behalf of the Council by:

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PRESIDENT

PETER FARR

DATE 27/2/2017



TREASURER

EVE BROADLEY

DATE 27/2/2017



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

**Perth Modernian Society (Inc)**

## **HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016**

The history of Perth Modern School mirrors the development of public secondary education in Western Australia. From the day the School opened the staff and students believed in the need for records and memorabilia to be preserved for future generations. They donated personal records and memorabilia for display and publication to reflect the aspirations of the founders, students, alumni, principals, staff and parents. The **Sphinx Magazines** became a valuable historical resource. In December 1973 the **PMS Historical and Museum Society** was established to honour the past and prepare for the future, engaging staff and former students in their endeavours. The Society merged into the newly established **Perth Modernian Society (Inc)** becoming the **Historical and Museum Committee** in 1995. In 2009 the **PMS History Centre and Archives** established a substantial workspace and display area.

The **Perth Modernian Society Historical and Museum Committee** continues to create an interesting and special place for the history of Perth Modern School to be available to the wider community. Volunteers, staff, students and most importantly, through dedicated fund raising we believe we can promote recognition of the past and together create a valuable resource for future learning and research, and an appetite for interest and involvement.

Dedicated constitutional change is required for the Historical and Museum Committee to seek **DGR status** to raise funds. We are currently seeking registration under the State rules as a charity, applying for DGR under federal legislation, and gain Australian charity status as a public museum. Due to family commitments original DGR working party members Annemie and Kerry McAuliffe handed over their research findings to Stephen Monterosso in January and further research was undertaken into the recent changes to constitutional requirements by State and Federal Governments. In September, Robert Johnson took over the task of preparing a draft constitution and **Objects, Purpose and Functions** of the proposed **Perth Modernian Society Historical Museum Foundation** were approved in principle for inclusion in the draft Constitution.

### **2016 Historical and Museum Committee**

The Committee met 4 times during 2016 and reported to all Perth Modernian Society Council meetings. Occasional reports to the School Board provided brief details of our activities. Familiarisation with accessible information available in the History Centre and Archives takes place weekly when committee members join other volunteers to undertake the various activities required to maintain records, develop resources and displays. Thank you everyone involved including: Barbara Mallett, Bill MacPherson, Alison Woodman, Jim Davies, Deirdre Owen, Lesley Russell, and Roger Stubbs, Robyn White, Frank Hedges, Alan Porter, Rod Smith, Robert (Bob) Johnson, Gay Albillos, Deb Beresford, Ian Jarvis.

Activities commenced on Monday 1 February 2016. Under the direction of its creator Ian Jarvis, the **Jarvis e-XMod db (JeD)** continued to require maintenance of hardware and software as some 20,000 records were updated with relevant information regarding former staff and students of Perth Modern School submitted by interested members. This vital reference base serves and complements the **George Burvill Biographical Index** where all biographical information in hard copy is filed. **Archives** volunteers digitise detailed records of photographs and other memorabilia into the **MOSA/C Database**.

Gay Albillos has photocopied all **Sphinx Magazines to 1967** and these have proved popular with visitors. Gay was also responsible for the conservation and framing of the **Kirkham** weaving with the valued help of her daughter Christina Albillos who donated her time and professional conservation skills to the cause. A provisional budget for 2017 has been prepared.

### Publications



On 24 June some 200 Modernians, staff, students and parents joined Perth Modern School Patron Malcolm McCusker for the launch of *A Celebration of Contribution*. The Perth Modernian Society Historical and Museum Committee, congratulates all involved in the successful completion of this very ambitious and demanding project, and thank you for sharing the journey with the **History Centre and Archive Volunteers**. The work not only improved the accuracy of records, it drew on and increased the information already held in the **George Burvill Biographical Index** and **JED (Jarvis ex-Mod Db)**, enlarged the photographic collection, and brought in visitors with new information for our records. This can only encourage others to join us to continue the work Alison Woodman and Roger Stubbs have begun as volunteers with us. The sharing of volunteer research expertise and the outcomes achieved contributed greatly to recording the history of Perth Modern School.

A final working draft for **PMS Heritage Trails** was completed and made available to the School. An electronic copy of this resource is available at the History Centre for use as a working document (NOT to be distributed) and a **hard copy** is available for viewing within the History Centre (comments are invited). Information and photographs related to Sir Arthur Amies, PMS student 1916-1920 who was Foundation Professor of Dentistry at Monash were provided for inclusion in a biography to be published in 2017. This is indicative of the many requests received during the year.

Memories from the past, recorded deaths and honours awards were provided for publication in the quarterly **Perth Modernian e-Newsletters** circulated to all **Registered** and **Contributing Members**. Thank you to all members who had **Your Say** during the year. **Contributing Members** received the **Annual Magazine for Contributing Members**, which offered more comprehensive items of interest drawn from the archives and volunteer contributors. Donors for **Year 12 awards** and **Sphinx Foundation Scholarship** were also recognised. Career/Employment lists 2011-16 were generated from **JeD** for the **2016 Annual Reunion display** and all previous research remains ongoing

### Visitors

The phone connection brought increased enquiries and visitors. Arrangements for visitors and groups need to be made ahead of time to ensure availability of the Centre and its volunteers and any special displays can be researched and prepared.

*Dear Ms Joll: I am writing this email to thank your absolutely wonderful volunteers at the Perth Modern History Centre. I have been communicating with Mrs Sallie Davies and had the pleasure of visiting the History Centre yesterday. It is a remarkable centre and the work done by the volunteers to capture, document and share the history of the School and its students is wonderful and a credit to them and your remarkable School.*

*My father-in-law, Rhys Gray - a Modernian - is the nephew of Ivor Rhys. Ivor Rhys was the School Captain in 1915 and was killed in action in France in April 1918. He is listed, with many others, on the School's War Memorial. My father-in-law has contributed information about his uncle to the Museum, and he suggested that we also visit the History Centre to learn more. While I was there I was able to read from *The Sphinx* and look at many of the interesting*

*exhibits, and the information available - thanks to your wonderful volunteers - was very helpful and interesting. I was grateful to be able to visit and genuinely touched by the warmth in which I was welcomed and the kind and generous help I received from Mrs Davies. Thank you again.  
Best wishes, Deborah Andrews*

Other visitors to the History Centre included **Jann Rutherford** who donated copies of early plans of the School, **Stephen Monterosso** who is researching the history of Thomas Street Primary School and **Graham Simpson** from Brisbane visited with his sister. **Phil Playford** sought background information for inclusion in his autobiography, **Marie Bonar**, **WA Society of Women Writers** was researching former PMS students associated with that organisation and new teachers called in to the **History Centre** to look around. Alistair McMillan, grandson of **Joe Parsons** and brother of Rob McMillan (USA), author of a book about **Ted Parsons**, donated to the History Centre. Ralph Bilsby, son of **Margaret Johnson** and nephew of **Bill Johnson**, visited with memorabilia, as did Judy Hocking, niece of **Mary Tamblin** and Ian Scott whose mother **Joan Zeplin** also attended PMS.

The History Centre hosted two groups of friends who welcomed friends from overseas from the **class of 1958** (photo left), and another from the class of **1957** (photo right).



On Sunday 13 November, **Class of 1966 Reunion** group (70 people) met in the History Centre and were taken on a tour of the School arranged by Val Furphy with student volunteer guides. Thank you to all involved.



The following groups are acknowledged for **donations** to assist with our work from visiting groups: the **1955** 60-year Reunion, was held in November 2015, the **1966** 50 year Reunion, November 2016, and the **2016 Annual Reunion** in September. A banner donated to the History Centre by the Class of 1955 was used to designate a special area set aside for the **Class of 1956** who celebrated 60 years at the 2016 Annual Reunion.



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

HISTORIAL AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			<b><u>2016</u></b>
	Interest		\$333.26
	Class of 1955 Reunion group	\$247.43	
	Class of 1996 Reunion Group	\$100.00	
	Perth Modernian Society 2016 Annual Reunion:	\$367.00	
	Donations for History Centre		
	Total Donations		<u>\$714.43</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			<b><u>\$1047.69</u></b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
	Computer, etc	\$415.53	
	Display boards	\$238.42	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b><u>\$653.95</u></b>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)</b>			<b><u>\$393.74</u></b>

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
	\$1047.69	\$1349.27	\$921.32
	<u>\$12248.81</u>	<u>\$11829.25</u>	<u>\$11625.76</u>
	<b><u>\$13296.50</u></b>	<b><u>\$13178.52</u></b>	<b><u>\$12547.08</u></b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$13296.50</u></b>	<b><u>\$13178.52</u></b>	<b><u>\$12547.08</u></b>
<b>INCREASE IN ASSETS</b>	<b>\$117.98</b>	<b>\$631.44</b>	

A.A. Porter  
Hon. Treasurer  
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student 1951-55, teacher 1961  
Annemie McAuliffe,  
(on leave)  
student 1955-59  
Deborah Beresford,  
*Hon Secretary*  
teacher 1974-2007  
Eve Broadley, *Hon Treasurer*  
student 1958-60  
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student 1954-58  
Dr Irene Froyland, *PMS Board,*  
*Reunions*  
student 1955-59  
Ian Jarvis, *Communications*  
student 1954-58  
Barbara Mallett  
student 1966-70  
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June 2016)  
student 1956-60  
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(Refer Councillors' profiles pp 24-  
28)  
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Gay Albillos, *Hon Secretary*  
*Vacancy*



Gay Albillos, Sallie Davies, Petrice Judge

### VOLUNTEERS

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Robert Johnson, *war history*  
Stephen Monterosso, *Thomas St*  
Bill MacPherson, *Photo Scanner*  
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Alan Porter, *Science Restoration*  
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### MODERNIAN FELLOWS

Sallie Davies  
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Nhi Danh, *Head Girl, Student Rep*  
Brandon Boccola, *Head Boy,*  
*Student Rep*

## Perth Modernian Society (Inc.)

### Councillors' Profiles

The Council comprised eleven members in the period April 2016-March 2017.

#### **Barrie Baker**

BA(Hons), Dip Ed, Dip Comp, Dip Theol, Dip Ed Admin  
(immediate past President)

Barrie was a PMS student 1954-1958, and after graduating at UWA, like many PMS students from the scholarship era, he followed a teaching vocation starting in 1964 at Mount Lawley Senior High School. Barrie spent his whole working career in the field of education, the last 33 years of which were in Technical Education. He was a pioneer in computer education in Western Australia, both in TAFE and for three years at the WA Treasury in charge of State Government computer training. He held positions in TAFE ranging from lecturer to Assistant Director. Whilst there he was seconded part time to the Public Service Commission Doig Management Centre to set up computer training there. He was also in charge of the development of the East Perth TAFE campus.



Barrie has an interest in urban heritage and won the 2011 WA Heritage Council Award for the individual making the greatest contribution to heritage in Western Australia. He is patron of the Mount Lawley Society and a volunteer music teacher at his local primary school. Barrie has other extensive community involvements including the Australian Student Christian Movement and is a Lay Pastoral Minister in the Anglican Church. He is active in the Australian Shareholders' Association and was convener of its North of the River group for 14 years until 2015.

Barrie has served on the Council of the Perth Modernian Society (Inc) since its formation in 1995. He served as president for seven years (2006 to 2013). He has been the Functions Coordinator since 1996 and the Finance and Fundraising Committee since 2011

Barrie has been a Director of the board of the Sphinx Foundation since 2000, serving also as secretary and chairman. His interests in these positions have been steering the Foundation to more effectively serve the educational needs of PMS students, especially in providing scholarship incentives for worthy students. He is currently its Chairman.

At the 2016 Annual Reunion, Barrie was named as a **Modernian Fellow** for his distinguished contribution to the Perth Modernian Society and thereby the advancement of education at Perth Modern School.

#### **Deborah Beresford**

Bachelor of Applied Science (Library Studies) W.A.I.T.  
(Hon. Secretary)

Deborah graduated as a teacher from Graylands Teachers College in 1962 and then taught at Metropolitan primary schools before marriage. In 1974 she was appointed to Perth Modern School as a Teacher Librarian where she taught until her retirement in 2007.

In 1995 she joined the Perth Modernian Society (Inc.) and has been on the Council since 2006 and has served as the Secretary since 2008. In 2009 she joined the Historical and Museum Committee taking on the role of Honorary Archivist for the Perth Modernian Society, an appointment she still holds. She has also been involved on the Functions Committee since 2006, and during that time she has organised and helped with the Annual Reunions.



Deborah was on the Perth Modern School Council for many years and then became an inaugural member of the School Board as the Perth Modernian Society's nominee. During her teaching career she was a member of the West Australian School Library Association of which she was Secretary for 3 years.

She has had a variety of community involvement in the past with Junior sporting clubs. (Surf Life Saving, Junior Australian Rules Football, and Claremont Amateur Swimming Club), and was a member of the Waratah Red Cross Branch.

At the 2016 Annual Reunion, Deborah was named as an inaugural **Moderna Scola** - the award recognises her distinguished contribution to the Perth Modernian Society and Perth Modern School.

**Evelyn (Eve) Broadley**

Eve attended Perth Modern School as a scholarship student in 1958-60.

Eve has served on the Council of the Perth Modernian Society since its formation in 1995. She served as president for two terms and has been the honorary treasurer for ten years. She was the editor of the magazine for twelve years. She has been a Director of the board of the Sphinx Foundation Inc. since 2006.



Eve has a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and a Graduate Diploma in Corporate Management.

Eve has spent her whole working career in Stockbroking. Currently working as a private and institution client adviser at DJ Carmichael & Co. Prior to that she was a director in her own broking firm, Hogan & Partners, and prior to that as a director of Paterson Securities. She was also employed by the Perth Stock Exchange as the manager of the trading floor, being the first female in Australia to hold that position. She was also the first female in Western Australia to be appointed as a Member of the Australian Stock Exchange.

She was appointed by the State Government to serve as a member of the Finance Brokers Board from 1994 to 1999.

Eve has been a member of Royal Kings Park Tennis Club for over forty years with several years serving on the committee. She is a member of Mosman Park Golf Club, serving as the Convenor of the business ladies for many years and represents the club at the WA Business Ladies Golf Association.

At the 2017 AGM, Eve was named as a **Moderna Scola** - the award recognises her distinguished contribution to the Perth Modernian Society and Perth Modern School.

**Sallie Davies** (née Hicks)  
(Vice President)

Perth Modernian Society Councillor: 1997-1999, Vice President 2010-2016

Sphinx Foundation Board Member: 2003-2010

Historical and Museum Committee: 2006-2007, Chair 2007-current

Sallie was a student at Perth Modern School from 1951-1955. A Home Science Teacher in the country before transferring to Perth Modern School in 1961, Sallie married in 1962 and moved back to the country where she was involved in various community activities. Back in Perth in 1972 Sallie became involved in P&C Associations and with Stirling Players and the development of Stirling Theatre.



In 1978 she was appointed Coordinator of the 150th Celebrations for the City of Stirling and was subsequently invited by the Stirling Council to establish a community support service. In 1990, Sallie was awarded the Rotary Club of Osborne Park City of Stirling Merit Award for Community and Vocational Service. She was elected Chairperson of the Volunteer Centre of Western Australia, and subsequently became its Executive Director, retiring as Executive Director of Volunteering Western Australia in 2001. A founding Director on the Board of Volunteering Australia Sallie served on national committees from 1990. Sallie was awarded a Centenary Medal for her services to the community through Volunteering Western Australia.

Sallie joined the Board of the Sphinx Foundation and coordinated the Publication Working party responsible for researching and publishing the *'Perth Modern School: the History and the Heritage'*. She became chair the Historical and Museum Committee and has represented that Committee on the Society Council since 2007. As Newsletter Coordinator she is part of the Communications working group and has been involved in the development of the portal, JeD (Jarvis ex-Mod Database), the integrated former staff/student database, the e-Newsletters and the Magazine for Contributing Members. She has been integrally involved with the recent development of the History Centre.



In 2014 Sallie was named as one of the three inaugural **Modernian Fellows** for her distinguished contribution to the Perth Modernian Society and thereby the advancement of education at Perth Modern School.

**Peter Farr** BE(Hons), BEc, MASC, C.Eng, FAICD, FAIM  
(President)

Peter was a Perth Modern School scholarship student 1954-1958.

After graduating in Canada in 1966 with a Masters degree, Peter has followed careers totaling over 50 years in engineering and management consulting. He has board experience with private companies, and as a Fellow of both the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the Australian Institute of Management, he has a strong background in Corporate Governance best practice. He has had community involvement with appointments on the Council and Treasurer of St Catherine's College (UWA), Convocation (University of Western Australia), Parents and Citizens Committees, the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club Offshore Committee, St John of God Subiaco Hospital Consumer Advisory Group and Policy Sub-Committee.



Peter has made a large commitment to the Perth Modernian Society (Inc) having been a Councillor for over ten years and he has served as its Vice President or President since 2006. New initiatives he has played a role in are the Portal, the Sphinx Scholarship Fund, the Annual Oration, Perth Modernian Society Awards scheme, the Society's inaugural Strategic Plan, Constitution revision and Governance standards. He has also been Treasurer and on the organising committee for all the 1954-58 class reunions.

He was appointed as a Director of the Sphinx Foundation Inc. in 2008 and as Hon. Treasurer in 2009. He has been involved with the Sphinx Scholarship Fund as its Treasurer and investment manager since its inception in 2009 during which time the fund has grown to over \$800,000. The Fund has had the notable achievement to date of awarding 150 scholarships and bursaries thereby helping many PMS students to aim high and achieve their potential.

At the 2017 AGM, Peter was named as a **Modernian Fellow** for his distinguished contribution to the Society and thereby the advancement of education at Perth Modern School.

**Dr Irene Froyland**  
PhD (Crim), MA (Psych), Dip Ed

Irene attended Perth Modern School 1955-59. After University graduation she became a mathematics teacher and a teacher educator, then went on to complete a doctorate in criminology.

She was a member of the team of teachers who revised the teaching of maths in WA schools in the 1960s, and then as a foundation staff member of Edith Cowan University taught and researched in the disciplines of education, psychology, justice studies and criminology. She was part of the team that developed the first degree courses for police and prison officers in WA, and worked to win the collocation of the Police Academy and ECU in Joondalup. Together with selected police officers she was instrumental in the establishment of the *Centre for Police Research*, now known as the *Sellenger Centre*, which subsequently won ECU's first collaborative ARC grant. In 2004, Irene was appointed Foundation Director - Corruption Prevention, Education and Research in the Corruption and Crime Commission, a role she filled for over six years, leading a team of professionals committed to preventing misconduct in the WA Public Sector.



Upon retirement she accepted community positions as Vice President of the Arthritis Foundation of WA, Chair of the Council of Advice to Arthritis Australia, and member of the Newborough Primary School Board. Irene joined the Council of the Perth Modernian Society in 2013 and was elected as its nominee on the PMS Board in 2015. She has been active in several of the Society's projects and her overriding ambition for the Society is that it is relevant to all Modernians and supports them in the modern world.

**Ian Jarvis**

Ian was a Perth Modern School scholarship student 1954-1958 and became involved in the Society after attending the 50th reunion of the Class of '58.

The experience Ian brings to the decision making and activities of the Perth Modernian Society Council includes 35 years of financial management, administration and IT development in Telstra and 9 years in LotteryWest.

He has been involved with the Society since 2008 and served on the Sphinx Board then PMS Council since 2009. His current roles include Convenor of the Communications Committee, a member of the Historical and Museum Committee, and unofficial ICTs coordinator.



Ian was instrumental in bringing the Society into the electronics age in 2009 with the development and maintenance of the Society's Portal and the Ex Student/Staff database (JED), compilation and distribution of the quarterly e-Newsletter and implementation of the Historical and Museum Collections database (MOSAIC). These all require regular attention to ensure their efficient operation and continuity.

His involvement in community activities includes 12 years on the Board of Kids Are Kids Therapy and Education Centre in Bateman, development of their client management database, 11 years on the Riverton, Rossmoyne and Shelley Residents' Association Committee and various roles over 40 years in the Shelley Sailing Club.

At the 2016 Annual Reunion, Ian was named as a **Modernian Fellow** for his distinguished contribution to the Society and thereby the advancement of education at Perth Modern School.

**Ed Lazarus**

B Eng (Hons) ADM  
(Membership)  
(from June 2016)

Ed attended Mod from 1956 to 1960 and was selected as a prefect.

He continued to UWA to study Electrical Engineering with a cadetship from the Stat Electricity Commission.

He graduated with Honours in 1965, and left WA to pursue a career in electronics. He spent 4 years at AWA involved in electronic design before joining IBM in 1969. Ed's IBM career spanned 27 years and his roles in the Systems Engineering area included installing software systems in many industries in Australia and Asia. He spent 2 years in an IBM research and Development Centre in Florida, responsible for teaching new software to IBM and customer personnel throughout many countries. He represented IBM on Standards, and Industry Telecommunications related Committees. His last assignment in IBM was as Wireless Solutions Manager for Asia Pacific at the time when wireless applications were in their infancy.



Ed left IBM in 1995 to return to Perth, where he joined Murdoch University. His role was to develop and teach undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Telecommunications for Business and E-Commerce. He acted as coordinator for these programmes, and the offshore MBA programmes in Asia. He then joined Central Institute of Technology to teach Computer Networking courses, gradually reducing working hours to retirement.

Community activities included many years as an Army Reserve Officer in RA Signals Units, and several years as a Scout leader. Since retirement, he does voluntary work for Seniors, teaching and technical support.

**Barbara Mallett**

BA, Dip Ed, M App Ling

Barbara attended PMS in the Music School era and graduated in 1970, as a recipient of a Commonwealth University Scholarship. After completing a BA at UWA, she commenced her first graduate position in 1973 as the Statistical Research Officer of West Australian Newspapers.

Claremont Teachers College (now ECU) pioneered the Dip Ed (Primary) in the late 1970s and Barbara was one of the first graduates. Barbara taught for a brief period as well as spending some time in the business world of Telstra, before “retiring” to life as a mother and hobby farmer when the family moved to the Perth hills a few years later.

During this time Barbara was very active in the P&C at Parkerville PS, which led to her accepting the position of State Councillor for the WA Council of State Schools Organisation for the Northam District. In 1990 she returned to teaching, and pioneered a German language programme in a metropolitan school. Later she switched to Italian and enjoyed being part of a primary school Italian programme for about 6 years. This led her to move out of the classroom into an administrative role as Schools Officer at the Italo-Australian Welfare & Cultural Centre Inc. where she has been since 2004.



Barbara completed a Master of Applied Linguistics through Monash University and has pursued her interest in the development of language from infancy and also the structure of related and unrelated languages. She is a member of the Hills Choir where she assists with pronunciation and intonation when the choir sings in languages other than English. She loves to travel and to explore the lands of her heritage.

In 2010, after assisting in organizing a 40<sup>th</sup> reunion for her graduating year, Barbara was invited to join the Perth Modernian Society as a Councillor. She led a group on the School Centennial planning day, and since 2015, her commitments have allowed her to take a slightly more active role in the Society and the continuing life of PMS.

**Annemarie (Annemie) McAuliffe (née Davies)**

BA, Dip Ed, MLIS  
(Vice President)

Annemie attended Perth Modern School 1955-59.

Annemie has followed professional careers in academia, government, the private sector, and board appointments. After completing a BA in Classics at UWA she joined the National Library in Canberra as a library trainee. Her library career saw her working in the ACT and Northern Territory before returning to Perth and working primarily in academic libraries at a time when libraries were transitioning to computerised operations. Her career expanded into academic teaching, senior library management, business studies and academic politics. She was the first female President of the Academic Staff Association at Curtin University and an elected member of the Curtin Council, later a Ministerial Representative to Council.



In the 1980s Annemie took up an information technology policy position in the Western Australian Government and was posted overseas to London and later to Indonesia. During this time also she was appointed to various State and national boards including Marjory Smart Fellow to St Hilda’s College, University of Melbourne, and the Commissioner of the Future.

After leaving Government in the mid-1990s and moving to Kalgoorlie, Annemie established a regional consultancy and undertook significant studies particularly in regional telecommunications, Indigenous business development and land use management. She returned to Government to develop a State Telecommunications Strategy.

Her Board experience includes chair of the WA Telecentre Advisory Council, board of the Insurance Commission of Western Australia, FESA and the board of the Potato Marketing Corporation of Western Australia

These days Annemie is bound up with her family and paints at every opportunity. She joined the Perth Modernian Society Council in 2009, and has been co-Vice President since 2013. She is determined to work for a Society that is relevant for all members, past and present students and staff. She has been an active contributor to areas such as the inaugural Strategic Plan, and Class Reunions liaison.

**Professor Geoffrey Soutar**

BEC (UWA), MA PhD (Cornell), FAIM, FAMI, FMIS, FANZAM  
(from November 2016)

Geoff attended Perth Modern School as a scholarship student from 1961 to 1965 and was a Rotary Exchange Student in New York State in 1966. He returned to Perth and attended UWA, graduating with a First Class Honours Degree in Economics in 1971. He undertook Doctoral studies at Cornell University through a Fulbright and an Earhart Fellowship, graduating in 1974.



Since then he has worked at UWA, Curtin and ECU. During this time he was the Foundation Professor of Management at Curtin, the Executive Dean of Business at ECU and the Director of the GSM at UWA. He is presently Director of the UWA DBA Program and the Nancy Keegan and Don Voelte Distinguished Scholar at the UWA Business School.

Distinguished awards Geoff has received include:

- Fellow and Life Member of the Australian and New Zealand Academy of Management
- Life Member of the Australian Market and Social Research Society
- Inaugural Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand Marketing Academy
- Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences of Australia (2015)
- Winner of ANZMAC's Distinguished Researcher Award
- Australian Teaching and Learning Council Citation winner for his contribution to student learning.

In 2016 Geoff was invited to join the Perth Modernian Society Council.

## MILESTONES FOR PERTH MODERN SCHOOL EX-STAFF/STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

**1913** Annual Reunion held August 1913. Reg Williams (PMS student 1911-13) became joint Hon Secretary for the Perth Modern School **Ex-Students Association**.

**1914** The **Perth Modern School Ex-Students Association Incorporated** held Ex-Students Day. All members joining in the first year to be known as **Foundation Members**, with badges available.

### Aims of the Association

- To establish a strong esprit de corps amongst the ex-students of the PMS ("*Union is strength*")
- To further the interests of the School
- To establish a friendly intercourse between the past and present students of the PMS by means of meetings and social functions.

**1918** Constitution was reviewed and **Old Modernians Association Incorporated** came into being.

**1922** **Unveiling of War Memorial** - funds were raised by former students and to be managed by the **Old Modernians Trust Fund** appointed in perpetuity.

**1926-58** *The Sphinx* reported on activities of the **Old Modernians Association** for each calendar year's social events and Ex-Students Days.

**1960** **Keith Graham**, PMS student 1928-29, became the inaugural president of the **Parents and Citizens Association** at Perth Modern School.

**1969** Deed of Trust established under patronage of the **Hon Mr Justice Wolff**, PMS student 1913-14, to establish a legally constituted **Board of Trustees to administer the Library in perpetuity**. **Old Modernians** asked to contribute.

**1970** A new library was built as part of the Commonwealth Secondary Schools Library Programme.

**1970** **Joseph Parsons Memorial Library** officially opened by **Governor General Sir Paul Hasluck**, student 1918-22.

**1973** **Launch of a Foundation Committee** in December to prepare a proposal for recording, preservation and display of information and objects associated with Perth Modern School. Principal Mr Joe Stokes originated the proposal for the historical record and sought the help of ex-students for the physical and financial requirements of the task.

**1974-94** **Perth Modern School Historical Society** established its **Museum Collections**.

**1995** **Perth Modernian Society Planning Committee** formed to establish **Perth Modernian Society**:

- Perth Modernian Society (Inc), Registered No. 1004735, 11th July 1995
- Sphinx Foundation (Inc), established to secure funds and future publication of a School history
- **Historical and Museum Society** became a **standing Committee** of the Society.

**2005** Launch of **Perth Modern School: the History and the Heritage** - researched and published by the Sphinx Foundation. 5,000 copies printed.

**2008** **Sphinx Foundation Constitution** revised to empower establishment of the Sphinx Scholarship Fund.

**2009** Accommodation available for establishment of **Perth Modernian Society History Centre**.

The Society entered the electronic age by launching a **portal** and **databases** for (i) ex-Student/staff records and (ii) artefacts.

**2010** Official launch of the **Sphinx Scholarship Fund** at the home of Malcolm and Tonya McCusker.

**2011** **Perth Modern School Centenary Year** celebrations.

**2013** Revision of Perth Modernian Society **Constitution** to accommodate new organisational structure completed

**2014** **Celebrating 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the establishment of the **PMS Museum Collections** and **100 Years of *The Sphinx*** at Perth Modern School.

Launch of Perth Modernian Society inaugural **Strategic Plan 2014-2017**.

Confirmation of three inaugural **Modernian Fellows** - **Sallie Davies, Malcolm McCusker and Donald Tyler** - for their outstanding contributions to the Society and PMS.

**2015** Celebrated establishment of **Perth Modern School's first orchestra 100 years ago**.

Council self-assessment survey - completed by all Councillors; collated and analysed by **Bruce McCallum**.

Revision of Perth Modernian Society **Constitution** completed in preparation for **DGR application** for a proposed **Museum Fund**.

**2016** Modernian Awards made to **Barrie Baker, Deborah Beresford, Ian Jarvis, Alan Porter and Alison Woodman** for their outstanding contributions to the Society and PMS.