

## **MODERNA SCOLA AWARDS**

### **Deborah Beresford**

As teacher librarian Deb became interested in the work of the Historical and Museum Committee and on retirement from PMS in 2007, she served an apprenticeship to then Hon Archivist and has continued her work as honorary curator/archivist. With a band of other keen and interested volunteers, Deirdre Owen, Robyn White and Alison Woodman, we are now part way through digitising the collection records. This added to her volunteer commitments to the School and to the Society.

In 1995 Deb joined the Old Modernians, later to become the Perth Modernian Society, and sought members from the post-Scholarship era as well as staff. She became a committee member after the death of her husband in 2003 and in that capacity helped organise Annual Reunions. She has served as secretary of the Society for the past 13 years. She also served on the School Council, now Board, as the Perth Modernian Society representative for a two terms.

In 2015, Deb stepped down from her role on the School Board but continued to oversee the digitisation of photographs, and the accessioning of donations and artefacts donated by members of the Society and their families and the School itself. This is itself a mammoth and demanding task for a volunteer who also is responsible for the care of School and Student records, and responses to enquiries about former students in accordance with the policies of set down by the Education Department. She is also continuing in her role as Secretary of the Perth Modernian Society Council.