



# PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY



## Annual Report 2017

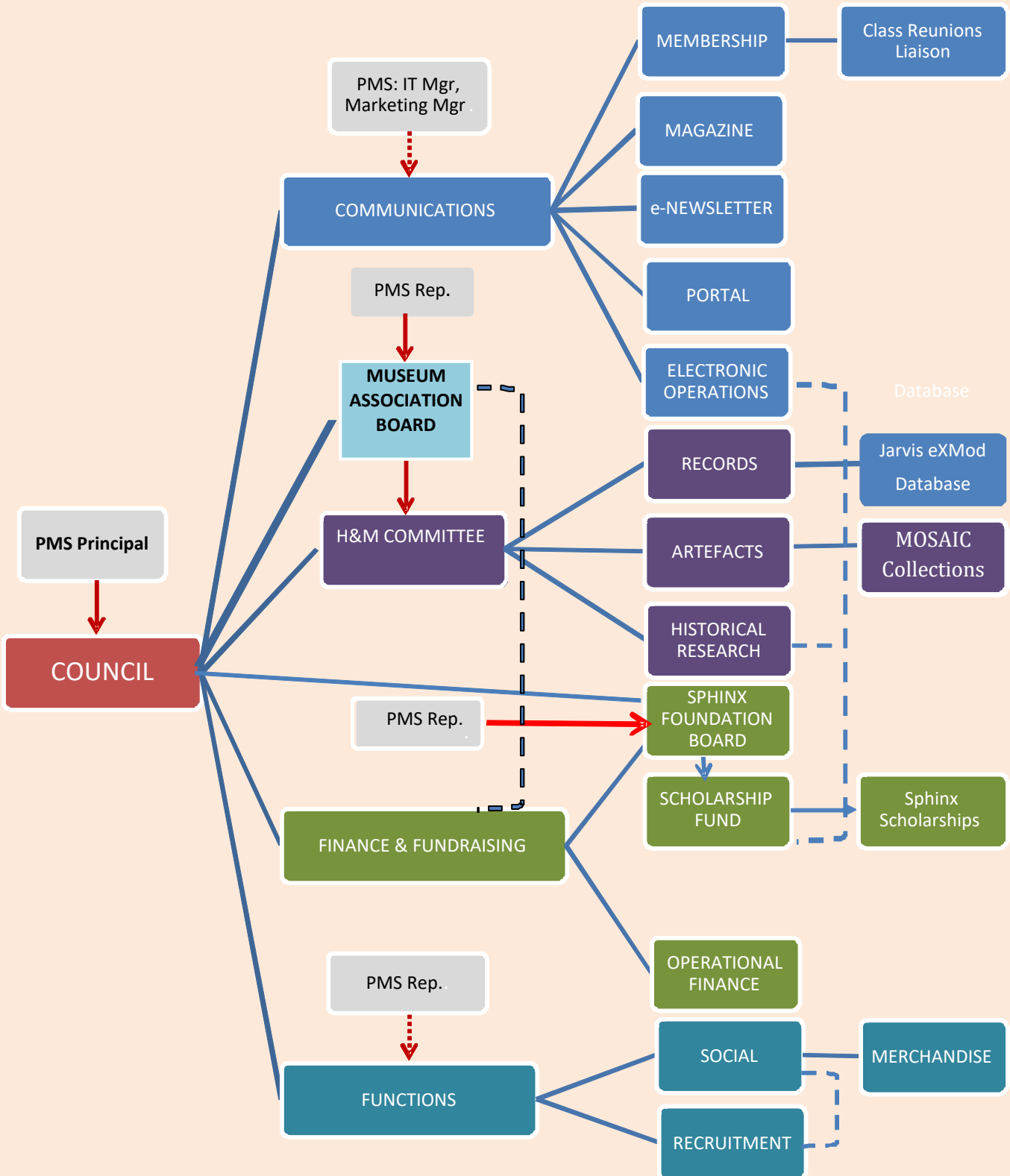


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The **primary object** of the Perth Modernian Society (Inc) is the advancement of education for the benefit of the community as a whole. In undertaking the primary object this Society of former staff and students (alumni) must have regard to the educational 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

**2017 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The Editorial of The Sphinx magazine of November 1958 said something profound that I think is still apropos 50 years on:

*We represent a school which has made a name for itself and of which W.A has been, and still is, proud, for scattered all over Australia, filling many responsible positions, are old Modernians. .... There were things with which we did not agree, there are in all institutions; but they fade into obscurity behind that something called "Mod".*

I think the Society had a fantastic year in what was accomplished in 2017 - despite the dark cloud from Feb. to June caused by the controversial policy by the then Labor Opposition, which became the McGowan Government, to repurpose Perth Mod. The respect earned from all the other components of the Perth Mod community - along with the general public, and even the WA Govt. and the Opposition parties, was most gratifying. The regular communications to/from our members via e-Newsletters, eVent notices, Perth Modernian magazine, phone and email were fantastic. It was stupendous how numerous Modernians from Australia and overseas stepped up to the plate last year on the two 'big ticket' issues that were in the public eye. The Society's Council and volunteers continued to have a splendid working association with the Perth Mod Executive and staff. Furthermore, the Society's Balance Sheet is at a high during the era that I've been on the Council.

The updated 'Milestones for Perth Modern School Ex-Staff/Student Involvement' going back to the Society's origins in 1913, may be found on the last page of this Annual Report.

**Overview of 2017 activities**

Governance and Compliance

Since the 2017 AGM in April 2017, the Council comprised Peter Farr (President), Barrie Baker, (Vice Pres.) Prof. Geoffrey Soutar (Vice Pres.), Eve Broadley (Hon. Treasurer), Deborah Beresford (Hon. Secretary), Sallie Davies, Dr Irene Froyland, Ian Jarvis (Communications), Barbara Mallett, and Ed Lazarus. First, Dr Irene Froyland and then Deb Beresford represented the Society on the PMS Board. Lois Joll (Principal) reported to Council meetings about school activities/achievements and issues.

I sincerely thank all Councillors for their dedicated efforts. Councillors' profiles may be found on pages 31-36 of this Report.

The Society's incorporated association's registration number (IARN) is A1004735K.

Under the new Western Australian Associations Incorporation Act (2015) there is now the requirement to submit an annual Information Statement to Consumer Protection. The Statement for the Society's financial year ending 31 December 2016 was lodged on 20 Sept. 2017 (showing Total Income of \$13,553). The Statement for the year ending 31 Dec. 2017 cannot be lodged after the May 2018 AGM (and will show Total Income of \$23,352).

Initiatives in 2017

The Council commenced/progressed several initiatives including:

- The revision of the Constitutions for the Perth Modernian Society Inc and the Sphinx Foundation Inc. as well as drafting a Constitution for a separate subsidiary - the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated. [Nigel Hunt, a Director of the Sphinx Foundation Board, kindly undertook the extensive legal work on these *pro bono*.] The three constitutions were all adopted by formal resolutions at a Special General Meeting of members held as part of the Annual Reunion on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2017. The revised Constitutions for both the Society and the Sphinx Foundation were accepted in October by the WA Commissioner for Consumer Protection. Similarly, for Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated.
- From a branding viewpoint it was great to get produced the Society banners and the ladies' Sphinx-motif scarf (launched at the September Annual Reunion and available for purchase along with other memorabilia via our website).
- Several Councillors of the Society contributed the funds to create the annual Perth Modernian Society English Literature prize for a year 12 student.
- The History Centre had many appreciative visitors including the general public who came during the Heritage Perth weekend in October – this being a first for Perth Mod.
- Many of the present crop of parents played a huge part in the successful *Save Perth Mod* campaign and in the process a high level of mutual respect blossomed, so it would be an opportune time to try and build on that.
- Following the *Save Perth Mod* campaign a lot of visual materials used so effectively in the public rally have found a permanent home in the History Centre.
- Following the successful *Save Perth Mod* campaign a decision in principle was made by the Council to contribute towards a futuristic new Sphinx sculpture that will face Roberts Road Subiaco, and will symbolise Perth Mod going forward and ever upward.
- Preliminary work for updating the Society's Strategic Plan in early 2018; e.g. Dr Ray Dallin was selected as the facilitator.

### **Perth Modernian Society Awards in 2017**

I was greatly honored to be made a Modernian Fellow by the Council's Awards Sub-Committee. **Eve Broadley** was recommended for the award of Moderna Scola, and **Tonya McCusker** was made an Honorary Member of the Perth Modernian Society. These names were added in gold lettering onto (respectively) the Modernian Fellows Board in the McCusker Room, the Moderna Scola Board and the Honorary Members Board in the History Centre.

### **Collaboration and Premises**

The Society once again worked cooperatively with the School administration, Head Boy/Head Girl, the P&C Association and the School Board.

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 other Contributing Members;
- The Perth Modernian Society Facebook Page (334 members); <https://www.facebook.com/groups/143154475697422/>
- The 2016 Annual Report was distributed in hard copy at the **22nd Annual General Meeting** held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017 and is also available on our website.
- Regular 'President's Updates' were sent to Modernians by email or mail in relation to the *Save PMS Campaign*, and literally hundreds of communications in support were received back, along with just two negative/rude communiques.

Our joint Guest Speakers at the 2017 AGM were Modernians Dr Irene Froyland and ex-Chief Superintendent Malcolm Evans on the topic *'Two Modernians who Played a Big Part in Western Australian Policing'*.

### Annual Oration

Distinguished Modernian Dr Judyth Watson's Oration to senior students in August broke new ground in her talk titled "Unfinished Business", wherein Judyth canvassed immigration, socio-economic and other challenging humanitarian issues. Judyth 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 2017: Hon. Michael Kirby, Kevin Parker, Janet Holmes a' Court, Shirley Randell, and Lesley Parker. Sadly, the death occurred in 2017 of Dr Phillip Playford – who gave the Annual Oration on the topic 'A geologist's life. of rocks, reefs and wrecks' in 2014.

I am most pleased to say that the 2018 Annual Oration will be presented by Modernian Elizabeth Gaines, who is the CEO of Fortescue Metals Group Ltd (FMG).

### Reunions

Numbers at the **Annual Reunion** in Sept. 2017 were swelled by the attendance of 39 from the 1957 Class Reunion that took place the previous day.

Thank you also to **Annemie McAuliffe** and **Dr 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 Association fund**. (*Refer separate report*.)

This year **2018** being the centenary of the end of WWI, our thoughts especially turn to over 100 brave Modernians who joined the Australian defence forces to fight in lands a long way from home, and whose names are to be found on the Roll of Honour in the Beasley Auditorium, and, in the case of the war dead, on the War Memorial (Photo right, and which was also the iconic image chosen for the Society's *Save PMS* Public Thankyou notice in June 2017 (*see page 11*)).



### **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** until July then by **Deb Beresford**.

In the second half of 2017 and in early 2018, there were ten resignations or non-reelections to the Board brought about by a controversial communication to the Director General of Education which ended up in the media, with the result that as from early 2018 the Board was largely renewed. In Feb. 2018 the Society's Executive Committee appointed me as the Modernians representative on the Board. At the Board's first meeting for this year in Feb. 2018, Modernian and former School Patron Dr Ken Michael AC was elected Chair and I was elected Deputy Chair.

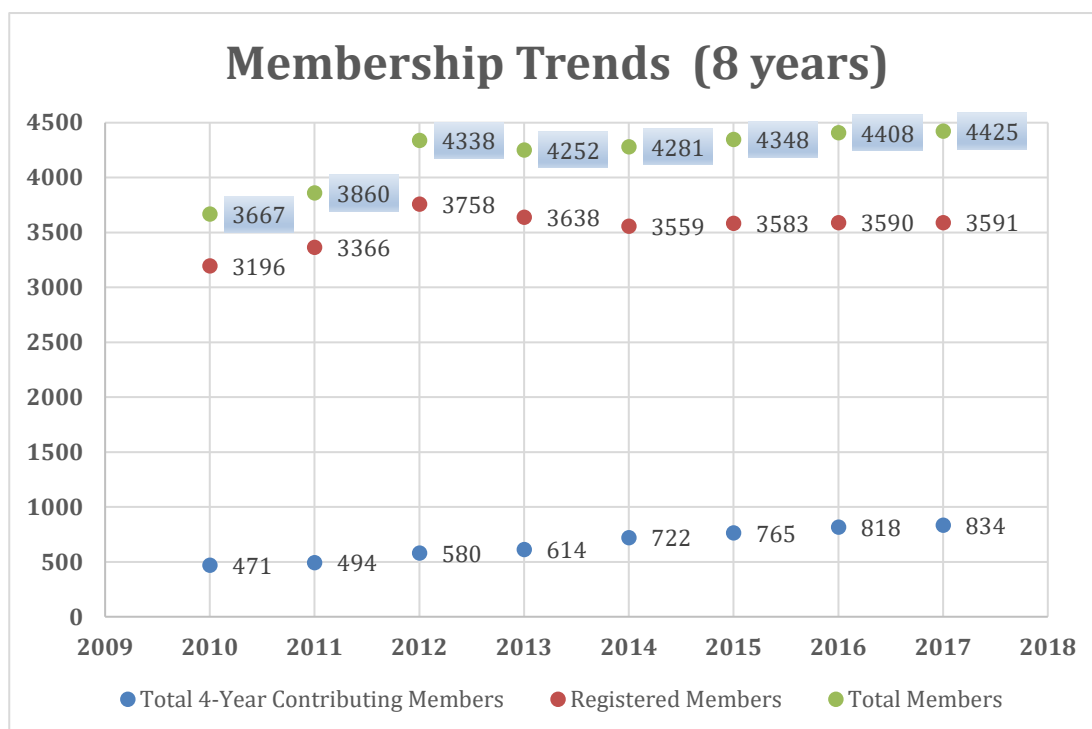
### **Membership Trends**

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 2017, but regrettably a significant number of members passed away in 2017. At the end of 2017, the Society had some 834 Contributing Members, as well as some 3,591 Registered Members, making 4,425 total members. Changes in membership over the past eight years are depicted in the table and graph below:

Year ended December:	New/Renewed 4-Year Contributing Members (incl. new graduates)	Total 4-Year Contributing Members	Registered Members	Total Members
2010	29	471	3196	3667
2011	18	494	3366	3860
2012	88 (14)	580	3758	4338
2013	27 (10)	614	3638	4252
2014	110 (2)	722	3559	4281
2015	35 (3)	765	3583	4348
2016	34 (17)	818	3590	4408
2017	64 (18)	834	3591	4425

- As shown in column 2 of the Table, some progress is evident in 2016 and 2017 encouraging new graduates to join up.
- Both the Sphinx Foundation and the H&M Committee secured some new volunteers in 2017.



## Finances

The Financial Statements for the Society have been prepared by the Hon. Treasurer Eve Broadley, and are to be found at pages 19-23.

External audits were not commissioned for the Society or the Sphinx Foundation Inc. for the 2017 Financial Year.

The external audit of the Sphinx Scholarship Fund for 2017-2018 is pending due to a change in the Sphinx Foundation's financial year end to 30 June 2018 under its revised Constitution.

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

In 2017, Income amounted to \$23,352 and Expenses \$15,952 giving a net Operating Profit of \$7,400 and leaving the Society with a net cash at bank at 31/12/2017 of \$27,301 (cf 2016 \$19,600), and Net Assets = \$28,265 (cf 2016 \$20,373).

Notes:

- Subscriptions yielded a pleasing \$9,265 (cf \$3,792 in 2016).
- Income was swelled by the \$6,350 raised from Modernians towards the *Save PMS Fighting Fund*.
- The main recurrent cost items again comprised: Newsletters; Printing, Stationery & Postage; IT, Communications and website hosting; Insurance, trophies (i.e. Honours Awards).
- Payouts from the *Save PMS Fighting Fund* amounted to \$6,015
- Net function cash inflows amounted to \$1,624 after payment of a donation to the Music Department of \$1,000 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 \$2,324 back to the Society. With the closure of Subiaco Oval and the move of AFL football games to the Perth Stadium, this valuable source of income has come to an end.

### Sphinx Foundation Inc

The Council is thankful for the dedicated efforts of the Chairman and Directors of the Sphinx Foundation Inc. (Refer separate report.)

The Sphinx Scholarship Fund, established just 9 years ago, has reached maturity/sustainability with record funds under management. The Society's Council sincerely thanks the 93 donors to the Sphinx Scholarship Fund in 2017 – this was a record number in one year and included 36 first-time donors, most probably reflecting the society's high profile and effectiveness during the *Save PMS* campaign in 2017.

It is noted with great satisfaction that the Sphinx Scholarship Fund had a record-breaking year in 2017 in terms of the number and value of scholarships and bursaries awarded to PMS students, and in Feb. 2018 provided a valuable helping hand to **68** needy and worthy students in a wide range of categories.



Photo: Year 11 student **Reef Kitaeff** – one of the Don Tyler Physics Bursary 2017 winners, with the donor **Don Tyler** (left) and Treasurer of the Sphinx Foundation **Peter Farr**, at the morning tea in the Staff Room that followed the Assembly, 2 February 2018



New financial awards able to be created in 2017 comprised:

- The **Jim Leslie Scholarship** is aimed at facilitating the achievement of educational success by removing barriers and providing access to opportunities to students in Years 11 and 12 at PMS. The School offers many opportunities for enhanced education, and the Scholarship aims to assist students who might otherwise be disadvantaged to take full advantage of them.
- The **Raymond Dingle and Gai Harris 4-year Scholarship** – [Funds for the Scholarship were donated by Modernian Dr Raymond Dingle [who was a student at Perth Modern School 1948-1952]and his partner Gai Harris]
- The **Regina Vida Dingle Family Equity Scholarship** (2018 only) – [Funds for the Scholarship were donated by the children of Dr Raymond Dingle and Regina Vida Dingle (nee Jonikis) (dec.)]
- 16 additional academic excellence bursaries for students entering Year 11 in 2018

### The Save PMS Campaign

As recorded in **The Sphinx**, November 1957: *“Ours is the privilege and ours too, the responsibility of carrying on the work of the Old Modernians, of maintaining the reputation for sound scholarship, straight thinking, clean living, fine sportsmanship and good citizenship, that the School has established.”*

So, it was a game changer when unexpected events leading up to and since the WA State election on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017 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. It's no exaggeration to say that our survival was at stake.

However, history now records that the State election outcome didn't dent 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, and transfer of the Selective Entrance program to a high rise in Northbridge, that the WA Government intended. The words **Perth Mod, Perth Modern School, alumni, Modernians, philanthropy and Sphinx scholarships** featured in the Western Australian press and airwaves on almost a daily basis from February to mid-June 2017.

The 'peaceful march' in which some 800-people participated from PMS to Parliament House on 25<sup>th</sup> May, followed by a string of short speeches, was a spectacular PR triumph. Those powerful/emotional visual images were repeated numerous times in the print and electronic media.



Photo: Peaceful march and rally Parliament House on 25 May 2017

By mid-June the Government was looking for a way out, culminating on 13<sup>th</sup> June when Minister Ellery and Premier McGowan jointly announced that Education Central would not happen and Perth Modern School, along with its special status as the State's only fully selective entrance high school, would stay "as is". Instead, to deal with the western/northern suburbs 'overcrowding' problem, the Government decided on a new local intake secondary school on nearby Kitchener Park.

In this Annual Report I once again want to thank the numerous people from amongst our membership who made their strong feelings known, and to those who contributed to the Society's *Save PMS Fighting Fund* - and most particularly **Dr June Stephenson** who led the way not only on this but also in the **petition** that she organised with the considerable help of **Hon. Bill Marmion MLA** to the Legislative Assembly.

As past Vice President Annemie McAuliffe said *"If ever there was justification for a proactive alumni organization this was it!"*.

Attached (Page 12) is the **Public Thankyou** that the Society and the Sphinx Foundation jointly placed in *The West Australian* on Saturday 17th and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

The Society had a mini surge in paid contributing members since the success in the campaign and the public thankyou adverts. Also, we had a very good set of donations to the Sphinx Scholarship Fund Annual Giving appeal in mid-2017 despite the sword of Damocles hanging over the head of the Sphinx. Modernians are amazingly loyal it seems.



I pay tribute to the representative group from the whole Perth Mod community in the photo below, at a celebration held in the History Centre at Mod on the day the Government's announcement was made.



Pictured at the History Centre (left to right): Jean Choo, Prof. Michael Henderson, Nigel Hunt, Helen Pedersen, Peter Farr, Sue Coltrona, Hon. Julian Grill, Sharon Williams, Marcelle Anderson, Jo Evans, Emma Gregory and Alana Dowley, (absent from photo Barrie Baker and Martin Lodge). 13 June 2017

The historic photo below shows a relieved group of current (2017) students and parents at a very joyous celebratory party a few days after the Government's policy change at the home of parents, Nicholas and Heidi Waldron.





Following the successful *Save Perth Mod* campaign a lot of **visual materials** used so effectively in the public rally have found a permanent home on display in the History Centre.

### Conclusion

I sincerely thank on all 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 and causes during 2017.

The Society proved in numerous ways in 2017 that it is doing fantastic work for its members and the whole Perth Modern School community. Modernians far and wide stood up to be counted for the *Save PMS Campaign*. We are collectively relieved to have seen the survival 'as is' of Perth Modern School, the Perth Modernian Society, the History Centre, the Sphinx Foundation, and the Scholarship Fund.

At the 2018 AGM I am retiring from the position of the Society's President. It has been an honour to serve in this capacity for the past five years. It has been a privilege to work alongside the awesome PMS community – the Society's hard-working Councillors, Sphinx Board Directors, volunteers, PMS Board, P&C Association, the School Executive and staff, parents and students.

**Peter Farr** FAIM, FAICD  
**President**

23 April 2018

Public Thankyou jointly placed by the Society and the Sphinx Foundation in *The West Australian* on Saturday 17th and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017.



## Public Thank You from the Perth Modernian Society

The **Perth Modernian Society Inc**, representing the alumni and former staff of Perth Modern School, welcomes the announcement on 13 June 2017 by the Premier Hon Mark McGowan and Ministers Hon Sue Ellery and Hon Rita Saffioti that Perth Modern School is to remain on its existing heritage site in Subiaco as Western Australia's only fully selective academic government school.

We are grateful that the McGowan Government has decided not to change Perth Mod's role and that this decision has been managed in a respectful and timely manner. It is very rare for any government to reconsider an election policy and the McGowan Government's decision to change the Education Central policy after a preparedness to listen to the community's concerns, is gratefully recognised and we thank them. This school has an international reputation for excellence and this decision is resonating very widely.

Perth Mod opened to students in 1911 and was to pioneer a modern education where the sciences and modern languages were to be on an equal footing with classical education. In 1912, the school introduced entrance examinations in response to the high demand for places. In 1959 Perth Mod lost its selective entry status and this was not restored until 2007. In 2017 Perth Mod's supporters stood up to be counted, and were heard. We recognise and thank YOU for all your magnificent efforts.

The parents of the existing 1300+ Perth Mod students were concerned about maintaining continuity of quality education for their children. Alumni and others involved in preserving Perth Mod were concerned about its heritage and outstanding record for producing students who excelled in many fields of endeavour of national and international significance. But more broadly there was a groundswell of people who wanted to support the history and heritage of the first Government co-educational senior secondary school in Western Australia.

'Save Perth Mod' became a very public cause, and the Society extends its profound thanks to everyone who supported Mod in its hour of need. They wrote a never-ending stream of Letters to the Editor, and they very willingly signed our petitions - in fact over 10,000 persons did so from Port Hedland in the north to Albany in the south. This reinforces our view that Perth Modern School has earned the unique position of being held in the highest regard across Australia as a school which is merit based and provides students regardless of their family background or personal circumstances with the highest quality public school education to allow them to achieve their potential.

**14,000 Modernians** across Australia and around the world commend the McGowan Government for having listened to concerns about the 'Education Central' proposal and taken the widespread community feedback into account in developing a revised direction that leaves intact the wonderful institution that is so well recognised that it is fondly called 'Perth Mod' or just 'Mod'.

The Perth Modernian Society also thanks the many **Members of Parliament** from all sides, and **City of Subiaco Councillors**, who listened to the **students**, their **parents**, the **P&C Association**, the **Perth Modern School Board**, and **Modernians** and the general public. We are eternally grateful to the journalists and editors of the print and electronic media who saw it as their professional responsibility to shine a light on the issues about which the Perth Mod stakeholders were so concerned.

The McGowan Government's welcome announcement to save Perth Mod was not only an important victory for democracy, but importantly, allows Perth Mod to continue its tradition of exemplary education for high-achieving students, who come from all corners of this State to be educated in a Government school which is open to all students regardless of circumstances. It also means that the valuable support services that the **Perth Modernian Society** and the **Sphinx Scholarship Fund** provide to Perth Mod will continue stronger than ever, for the benefit of our state, our nation and the global community

The Society records its thanks to the public and the State Government most sincerely. We look forward to supporting the Government in the pursuit of quality public education in WA.

May I encourage and welcome all former students and staff who are not already registered to join the Perth Modernian Society.

Peter Farr, President



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### Introduction

As recorded below, the Foundation had a successful year in 2017 on many fronts. Most notably, in its **tenth year**, the Sphinx Scholarship Fund reached **\$900,000** and a total awards payout figure of a remarkable **\$250,000** since the inaugural scholarship and bursary awards commenced in 2009.

### Governance and Compliance

In February 2017, Board member Petrice Judge, who had been a Board member since September 2013, gave notice of her resignation with effect from the April 2017 AGM. In March 2017, the Board was pleased to welcome new member, William Philogene (parent of a current PMS student). The other members, continuing from 2016 were:

- Barrie Baker                      Chairman and sharing Secretary
- Peter Farr                              Hon. Treasurer
- Eve Broadley
- Jeanette McQueen              Sharing Secretary
- Nigel Hunt
- Val Furphy                              Co-opted, representing the PMS Principal.

The Board resolved to collate and report in future Annual Reports on the Professional Development/ CPE of each Director.

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). The 2017 Annual Information Statement was submitted to the ACNC on 24 February 2018.

The Foundation became entitled to use the ACNC's 'registered charity' logo which is being progressively incorporated in our stationery.



The Sphinx Foundation's incorporated association's registration number (IARN) is A1006334B. Under the new Western Australian Associations Incorporation Act (2015) there is now the requirement to submit an annual Information Statement to Consumer Protection. The Statement for the Foundation's financial year ending 31 December 2016 was lodged on 20 September 2017, and the Statement for the year ending 31 December 2017 was lodged on 12 April 2018 (showing Total Income for the Sphinx Scholarship Fund of \$174,056).

### Assistance from the School Administration

The Board would like to acknowledge the cooperation of the School in the administration of the Foundation, especially with the commitment to allocate as from 2017, of up to three hours per week of clerical assistance principally for the Sphinx Scholarship scheme. This change will greatly assist communication between the Board and School staff.

In early 2018, the School offered to insert an up-to-date page on its website concerning Sphinx Scholarships that are available to students. This information was supplied in Feb. 2018 and subsequently uploaded.

## **Meetings**

The board met on six occasions in 2017:

- 27 February 2017 – Ordinary Meeting
- 22 March 2017 – Ordinary Meeting in which new member William Philogene was welcomed
- 27 April 2017 – AGM
- 27 April 2017 – General Meeting
- 11 October 2017 – Ordinary Meeting
- 16 November 2017 – Ordinary Meeting.

## **2017 Audit**

The 2017 FY Audit was signed off on 21 April 2017 by Anderson Munro & Wyllie, the Chairman and the Treasurer. The Management Letter addressed to Members of the Sphinx Foundation (Inc.) was provided to Directors. The next audit will be for the 18-month period 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2018.

## **Constitution Amendments**

The amended constitution of the Sphinx Foundation (Inc), 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), was completed by September 2017. This was endorsed at a Special General meeting of the Council of the Perth Modernian Society, held on 10 September 2017. It was submitted by Treasurer Peter Farr to the Department of Commerce (Consumer Protection) for approval. The Department confirmed its approval on 20 October 2017. A notable change is the FY from 1 July to 30 June to match with ATO Franking Credit FY.

On behalf of the other Board members, I would like to pay tribute to the expertise and *pro bono* effort of Board member Nigel Hunt and his colleague, Brendan Dawson of King Wood Mallesons.

## **Sphinx Scholarships and Bursaries**

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 and bursaries paid out in 2017 to Perth Modern School on behalf of awardees totalled a record **\$47,075**. [In calendar year 2016 the corresponding total was \$40,240.]

Scholarships/Bursaries selected in December 2017 and taken up in February 2018 along with scholarship renewals from earlier years, were as follows, totalling **\$52,733**:

- **Incoming Year 7 students:**
  - The McCusker (Academic Excellence) Scholarship
  - 3 x Don Tyler (Academic Excellence) Scholarships
  - 5 x Perth Modernian Society (Academic Excellence) Scholarships
  - The Raymond Dingle and Gai Harris Scholarship (*new*)
  - The Ling and Chris Hayes Scholarship (1-Year)
  - 2 x Perth Modernian Society Bursaries
- **Continuing students in Years 11, 12:**
  - The Jean and Jim Cundill Creative Writing Scholarship and Bursaries
  - The Daniel Girling and John Down Music Scholarship and Bursary
  - The Don Tyler Physics Scholarship and bursaries; Don Tyler Biological Sciences Scholarship and bursaries; Don Tyler Chemistry Scholarship and bursaries
  - The Perth Modernian Society Mathematics Scholarship and bursaries
  - The Shirley Randell Social Sciences Scholarship
  - The Malcolm Evans Foreign Languages Scholarship and Bursaries
  - The Ling and Chris Hayes Economics-Accounting Scholarship
  - The Jim Leslie Scholarship (Academic Excellence) and Bursaries (*new*)

- **Open to years 8, 9, 10:** The Regina Vida Dingle Family Equity Scholarship (5-years) and Bursary (*new*)
- **Renewals:** Year 8 (9), Year 9 (6), Year 10 (4), total 19
- **Principal's Discretionary Bursaries allocated for 2018:** \$2,000

Total – 68 awards.



Photo: Modernian Fellow **Don Tyler** presents a Sphinx Scholarship certificate at the whole school assembly, February 2018



Photo: 27 happy recipients of scholarships and bursaries based on Year 10 achievements, holding the Certificates presented by Modernian Fellow **Don Tyler** and Moderna Scola Awardee **Eve Broadley**, Feb. 2018

### **Annual Fundraising Appeal – 2017**

We had a very good set of donations to the Sphinx Scholarship Fund Annual Giving appeal in 2017 despite the sword of Damocles hanging over the head of the Sphinx: proof that Modernians are amazingly loyal!

The annual Scholarship Fund appeal letters were mailed out in mid May 2017 and realised donations up until year's end of \$34,100. Donations received in 2017 prior to May 2017 totalled \$82,500.00, the major donors being PMS classmates **Dr Raymond Dingle** (1948 – 1952), **\$50,000** and **Mr Jim Leslie** (1948 to 1952) **\$25,000**. This gave an annual total of **\$115,450** up to 31 Dec. 2017, which was the second highest annual

amount ever. A record number of 93 people donated in 2017, of whom 61% were repeat donors, meaning that 39% were new donors to this cause. This successful year brought the number of people that had donated to the Scholarship Fund since its inception to over 400. Their involvement since the inception of the Fund in 2009 is greatly appreciated by the Board and helps to keep the Directors motivated to do even more good for public education.

As at 31 December 2017, around \$894,822 was either invested and earning interest, or awaiting payout to the School in February 2018.



Photo: Generous donors Modernian **Dr Raymond Dingle** and **Gai Harris**, NSW, January 2018

## **Financial Reports – Summary**

### **(A) Sphinx Foundation Inc.**

The Net Cash at bank at 31/12/2017 was \$913.

### **(B) Sphinx Scholarship Fund**

#### **Scholarship Fund Asset summary as at 31/12/2017**

Asset Type	Market Value \$	% of total
Cash at bank	58,439	6%
ASX Listed shares	444,307	49%
Unlisted Property Trusts	398,385	44%
Less payments due	0	
Franking credits due 30/6/2018	5,000	1%
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>906,132</b>	<b>100%</b>

Notes:

1. The net return on average investment assets for the calendar year 2017 was a pleasing **7.0%** (2016 = 6.4%).
2. The Management Expense Ratio (MER) in calendar year 2017 was a low **0.7%**. This is considered very satisfactory for a fund of this relatively small size. (In general, for a given *modus operandi* the higher the amount of funds under management, the lower the MER).
3. Scholarships and bursaries paid out in calendar year 2017 to students at Perth Modern School totalled a record \$47,075 (2016 = \$40,240, 2015 = \$28,500).



4. Notable new asset purchases:

- i. Investment of \$60,000 in unlisted property trust Centuria ‘Scarborough House’ ACT;
- ii. Purchase of shares in AMP, Bank of Queensland (BOQ), Bendigo Bank and Platinum (PTM); total ~\$83,000.

**Income and Expenditure**

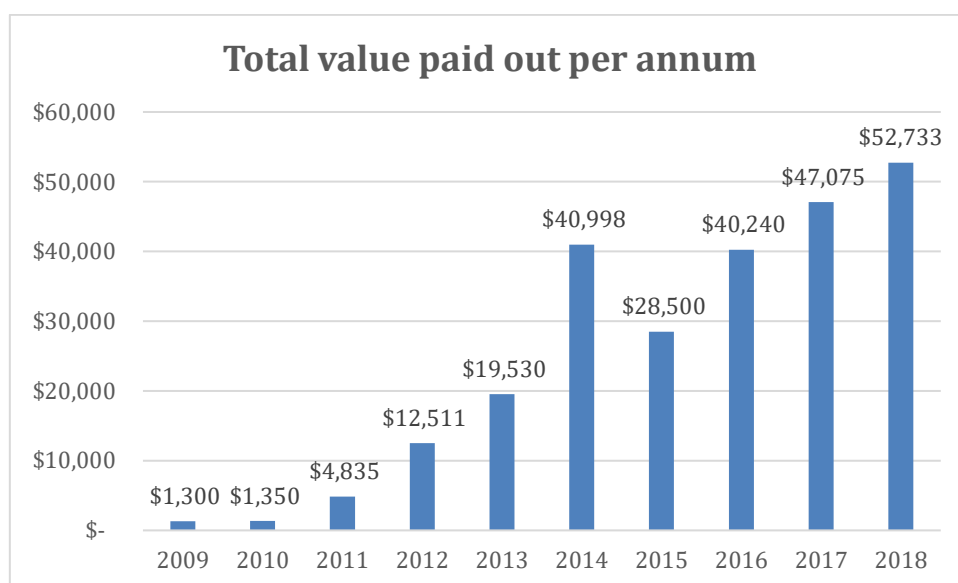
In calendar year 2017, the Scholarship Fund income amounted to \$173,969 (2016 = \$88,938) and Expenses \$52,978 (2016 = \$43,650), giving a highly satisfactory net Operating Profit of \$121,427 (2016 = \$45,288).

**Balance Sheet**

As at 31 December 2017, the Scholarship Fund Total Current Assets = \$63,387 (2016 = \$60,025) and Net Cash at bank of \$63,036 (2016 = \$49,321). Total Assets = \$895,172 (2016 = \$774,902). Total Liabilities = Nil. Net Assets = a record high \$895,172 (2016 = \$774,902). [NB excludes unrealised capital gains or losses on individual ASX listed shareholdings in 2017.]

**Scholarship Fund Payout 10-year History**

Aggregate scholarship and bursary payouts amount to **\$250,000** since the inaugural awards in 2009.



Note:

2014 included a once-off capital outlay for a Music Instrument Scholarship valued at \$18,800.

2016 for the first time included a ‘double’ entry of Year 7 as well as Year 8 students.

**(C) 2018 Updates**

The Sphinx Scholarship Fund has made an excellent start to 2018 with \$16,000 in donations as at the date of this report. This includes the first \$10,000 moiety of a pledge by Tony Chong to contribute \$50,000 over five years to underwrite the *TLC Be Inspired Scholarship* as a perpetual scholarship commencing in 2019, and which will have a value of \$1,060 pa for 3 years, i.e. total value \$3,180 per awardee. The Citation about the donor states: *“It is hoped that this scholarship inspires people to do their best and succeed in life, in whatever form, and achieve happiness through that journey.”* This is the single largest donation or pledge to date from a person or organisation that is not a Modernian.

In January 2018, the Scholarship Fund realised a capital gain of \$17,165 on its \$50,000 investment in the Charter Hall VA Trust in Brisbane, which together with the monthly interest distributions over its life, reflected an aggregate return of 16.4% per annum since inception of the trust in 2014.

### **Sphinx Foundation Comparisons**

To the Board's knowledge, the only two W.A. public schools with comparable foundations which offer significant scholarships are:

- (i) The Kentian Scholarship Foundation (established in 2009 by the Kent Street High School Kentian Society); and
- (ii) The Churchlands Senior High School Foundation (Inc.) (incorporated in 2014 to support and enrich the school and its students). (Erroneously claiming on its website that '*CSHS is the first independent public high school to develop a Foundation in Western Australia*'.)

Please refer to **Appendix A** for Comparisons and Benchmarking information (based on publicly available data).

### **The Future**

The Sphinx Foundation Board has set itself these principal targets for 2018:

- (i) Sharing of the workload associated with the growth and administration of the Sphinx Foundation Scholarship Fund.
- (ii) Continuing to grow the Sphinx Foundation well past \$900,000.
- (iii) 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: 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) Continuing the enhanced bonds forged in 2017 with the other bodies supporting the School (PMS Board and P&C) to increase our knowledge of student needs, and to work towards meeting them.
- (vi) To bring the Scholarship Fund appeal brochure up to date.
- (vii) To completely review and upgrade the web pages for the Sphinx Foundation and the Sphinx Scholarship Fund on the Perth Modernian Society's portal, and to ensure that the Sphinx Scholarships page on the Perth Modern School website is reviewed and updated annually.
- (viii) To collate, and report in future Annual Reports, on the Professional Development/CPE undertaken by each Director.



**Barrie Baker**  
Chairman  
Sphinx Foundation Inc.

19 April 2018

## **Appendix A: Sphinx Foundation Comparisons and Benchmarking**

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### Benchmarking

The Kentian Scholarship Foundation is registered with the ACNC as a Charity. The Board comprises 4 Trustees and 3 members = 7. It reported in its 2017 AR:

- Donations received in 2017 = \$7,775 from 12 donors. Average donation \$650.
- Total revenue/receipts = \$16,481.
- Total Trust Funds grew \$13,266 from \$160,591 to \$173,857.
- Investments mix: Shares \$65,486 (38%), Cash and Term Deposits \$108,371 (62%).
- Seven scholarships awarded – total value \$6,754 (average value ~\$1,000).
- *"In 2018 we expect the total cost of scholarships and prizes to be \$7,575. Our current average interest rate, for the next 12 months, is 3.06%, providing for 3 scholarships, with dividends providing 3 more. Every \$23,500 donated could provide another \$1,000 scholarship and each \$5,825 could provide an annual \$250 subject prize. Scholarships and prizes may be awarded in the name of the donor/s."*

The Churchlands Senior High School Foundation (Inc.) has an ABN but is apparently not registered with the ACNC as a Charity. The Board comprises three independent members (all ex- students of CSHS) plus the CSHS Principal. The Foundation website states:

*"For the past two years the Foundation has been able to offer four Music scholarships to students from the gifted and talented program. We are hopeful that as the Foundation gains more support the opportunities we are able to offer will keep expanding."*

### Scholarships

- *The Award of a scholarship recognises academic excellence and seeks to help develop the potential of our students.*
- *We aim to establish several scholarship funds that provide further opportunities to our students.*

### Music Scholarships

- *The Foundation provides students entering the Gifted and Talented music program the opportunity to be the recipient of a Music Scholarship.*
- *The Foundation grants two types of Music Scholarships each year; one scholarship for a student who can demonstrate high musical achievement and another for a student deserving financial assistance.*
- *The Scholarship will provide a sum of \$2000 in the first year of the program (Year 7) and \$500 in the consecutive years up to their last year of High School (Year 12). The Scholarship aims to assist with expenses related to musical studies and education expenses such as; Purchase of a musical instrument, Stationery and books, Excursions and camps, Laptop, Uniform, Others.*

### Solar Power to Scholarships Project

- *The Solar Power to Scholarships Project involves the installation of Photo Voltaic panels at the School which will generate significant savings on electricity costs. These savings will enable the Foundation to offer scholarships and other opportunities to the students and to the School. The aim is to raise \$475,000. This will provide approximately 36% of the School's power and generate a return on investment of up to 38% per annum or \$180,000."*

### Comparison Conclusion

The Sphinx Foundation's Sphinx Scholarship Fund after approx. 10 years since start up is very obviously at a higher level of maturity and on any of the metrics publicly available, compares very favourably with these two.

Research:  
**Peter Farr**  
Hon Treasurer

19 April 2018



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC)

ABN 26 086 852 570

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

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PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC)  
ABN 26 086 852 570

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

NOTES

	2017	2016	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
BANK	27301	19,600	
SUNDRY DEBTORS	2646	983	1
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>29947</u>	<u>20,583</u>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<u>1682</u>	<u>210</u>	2
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>1682</u>	<u>210</u>	
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>28265</u>	<u>20,373</u>	
<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	<u>28265</u>	<u>20,423</u>	

**PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC)**  
**ABN 26 086 852 570**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Functions	5,093	6,100	
Interest	270	256	
Subscriptions	9,265	3,792	
Sale merchandise		0	
Fighting Fund donations	6,350		3
Other donations	50	145	
Football parking	2,324	3,260	4
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>23,352</b>	<b>13,553</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Donations	1,000	1,000	
Function catering and labour	2,878	3,852	
Function equipment hire	159	150	
Function other	27	53	
Silver badges	521		
Newsletter printing and editorial	1,329	877	
Printing, stationery and postage	1,490	835	
Contribution to Sphinx Foundation			
Computer & communication costs	1,305	2,828	
Insurance	780	691	
Trophies	448	1,008	
Computer hardware		0	
Fighting Fund	6,015		3
Sundry		0	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>15,952</b>	<b>11,294</b>	
<b>OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>2,259</b>	

**PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC)**  
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FUNCTION ACTIVITIES</b>		
Receipts from function activities	5,688	6,100
Payment to suppliers	-3,064	-4,055
<b>Net function cash inflows</b>	<b>2,624</b>	<b>2,045</b>
 <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OTHER OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Receipts from members	9,316	3,714
Payments to suppliers	-8,331	-7,144
Donation received	7,800	612
Donation made	-1,000	-1,000
Interest received	270	256
Sale of merchandise and other	182	665
Contribution to Sphinx Foundation		0
Refund book sales to Sphinx Found.	-110	-203
Refund donation to H&M	-425	-367
Refund book sales to school	-60	-300
Football parking from school	2,324	3,260
Other Fighting Fund expenses	-4,889	0
<b>Net operating cash inflows</b>	<b>5,077</b>	<b><u>-507</u></b>
 Net increase / (decrease) in cash held	 7,701	 1,514
Cash at beginning of year	19,600	18,062
 <b>Cash at end of year</b>	 <b><u>27,301</u></b>	 <b><u>19,600</u></b>

**PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC)**  
**ABN 26 086 852 570**

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

**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.**

Sundry debtors covered funds due to the Society from Sphinx Foundation for insurance paid over two years on their behalf, as well as funds from Sphinx and the History & Museum Committee for the cost of production of banners on their behalf.

**NOTE 2.**

Current liabilities includes \$1,500 due to the School for donations raised on their behalf from the members of the Council to cover a Perth Modernian Society prize for the year 12's graduation.

**NOTE 3.**

Donations to the H&M Committee of \$425 were included in the receipts from function activities. Donations included \$6350 to the '*Save Perth Mod Fighting Fund*'.

**NOTE 4.**

Perth Modernian Society Council organised resources to conduct the football parking for one AFL game, with the money collected going to Perth Modern School. The School subsequently contributed \$2,324 to the Society as its share of the overall income from parking in 2017. Due to the shift to the new Optus Stadium for the AFL games in 2018, there will no longer be any income from football parking.



**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 2017 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:

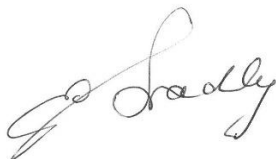
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PETER FARR

PRESIDENT

DATE 19 April 2018



EVE BROADLEY

TREASURER

DATE 19 April 2018



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

## HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

### ANNUAL REPORT 2017

In early 2017 the wider community clearly demonstrated its commitment to preserving the history and the heritage of Perth Modern School. There is no doubt that the infusion of the history of the School which has been made possible by the involvement of History Centre and Archive volunteers over many years played some small part in the success of the Save Perth Mod campaign early in the year.

The **Perth Modernian Society Historical and Museum Committee** continued in 2017 to create an interesting and special place for the history of Perth Modern School to be available to the School and to the wider community. Volunteers, School staff, and students working together have demonstrated that 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. Thank you to everyone involved including Bill MacPherson, Alison Woodman, Jim Davies, Deirdre Owen, Sue King, Ian Lindsay, Angela Jones, Roger Stubbs, and the committee members listed below.

#### **2017 Historical and Museum Committee**

Acting Chair	-	Sallie Davies, student 1951-55, staff 1961
Hon Secretary	-	Robyn White, staff 2001-2010
Hon Treasurer	-	Alan Porter, student 1943-47
Hon Archivist	-	Deb Beresford, staff 1971-2009
Volunteers	-	Gay Albillos, student 1954-58
		Frank Hedges, student 1948-52
		Ian Jarvis, student 1954-58
		Robert (Bob) Johnson, student 1961-63
		Rod Smith, student 1952-56

The Committee met seven times during 2017 and reported to all Perth Modernian Society Council meetings in addition to weekly activities and occasional weekend visitors at the School.

**Volunteer activities** resumed in the History Centre on Monday 6 February 2017. Availability of volunteers was variable due to travel plans and illness.

#### **Work undertaken during the year included**

- completion of extensions to display boards.
- planning and preparations for the 2017 Annual Reunion and Heritage Day visitors
- school uniform display
- School, biographical records and military records
- filing and data entry
- mounting new displays which included the successful Save Perth Mod Campaign

Deaths of former staff and students continued to be monitored, verified and recorded with grateful thanks to those Society members, family members and class reunion groups who forward this information.

**Visitors** to the History Centre included Richard Offen from Heritage Perth, Sue King and Stephanie Rogoysky to undertake research for a history of Music at Mod in celebration of 50 years of the Selective Music Program, family history researchers Valda Pitman and Barbara Warner, and David Day, biographical history researcher

from Melbourne. A group of eight (8) parents from the Save Perth Mod Campaign were delighted to find out more about the history of the School.

**Heritage Day Visitors, Saturday 14 October 2017**

This was the first time the school has been involved in the annual Perth Heritage Days event and hopefully it will become a tradition. The students thoroughly enjoyed giving the tours. Background notes for the tours were compiled by History Centre volunteers over several years. They were made available to School staff who trained interested students, liaised with Heritage Perth and organised the tours which ended at the History Centre. Thank you to everyone involved.



*Visitors arriving at the School*



*One of the tour groups*

Some visitors recorded comments recorded in the History Centre Visitors Book and these indicated that participants included people from the wider community, parents and former students and staff.

**Other feedback received:**

From **PMS Principal, Lois Joll**

*I understand that the heritage trail tours went very well on Saturday. Thank you so very much for all the hard work you and others from your History Committee put in to make it such a worthwhile experience for our students and members of the public who attended.*

From **Jennifer Flanders-Farmer**

*I attended a Heritage Tour of Perth Modern School this past weekend, as part of Perth Heritage Days, 2017. The tour was given by a group of five current students. This exclusive tour was excellent and the insight and history that these Year 9 students imparted was amazing. Their confidence and their proudness of their school is so commendable. I am sure all will be leaders in whatever field they choose to follow. Thank you so much for opening the school to the public during the Perth Heritage weekend.*



*Student volunteers*

From **Vanessa Chapman**

*I just wanted to say thank you to the students who lead the Heritage tours on Saturday afternoon - they are a credit to your school. I was in the very first tour group and though I can't remember the names of the students who showed us around, they all did a fantastic job, and it was a great opportunity to see an amazing school that I would never normally have reason to visit. Thank you also to the staff that assisted to put the afternoon's events together, I'm very glad I went.*



*History Centre and Archive Volunteers*

Feedback from participating Perth Modernian Society History Centre and Archives Volunteers clearly demonstrated their enthusiasm for this event to be repeated.

***Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated***

It was reported in the 2016 Annual Report that dedicated constitutional change was required for the Historical and Museum Committee in order gain Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. Members will be aware that this matter has been in progress for several years.

I am pleased to report to this AGM that the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association became incorporated on 27 September 2017. From 6 November 2017 the Museum Association was granted ABN: 73 761 561 543 and recognised as a Registered Charity whose primary objective is to advance education and benefit the community as a whole by means of providing funding to the Historical and Museum Committee of the Perth Modernian Society, the parent body which shares its membership with the Museum Association.

The Constitution allows for between four and seven Board Members. The foundation Board members appointed by the Perth Modernian Society Council in early 2018 comprise: Sallie Davies, Dr Robyn White, Sharon Williams, Robert (Bob) Johnson, Lois Joll and Dr Ian Melville. Sallie was elected as the inaugural Chair.

Appointment of Office Bearers (as from 19 March 2018)

- Sallie Davies, Chair
- Robyn White, Deputy Chair
- Sharon Williams, Secretary
- Robert (Bob) Johnson, Treasurer
- Lois Joll, historian and student/staff involvement

***Sallie Davies***

Acting Chair  
Historical and Museum Committee  
Perth Modernian Society (Inc.)

19 April 2018

Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated  
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raising funds for  
*PMS History Centre and Archives.*  
Managed, curated and cared for by volunteers.  
Yes, we can help you . . .  
*to honour the history and share the heritage of*  
*Perth Modern School.*



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

HISTORIAL AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		<b><u>2017</u></b>
	Interest	\$193.23
	Donations for History Centre received at the Perth Modernian Society 2017 Annual Reunion:	
	Direct donations received at the History Centre	\$425.00
	Total Donations	\$215.80
		\$640.80
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b><u>\$834.03</u></b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
	Computer, etc	\$294.99
	Display boards	\$48.50
	Two mannequins	\$590.00
	Expenses associated with Incorporation of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association	\$144.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b><u>\$1077.49</u></b>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)</b>		<b><u>\$243.46)</u></b>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
	Cash at bank	\$609.00	\$1047.69	\$1349.27
	Term Deposits	<u>\$12444.04</u>	<u>\$12248.81</u>	<u>\$11829.25</u>
		<b><u>\$13053.04</u></b>	<b><u>\$13296.50</u></b>	<b><u>\$13178.52</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>\$13053.04</u></b>	<b><u>\$13296.50</u></b>	<b><u>\$13178.52</u></b>	
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN ASSETS</b>	<b>(\$243.46)</b>	<b>\$117.98</b>	<b>\$631.44</b>	

A.A. Porter  
 Hon. Treasurer  
 10 April 2018





PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

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### 2017 COUNCIL

Peter Farr, *President*  
student 1954-58  
Sallie Davies,  
student 1951-55, teacher 1961  
Deborah Beresford,  
*Hon Secretary*  
teacher 1974-2007  
Eve Broadley, *Hon Treasurer*  
student 1958-60  
Barrie Baker, *Finance*  
student 1954-58  
Dr Irene Froyland, *PMS Board,*  
*Reunions* student 1955-59  
Ian Jarvis, *Communications*  
student 1954-58  
Jeanette McQueen (*from March*  
*2018*)  
student 1957-61  
Barbara Mallett  
student 1966-70  
Ed Lazarus, *Membership*  
student 1956-60  
Prof. Geoff Soutar, student 1961-  
65  
Lois Joll, *PMS Principal*  
(Refer **Councillors' profiles** pp  
30-35)

### Finance

Barrie Baker, *Convenor*  
*Treasurers*  
Eve Broadley, *Council*  
Peter Farr, *Sphinx Foundation*  
Alan Porter, *H&M Committee*

### Sphinx Foundation Board

Barrie Baker, *Chair*  
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Eve Broadley, *Member*  
Petrice Judge, *Member*  
(until 30 April 2017)  
Nigel Hunt, *Member*  
Jeanette McQueen, *Secretary*  
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Ian Jarvis, *Convenor/Portal*  
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Peter Farr, *Member*

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## WHO MAKES IT ALL HAPPEN

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Annemie McAuliffe, *Convenor*  
Dr Irene Froyland

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Sallie Davies, *Chair/Secretary*  
Deb Beresford, *Honorary*  
*Archivist/Curator*  
Alan Porter, *Hon Treasurer*  
Ian Jarvis, *Hon IT Manager*  
Frank Hedges, *Member*  
Rod Smith, *Member*  
Gay Albillos, *Hon Secretary*



Alison Woodman, Angela Jones,  
Deb Beresford

### VOLUNTEERS

#### History Centre and Archives

Gay Albillos, *Conservation*  
Deb Beresford, *Hon Archivist*  
David Black, *Hon Consultant*  
Jim Davies, *Biographical Index*  
Sallie Davies, *Coordinator*  
Frank Hedges, *Bio Index*  
Robert Johnson, *war history*  
Stephen Monterosso, *Thomas St*  
Bill MacPherson, *Photo Scanner*  
Deirdre Owen, *Archives*  
Alan Porter, *Science Restoration*  
Rod Smith, *Science Data Entry*  
Roger Stubbs, *Research*  
Dr Robyn White, *Archives*  
Alison Woodman, *Research*

### MODERNIAN FELLOWS

Barrie Baker  
Sallie Davies  
Peter Farr  
Ian Jarvis  
Malcolm McCusker  
Donald Tyler

### MODERNA SCOLA AWARDS

Deborah Beresford  
Eve Broadley  
Alan Porter

### HONORARY MODERNIANS

Tonya McCusker  
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Nigel Hunt, *Parent*  
*Representative, Deputy Chair*  
Dr Victor Cheng, *Parent,*  
*Secretary*  
Mary O'Hanlon Creed  
Lois Joll, *Principal*  
Val Furphy, *Associate Principal*  
Andrew Stevens, *P&C Rep*  
Dr Marcus Tan, *Community,*  
*Parent*  
Scott Henderson, *Parent*  
Dr Irene Froyland, *Community,*  
*Modernians (to July 2017), then*  
*Deb Beresford*)  
Dr Erica Smyth, *Community*  
Jarrad Strain, *Staff*  
Chris Rapley, *Staff*  
Dr Ken Michael AC, *Community,*  
*Alumni*  
**Observers:**  
Jan Fallows, *Manager Corporate*  
*Services*  
Naomi Cha, *Head Girl, Student*  
*Rep*  
Sagar Badve, *Head Boy, Student*  
*Rep*

## Perth Modernian Society (Inc.)

### Councillors' Profiles

The Council comprised these eleven members in the period April 2017-May 2018:

#### **Barrie Baker**

BA(Hons), Dip Ed, Dip Comp, Dip Theol, Dip Ed Admin  
(Vice 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), and he became a Vice President in 2017. He has been the Functions Coordinator since 1996 and Convenor of 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 was elected its Chairman in 2017.

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**  
(Hon. Treasurer)

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)

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 '*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 development and coordination of the History Centre since 2009.

As Chair of the Historical and Museum Committee she was invited to be a member of the P&C Committee supporting the School Centenary publication "*Past Present and Future of Perth Modern School*". Sallie also supported volunteers Alison Woodman and Roger Stubbs who prepared the more recent School publication "*A Celebration of Contribution*" published in 2016.

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. In early 2018 Sallie became a founding member of the Board of the new Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated and elected as its inaugural Chair.

**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 \$900,000. The Fund has had the notable achievement to date of awarding almost 200 scholarships and bursaries worth \$250,000 thereby helping many PMS students to aim high and achieve their potential.

At the Society's 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. Peter played major roles in the successful *Save PMS* Campaign. In 2018 the Council nominated him to represent Modernians on the PMS School Board, and he was subsequently elected Deputy Chair.

**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 2015 - 2017. 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

(Communications)

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 membership of the Board of Kids Are Kids Therapy and Education Centre in Bateman since 2003, development of their client management database, Committee member on the Riverton, Rossmoyne and Shelley Residents' Association from 2004 to 2017 and various roles over 40 plus 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)

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.

### **Jeanette McQueen**

Jeanette attended PMS from 1957 to 1961 as a full scholarship student.

During two years at Graylands Teachers College, Jeanette was elected Societies President and won the Lee-Steere Historical Society prize, which was open to teachers who had up to five years' experience, for her thesis. Following a posting of two years to West Northam Primary School, Jeanette taught for three years at Quairading District High School before marrying on to a wheat and sheep farm. Continuing her interest in netball and basketball, Jeanette formed a group to create a district competition in both sports, as well as holding positions in the local tennis club.



The family moved to Chidlow to set up a racehorse breeding and agistment property, which was followed by acquisition of another property in the Gidgegannup area. During this time Jeanette served on the Bloodhorse Breeders' Committee and was the WA representative to the Australian Equine Research Foundation.

Jeanette entered the business world including positions as Operations Manager for the America's Cup Ball, Winery Promotions Manager at Houghton Wines, Exhibition Manager at the Perth Mint, Manager of Hannans North Tourist Mine, and Regional Executive Director for the WA Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Jeanette then established with her son, a market and social research company (SAVANT Surveys and Strategies), which major universities and hospitals around Australia as clients and operated for fifteen years until her retirement.

During this time, Jeanette completed study at the University of WA, firstly for a course in Marketing and Strategic Planning and later for units towards an MBA. Also, for twelve years Jeanette lectured at Diploma level in Marketing and Public Relations at various TAFE colleges.

Jeanette has been responsible for organising the reunions for her student year at PMS and through this association with the School was invited to join the Board of the Sphinx Foundation and in March 2018 she was nominated by the Foundation as its allotted representative on the Council of the Perth Modernian Society.

**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 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.

**Professor Geoffrey Soutar**

BEC (UWA), MA PhD (Cornell), FAIM, FAMI, FMIS, FANZAM  
(Vice President)

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 accepted an invitation to join the Perth Modernian Society Council and he became a Vice President in 2017.



## 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.

**2017** **Save Perth Mod Campaign** – successful.

- Inaugural **PMS Heritage Day** 14 October 2017.
- **Modernian Awards** made to **Peter Farr, Eve Broadley** and **Tonya McCusker** for their outstanding contributions to the Society and PMS.
- **Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated** with Charitable Status from 6 November 2017.