



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

23rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 21 May 2018

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies Deb Beresford
3. Minutes of 2017 AGM
4. President's Report Peter Farr
5. Treasurers Reports Council-Eve Broadley, Sphinx Foundation Inc. Peter Farr
6. Membership Report Ed Lazarus/Ian Jarvis
7. Consideration and adoption of the 2017 Annual Report (as per printed copy)
8. Nominations and elections for the Council Deb Beresford
9. Principal's Report Lois Joll
10. Chairman, PMS Board Dr Ken Michael AC
11. President, PMS P&C Association Phil Marshall
12. General Business
13. Close of AGM

Address: *Honouring International Museum Day - The Development of the Perth Modernian Society's History Centre*

Guest speakers: H&M Committee members (Sallie Davies) and Dr Ian Melville



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

President's Report 2018

Twenty-third second Annual General
Meeting

21 May 2018

Peter Farr FAICD, FAIM

Overview of 2017

- The Society had a fantastic year in what was accomplished despite the dark cloud from Feb. to June caused by the controversial policy by the 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.
- 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's an opportune time to try and build on that.
- Lots of *Save Perth Mod* campaign visual materials used so effectively in the public rally have found a permanent home in the History Centre.
- The Society's Balance Sheet is at a high during the era that I've been on the Council.



Initiatives in 2017

- Branding: Society banners and the ladies' Sphinx-motif scarf - launched at the September Annual Reunion and available for purchase along with other memorabilia at this meeting and via our website.
- Several Councillors contributed the funds to create the annual Perth Modernian Society English Literature prize for a year 12 student.
- The History Centre and School were on show during the Heritage Perth weekend in October – this being a first for Perth Mod.
- Sales of the Entertainment Book to raise funds for the H&M Committee.



Initiatives in 2017

- Revision of the Constitutions for the Perth Modernian Society Inc and the Sphinx Foundation Inc.
- Drafting a Constitution for a separate subsidiary - the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated. Tax exempt status, registered as a Charity with the ACNC.
- Sales of the Entertainment Book to raise funds for the H&M Committee.
- Preliminary work for updating the Society's Strategic Plan in 2018.
- The Society will contribute towards a futuristic new Sphinx sculpture that will face Roberts Road Subiaco, It will symbolise Perth Mod going forward and ever upward.
- There are vacancies on the Council and it will be good news if these can be filled later in the AGM.

Keeping in Touch

- Communications
 - e-Newsletter, sent quarterly to some 1,600 members
 - Perth Modernian Society portal
 - eVent Notices
 - The Perth Modernian Society Facebook Page now has 334 members.
 - *'The Perth Modernian' – glossy magazine.*
 - 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.

Perth Modernian Society Honours Awards in 2017

Peter Farr was made a Modernian Fellow, **Eve Broadley** became a Moderna Scola, and **Tonya McCusker** was made an Honorary Member of the Perth Modernian Society.

Perth Modernian Society Annual Oration

Distinguished Modernian **Dr Judyth Watson** and former MLA presented the seventh Annual Oration to senior students and visitors in August breaking new ground in her talk titled '***Unfinished Business***', wherein Judyth canvassed immigration, socio-economic and other challenging humanitarian issues.

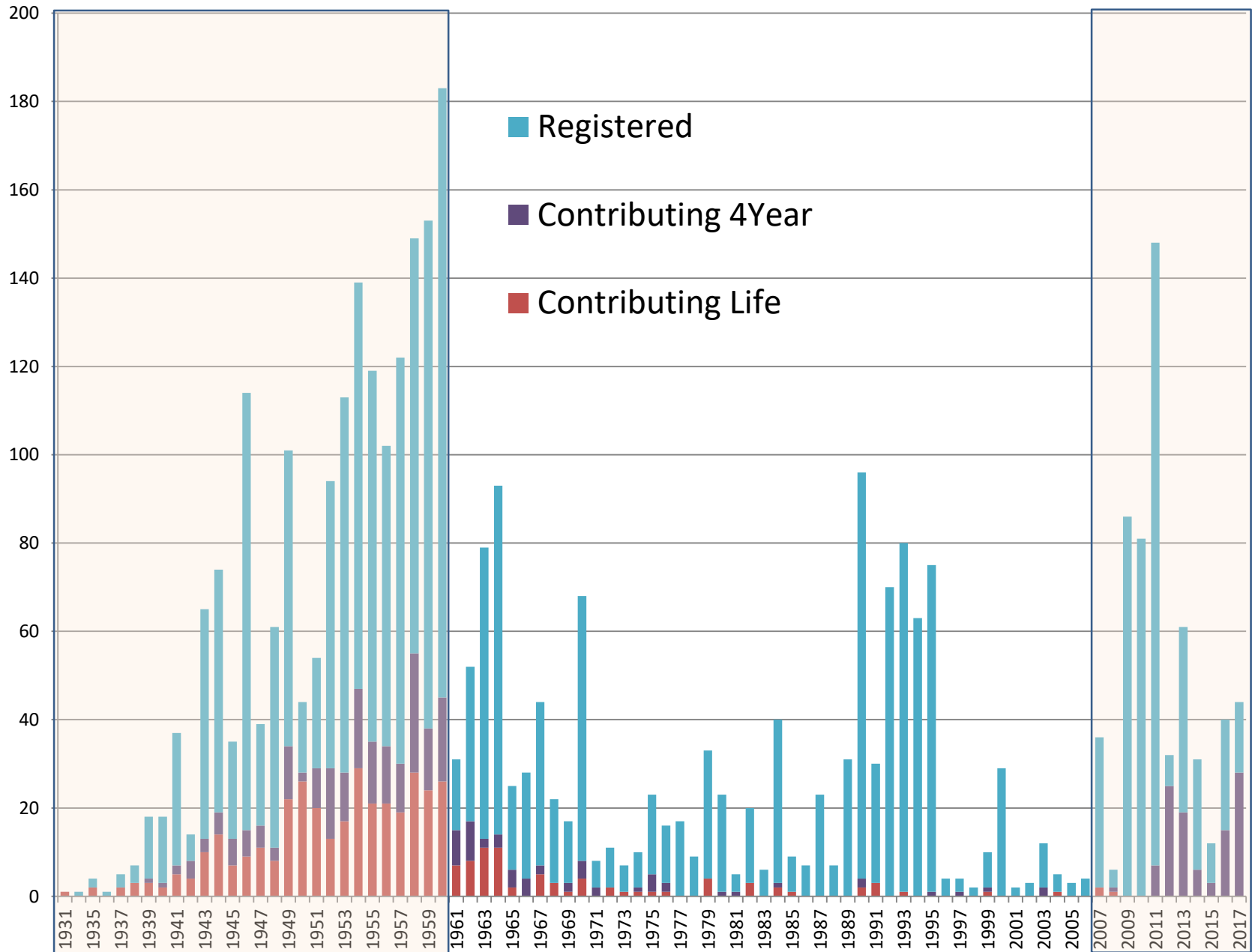
Post-Assembly Morning Tea with Staff – Feb. 2018



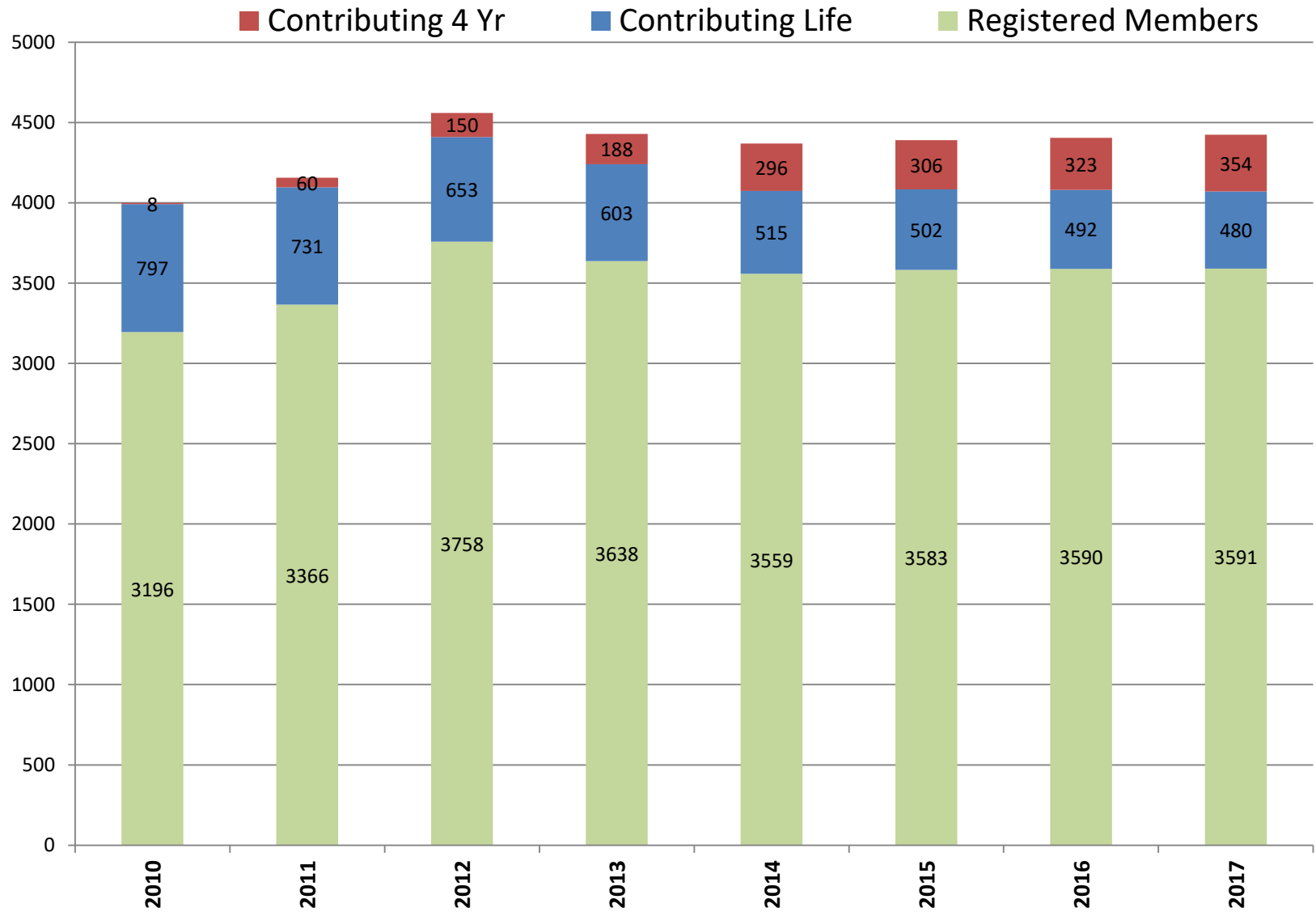
Membership Trends



Current Membership by Core Final Year



Membership Trend Over Last 8 Years



Historic and Museum (H&M) Committee

- 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 H&M 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.

Historic and Museum Committee (cont)

Projects:

- completion of extensions to display boards.
- planning and preparations for the 2017 Annual Reunion
- **Heritage Day** visitors, Saturday 14 October 2017
- school uniform display
- School, biographical records and military records
- filing and data entry
- mounting new displays which included the successful *Save Perth Mod* Campaign.

Heritage Day Visitors, Saturday 14 October 2017



Visitors arriving at the School

One of the tour groups



Perth Modernian Society Finances

Income and Expenditure 2017 FY:

- ❑ Income amounted to **\$23,352** and Expenses **\$15,952** giving a net Operating Surplus of **\$7,400**.
- ❑ The Society had net cash at bank at 31/12/2017 of **\$27,301** (cf 2016 \$19,600), and Net Assets = **\$28,265** (cf 2016 \$20,373).



SPHINX FOUNDATION INC.

Governance:

In 2017 the **Board of Directors** comprised: Barrie Baker (Chairman), Peter Farr (Hon. Treasurer), Eve Broadley, Jeanette McQueen (Secy.), Nigel Hunt (parent), William Philogene (parent). Val Furphy (Associate Principal) (ex-officio) represented the School Principal.

The amended constitution of the Sphinx Foundation (Inc) was completed in September and endorsed at a Special General meeting of the Perth Modernian Society, held on 10 September 2017.

Sphinx Foundation Inc. and Sphinx Scholarship Fund Finances

- The Sphinx Foundation Net Cash at bank at 31 Dec. 2017 was \$913.
- Scholarship Fund Asset summary as at 31 Dec 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%
Franking credits due 30/6/2018	5,000	1%
Net Assets	906,132	100%

- The net return on average investment assets for the year 2017 was **7.0%** (2016 = 6.4%).
- The Management Expense Ratio (MER) in year 2017 was a low **0.7%**.



SPHINX SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Society 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.

Donors contributed **\$115,450** during 2017.

Over 400 people have donated to the Scholarship Fund since its inception.

Around \$900,000 is invested and earning interest.

Sphinx Scholarship Awards Summary

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.

New financial awards able to be created in 2017 comprised:

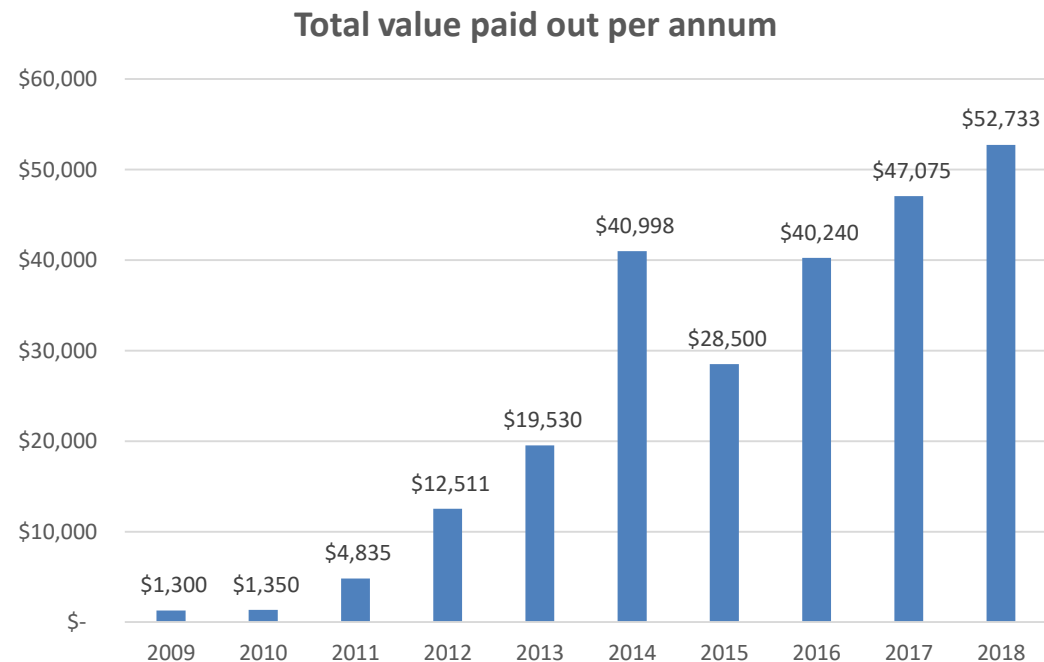
- The **Jim Leslie Scholarship** is aimed at facilitating the achievement of educational success by removing barriers and providing access to opportunities to students in Years 11 and 12 at PMS.
- The **Raymond Dingle and Gai Harris 4-year Scholarship** – [Funds donated by Modernian Dr Raymond Dingle (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]
- **16 additional academic excellence bursaries** for students entering Year 11 in 2018.



Sphinx Scholarship Awards History

Scholarship Fund Payout 10-year History

- Aggregate scholarship and bursary payouts = **\$250,000** since 2009.



Sphinx Scholarships – 27 Year 10 awardees (Feb 2018)



Sphinx Foundation Comparisons

The only two W.A. public schools with comparable foundations which offer significant scholarships are:

- The Kentian Scholarship Foundation - established in 2009 by the Kent Street High School Kentian Society. *7 scholarships awarded in 2017 – total value \$6,754 (average value ~\$1,000).*
- The Churchlands Senior High School Foundation (Inc.) - incorporated in 2014 to support and enrich the school and its students - *4 Music scholarships in 2017.*

Save Perth Mod campaign Finale



Public Thank You from the Perth Modernian Society

The Perth Modernian Society Inc, representing the alumni and former teachers 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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2018 and WWI

2018 being the centenary of the end of WWI, our thoughts have especially turned 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.

Photo – Anzac Day tribute 2018



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.

2018 Annual Reunion announcement

will be held at PMS, 10:30am to 2:30pm on
Sunday 9th September



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FINANCIAL REPORT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER
2017**

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DEC. 2017

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

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DEC. 2017

				2017	2016		NOTES
INCOME							
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
TOTAL INCOME				23,352	13,553		
EXPENSES							
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		
TOTAL EXPENSES				15,952	11,294		
OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)				7,400	2,259		

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DEC. 2017

					2017	2016
CASH FLOWS FROM FUNCTION ACTIVITIES						
Receipts from function activities					5,688	6,100
Payment to suppliers					-3,064	-4,055
Net function cash inflows					2,624	2,045
CASH FLOWS FROM OTHER OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
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
Net operating cash inflows					5,077	-507
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held					7,701	1,514
Cash at beginning of year					19,600	18,062
Cash at end of year					27,301	19,600