



THE PERTH MODERNIAN e-NEWSLETTER



Nov 2019 - Issue 42(Volume 2 17))

We welcome all newly registered members and thank all our readers for your encouragement and support during 2019. As we move forward into 2020, we wish you all a happy and memorable festive holiday season and the coming year.

WELCOME

Hi

WELCOME to *The Perth Modernian e-Newsletter* offering two way communication with members and potential members. We bring to you news, event details and articles from the Society, its members and Perth Modern School. We hope you find the newsletter both interesting and informative.



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

For further information

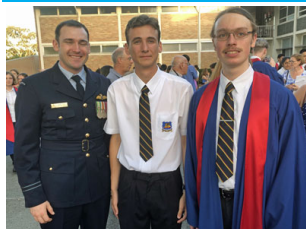
Telephone: (08) 6189 3690

www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au

info@perthmoderniansociety.org.au

All messages received either by phone or email are promptly forwarded electronically for further action.

YEAR 12 PRESENTATION NIGHT



The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Education Award is presented annually to Year 12 students in recognition of leadership potential, and academic and sporting achievements exhibited during Year 11. The award comprises a tablet device (or similar) and certificate, along with a plaque of recognition for your school. There are up to 50 awards available on behalf of the Navy, Army and Air Force, which are presented to suitable applicants who have applied for entry to ADFA. Adam Steele, on the left, presented the ADFA Education Award to **Ethan Dowley**, on the right, pictured here with Student Councillor, Aaron Trawinski (middle).

MUSEUM MATTERS

This e-Newsletter marks 10 years since the History Centre was made available as a future workspace for museum volunteers to create student and visitor opportunities to honour the history and share the heritage of Perth Modern School with the wider community.

Volunteers

Volunteers continue to make the PMS Museum a fun place of activity on Monday mornings, while **Deb Beresford** and **Deirdre Owen** make sure that the Archive Room is busy on Tuesdays.



Deb



Deirdre

In this issue

- WELCOME
- DIARY DATES
- 2018-19 COUNCIL PERTH MODE...
- MEMBERSHIP CHANGES
- e-NEWSLETTER Thank you t...
- PERTH MODERN SCHOOL BOARD...
- News and info...
- MUSEUM MATTERS
- YEAR 12 PRESENTATION NIGHT...
- FROM THE ARCHIVES
- VALE
- YOUR SAY
- The fifth in a special se...
- REUNION NEWS
- FROM THE SCHOOL
- SPHINX SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- We welcome all newly regi...
- Do you recognise anyone i...
- MODERNIANS WHO DIED IN TH...
- ALL YEARS - P&C PICNIC AN...

This term, we have been joined by newly retired volunteer, **Peter Dillon**. Peter brings to our band, skills in photography and an expertise across the science world and **Alan Porter** has been happy to share responsibility with Peter for the Science Collection.

IT Support

As reported in the September e-Newsletter, we have been successful in achieving several grants in 2019. The combined outcome of the Department of Social Services Volunteer Grant (\$3,750) and the Lotterywest Grant (\$8,250) has been an upgrading of software across our IT system as well as some new laptops. While the upgrade has created some instability at times in our network in the short-term, **Ian Jarvis** has worked assiduously to manage the updating. Our most recent Board member, **Jeffrey Lai**, convened an IT Working Party meeting that included Ian, representatives from the Society, the School, and P&C. As an outcome, Ian would like to embed understanding of the capacity of the data-base to more IT adept volunteers, who might continue to enter and use data. Support for Ian's work was forthcoming from the P&C attendees. At that meeting, we very gratefully received information that under some circumstances, the Department will allow some school community groups to access the Department internet line. While the museum is nowhere near cabling etc to make this happen (so continues to rely on a remote wifi connection), the archive room is very able to take advantage of this possibility. Ian is now working with the school's IT coordinator to further investigate this avenue.



Ilan



Jeff

DIARY DATES

Perth Modern School

P&C Picnic

Friday 6 December

School Tours and

History Centre open

3.30-6pm

(see final item for more details)

War Memorial facelift

Our third grant in 2019 was received from the Department of Veterans Affairs, *Saluting their Service*, for \$4,000. This grant was specifically identified to refurbish the School Memorial and seat – to re-point, clean and re-letter. In addition, a granite plinth with the names of the men whose names are not recorded on the original memorial, is to be added. The Museum Association was overwhelmed when an alumnus family made a donation that ensures that the whole project will be completed this year. The refurbishment of the memorial and seat is now complete with the plinth to be added before Christmas.

In finalising the names of the men commemorated here, the Museum Committee and the Board considered what

REUNIONS

Class (Year) Reunions

**Refers to Year 5(12)
as core final year

2020

Class of 1954

Contact Lee

Class of 1970**

50 year reunion
Sunday 18 October 2020

2021

Class of 1971**

50 year reunion
start the ball rolling

Organisers please contact
Barbara Mallett through
reunions@perthmoderniansociety.org.au
For further information visit
www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au

PUBLICATIONS

e-NEWSLETTER

Do you have something to say?
Memories to share?

Where are YOU now?

Send your news item, letters
and/or photographs to ...
newsletter@perthmoderniansociety.org.au

Next Issues

THE PERTH MODERNIAN

Magazine for Contributing Members

Copy deadline: **No issue for 2019**

Register **your Contributing Membership**
by **regular post** or
include your **email address**
to receive your copy via **e-Link**

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

PLEASE CHECK

Have you completed or updated your
MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
and/or CHANGE OF DETAILS
Forms are available on the website
www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au

further information
info@perthmoderniansociety.org.au

2018-19 COUNCIL

PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au
Professor Geoff Soutar, *President*
Barrie Baker, *V/President*
Deborah Beresford, *Hon Secretary*
Eve Broadley, *Hon Treasurer*
Sallie Davies, *Museum (H&MC)*
Peter Farr, *Immediate Past President*
Ian Jarvis, *Communications*
Ed Lazarus, *Membership*
Barbara Mallett, *Reunions Coordinator*
Ruth Barrett, *Member*
Julian Grill, *Member*
Lois Joll, *PMS Principal*

Finance

Barrie Baker, *Convenor*
Honorary Treasurers
Eve Broadley, *Council*
Peter Farr, *Sphinx Foundation*
Sharon Williams, *Museum Assoc*

Sphinx Foundation Board

Barrie Baker, *Chairman*
Peter Farr, *Hon Treasurer*
Nigel Hunt, *Member*
Vivian Wang, *Member*



should be adopted as the appropriate eligibility criteria for inclusion. Statements from the Australian War Memorial and the WA War Memorial (at Kings Park) as well as others, were considered. Both the Committee and Board affirmed as policy that the eligibility statement should read:

On this memorial are recorded the names of those alumni of Perth Modern School who died as a result of their military service to Australia during the Great War 1914-1918 [or, for another memorial, the appropriate military action].

An added footnote used by the Australian War Memorial will also be included:

Australians who died during these periods of conflict but were not serving with Australian armed forces may be included in the Commemorative Roll.

We now look forward to the conclusion of this stage of the project, which PMS Principal Lois Joll has suggested would be appropriate to be unveiled at the PMS ANZAC Ceremony in 2020.

History Centre Activities

Throughout this term, the Museum has received a steady stream of visitors on Monday mornings, as alumni or their families and friends have sought to research or renew school connections. In this term, reunions add to the visitors received. The **Class of 1949** visited on the day of the School Reunion and the **Class of 1959** arrived in force in October and the **Class of 2009** on 22 November. As the year draws to a close, the School has a **P&C picnic and Christmas Carol evening** after school on **6th December** – when the Museum will again open for visitors together with heritage tours of the school conducted by recently graduated PMS student volunteers who have agreed to return to participate.

History Centre Volunteers



2019 has been a momentous year for the PMS Museum and all volunteers associated with it. This month, we received a BankWest Grant for \$1000

"Congratulations! The public votes have now been tallied and Bankwest is happy to award you with a \$1000 grant to support Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Inc. The grant is given on the condition that it is used solely for this purpose." Thank you to everyone who submitted votes and/or canvassed others to support this initiative.

This was another boost to our capacity to protect, conserve and make available past and present artefacts.

How you can contribute . . .

To continue to maintain our focus, personal donations will always be most welcome – and we have been blessed with several very generous donations in 2019. Please contact **Sallie Davies** or **Robyn White** should you have questions about the Museum, would like to join our volunteers, or to organise a visit. Similarly if you wish to donate towards the work of the Museum, you can do so via the online donation form on the website or by contacting us at museum@perthmoderniansociety.org.au.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Do you recognise anyone in these photographs?

We would like to identify the people in them and/or date them so we can research the stories behind them.



MODERNIANS WHO DIED IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY

The fifth in a special series of articles prepared for publication by Robert Johnson, PMS student 1961-65

JOHN RICHARD LOESSEL HILL PMS student 1925-29

John was born on 29 May 1912 lived with his parents in Applecross at the time of his enrolment at Perth Modern School in 1925. He passed his Junior exam in 1927 and his Leaving exam in 1929. His favourite subject was mechanical drawing at which he excelled. His form master wrote in August 1928 that he had a high opinion of Richard's personal character.

Communications

info@perthmoderniansociety.org.au

Ian Jarvis, *Convenor/Portal/IT*

Ed Lazarus, *Membership*

Peter Farr, *Member*

Reece Harley, *Facebook*

Vacancy/IT support person/portal

Sallie Davies, *Newsletters*

newsletter@perthmoderniansociety.org.au

Functions Committee

Barrie Baker, *Convenor*

Deb Beresford, *Catering*

Eve Broadley, *Catering*

Barbara Mallett, *Photography*

Ian Jarvis, *Communications*

Reunions Liaison

reunions@perthmoderniansociety.org.au

Barbara Mallett

Board of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated

museum@perthmoderniansociety.org.au

Dr Robyn White, *Chair*

Sallie Davies, *Deputy Chair/Secretary*

Sharon Williams, *Treasurer*

Lois Joll, *Board Member*

Jeffrey Lai, *Board Member*

Prof Alistair Paterson, *Board Member*

Vacancy, Board Member

Museum (H&M) Committee

museum@perthmoderniansociety.org.au

Sallie Davies, *Chair*

Deb Beresford, *Hon Archivist/Curator*

Gay Albillos, *Hon Secretary*

Ian Jarvis, *Hon IT Manager*

Wendy McCallum, *Member*

Robert (Bob) Johnson, *Member*

Robyn White, *Member*

Sharon Williams, *Member*

Peter Dillon, *Member*

VOLUNTEERS

History Centre and Archives

Gay Albillos, *Bio Index/Conservation*

Deb Beresford, *Hon Archivist*

Jim Davies, *Bio Index*

Sallie Davies, *Coordinator*

Peter Dillon, *Science Collection*

Frank Hedges, *Bio Index*

Ian Jarvis, *IT Manager*

Robert (Bob) Johnson, *Research*

Angela Jones, *Archives*

Bill MacPherson, *Photo Scanner*

Wendy McCallum, *Data entry*

Deirdre Owen, *Archives*

Alan Porter, *Science Restoration*

Roger Stubbs, *Research*

Robyn White, *Data Entry*

Sharyn Williams, *Displays*

Alison Woodman, *Research*

MODERNIAN HONOURS

Awards@perthmoderniansociety.org.au

2014

Modernian Fellow

Sallie DAVIES

Donald TYLER

Malcolm MCCUSKER

2016

Modernian Fellow

Ian JARVIS

Barrie BAKER

Moderna Scola

Alan PORTER

Deborah BERESFORD

Honorary Member

Alison WOODMAN

2017

Modernian Fellow

Peter FARR



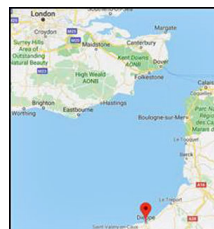
John attended the University of Western Australia and obtained a Diploma of Journalism. He was a member of the staff of *The West Australian* before travelling to England in 1937 to further his journalistic career. While in London he obtained a temporary position on the staff of *The Times*, where his varied experiences included covering the Coronation of King George VI on 12th May 1937. In a mock battle conducted by Bomber Command before war broke out, the job of going up in one of the "invading" aircraft was offered to "the mad Australian", as John was known. He jumped at it.

From *The Times* John went to Allied Press, and after that he was associate editor on *Cavalcade*, a news magazine. Before war broke out in September 1939, John was chosen from 600 applicants for a position on the Public Relations Press Section of the Air Ministry and over the ensuing three years rose to the position of Officer-in-Charge. In 1942 John enlisted in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. According to his

father, "John chose the Air Sea Rescue Service because that meant the saving of life instead of the taking of it."

John was posted to 961 Squadron, RAF, based at Dover. The squadron operated barrage balloons and Air Sea Rescue launches. He was given command of High Speed Launch (HSL) 122 with the rank of Pilot Officer and was later promoted to Acting Flying-Officer. He was delighted when the first pilot he rescued was an Australian.

High Speed Launches 122 and 142 on patrol



John lost his life during *Operation Jubilee*, a poorly planned and ill-fated allied assault on the German-occupied port of Dieppe in France on 19 August 1942. The operation involved 6,000 Allied soldiers, primarily Canadian, supported by 237 navy vessels and 74 squadrons of fighters and bombers. The operation achieved none of its objectives and losses were heavy.

John was in command of HSL 122 which performed the dangerous work of picking up survivors from ships and aircraft. HSL 122 was attacked and set on fire by a Heinkel bomber and several Luftwaffe fighters in mid-afternoon. HSL 123 came to the rescue of HSL 122 but was also attacked and set on fire. Both launches were abandoned at approximately 5:20pm. The fighters continued attacking with cannon and machine gun fire while the survivors were in the water. John and four of his crew of 11 were killed in the attacks and another four were wounded, one of whom died the next day. Two survivors were captured and became prisoners of war.

The survivors of both launches were later rescued by HSL 177 while two RAF Spitfires provided overhead protection. John's body was never recovered. He was the only child of Charles and Lucia Hill, husband to Peggy and father to a young son, David. He was 30 when he died. John is remembered on panel 67 in the Air Forces Memorial at Runnymede, west of London, along with over 20,000 other Commonwealth air force personnel who have no known grave.

John did not die in vain; the hard-learned lessons from the Dieppe Raid in 1942 contributed substantially to the success of the Allied invasion of Europe in June 1944 and saved many lives.

LEST WE FORGET

REUNION NEWS

2019 Annual Reunion

"The concert was as good as ever and included two items with the conductors absent but the wonderful kids never missed a beat - sans conductor." as the PMS Symphony Orchestra played 'Bohemian Rhapsody' with the two conductors, Neil Coy and Celia Christmas taking back seats to play percussion . . ." 2019 Reunion photos are available [by clicking here](#).

The **Class of 1949** very special **70th year reunion** at **Perth Modern School** joined the 2019 Annual Reunion. Organiser **Ken Fitch** advises "We are still receiving feedback from members of the class of 49 expressing their great pleasure in having made the effort and attended because it was such a great occasion."

As previously reported, this group presented an original painting by the artist-father of one of the prefects to the school as a farewell gift. No opportunity ever arose to formally present the painting to the school. By 1986, the painting could not be located. In celebrating this Reunion another original painting by the same artist was presented to the school by **Val Fitch (nee Philpot)**, the daughter of the artist, on behalf of the class of 1949. You can find out more about the artist at www.ernestphilpot.com

SIXTY YEARS – SO FAR . . .



It was an almost 'century' day, on the last Sunday in October 2019, when nearly fifty members of **The Class of 59** assembled at the school, to exchange hugs, quizzical looks, reminiscences and life experiences.

Jan James and **Daryl Williams** were at the door to welcome people, and in case our memories were a little 'grey', to distribute name tags large enough for 'aging eyes'.

Moderna Scola
Evelyn BROADLEY

2018
Moderna Scola
Rosemary Pratt
Dr June Stephenson

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

From 21-Sep-19 to 23-Nov-19

Contributing 4Yr

Renewed

Chris Hayes 1971-75 Student

Registered

Alistair Dna (Paterson) Family of Student
David Cummins 1961-62 Student



News and information available at
www.perthmodern.wa.edu.au

e-NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all contributors including:

Elyse Bourgault
Thalia Cole
Peter Farr
Irene Froyland
Robert Johnson
Robyn White
Sharon Williams

Coordinator/Editor

Sallie Davies

Compiler

Ian Jarvis



The Perth Modernian Society (Inc) gratefully acknowledges the support of Lotterywest for strategic planning and computer hardware.

PERTH MODERN SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

News and information available at
www.perthmodern.wa.edu.au

(Source: as listed on the above website 24/02/2018)

Ken Michael AC, *Chair*
Community Representative and Alumni
Peter Farr, *Deputy Chair*
Community Representative and Alumni
Craig Donovan, *Secretary*
Parent Representative
Lois Joll, *Principal*
Val Furphy, *Associate Principal*
Dr Nicholas Waldron, *Parent Representative*
Ishtar Barranco, *Parent Representative*
Professor Dale Pinto, *Parent Representative*
Meredith Eddington, *Community Representative*
Phil Marshall, *President, Perth Modern School P&C*
Chris Rapley, *Staff Representative*
Jarrad Strain, *Staff Representative*
Jeffery Lai, *Parent Representative*

SPHINX SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Appeal Donations

It is due to the efforts of **Alan Fletcher**, our tireless *Keeper of the Rolls*, that we manage to connect from time to time. **Annemie McAuliffe** presented Alan with an especially created certificate to show our gratitude. Alan, we need you to live for at least another twenty years.

We were grateful to **Lois Joll** for sacrificing her Sunday to lead an enthusiastic group of **59ers** on a tour of recent and exciting campus developments. They saw so much without challenging their 77-year old legs. Others were directed to the Museum/History Centre where dedicated History Centre volunteers had set up a display targeted at our years at Mod. While looking at *Bunsen Burners*, *Dormi-Sci notebooks* and old *sports pockets*, visitors were amazed to hear about the archives and history records available. I, for one, was astonished that in just a few hours Sallie could connect me to a long since dead cousin who attended Mod in the early thirties. Hopefully many **59ers** will be back in touch with this generous and helpful group to share information and bits and pieces and in return learn more of the treasures preserved there.

Soon we assembled in the refectory, not only to dodge the heat, or to look at **Helen Clough's** remarkable display of memorabilia, but so that the party could begin. Marc Adonis welcomed us, and asked Lois to explain '*Raise The Roof*' the campaign to build an amphitheatre large enough to seat at least half the school at any one time - *how can the school have grown so?* Several **59ers** plan to donate to the cause and fund a chair to honour friends.

Peter Farr, immediate past President of the Modernian Council, addressed the group with stories about the recent, successful *Save Perth Modern School' Campaign*. He threw light on the outstanding work of the Perth Modernian Society and the Museum/History Centre. At least a few of those listening resolved to update their details with the Society, both for the archives and so they can be kept in touch with events.



But this was not to be a formal function. Soon speeches gave way to eating, drinking (thanks to **Merv Lynch** and **Mal Evans**), sharing and laughter. Looking at the happy faces, it was a pleasure to reflect just how our education at Mod had resulted in such a group. The 'successful' lives of **the class of 1959** are not measured in the careers that resulted but in the differences these individuals made and are making to families, communities and professions.

Daryl Williams, our erstwhile Head Boy, reminded us that given the separation between school and family typical of the fifties it is amazing that the bonds of this group are so strong. He attributed this, in part, to the efforts

of the Perth Modernian Society which has, since the mid-nineties, worked to develop and support the *sense of community* that is the Modernians.

Our objective was to catch up and to have fun, but we could not let the day go by without having a few shared memories. Finally, it was time for Jan to lead us in *Moderna Scola* (no one needed word sheets) and Marc to remind us to watch for the next invitation when this special 'community' would reconvene and remember.

Thank you to the **class of 59** and all those who supported us. More photos available [by clicking here](#).

YOUR SAY

From: Pat Quiggin (nee Hardwick), student 1948-49

Re: Class Reunion List

The recent newsletter mentioned the 70th reunion of the class of 1949, of which I was a member (Pat Hardwick). I haven't lived in Perth for many years, so it's no surprise that I didn't hear about the reunion, and I couldn't have attended anyway. However, after the 50-year reunion, a list was made of those who had been contacted, including me. I wonder if a similar list was made this month and, if so, who I could contact to get a copy. I'd be most grateful if you could send me this information. Best wishes, Pat

Ed: *Pat's email has been forwarded to reunion organisers for this group who has advised that Pat Hardwick wants to come to an 80 year reunion!*

From: Ken Fitch

Re: Class of 1949 reunion

Thank you so much for the great photos - I was totally unaware that you [Barbara Mallett] were unobtrusively snapping all the time. Val and I are about to leave Perth and will be travelling for 10 days but on our return, will select the best and send them to all the attendees and a couple who could not come but whose email we possess. Thank you again for all the help and these photos. We are still receiving feedback from members of the class of 49 expressing their great pleasure in having made the effort and attended because it was such a great occasion. Best regards, Ken

Ed: *Barbara Mallett (nee Culpepper) is the Perth Modernian Society Councillor who has volunteered to support the organisation of Class Reunions when help is required. You will find more information about this service and Reunion photographs on the website www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au Thank you Barbara for the fantastic job you have done this year in liaising with eight (8) separate year groups.*

From: Hugh Davies, School Captain 1952

Re: e-Newsletter, Modernian Honour Awards

Thank you for another excellent newsletter, and congratulations to all who have been honoured by our society, including **Peter Farr** and yourself. Very best wishes, Hugh

Ed: *Thank you Hugh. Your encouragement is always welcome. We hope to be reporting on the 2019 Honour Awards in our next issue of this publication and on the website.*

From: Colin Sagar, 1968-72

Re: Years of attendance

Hi PMS Society, and thanks for the great newsletter. With mention of various reunions I realised I was unsure of my final year (maybe 1971?), though probably 1972. Is it possible to confirm which year it was? Your help (if you are able) is appreciated. Col

Ed: *This information was provided to Colin by return email as one of the many requests for information received by the History Centre and archive volunteers in the course of the year.*

From: Elyse Bourgault, student 1959-63

Re: Obituary

I have just sent in Peter's biography for the UWA 50th Graduation Reunion booklet, and thought it appropriate - with a few little changes - for your Valé section on past students. Peter's sister, Anne agreed it would be a good idea; she was happy with the biography that I had compiled with information from Peter's wife and friend in Chicago and our memories. I think Peter would have been at PMS 1951-55.(?). Love the newsletters, Regards, Elyse

Ed: *We have been pleased to include this obituary in this e-Newsletter. Contributions from our readers are*

1/7/2018 - 20/11/2019

Acknowledgements

Fortescue Metals Group (courtesy)
Elizabeth Gaines, CEO)
Jennifer Golding
Max Bevilacqua
Prof. Shirley Randell AO
Tony Chong
Rod Willix
Gene Matthews
Catherine Lewis
Graham Droppert
Bryant and Diana Bice
Chris & Ling Hayes
Andrew Maiden
Lee Alison O'Dwyer
Kali Caramia (née Quade-Smith)
Tracy Etherington
Sue Strutt
Tony Chong and Family
John Oliver
Vale Bravo John C - Jenny Crowe
Nathalie Simpson Family
Dr Diane Mohen
Doss Family
Concept Music (G Hoskins)
Janet Lee Holmes A Court AC
Edward Hayman
Max Bevilacqua
Prof Geoffrey Playford
Barrie Baker
Paul Campbell
Trevor Pitcher
Anne Greenhill
Margaret Pinchback
Daphne Wood
Jenny Golding
Professor Con Michael
John Stone
Joy Hardy
Margaret Puzey
Wilfred & Jenny Bardsley
Amelia Dixon-Pugh
Dr Greg Sterrett
Terry Hoffman
Chris & Ling Hayes
Elizabeth Compston
Jean Williams
Dr June Stephenson
Patricia Quiggin
Rosemary Pratt
Joy Miller
Neil Patterson
GR & PE Grewar
Laurie Best and the late Dr Philip Best
Ray Thurloe
Eleanor Roberts
Janise Beissel
Valerie Craig
Dorothea Bennie
Douglas Gould
Dr Harry Hansen Knarhoi
Joy Reeson
Philip Jennings
Stuart Gould
Annette Mercer
Sandra & John Penrose
Dr Mary Marshall
Daryl Williams
Malcom Lee
Walter Turnbull
Gregory Calcutt AM
Elaine Davies
Ian Baker
Bob Pritchard
Bruce and Wendy McCallum
Paul Campbell
Rodney House
Hon. Kevin Parker
Beverly Petterson
Ruth Mickelson (Nee Howell)
Dr Shane Langsford
Glenn Peate
Judyth Stephens
Bob Tonkinson 'In memory of Dr Phil Best'
Hon. Julian Grill
Peter Farr
anonymous
Fortescue Metals Group (courtesy)

always welcome and copies of the original items received are added to the History Centre's extensive biographical, memorabilia and/or photographic records. Thank you Elyse.

Thank you to all members and friends who contribute valuable information, memorabilia and biographies to inform PMS Museum records and collections

VALE

Name	Years at PMS	Position	Deceased
Nan Lynette Dean (nee Carter)	1955-59	Student	14/06/2018
Peter Vaughan Rumbold	1952-56	Student	13/05/2019
Matthew Dwyer	1981-85	Student	2/10/2019
Maureen Jeanette Priest (nee Farrell)	1954-55	Student	7/10/2019
Wilfred Eric [Wilf] Byfield	1945-46	Student	11/10/2019
Noel Alan Chrystal	1945-49	Student	14/10/2019
Eldred May Klemm (nee Haberley)	1933-35	Student	13/10/2019
Graham Dowley	1961-63	Teacher	3/11/2019

PETER RUMBOLD

PMS student 1952-56

After leaving PMS, and graduating with a Bachelor of Education at UWA, Peter taught for two years in the South West of WA, but realized during this time that he really wanted to pursue his musical studies further. In 1968 he set out for Florence, Italy, where he engaged in Electronic and Computer music at the Villa Schifanoia Graduate School of Arts, along the way learning to speak Italian fluently. He gained his Master's degree in 1971. Thus equipped with the skills to work as a researcher, teaching assistant, and programmer of computer music, he took up a position in the School of Music at the University of Illinois, USA. After some time in this job, he started studies that culminated in his Doctor of Musical Arts in Composition with a minor in Computer Science (1989). A friend of his described Peter's talents thus: *"When we met he was working on a project to design and build a computer synthesizer to create and perform electronic music. Not only did something like this require the skills of a musician, but also those of a computer scientist and an electrical engineer."* While he was expanding his interest in computer music, he enjoyed playing mostly piano, but also the trombone, in jazz bands around Chicago. He was popular, and could improvise brilliantly. Peter was a very accomplished pianist, playing in a variety of gigs. From 1977 he also worked as a ballet accompanist for the University Department of Dance, and for other major studios, including the Hyde Park School of Ballet, Chicago (for 26 years). This was the happiest, most settled period of his life; in 1999 he married Anya, co-pianist at the school, and they proved to be successful partners at work and at play (!), beloved by the whole company. Sadly, Peter struggled with multiple health problems over the last few years, and died on May 13th, 2019. The people at the Hyde Park Ballet studio showed their tremendous love and respect for him by organizing a memorial service - a gesture that his sister, Anne (UK), and wife, Anya found to be absolutely heart-warming. I did too, and thought it was worth acknowledging his life and achievements in this newsletter, for those school friends who remember him. I had caught up with Anne, and subsequently Peter in 2017, when searching for 'lost' UWA graduates. Elyse Bourgault - nee Sagar .

MATTHEW DWYER

PMS student 1981-85

from *The West Australian* Obituaries, 9 and 12 October 2019
"Lost while on a photographic trip at Bluff Knoll...."

"Matthew was a beautiful, gentle man, whose path crossed many of ours over the years. We have lost a creative soul. Our hearts go out to the family, from the class of 85 PMS"

"Matthew was a gorgeous, gentle man with a bright sparkle in his eyes. He shared his creativity with the world and we will be forever grateful for the precious, exquisite images he took of our family on different occasions, including our wedding. He had a unique gift for capturing the most human of moments, full of life and love."

"Matthew was a great friend to many at Guide Dogs WA. Talented, creative and always in pursuit of the perfect shot he captured many wonderful memories at Guide Dogs WA."

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-10-03/wildlife-photographer-found-dead-at-base-of-wa-mountain/11572682>
https://www.instagram.com/matthew_dwyer_photography/?utm_source=ig_embed

FROM THE SCHOOL



DevelopmentWA is beginning the next phase in the redevelopment of the Subi East area and they want to hear the many stories from the people who have a connection to this place. A research tool called sensemaker is being used to gather short stories from many people and analyse them to reveal patterns in the collection of stories that are shared. The collective stories and experiences of the community will be analysed and used to inspire key elements of the project including landscape design, architectural design, public art, heritage interpretation and project branding, helping to strengthen the sense of place of the future development. You can [learn more about this tool here](#).

If you have any queries please contact **Catherine Bentley**, Manager Community Relations, or her team on 9482 7884 or by email at Subieast@developmentwa.com.au.

ALL YEARS - P&C PICNIC AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The P & C would certainly like to encourage Modernians to attend and ensure they realise they are invited and very welcome to attend, including their families and friends. Side seating will be provided as per last year using chairs from school. Of course people are also welcome to bring their own and as you know there are some picnic style tables which will be spread around the area.



**SAVE THE DATE FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER
P&C PICNIC AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT/CAROLS**

Are you feeling the Christmas Spirit?

The Perth Modern School P&C invites you and your family to the P&C Picnic and Christmas Concert on Friday, 6 December. It is also a fabulous opportunity to meet and welcome our new incoming families for Year 7 next year. Activities from 3.30pm-8.00pm.

What will be happening?

- Christmas Concert 6.00pm – 8.00pm – bring your picnic chairs or blankets with limited seating provided.
- Relax on the school oval singing your favourite Christmas carols.
- Bouncy castles and train
- Heritage Trail Tours ending at the History Museum
- Dance Concert starting at 5.30pm
- Friends of Music Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall
- Delicious food stalls: Malaysian, Baos, Mexican, sweet and savoury crepes, ice-cream, coffee. Food vans coming are: Bunga Raya Satay, Baolicious, Soul Cocina Cantina and Floratonics for the Soul.
- Stalls
- P&C Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open – limited hours and cash preferred
- Plus much more!

The ensembles which will be performing in the Christmas concert are: Wind Band 1, Wind Band 2, Combined Wind Band 3 and 4, Senior Jazz Ensemble and Year 7 and 8 Choirs will be leading the carols.



More information including a detailed timetable of events and booking information for some of the events will follow.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Nov 2019 - Issue 42 (Volume 2 17))