



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

Robert (Bob) Johnson

Student at Perth Modern School 1961–1965

MODERNA SCOLA 2019

CITATION

Robert (Bob) Johnson attended Perth Modern School from 1961 to 1965. He has been a Member of the Perth Modernian Society since 2011. Bob holds a Bachelor of Business in Accounting, a Graduate Diploma of Business in Marketing, and a Master of Business Administration. He has been a member of CPA Australia since 1984, and is currently a financial member on the Retired List. In his professional life he worked in both the public and private sectors in Australia and overseas, in various industries.

Initially, when Bob started assisting at the Perth Modernian Society History Centre, he expressed interest in volunteering at the Museum in order to add to its military history component, but he was extremely helpful in other ways. Given his wide-ranging professional experience he was well equipped to assist the Museum's efforts to become a Registered Charity. Three major tasks were involved: (i) the development of a Constitution (with legal assistance) under new State legislation, and an application for its incorporation in WA [Date of incorporation: 27 September 2017]; (ii) application for an ABN, and application to the ACNC to become a Registered Charity; and (iii) an application to the ATO to ensure qualification for DGR Status under Federal requirements. These tasks involved patience and understanding of all issues.

Bob was elected as Honorary Treasurer of the Historical and Museum Committee, and subsequently appointed in 2017/18 as the inaugural Honorary Treasurer on the Board of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated. Bob set the stage for a new Treasurer to follow him in that vital role. He remains (2019) a member of the Museum Committee and the Museum volunteer team as he pursues his initial aim – to add to the military component of the Museum. His research is adding invaluable information to that already held for future access by PMS staff and students who study military history, especially as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day come around each year. Bob has also provided articles for the Perth Modernian Society's quarterly e-Newsletter in a series about former students who gave their lives in defence of our Allies and our nation. His articles have been re-issued in the School's Newsletter.

As Treasurer of the new Museum Association, Bob successfully applied to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) for a financial grant towards refurbishing Perth Modern School's iconic War Memorial, and he led the implementation of this work. With further funding from a generous private donor, this project was completed in late 2019. Bob has subsequently embarked on the task of researching and reviewing information for the refurbishment of Honour Boards for WWII and later conflicts, and the preparation of a further application for DVA funding for this specific purpose. It may be readily recognised that he has made a notable contribution to the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated.

Robert, you have made a significant contribution both to the community and Perth Modern School.

The Perth Modernian Society is pleased to bestow upon you the honour of MODERNA SCOLA. Your name will be permanently recorded on the Moderna Scola Honours Board in the Society's History Centre and Museum.

This award entitles you to particular consideration in all Society matters and functions.

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