



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

Roger Stubbs AM
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MODERNA SCOLA 2020

Roger Stubbs worked for some years in a bank before matriculating from Leederville Technical School and enrolling at the University of Western Australia. After graduation, he spent 30 years as an English teacher, and became interested in local government.

Roger was a councillor in the City of Armadale for 19 years, eight as Mayor. With his interest stimulated in town and urban planning, Roger undertook qualifications in the area, and became a trainer for local and state governments. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2002 for 'service to local government and the community'.

When Don Cook, then Deputy Principal of Perth Modern School, suggested that he make himself available as a relief teacher, Roger taught at Modern School whenever required, enjoying his students, his colleagues, and the conviviality of the profession. Roger already had a link to 'Mod': his wife Pam had been a student at the school from 1955-59.

In 2005, with the reintroduction of academic selection at Perth Modern School, a building project of \$27 million was planned, requiring a co-ordinator. Roger's qualifications as both teacher and town planner made him an ideal choice. For three-and-a-half years he worked with the architects as old buildings were refurbished and new ones constructed. He liaised with staff members and the community, wrote newsletters, gave talks, and conducted tours.

Roger's contribution to the evolution of Modern School is tangible not only in its new and old buildings, but also in images and the written word. Many of his photographs were used in the school's centenary publication '*Past, Present & Future: Celebrating 100 years of exceptional education at Perth Modern School*'. He continued his involvement with the history of the school, and as a researcher and principal writer, made a huge contribution to the 2016 publication, '*A Celebration of Contribution: Tales of the courage, commitment and creativity of Modernians 1911-1963*'.

Roger's connection with Perth Modern School is substantial, positive, varied, and of long duration, and he has demonstrated considerable adaptability as occasion demands.

Roger, you have made a significant contribution to the community of Western Australia and to Perth Modern School.

The Perth Modernian Society is pleased to bestow on 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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