



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Hi

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



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



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

26th Annual General Meeting

Date: 5:15 for 5:45pm on Monday 21 June 2021

Venue: Staff Room, Andrews Building, PMS, 90 Roberts Road, Subiaco

5:15 pm

Arrival, registration and light refreshments

5:45 pm

Annual General Meeting

NB Please submit apologies to Deb Beresford, Hon. Secretary,

E: dberesford@iinet.net.au

Tel. 08 6189 3690

6:00 pm

Guest Speaker, Helen Lydon

DIARY DATES

REUNIONS

See news item for details

ANNUAL REUNION

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday

11th September 2021

CLASS (Year) REUNIONS

Organisers please contact Barbara Mallett through reunions@perthmoderniansociety.org.au

For further information visit

www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au

Class of 1958

'80th Birthdays Reunion'

Saturday 11th Sept. 2021 (see P9)

Class of 1971

50th Anniversary Reunion

Class of 1961

60th Anniversary Reunion

Class of 1953

68-year reunion

Monday 5 July

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e-NEWSLETTER

Do you have something to say?

Memories to share?

Where are YOU now?

Send your news item, letters

and/or photographs to ...

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Helen is delighted to have joined Perth Modern School as the Manager of Innovations and Entrepreneurship. Her previous 20 years of education experience includes innovative teaching across science subjects at Government and private schools, introducing new courses, writing new material and coordinating subjects at MLC, teaching an innovative course to Engineers at UWA, and consultation and examination work for TISC and SCSA in Biology and Psychology.

Her Master's thesis on student feedback gained the F G Bradshaw Prize in Education from UWA in 2012, adding to prizes gained as the top student in her Diploma of Education course and in previous undergraduate science courses.

As the top Exhibition winner in her own graduating year of high school (before the Beazley Medal was introduced), Helen understands the type of challenges and opportunities needed to engage talented students. She is also inviting parent and community experts to share their expertise with students. Helen is enjoying bringing together a cross-curricular team of teachers to teach an innovative curriculum that seeks to give students real-life contexts and challenges to enable them to develop key personal and metacognitive skills.

Drawing from many different sources, and using research on teaching gifted students, she is putting together a diverse and engaging Year 7 – 9 course that develops the General capabilities outlined in the Australian Curriculum, focusing on Critical and Creative Thinking, Ethical Understanding, Intercultural Understanding and Personal and Social Capability.

Helen is looking forward to becoming part of the history of a school that her grandfather, Cecil Bowyer, attended as one of the first Modernians in 1911.

Next Issues

Copy deadlines for 2021

20 August
for circulation by 1 September
20 November
for circulation by 1 December

In this issue:

Thank you to all letter writers,
and contributors including:

Ruth Barrett
Deb Beresford
Peter Farr
Robert Johnson
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Robyn White
Coordinator/Editor
Sallie Davies

Subscription received

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REMEMBER WHEN



... on the last day of each term, we polished our desks and waited for the Headmaster to appear at the classroom door for an inspection?

<https://coffeeundertheumbrella.wordpress.com/2013/01/29/an-antique-schooldesk/>

In 2020 the Museum received following communication from former PMS student Christine: "in either 1966 or 1967 all the wrought iron desks were removed from the 'old' school. I asked my craft teacher what was going to happen to them and he said on the weekend they were all going to the dump. I asked if I could have one... 'go for it take as many as you like'. So early on the weekend Dad and I took the ute up to the school and selected a set ... then took another set. Up until the late 80s they have lived on our side verandah as seating. Then my brother took a set and I have the other. The wood broke up on mine but the wrought iron fittings are fine. I would LOVE them to go to the PMS museum as they need a new home."



Museum volunteers are appreciative of Jeff's research for details regarding the frames received and he has written "I have been able to find some information on the internet. They were made in America by Stafford Manufacturing Co. in Chicago. I am experimenting at the moment with the way they were machined and fitted." In following up he has advised "I went to a wood work specialist in Balcatta called Carbatec. I spoke to a bloke who is a furniture maker and he was in two minds as to how the slatting on the desks was constructed. We couldn't come to a defined method of construction. Contact with a men's shed might be the next best way to go."

CAN YOU HELP?

It is now time to explore possible access to skills and equipment needed to restore these magnificent iron frames and return them to the former glory of the desks many of us were familiar with at Mod in days gone by.

REUNION NEWS

2021 - Class of 1953 68-year reunion Monday 5 July

Class of 1953 is having a 68th year reunion on Monday, 5 July 2021 from 10.30-1.30 in the Andrews Building at Perth Modern School.

Please contact Janet Williams, janet@exix.com or Don MacLeod, donsally@bigpond.net.au to register your interest and to help us in catering for lunch

2021 - Class of 1958, '80th Birthdays Reunion

Reunion Date: Luncheon - 12 Noon Saturday 11th Sept 2021 at PMS

Contact: Peter Farr, E: farr.peter@farr.com.au, M: 041 990 5864, or
Wendy McCallum, E: wmccallum@iinet.net.au



Thank you for Renewals received

Murray Smallman
Shirley Wyburn
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Bill Burdett
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Marilyn Mercer
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PLEASE CHECK

Have you completed or updated your

**MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
and/or CHANGE OF DETAILS**

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2021 - Class of 1961, 60th Anniversary Reunion

Please contact Jeanette McQueen for further details
email: jmcqueen@pecs.net.au
mobile: 0416 177 975

2021 - Class of 1971, 50th Anniversary Reunion

Who would like to be the Class of 1971 contact person for your Golden Jubilee Reunion?

We have received many enquiries from people desiring to re-connect with classmates. Please contact Barbara Culpeper (Mallett)
reunions@perthmoderniansociety.org.au

The new PMS lyric theatre will be opening and it will be an exciting year.

THE 2021 ANNUAL PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY ORATION, THURSDAY 6 MAY

'Restoring Full Employment While Dealing with Climate Change'



On Thursday May 6th 2021 Professor Ross Garnaut AC delivered the annual Modernian Oration to a packed hall of Sphinx Society Members and Perth Modernians. Ross is a Modernian (PMS student 1959-63), an internationally-known economist, former Ambassador to China (1985-88), and currently a Professorial Research Fellow in Economics at the University of Melbourne. His experience in Asia is extensive and varied. He has advised leaders of Australia and other nations. He referred to Modernian Bob Hawke as Australia's greatest prime minister.

Ross's concern about climate change is well-known, and his book *Superpower: Australia's Low Carbon Opportunity* (Black Ink, 2019) has been widely praised. He read a little from his latest publication, *Reset: Restoring Australia after the Pandemic Recession* (Black Ink, 2021). He reminded listeners of the inspired setting up in 1942 – years before the end of WWII – of the Department of Post-War Reconstruction. He believes we should now be taking the steps that will make us successful in a post-Covid world. We should aim for equity, full employment and increased living standards for all Australians. The role of economic knowledge is crucial.

Ross emphasised the relevance of the school's motto, *Savoir c'est pouvoir* (Knowledge is Power), saying that the research is clear: climate change is real and can be combatted. The longer it takes for the world to act to stem the threat, the more difficult the task will be. Science has shown how carbon emissions can be lowered, and Australia – WA in particular – is well-placed to profit from actions which are available to us now. Our nation has a relatively small percentage of the world's population and is responsible for a relatively small percentage of the world's carbon emissions, but nevertheless Australians are among the highest carbon-emitters per capita. We should aim for zero carbon emissions by 2050.

He spoke of significant headwinds for Australia's international trade. Coal exports are declining fast. LNG may be helpful short-term, but that too will

fold. For complex reasons, trade with China has become difficult: Ross thinks this is unlikely to change soon. Providing education for international students has in the recent past created a source of income for our universities, but the pandemic has changed that situation and it will not recover easily. Vested fossil-fuel interests have a great deal of influence which is not helpful.

Despite the foregoing, Ross spoke hopefully of our nation's prospects. Australia has enviable resources of renewable energy, and the necessary scientific knowledge and skills to make the most of them.





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We should be replacing fossil fuels with green hydrogen. Because such a high percentage of hydrogen energy is lost in transport, we should bring industry such as steel mills to Australia. Renewable energy is low-cost. Plants and soils can absorb carbon. The fertility of the soils can be restored. Photosynthesis has been around for billions of years: we can make it work for us. We must move to zero carbon emissions, and move in that direction now.

Two students thanked Professor Garnaut and presented him with a gift. Principal Ms Lois Joll added her thanks, saying his ideas would encourage the students in their future careers as they contemplate the importance of individual actions in combatting climate change with its challenges and opportunities.

The Council of the Perth Modernian Society warmly thanks Professor Ross Garnaut for his address. It was inspirational, practical, and of immense relevance to our lives.



Dr Ken Michael AC (PMS Board Chair), Gilbert George, Lois Joll (PMS Principal), Hon Daryl Williams AM, Peter Farr (Past President Perth Modernian Society and Sphinx Foundation Treasurer), Prof Ross Garnaut AC, Janet Holmes à Court AC and Hon Judith Watson OAM (both past presenters of the Annual Oration).

YOUR SAY

From: Jennifer (Jan) Richards (nee Featherstone), PMS student 1953-57
Re: Perth Modernian Society

First of all, I want to express my thanks for the effort and dedication that obviously goes into producing the regular Modernians' Newsletter. It is excellent to be kept in touch with the school which both I and my late mother attended, and to have the occasional glimpse of the life of someone that I, or even she, knew.

I was particularly saddened to read of the death of **Trisha Kotai-Ewers**, a friend whom I last saw in the 1970's, when she visited me in London and we talked until three in the morning. Our parents knew one another, and she is just someone who has 'always been there' as part of one's past life. I was most interested to read the piece about her in the Newsletter.

Anyway, more to the point, I have got severely behind with my annual subscription, partly because I am not sure how to pay it. I live in the UK and don't particularly want to have a Paypal account. Are there any other options for payment from abroad? I would like to pay up, with at least some backdating of my subscription. I think the last time I paid was in 2012!! Many thanks and all good wishes, Jan

Ed: Thank you for your kind words regarding the Newsletter and your brief tribute to your friend. It is my understanding that you have been contacted personally regarding your membership payment but we offer the following information for others who may similarly wish to contribute to the Society from overseas: Westpac tells us that such payments are normally made by international payment orders or overseas telegraphic payments, to use another name for the same thing. You may well know this, but such payments can be made either on line or by visiting a bank branch. The sender of the money has to provide our BSB number, the Account number of our Association and a SWIFT code. In the case of Westpac the SWIFT code is WPACAU2S (If you need an 11-character SWIFT, use WPACAU2SXXX). Otherwise, the money can be sent by a posted cheque. The sender has to make sure that the amount designated in the cheque is in Australian dollars. Otherwise there are additional charges.



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2014

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2016

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2017

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Moderna Scola Award

2016

Deborah Beresford
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2017

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2018

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2019

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2020

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2016

Alison Woodman

2017

Tonya McCusker AM

2019

Nigel Hunt
Brendon Dawson

From: Allen Hahn
Re: Museum Visit



I am the son of the late **Eleanor Randell**, who attended PMS from 1940 to 1944. Last week I visited the Perth Modernians, and donated a number of her school items. I have a water colour she did of the school entrance, but cannot bear to part with it. I was asked if I could take a photo of it and email it in. It is attached for use by the Perth Modernian Society Museum, should the society wish to use it. Kind regards, Allen

PMS Entrance by Eleanor Randell, PMS student 1940-44

This digital copy has been donated to the Perth Modernian Society Museum by her son Allen Hahn in memory of his mother.

From: Ken Fitch, PMS student 1945-49
Re: A tribute to Beryl Hume PMS 1945-49

In 1949, Beryl was head girl and I was head boy and in 1948 and 1949, we were in the same class. Hence, we saw a great deal of each other. As head girl, she undertook her responsibilities quietly and efficiently and working together was a pleasure, as we integrated well.

In that era, there was no award of dux of PMS but if there had been, Beryl would almost certainly have been the winner in 1949.

Sadly, later in life, Beryl did not enjoy good health and could not attend either the class of 49s' 70-year reunion in 2019.



With my wife Valerie, who was also a school prefect in 1949, we attended Beryl's funeral service at Christ Church Claremont. With a number of others from our years at Mod, We learned much about her full and most productive life. It was evident that in the area of mathematics teaching in Western Australia, Beryl Hume had few peers.

Ed: *The Perth Modernian Society Museum Association proudly acknowledges receipt of a book of photographs and documents detailing highlights of Beryl Hume's life which was donated by her family to the History Centre in her memory. The above scan is of the cover of the book about Beryl Hume's life*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS!



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Fundraising for the Museum Association

Although our school community 2020 appeal demonstrated the generosity of the community, the Museum continues to seek funding that will accelerate our conservation (and digitisation) of the Museum collection. Consequently, late April and May sees our brochures making their way into letterboxes and inboxes.

Earlier this year, we included on the Perth Modernian Society website, information that will help those of you who wish to create a bequest for the Museum.



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If you choose to make a bequest, your gift will go towards supporting the Museum in conserving and preserving school artefacts and records, providing educational resources to school students and the community and celebrating the rich history of Perth Modern School.

The Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Inc. cannot provide you with legal advice on drafting your will and we encourage you to consult your lawyer. The following clause contains some suggested wording for a bequest to the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association, but is a sample only and does not constitute legal advice. The Public Trustee of WA provides some information about drafting a will on their website at: <https://www.wa.gov.au/service/justice/civil-law/make-will-public-trustee>.

Suggested wording – general bequest: I give to the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated, ABN 73 761 561 543, of 90 Roberts Road, Subiaco WA 6008 (the "Museum Association") [% of my residuary estate OR insert dollar amount], for the general purposes of the Museum Association.

For further information on making a bequest to the Museum Association, please contact [Monica Brierley-Hay at brierleyhay.monica@gmail.com and please consult your own lawyer].
Once again, we look forward to 2021 being a busy year in which we digitise a greater proportion of our collection so that we add to our digital presence enabling the wider community to better understand the collection available onsite.
Dr Robyn White

VALE

| NAME: | YEAR at PMS | Status | Deceased |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------|------------|
| William Scott (Bill) Young | 1970 | Student | 14/02/2021 |
| Ama June Tornatora (née Negus) | 1941-45 | Student | 13/02/2021 |
| Hubert George Bell | 1946-50 | Student | 17/03/2021 |
| Dr Trevelyan Edward (Ted) Palmer | 1938-40 | Student | 19/03/2021 |
| Barry Ingle | 1949-53 | Student | 19/03/2021 |
| Lyll Edwin Page | 1946-48 | Student | 3/04/2021 |
| Judith Ann Palmer (née Lindsay) | 1954-55 | Student | 04/04 2021 |
| Dorothy Elaine Judd | 1948-52 | Student | 11/04/2021 |
| Nicholas Agocs | ? | Staff | 29/04/2021 |

The Perth Modernian Society sends condolences to the family for the recent death of Moira, widow of Headmaster Joseph (Joe) Stokes, and sister of PMS Registrar Jim McAdam.

LYALL EDWIN PAGE

Lyll is remembered fondly as a member the Perth Modernian Society Council who served as Hon Treasurer in its early years. The President and Members of the ANZ Bank Retired Officers' Club paid tribute to their "esteemed member and former Club Secretary".

DOROTHY ELAYNE JUDD

1957-60, Dorothy trained in Pharmacy and undertook relief work in WA, Victoria and NSW. In 1961-62, she managed a pharmacy in Mt Pleasant and from 1963-70 managed her own pharmacy in Rossmoyne. During this time, she lost her vision and was on a Blind Pension from 1971. Dorothy completed only two years of a course in Occupational Therapy at WAIT but continued to work at the Association for the Blind for 20 years teaching typing, computing and other skills until she retired in 1993.

TREVELYAN E PALMER, MD



At the 2020 Annual Reunion, greetings were received from **Trevelyan E (Ted) Palmer MD** in New York with the following message:
"I look back on my years at PMS as so rewarding and full of good memories. My wife and I always enjoyed the orchestra and the camaraderie with the alumni. Wishing you greetings from NY. Best wishes!"
Ted Palmer, PMS student 1938-40

We sent belated 96th birthday greetings to Ted who turned 96 the next day, 14 September 2020. You can read about his life in

"A Celebrations of Contribution" published in 2016 and available for purchase through the School at <https://www.perthmodern.wa.edu.au/memorabilia/>

"The family appreciates the arrival of the latest Modernian e-Newsletter. Unfortunately, Dr. Palmer has recently died. At 96 he lived a very full and fascinating life as a surgeon here in New York but never forgot his birth place or his school, Mod! We have come back for reunions over the years and I understood why he loved Perth Modern School. If possible please let the authorities know of his passing."



The Palmer family has a fairly long association with Mod. Beginning with Ted's Uncle, Cecil Palmer, staff who was an inaugural math master, then his two boys entered as new fours Stanley Palmer early 30s who married Dot Hateley (prefect) and subsequent teacher at Mod, Geoffrey Palmer about 1938. Two Coulter boys were cousins John, early 30's and Jim Coulter about 1936, he married Rita Allen, (head girl), and his sister Elma was the last, entering 1939 Trevelyan E (Ted) Palmer MD spent the war years of 1942-45 as an RAAF Navigator. On return to civilian life he graduated from the University of Melbourne as MB BS in 1952.

"I would like to pay tribute to School Captain Alan Atkins and George Pestell, Prefect 1938. Both were wonderful role models to 1st year students, and used to look out for us and both helped considerably on the athletic field. I later met with Alan Atkins at the Royal Perth Hospital in 1953 when he was a patient of mine. When George Pestell returned from surgical studies in England in 1953, he helped me get started in surgery, and he remained a lifelong friend and colleague. This was a great opportunity for me to repay 1938 favours."

As Dr T E Palmer MB BS MD, he was Chief of Thoracic Surgery (1980-88) at White Plains Hospital, 1991 Fellow in Cardiac Surgery, Texas Heart Institute, Houston, Diplomate, American Board of Surgery, Diplomate, American Board of Thoracic Surgery, Fellow American College of Surgeons, FRCS Edinburgh, FRCS Canada, Fellow Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Fellow College of Chest Physicians.

"I have done a number of interesting things since I left Houston and retired in 1992-spent 4 months in India working in about six different hospitals in cardiothoracic surgery. In 1994 obtained a pilot's license at age 70, then qualified in commercial, instrument, multiengine, seaplanes, aerobatics and formation flying, both in the US and at RAC Jandakot, totally 750 hours. Now looking for another career before I get too old."

We are sad to announce that on March 19, 2021 we said goodbye to Trevelyan Edward Palmer (Scarsdale, New York).

DIGITAL HONOUR BOARD

<https://honour.perthmodern.wa.edu.au/>

As reported in our previous issue Volunteers in the PMS Museum History Centre have been working on a digital honour board to commemorate the 151 former students who died as a result of their service in **World War 1** (29), **World War 2** (118), **Malaya** (1) and **Vietnam** (3). It has been posted on the school's website and is the result of the accumulation researched information by a considerable number of people since 1915. The project was funded partly by donations to the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association and partly by a grant from the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

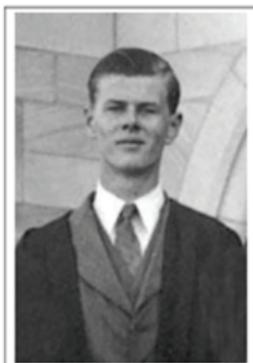
The honour board can be sorted by column which provides some poignant information. For example, sorting by **Date of Death** and then **Unit** shows that both **Leslie Little** and **Frank Williamson** commenced at Modern School when it opened in 1911, served in France in the 51st Battalion, and died within three weeks of each other in 1916. Leslie was 19 years and 11 months old and Frank was 17 years and 10 months, the youngest of the school's students to die as a result of their service. Clicking on their names shows that they both died in the fighting at Mouquet Farm in France. Our continuing research will gradually fill the remaining empty cells and there is a feedback form for readers to let us know of any errors.

The next stage of the digital honour board project is to link each name to a short biography similar to the profile below. have been appearing in the newsletters over the last two years. The stage will be to develop a Nominal Roll to commemorate 1,592 students served and survived the experience. The University of Western Australia Historical Society has recently released a similar nominal roll of UWA World War 2 survivors consisting of 1,401 names at <https://www.web.uwa.edu.au/uwahs/uwa-ww2/nominal-roll>

Robert Johnson

MODERNIANS WHO DIED IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY

*Number 11 in a special series of articles prepared for publication by
Robert Johnson, PMS student 1961-65 and Museum Volunteer
Ian Kimber Darling, PMS 1930-33*



Ian, known as Tom, was born on 13 November 1916 to Fergus and Margaret Darling of Nedlands. He attended Perth Boys School and then won a scholarship to Mod where he commenced on 11 February 1930. He was promoted from first year to third year and passed all eight subjects in his Junior exam at the end of 1931. He passed his Leaving exam in six subjects in 1933. His teachers described him over his four years at Mod as “an excellent worker”, “enthusiastic student” and “works well”.

While at the University of Western Australia, he was described by long-time college warden John “Josh” Reynolds MBE as having “a particularly engaging personality...his mind was broad and tolerant in its swing. He was a keen student of mankind and a lover of good literature.”

Ian enlisted in the 2/11th (City of Perth) Battalion in Subiaco on 7 November 1939, a week before his 23rd birthday. He was single at the time and living at home in Nedlands with his parents. The Battalion embarked at Fremantle on 20 April 1940 for service overseas.

After arriving in the Middle East as part of the 6th Australian Division, the Battalion trained in Palestine and Egypt. Ian was a Private in the Intelligence section of Headquarters Company. The Battalion went into action for the first time at Bardia in Libya on 5 January 1941 and then fought at Tobruk on 21-22 January. In early April 1941 the Battalion was sent to Greece. However, the Germans advanced in overwhelming numbers and, after numerous delaying battles, the was evacuated to the Greek island of Crete on 26 April 1941.

The Battalion was deployed to defend Retimo. The German airborne assault began on 20 May and for 10 days the Battalion fought tenaciously despite shortages of food and ammunition, and German mastery of the skies. Ian received a gunshot wound to his left hand on 26 May.

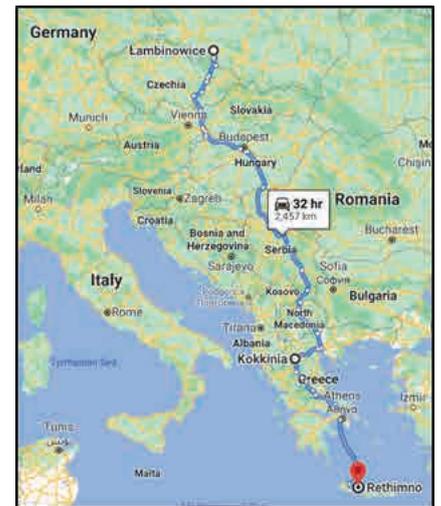
By 30 May the Battalion was cut off and greatly outnumbered. Ian was taken prisoner and interned at a camp in Kokkinia in Greece, then in the notorious Stalag VIII-B near Lamsdorf, Silesia.

Ian’s long road to captivity: Retimo to Lamsdorf (now Lambinowice)

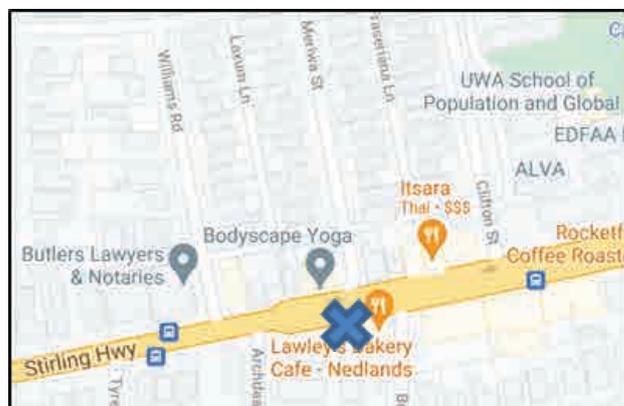
After four years of captivity, Ian was liberated in May 1945. He was flown to the UK on 12 May 1945 and then sent by ship to Australia on 8 June 1945, arriving in Perth on 24 July 1945. Josh Reynolds wrote in *The Dragon*, “He came back with all his old trust in his fellow men unimpaired and, in fact, deepened and broadened.”

Japan surrendered on Wednesday 15 August 1945 and Ian and thousands of others went into the city to celebrate. At about 6:30pm he was on his way home with two female companions.

A trolley bus let them off in Stirling Highway at the corner of Merriwa Street and they began to cross the highway. Ian was slightly ahead when he walked into the side of a passing car. He was taken by ambulance to Hollywood Military Hospital but died around 45 minutes after being admitted. Ian, still in the Army, was buried in the Perth Military Cemetery at Karrakatta.



Location of Accident



The accident occurred at the  Perth is to the right, Fremantle to the left

Ian’s Headstone



Ian’s mother Margaret, worried for six long years about her son’s safety, was devastated at his loss. She wrote to Josh Reynolds, “Each day I miss Tom more and more. One day I may become resigned to this terrible loss.” Margaret died four year later on 6 June 1949 at the age of 66. Fergus passed away three years after Margaret on 29 June 1952 aged 72. Ian “Tom” Darling was 28 when he died.



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