



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY  
MUSEUM ASSOCIATION  
INCORPORATED

ABN: 73 761 561 543



## 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT



PMS Entrance by Eleanor Randell, PMS student 1940-44

*A digital copy of this watercolour was donated to the Perth Modernian Society Museum in 2021  
by her son Allen Hahn in memory of his mother.*

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**REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD**  
**Dr Robyn White**

**CONTINUING TO HONOUR THE HISTORY, SHARE THE HERITAGE**

**Introduction**

In the future, we will inevitably all look back on the 2020-2021 financial year as being unique and challenging across our community. As for other community volunteer groups the advent of COVID 19 has created an interesting environment for all of our activities. Fortunately our dedicated team has consistently volunteered in order that the Museum Association is able to continue to oversee the collection, preservation, conservation and displaying of elements of Perth Modern School's past and present. In that endeavour, the Board of the Museum Association especially thanks the Museum Committee for their dedicated focus.



*The war memorial in its original position close to the Boys' entrance*

In order that future alumni and their families, researchers and community members are able to access the rich diversity of data held in our archives and amongst artefacts and memorabilia, our current volunteers are working to extend our electronic staff/student data-base JED (Jarvis eXMod Db) and to extend the digitisation of the hard copy George Burvill Biographical Files, and to catalogue other hard copy records of our collection of artefacts, photographs and memorabilia into MOSA/C.

**Grants and Fundraising**

The Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Inc. derives its funding via two major elements – the now annual fundraising appeal, alongside the efforts of our volunteers in finding and applying for appropriate grants made available through government, business or other locally identified entities.

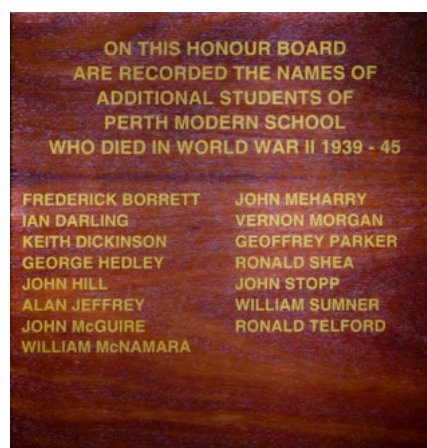
The Board has also implemented a cost-recovery policy for services delivered to the wider community who seek information from our records. A copy of this policy is available on [www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au/museum](http://www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au/museum)

There may be others who do not wish to contribute at this uncertain time in all our lives but may wish to support the Museum activities at some time in the future or donate for a particular project. A bequest strategy has also been developed and details can be found on the above website.

The 2020-2021 year saw the Association again reach out to our wider community. As in 2019-20, we were amazed at the generosity of our community. This year the appeal achieved a more modest income of close to \$8,000 and we are incredibly grateful to all of our donors. It is this funding which is used directly on museum projects in order to properly conserve the records and artefacts donated to the museum.

Throughout the recent year, volunteers have continued to submit grant applications. Not all of these have been successful. Many of our proposals submitted to the Department of Veterans' Affairs have been successful thanks to the ongoing efforts of Bob Johnson.

- Early in the 2020-21 year, we were granted a further \$5,016 from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) to add to \$1,000 from our own funds, so that we might improve the accuracy of the Honour Boards in the Beasley Building with supplementary boards. This project was completed just in time for the Annual reunion in September 2020.



- This grant also included development of a Digital Honour Board. The Digital Honour Board is placed on the School's website for use by students, staff, parents, alumni and the wider community
- A further request for funding to add biographies to the Digital Honour Board was approved by DVA
- Additional requests for funding from DVA have been submitted for \$3,500 in order to extend our digital presence to include a Nominal Honour Board that lists every alumnus who participated in any Australian military conflict Unfortunately that application has been unsuccessful. However, we expect that the project will continue through donor funding.
- Currently a Community Grant proposal for \$2,000 through our local Federal member, Ms Celia Hammond, is awaiting review in Canberra. This proposal would fund two efficient scanners to enhance our ability to conserve copies of hard copy artefacts.

### Projects completed in 2020-21

Despite the interruptions caused through COVID restrictions, volunteers in the Museum have completed a variety of projects:

- The Honour Boards in the Beasley building have been supplemented so that alumni previously omitted are now identified (September 2020)
- The Digital Honour Board recognising all alumni who died in an Australian military conflict is now available on the School website at <https://www.perthmodern.wa.edu.au/commemoration-memorials-and-honour-boards/>

- Throughout 2020 the Museum contracted a heritage consultant to facilitate the volunteer activities in the Museum. We continue to look to contract appropriate individuals where available.
- Volunteer Peter Dillon identified and printed copies of the Gardham glass plate photographs (December 2020)
- Newly found paintings by F. E. Mills were assessed, photographed, catalogued and saved into a digital presentation which were then returned to the rightful owners in keeping with the wishes of the donors.



### **Communication and Collaboration**

Over the past year, the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Inc has extended its connection to similarly focussed organisations.

- Following the presentation by CollectionsWA to the Board, the Association Is now a member of the Australian Museums and Galleries Association (AMaGA) enabling our volunteers to access current best practice information and support. In addition, over the next six months, we hope to become a digital presence on the CollectionsWA website.
- As a direct result of Bob Johnson’s work in developing the Digital Honour Board, we now have connection with the UWA Historical Society and several RSL and other groups interested in sharing information about Australian military history and personnel.
- As (we believe) the oldest senior government school alumni organisation, we have been contacted by several schools now working to preserve their own history and historical records. We have thoroughly enjoyed recent collaboration and visits with the Kentian Society (alumni from Kent St Senior High School).
- The Museum continues to work closely with members of the Perth Modernian Society and the School. We find multiple ways in which to collaborate, and thank Hon. Julian Grill and Council members as well as Ms Lois Joll and the School staff for their ongoing support.

### **Governance and Compliance**

In the 2020-21 year, the Board of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Inc. included:

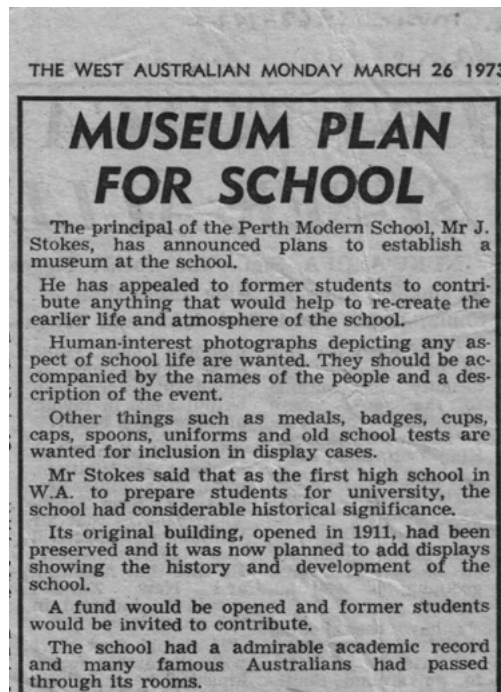
Dr Robyn White	Chair
Mrs Sallie Davies	Hon Secretary
Mrs Sharon Williams	Hon Treasurer
Mr Jeff Lai	
Prof Alistair Paterson	
Ms Monica Brierley-Hay	
Ms Lois Joll	

Throughout the past year, the Board again met eight times, twice in each school term. Where COVID restrictions created a challenge, the Board members accessed Zoom in order to be present.

Over the course of this year, BAS statements have been submitted quarterly to the ATO. Following the 2019-20 AGM at the end of August 2020, the annual Information Statement required by Consumer Protection (WA) and the ACNC was uploaded in September 2020.

Finally, thank you to all members of the Board, who have freely given their time to make our meetings a valuable time to review our activities across the Museum. Particularly thank you to our parent members, **Jeff Lai** and **Alistair Paterson**, who provide specific expertise, support and interest. A special thank you and welcome to **Monica Brierley-Hay** who has brought her knowledge and passion to the Board. And to our volunteers who are critical to the ongoing work of the Museum. Without their time, energy and patience we would not be able to achieve what we do. That these people make this time an enjoyable exchange of ideas which is even more appreciated. A wonderful group of people – always looking for more to join us!!

Robyn White  
Chair



## BOARD MEMBERS

Dr Robyn White, Chair  
Sallie Davies, Minute Secretary  
Sharon Williams, Treasurer  
Lois Joll, Board Member  
Jeffrey Lai, Board Member  
Prof Alistair Paterson, Board Member  
Monica Brierley-Hay, Board Member



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## **Museum Standing Committee**

museum@perthmoderniansociety.org.au

Sallie Davies, Chair

Deb Beresford, Hon Archivist/Curator

Gay Albillos, Hon Secretary

Ian Jarvis, Hon IT Manager to June 2020

Peter Dillon, Member

Wendy McCallum, Member

Robert (Bob) Johnson, Member

Alan Porter, Member

Robyn White, Member

Sharon Williams, Member

All volunteers invited to participate



# PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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## 2020-2021 DONORS

*Thank you all sincerely*

*for your donation for museum projects and activities which will enhance the work of our volunteers to preserve and conserve our collections, bring stories and information to more families and friends electronically and to honour the history and share the heritage of Perth Modern School.*

Mr Eric & Mrs Judy Alcock  
Mr Barrie Baker  
Mrs Laurie Best  
Mr & Mrs J Bruining  
Mr & Mrs J Bruining  
Ms Marjorie Frances Bowen  
Mrs Beryl R Dancer  
Mr Jim Davies  
Mr Malcolm Evans  
Dr Irene Froyland  
Mr John L Fry OAM  
Mr Geoff Grewar  
Mr Geoff Grewar  
Mr Julian Grill  
Mrs Claire Grose  
Mr Richard Jahn  
Mr Richard Jahn  
Mr Douglas Janney

Mrs Josette Jones  
Dr Christine Lawson-Smith  
Mrs Wendy McCallum  
Mr Peter Merralls  
Dr Lindsay R Mullings  
Ms Brenda Newbey  
Dr Frank & Mrs Valda Pitman  
Mrs Margaret Puzey  
Mrs E M Roberts  
Mr Robin Silsbury  
Dr June Stephenson  
Mr John Stone  
Mr John Stone  
Dr Robyn White  
Hon Daryl Williams AM QC  
Mrs Sharon Williams  
Mr Andre Winarto  
Mrs S J Wyburn

### Among the photographs received from Beryl Hume slide collection "Pocohontos" 2E2 1958







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**Financial Report**  
**Sharon Williams, Hon Treasurer**

The Perth Modernian Society Museum Association (PMSMA) (Inc.) uses cash accounting which records revenue when money is received and expenses when money is paid. The Association is a registered small charity having annual revenue under \$250,000. The financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the (PMSMA) as at 30 June 2021.

At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable.

The 2020/2021 financial year was the second full financial year of the Association and included a number of successful grant applications and our second fundraising campaign in May/June of 2021.

## Account balances

as at  30/06/2021 23:59 WST [Filter](#)

Accounts		
account name	account number	balance
BUSINESS ZERO TRANSACTION ACCT	<a href="#">302-162 1264556</a>	\$21,558.44
BUSINESS TD DIRECT	<a href="#">302-162 1788182</a>	\$15,000.00
BUSINESS TD DIRECT	<a href="#">302-162 1822368</a>	\$10,000.00

**Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated**  
**Financial Report as at 30 June 2021**  
**Cash Receipts and Payments for the year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021**

<b>Cash Receipts</b>	<b>\$</b>
Donations from former students/parents	9,935.00
Mufti Day 2020 - gold coin donations from students	1,150.00
Entertainment book commission	178.00
Interest	137.83
Grant DVA WW1 & WW2 Supplementary board/Honour Board	5,016.00
Grant DVA Digital Honour Board Stage 2 - Jan 21	3,000.00
ATO - refund of GST	692.00
Fundraising - Jewellery Sales P & C Picnic Dec 4	325.00
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>20,433.83</b>

**Cash Payments**

Printing, Postage and Stationery	610.53
IT Software & licenses & AMaGA Membership	271.00
WW1 & WW2 Supplementary board/Honour Board	6,618.00
Museum Heritage Consultant	2,305.04
Bank Fees	113.99
Other	363.55
<b>Total Cash Payments</b>	<b>10,282.11</b>

<b>Surplus</b>	<b><u>10,151.72</u></b>
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**Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2021**

**Current Assets**

Bankwest operating account	21,558.44
Bankwest term deposit account	25,000.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>46,558.44</b>
Liabilities	-
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>46,558.44</b>

**Members' Funds**

Opening balance as at 1 July 2020	36,406.72
Add surplus for the period	10,151.72
<b>Closing balance as at 30 June 2021 (PMSMA Accounts)</b>	<b>46,558.44</b>



# PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

## MUSEUM COMMITTEE REPORT

### **Overview**

The Museum Standing Committee has continued to work in accordance with the requirements as set out in the 2020-22 Forward Plan developed by this Committee and approved by the Board at the February 2020 meeting.

### Impact of Covid-19

The Museum (History Centre) has also continued to operate in accordance with State and Federal Government requirements due to the Covid-19 emergency. All scheduled meetings have taken place and Volunteers have continued to meet student and staff requirements at all times through on line communication.

### Impact of Building Works

The building work for the new auditorium impacted on toilet and parking access particularly for less able volunteers. Special arrangements were made by the School for toilet access but there appears to be no future plans to further improve access to existing facilities for parking or comfort stops for volunteers working in the History Centre.

### 2020 Annual Reunion

The History Centre was unable to open to visitors attending the Annual Reunion due to lack of suitable access. Museum Committee volunteers set up some display items in the Joseph Parsons Memorial Library for the benefit of those interested.

### **Special Volunteer Projects**

#### IT Delivery

After health issues made it impossible for Ian Jarvis to continue to deliver the technical requirements for, the Perth Modernian Society Council Ed Lazarus to work with Sallie Davies and Robyn White to ensure our work could continue.

#### Archives

These are curated by Hon Archivist Deborah Beresford, ably assisted by Deirdre Owen

#### Photographs/Displays

The digitisation of photographs by Alison Woodman is continuing, making it increasingly possible identify items for new displays prepared by Sharon Williams and others.

#### Science Collection

Unfortunately health issues also caught up with former Museum Committee Treasurer Alan Porter. Volunteer Peter Dillon agreed to oversee the Science Collection and build on what has gone before and he has developed a 3-point plan to streamline the Science Collection and identify and catalogue items in the collection.

Peter not only brings a science-based background into the team but also professional photographic skills which he has applied to family photos glass photographic plates donated by the Gardham family. These are now on display in the History Centre. He has also translated photographs from slides taken by Beryl Hume when she was teaching at the School, once again donated by family members.

#### War Service Honour Boards

Robert Johnson and Robyn White have continued to draw together the threads of historical information available to verify the names listed on the early Honour Boards, as a follow-up to a similar project for the War Memorial.

#### Data Entry

This never-ending task has been continued this year by volunteers Sallie Davies, Wendy McCallum, Jill Lucas, and Robyn White

#### George Burvill Biographical Index

The matching of hard copy information filed in the old Pound Cupboard in the History Centre has been in the hands of Gay Albillos, Jim Davies and Frank Hedges

#### Publications

The Museum Committee Publications group led by Sallie Davies has continued to contribute items and checks on historical facts in accordance with its Publications Policy to the

- Perth Modernian Society e-Newsletter
- Perth Modern School Newsletter

Research is also being undertaken for the history of Music at Mod in preparation for when funding becomes available for this approved project.

#### Autobiographies and Histories

Joining the collection of books and autobiographies of former staff and students as part of the biographical collection the following books were donated in this financial year:

- Beryl Hume
- Ray Purdy
- Lesley Parker-Reynolds
- A History of the Old Modernians Hockey Club: 1931-1977 (Electronic copy)  
(Men's and Women's Teams)

#### Heritage Trail

P&C Picnic Heritage Trail Tours conducted by volunteer student guides trained by PMS teacher Thalia Coles based on Museum Volunteers research

The iron frames for two original School desks (needing refurbishment) were donated



Can you help? See page 18 for further information

## History Centre Open to visitors

Holiday break

20 July – School term3 commenced

27 July

03 August

Committee Representative attended

06 August

10 August

13 August

14 August

17 August

24 August

31 August

Councillors in attendance

Committee Representative attended

7 September

10 September

12 September (Saturday)

13 September (Sunday)

14 September

21 September

28 September – 12 October

Holiday break

12 Oct – School term 4 commenced

13 October

19 October

26 October



Committee Representative attended

02 November

05 November

09 November (meeting in Staff Room)

16 November

23 November

Committee Representative attended

30 November

## 01 July 2020-Jun 30 2021

Data entry/responses continued remotely

HC open 9.30-11am - **Museum Standing**

**Committee Meeting**

History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon

History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon

**Meeting of Perth Modernian Society Council**

**Meeting with Mills family**

PMSoc MA Board meeting

PMSoc MA Board meeting

**JED development meeting**

History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon

History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon

**PMSoc Museum Association AGM**

**Meeting of Perth Modernian Society Council**

History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon

PMSoc MA Board meeting

**Preparing display**

**Perth Modernian Society 2020 Annual Reunion**

History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon

History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon

**School Holidays**

Data entry/responses continued remotely

HC open 9.30-11am - **Museum Standing**

**Committee Meeting**

**Preparation of Perth Modernian Society Annual Report**

History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon

History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon

**Patrick Cornish, and Wendy McNeilly(Mills)** visited



**Meeting of Perth Modernian Society Council**

History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon

PMSoc MA Board meeting

History Centre CLOSED to visitors due to building requirements

History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon

History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon

**Meeting of Perth Modernian Society Council**

History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon

01 December (Tuesday)	Principal's Morning Tea to thank PMS Volunteers
04 December (Friday)	P&C Picnic Day Heritage Tours Open to visitors 3-6pm
07 December	
14 December	Cleaning and closing for holiday break
Holiday break	Data entry/responses continued remotely
08 February	History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon
11 February	PMSoc MA Board meeting
15 February	History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon
Committee Representative attended	Meeting of Perth Modernian Society Council
22 February	History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon
08 March	History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon
11 March	PMSoc MA Board meeting
15 March	History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon
Committee Representative attended	Meeting of Perth Modernian Society Council
22 March	History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon
29 March	Consultation with Chair re fundraising campaign
Holiday break	Data entry/responses continued remotely
19 April	History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon
03 May	History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon
10 May	History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon
13 May	PMSoc MA Board meeting
17 May	History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon
20 May (Thursday)	Volunteers' visit to Old Kentians (Kent St HS) Museum
24 May	
31 May	History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon
Committee Representative attended	History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon
	Meeting of Perth Modernian Society Council
10 June	PMSoc MA Board meeting
14 June	History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon
	1.15pm JED development meeting
21 June	History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon
	5pm Perth Modernian Society Council AGM
28 June	History Centre Open to visitors 9.30am-12 noon

Among the photographs received from Beryl Hume as slide collection -2E2 December 1958



## VALE

Thank you to the many volunteers, families and friends who forwarded the following information and memories of former PMS students and staff for publication and/or inclusion in Museum records.

Name	Years at PMS	Position	Deceased
Roy Maxwell Atkinson	1972-77	Staff	06/01/2018
Susan Mary Eadie (nee Halley)	1951-52 yrs 4,5	Student	14/01/2019
Philip Hanley Codde	1939-42 Yrs 1-4	Student	04/03/2020
John Francis Forrester	1970-72 Yrs 1-3	Student	14/04/2020
Mavis Norgard (nee Jackson)	1939-41 Yrs 1-3	Student	11/05/2020
Colleen May Humpleby (nee Moffatt)	1948-50 Yrs 1-3	Student	13/05/2020
Leah Segal		Student	14/05/2020
Elizabeth Kay (nee Kaye Sullivan)	1948-50 Yrs 1-3 1975	Student Staff	18/05/2020
Gwyneth Smith (nee Owen)	1940-44 Yrs 1-3	Student	27/05/2020
James (Jim) William Hurst	1953-54	Student	12/06/2020
Geoffrey Norman (Geoff) Fernie	1947-51	Student	19/06/2020
Julia Grace Halleen (nee Jones)	1942-46	Student	21/06/2018
Ian Dudley William Hollings	1951-52	Student	20/07/2020
Leslie Ernest Smith AM	1951-53 Yrs 1-3	Student	04/08/2020
Elinor Joyce Wardrop (nee Pitcher)	1946 4 <sup>th</sup> year	Student	16/07/2016
Margaret Josephine Doohan (Beatty)	1948-49	Student	01/08/2020
Barry John Dennis	1946-47	Student	08/09/2020
Gordon Scott Wise (East Sussex, UK)	1936-40	Student	04/10/2020
Peta Townsing	1970s/1980s	Staff	05/10/2020
Ronald Leslie Jones	1948-50 (Yrs 1-3)	Student	10/10/2020
Richard Earle Notwotny	1959-63	Student	22/10/2020
Leon Walkemeyer	1946	Student	22/10/2020
Lance William Woodhead	1951-55	Student	06/11/2020
Ralph Lewis Brockman	1951-55	School Captain	12/11/2020
Roma Menir Shilling (nee Neame)	1936-40	Student	22/11/2020
Geoffrey (Geoff) Pilgrim	1959-60 (yrs 1,2)	Student	22/11/2020
Thomas (Tom) Appleyard	1944-46	Student	03/12/2020
Margaret Joy (Margot) Attwater (O'Dwyer)	1951-55	Student	07/12/2020
Brian Klopper	1953-54	Student	14/12/2020
Joy Regan (nee Whiteman)	1941-42	Student	23/12/2020
Dr Graham Raymond Raad	1945-46	Student	29/12/2020
John Kipling (Kip) Grieve	1949-50 (yrs 4,5)	Student	30/12/2020
Stuart Michael John Kounis	1980s	Student	07/01/2021
Nicholas (Nic) Katavitis	1980s	Staff (Science)	10/01/2021
Patricia Jean (Trisha) Kotai-Ewers	1952-56	School Prefect	17/01/2021
Beryl Hume	1945-49	Senior Girl 1949	18/01/2021
Clarence (Clarrie) Tilbrook	1945-46	Student	20/01/2021
Dawn Helen Barry (nee McHarrie)	1942-46	School Prefect	24/01/2021
John Bryant (Sam) Gannon	1960-63 (yrs 1-4)	Student	08/02/2021
Ama JUNE Tornatora (nee Negus)	1940-42 (1-3)	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	03/04/2021
Judith Ann Palmer (nee Lindsay)	1954-55	Student	04/04/2021
Dorothy Elaine Judd	1948-52	Student	11/04/2021
William Scott (Bill) Youn	1970	Student	14/02/2021
Nicholas (Miklos Szaszak) Agocs		Teacher	29/04/2021
Gary Alan Matthews	1947-49	Student	07/02/2021
Ian Campbell McKenzie (Canberra, ACT)	1940-42(Yrs 1-3)	Student	01/06/2021
Jillian Christine Thompson (nee Farr)	1952-56	Student	15/06/2021

Our sincere condolences also go out to the family of Moira Stokes, widow of former Headmaster J P Stokes, who was the founding father of the Perth Modern School Historical and Museum Society in 1973.



# PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

## Introducing Board Members

**Dr Robyn White**

**PMS Principal 2000-2010**

**Board Chair from November 2018**



My commitment and interest in advancing the knowledge and understanding of the history of the school commenced prior to my appointment to Perth Modern School. The early history of the school, its curriculum and leadership formed part of the research undertaken for my doctoral study. Once a member of the school community, I recognized the extensive volunteer work undertaken by the Perth Modernian Society and the Historical and Museum Committee. Since my retirement from the school, I have happily supported this work.

I have a clear focus in securing financial security that will preserve the history and the heritage of Perth Modern School for future generations and for the benefit of the wider community. I believe the skills honed in my professional capacity are transferable to those practiced in a volunteer context.

In my first full year as Chair of the Board of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated, our Board has strongly focussed on successfully operating the Museum and improving our financial stability in order to benefit school and community members. We hope to do so further in each year ahead.

**Sallie Davies**

**PMS student 1951-1955, staff 1961**

**Chair, Museum Standing Committee**

My involvement in developing, co-ordinating and managing a local government volunteer service and as a foundation Board member in the establishment of Volunteering WA and Volunteering Australia, provided me with many years of unique experience and understanding of issues associated with volunteer management requirements, including governance.



On retirement I became involved with the publication group led by historian David Black who was then Chair of the Sphinx Foundation. The book *Perth Modern School: the History and the Heritage* was published in 2005. My interest in the history of the School grew with this involvement and I realised the hidden treasures which needed to be preserved for future study

The establishment of the History Centre has highlighted the need for coordination of volunteer activities, fund development and stronger direct school liaison if this work is to be of service to the students, staff and wider community.

The Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated has become a registered charity. With adequate financial support and expertise, I believe the Board is poised to do what it can to ensure retention of the available Museum Archives, Displays, Heritage Trails and to support technological development to take it forward into the future.



## Sharon Williams

### PMS Parent-2014-2018



#### Hon Treasurer

I am an inaugural board member of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Board and also a Committee Member of the PMS Parent & Citizens Association (P & C) and parent of a Mod graduate who appreciates Perth Modern school's well defined role in public education. Mod is aptly referred to as the 'jewel in the crown' and is certainly a shining example of our public education system in Western Australia.

I am grateful to the many who ensured so much of Mod's history has been and continues to be conserved, preserved and shared with all. I will continue to assist and support the association's purpose, our volunteers and the school community in keeping the history (past, present and future) and heritage alive wherever I can.

## Lois Joll

### PMS Principal 2011-current

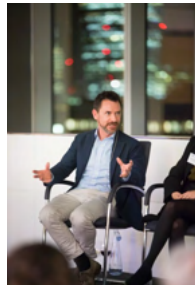
As Principal of Perth Modern School I am delighted to be a member of the Board of the Museum Association and to support its work. I am committed to ensuring that the rich history of the school is celebrated and continues to be valued. It is vital to ensure that the history is not lost. This can only be achieved through careful collection and archiving of material so that current and future generations of students and the broader community can access and be inspired by the educational achievements of the school and stories of Modernians past and present.

As a graduate of UWA with Honours in History and teacher of Australian History for more than 20 years I have always had a commitment to valuing the past whilst looking to the future. In working as Director of Secondary Education with leadership of Gifted Education I proposed and led the initiative to re-establish a fully select academic school in WA to meet the needs of gifted students. I proposed Perth Modern as the site rather than the building on a green-field site because of its significant history in that domain.



## Dr Alistair Paterson

### PMS Parent 2018-current



#### Interest and experience

I am an ARC Future Fellow in archaeology at the University of Western Australia. My research examines the historical archaeology of colonial coastal contact and settlement in Australia's Northwest and the Indian Ocean. My key interests are Western Australia and Indian Ocean history, Aboriginal Australia, Dutch East India Company, colonialism and exploration, rock art, and the history of collecting in Western Australia.

#### What I bring to Perth Modernian Society Museum Association

- Experience working with collections, archives and heritage
- Excellent contacts in the GLAM (Galleries, Library, Archives and Museum) sector
- Experience with data management and funding opportunities
- A commitment to institutional histories
- A desire to make a contribution to the School my daughters attend

## Jeffrey Lai

### PMS Parent 2019-current



I am delighted to be a member of the Board of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association. My son was very blessed to be admitted to PMS Year 7 in 2019 and I would like to contribute to the school community to further build on the school's legacy.

In my 30-year professional career, I have developed experience in strategic IT management. I am currently the CEO of Vortiv Ltd, an ASX-listed cloud and cyber security specialist. Prior to this, I have held numerous leadership positions for global strategy and technology consulting firms, including Managing Director of Accenture and Arthur D Little.

I hold a Bachelor of Engineering degree from the University of Melbourne and a Masters of Business Administration from INSEAD.

I can offer to the Museum Association:

- Board-level experience: I am able to contribute towards the board's strategic and governance roles, by drawing on my experience having served on the boards of listed, unlisted, not-for-profit organisations and schools, including the Board of the Perth Modern School.
- IT and technology knowledge: able to draw on my IT management experience to help the Museum Association upgrade and modernise its IT infrastructure cost effectively.
- Commercial skills: able to provide a commercial perspective to strengthen the financial independence of the Museum Association.

## Monica Brierley-Hay

### PMS Student 2007-11

I am a proud alumni of Perth Modern School graduating in 2011 as part of the first year of the academic selection program, having also been heavily involved in the music program. Whilst at Perth Modern, I benefitted not only from the quality of academic teaching, musical opportunities and strong community, but also as the recipient of the inaugural Daniel Girling Music Scholarship and the Tom Kent Music Scholarship. 10 years later, I am very grateful for the opportunity to be involved as a member of the Board of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association.



After graduating from Perth Modern, I studied classical voice at WAAPA for four years, graduating with a Bachelor of Music and a post graduate Diploma of Music. After my studies in music, I took a different direction, moving to post-graduate study in law at UWA. I graduated with a Juris Doctor in 2018, and worked as an Associate at the Federal Court of Australia the following year.

I have worked as a lawyer in commercial practice since 2020. Having recently begun my career in private practice, it has been wonderful to use my skills and studies to give back to the school community as a member of the Museum Association Board. I know that the school has such a rich history, and believe in the Association's aim to share this with the community and allow for alumni, relatives, current students and families to learn more about the strong heritage of the School.



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