



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY
MUSEUM ASSOCIATION
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2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT



The Museum opened to all visitors attending the 2021 Annual Reunion

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Museum Board Members met with Councillors on 2nd August to present the 2020-21 Annual Report

Introduction

Already our community is into its third year of this unique experience of living with the Covid virus. Unlike the previous year, the financial year 2021–2022 faced new challenges as Western Australia fully re-opened to the rest of Australia and the world. While welcomed by the intermittent travellers amongst our volunteers, the advent of isolation and illness has created new challenges for us all and for the continuity of the work in the museum. However, throughout the year, our dedicated team of volunteers continued to oversee the collection, preservation, conservation and displaying of elements of Perth Modern School's past and present. The Board of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association especially wishes to thank all of the volunteers and the Museum Committee for their focus and unrelenting commitment to the work of the museum.

Grants and Fundraising

The Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated 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 2021 implemented **cost-recovery policy** for services delivered to the wider community who seek information from our records has been utilised once in this financial year. This policy is not intended to restrict alumni and their families from accessing information, but is only invoked when members of the wider community request a quantity of public information or photographs of past students. A copy of this policy is available on www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au/museum

There may be others who do not wish to contribute at this uncertain time in 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.

Throughout 2021–2022 our volunteers have continued to submit grant applications – although fewer than in recent years.

- The initial **Department of Veterans’ Affairs** grant to develop a digital Honour Board was approved and completed (2021) so that this Honour Board has now been available for some time on the Perth Modern School website. A follow up application by Bob Johnson for a DVA grant to enable biographies to be added to this digital Honour Board was also approved. While Bob has worked assiduously to create these biographies it has been unfortunate that the IT developers have not completed their role. Until they do so, we cannot apply for further DVA grants and Bob’s comprehensive biographies are not available digitally.
- The **Community Grant** proposal for \$2000 through our previous local Federal member, Ms Celia Hammond, was approved in December 2021. This grant will fund digital scanners to enhance our ability to conserve copies of hard copy artefacts. Sharon Williams, Deb Beresford and I are now investigating the scanners used in other school museums before purchasing an appropriate scanner.

Projects Completed in 2021–2022

Throughout this year volunteers in the Museum have completed a variety of projects - whilst others are close to completion.

- An **additional Honour Board** in the Beasley building is in the process of being updated. The Honour Board celebrating alumni who lost their lives in Malaya and Vietnam is being updated as another name is to be added – again thank you to Bob Johnson for his research. With the Principal’s agreement, this Honour Board will be moved to join other Honour Boards in the Beasley building.
- Volunteers Peter Dillon and Loren White have vastly improved the display of science glassware in the Museum. This will be an ongoing project by these two volunteers as they review the **science displays** and assess the operations of some science equipment.
- The exciting **“Music At Mod”** publication is proceeding despite challenges through illness and interruptions. Roger Stubbs (writer and major researcher), Alison Woodman (editor and researcher) and Robyn White (researcher) are focussed on ensuring that this book becomes a reality – in print form as well as digital. Following last year’s reunion, Museum display and various music alumni contacts, the text is now comprehensive and almost complete. We are now accessing appropriate photographs etc. As an additional benefit, the combined research has given us further data about the post-school activities of over 800 alumni.
- Over the year, the Museum volunteers were able to support and provide information to families researching members who had attended the school. This is most rewarding work as the Museum inevitably learns more about our alumni through this communication.

Communication and Collaboration

The Perth Modernian Society Museum Association acknowledges that our Museum is part of a wider community of both alumni and local community. As such, we continue to welcome connection to organisations and individuals with a similar focus.

- The Museum has maintained its membership of the **Australian Museums and Galleries Association (AMaGA)**. We are currently in the process of updating our digital presence on the Collections WA website.
- We have continued our connection with the **Kentian Society** (alumni from Kent Street Senior High School) and have also discussed (and hosted) alumni from **John**

Curtin College of the Arts interested in our publications relating to school history as well as the museum.

- In addition, members of the Museum Association and Museum Committee have visited the archivist at **PLC** and are soon to visit **Newman College**.
- Bob Johnson’s research on military history continues to create connections to our Museum. The **UWA Historical Society, RSL Clubs** and also the **National Military Museum**.

Governance and Compliance

In the 2021-22 year, the Board of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Inc, included:

Dr Robyn White	Chair
Mrs Sharon Williams	Hon Treasurer
Mrs Sallie Davies	Hon Secretary (July 1 – December 31)
Ms Monica Brierley-Hay	Hon Secretary (January 1 – June 30)
Mr Jeff Lai	Board member
Professor Alistair Paterson	Board member
Ms Lois Joll	Approved leave of absence from February 2022
Ms Nicola Reilly	Deputy Principal, Perth Modern School: ex officio
Mr Julian Grill	President, Perth Modernian Society: ex officio

Throughout this year, the Board again met eight times (twice in each term) and all meetings were available through Microsoft Teams as well as face-to-face. Consequently most of the challenges presented by Covid-19 were overcome.

Over the course of this year, BAS statements have been submitted quarterly to the ATO. Following the 2020-21 AGM, the Annual Information Statement required by Consumer Protection (WA) and the ACNC was uploaded in September 2021.

Sallie Davies

You will see that the Hon Secretary of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Inc. changed at the end of 2021. Sallie Davies’ quiet retirement from all executive positions relating to the Perth Modernian Society and the Museum, signals the loss of an energetic and passionate supporter, leader, organiser and founder of the actual museum and then the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated and its tax deductible gift fund. It was Sallie’s foresight and incomparable energy that brought these entities to fruition.

Sallie came to the Sphinx Foundation and museum following her retirement from many years of volunteer leading, organising, managing and coordinating with Volunteering WA and Volunteering Australia. Sallie was a foundation Board member in the establishment of both Volunteering WA and Volunteering Australia, refining her understanding of governance.

In becoming involved with the alumni organisation, Sallie initially worked with the publication group led by historian David Black who was then the Chair of the Sphinx Foundation. Sallie edited the book *Perth Modern School: the History and the Heritage* published in 2005 – the first published history of Perth Modern School.

The work with the book led Sallie towards greater involvement in the alumni organisations as her interest in the history and stories associated with the school and its community grew. She also recognised the need to coordinate volunteer activities – a need further highlighted

with the establishment of the History Centre (now the Museum). As well as the coordination of volunteer activities, Sallie saw the need for fund development and stronger direct school liaison so that the work in the History Centre would be of service to the students, staff and wider community.

Since the 2010 establishing of the History Centre, Sallie has gently led alumni volunteers and the alumni organisations towards these goals. In working with volunteers, Sallie added appropriate processes and policies to ensure that the History Centre became a well co-ordinated centre for collecting, preserving, displaying and researching alumni information. At the same time, the group of active volunteers increased so that the activities achieved in the History Centre expanded to reflect and establish a museum at the School in 2010. By 2017, with the Perth Modernian Society and Sphinx Foundation, Sallie's vision for the History Centre was clarified and in 2018 the new Constitution for the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated was approved. With her eye on governance, Sallie ensured that Incorporation and then Charitable status were in place. With the support of an Interim Board, the provision of tax deductibility for donations became a reality by 2019. All of these achievements are primarily the outcome of the determined leadership and persistence of Sallie Davies.

Sallie's own research plus her collaboration with Ian Jarvis in developing the digital JED (Jarvis ex-Mod data-base) has enabled many alumni and their families to more easily unearth connections otherwise lost. Her voracious collection of stories and information about alumni, then adding these to the data-base, has expanded our understanding of alumni post school activities and successes.

Fortunately for our whole community, Sallie's retirement from executive positions does not mean her total departure from our alumni organisations. Sallie has remote access to JED and has been ferocious in updating information when not able to visit the museum. The multitude of information about music alumni has been entered throughout the past year in addition to further data uncovered via visitors, publicly available publications and, phone calls and other contacts.

We are all indebted to Sallie for her leadership and foresight over many years – and while sad to see her leave executive positions, we are relieved that she will continue to provide incredible service to our volunteers and wider community. We are also relieved that she will continue to communicate and visit the museum and volunteers to enable us to share in her vision and learn from her knowledge of all things Perth Mod.

Thank you

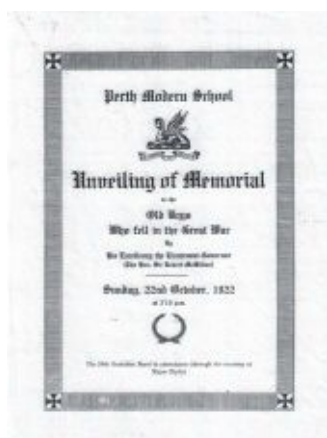
In these challenging years especially, the value of shared commitment and shared goals has been reinforced. Our Museum Association relies on being a part of the wider community and especially the wider school community. Consequently the ongoing support by our school principal has been vital. The nomination of Ms Nikki Reilly (Deputy Principal) as the school nominee on the Board has been helpful to ensure that we work collaboratively and effectively. Similarly, the Perth Modernian Society and their President Julian Grill have continued to be active in supporting the Museum Association.

And finally, thank you to our Board members and volunteers who continue to give of their time freely. Our parent Board members Jeff Lai and Alistair Paterson provide the Board with specific expertise. Our alumna Monica Brierley-Hay has provided us with her legal expertise

as well as her passion as an alumnus. Mrs Sharon Williams is a dynamo who works tirelessly as our Treasurer and as an energetic volunteer.

And thank you to our many volunteers. Deb Beresford our Hon Archivist and Dierdre Owen. Gay Albillos, Frank Hedges and Jim Davies who maintain the Burvill files, Peter Dillon and Loren White who oversight the science collection, Wendy McCallum and Jill Lucas who enter further data into JED, Roger Stubbs who researches and is writing the Music at Mod publication, Alison Woodman who catalogues photographs and researches and edits for the Music at Mod book, Sharon Williams who oversees displays and our Facebook presence (with support from Rebecca Guy), Ian Hunt and Ed Lazarus who maintain our IT connectivity and Bob Johnson, our military historian extraordinaire. We have been pleased to welcome new volunteers Ian Hunt and Rebecca Guy. We are incredibly fortunate to be enjoying the friendships, skills and understandings of such generous people.

Robyn White
Chair



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PMS CENOTAPH CENTENARY

Dedication of the War Memorial and Honour Board
took place 100 years ago on Sunday 22 October 1922

A small recognition event is in the planning stages for Saturday 22 October 2022. You are asked to please register your name and contact details if you are interested in receiving further information relating to these plans. You may register via email to: museum@perthmoderniansociety.org.au

Museum will be open for Reunion Visitors 12.30pm, 11 September 2022



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Financial Report 2021-22
Sharon Williams, Hon Treasurer

Financial Report as at 30 June 2022
Cash Receipts and Payments for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

<u>Cash Receipts</u>	\$
Donations from former students/parents	35,990.00
Entertainment book commission	66.00
Interest	113.60
Grant - DVA Digital Honour Board Stage 2 – Jan 21	-
Grant - Volunteer 2021	2,000.00
ATO - refund of GST	508.00
Fundraising - Jewellery Sales	200.00
Other	431.25
<u>Total Cash Receipts</u>	39,308.85
<u>Cash Payments</u>	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	748.66
IT Software, licenses, Upgrade & AMaGA Membership	1,136.00
Training & Admin Costs – MOSAiC	1,208.12
Grant - DVA Digital Honour Board Stage 2 – Jan 21	1,540.00
Grant - Volunteer 2021	-
Museum Heritage Consultant	1,100.00
Bank Fees	92.11
Alumni Related Events	2,061.56
<u>Total Cash Payments</u>	7,886.45
<u>Surplus</u>	<u>31,422.40</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2022

Current Assets

Bankwest operating account	57,980.84
Bankwest term deposit account	20,000.00
Total Assets	77,980.84
Liabilities	-
Net Assets	77,980.84

Members' Funds

Opening balance as at 1 July 2021	46,558.44
Add surplus for the period	31,422.40
Closing balance as at 30 June 2022 (PMSMA Accounts)	77,980.84

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 \$500,000. The financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the (PMSMA) as at 30 June 2022. 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 2021/2022 financial year was the third full financial year of the Association and included a successful grant application and our third fundraising campaign in May/June of 2022.



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2021-2022 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 Barrie Baker	Dr Philip Jennings	Dr Barry Saker
Dr Neil Bardsley	Keith Kessell	Dr June Stephenson
Peter Blaxell	Dr Christine Lawson-Smith	Mr John Stone
Mrs Jennifer Carrick	Mrs Wendy McCallum	Mr W. L Turnbull
Mr James H Davies (Jim)	Mrs Ruth Mickelson	Dr Robyn White
The Estate of Malcolm J Evans	Ms Glenice Munro	Hon Daryl Williams AM QC
Dr Irene Froyland	Mrs Margaret Pinchback	Mrs Sharon Williams
Hon Julian Grill	Mrs Margaret Puzey	Mr Andre Winarto
	Ms Joan Robins	Edna Youngman



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MUSEUM COMMITTEE REPORT Museum Volunteers at Work

Overview

The Museum Standing Committee has continued to work in accordance with the requirements as set out on the updated 2022-24 Forward Plan reviewed and adjusted by this Committee and approved by the Board at the February 2022 meeting.

Impact of Covid-19

Throughout the past year, the Museum (History Centre) has continued to operate in accordance with State and Federal Government requirements. Fortunately in Western Australia, there have been few absolute lockdowns. However there have been a number of weeks where our volunteers have had access to the Museum (on the school site) but visitors have been excluded. Throughout this year, all scheduled meetings have taken place, Board meetings have been available via Microsoft Teams as well as in person and volunteers have continued to meet student and staff requests through personal and online communication.

2021 Annual Reunion

The Annual Reunion on 11th September 2021 coincided with the official opening of the new auditorium on the school site. Throughout the day – both prior to the High Tea and after the Concert, the Museum was opened for visitors. It was particularly pleasing to receive so many new people visiting the Museum on the day.

Included with the new range of Reunion activities was a social evening following the auditorium opening and student concert. This evening event focussed on attracting alumni who attended the school between the 1970s and 2010 and especially those who participated in the specialist music program. The evening was successful in identifying and communicating with a number of alumni who were able to add information to those researching the “Music at Mod” book while also increasing the visibility and membership of the Perth Modernian Society and Museum Association amongst this group.

Ongoing Volunteer Projects

IT Delivery

A massive thank you to Ed Lazarus for his ongoing co-ordination and support in ensuring continuity so that the remote accessibility, connectivity and technical requirements for the Museum volunteers to update the JED data-base and Mosaic cataloguing systems has remained uninterrupted.

Archives

These are curated by Hon Archivist Deborah Beresford who is ably assisted by Deirdre Owen. Recently donated artefacts are properly catalogued and then stored appropriately. The majority of catalogue entries in the Mosaic system, have been entered by Deb Beresford.

Photographs and Displays

The digitisation and cataloguing of photographs by Alison Woodman is continuing. This makes it increasingly possible to identify items for displays prepared by Sharon Williams and others, without damaging other photographs.

Science Collection

Volunteer Peter Dillon continues to oversee the Science Collection and build on the work previously commenced by Alan Porter. Peter developed a three-point plan to streamline the Science Collection and Identify and catalogue further items in the collection. As well as the relevance of his science background, Peter's photographic skills have already been utilised across the Museum and for the Perth Modernian Society newsletter.

Peter has been joined by Loren White and together they have already reorganised the display of new glass apparatus.



Peter and Loren stand by their refurbishment of the shelving to highlight some of the apparatus which forms part of the Museum's Science Collection

War Service and Honour Boards

Bob Johnson has continued with his focus on military history and identified another alumnus not recorded by the original Malaya and Vietnam Honour Board. With the permission of the Principal a new Honour Board to be located with others in the Beasley building, has now been commissioned.

Bob Johnson continues to work with the school website contractors so that biographies can be uploaded to the digital Honour Board appearing on the School website.

22nd October 2022 is the centenary of the unveiling of the School's cenotaph and World War I Honour Board. With the school, the Museum Committee and Board will be conducting a ceremony to celebrate this date.

Data Entry

This is a never-ending task and Wendy McCallum and Jill Lucas are a very focussed team. Meanwhile, Sallie Davies is seven days a week, absolutely committed to improving the data held by the JED data-base – so that her knowledge of people and stories is unsurpassed. Robyn White is also able to enter data.

George Burvill Biographical Index

The old Pound Cupboard in the Museum houses a multitude of files consisting of the George Burvill Biographical Index. Here hard copy information (newspaper articles, letters, email copies, documents) is filed under alumnus names through the efforts of Gay Albillos, Jim Davies and Frank Hedges.



Jim and Frank sort the hard copy biographical information for filing in the George Burvill Index. [It is appropriate that these files are stored in the old Pound Cupboard which carries signatures of students dating back as far as 1921, possibly earlier]

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

Throughout the past eighteen months, research and writing has been undertaken for the history of the specialist Music program at Perth Modern School (through the years 1968 – 2010). This extensive task has been well supported by alumnus with numerous artefacts and stories provided. The Publications Committee looks forward to print and digital publications in 2023.

Heritage Trail

P&C picnic Heritage Trail Tours are conducted by volunteer student guides trained by Perth Modern School teacher Thalia Coles. This Trail was created by Museum volunteer (led by Sallie Davies) following research into various locations around the school.

Scanner access

In December 2021, it was announced that the Museum Association had been successful in securing a Federal Community Grant of \$2000 for the purpose of buying digital scanners. Repeatedly searching print artefacts for research purposes may damage more fragile artefacts. Through digitising their information, original artefacts are protected although their data may be accessed repeatedly. Deborah Beresford, Sharon Williams and Robyn White are now visiting other small museums to identify current best practice with regard to digital scanning.

Museum visitors and dates

2021

The Museum opened to the public each Monday morning during term time and/or by appointment, subject to the availability of Museum Committee Volunteers.

Thursday 5th August Mosaic training for seven volunteers
11th September Reunion, Museum opened before and after the concert
Francisco Ferrer bust donated by parent Mr Peter Carleton



21 September Celia Hammond visits
14th October Volunteers visit the Battye library with Christina (Albillos)
21 October Rebecca Guy visit
29th October Working party reviewing museum IT met
1 November Richard Diggins visits the Museum (previous Mayor, RSL etc)
22 November PMSoc Council meeting
30 November Met Lorraine Clarke following volunteer morning tea
Check on digitisation of the Sphinx magazines
6th December Met Nina from Westnet Imaging re: digitisation costs
13th December End of year celebration and clean up

2022

16th February Peter Kennedy, Journalist, met in the Museum (for obit & Mum)
24 February Ed Lazarus and Ian Hunt met to review IT
14 March PMSoc Council meeting
9 May Georgina Pritchard visited the museum
9th May PMSoc Council meeting
21 May Met with Robert Chasland
20 June Minna George asking about artist and teacher Mildred Kimber

VALE

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

NAME	Years at PMS	PMS Relationship	Deceased
Dallas E Ellis (nee Symes), Victoria	1954-55	Student	25/04/2021
Lorraine Bindloss Clifton (nee Thomas)	1951-53	Student	29/05/2021
Dr Sam Birman	1953-54	Student	07/07/2021
Elsa Elizabeth Todd (nee Chambers)	1953-54	Student	04/08/2021
Barbara Lynn Buchler (nee Halnan), NSW	1954-58	Student	20/08/2021
Neil Baxter Watson	1953-54	Student	20/08/2021
Gerald (Gerry) Hargrave Cohen	1949-53	Student	26/08/2021
John Desmond Galatis	1957-61	Student	10/05/2021
Clarke Anthony Browne	1954-58	Student	01/09/2021
Graham (Crockie) Crockford	1955-59	Student	11/09/2021
Delphi Kent (nee Carmichael)	1948-49 (Yrs 1,2)	Student	19/09/2021
Rodney David Phillips	1948-52	Student	23/09/2021
Margaret Joan Gratte (nee Harris)	1947-51	Student	28/09/2021
Wilfred Robert (Bob) Paget	1955-59	Student	28/07/2021
Leslie (Les) Cohen	1940-44	Student	21/06/2021
Trevor Walter Mills	1949	Student	28/11/2021
Roy Graham Bennett	1948-52	School Prefect	29/11/2021
Reuben Peter Neeson	2005-09	Student	01/12/2021
Joan Kathleen Garstone (nee Lilly),	1955-56	student	01/01/2022
Gavin Raymond Maxwell	1954-56	Student	16/01/2022
Major General Ronals (Ron) Alwyn Grey AO DSO	1943-47	Student	20/01/2022
Pamela Rosalind (nee Brain) Bednall	1944-45	Student	23/01/2022
Peter Abraham Smetana,	1950-51 (4/5)	Student	12/02/2022
Sylvia Mary Watson (nee Harley)	1949-53	Student	23/10/2020
Dr Victor Thomson White AM	1941-42	Student	01/08/2021
Victor Vlahos	1966-68	Student	22/02/2022
Peter Graham Flavel	1950-54	Student	26/02/2022
Dr Denese Elizabeth Playford	1978-82	Student	15/03/2022
Valma Rose (Val) Huck (nee Williams)	1945-49	Student	16/03/2022
Dorothy May Quinn (nee Grantham) - aged 99	1935-39	Student	16/03/2022
James Arnold (Jim) Leslie	1948-52	Student	26/03/2022
Neil Alfred Hammer	1953-54	Student	26/03/2022
Margaret Warren (nee Spencer)	1943-47	School Prefect	01/01/2022
Lois Courtney Fraser (nee Shiner)	1946-50	School Prefect	16/02/2021
Neville Broun Wilding	1953-57	Teacher	02/05/2022
Adrienne Walker (nee Sinclair)	1950-54	Student	19/05/2022
Vincent Monterosso	1971-75	Student	21/05/2022
Penelope (Penny) Acott (nee Brockwell)	1988-91	Student	29/05/2022
Ildiko (Ildy) Button (nee Jaworsky)	1953-54	Student	11/06/2022
Dudley Irwin Gabriel	1948-49	Student	12/07/2022
Margaret (Meg) Louise Bullock (nee James)	1952-56	Student	25/05/2022
Roberta (Bobbie) O'Sullivan	1972-74	Teacher Social Studies	27/07/2022
Geoffrey Robert (Bob) Appleyard, London, UK	1952-56	Student	21/07/2022
Jocelyn Jennifer Davis (nee Mony de Kerloy), Victoria	1935-39	Student	2020
Emmanuel (Lucky) Valaris	1957-58 (yrs 4,5)	Student	10/05/2018
Diane Lee Hunter	1957-58	Student	11/08/2020
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
Gwynneth Doris (Gwynne, Judy) Roberts (nee Parks)	1938-42	School Prefect	27/06/2021
	1946, 1970-79	Teacher, H Ec, Library	
Sr Judith Anne Berkeley Fitzhardinge	1937-38	School Prefect	09/07/2021
Dr Howard Watts	1952-56	Student	29/07/2021
Alfred John Leslie	1953-57	Student	07/08/2021
Brian John Croker	1946-48 (Yrs 1-3)	Student	08/08/2021
Edward (Ted) Aaron Zeffert - aged 99	1936-38 (Yrs 1-3)	Student	10/08/2021



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Introducing Board Members

Dr Robyn White

PMS Principal 2000-2010

Board Chair from November 2018 - Current



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.

Sharon Williams

PMS Parent-2014-2018

Hon Treasurer 2018-Current

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 2011-2021 Granted leave of absence

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.

Sallie Davies

PMS student 1951-1955, staff 1961

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.



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