



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY



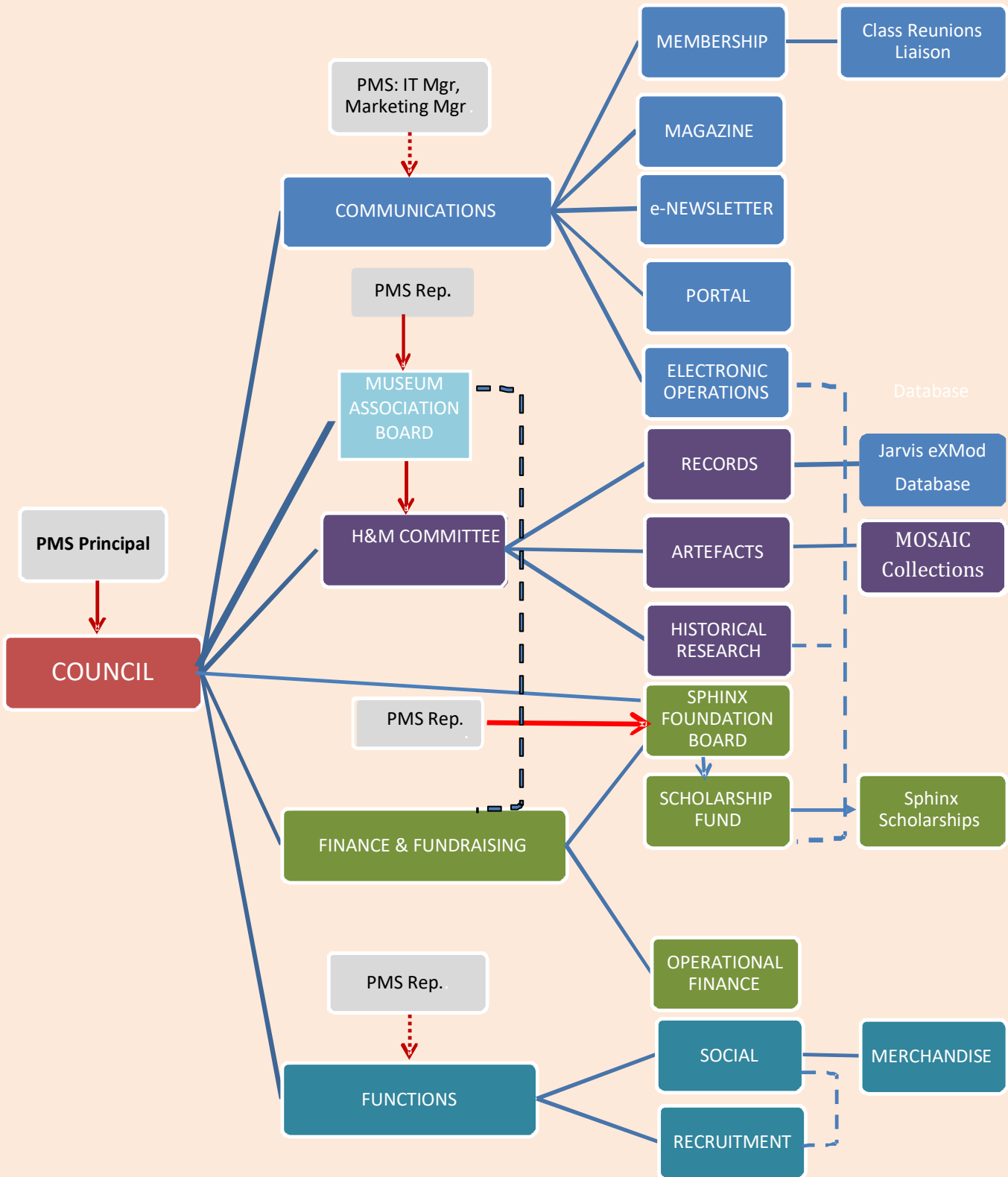
# Annual Report 2020





PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

## ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE SOCIETY





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## ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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The **primary object** of the Perth Modernian Society (Inc) is the advancement of education for the benefit of the community as a whole. In undertaking the primary object this Society of former staff and students (alumni) must have regard to the educational principles and practices of Perth Modern School from its inception to the present and which may guide the School in the future.

### Vision

To be a vibrant, respected and valued alumni organisation that values inclusiveness, educational excellence and collegiality.

### Mission

To provide opportunities to connect Modernians; preserve history and traditions of Perth Modern School; and to support and encourage current students and staff to achieve their personal best.

### Values

Modernians share the core values of Perth Modern School in addition to ensuring inclusiveness and relevance for past, present and future members of the Perth Modernian Society.



## PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

### 2020 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### Overview of 2020 activities

I am pleased to report, that despite Covid 19, the activities and normal operations of the Society have carried on by the Council with the normal professionalism. But I should warn that the Society may be facing a difficult period of transition due to historical factors beyond our control. Apart from the instance mentioned below, there has been little recruitment of new members from the cohorts since 1969. This has had adverse effects on the Society's attraction of new Councillors and the Society's finance trajectory. This has been further exacerbated by the loss of parking income after Australian Rules moved its main WA venue from Subiaco to Optus Stadium. Thus, we are challenged on two fronts. Stalwarts like Sallie Davies, Peter Farr, Barrie Baker, Eve Broadley, and Deborah Beresford continue to play dedicated and expert roles but we will have a future challenge with membership, finance and councillor enlistment. On the positive side, we have recently been blessed with a stream of new members from recent Modern School graduates. This enlistment has been largely encouraged by Principal Lois Joll and school staff. But history shows that such recruits shall not be active member for some years to come. In the interim, the new Multi-Purpose Auditorium should prove an attraction for former music students. Kate Lewis's presence on the Council will be the beginning of a new recruiting effort amongst this important group.

#### Governance and Compliance

Since the 2020 AGM (held 19 October 2020), the Council comprised Hon. Julian Grill, (President), Lois Joll Ex-Officio (Principal), Dr Robyn White (Vice-President.), Kate Lewis (Vice-President), Peter Farr, Barrie Baker, Eve Broadley (Hon. Treasurer), Deborah Beresford (Hon. Secretary), Barbara Mallett, Ruth Barrett and Ed Lazarus. I sincerely thank all Councillors for their dedicated efforts. I also record with appreciation that most of these people have served long periods on the Council. Councillors' profiles may be found on pages 27-33 of this Report.

Peter Farr has represented the Society on the PMS Board and has provided the Committee with information about the School's activities, as has Lois Joll (Principal), who attends Council meetings.

The Society's Incorporated Association's registration number (IARN) is A1004735K.

Under the Western Australian Associations Incorporation Act (2015) there is a requirement to submit an annual Information Statement to Consumer Protection, and this was done after the Society's 2020 AGM.

#### Strategic Plan 2020-2025

The inaugural Perth Modernian Society Strategic Plan for 2014-2017 was developed to secure a sustainable future for the Society, and particularly to ensure it stays as a relevant member-focused organisation. As a marketing and PR tool the compact-size made it easy to hand over copies of the Strategic Plan to our Members and other interested persons and organisations.

Of course, 2020 was a very sobering and unprecedented situation in which to be attempting to produce a credible 5-year Strategic Plan for our Society but, nevertheless, the task is now done to the best of the Council's ability. The revised Plan launched at the 2020 Annual Reunion centres around eight inter-related Key Focus Areas, the most pressing of which are: Maintenance and growth of the Society's membership; and Provision to members of relevant and attractive benefits and services.



### Multi-Purpose Auditorium Appeal

Many Modernians again contributed financially in 2020 towards the new auditorium. The Cyril Tyler Auditorium will be a huge asset for Perth Mod and the wider community when it opens in September 2021. The ability of a public school to successively fund a state-of-the-art sports centre and multi-purpose auditorium in a 10-year period is a remarkable testimony to the strength and reputation of PMS.

### Perth Modernian Society Awards in 2020

At the Modernians Annual Reunion and concert in September 2020, **Dr Ken Michael** AC CitWA was honoured by the Perth Modernian Society for distinguished service to the advancement of education at Perth Modern School and services to the wider community when President Julian Grill conferred on him the title of **Modernian Fellow**.



*Dr Ken Michael AC CitWA*

Three other Modernians were recognised for their distinguished service to the advancement of education at Perth Modern School: **Moderna Scola** Awards were conferred on former teacher **Roger Stubbs** AM and current music teachers **Anne Celia Christmass** and **Neil Coy**. Their names have been added respectively to the Modernian Fellow Board in the McCusker Room and the Moderna Scola Board in the History Centre.



*Photo: Roger Stubbs AM*



*Photo: Celia Christmass*



*Photo: Neil Coy*

### Collaboration and Premises

The Society is very fortunate to have an Archive Room in the Parsons Building, and as well the History Centre. The advent of the Cyril Tyler Auditorium later in 2021 will likely give added prominence to the History Centre.

The Society once again worked cooperatively with the School administration, the P&C Association and the School Board. As an Independent Public School (IPS), Perth Modern School has a school board comprising the Principal, parents, staff and members of the general community. Modernian Fellow and former School Patron Dr Ken Michael AC CitWa remained Chair of the board during 2020. Since its inception, the Society has been invited to nominate one of the board's community members, a role again filled in 2020 by Peter Farr – and who also served as Deputy Chair.

### Keeping in Touch Communications

- Perth Modernian Society portal: [www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au](http://www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au)
- e-Newsletter, sent quarterly to over 1,800 members (all issues are available on the website)
- eVent Notices
- The Perth Modernian Society Facebook Page (426 members)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/143154475697422/>

The 2019 Annual Report was distributed in hard copy at the **25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting** and is also available on our website.

Our Guest Speaker at the (COVID-19 delayed) 2020 AGM on 19 October 2020 was **Ms Jordan Bishop**, Audiologist, Community Coordinator, Ear Science Research Institute, and she gave an informative talk (followed by many questions) on the topic: *'Let's talk hearing: How we are educating on, treating and researching hearing loss'*.



Photo: Jordan Bishop

### Perth Modernian Society Annual Oration

The tenth Perth Modernian Society Annual Oration was presented in Nov. 2020 to an enthusiastic School audience and guests by **Professor Gary Martin**, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Institute of Management WA on the topic *'What Employers Really Want'*. Prof. Martin contrasted what employers say they want with what in fact they are looking for – such as a greater level of Emotional Intelligence, combined with 'Humbition' (Humility + Ambition), and employees who can use technology constructively. He concluded with useful guidance on effective networking and warnings about social media footprints. He answered questions and later joined students and guests for morning tea in the refectory.



Photo: Professor Gary Martin

### Reunions

Numbers at the Annual Reunion in Sept. 2020 were diminished due to ongoing concerns members had about the COVID-19 pandemic, and the latter also caused the cancellation or postponement of several class reunions that had been planned in 2020. Thanks go to the people who organised class reunions, and those who kept our Facebook page humming.

### Perth Modernian Society Museum Association

The Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated provides funding to advance heritage, culture and education through funding the operations of the Perth Modern School Museum. Perth Mod is unique amongst public schools in WA in having such extensive data bases, collections of artefacts, and more particularly that the Museum is integrated into the School's curriculum and thereby ex-students/staff, and traditions are kept alive and relevant in the minds of today's students. By respecting those who went before us and supporting those who follow, we acknowledge the great and special privilege of receiving a secondary education at Perth Modern School.

The Council is thankful for the dedication of the volunteers who contributed numerous hours to the **History Centre and Archives** over the year. Also during 2020, the Council was pleased to appoint young lawyer and Modernian **Monica Brierley-Hay** (at Mod 2007-2011) to the Museum Association Board.

The Perth Modernian Society Museum Association successfully launched its inaugural appeal for donations in May 2020, and despite COVID-19's serious impact on the economy, the appeal was very successful indeed, all donations being tax-deductible.



Photo: Monica Brierley-Hay

Despite the COVID-caused interruptions, in 2020 Museum volunteers energetically focused on conserving and preserving artefacts, and maintaining student records. The physical and digital evidence of that work was made possible through funding from donations and grants totaling \$13,000 from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Lotterywest, and through a Federal Community Volunteers Grant. As a result, the Museum Association was able to:

- Update computer equipment used to maintain and extend the alumni digital data-base.
- Appoint a paid Coordinator to support the Museum volunteer activities.
- Follow up on the successful refurbishing in 2019 of the iconic WWI War Memorial (photo right) and WWII seat, by:
  - In 2020 by updating the Honour Boards in the Beasley Building with new Boards identifying alumni previously omitted;
  - Creating a digital Honour Board of WWI and WWII which will identifies the alumni who served in overseas military conflicts, and is now available on the school website at: <https://honour.perthmodern.wa.edu.au>



These projects reflect the extensive amount of conservation and research being carried out by Museum volunteers.

### Membership Trends

The Society launched its Strategic Plan 2020-2025 at the 2020 Annual Reunion. Two of the eight Key Focus Areas are the need to expand membership - especially in the post-scholarship era cohorts, and to entice more members to volunteer their services so that the workload can be spread better and so that more can be achieved where gaps have been identified.

Some progress is evident in the past few years due to the increasing encouragement of new graduates to join up. The Council was delighted that over 40 members of the 2020 graduating class took out contributing membership of the Society.

The Council resolved in 2020 to change over to an annual (financial) member ship renewal program, and following significant changes to the membership data base program in 2020, this commenced being put in place in January 2021. Since the annual billing system has been implemented, 100 current and new member renewals have been recorded. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to entice older members to renew their subscriptions once their membership lapses.

New graduates are the most important source of new Contributing Members, and we need to focus on encouraging and engaging with current students in their final year, otherwise the financial viability of the Society will be at risk.

The current membership statistics are as follows:

Original Contributing Members	Paid \$100 for life membership	388
Contributing 4-year members	Paid \$120 for 4 years	377
Contributing Annual members	Paid \$40 per annum	101
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>866</b>
Registered members	No payment required	3,124

### Finances

The Financial Statements for the Society have been prepared by the Hon. Treasurer Eve Broadley and can be found on pages 10-14.

External audits were not commissioned for the Society for the 2020 Financial Year.

### Income and Expenditure – Perth Modernian Society (Inc.)

In 2020, Income amounted to \$11,422.00

#### Notes:

- Subscriptions income was \$6,678.00
- The main recurrent cost items comprised: Newsletters; Printing, Stationery & Postage; IT, Communications and Website Hosting; Insurance, Trophies (i.e. Honours Awards).
- Net function cash inflows amounted to \$260.00 after payment of a donation to the Music Department of \$1,000 as thanks for staging a memorable concert for Annual Reunion attendees.

### Sphinx Foundation Inc.

The Sphinx Foundation Inc. is an integral part of the Perth Modernian Society (Inc) run by a Board of five Directors, with representation also from the School's Vice Principal Val Furphy. It is regulated by the ACNC. The external audit of the Sphinx Scholarship Fund for FY 2019/2020 was completed without hitch on 20 November 2020, and the AGM followed on 8 Dec 2020.

The Council is thankful for the dedicated efforts of the Chairman and Directors of the Sphinx Foundation Inc. (refer below and separate report on pages 10-14).

### Sphinx Foundation Scholarships

The Sphinx Scholarship Fund commenced in 2009 and its scope has grown steadily, but in 2020 the Board had to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic's adverse impact on investment values and earnings. The Council sincerely thanks the 50 donors to the Sphinx Scholarship Fund in 2020, who collectively contributed \$133,000.



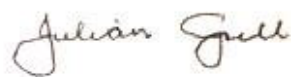
The Sphinx Foundation continues to provide valuable scholarships and bursaries awarded to PMS students, and in February 2020 provided a valuable helping hand via Scholarships and Bursaries to 90 needy and worthy students in a wide range of categories. This included awards to a record number of **43** Year 10 students. The value of all the awards was \$94,000 which will undoubtedly considerably assist these very talented students – some pictured below – to achieve their academic best. New awards made possible in 2020 were: **The Hunt Family Politics & Law Scholarship**, three **Dr Philip E. Best Science Bursaries**, and four **Malka Equity Scholarships** (Year 7 (1) and Senior School (3)).



### Conclusion

I sincerely thank on all members' behalf, the Society's Councillors, the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated Board and Museum volunteers, the Sphinx Foundation Board, many other volunteers, and special contributors for the enormous amount of work and goodwill that they put in to so many projects despite the unique difficulties that COVID-19 imposed during 2020.

By respecting those who went before us and supporting those who follow, we acknowledge the great and special privilege of our education at Perth Mod.



**Hon. Julian Grill**

**President**

28 May 2021

### *2020 Reunion Concert*



**PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC)  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
ABN 26 086 852 570**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING METHOD**

This is not a general purpose financial report. It is a special purpose report prepared for the members of the Society to enable compliance with requirements of the Corporation Act and the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936.

**NOTE 1**

Included in the subscriptions, were 2018 graduates (\$2,640) and the 2019 graduates (\$3,360) due to both being paid in the 2019-20 financial year.

**NOTE 2**

The substantial increase in computer and communication costs were due to the retirement due to ill-health of Ian Jarvis. Considerable outside work was undertaken to upgrade the computer systems.

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**Prepared by Eve Broadley, Hon. Treasurer**

**PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC)**

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Bank	20,433	22,729
Sundry Debtors		0
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>20,433</u></b>	<b>22,729</b>
Liabilities	80	0
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>20,353</b>	<b>22,729</b>
<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	<b>20,353</b>	<b>22,729</b>

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Functions	4,615	5,270
Interest	129	495
Subscriptions	6,678	3,680
Sale merchandise	0	0
Donations	0	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>11,422</b>	<b>9,445</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Donations	1,000	1,000
Function catering and labour	3,160	4,075
Function equipment hire	195	251
Function other	0	0
Silver badges	550	0
Newsletter printing and editorial	355	1,839
Printing, stationery and postage	544	369
Contribution to Museum Association	0	2000
Computer & communication costs	6,735	2,738
Insurance	870	847
Trophies	389	408
Computer hardware		0
Sundry		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>13,798</b>	<b>13,527</b>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)</b>	<b>-2,376</b>	<b>-4,082</b>

# **CASH FLOWS FROM FUNCTION ACTIVITIES 2020**

	2020	2019
Receipts from function activities	4,615	5,600
Payment to suppliers	-3,355	-4,325
<b>Net function cash inflows</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1275</b>

# **CASH FLOWS FROM OTHER OPERATING ACTIVITIES 2020**

	2020	2019
Sundry debtors (2017)	0	0
c/fwd liabilities (2017)		0
Receipts from members	6,678	3,680
Payments to suppliers	-9,443	-6,202
Donation received	0	0
Donation made	-1,000	-1000
Interest received	129	495
Sale of merchandise and other	0	0
Contribution to Museum Assoc	0	-2000
Refund book sales to Sphinx Found.	0	0
Refund donation to H&M	0	-330
Refund book sales to school	0	0
Football parking from school	0	0
Other Fighting Fund expenses	0	0
<b>Net operating cash inflows</b>	<b>-3,636</b>	<b>-5357</b>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held	-2,376	-4,082
Cash at beginning of year	22,729	26,811
<b>Cash at end of year</b>	<b>20,353</b>	<b>22,729</b>



**PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY**

**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

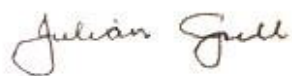
The Council has determined that the Society is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in the Notes to the financial report.

In the opinion of the Council the financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Perth Modernian Society (Inc). as at 31 December 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Perth Modernian Society (Inc) will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Council and is signed for and on behalf of the Council by:

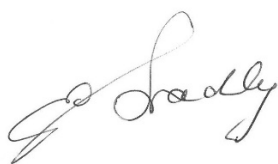
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PRESIDENT

JULIAN GRILL

DATE: 28 May 2021



TREASURER

EVE BROADLEY

DATE: 28 May 2021



SPHINX FOUNDATION INC.

## ANNUAL REPORT 2020

### Introduction

As recorded below, the Foundation had another successful year despite the School, along with the whole of society having to adjust to operating in the COVID-19 pandemic. In late 2019 the Foundation succeeded in negotiating with the Malka Foundation to receive \$20,000 per year for the next three years toward scholarships/bursaries for needy students, and to be the channel for \$15,000 to fund Mannkal leadership and entrepreneurial programmes for PMS students. PMS is the only public school in Australia to receive this funding. The Board was pleased that the 2020 Annual Appeal launched in May 2020 brought in almost \$25,000 even though the whole economy was entirely affected by the COVID-19 virus.

### Governance and Compliance

The Directors during calendar year 2020 were:

- Barrie Baker Chairman and sharing Secretary
- Peter Farr Hon. Treasurer
- Robert Gray
- Nigel Hunt
- Vivian Wang
- Val Furphy Co-opted, representing the PMS Principal.

### Compliance

BAS statements were submitted quarterly to the ATO.

The Sphinx Scholarship Fund is independently audited by Anderson Munro & Wyllie. The Audit for 2019/20 was completed in late November 2020 with no adverse findings.

The annual ACNC and WA Associations Branch returns were completed following the 2020 AGM.

### Investment Sub-Committee

As the Sphinx Scholarship Fund has grown to a considerable size, the investment market has become more complex, and other responsibilities have stretched the members of the Board, especially the Treasurer, an Investment-Subcommittee exists with overall function being to provide selection and management advice to the Treasurer and the Board on its portfolio of investments.

The strategy adopted after COVID-19 was declared a global pandemic in March 2020 was to 'sit tight'.

### **Assistance from the School Administration**

The Board acknowledges the cooperation of the School in the administration of the Foundation's awards to students, via the allocation of clerical assistance time for the Sphinx Scholarship scheme. As the number and complexity of Scholarships and Bursaries has increased over the years, the additional effort made by staff at the School to make possible student selection and manage associated financial and clerical tasks is gratefully acknowledged.

### **Meetings**

Partly due to COVID-19 restrictions the Board met infrequently in calendar year 2020:

- 26 February 2020 – Ordinary Meeting
- 8 December 2020 – 2020 AGM
- 8 December 2020 – Ordinary Meeting

In the month following the 26 February Board meeting, markets for virtually all asset classes fell considerably due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus, and as well many ASX listed companies and some property trusts indicated that they would pay reduced dividends or postpone dividends, which transpired to have severe impact on the Scholarship Fund. Managing cash flow was therefore a significant challenge in 2020.

### **Sphinx Scholarships and Bursaries**

#### **Year 7 Equity Awards:**

With the assistance once again of Emeritus Professor Lesley Parker, the Board played a big part in the process of advertising for and selecting scholarship and bursary winners. Scholarships/Bursaries selected in December 2019 to be taken up in February 2020 along with scholarship renewals from earlier years, were as follows, totaling **\$70,000**:

#### **Incoming Year 7 students**

- The McCusker (Academic Excellence) Scholarship
- 3 x Don Tyler (Academic Excellence) Scholarships
- 5 x Perth Modernian Society (Academic Excellence) Scholarships
- The Raymond Dingle and Gai Harris (Academic Excellence) Scholarship
- The Ling and Chris Hayes (Academic Excellence) 1 Year Scholarship
- 2 x Perth Modernian Society Bursaries.

#### **Post Year 7 Equity Awards:**

- The Doss Family Scholarship
- The TLC '*Be Inspired*' Scholarship
- Jim Leslie Scholarship (Academic Excellence)/Jim Leslie Bursary (Academic Excellence)

#### **Post Year 7 Awards – Academic Excellence:**

*(see photos below):*

- The Jean and Jim Cundill Creative Writing Scholarship and Bursary
- The Daniel Girling and John Down Music Scholarship and Bursary

- The Don Tyler Physics Scholarship and bursaries; Don Tyler Biological Sciences Scholarship and bursaries; Don Tyler Chemistry Scholarship and bursaries; Don Tyler Computer Science Scholarship and bursaries; Don Tyler Innovations, Entrepreneur and Independent Research Scholarship and Bursary
- The Perth Modernian Society Mathematics Scholarship and bursary; The Perth Modernian Society Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship and bursary; The Perth Modernian Society Elite Physical Education Scholarship
- The Fortescue Metals Group Mechatronics Engineering (Upper School) Scholarship; The Fortescue Metals Group Mechatronics Engineering (Upper School) Bursaries (three)
- The Shirley Randell Social Sciences Scholarship
- The Malcolm Evans Foreign Languages Scholarship and Bursary
- The Ling and Chris Hayes Economics-Accounting Scholarship
- The John Christmass Choral Music Scholarship (new)



#### **General**

- Principal's Discretionary Bursaries (\$2,000 per annum)

**Renewals:** Year 8 (10), Year 9 (10), Year 10 (9), total **29**.



#### **2020 Annual Fundraising Appeal**

The annual Sphinx Scholarship Fund appeal letters realised donations up until 31 December 2020 of \$28,225. Other donations received in 2020 for particular purpose scholarships included the magnificent gift of \$49,000 from the Donald Tyler Foundation. Total donations in calendar year 2020 totalled \$98,000.

Additional funds of \$20,000 per annum for three years (from end of 2019) were pledged by the Malka Foundation in October 2019 as well \$15,000 per annum for three years to support the Mannkal Leadership Development and Entrepreneurship Programme expenses for 9 selected Perth Modern School students.

The number of donors in 2020 was 50, of whom 82% were repeat donors, meaning that 18% were new donors to this cause. This successful year brought the number of people who have donated to the Scholarship Fund since its inception to approximately 600. Their involvement since the inception of the Fund in 2009 is greatly appreciated by the Board and helps to keep the Directors enthused to contribute even more to public education.

## Financial Reports Summary

### Sphinx Foundation Inc.

The Net Cash at bank at 31 Dec 2020 was **\$2,195**.

### Sphinx Scholarship Fund:

#### Income and Expenditure

In the 2019/20 Financial Year (FY) the Sphinx Scholarship Fund income (after allowing for the change in market value of investments and unrealized capital losses), amounted to \$77,583 and expenses totaled \$75,111, giving marginal net earnings of **\$2,471**.

#### Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2020 the Sphinx Scholarship Fund's Current Assets is **\$85,000**, Long Term Assets **\$1,009,000** and the Net Cash at Bank is **\$75,000**.

#### Notes:

1. As at 31 December 2020, around **\$1,095,000** was either invested and earning interest, or awaiting payout to the School for awards in February 2021. The value of investments fell in calendar year 2020 due to the COIV-19 virus pandemic, as did the income earned from investments. However, subsequent recovery YTD in 2021 has seen the recovery of the 'paper' losses from 2020.
2. The Sphinx Scholarship Fund is presently supporting many different groups of awards, and the Fund holds shares in many ASX listed companies as well as unlisted property trusts. As a consequence, management of the Fund is necessarily quite complex and very time consuming.



**Barrie Baker**

Chairman

Sphinx Foundation Inc.

25/05/2021





PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY  
MUSEUM ASSOCIATION  
INCORPORATED

## ANNUAL REPORT 2020

The Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated (The Museum) is responsible for overseeing the collection, preservation, conservation and displaying of elements of Perth Modern School's past and present. This activity takes place in The Museum building on campus, where we are able to share the past and present with our alumni, their families and the wider community.

As noted in our previous report to the Perth Modernian Society in September 2020, the past year has seen continuing achievements for The Museum. As a relatively new entity, building on the extensive efforts of past volunteers who saw value in maintaining the archival records and artefacts of Perth Modern School, we have worked on developing and extending the electronic data-base of past students and staff and in digitally accessioning, conserving and preserving artefacts. These archives and artefacts provide a rich diversity of data available for families, researchers and the public to better understand the course of society, culture and education towards the present.

### Fundraising

2020 marked the first time that the Museum has reached out to our wider community for extensive donations – albeit tax-deductible donations now. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our community – especially in the context of the 2020 COVID lockdown. At 31 December 2020, this first fundraiser had raised just over \$20,000 – easily surpassing our modest expectations and certainly enabling our volunteers to consider some more comprehensive developments. From us all, a heartfelt thank you to all donors. These funds are used directly on heritage projects, in properly conserving the records and artefacts and in operating the museum. In order to sustain and expand such activities, the Board will continue to conduct in an annual fundraising appeal.

### Grant funding for specific projects

Having successfully combined grant funding and the support of alumni in order to re-furbish the World War I memorial and the World War II seat in early 2019, as well as the Volunteer grant of \$3,750 that was used for laptop and software upgrades, The Museum gained a Lotterywest grant that upgraded our communication software and server later in 2019.

Throughout 2020, further grant applications were submitted – not all successfully. However, our proposals submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs have consistently been accepted.

- We were granted (through the efforts of Bob Johnson) a further \$5,016 from the Department of Veterans Affairs 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.
- This request also included developing a Digital Honour Board. The Digital Honour Board is placed on the school's website for use by students, staff, parents and the wider community at <https://honour.perthmodern.wa.edu.au>.

- A further request for funding to add biographies to the Digital Honour Board was approved by DVA.
- Additional requests for funding from the Department of Veteran's Affairs 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 request has been unsuccessful. However, we expect that the project will continue through donor funding.

### Projects completed in 2020

In the past year, despite interruptions caused when the Museum was closed due to 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.
- The Museum volunteers partnered with Mr Kogodi's Year 10 class who used the Museum displays in order to complete their augmented reality projects.
- During 2020 the Museum contracted a heritage consultant to facilitate the volunteer activities in the Museum. We continue to look to contract appropriate individuals where we are able.
- The Digital Honour Board recognizing all alumni who died in an Australian military conflict is now available on the School website at <https://honour.perthmodern.wa.edu.au>.
- Peter Dillon identified and printed copies of the Gardham glass plate photographs.
- Conserved, photographed and catalogued newly found paintings by F E Mills.
- The recent presentation to our Board by CollectionsWA added another highly visible digital presence as a future project.



*Museum Volunteers Sharon Williams, Sallie Davies, Robyn White, Bob Johnson, and Peter Farr, with the New Supplementary Honour Boards*

### Thank You

In closing, 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. In particular, a special welcome and thank you to Ms Monica Brierley-Hay who brings 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 is even more appreciated. A wonderful group of people always looking for more to join us!

### **Financial Report**

The Perth Modernian Society Museum Association 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 Museum financial year ends on the 30 June each year, unlike the Perth Modernian Society which operates on a calendar year. At the last Perth Modernian Society AGM held in September 2020 the PMSocMA Inc. reported on and tabled the financial report which covered the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. This report has been reproduced for your information only. The Museum will be reporting on their next financial year, which ends on the 30 June 2021 as part of their AGM on 2 August 2021.

*Robyn White*

**Dr Robyn White**

Chairperson



Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated

Financial Report as at 30 June 2020

Cash Receipts and Payments for the year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

**CASH RECEIPTS**

Donations from former students/parents	19,595
PMSoc – reunion donations	330
Museum donations box	43
Entertainment book commission	224
Interest	105
Grant from Lotterywest for IT upgrade	8,250
Grant re DVA for war memorial refurbishment	4,000
Donation re DVA for war memorial refurbish/boards etc	3,800
ATO - refund of GST	2,134
Perth Modernian Society Contribution	2,000
Grant From Bank West	1,000
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>41,481</b>

**CASH PAYMENTS**

Dept of Commerce Fees	38
Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,046
IT Software and licenses	293
IT upgrade using Volunteers grant	1,328
IT upgrade using Lotterywest grant	10,285
WW1 Memorial refurb and WW2 seat refurb	8,580
Museum Heritage Consultant	895
<b>Total Cash Payments</b>	<b>22,464</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>19,017</b>

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020

**CURRENT ASSETS**

Bankwest operating account	26,407
Bankwest term deposit account	10,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>36,407</b>
Liabilities	-
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>36,407</b>

**MEMBERS' FUNDS**

Opening balance as at 1 July 2019	17,390
Add surplus for the period	19,017
<b>Closing balance as at 30 June 2020 (PMSMA Inc Accounts)</b>	<b>36,407</b>

Prepared by Sharon Williams, Hon Treasurer

## **PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY MUSEUM (Standing) COMMITTEE Report**

### **Overview**

This Museum embraces volunteer activities in the History Centre and Archives for the year 2020.

### **2020 – 2022 Forward Plan**

The 2020 – 2022 Forward Plan for the Museum Association was developed and approved by the February 2020 meeting of the Museum Association and the Museum Standing Committee has worked in accordance with its requirements. This Committee schedules to meet on the first activity day of each School term to plan the work ahead within this framework and allow capacity to deal with unexpected enquiries and requests.

### **Impact of COVID-19**

The Museum Association Board determined that the Museum activities would operate in accordance with State and Federal Government requirements from Monday 6 April due to the Covid-19 emergency. The meeting of the Museum Committee was deferred from the scheduled date Monday 4 May, the first day of the new school term, until 8 June. Volunteers continued to meet student and staff requirements throughout and through on line communication and the class project was completed. We have yet to see a demonstration of the final result.

### **Visitors**

Despite our required closure while the State directed the lockdown of Museums, we have enjoyed welcoming alumni and families to the Museum while we have been open. On the occasions that families were unable to attend while our volunteers were in attendance on Monday mornings, we have been very happy to open the museum at other times. Please ask if this would better suit you and your families.

Throughout Terms 1 and 2, the Museum was also opened for Mr Isaac Kigodi's Year 10 class where students learned about augmented reality programs and particularly used artefacts in the Museum as the basis for extending information and data. Their work was a revelation for volunteers and continues to suggest possibilities for future Museum exhibits. We look forward to continuing student presence in the Museum.

### **Impact of Building Works**

During the lockdown period work began on the building site for the new auditorium and this has impacted on toilet access from the History Centre and parking access

### **Special Volunteer Projects**

- Throughout 2020 with the direction of Ed Lazarus, the software and networking that enable volunteers to maintain and extend the alumni database (JED data-base) and cataloguing system (Mosaic) have been updated
- Conserved, photographed and catalogued newly discovered (by the Fitch family) artworks by E. F. Mills which were then passed from the owners to the Mills family
- Identified and developed print copies of glass-plate photography taken by Walter Gardham in the early 1900s. These were discussed and presented to the family
- Worked with a Year 10 augmented reality class group and their teacher Mr Kigodi, who used the museum display as objects with which to develop skills
- After many years of deliberation, work has begun in collecting stories and narratives so that the "Music at Mod" book will be published later in 2022. Mr Roger Stubbs, Ms Alison Woodman and Dr Robyn White are working on this



- Volunteers continue to add data to the JED data-base at every opportunity. Although already very extensive, there remain many alumni not yet included on the database
- Further materials are added to the hard-copy Burvill Index of alumni each week so that the Museum maintains a variety of hard-copy information on many alumni
- With new advances in technology and new expectations, the need for the future digitization of records of all types means that we are now adding these skills to our volunteer activities.

IT delivery	led by Ian Jarvis (end of June) then Ed Lazarus
Archives	Deborah Beresford/Deirdre Owen
Photographs/Displays	Alison Woodman/Sharon Williams
Science Collection	Alan Porter/Peter Dillon
War Memorial	Robert Johnson/ Robyn White
War Service Honour Boards	Robert Johnson/ Robyn White
Data Entry	Sallie Davies/Wendy McCallum/Robyn White
George Burvill Biographical Index	Gay Albillos/Jim Davies/Frank Hedges
Publications	Sallie Davies

Items contributed to:

- Publication Policy Development (adopted by the Board on 11 June 2020)
- Perth Modernian Society e-Newsletter
- Perth Modern School Newsletter
- Subiaco Stories

### **Reunion Visits to History Centre**

2020 Annual Reunion

### **Special Visitors**

Emily Gallagher

Natalie Ferguson, PMS Chaplain

Andrew Watt + 2 others – Creating Communities

Lindsay Mullins

Isaac Kigodi, Year 10 Maths teacher - Augmented Reality Project

Roe family with June Stephenson

Patrick Cornish

Director-General, WA Education Department

Families of former students

Safa family

Lochure family

Ken and Val Fitch

Mills family representative

### **Interaction with Community**

Subiaco Stories

Old Modernians Hockey Club

P&C Picnic Heritage Trail Tours

### **Interaction with School**

Subiaco Stories

P&C Picnic Heritage Trail Tours

Year 10 class visits to the Museum commenced 5 March

Heritage tour conducted by trained volunteer student guide 18 February

The augmented reality project was completed by the end of Term 2

**History Centre open to visitors 9:30am-12 noon**

Volunteer Activities

**2020:** 3, 10, 17, 24 Feb; 9, 16, 23 Mar; 11, 18, 25 May; 8, 15, 22, 29 June

**Meetings in History Centre**

Museum (H&M/Standing) Committee	2020:	3 Feb, 13 May (8 June), 20 July, 12 October.
PMSoc MA Board	2020:	13 Feb, 12 Mar, 14 May, 11 June, 13 August, 10 September, 12 November, 10 December.
PMSoc MA AGM 2019-20	2020:	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020
PMSoc Council	2020:	11 May, 8 June, 3 August, 31 August, 19 October (AGM), 23 November

Museum Standing Committee reported to Council meetings through its appointed representative on matters pertaining to shared infrastructure and functions.

We are grateful for the interest and oversight of the members of the Council of the parent body *The Perth Modernian Society Inc* and in particular its recent support of IT infrastructure development.

**Prepared by Mrs Sallie Davies, Standing Committee Chairperson**



## PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

[www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au](http://www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au)

### WHO MADE IT ALL HAPPEN IN 2020...

#### 2020 COUNCIL

Prof. Geoffrey Soutar - *President (to Feb 2020)*  
Hon. Julian Grill - *President (from March 2020)*  
Dr Robyn White - *Vice President*  
Catherine Lewis - *Vice President*  
Deborah Beresford – *Hon. Secretary*  
Eve Broadley - *Hon Treasurer*  
Barrie Baker - *Finance and Functions*  
Peter Farr - *Past President*  
Ian Jarvis (resigned May 2020)  
Barbara Mallett - *Reunion Liaison*  
Ed Lazarus - *Membership*  
Ruth Barrett - *Honours Awards*  
Lois Joll (Ex-Officio)

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Barrie Baker - *Convenor*  
*Treasurers:*  
Eve Broadley - *Council*  
Peter Farr - *Sphinx Foundation*  
Alan Porter - *H&M Committee*

#### COMMUNICATIONS

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Peter Farr - *Member, e-newsletters*  
Sallie Davies - *e-Newsletters*  
[newsletter@perthmoderniansociety.org.au](mailto:newsletter@perthmoderniansociety.org.au)

#### REUNIONS

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Barbara Mallett

#### SPHINX FOUNDATION BOARD

Barrie Baker - *Chair*  
Peter Farr - *Treasurer*  
Nigel Hunt - *Member*  
Vivian Wang - *Member*  
Robert Gray - *Secretary*  
Val Furphy - *Associate Principal*

#### Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Inc.

##### Board

[museum@perthmoderniansociety.org.au](mailto:museum@perthmoderniansociety.org.au)  
Dr Robyn White - *Chair*  
Sallie Davies - *Minute Secretary*  
Sharon Williams - *Treasurer*  
Lois Joll - *Board Member*  
Jeffrey Lai - *Member*  
Prof Alistair Paterson - *Member*  
Monica Brierley-Hay - *Member*

##### VOLUNTEERS

Gay Albillos - *Conservation*  
Deb Beresford - *Hon Archivist*  
India Creed - *Student Heritage Guide*  
Jim Davies - *Biographical Index*  
Sallie Davies - *Coordinator*  
Peter Dillon - *Science Collection*  
Frank Hedges - *Biographical Index*  
Robert Johnson - *Research*  
Jill Lucas - *General*  
Bill MacPherson - *Archives*  
Wendy McCallum - *Data entry*  
Deirdre Owen - *Archives*  
Alan Porter - *Science Restoration*  
Roger Stubbs - *Research*  
Dr Robyn White - *Archives*  
Sharon Williams - *Displays*  
Alison Woodman - *Research, Archives, Photographs*

##### MODERNIAN FELLOWS

Barrie Baker  
Sallie Davies  
Peter Farr  
Ian Jarvis  
Malcolm McCusker AC CVO QC  
Dr Ken Michael AC CitWA  
Donald Tyler

**WHO MADE IT ALL HAPPEN IN 2020 continued...**

**MODERNA SCOLA AWARDS**

Deborah Beresford  
Eve Broadley  
Anne Celia Christmass  
Neil Coy  
Alan Porter  
Rosemary Pratt  
Dr June Stephenson  
Roger Stubbs AM

**HONORARY MODERNIANS**

Tonya McCusker AM  
Alison Woodman



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**2020 PERTH MODERN SCHOOL  
BOARD MEMBERS**

Dr Ken Michael AC – *Chair,  
Community Representative and Alumni*  
Peter Farr - *Deputy Chair,  
Community Representative and Alumni*  
Lois Joll - *Principal*  
Craig Donovan - *Parent Representative (to May  
2020)*  
Veena Mendez - *Parent Representative*  
Dr Nicholas Waldron - *Parent Representative*  
Ishtar Barranco - *Parent Representative*  
Prof. Paul Arthur - *Parent Representative*  
Phil Marshall - *President, Perth Modern School P&C*  
Dr David Zhang - *Parent Representative*  
Dr Bronwyn Rasmussen - *Community Representative*  
Matt Birney - *Community Representative*  
Chris Rapley - *Staff Representative*  
Elizabeth Gerber - *Staff Representative*

## Perth Modernian Society (Inc.) Councillors' Profiles

The Council comprised these eleven members in the period May 2019 – December 2020:

**Barrie Baker** BA(Hons), Dip Ed, Dip Comp, Dip Theol, Dip Ed Admin  
(Finance Committee Chair, Membership Secretary)

Barrie was a PMS student 1954-1958, and after graduating at UWA, like many PMS students from the scholarship era, he followed a teaching vocation starting in 1964 at Mount Lawley Senior High School. Barrie spent his whole working career in the field of education, the last 33 years of which were in Technical Education. He was a pioneer in computer education in Western Australia, both in TAFE and for three years at the WA Treasury in charge of State Government computer training. He held positions in TAFE ranging from lecturer to Assistant Director. Whilst there he was seconded part time to the Public Service Commission Doig Management Centre to set up computer training there. He was also in charge of the development of the East Perth TAFE campus.



Barrie has an interest in urban heritage and won the 2011 WA Heritage Council Award for the individual making the greatest contribution to heritage in Western Australia. He is patron of the Mount Lawley Society and a volunteer music teacher at his local primary school. Barrie has other extensive community involvements including the Australian Student Christian Movement and is a Lay Pastoral Minister in the Anglican Church. He is active in the Australian Shareholders' Association and was convener of its North of the River group for 14 years until 2015.

Barrie has served on the Council of the Perth Modernian Society (Inc) since its formation in 1995. He served as president for seven years (2006 to 2013), and he became a Vice President in 2017. He has been the Functions Coordinator since 1996 and Convenor of the Finance and Fundraising Committee since 2011.

Barrie has been a Director of the board of the Sphinx Foundation since 2000, serving also as secretary and chairman. His interests in these positions have been steering the Foundation to more effectively serve the educational needs of PMS students, especially in providing scholarship incentives for worthy students. He was elected its Chairman in 2017.

At the 2016 Annual Reunion, Barrie was named as a **Modernian Fellow** for his distinguished contribution to the Perth Modernian Society and thereby the advancement of education at Perth Modern School.

**Ruth Barrett BA (née McWhinney)**, BA, Dip Ed, Grad Dip Ed

Ruth attended Perth Modern School from 1952 to 1956, being one of five Mod Bods from the McWhinney family.

Ruth studied at UWA and Claremont Teachers College, and went on to teach Junior Primary classes at what was then South Terrace Primary School (now re-named Fremantle Primary). Among the 54 children in her first class, there was only one that spoke English. In 1964 she undertook a pilot program for the Education Department, teaching English to older children: they figured the younger ones would quickly pick up the language by themselves. Ruth completed a BA, majoring in English, later a Diploma of Education, and Graduate Diploma (Reading Education).



In 1965, with husband George (who had an exchange teaching position) Ruth went to England, and taught there for most of that year. On their return they started a family. Then in 1970 Ruth was asked to lecture in English Literature at Claremont Teachers College, just for a term. George and Ruth had a long holiday in Europe in 1971, and came back to WA to continue their family. In 1975 she was asked to fill in again at CTC, this time in Junior Primary Method. That was followed by a semester in the Music Department. After that she began to lecture in the Graduate Diploma in Reading Education at CTC, Claremont. Over the next few years Ruth lectured in Language Education at the Graylands and Mount Lawley Campuses as they were amalgamated into WACAE then Edith Cowan University respectively. She lectured at the Churchlands Campus until around 1996, and continued to supervise students on teaching practice until 2000.



Ruth has had a long connection with the Claremont Museum, and for many years has been a Friend of the WA Museum. She is also a member of the Royal Western Australian Historical Society. When she gets time, she pursues family history – including the family's ANZAC links to Gallipoli.

Since joining the Council, Ruth has assumed responsibility for the Society's Honours Awards program.

**Deborah Beresford** BAppSci (Library Studies)  
(Hon Secretary)

Deborah graduated as a teacher from Graylands Teachers College in 1962 and then taught at Metropolitan primary schools before marriage. In 1974 she was appointed to Perth Modern School as a Teacher Librarian where she taught until her retirement in 2007.

In 1995 she joined the Perth Modernian Society (Inc.) and has been on the Council since 2006 and has served as the Secretary since 2008. In 2009 she joined the Historical and Museum Committee taking on the role of Honorary Archivist for the Perth Modernian Society, an appointment she still holds. She has also been involved on the Functions Committee since 2006, and during that time she has organised and helped with the Annual Reunions.

Deborah was on the Perth Modern School Council for many years and then became an inaugural member of the School Board as the Perth Modernian Society's nominee. During her teaching career she was a member of the West Australian School Library Association of which she was Secretary for 3 years.

She has had a variety of community involvement in the past with Junior sporting clubs. (Surf Life Saving, Junior Australian Rules Football, and Claremont Amateur Swimming Club), and was a member of the Waratah Red Cross Branch.

At the 2016 Annual Reunion, Deborah was named as an inaugural **Moderna Scola** - the award recognises her distinguished contribution to the Perth Modernian Society and Perth Modern School.



**Evelyn (Eve) Broadley**  
(Hon Treasurer)

Eve attended Perth Modern School as a scholarship student in 1958-60. Eve has served on the Council of the Perth Modernian Society since its formation in 1995. She served as president for two terms and has been the honorary treasurer for ten years. She was the editor of the magazine for twelve years. She has been a Director of the board of the Sphinx Foundation Inc. since 2006.

Eve has a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and a Graduate Diploma in Corporate Management.

Eve has spent her whole working career in Stockbroking. Currently working as a private and institution client adviser at DJ Carmichael & Co. Prior to that she was a director in her own broking firm, Hogan & Partners, and prior to that as a director of Paterson Securities. She was also employed by the Perth Stock Exchange as the manager of the trading floor, being the first female in Australia to hold that position. She was also the first female in Western Australia to be appointed as a Member of the Australian Stock Exchange.

She was appointed by the State Government to serve as a member of the Finance Brokers Board from 1994 to 1999.

Eve has been a member of Royal Kings Park Tennis Club for over forty years with several years serving on the committee. She is a member of Mosman Park Golf Club, serving as the Convenor of the business ladies for many years and represents the club at the WA Business Ladies Golf Association.

At the 2017 AGM, Eve was named as a **Moderna Scola** - the award recognises her distinguished contribution to the Perth Modernian Society and Perth Modern School.



**Hon. Julian Grill** LLB, JP  
President

Julian attended Perth Modern School in 1956 and 1957 and was part of the victorious Australia Rules side in each year. He graduated in Law from UWA in 1964 and was admitted to the bar of the WA Supreme Court in 1966. He was a legal partner of John Wheeldon, Federal Minister for Social Security and Tom Evans the WA Attorney General.

In 1977 Julian entered State Parliament and retired in 2001. During that time he held variously named seats in the Eastern Goldfields and Esperance region for about 25 years up until 2001. He held numerous ministerial portfolios during this period, including Transport, Fisheries, Tourism, Agriculture and Economic Development. During most of his time as Minister he was on the budget sub-subcommittee.

Julian has been chairman of several listed mining companies since leaving politics and has had a further career since 2001 as a corporate and government relations consultant.

After retiring from Parliament in 2001 he took up the chairmanship of several ASX listed junior mining companies. He also set up a very successful lobbying business which until 2007. When he joined Council he was writing a book, and doing pro-bono legal and lobby work for good causes.



**Peter Farr** BE(Hons), BEc, MASC, C.Eng, FAICD, FAIM  
(Past President)

Peter was a Perth Modern School scholarship student 1954-1958.

After graduating in Canada in 1966 with a Masters degree, Peter has followed careers totalling over 50 years in engineering and management consulting. He has board experience with private companies, and as a Fellow of both the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the Australian Institute of Management, he has a strong background in Corporate Governance best practice. He has had community involvement with appointments on the Council and Treasurer of St Catherine's College (UWA), Convocation (University of Western Australia), Parents and Citizens Committees, the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club Offshore Committee, St John of God Subiaco Hospital Consumer Advisory Group and Policy Sub-Committee.

Peter has made a large commitment to the Perth Modernian Society (Inc) having been a Councillor for over ten years and he has served as its Vice President or President since 2006. New initiatives he has played a role in are the Portal, corporate Style Manual, the Sphinx Scholarship Fund, the Annual Oration, Perth Modernian Society Awards scheme, the Society's inaugural Strategic Plan, Annual Report in 'best practice' format, Constitutions revision, and Governance standards. He has also been Treasurer and on the organising committee for all the 1954-58 class reunions.

He was appointed as a Director of the Sphinx Foundation Inc. in 2008 and as Hon. Treasurer in 2009. He has been involved with the Sphinx Scholarship Fund as its Treasurer and investment manager since its inception in 2009 during which time the fund has grown to over \$900,000. The Fund has had the notable achievement to date of awarding almost 200 scholarships and bursaries worth \$250,000 thereby helping many PMS students to aim high and achieve their potential.

At the Society's 2017 AGM, Peter was named as a **Modernian Fellow** for his distinguished contribution to the Society and thereby the advancement of education at Perth Modern School. Peter played major roles in the successful *Save PMS* Campaign. In 2018 the Council nominated him to represent Modernians on the PMS School Board, and he was elected Deputy Chair again in 2020.



**Ian Jarvis**

(Communication, *Resigned May 2020*)

Ian was a Perth Modern School scholarship student 1954-1958 and became involved in the Society after attending the 50th reunion of the Class of '58. The experience Ian brings to the decision making and activities of the Perth Modernian Society Council includes 35 years of financial management, administration and IT development in Telstra and 9 years in LotteryWest.

He has been involved with the Society since 2008 and served on the Sphinx Board then PMS Council since 2009. His current roles include Convenor of the Communications Committee, a member of the Historical and Museum Committee, and unofficial ICTs coordinator.

Ian was instrumental in bringing the Society into the electronics age in 2009 with the development and maintenance of the Society's Portal and the Ex Student/Staff database (JED), compilation and distribution of the quarterly e-Newsletter and implementation of the Historical and Museum Collections database (MOSAIC). These all require regular attention to ensure their efficient operation and continuity.

His involvement in community activities includes membership of the Board of Kids Are Kids Therapy and Education Centre in Bateman since 2003, development of their client management database, Committee member on the Riverton, Rossmoyne and Shelley Residents' Association from 2004 to 2017 and various roles over 40 plus years in the Shelley Sailing Club

At the 2016 Annual Reunion, Ian was named as a **Modernian Fellow** for his distinguished contribution to the Society and thereby the advancement of education at Perth Modern School.



**Ed Lazarus** B Eng (Hons) ADM

(Membership)

Ed attended Perth Modern School from 1956 to 1960 and was selected as a prefect. He continued to UWA to study Electrical Engineering with a cadetship from the State Electricity Commission.

He graduated with Honours in 1965, and left WA to pursue a career in electronics. He spent 4 years at AWA involved in electronic design before joining IBM in 1969. Ed's IBM career spanned 27 years and his roles in the Systems Engineering area included installing software systems in many industries in Australia and Asia. He spent 2 years in an IBM research and Development Centre in Florida, responsible for teaching new software to IBM and customer personnel throughout many countries. He represented IBM on Standards, and Industry Telecommunications related Committees. His last assignment in IBM was as Wireless Solutions Manager for Asia Pacific at the time when wireless applications were in their infancy.

Ed left IBM in 1995 to return to Perth, where he joined Murdoch University. His role was to develop and teach undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Telecommunications for Business and E-Commerce. He acted as coordinator for these programmes, and the offshore MBA programmes in Asia. He then joined Central Institute of Technology to teach Computer Networking courses, gradually reducing working hours to retirement.

Community activities included many years as an Army Reserve Officer in RA Signals Units, and several years as a Scout leader. Since retirement, he does voluntary work for Seniors, teaching and technical support.



**Catherine (Kate) Lewis**

(Vice-President)

As a graduate of Perth Modern School, Kate Lewis has enjoyed an extensive career in music education and arts administration both nationally and internationally. After completing studies and a music scholarship (flute) at Perth Modern School in 1977, Kate studied at UWA and was awarded a Bachelor of Music Education (Hons) in 1983. She then taught as a music specialist teacher at Perth Mod from 1984-1987.

After completing further studies in business administration, she commenced work in orchestral management with the WASO and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and later went on to hold senior leadership roles with the Australian National Academy of Music and in the Federal office of the Australian Music Examinations Board in Melbourne.

Kate is a proud member of the Alto section of the WASO Chorus and volunteers in a number of capacities in both the education and arts sectors including Honorary Secretary for the Board of Lost & Found Opera, Vo0lunteer Artist Liaison for the WASO and a volunteer student mentor for Raise Foundation.

Kate has always maintained close connections with her Perth Mod student cohort. She participated in the 50th Anniversary Concert at the Perth Concert Hall in 2018 as part of the alumni choir. This experience, in turn, stimulated the creation of The Modernian Singers whose ranks represent a broad cross-section of past students from the late 1960s to the present day.

Such was the nostalgia and pride for the 'old muso days' that this singing experience engendered that it was also determined by those students to establish a scholarship to honour the legacy of Perth Mod teacher Mr John Christmass OAM Cit.WA, a leading light and inspiration in the early years of the School's music program (1969 -1976). Led by Graham Droppert and Kate (Class of 1976/77), the successful fundraising enabled a perpetual scholarship to be established called the John Christmass Choral Music Scholarship with its first recipient being honoured in 2020.

Kate was invited to join the Perth Modernian Society Council in April 2020 and has since played a notable part in revitalising the Society's communications with members.



*Photo: Kate Lewis with Kira Geddes the awardee for the inaugural John Christmass Choral Music Scholarship for 2019*

**Barbara Mallett** BA, Dip Ed, M App Ling

(Reunions)

Barbara attended Perth Modern School in the Music School era and graduated in 1970, as a recipient of a Commonwealth University Scholarship. After completing a BA at UWA, she commenced her first graduate position in 1973 as the Statistical Research Officer of West Australian Newspapers.

Claremont Teachers College (now ECU) pioneered the Dip Ed (Primary) in the late 1970s and Barbara was one of the first graduates. Barbara taught for a brief period as well as spending some time in the business world of Telstra, before "retiring" to life as a mother and hobby farmer when the family moved to the Perth hills a few years later.

During this time Barbara was very active in the P&C at Parkerville PS, which led to her accepting the position of State Councillor for the WA Council of State Schools Organisation for the Northam District. In 1990 she returned to teaching, and pioneered a German language programme in a metropolitan school. Later she switched to Italian and enjoyed being part of a primary school Italian programme for about 6 years. This led her to move out of the classroom into an administrative role as Schools Officer at the Italo-Australian Welfare & Cultural Centre Inc. where she has been since 2004.

Barbara completed a Master of Applied Linguistics through Monash University and has pursued her interest in the development of language from infancy and also the structure of related and unrelated languages. She is a member of the Hills Choir where she assists with pronunciation and intonation when the choir sings in languages other than English. She loves to travel and to explore the lands of her heritage.

In 2010, after assisting in organizing a 40<sup>th</sup> reunion for her graduating year, Barbara was invited to join the Society as a Councillor. She led a group on the School Centennial planning day, and since 2015,





her commitments have allowed her to take a more active role in the Society (esp. Reunions Liaison) and the continuing life of PMS.

**Professor Geoffrey Soutar** BEc, MA PhD, FASSA, FAIM, FANZAM, FANZMAC  
(President, *resigned 17 February 2020*)

Geoff attended Perth Modern School as a scholarship student from 1961 to 1965 and was a Rotary Exchange Student in New York State in 1966. He returned to Perth and attended UWA, graduating with a First Class Honours Degree in Economics in 1971. He undertook Doctoral studies at Cornell University through a Fulbright and an Earhart Fellowship, graduating in 1974.



Since then he has worked at UWA, Curtin and ECU. During this time, he was the Foundation Professor of Management at Curtin, the Executive Dean of Business at ECU and the Director of the GSM at UWA. He is presently Director of the UWA DBA Program and the Nancy Keegan and Don Voelte Distinguished Scholar at the UWA Business School.

Distinguished awards Geoff has received include:

- Fellow and Life Member of the Australian and New Zealand Academy of Management
- Life Member of the Australian Market and Social Research Society
- Inaugural Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand Marketing Academy
- Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences of Australia (2015)
- Winner of ANZMAC's Distinguished Researcher Award
- Australian Teaching and Learning Council Citation winner for his contribution to student learning.

In 2016 Geoff accepted an invitation to join the Perth Modernian Society Council and he became a Vice President in 2017 and President in 2018. Geoff resigned from Council on 17 February 2020.

**Dr Robyn White**

PMS Principal 2000-2010

Board Chair, Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Inc. from November 2018

Joint representative of the Museum Committee on Perth Modernian Society Council 2019

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 believe that I am a responsible person with a clear focus to secure the financial future for the history and the heritage of Perth Modern School - for future generations and for the benefit of the wider community. Through my activities as part of the School community, I believe I have demonstrated my belief in the value of educational experiences related to the research and development of activities relevant to heritage matters.

In my professional capacity, I was consistently accountable for a large budget and workforce for which I understood relevant statutory requirements (financial and HR), legal aspects, financial management and governance. Then and more recently working with UWA, I have demonstrated the capacity to be inclusive in extensive community consultation. These skills are transferable to those practiced in the volunteer context and I believe will enable me to be a valued and informed member of the Board of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association.

## MILESTONES FOR PERTH MODERN SCHOOL EX-STAFF/STUDENTS

- 1913** Annual Reunion held August 1913. Reg Williams (PMS student 1911-13) became joint Hon Secretary for the **Perth Modern School Ex-Students Association**.
- 1914** The **Perth Modern School Ex-Students Association Incorporated** held Ex-Students Day. All members joining in the first year to be known as **Foundation Members**, with badges available.
- 1918** Constitution was reviewed and **Old Modernians Association Incorporated** came into being.
- 1922** **Unveiling of War Memorial** - funds were raised by former students and to be managed by the **Old Modernians Trust Fund** appointed in perpetuity.
- 1926-58** *The Sphinx* reported **Old Modernians Association** activities for each calendar year's social events and Ex-Students Days.
- 1960** **Keith Graham**, PMS student 1928-29, became the inaugural president of the **Parents and Citizens Association** at Perth Modern School.
- 1969** Deed of Trust established under patronage of the **Hon Mr Justice Wolff**, PMS student 1913-14, to establish a legally constituted **Board of Trustees to administer the Library in perpetuity**. **Old Modernians** asked to contribute.
- 1970** A new library was built as part of the Commonwealth Secondary Schools Library Programme.
- 1970** **Joseph Parsons Memorial Library** officially opened by **Governor General Sir Paul Hasluck**, student 1918-22.
- 1973** **Launch of a Foundation Committee** in December to prepare a proposal for recording, preservation and display of information and objects associated with Perth Modern School. Principal Mr Joe Stokes originated the proposal for the historical record and sought the help of ex-students for the physical and financial requirements of the task.
- 1974-94** **Perth Modern School Historical Society** established its **Museum Collections**.
- 1995** **Perth Modernian Society Planning Committee** formed to establish **Perth Modernian Society**:
- **Perth Modernian Society (Inc)** Registered No. 1004735, 11th July 1995
  - **Sphinx Foundation (Inc)**, established to secure funds and future publication of a School history
  - **Historical and Museum Society** became a **standing Committee** of the Society.
- 2005** Launch of **Perth Modern School: The History and the Heritage** - researched and published by the Sphinx Foundation. 5,000 copies printed.
- 2008** **Sphinx Foundation Constitution** revised to empower establishment of the **Sphinx Scholarship Fund**.
- 2009** Accommodation available for establishment of **Perth Modernian Society History Centre**.
- The Society entered the electronic age by launching a portal and databases for (i) ex-Student/staff records and (ii) artefacts.
- 2010** Official launch of the **Sphinx Scholarship Fund** at the home of Malcolm and Tonya McCusker.
- 2011** **Perth Modern School Centenary Year** celebrations.
- 2013** Revision of Perth Modernian Society **Constitution** to accommodate new organisational structure completed
- 2014** **Celebrating 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the establishment of the **PMS Museum Collections** and **100 Years of The Sphinx** at Perth Modern School.  
Launch of Perth Modernian Society inaugural **Strategic Plan 2014-2017**.  
Confirmation of three inaugural **Modernian Fellows** - **Sallie Davies, Malcolm McCusker and Donald Tyler** - for their outstanding contributions to the Society and PMS.
- 2015** **Celebrated establishment of Perth Modern School's first orchestra 100 years ago**.
- Council self-assessment survey - completed by all Councillors; collated and analysed by Bruce McCallum.



- Revision of Perth Modernian Society Constitution completed in preparation for DGR application for a proposed Museum Fund.
- 2016 Modernian Awards** made to **Barrie Baker, Deborah Beresford, Ian Jarvis, Alan Porter** and **Alison Woodman** for their outstanding contributions to the Society and PMS.
- 2017 Save Perth Mod Campaign – successful.**
- Inaugural PMS Heritage Day 14 October 2017.
  - Modernian Awards made to Peter Farr, Eve Broadley and Tonya McCusker for their outstanding contributions to the Society and PMS.
  - **Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated** with Charitable Status from 6 November 2017.
- 2018** Celebration: **50 years** of the **Special Music Program** at Perth Modern School
- 2020** Successful fundraising campaign which started in 2016, enabled construction to commence of a 700-seat multi-purpose **auditorium**.
- Modernian Awards made to **Dr Ken Michael AC CitWA, Roger Stubbs AM, Anne Celia Christmass** and **Neil Coy**.
- 2020 Graduate College of Dance** closes after 21 years at PMS.



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**11 SEPTEMBER 2021**

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### Modernian Deaths recorded and published in e-Newsletters during 2020

Name	Years at PMS	Position	Deceased
Patricia Ivy Seaby (nee Richardson)	1947-50 (1-3)	Student	17/11/2019
Brian Edmund Williams	1992-2019	Staff	29/11/2019
John Desmond Modra	1959-60	Student	??/11/2019
Eric Lawson	1946-50	Student	01/12/2019
Marilyn Joyce Saunders (nee Richter), Canada	1954-58	Student	13/12/2019
Eric William Thomas Lumsden AM	1961-65	Student	15/12/2019
Leslie Ann Cole (nee Arthur)	1940-44	Student	15/12/2019
	1953-57	Staff	
Wayne Stanleigh (Brune) Brune	1970-74	Prefect	17/12/2019
Dr Raymond Dingle	1948-52	Student	11/1/2020
Trevor John Pitcher	1947-51	Prefect	15/1/2020
Ivan Glennister (Glenn) Peate	1953-54(Yr4/5)	Prefect	22/1/2020
Vice-Admiral David Willoughby	1941 (1 <sup>st</sup> Yr)	Student	19/1/2020
Leach AC CBE			
Helen Wells	1980s	Staff	
Una Braithwaite Mackie (nee Wise)	1939-41 (1-3)	Student	12/2/2020
Peter John Hawkins	1950-54	Student	07/03/2020
Mollie Baird (nee Fauckner)	1931-33	Student	01/04/2020
Dr Alison Margaret Gregg ( nee Barr)	1952-56	Student	01/04/2020
Kenneth John Pickering	1950-54	Student	01/04/2020
Brian (Brog) Terence Falconer (Victoria)	1946-50	Student	02/04/2020
Hon James (Jim) George Clarko AM AE JP	1962-66	Teacher	07/04/2020
Elinor Joyce Wardrop (nee Pitcher)	1946 4 <sup>th</sup> year	Student	16/07/2016
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
Lynnell( Lynn) Owen Kirkham	1957-61	Student	12/04/2020
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
Elizabeth (Kaye) Kay (nee "Kaye" Sullivan)	1948-50 Yrs 1-3	Student	18/05/2020
	1975	Staff	
Gwyneth Smith	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
Ian Dudley William Hollings	1951-52	Student	20/07/2020
Leslie Ernest Smith AM	1951-53 Yrs 1-3	Student	04/08/2020
Julia Grace Halleen (nee Jones)	1942-46	Student	21/06/2018
Margaret Josephine Doohan, nee 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	Teacher	05/10/2020

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Ronald Leslie Jones	1948-50 (Yrs 1-3)	Student	10/10/2020
Richard Earle Nowotny (Melbourne, Vic)	1959-63	Student	22/10/2020
Leon Walkemeyer	1946	Student	22/10/2020
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 (nee O'Dwyer)	1951-55	Student	07/12/2020
Brian Kloppe	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

