



# PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY



## DESIGNING A LIFE AND CAREER WITH PURPOSE

**Sandy Anghie**

Now in its fifteenth year, the Perth Modernian Society Annual Oration was held on 11 November 2025 and delivered with warmth and insight by Ms Sandy Anghie, a distinguished Perth-based architect and civic leader.

### A SPEAKER OF DISTINCTION

Sandy's remarkable career spans law, commerce, architecture and public service. She holds degrees in Law, Commerce, Environmental Design and a Master of Architecture, and currently serves as Co-Founder and Chair of Perth Design Week, a Board Member of the State Library of Western Australia, and on committees of the National Trust and Law Society of WA. Her previous leadership roles include President of the Australian Institute of Architects (WA Chapter), Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Perth, and Editor of *The Architect* magazine. She is also widely known for initiating the Historic Heart of Perth revitalisation project.



*Sandy Anghie delivering the 2025 Oration*

### INSIGHTS AND INSPIRATION

Speaking on the theme *“Designing a Life and Career with Purpose,”* Sandy shared ten lessons drawn from her professional journey. Beginning with “Build a good foundation,” each lesson connected architectural principles with broader reflections on life and leadership.

Her address concluded with a lively Q&A led by Sphinx Society Year 10 students, followed by a gift presentation from the Head Prefects Mary McCusker and Avash Shakya, and a closing address by Principal Ms Robyn Verboon, who warmly acknowledged the Sphinx Foundation’s scholarships supporting many of the Year 10 and 11 students present.

### CONNECTING GENERATIONS

During the morning tea in the Sir Paul Hasluck Foyer, Sandy engaged enthusiastically with students, including the Year 10 and 11 girls and boys shown in the accompanying photos, and reconnected with Dr Heidi Waldron (pictured right), her former Santa Maria College classmate. Heidi and her husband Dr Nick Waldron were absolute champions in the campaign to *Save Perth Mod* in 2017, and as well generously funded towards the cost of the Harmony Room in the lower level of the Cyril Tyler Auditorium.



*Sandy with school friend Dr Heidi Waldron at morning tea*

Following the Oration, Sandy joined staff, students, parents and guests at the moving Remembrance Day Service held at the Perth Modern School World War I Memorial.

As she departed, Sandy told Ms Verboon, *“Thank you all for the opportunity to talk to your students - it was an absolute pleasure and privilege.”*



*Sandy with Year 11 girl students and Peter Farr at morning tea*



*Remembrance Day service at the PMS World War I Memorial*



*Year 10 and 11 boy students conversing with Peter Farr at morning tea*