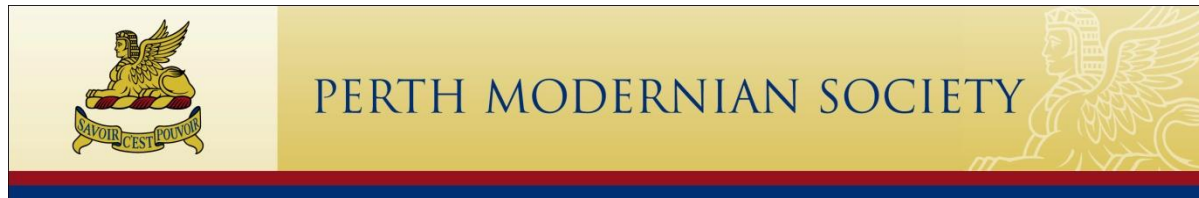




2017 Annual Reunion Schedule

11:00	Beginning of Ceremony in Auditorium
11:01 to 11:15	Principal's Address – Lois Joll
11:15 to 12:15	Music Concert
12:15 to 12:28	Address by President, Peter Farr
12:28 to 12:43	Special General Meeting - Motions relating to the three Constitutions
12:43 to 12:53	Roll call by years
13:00 to 15:00	Lunch
14:00 to 15:00	The History Centre to re-open



2017 Annual Reunion - President's speech notes

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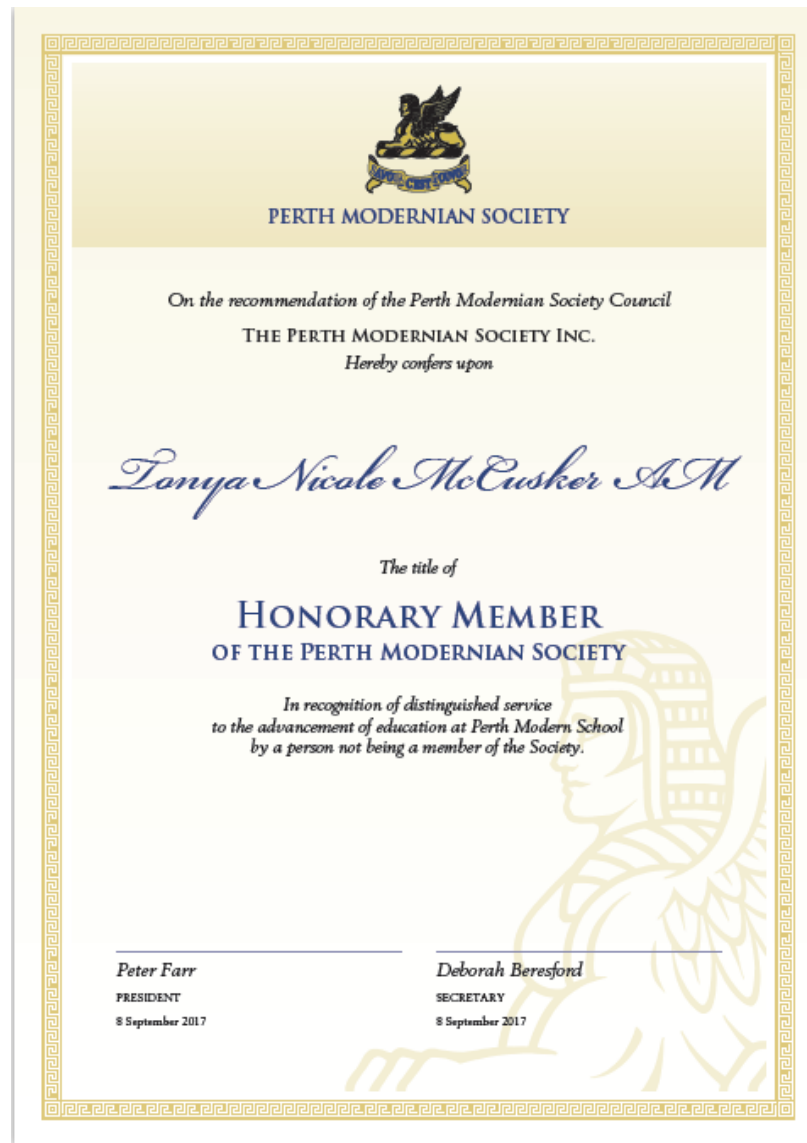
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GARY ADSHEAD

THERE are whispers doing the rounds that the State Government might be preparing to put its relocation of Perth Modern School into reverse.

Just whispers, mind you. Premier Mark McGowan's pre-election policy of shifting WA's brightest students from the historic Subiaco school site into a Northbridge high-rise is being met head on by an intellectual powerhouse of Perth Modern alumni and — to be politically correct — alumnae.

The noisy campaign to keep the school where it is has already prompted a 6000-signature petition and a rally on the steps of Parliament.

But there has been a deafening silence on the hot-button issue from some of the Labor luminaries responsible in 2005 for creating the Perth Modern that exists today, including former premiers Geoff Gallop and Alan Carpenter.

Yes, it was Labor that turned the school back into a place of learning for the gifted and talented.

Now it's Labor that wants to turn it back into a regular State high school and send the smartest kids to a multi-storey without any playing fields.

So it should come as no surprise to the Premier and his Education Minister Sue Ellery that the school community has got its knickers in a knot.

To supporters of the school it's much more than just moving location — it's a tectonic shift.

Back in the mid-2000s, when Mr Gallop and Mr Carpenter trumpeted Labor's re-tasking of the Perth Modern site to house high academic achievers, the decision was worn like a badge of honour.

"I felt that it was a glaring deficiency that the public education system did not have such a school," Mr Carpenter told Parliament in 2006.

"Such a status had been the origin of Perth Modern School's very high reputation,



CLASS INACTION

School shift proving an awkward problem

so the government has put in place a policy initiative to re-establish the school in that mould."

In the same year, Labor's Ljiljana Ravlich was happy to answer a Dorothy Dixier in Parliament at a time she was education minister.

"I thank the honourable member for such a thought-provoking and intelligent question," the then minister began. "We are establishing Perth Modern School as the State's premier school of academic excellence,

with enrolments preserved for academically gifted and talented students, but also the study program will encompass the arts and sports."

Such bold statements still reverberate for those people now trying to canvass opinion about Labor's surprising Education Central policy.

Dr Gallop told me this week he didn't want to go public with his thoughts at this stage. Mr Carpenter hasn't returned calls from a colleague of mine. Attempts to get the view of Perth Modern's

most famous past student — former Labor prime minister Bob Hawke — have also been unsuccessful.

But there are plenty of influential people working behind the scenes to stop the relocation.

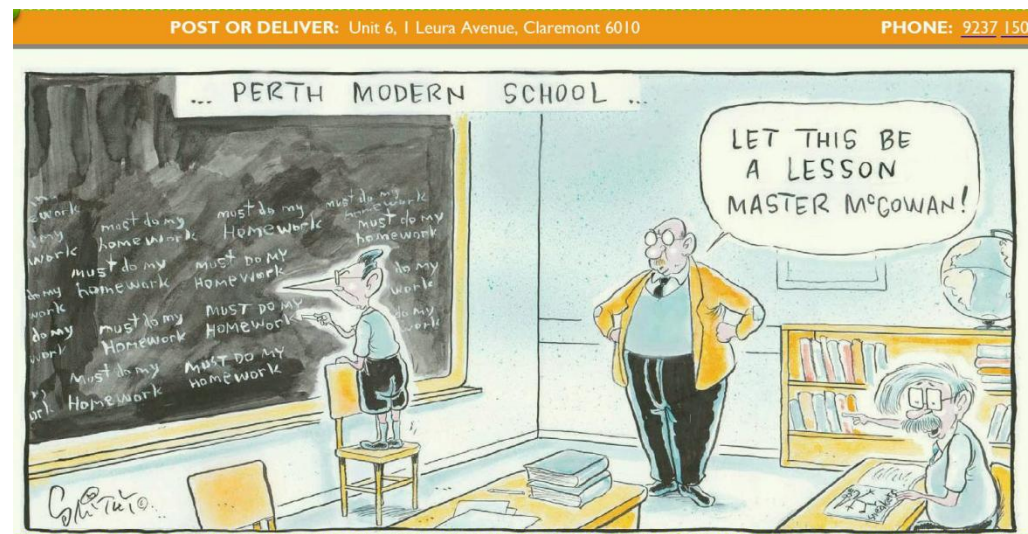
The Labor policy — aimed at relieving enrolment pressure on Churchlands Senior High School and Shenton College — was put out as an alternative to the Liberal plan for a new high school in City Beach.

But protesters believe

Perth Modern's built environment is essential to the success of the school that the students should their own oval, swimming pool and outdoor basketball courts, just like many other schools.

That won't happen if school goes high-rise. "I acknowledge that uncertainty causes anxiety and that many parents' children at Perth Modern anxious to see what the Government's proposal look like for them and t







Public Thank You from the Perth Modernian Society

The **Perth Modernian Society Inc.**, representing the alumni and former teachers of Perth Modern School, welcomes the announcement on 13 June 2017 by the Premier Hon Mark McGowan and Ministers Hon Sue Ellery and Hon Rita Saffioti that Perth Modern School is to remain on its existing heritage site in Subiaco as Western Australia's only fully selective academic government school.

We are grateful that the McGowan Government has decided not to change Perth Mod's role and that this decision has been managed in a respectful and timely manner. It is very rare for any government to reconsider an election policy and the McGowan Government's decision to change the Education Central policy after a preparedness to listen to the community's concerns, is gratefully recognised and we thank them. This school has an international reputation for excellence and this decision is resonating very widely.

Perth Mod opened to students in 1911 and was to pioneer a modern education where the sciences and modern languages were to be on an equal footing with classical education. In 1912, the school introduced entrance examinations in response to the high demand for places. In 1959 Perth Mod lost its selective entry status and this was not restored until 2007. In 2017 Perth Mod's supporters stood up to be counted, and were heard. We recognise and thank YOU for all your magnificent efforts.

The parents of the existing 1300+ Perth Mod students were concerned about maintaining continuity of quality education for their children. Alumni and others involved in preserving Perth Mod were concerned about its heritage and outstanding record for producing students who excelled in many fields of endeavour of national and international significance. But more broadly there was a groundswell of people who wanted to support the history and heritage of the first Government co-educational senior secondary school in Western Australia.

'Save Perth Mod' became a very public cause, and the Society extends its profound thanks to everyone who supported Mod in its hour of need. They wrote a never-ending stream of Letters to the Editor, and they very willingly signed our petitions - in fact over 10,000 persons did so from Port Hedland in the north to Albany in the south. This reinforces our view that Perth Modern School has earned the unique position of being held in the highest regard across Australia as a school which is merit based and provides students regardless of their family background or personal circumstances with the highest quality public school education to allow them to achieve their potential.

14,000 Modernians across Australia and around the world commend the McGowan Government for having listened to concerns about the 'Education Central' proposal and taken the widespread community feedback into account in developing a revised direction that leaves intact the wonderful institution that is so well recognised that it is fondly called 'Perth Mod' or just 'Mod'.

The Perth Modernian Society also thanks the many **Members of Parliament** from all sides, and **City of Subiaco Councillors**, who listened to the students, their parents, the P&C Association, the **Perth Modern School Board**, and **Modernians** and the general public. We are eternally grateful to the journalists and editors of the print and electronic media who saw it as their professional responsibility to shine a light on the issues about which the Perth Mod stakeholders were so concerned.

The McGowan Government's welcome announcement to save Perth Mod was not only an important victory for democracy, but importantly, allows Perth Mod to continue its tradition of exemplary education for high-achieving students, who come from all corners of this State to be educated in a Government school which is open to all students regardless of circumstances. It also means that the valuable support services that the **Perth Modernian Society** and the **Sphinx Scholarship Fund** provide to Perth Mod will continue stronger than ever, for the benefit of our state, our nation and the global community.

The Society records its thanks to the public and the State Government most sincerely. We look forward to supporting the Government in the pursuit of quality public education in WA.

May I encourage and welcome all former students and staff who are not already registered to join the Perth Modernian Society.

Peter Farr, President



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Conclusion

- The Society is not only doing lots of worthwhile things for the here and now, but also creating a really worthwhile legacy.
- Examples include the successful Save PMS campaign, the Sphinx Scholarships and Bursaries, the Annual Oration, the History Centre, Heritage Trail, and the ever expanding database catalogue of our historical artefacts, photos, records and equipment.
- The biggest challenge by far is to get more volunteer assistance from younger Modernians.
- I wish everyone present an enjoyable day and good health for the year ahead.

Special General Meeting

Purpose: To consider and adopt:

- **PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC)** amended **Constitution-** (Revised September 2017)
- **SPHINX FOUNDATION (INC)** amended **Constitution** - (Revised September 2017)
- **PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED** – new **Constitution** (5 September 2017)

Each motion requires a 75% majority of those present who are entitled to vote.

PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC)

CONSTITUTION

CONTENTS

- PRELIMINARY
- MEMBERS
- COUNCIL OF THE SOCIETY
- COMMITTEES OF THE SOCIETY
- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS
- FINANCIAL MATTERS
- DISPUTE RESOLUTION
- GENERAL MATTERS

The impetus for this amended constitution arises from a change in WA law. In 2015 the Parliament of Western Australia passed the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015* (WA), which came into force on 1 July 2016. This act requires the Society to make various changes to its existing constitution before 30 June 2019.

In addition to complying with the new laws the amendments in the proposed constitution are aimed at improving clarity, better aligning the constitution with the functioning of the Society and promoting consistency between the constitutions of the Society, Sphinx Foundation Inc. and the new Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated. Examples of these additional changes include provision for proxies, provision for the use of technology to allow remote attendance at meetings and provision for the appointment by the Society of Patrons.

Special resolution No 1

That the document submitted to the meeting, and for the purpose of identification signed by the Chairperson of the meeting, is adopted as the constitution of the PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (Inc.), in substitution for the present constitution of the Society (which is repealed).

Moved: Barrie Baker

Seconded: Eve Broadley

Voting result: Carried - unanimous votes in favour.

SPHINX FOUNDATION (INC)

Constitution

- PART 1 – PRELIMINARY
- PART 2 – THE FOUNDATION
- PART 3 – MEMBERS
- PART 4 – THE BOARD
- PART 5 – GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE FOUNDATION
- PART 6 – FINANCIAL MATTERS
- PART 7 – DISPUTE RESOLUTION
- PART 8 – GENERAL MATTERS

The Foundation is to consider a proposal to adopt a new constitution at a Special General Meeting of members on [10 September 2017]. The proposed constitution is based on the current constitution of the Foundation which, if this resolution is passed, will be repealed and replaced by the proposed new constitution.

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In addition to complying with the new laws the amendments in the proposed constitution are aimed at improving clarity, better aligning the constitution with the functioning of the Foundation and promoting consistency between the constitutions of the Foundation, Perth Modernian Society Inc. and the new Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated.

Examples of these additional changes include, a change to the definition of the Foundation's financial year, provision for proxies, provision for the use of technology to allow remote attendance at meetings and provision for the appointment by the Foundation of Patrons.

Special resolution No 2

That the document submitted to the meeting, and for the purpose of identification signed by the Chairperson of the meeting, is adopted as the constitution of the SPHINX FOUNDATION INC., in substitution for the present constitution of the Foundation (which is repealed).

Moved: Barrie Baker

Seconded: Eve Broadley

Voting result: Carried - unanimous votes in favour.

PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED - CONSTITUTION

- PART 1 - PRELIMINARY
- PART 2 – THE ASSOCIATION
- PART 3 – MEMBERS
- PART 4 – THE BOARD
- PART 5 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS
- PART 6 - FINANCIAL MATTERS
- PART 7 – DISPUTE RESOLUTION
- PART 8 – GENERAL MATTERS

The PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED is being established to be a charity whose primary objective is to advance education and benefit the community as a whole by means of providing funding to the **Historical and Museum Committee** to enable the latter body to advance heritage and culture.

On 6th Sept 2017 a copy of the draft Constitution for the PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED was submitted for consideration to the Associations and Charities, Registration Section, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Western Australia.

Special resolution No 3

That the document submitted to the meeting, and for the purpose of identification signed by the Chairperson of the meeting, is adopted as the constitution of the PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED, subject to any compliancy changes that may be requested by the Commissioner for Consumer Protection.

Moved: Barrie Baker

Seconded: Eve Broadley

Voting result: Carried - unanimous votes in favour.