BARRIE BAKER

Barrie has served on the Council of the Perth Modernian Society (Inc) since its formation in 1995, undertaking roles as President and Secretary. He willingly accepts leadership positions in the major activities of the Society. He has been a member of the Board of the Sphinx Foundation since its establishment in 2000, serving as there as Secretary and Chairman. His interests in these positions have been to steer the Foundation to effectively serve the educational needs of the students, especially in providing scholarships for its less advantaged students. As convener of the North of the River group of the Australian Shareholders' Association, Barrie is well placed to advise on and oversight the Sphinx Scholarship Fund's growing investment portfolio.

Barrie's approach to his work with the Society is typified in this paragraph submitted by him on another occasion. I want to say that from the outset, throughout my association with the Council/Sphinx Foundation, I have worked with a terrific set of people. We could have achieved little without a shared love of the School and great commitment. I gained a great deal of satisfaction in working with Sallie Davies and David Black and their team on the school history publication in 2005. My big aim has been to work towards the Society becoming a true alumni body to the School, bringing its objectives into line with those of the School. I wanted the Society members to turn their focus away from themselves and towards the School and its needs. Another associated aim was to re-focus the Sphinx Foundation to provide material support for the School. It was also my aim to put in place the Sphinx Scholarship Scheme to support those students whose families 'were doing it tough'. Due to the particular support of Peter Farr and Malcolm McCusker among, many other supporters, we are up and away.