



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE HISTORY CENTRE 16:15 MONDAY 18 February 2019

ATTENDEES: Prof. Geoff Soutar (President); Barrie Baker (Vice President) (A/Functions); Peter Farr (Immediate Past President); Eve Broadley (Treasurer) Sallie Davies (H&MC); Deb Beresford (Secretary); Ian Jarvis (Communications), Ed Lazarus (Membership); Julian Grill; Ruth Barrett; Lois Joll (Principal)

APOLOGIES : I Barbara Mallett (Reunions) ; Jeanette McQueen (Sphinx Foundation) ;

ITEM 1. INVITED SPEAKER: None

ITEM 2. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 3. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Lois Joll (Principal)

Lois Joll tabled the Principal's Report.

The exceptional results of the Class of 2018 in the WACE have been acknowledged and celebrated by the school. They produced a record median ATAR of 97 with 55 students attaining an ATAR of 99 or above. The Class achieved 17 General Exhibitions and 9 Subject Exhibitions. Pooja Ramesh was awarded the Beazley Medal: WACE. Many of the award-winning students attended a whole school assembly on Friday 8 February where their achievements were acknowledged. At the assembly, the 2019 Sphinx Foundation Scholarship winners received their certificates from Sphinx Foundation Representatives, Peter Farr and Barrie Baker. On 13 February, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority Awards ceremony was held at Government House with many PMS students receiving acknowledgement for winning General Exhibitions, Subject Exhibitions and Certificates of Distinction.

Two Prospective Parent Information Sessions have been held in February where parents and their children learn about the PMS curriculum and opportunities for gifted and talented students.

30 students from the Lu He school in Beijing have been hosted by Perth Modern recently and 20 students from sister school Lycee Saint Exupery in France are here for 2 weeks.

Many students are to be congratulated for their achievements at the end of 2018 and beginning of 2019. Three students have been awarded Fogarty Scholarships to study at UWA. Two students have been offered places to study at the University of Cambridge. Claudia Walton-McDermott has won the Rob Riley Memorial prize for WACE and she also won Academic Dux of 2018 award. Talented students have performed well at the National Chess Championships, the Australian National Chemistry Quiz, the National Maths Summer School, the Dante Alighieri Society Italian Speech Competition, World Youth Scrabble in Dubai, and Sporting events. Alice Nixon Mclvor in Year 12 has had her artwork selected for the 2018 Perspectives exhibition.

New staff have been welcomed to the School.

Capital and minor works are awaiting tender (lift in Beasley) or in progress.

The School Board held their open Annual meeting in November where the emphasis was on Sustainability and the Environment within the school.

Inner City College. Concern has been raised that it may be named after Robert Hawke who attended PMS. Raise the Roof. School Patron Malcolm McCusker and Tonya will host an event at their Dalkeith home on Thursday evening 21st Feb. to help raise additional funds towards the Multi-Purpose Auditorium for PMS.

The Telethon building is rented to another appropriate research facility.
The School will be briefed on the PMH site.

ITEM 4. MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 22 October 2018

Eve Broadley proposed acceptance of the minutes with the correction of typographical error. Ruth Barrett seconded. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes: None

4.1 ACTION ITEMS:

See ACTION SHEET

STATUS OF CURRENT ACTIONS IN THE ACTIONS ITEMS RUNNING SHEET

Refer attached Action Sheet. The following items have been discussed, deleted or completed:

Item 203. Communications. I.T. Funding for new server. Discussed. The grant prepared by Peter Farr has been submitted to Lotterywest. In the absence of AGM minutes, minutes from the most recent meetings of the Museum Committee were provided. 75% of what funding is needed has been applied for. A technology assessment for the Museum as well as an IT plan have been prepared. If the grant is received, the plans will be very useful. It is now in the hands of the Grants Officer. The Council expressed their appreciation of the hard work Peter has put into this project.

Item 206. Reunion Coordination. Complete. A reunion venue hire booking form has been completed.

Item 212. Principal's Report. Raise the Roof. Discontinued. Approaches were to be made by Council to Subiaco Council and MP's for support with funding Raise the Roof. Subiaco Council is occupied with more pressing problems and the present government will give no funding.

Item 213. Communications. Membership. Completed. Membership certificates have been amended according to the Society Style Guide from Steve Castledine and can be printed when needed.

Item 214. General Business. IT System. This has been transferred to the Strategic Plan list.

ITEM 5: CORRESPONDENCE

Inward Correspondence

22 November 2018. Letter from Maddison Evans, Committee Clerk of Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs to President Perth Modernian Society **re: Overview of Petitions of 16 May 2017 to 30 June 2018. Petition No 5 – Oppose education central plan for Perth Modern** Copy of Report enclosed.

Outward Correspondence.

None.

ITEM 6. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT. *Report circulated electronically*

Jarvis e-XMod Database (JED).

Remote access to JED database has not been available for the past 4 weeks so the Communications Report is missing data sourced from JED.

Our Broadband provider, Vividwireless, advised that their business was ceasing in March 2019 and that the service would then be transferred to Optus. Ian arranged for 2 new residential services with Optus only to find out through Lakes Networking that a static IP address was required for remote access. Optus then advised that this was only available with business accounts which after much difficulty was organised. Lakes Networking then advised that the Vividwireless modems did not support remote access. It was decided to approach Optus to buy a modem from them at \$192.90, depending on advice from Lakes Networking who confirmed that it would be suitable. It is now being configured by Lakes.

Hopefully the matter can be resolved soon as the lack of remote access is restricting volunteers from updating JED and downloading email addresses for the newsletter. It also affects the use of Mosaic.

NEWSLETTERS

e-Newsletter

The following dates are subject to review but should be published in the next e-Newsletter:

Copy deadlines for 2019:

- 20 February to publish by March 1 (In preparation now)
- 20 May for circulation June 1
- 20 September for circulation October 1
- 20 November for circulation December 1.

THE PERTH MODERNIAN Magazine for Contributing Members

Copy deadline: 31 May 2019. A decision as to whether a hard copy of the magazine is still warranted will be decided at **the next meeting (18/3/2019). Strategic Plan.**

MEMBERSHIP

- No data as JED unavailable.

ITEM 7: FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT. *Report circulated electronically.*

7.1 SPHINX FOUNDATION

The most recent ordinary meeting of the Sphinx Foundation Board was held on 28 November 2018.

The newly initiated Investment Sub-Committee consists of:

William Philogene

Louise Edwards

Reg Gillard

Vivian Wang (2005-2009) Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) UWA, Diploma in Financial Planning, Grad. Dip. of Chartered Accounting, has accepted an invitation to join the Board. She is a director of R.E. Ledger Pty Ltd and is the current Chair of the Young Chartered Accountants Panel.

Scholarships

All 26 recipients of scholarships for previous years continuing to Year 8, 9, 10 have re-enrolled at the school. Renewals of entry level scholarships now require the largest single outlay which is a challenge to fund. (\$27,000)

This year the Sphinx Scholarship awards, which include a record number of 69 awards, plus the Principal's Discretionary Bursaries, total \$63,000.

There needs to be flexibility with bursaries. The Principal's Discretionary Bursaries are used to assist students in dire needs. In order to get a better feel for this need, an end of year evaluation session should be organised with John Harris in future.

From the eighteen applications received for year 7 scholarships, thirteen scholarships/bursaries were awarded to the value of \$12,400.00. These will be presented at a separate small ceremony.

In upper school, there were twenty-eight scholarships/bursaries awarded. New Year 10 awards include: TLC "Be inspired", Fortescue Engineering (including Pilbara Field Visit Bursaries), Don Tyler Innovations Entrepreneur and Independent Research, Don Tyler IT and Computer Science, and Perth Modernian Society Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship/Bursary

These Scholarships were presented to the students at the whole school assembly on Friday 8 February.

ACTION (215) Geoff Soutar will liaise with the Principal re: invitations to assembly where scholarship winners are announced.

7.2 PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY – OPERATIONAL FINANCE: *Report circulated electronically*

Eve presented the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 December.

The Society had an operating loss of \$1365 for the year.

Perth Modernian Society Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2018

TOTAL	\$26,811.00
2018	
Income	
Functions	\$4266.00
Interest	\$353.00
Subscriptions	\$6136.00
Total Income	\$10755.00
Expenses	
Donations	\$1750.00
Function catering and labour	\$2958.00
Function equipment and hire	\$231.00
Function other	\$47.00
Silver badges	\$1421.00
Newsletter printing and editorial	\$1323.00
Printing, stationery and postage	\$584.00
Computer and communication costs	\$2620.00
Computer Hardware	0
Insurance	\$824.00

Trophies	\$286.00
Sundry	\$76.00
Total Expenses	\$12120.00
Operating Profit (Loss)	-\$1365.00
Expenses (Current)	
Donation to All Saints' Anglican Church for use of hall.	\$100.00
Refund B.Baker Strategig Plan stationery, refreshments.	\$90.85
Refund I. Jarvis for Modem,	\$92.90

Peter Farr moved that payment of expenses be accepted. Seconded Deb Beresford. Carried

7.3 SPHINX FOUNDATION FINANCE REPORT

Reports tabled by Peter Farr:

Sphinx Foundation Balance Sheet as of February 18, 2019

CBA Cheque A/c Cash at bank	\$368.00
<u>Sphinx Foundation Profit & Loss July 1 2018 through to February 18, 2019</u>	
Net Income	-\$450.77
<u>Sphinx Scholarship Fund Balance Sheet as of 18 February 2019</u>	
Total Assets	\$926,699.30
<u>Sphinx Scholarship Fund Profit and Loss 1 July 2018-18February 2019</u>	
Total Expenses	\$59,943.54
Net Earnings	-\$1621.08

Peter reported that money for scholarships still need to be paid to the school, which will happen in March.

7.4 HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE – OPERATIONAL FINANCE

Not presented. Accounts held in the name of the Historical and Museum Committee will be closed and monies will be transferred to the Museum Association bank account.

ITEM 8: HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE. *Report circulated electronically.*

Museum Committee [Standing Committee of PMSoc MA]

The H&M Committee held its first term meeting for the year on 4 February 2019. At this meeting Alan Porter retired as Hon.Treasurer after many years of service, but plans to continue as a volunteer maintaining the Science Collection.

The following Museum (H&M) Committee positions were agreed for 2019.

Chair:	Sallie Davies (continuing as H&M appointment to Council)
Hon. Secretary:	Gay Albillos
Hon. Treasurer:	Bob Johnson
Hon. Archivist:	Deb Beresford
Hon. IT Manager:	Ian Jarvis
Committee Members:	Robyn White, Sharon Williams, Angela Jones

History Centre and Archives

Health and financial issues continue to impact IT, as well as planning future activities and coordinated management of volunteer activities.

The Museum Association is grateful for the work done by Peter Farr and Bob Johnson in preparing a technology assessment for the Museum and an IT plan. This information went towards preparing a grant to Lotterywest by Peter, for funding much needed computer equipment.

Perth Modernian Society Museum Association

The Board of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Society Association has met twice since the new year. Information in writing confirmed the DGR status for the Museum Association, effective from 14 September 2018. This was received by the Board on 30 January 2019. Peter Farr mentioned that a potential donor was interested in donating towards repairs of the War Memorial. **ACTION (216)** Sallie Davies will follow this up with Robyn White.

A folio of documents prepared for use by Board Members was distributed to them. It includes details of Incorporation, Constitutions, By-Laws, details of Collections, Privacy and Student Involvement Policies, Registration as a Charity and other requirements for guidance in meeting statutory and constitutional obligations. A hard copy is available for the President of the Perth Modernian Society.

The Expression of Interest pro forma for recruitment of potential Board Members has been updated to accommodate changes to the Constitution. A Sphinx Board member is interested in joining the Museum Association Board. **ACTIONS (217)** Barrie Baker to liaise with Sallie Davies.

ITEM 9: FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE: *Report circulated electronically.*

9.1 Annual General Meeting

Planned for **Monday 27 May 2019**. Guest Speaker will be Professor Bruce Armstrong AM, BMSc(Hons) MB BS FRACP FAFPHM FAA. (1957-1961)

This event will follow the usual format, the meeting first, then Guest Speaker.

Invitation. Deb will issue an invitation to the Chairman of the School Board, Dr. Ken Michael AC and the President of the P&C, Mr. Phil Marshall

Promotion. Outside guests are welcome. A notice in the school newsletter inviting parents to attend as well as staff. An eVent notice to be circulated to Perth Modernian Society members.

Catering. Eve and Deb to liaise with Clive Palmer.

Venue. Lecture Theatre. Barrie will liaise with Lois or Val for a bigger venue.

(ACTIONS (218)) Functions Committee to attend to associated tasks.

9.2 Annual Reunion.

Historically it has been held in September with date tied to Music students' break up. Numbers need to be larger.

To be discussed in Strategic Plan

9.3 Perth Modernian Society Annual Oration for 2019

Guest Speaker: An eminent West Australian has been approached.

ITEM 10: REUNION COORDINATION REPORT. *Report circulated electronically.*

Organisational steps for planning an AGM or Annual Reunion, with programmes, menus etc. were prepared by Barbara for possible addition to the website. **(ACTION 219)**. Sallie Davies will discuss further modifications to the procedures with Barbara. e.g. checklist.

Reunions

- **The Class of 1969** are planning their 50th Reunion for **2019**. Contact person, Gene Koltasz whose contact details are on the website.
- **The Class of 1971**, 50th Reunion in **2021**. Glynis McEwan has come forward to help organize the reunion and her email address is on the website.
- **The Class of 1970**. Almost ready to advertise the date and location for the planned 50th Reunion for **2020**.
- **Class of 2009** have a Facebook Page in preparation for a 10-year reunion **2019**. Amin Shevketoglu (Heyawee) has made contact and her details have been placed on the website.
- **Class of 1949** would like a 70th year reunion **2019** to coincide with the Annual Reunion in September, Ken Fitch and his wife Valerie (Philpot) are contacts and their details will be added to the website.
- **Class of 1978**. Two of the alumni, Carole Lambert (Mungham) and Jane Diggins are keen to meet up with other students from their year.

ITEM 11: REPORT FROM SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD

Peter Farr tabled the Perth Modern School Board Annual Report, the draft for which had been prepared by Ken Michael, Craig Donovan, and Peter.

1. The Board reported that the School is progressing well and is moving towards meeting the best interests of the School community, with regard to the budget, current facilities and innovative external engagement.
2. The Board welcomed several new members in early 2018. Throughout 2018, there were nine Board meetings including one open meeting. Events were held to foster interactions with other School Community organisations, like the P&C and Perth Modernian Society, as well as a workshop to develop an approach to a Sustainability Strategy for the School. A visit and talk by Mr Matt Osborne from the WA Department of Education was on Independent Public-School Board Governance
3. During 2018, The Board and School successfully achieved a number of objectives. Some highlights:
 - a. The progress made against the key focus areas in the Business Plan providing the strategic direction for the school, focusing on the two key areas, Quality Teaching and Learning and Quality Learning Environment for students,

- b. The Board recognises the significant value of the School's Modernians and the two entities continue to work closely together. This was led with the support of Board member Mr Peter Farr and the President of the Perth Modernian Society Inc. Prof. Geoffrey Soutar.
- c. Meredith Eddington (Board Community Representative) worked closely with the School Executive to advise on the marketing and fundraising strategies for the proposed multi-purpose Auditorium Project.
- d. The Board reviewed, amended and endorsed three school policies: Bullying Prevention Policy; Complaints Management Policy and Drugs in School Policy.
- e. The Board developed and endorsed a Perth Modern School Board logo and document template to use for official Board correspondence.
- f. The Principal, Ms Lois Joll met with Bronwyn Rasmussen (Board Community Representative and chair, City Beach Residential College Local Input Networking and Communications Committee) regarding the City Beach Residential College (CBRC) and ways to encourage rural students to apply to the GATE program. This move was supported by the Sphinx Foundation; pleasingly one incoming Year 7 country student who won a Sphinx entry level scholarship had the scholarship money paid direct to CBRC where she is a boarder.

4. School Infrastructure Priorities.

The Board resolved that the proposed multi-purpose auditorium was ranked unequivocally as the highest priority for the School to pursue. The Principal has kept the Board closely informed, and as well Board members have been actively involved in the project fundraising, along with the whole School community.

5 Sustainability Workshop

Perth Modern School, with members of the wider School Community promote three core values: **Respect Yourself, Respect Others** and **Respect Space**. The latter specifies the importance of "**Care of the environment, Care of the facilities, Sustainable practices, Conservation and Conduct appropriate to the environment**". At the conclusion of the workshop it was noted that Sustainability projects/activities often require funding support, which could in future involve the corporate sector and interested Modernians. Integration of Sustainability topics into the curriculum was also stressed.

Retiring Board members were acknowledged and thanked as well as Dr Ken Michael for his willingness to step into the role of Board Chair in 2018 and for offering to continue in this position in 2019. The Board also thanked Peter Farr for his work as Deputy Chair.

ITEM 12: REVISION OF STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-2017

There will be a **meeting** to further discuss items on the Strategic Plan list on

Monday 18 March 2019 at 3. 45p.m. This is prior to the Council meeting at 4.15p.m.

For consideration when revising the Strategic Plan.

- Annual Magazine
- New Category of Membership (Honorary Contributing Member)
- IT
- Future of the Annual Reunion.

ITEM 13: GENERAL BUSINESS.

Honour Awards.

Ruth Barrett has taken on the role this year. Nominations are to be advertised in the eNewsletter. Irene has been consulted and Peter, Barrie and Sallie are willing to offer assistance and advice.

Inner City College name

It is rumoured that the Premier Mark McGowan has mounted a case for naming Subiaco's new inner city high school after Bob Hawke. The Council is concerned about this as Bob Hawke attended Perth Modern School and as a Modernian, it would be more appropriate to name a part of the School after him, rather than the neighbouring school.

(ACTION 220) Geoff Soutar will draft a letter to the Premier on behalf of the Society. The draft will be circulated for comment.

ITEM 14: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A meeting will be held to discuss Strategic Plan.

Monday 18 March 3.45pm

History Centre

The next Council Meeting will be held.

Monday 18 March 2019

All Council meetings to commence at 16.15

MEETINGS FOR 2019

Monday 13 May 2019

Monday 10 June 2019

Monday 5 August 2019

Monday 2 September 2019

Monday 28 October 2019

Monday 25 November 2019

MEETING CLOSURE: 18.45

ACTION No.	MEETING DATE	CLASSIFICATION	MINUTE S SECTION #	ACTION DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	STATUS at date of most recent mtg	COMMENTS	ACTIONEE
147	24/10/2016	Functions:	10	Investigate what sort of function would appeal to new young members	Feb/ March 2018	Ongoing	Addressed in the Strategic Plan	IF, EB
164	13/3/2017	General Business: Strategic Plan	12	Revisit the Strategic plan	18/3/2019	Continuing	Meeting planned for 18/3/2019 at 3.45p.m. Museum Committee to be invited to attend.	GS,
187	23/10/17	Communications Members	6	Contributing members who have not kept up instalment payments to be contacted	20/11/17	Ongoing	Scholarship donors made members. Contact all Contributing Instalment Members that re-classified as unfinancial and thus Registered Member. Direct Debit. To be discussed at Strategic Planning meeting 18/3/2019.	IJ, EL
203	12/3/2018	Communications	6	Server software no longer supported by Microsoft	14/5/18	In Progress	Grant prepared by Peter Farr submitted to Lotterywest. Technology assessment done. IT plan prepared for Museum. Appreciation to Peter for all work done.	PF

207	11/6/2018	General Business: New category of membership	13.2	The Council has agreed in principle to introduce an additional category of member to be known as an Honorary Contributing Member	30/7/2018	In Progress	The Constitution will be examined to see if the category of Honorary Contributing Member can be accommodated. To be discussed at Strategic Planning meeting 18/3/2019	PF, GS EL
211	27/8/2018	Functions: Modernian Oration 2019	9.3	A subcommittee has been formed to find a Guest speaker for the Annual Oration.	22/10/2018	In Progress	An eminent West Australian has been approached.	PF, JG
215	18/2/2019	Finance and Fundraising: Sphinx Foundation: Scholarships	7.1	Protocol for invitations to Assembly where scholarships are awarded	18/3/2019	In Progress	Protocol for invitations to Assembly where scholarships are awarded. Discussion.	GS, LJ
216	18/2/2019	Historical & Museum Committee: Museum Association	8	A Modernian wishes to donate money towards the repair of the War Memorial	18/3/2019	In Progress	Museum Association will follow through to contact prospective donor.	SD, RW
217	18/2/2019	Historical & Museum Committee: Museum Association	8	A Sphinx Board member has expressed interest in joining the Museum Association Board.	19/11/2018	Ongoing	Barrie Baker will liaise with Sallie Davies	BB, SD
218	18/3/2019	Functions Committee: AGM	9.1	Bigger venue needed, invitations to be sent, promotion of event, advertising, catering and associated planning for AGM	18/03/2019	Ongoing	Functions Committee to attend to associated tasks	BB, DB, EB

219	18/3/2019	Reunion Coordination	10	Steps for planning an AGM or Annual Reunion, with programmes, menus etc. were prepared for possible addition to the website	18/03/2019	Ongoing	Further modifications to the procedures e.g. checklist.	SD, BM
220	18/3/2019	General Business: Inner city College name	13	Concern about the proposed naming of Inner City College in honour of Bob Hawke. The name Bob Hawke is most associated with PMS.	18/03/2019	Ongoing.	On behalf of the Society, Geoff Soutar will draft a letter to the Premier pointing out the connection of Bob Hawke to PMS.	GS