



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

THE PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC) 2018 AGM

Draft Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting of the Society held at Perth Modern School at 5.45 p.m. on 21st May 2018.

Attendance: Peter Farr (President), Barrie Baker, Eve Broadley, Sallie Davies, Lois Joll, Stuart Gould, Prof. Geoff Soutar, Jeanette McQueen, Ruth Barrett, Barbara Mallett, Deb Beresford, Ian Jarvis, Albert Tognolini, Alan Porter, Ed Lazarus, Dr Phil Best, Laurie Best, Bruce McCallum, Wendy McCallum, Sharon Williams, Dr Ian Melville, Keith Kessell, Greg Calcutt, Dr Ken Michael, Phil Marshall, Hon. Julian Grill, Robert Johnson, Deirdre Owen, Micaela Pereira.

Apologies: Annemie McAuliffe, Dr Irene Froyland, Jillian Thompson, Malcolm Evans, Jim Davies, Malcolm Crosbie, Beverley Crosbie, Prof. Con Michael, Graeme Hunt, Olga Miragliotta (Karlson), Janet Williams, John Williams (1950/51), Dr Philip Jennings, Gilbert George, Janet Holmes a' Court, Ken Watson, Bill McPherson, Carol Day, Don Cook.

Welcome.

The President welcomed the Principal Mrs Lois Joll, Dr. Ken Michael AM, Chairman of the PMS Board, Mr. Phil Marshall, President of the PMS P&C Association, Hon. Julian Grill and Guest Speaker, Dr. Ian Melville.

Minutes of 2017 AGM: Barrie Baker proposed acceptance, seconded Ian Jarvis. Carried.

Minutes of Special General Meeting held on 10 September 2017: The meeting was held for the specific business of approval of amendments to the Sphinx Foundation Constitution and Perth Modernian Society Inc. Constitution, and the adoption of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Inc Constitution. Eve Broadley proposed acceptance, seconded Ed Lazarus. Carried unanimously,

2017 Annual Report.

This is fully comprehensive along lines required by good corporate governance. (N.B. A full copy of the 2017 Annual Report is on the Portal).

President's Report

A copy of Peter Farr's full report is included in the 2017 Annual Report prepared in May 2018. The Report concentrates upon an overview of 2017. Peter presented a PowerPoint version of the report to the meeting, and a PDF copy is attached.

The President's Report included a rundown on New Initiatives in 2017, Membership Trend over the Last 8 Years, Historical and Museum (H&M) Committee, the Society Finances, Sphinx Foundation and Sphinx Scholarship Fund Finances, Sphinx Scholarship Awards Summary 2009-2018, and the Save Perth Mod Campaign Finale. Peter informed the meeting that a wider section of memorabilia is now available (*on display at the meeting*), including the new ladies scarf.

The Society was collectively relieved to have seen the survival 'as is' announced by Premier Mark McGowan in June 2017 of Perth Modern School and hence also the Perth Modernian Society, the History Centre, the Sphinx Foundation, and the Sphinx Scholarship Fund. Accordingly, the Society is making a financial contribution towards a futuristic new Sphinx sculpture that will face Roberts Road Subiaco and will symbolise Perth Mod going forward and ever upward.

Peter sincerely thanked on members' behalf the Society's Councillors, the H&M Committee, the Sphinx Foundation Board, other volunteers, and special contributors for the enormous amount of work and goodwill that they put in to so many projects during 2017.

Peter also highlighted the involvement of Modernians at Gallipoli and beyond 100 years ago in WWI, the School's 2018 ANZAC service, and the white crosses laid by Year 7 students on the War Memorial.

After 5 years as President, Peter is retiring from that role and handing over to Professor Geoffrey Soutar who will take over in June 2018. He felt that he had been privileged to have worked alongside the awesome PMS community – Modernians all over the world, the Society's hard-working Councillors, the Sphinx Board Directors, H&M Committee members, volunteers, PMS Board, P&C Association, the School Executive and admin staff, teachers, parents and students.

On behalf of the meeting, Barrie Baker gave a vote of thanks to Peter for all his work for the Society and in particular, for the wonderful leadership shown in the "*Save Perth Mod*" campaign.

Eve Broadley proposed adoption of the 2017 Annual Report. Seconded Ian Jarvis. Carried

Treasurer's Report

Eve Broadley (Treasurer), tabled the Financial Report for the Perth Modernian Society for the year ended 31st December 2017.

Eve reported that the balance sheet had improved. There is a big increase of graduates joining the Society and more people are becoming 4-Year Contributing members.

Income and Expenditure 2017 FY:

- Income amounted to \$23,352 and Expenses \$15,952 giving a net Operating Profit of \$7,400.
- The main recurrent cost items comprised: Newsletter printing and editorial (\$1329), Printing, Stationery & Postage (\$1490), Computer and communication costs (\$1305), Insurances (\$780) Trophies (\$448).
- The Society had net cash at bank at 31/12/2017 of \$27,301.

NOTES

1. Sundry debtors covered funds due to the Society from Sphinx Foundation for insurance paid over two years on their behalf, as well as funds from Sphinx and the History & Museum Committee for the cost of the banners on their behalf.
2. Current liabilities include \$1,500 due to the School for donations raised on their behalf from the members of the Council to cover a Perth Modernian Society prize for the year 12's graduation
3. Donations to the H&M Committee of \$425 were included in the receipts from function activities. Donations included \$6350 to the "*Save Perth Mod Fighting Fund*"
4. Perth Modernian Society Council organised resources to conduct football parking for one AFL game, with the money collected going to Perth Modern School. The School subsequently contributed \$2,324 to the Society as its share of the overall income from parking in 2017. Due to the shift to Optus Stadium for the AFL games from 2018, there will no longer be any income from football parking. This is a significant loss of income for the Society, but much more so for PMS as parking income has supplemented many activities over recent years.

Peter Farr thanked Eve Broadley and moved that the Financial Report be received.
Seconded by D. Beresford. Carried.

Membership Report

Covered in the President's Report – including graphs produced by Ian Jarvis and Ed Lazarus.

Nominations and election for Council

Regrettably, Dr. Irene Froyland who has contributed to Council in many ways, is retiring from Council this year.

Current members seeking re-election: Deb Beresford.

Nominations from the floor. Ruth Barrett (1952-57) and the Hon Julian Grill (1956-57) agreed to join the Council.

Peter Farr moved the nominations of all. Seconded Eve Broadley. Carried by acclamation.

Principal's Report

Peter Farr introduced the Principal, Lois Joll.

Lois acknowledged Peter's contribution and the work of the Modernians in their support of the school.

As an example of how well the PMS students perform, the Term 1 School Newsletter gives an overview. The publication has grown to 52 pages and the representation of students is due to the support of Modernians and staff. Lois stressed that the school is not an ATAR factory, but has some 1,400 very able students who are shining across many varied areas with the help of a supportive staff.

The School Annual Report is just out and is also available on the school website.

The Auditorium project will go ahead and the campaign for the new facility will be reenergized. It is necessarily a long-term project. Although there will be no contributions from the WA Government or Department of Education, almost half the money needed has been raised or pledged so far.

This year celebrates 50 Years of Music in the School, as the selective music program commenced in 1968.

Old Modernian, Rosemary Pratt was the volunteer archivist for the art collection in the school, cataloguing and recording all pieces. One area of the collection identified as lacking was sculpture. The new Sphinx sculpture is in the final stages of production and hopefully will be ready in the next 2 months.

Lois thanked the Perth Modernian Society for all their support, mentioning the connectivity between the P&C Association and the Society as a result of last year. Also as a result, Peter has now joined the School Board and is Deputy Chair.

Chair PMS Board

Peter Farr introduced Dr. Ken Michael AM.

Dr. Michael thanked the Perth Modernian Society, the Sphinx Foundation and the P&C Association as they were all tested last year, and great leadership was shown by Lois. He is proud to be a Modernian and pleased to be the Chair after serving for six years on the Board and its predecessor, the PMS Council.

The ideas that come forward around the Board give strategic direction to the School in their Key Focus Areas of Quality Teaching and Learning, and Quality Learning Environment for students. PMS is a great school and community.

The right outcome occurred as a result of many people behind the scenes in the “*Save Perth Mod*” campaign.

The proposed multipurpose auditorium has been discussed with a lot of passion. The Board has systematically looked at all areas of need, the outcome being that the highest priority was accorded to the auditorium – a facility which will make the school even greater when it eventuates.

Dr. Michael commended Peter for the leadership he has shown as the President of the Perth Modernian Society, as he now does on the Board. On behalf of the Board, he thanked Peter for his participation in supporting the School.

President PMS P&C Association

Peter Farr introduced Phil Marshall.

Phil Marshall said that Perth Modern School was a unique institution in W.A. with a rich history. As a parent, he thanked the Perth Modernian Society for their support of scholarships and mentoring of students. It was obvious from the “*Save Perth Mod*” campaign, that the words of Sir Winston Churchill, “never let a good crisis go to waste” energized the school community. The parent groups have formed strong bonds and solidarity. The P&C has all new executive members this year who are keen to take advantage of ideas which will increase the benefits for the students. In conclusion, he said that the P&C Association was indeed fortunate in having had someone of Peter’s calibre in supporting the School community.

General Business

The President, Peter Farr, thanked everyone for their attendance at the 23rd Annual General Meeting. He also thanked Micaela Pereira, for her valuable assistance with the AGM arrangements.

The meeting closed at 7.05 p.m.

Guest Speakers

Then followed a combined presentation by Sallie Davies, Chair of the History and Museum Committee who then introduced Dr. Ian Melville. Sallie presented an overview of the evolution of the Perth Modernian Society History Centre and Archives and the potential way forward for the new Museum Association. Dr Ian Melville highlighted the very important role of school museums (for those schools lucky enough to have one) in reminding students of the heritage that they are fortunate to inherit.

The vote of thanks was moved by *Moderna Scola*, Eve Broadley and carried with acclamation. A gift of a Perth Modernian Society tie was presented to Dr Melville as a token of appreciation.

Attachment: PowerPoint version of the President’s report to the 2018 AGM.