



## PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

### THE PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC) 2017 AGM

#### **Draft Minutes of the 22nd Annual General Meeting of the Society held at Perth Modern School at 5.45 p.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.**

Attendance: Peter Farr (President), Barrie Baker, Annemie McAuliffe, Eve Broadley, Irene Froyland, Ian Bain, Stuart Gould, Geoff Soutar, Jeanette McQueen, Ruth Barrett, Jillian Thompson, Kaye Barr, Barbara Mallett, Deb Beresford. Malcolm Evans, Ian Jarvis, Albert Tognolini, Geoffrey Gee, Don Tyler, Andrew Stevens, Val Furphy, Joy Hardy, Alan Porter, Alison Dowley, Graham Dowley, Ted Anthony, Enid Rose, Michael Henderson, Ed Lazarus, Frank Hedges, Jean Wei Choo

Apologies: Lois Joll, Sallie Davies, Jim Davies, Janet Williams, Dilys Paine, Denis McLeod, Carol Day, Elizabeth Day, Don Cook, Zoe Baker

**Minutes of 2016 Meeting AGM:** Annemie McAuliffe proposed acceptance, seconded Ruth Barrett. Carried.

#### **2016 Annual Report.**

This is fully comprehensive along lines required by corporate good governance. (N.B. A full copy of the 2016 Annual Report is on the Portal).

#### **President's Report**

A copy of Peter Farr's full report is included in the 2016 Annual Report prepared 7/4/2017. The Report concentrates upon an overview of 2016. Peter presented a PowerPoint version of the report to the meeting. A summary of the report is attached.

The President sincerely thanked on members' behalf the dedicated efforts of 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 2016.

#### **Imminent future challenges**

Status of the School. The events leading up to and since the WA State election on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017 have put a lot of things concerning the future status of Perth Modern School in limbo and thus question marks over the future roles of the Perth Modernian Society, The Sphinx Foundation, The Sphinx Scholarship Fund and the History Centre.

The President assured members that the election outcome has not dented the collective

opposition by the Perth Modernian Society, present day students, parents of students, the P&C Association, the Save Perth Mod Action Group, and the PMS Board to save Perth Modern School from the downgrade to local intake high school that the WA Government intends.

However, the campaign during February and March 2017 to save PMS, in which the Society's Council and members at large have played a leading part, has done more to unify this organisation and the whole Perth Mod community than anyone could possibly have dreamed of at the last year's AGM. The words Perth Mod, Perth Modern School, alumni, Modernians, Philanthropy and Sphinx Scholarships have featured in the Western Australian press and airwaves on almost a daily basis during February and March 2017.

Like many alumni, the President is extremely disturbed at the current threat from the WA Government's announced education policy and the hope is there that it won't end up diminishing the fantastic work that the Society does for Perth Mod.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Eve Broadley (Treasurer), tabled the Financial Report for the Perth Modernian Society for the year ended 31st December 2016.

- . Income and Expenditure 2016 FY:
- . ☐ Income amounted to \$13,553 and Expenses \$11,294, giving a net Operating Profit of \$2,259.
- ☐ The main recurrent cost items comprised: Newsletters (\$877), Printing, Stationery & Postage (\$835), IT, Communications and website hosting \$2828), Insurances (\$691) Trophies (\$1008).
- ☐ The Society had net cash at bank at 31/12/2016 of \$19,600.

### **NOTES**

1. Perth Modernian Society Council organized resources to conduct the football parking for one AFL game in 2016, with the money collected going to Perth Modern School. The School subsequently contributed \$3260 to the Society as its share of the overall income from parking in 2016.
  2. Associations Liability Insurance, which amounted to \$905 is being paid for by the Sphinx Foundation as this insurance cover is more relevant to their Directors' responsibilities
- . 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.

## **Nominations and election for council**

Nominations from the floor.

None. Geoffrey Soutar nominated to join the Council.

Current members seeking re-election: Barbara Mallett and Eve Broadley. Peter Farr moved the nominations of all. Seconded D. Beresford. Carried.

## **Principal's Report**

In the absence of the Principal, Lois Joll, the Associate Principal, Val Furphy delivered the report.

The graduating students from 2016 put in the hard work which resulted in one achieving the Beazley medal. Students at the school are positive and enjoy their high school experience with like-minded peers. The school addresses the needs of gifted students. They are well rounded, taking on co-curricular activities as well as many being gifted at sport as well. They enjoy being involved, connected and supportive to one another.

Val stressed that she and other staff members cannot comment on the present political situation affecting Perth Modern School, apart from saying they all love their school.

The History Centre, together with the history of the School, give students a sense of place. From the Modernians, they learn community service and giving back.

In conclusion, Val thanked the Perth Modernians for their support for the school and for the students.

## **Chair PMS Board**

Professor Michael Henderson commented that the Perth Modernians were the fabric of the School. It is important to make sure that the next generation of Modernians grow and mentoring by alumni is of value to the School.

The Board and the Perth Modernian Society already work collaboratively. Vice Chair of the Board, Nigel Hunt, a Senior Partner at King-Wood Mallesons, is working with the Perth Modernian Society on projects (i.e. constitution amendments). There is an enormous outreach and breadth of people involved on the School Board.

The Board is also gravely concerned with the Government's policy decision. He predicted that a new skyscraper school was unlikely to happen due to cost and timing. He called for a unified team of P&C, Board and Perth Modernians to be professional in their engagement towards the Government in this difficult situation.

## **President P&C**

Andrew Stevens explained that the P&C was there to support the students and provide the things which the government can't provide. This year there have been 60 to 70 people attending meetings who are concerned about the future of Perth Modern School. He said that if the *Save Perth Modern School* campaign is successful it would be prudent not to embarrass Labor by celebrating. Reaching out to a lot of people behind the scenes and working together to achieve the goal is a better way to go.

## **General Business**

The President, Peter Farr, thanked everyone for keeping the ship at sea as it has been a long hard row. This time next year we may know. The School will still be a great school. The name is not moving. The Perth Modernian Society will continue.

## **Presentation of Awards**

On behalf of the Society, Barrie Baker presented the Perth Modernian Society awards to two hard working Councillors and Sphinx Foundation Board Members. Eve

Broadley received the Moderna Scola Award, and Peter Farr was honoured with the Modernian Fellow Award.

The meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.

### **Guest Speakers**

Then followed a combined presentation by Modernians, Dr Irene Froyland and ex-Chief Superintendent Malcolm Evans titled 'Two Modernians who Played a Big Part in Western Australian Policing'. Those present enjoyed a convivial hour listening to them discussing old times (which included the landmark achievement of establishment of the Police Training Academy at Joondalup), and new challenges.