



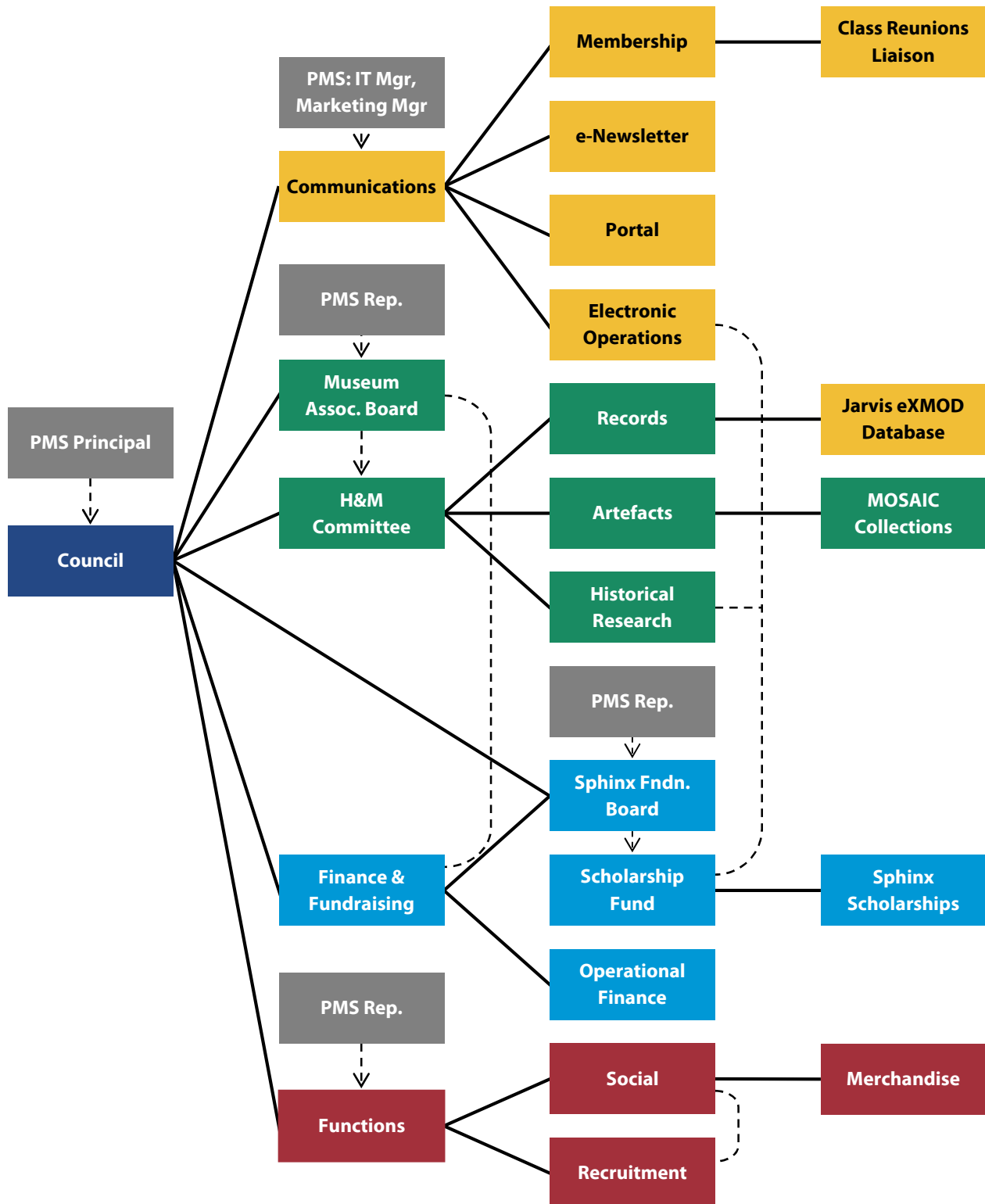
PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY



Annual Report 2023



Organisational Structure





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The **primary object** of the Perth Modernian Society (Inc) is the advancement of education for the benefit of the community as a whole. In undertaking the primary object this Society of former staff and students (alumni) must have regard to the educational principles and practices of Perth Modern School from its inception to the present and which may guide the School in the future.

Vision

To be a vibrant, respected and valued alumni organisation that values inclusiveness, educational excellence and collegiality.

Mission

To provide opportunities to connect Modernians; preserve history and traditions of Perth Modern School; and to support and encourage current students and staff to achieve their personal best.

Values

Modernians share the core values of Perth Modern School in addition to ensuring inclusiveness and relevance for past, present and future members of the Perth Modernian Society.

President's Report



The Perth Modernian Society which represents the alumni (students and staff) of Western Australia's earliest government secondary school to offer courses to matriculation level, continued in 2023 to provide many services to members, the School and the wider community. Included in this list of activities in 2023 were four issues of the quarterly eNewsletter edited by Sallie Davies (with support from Stuart Gould and Peter Farr), and which goes out to a contact list of some 1,900 alumni around Australia and overseas.

GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE

Council Membership Updates

Councillors Ed Lazarus and Kate Lewis retired after the 2023 AGM in May and were thanked for their impressive contributions over the years. Since the 2023 AGM (held 29 May 2023), the Council comprised: Evan Kennea (President), Mitchell Mackay Ex-Officio (PMS Principal), Dr Robyn White (Vice-President), Hon Daryl Williams (Vice-President), Peter Farr, Barrie Baker, Eve Broadley (Hon. Treasurer), Deborah Beresford (Hon. Secretary), Barbara Mallett, Ruth Barrett, Salena Loansby and Ian Hunt. The Society is grateful to all Councillors for their dedicated efforts. It is also recorded with appreciation that most of these people have served very long periods on the Council. Councillors' profiles may be found on pages 34-39 of this Report.

In August 2023, the Council warmly congratulated Mitchell Mackay on his selection as Principal of Perth Modern School. As part of his prize for the Principal of the Year Award, Mitch Mackay visited Finland and attended courses at Cambridge and Oxford as well as visiting some schools. Mitch or Robyn Verboon (Vice Principal) attended Council meetings during 2023 and kept the Council well informed on the academic achievements and major happenings at the School, as well as new developments such as the advent of ChatGPT AI.

Since the inception of the PMS Board when PMS became an Independent Public School, the Society has been invited to nominate one of the Board's community members, a role filled since 2018 by Peter Farr.

The Society's Incorporated Association's registration number (IARN) is A1004735K. Under the Western Australian Associations Incorporation Act (2015) there is a requirement to submit an annual Information Statement to Consumer Protection, and this was done after the Society's 2023 AGM.

OVERVIEW OF PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY COUNCIL NEWS

2023 Annual General Meeting

2023 Annual General Meeting: In a change of format, the guest speaker, Modernian from the Music School era **Dr Matthew Styles** (PMS 1984-88) BMus DMA, was interviewed by the Society's President Evan Kennea (Modernian 1984-88) in a Q&A style presentation on the topic: "Mod, Mozart and all that Jazz" (photo right).



2023 Annual Reunion

Regrettably, the 2023 Perth Modernian Society Annual Reunion (all years) which was planned to be held on Sat 2nd September 2023, had to be cancelled due to insufficient bookings. The format was intended as a concert in the Cyril Tyler Auditorium followed by a High Tea in the Sir Paul Hasluck foyer. The School, however offered those that had responded free entry to the final concert that was being held on the night of the proposed reunion. About 12 accepted the school's invitation and were all highly delighted with the concert.

Physical Computer Network and Applications

A new server and backup are now permanently installed in a dedicated server cabinet in the storeroom next to the History Centre and all networking connections have been completed. The significant cost of re-cabling was borne by the School. Security for the server cabinet has been installed so that it can only be accessed by authorised personnel. Backups are now being completed manually for both MOSAIC and JED: data-only on a weekly basis, and the entire programs monthly. These are being saved to an external hard drive. Funds need to be set aside for future MOSAIC upgrades, as well as the on-going work on upgrading JED.

PMS - School Review 2023

Perth Modern School had a School Review conducted in June 2023 and the Society was represented during the proceedings by Dr Robyn White and the Sphinx Foundation by Peter Farr.

Class Reunions

Both the Council and the School assisted various year groups with the organisation of their class reunions in 2023.

Awards

Council was delighted to recognise **Edward (Ed) D. Lazarus**, student at Perth Modern School 1956-1960, for his dedicated service to PMS over the period 2017-2023 with the award of **Moderna Scola**, which was presented at the 2023 AGM. Ed recruited and worked with external computer consultants to extend and modernise the JED alumni database, particularly in the area of membership recruitment and management. His computer systems expertise and management, along with his many hours of dedicated service have been of vital assistance to the efficient management of the Society's operations.



Vice President Dr Robyn White presenting Ed Lazarus with the Moderna Scola award at the 2023 AGM

Vale

Dr June Stephenson PhD (née McLeod), PMS student 1948-52, was a Moderna Scola, and remarkable despite blindness. Aged over 89, she passed away in February 2023. She was an outspoken supporter of Perth Mod, very proud to have attended and passionate that it should continue as is during the historic 2017 campaign to save the School at its present site. From the outset of their fundraising appeals, June magnificently supported both the Sphinx Scholarship Fund and the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association. Another notable passing in 2023 was **Alan Porter BSc**, Perth Modern School alumnus (1943-47), Moderna Scola, who had retired as commissioning chemical engineer and former head of the BP Refinery at Kwinana. Alan occupied a corner of the History Centre, and worked his way through the collection, most of which was housed in a storeroom in the main school buildings until in 2009 a Museum space was made available to enable the Perth Modernian Society Historical and Museum Committee to honour the history and share the heritage of Perth Modern School. It is very fitting that June's and Alan's names are forever recorded in gold letters on the Moderna Scola Honours Board in the History Centre at Perth Mod.

Philanthropist and Modernian Fellow **Donald Charles Tyler** passed away on 6 April 2024. Don was very public about his great affection for his alma mater, and numerous students have, or will benefit in future, from his generous contributions, enabling 15 annual Don Tyler Scholarships and Bursaries. The Tyler-McCusker Sports Centre and the Cyril Tyler Auditorium permanently honour his love of and generosity towards Perth Mod.

Membership Renewal

There is a great need for the completing Year 12 students to join the Alumni body. While the Council is trying hard to increase paid up membership, it seems that the younger members are not renewing after their first four years incentive discount. The School and the Society have to sell the importance of paid membership.

Fundraising

Both the Sphinx Foundation and the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association successfully conducted their annual appeals for donations in May-June 2023, and both appeals had a good response with all donations being tax deductible.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Communications:

- Ñ Perth Modernian Society portal: www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au
- Ñ e-Newsletter, sent quarterly to over 1,900 members (all issues are available on the website)
- Ñ eVent Notices
- Ñ The Perth Modernian Society Facebook Page (538 members): www.facebook.com/groups/143154475697422/

The 2022 Annual Report was distributed in hard copy at the 28th Annual General Meeting and is available on our website.

MEMBERSHIP TRENDS

During 2023, 106 members renewed their expiring membership. The membership statistics for 2019 and 2022 were as follows:

Category	Payment basis	Dec 2019	Dec 2022
Original Contributing Members	Paid \$100 for life membership	388	362
Contributing 4-year Members	Paid \$120 for 4 years	377	304
Contributing Annual Members	Paid \$40 per annum	101	197
Total Contributing Members		866	863
Registered Members	No payment	3,124	3,771

PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC.) FINANCES

The 2023 Financial Statements for the Society have been prepared by the Hon Treasurer, Eve Broadley and can be found on pages 11-15. In summary: Income amounted to \$9,862 and Expenditure was \$6,438. Operating Profit = \$3,424 (cf 2022 loss of \$95). Members Funds at 31 December 2023 = \$21,564. Financial statements for the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Inc. and the Sphinx Foundation Inc. appear in later sections of the Annual Report.

PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY ANNUAL ORATION

The guest presenter for the 2023 Perth Modernian Society Oration on 27 November 2023 was **Eric McCrum OAM**. Eric attended Perth Modern School in 1950-51, and was a School Prefect in 1951. He delivered an interesting and engaging talk titled *'My fortunate life as a naturalist and teacher in Western Australia'* to Year 9 and 10 students and guests. Eric presented the School with a copy of the book *'The Nature of the Jarrah Forest'* jointly authored with his daughter Janine McCrum.

This was the second occasion that the Oration has been delivered in the new Cyril Tyler Auditorium rather than Beasley Hall thereby allowing a considerably larger audience.



Above: Past President Peter Farr, Eric McCrum OAM and PMS Principal Mitchell Mackay holding 'The Nature of the Jarrah Forest'.

Right: 2024 Head Prefect Chudy Isiendu with Eric McCrum OAM



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION INC

For more information, please refer to the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Report on pages 21-31.

The Museum Association Incorporated provides funding to advance heritage, culture and education through underwriting the operations of the Perth Modernian Society Museum. Perth Mod is unique amongst public schools in WA in having such extensive data bases, collections of artefacts and more particularly that the Museum is integrated into the School's curriculum and thereby ex-students/staff, and traditions are kept alive and relevant in the minds of today's students. By respecting those who went before us and supporting those who follow, we acknowledge the great and special privilege of receiving a secondary education at Perth Modern School.

An uninterrupted year in 2023 meant the focus remained on the Museum collection, including the processing of new donations of artefacts. Their preservation and conservation while creating new displays for visitors ensured that volunteers were well occupied. Less visible but similarly continuing unabated, was the research conducted by some volunteers such as alumni associated with Australian military history and alumni participating in the history of the specialist music program at Perth Modern School.

Thanks to the assistance of the Principal, a room immediately adjoining the Museum was made available for storage for items and for the installation of a professional standard IT rack.

The **Music at Mod** book was completed and the magnificent book was launched on 1 December 2023 in Beasley Hall. This is the fourth history book about Perth Mod to be produced since 2005, which in itself is probably something of a record for any Australian school. The Museum volunteers have supported Roger Stubbs (author and principal researcher) and Alison Woodman (editor and collator of photographs) in their over three-year quest to appropriately document and celebrate the Specialist Music Program at Perth Modern School 1968-2010 and the musicians before and after.

For a full report on this significant event, please see pages 27-28.



SPHINX FOUNDATION AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

For more information, please refer to the Sphinx Foundation Report on pages 16-20.

The Sphinx Foundation is an avenue by which current Perth Mod students from families that are struggling financially or for other reasons, can be helped in material ways, and also many sponsored awards are made to completing Year 10 students who have done exceptionally well in a particular subject area - the money enabling books or other resources to be bought, or a conference or foreign languages tour to be attended. Teachers and admin staff have been directly involved once again in letting students know what assistance is available.

The Sphinx Scholarship Fund commenced in 2008 and with wonderful support from alumni, supporters, and the corporate sector, combined with astute investments, its total assets reached \$1.5M at the end of 2023.

94 Scholarships and bursaries were paid out in February 2023 and totalled \$104,500 - a considerable increase on the total of \$92,000 in 2022. Each awardee receives a special certificate along with a Citation that honours the particular donor(s) who have made the award possible.

Since its inception in 2009 the Sphinx Scholarship Fund has enabled the lifetime award of a total of 528 named Sphinx Scholarships and Bursaries, the total value of which had reached the remarkable sum of \$675,000. Principal's Discretionary Bursaries to help emergency needs have been awarded annually since 2011, and since 2016 have been generously funded by Community Electricity Pty Ltd on behalf of the Gould family.



**The Sphinx Foundation Inc.
Board of Directors (Dec 2023):
Peter Farr, Mitchell Mackay,
Rob Gray, Vivian Wang, Dani
Jeyes and Nigel Hunt (Chair)**

The Sphinx Foundation Board members have over the years established collaborative arrangements with the Fogarty Foundation, Mannkal Foundation, the McCusker Charitable Foundation and the Malka Foundation. For example, in 2023, 35 PMS students from Years 10/11 participated in the Future Founders and Future Leaders Development Programs delivered at PMS by BLOOM (St Catherine's College, UWA). The annual program is funded by the Sphinx Scholarship Fund using a major donation from the Malka Foundation. PMS is the only public school in WA to receive such funds. 12 students participated in both of the programs, Future Leaders and Future Founders, and another 13 students undertook one of the programs, meaning that an expanded total of 37 enrolments was funded by Malka's philanthropic initiative. The separation of the programs also allowed mentors and students to explore the concepts deeper, which was beneficial.

The Sphinx Foundation Board was also glad to provide some funds to support the PMS Year 10 DaVinci Decathlon team (8 students) in the first appearance of a PMS team in that event, and this was supplemented by a donation from a philanthropist via the Foundation. The PMS team won the WA State title, and they went on to win the National Year 10 title. The Sphinx Board congratulated the team not only on the win, but their initiative in deciding to enter, their hard work in preparing as well as organising the necessary fundraising.

The Scholarship awards are very much appreciated by the students and their parents, as illustrated by these sample of thankyou letters to Nigel Hunt, Chair of the Sphinx Foundation Board:

Dear Mr Nigel Hunt. I will be starting my Year 7 high school at Perth Modern School in 2024. I am honoured to be awarded a Perth Modernian Society Equity Scholarship. I accept the scholarship with much gratitude and appreciation. It is an unexpected surprise. The good news is this is the best birthday present I ever received. I will cherish this present for life. I will work hard and give my best during my studies at Perth Modern School. This has come as a financial relief for my family knowing that I will be well looked after throughout my studies. Both of my parents had worked hard to provide for me and brothers in studies anyway. My parents are delighted and lost for words to describe how proud they are and I have been selected. I prayed that Mr Nigel Hunt and the Sphinx Foundation are continued to be blessed as I have been blessed. This wonderful Foundation is a lifesaver for families like me. Thank you so much. With gratitude
<Student name>, future Year 7 class 2024. 4 Dec. 2023

I am writing to thank you for your generosity in funding the Don Tyler Biological Science scholarship. I am highly honoured to have been this year's recipient of the award. I am currently entering my first year of human biology study for my WACE (ATAR), also planning to pursue a career in healthcare. I plan to use the scholarship funds to join a medical research camp, purchase learning materials and equipment used throughout my secondary and tertiary education. I currently volunteer for the Australian Red Cross organisation and have done so previously for the Royal Agrarian Society and the Awesome Arts Group. Helping people in the community has allowed me to appreciate the value of contribution to the community. I hope that I will be able to accomplish my goals and give back to others in future. Once again, thank you for providing outstanding scholarships to young Modernians. Thank you. Kind regards **<Student name> 27 Dec. 2022**

SPHINX SCHOLARSHIPS/BURSARIES AWARDED IN DECEMBER 2023

- Ñ **Year 7 Equity Awards** – 37 applications were received in 3rd Term of 2023 for students commencing Year 7 in 2024. 14 four-year and 3 one-year awards were made; total 17. Value \$18,500
- Ñ **Higher Years academic Scholarships/Bursaries** – A large number of Year 10 students applied for academic excellence awards in these Subject areas: Arts, English, Debating, HASS, Languages, Maths, Music, Science, Phys Ed and Innovations. 37 awards were made. Value \$30,750.
- Ñ **Years 8 to 11 Equity Scholarships** – 9 awards were made. Value \$11,550.
- Ñ **Renewals for 2024** – 40 students had their scholarships renewed from earlier years. Value: \$47,000.
- Ñ **Principal's Discretionary Bursaries for 2024** – Value \$3,000.

Total **103 awards** and total value **\$110,800**.

After more than a decade of wonderful service, in 2023 Emeritus Prof. Lesley Parker retired as a Perth Modernian Society Member on the Year 7 Selection Panel and was replaced by former PMS Project Coordinator, Roger Stubbs.

THE FUTURE

The Perth Modernian Society is most pleased to be an integral part of the fabulous Perth Modern School Community. The PMS Principal, the Chair of the PMS Board and the P&C President all gave praise to the Society and its substantial role at the School in 2023.

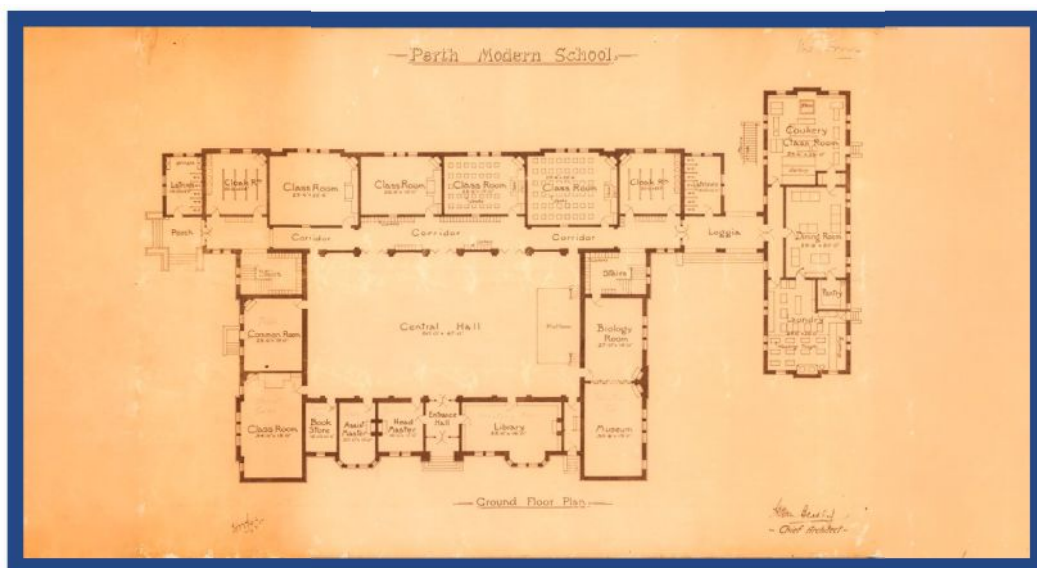
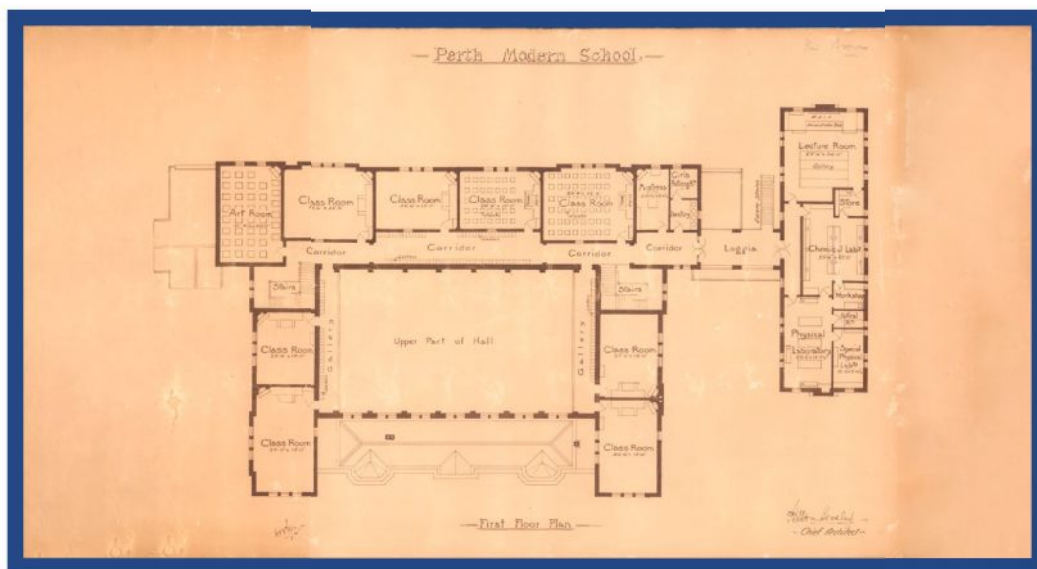
However, the many services provided by the Society, the Museum Association/History Centre, and the Sphinx Foundation are only made possible by the dedication of many volunteers and donors; the challenge now is for lots of capable younger Modernians – staff and students, to join in this great work.

Our 30th Anniversary

Next year (2025) our beloved Society will celebrate the 30th anniversary of its foundation and some special events will be organised by the Council to celebrate the many landmark achievements over those three decades. Watch this space! Your ideas are most welcome!



Evan Kennea
President
24 April 2024



2023 Reunions



Top row: Class of 1970

Middle row: Classes of 1957 and 1972

Bottom row: Classes of 1963 and 1973

Financial Report

For the year ended 31 December 2023



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY (INC)

ABN 26 086 852 570

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

Statement of Accounting Method

This is not a general purpose financial report. It is a special purpose report prepared for the Members of the Society to enable compliance with requirements of the Corporation Act and the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936

Note 1

There was no Annual Reunion held in 2023

Note 2

These expenses relate to Public Liability insurance for the past three years that have been recouped from the Museum Association

Note 3

As there was no Annual Reunion a donation to the School for the music students was not given.

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Prepared by Eve Broadley, Hon. Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Current Assets		
Bank	22,005	18,140
Sundry Debtors	569	
Total Assets	22,574	18,140
Liabilities	0	0
Accrued Expenses	1,010	
Net Assets	21,564	18,140
Member Funds	21,564	18,140

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Income	2023	2022	Notes
Functions	0	3,147	1
Interest	271	30	
Subscriptions	7,158	7,915	
Donations	158	200	
Refund Museum Association expenses	1,666		2
Expenses to be refunded			
Sphinx/Museum Association	569		
Miscellaneous	40		
Total Income	9,862	11,292	

Expenses	2023	2022	Notes
Donations	0	500	3
Function catering and labour	513	3,679	
Function equipment hire	0	0	
Silver badges	0	0	
Printing, stationery and postage	557	881	
Computer & communication costs	4,464	5,746	
Insurance	549	581	
Trophies	355	0	
Sundry			
Total Expenses	6,438	11,387	
Operating Profit (Loss)	3,424	(-95)	

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Cash Flows From Function Activities	2023	2022
Receipts from function activities	0	3,147
Payment to suppliers	0	-3,679
Net function cash inflows	0	-532
Cash Flows From Other Operating Activities	2023	2022
Receipts from members	7,158	7,915
Payments to suppliers	-5,428	-7,208
Donation received	158	200
Donation made	0	-500
Interest received	271	30
Refund Museum Association expenses	1,666	
Miscellaneous	40	
Net operating cash inflows	3,865	437
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held	3,865	-95
Cash at beginning of year	18,140	18,235
Cash at end of year	22,005	18,140

PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council has determined that the Society is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in the Notes to the financial report.

In the opinion of the Council the financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Perth Modernian Society (Inc). as at 31 December 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Perth Modernian Society (Inc) will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Council and is signed for and on behalf of the Council by:



Dr Robyn White
Vice President

Date: 23 April 2024



Eve Broadley
Treasurer

Date: 23 April 2024

Sphinx Foundation Annual Report



INTRODUCTION

As recorded below, the Sphinx Foundation had another successful year in 2022/2023. The impacts of COVID on the School's operations now seem to have largely passed and life has returned much more to normal. The Foundation was delighted to receive notification in early December 2023 that a recommendation to continue the funding from the MALKA Foundation had been approved by its board and also the requested increase in monetary support. Peter Farr has put significant effort into maintaining the MALKA Foundation relationship on behalf of the Sphinx Foundation as well as being active in monitoring and providing input into the structure and delivery of the leadership program which the MALKA Foundation funding is used to support. The level of support that the MALKA Foundation will provide in 2024 will be split between approximately \$22,000 toward scholarships/bursaries for needy and high-performing students, and a further \$38,000 to fund leadership and entrepreneurial programmes with students in the School. The leadership programme has now been run successfully for four years and is well regarded by participants and is an ideal extension offering for students of the quality that make up the PMS cohort.

The Sphinx Foundation provided \$2,000 to support the PMS DaVinci Decathlon team in the first appearance of a PMS team in that event, and this was supplemented by a donation of \$4,000 from a philanthropist via the Foundation. Not only did the PMS team win the WA State title, but they also went on to win the National Year 10 title. The Board congratulates the team not only on the win, but their initiative in deciding to enter, their hard work in preparing as well as organising the necessary fundraising. I was privileged to attend a meeting at which they reported on their overall experience of the journey from the idea to their big win and they certainly did the School proud.

The Board was pleased that the 2023 Annual Appeal launched in May 2023 brought in some \$31,000 (in addition to the \$50,000 from MALKA) notwithstanding the ongoing cost of living impacts and successive interest rate increases. One of the action items for next year is to develop and implement strategies to access a wider donor base, including seeking to engage corporates, charitable foundations, and PMS graduates in addition to those who have been ongoing regular supporters of the Sphinx Foundation.

Further the management expense ratio for the funds invested by the Foundation for financial year 2023 continued to be pleasingly very low at 0.39% which is another outstanding result and reflects the voluntary contributions of time by the Board and careful management of expenses.

The Sphinx Foundation was represented by one or more Board members at a number of the key events at the School across 2022/23, including the Scholarship Assembly, PMS Oration and the Graduation Ceremony.

GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE

The Directors during 2022/23 were:

Ñ	Barrie Baker	<i>Member</i>
Ñ	Peter Farr	<i>Member</i>
Ñ	Robert Gray	<i>Secretary</i>
Ñ	Nigel Hunt	<i>Chairman</i>
Ñ	Danielle Jeyes	<i>Member</i>
Ñ	Vivian Wang	<i>Treasurer</i>
Ñ	Fiona Tholet	<i>Co-opted, representing the PMS Principal</i>

COMPLIANCE

In 2022/2023 BAS statements were submitted quarterly to the ATO by the Treasurer.

The Sphinx Scholarship Fund is independently audited by Anderson Munro & Wyllie. The Audit was completed in November 2023 with no adverse findings. (2021/2022 Audit Fee was \$1,900, 2022/2023 \$1,800 excluding GST).

Investments held at 30 June 2023 complied with the Permitted range as per the Scholarship Funds Investment Policy.

Following the 2022 AGM, the Sphinx Foundation completed and lodged the 2022 Annual Information Statement, on time and as required, to the ACNC (Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission).

The Annual Information Statement for 2023 will be submitted to the ACNC and the WA Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Associations Branch promptly after the 2023 AGM.

Annual reports for financial year 2022/23 on the Professional Development/CPE of each Director are set out in the annexure.

INVESTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The SF Investment Committee has been in place across the 2023 year has provided valuable advice to the Board. Its overall function is to provide selection and management advice to the Treasurer and the Board on the diversification, risk, and return performance on the SF portfolio of investments.

As of 30 June 2023, the SF Investment Committee members were:

- Ñ Peter Farr BE (Hons), BEc, MASc, FAIM, FAICD - Convenor
- Ñ Robert Gray BA (Hons), CFA, MAICD, CEDA WA Trustee
- Ñ Danielle Jeyes BS (Hons), GAICD
- Ñ Vivian Wang, BCom (Hons), CA, CTA, RTA

The Investment Committee is at 4 active members which is in line with the Board's preferred structure.

ASSISTANCE FROM THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

The Board would like to acknowledge the cooperation of the School in the administration of the Foundation, especially with the allocation of up to three hours per week of clerical assistance principally for the Sphinx Scholarship scheme.

As the number and complexity of Scholarships and Bursaries has increased over the years, the additional effort made by staff at the School to make possible student selection and manage associated financial and clerical tasks is no small task and that work is gratefully acknowledged.

The participation and support of the Principal and Associate Principal is also acknowledged. They have enthusiastically supported the activities of the Sphinx Foundation again across 2023.

MEETINGS

The Board met on the following occasions in FY2023 (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):

- Ñ 7 Nov 2022 – Ordinary Meeting
- Ñ 14 Dec 2022 – Ordinary Meeting / Annual General Meeting
- Ñ 30 June 2023 – Ordinary Meeting

SPHINX SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Year 7 Equity Awards

With the assistance of Roger Stubbs, the Board played a big part in the process of advertising for and selecting scholarship and bursary winners.

Scholarships/Bursaries selected in Term 4 of 2023 to be taken up in February 2024 along with scholarship renewals from earlier years, were as follows:

Incoming Year 7 Students, Equity Awards

- Ñ The McCusker (Academic Excellence) Scholarship
- Ñ 3 x The MALKA Foundation Year 7 Equity Scholarship
- Ñ 3 x Don Tyler (Equity) Scholarships
- Ñ 6 x Perth Modernian Society (Equity) Scholarships
- Ñ The Raymond Dingle and Gai Harris (Equity) Scholarship
- Ñ The Ling and Chris Hayes (Equity) 4 Year Scholarship
- Ñ 3 x Perth Modernian Society Year 7 (Equity) Bursaries.

Post Year 7 Equity Awards

- Ñ The Doss Family Scholarship
- Ñ The TLC 'Be Inspired' Scholarship
- Ñ The Raymond Dingle and Gai Harris Equity Scholarship
- Ñ Jim Leslie Equity Scholarship
- Ñ Jim Leslie Equity Bursary
- Ñ 3 x The MALKA Equity Scholarship (Senior School) Scholarships
- Ñ The Ross and Fran Ledger Scholarship.

Post Year 7 Awards, Academic Excellence

- Ñ The Jean and Jim Cundill Creative Writing Scholarship and Bursary
- Ñ The Daniel Girling and John Down Music Scholarship and Bursary
- Ñ The Don Tyler Physics Scholarship and bursaries; Don Tyler Biological Sciences Scholarship and bursaries; Don Tyler Chemistry Scholarship and bursaries; Don Tyler Computer Science Scholarship and bursaries; Don Tyler Innovations, Entrepreneur and Independent Research Scholarship and Bursary
- Ñ The Barrie Baker Mathematics Scholarship and bursary **
- Ñ The Perth Modernian Society Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship and bursary
- Ñ The Perth Modernian Society Elite Physical Education Scholarship
- Ñ The Perth Modernian Society Elite Physical Education Bursary
- Ñ The Fortescue Metals Group Mechatronics Engineering (Upper School) Scholarship
- Ñ 3 x The Fortescue Metals Group Mechatronics Engineering (Upper School) Bursary
- Ñ The Shirley Randell Social Sciences Scholarship
- Ñ The Malcolm Evans European Languages and the Malcolm Evans Asian Languages Scholarships, and Bursary
- Ñ The Ling and Chris Hayes Economics-Accounting Scholarship
- Ñ The John Christmas Choral Music Scholarship
- Ñ 3 x The Dr Philip E Best Science Bursary
- Ñ The Hunt Family Politics and Law Scholarship
- Ñ The Peter Farr Psychology Scholarship **
- Ñ The Perth Modernian Society Elite Physical Education Scholarship and bursary
- Ñ The Perth Modernian Society Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship and bursary
- Ñ The Malcolm Evans Debating Scholarship.

Note *** denotes renamed award.

General

- Ñ Principal's Discretionary Bursaries (\$2,000 per annum).



**Sphinx Scholarship awardees
(December 2022)**



**Jan Stewart presenting one of the Malka
Scholarships (Senior School)
(December 2022)**

Renewals

Year 8 (12), Year 9 (12), Year 10 (9), total **33**.

Scholarships and bursaries paid out in 2022/2023 totalled \$105,040 (the total in 2021/2022 was \$90,600, \$95,920 in 2020/2021, \$70,000 in 2019/2020 and \$62,334 in 2018/2019)

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING APPEAL - 2023

The annual Sphinx Scholarship Fund appeal letters realised donations up until 30 June 2023 of \$28,715.

In addition, \$20,000 was donated by the Malka Foundation for scholarships and bursaries, as well \$30,000 to support Leadership Development and Entrepreneurship Programme expenses for selected Perth Modern School Yr. 10 students.

The number of donors in 2023 was 36, of whom 31 (86%) were repeat donors, meaning that 14% were new donors to this cause. This successful year brought the number of people who have donated to the Scholarship Fund since its inception to approximately 685. Their involvement since the inception of the Fund in 2009 is greatly appreciated by the Board and helps to keep the Directors enthused to contribute even more to public education.

As noted above, expanding the donor base will be high on next year's strategic agenda.

FINANCIAL REPORTS - SUMMARY

Sphinx Foundation Inc.

The Net Cash at bank at 30 June 2023 was \$4,911.

Sphinx Scholarship Fund

Income and Expenditure

In FY 2022/23 the Sphinx Scholarship Fund income (after allowing for the change in market value of investments and unrealised capital gains/losses), amounted to \$257,072 and expenses totalled \$143,685 giving net earnings of \$113,387 (cf 2021/22 -\$57,886).

Balance Sheet

As of 30 June 2023, the Sphinx Scholarship Fund's Current Assets = \$194,233, Long Term Assets \$1,278,090, Total Assets = \$1,472,323, and the Net Cash at Bank = \$178,989.

Notes

1. As of 30 November 2023, around \$1,490,000 was either invested and earning interest or awaiting payout to the School for awards in February 2024. In most cases, there was improved income earned from investments in 2022/23, but notably windfall financial gains from the windup on some unlisted property trust investment and improved market value of investments on 2021/22.
2. The Sphinx Scholarship Fund is presently supporting many different groups of awards, and the Fund holds shares in 18 ASX listed companies as well as 12 unlisted property trusts. As a consequence, management of the Fund is necessarily quite complex and very time consuming.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF SERVICE

Lesley Parker-Reynolds

After 10 years of service as a member of the Sphinx Scholarship Selection Panel, Lesley indicated that she would not continue in the role this year.

The Board extends their thanks and acknowledgement to Lesley as she has been a great contributor and much valued member of the Sphinx Scholarship Selection Panel. She has brought great judgment in reviewing scholarship applications and been a great support to the Sphinx Foundation.

Barrie Baker

Noting that Barrie has advised his intention to step down from the Board at the end of 2023, on behalf of the Board, I would like to express our thanks and acknowledge his significant contribution in his role as Chair and member of the Board of the Sphinx Foundation and the Sphinx Scholarship Fund.

Simply put, through his many years of work and dedication has made a positive difference to many talented young people's lives. He has worked with purpose with that single aim.

Barrie believes in the great benefit that the education available at the School offers, and how it can be such an important platform for its wonderful students. He has held true to that ideal and generously donated his time (and money) to ensuring that there is financial support for those who need it, as well as for activities to enhance the educational experience for students.

Barrie was there at the very beginning of the Sphinx Foundation and has been a key part in making it a substantial fund that has helped many worthy recipients.

Barrie's sense of community spirit and purposeful dedication is exemplary. Fittingly, In 2016, the honour of Modernian Fellow was bestowed on Barrie by the Perth Modernian Society. In its citation, the Perth Modernian Society Awards Committee stated that *"Barrie has served on the Council of the Perth Modernian Society 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 Secretary and Chairman. His interests in these positions have been to steer the Sphinx Foundation to effectively serve the educational needs of the students, especially in providing scholarships for Perth Modern School's less advantaged students."*



Nigel Hunt

Chairman
Sphinx Foundation Inc.
4 December 2023



Sphinx Foundation Board members with upper school Sphinx Scholarship awardees (December 2022)

Museum Association Annual Report



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Continuing to Honour the History, Share the Heritage

INTRODUCTION

2022-2023 saw our Museum and volunteers return to an uninterrupted year where the focus remained on our collection, including new donations of artefacts. Their preservation and conservation while creating new displays for visitors has ensured that volunteers were kept well occupied. Less visible but similarly continuing unabated, was the research conducted by some volunteers – such as alumni associated with Australian military history (Bob Johnson) and alumni participating in researching and documenting aspects of the specialist music program at Perth Modern School (Roger Stubbs and Alison Woodman). Although many of our volunteers renewed their enjoyment of international travel, the work of the Museum was able to continue. The Board of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated wishes to thank all of the volunteers and the Museum Committee for their focus and unrelenting commitment to the work of the museum.

GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING

The funding required for the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated to operate the Museum and maintain its collection and capacity to undertake research, is derived from only two sources. Our primary funding source remains the **annual fundraising appeal** including emailed and mailed brochures to alumni and friends of the museum. For some people, this is not an appropriate time to donate but there is a real intent to support the Museum activities at some time in the future or to donate for a particular project. A **bequest strategy** has been developed and details can be found on our website.

Additional funds are found through our volunteers applying for **grants**. These are generally made available by government, business or other entities with specific interests. Throughout 2022-2023, the Association was unsuccessful in accessing any grant funding. Volunteers have already submitted one grant request for the 2023-24 year (for a Federal Government Community Grant).

PROJECTS COMPLETED AND CONTINUING IN 2022-2023

Throughout this year volunteers in the Museum have completed a variety of projects – whilst others are close to completion.

- N **Music at Mod** book was the major project completed during 2023. It has been three years in the making, throughout COVID restrictions and written by Roger Stubbs who is now residing in Bunbury. At the outset, our volunteers had little understanding of the lack of accumulated artefacts held by the Museum or the School that related to the Specialist Music Program. With Alison Woodman and Roger undertaking some face-to-face conversations, but mostly research conducted via emails, websites, social media and the Battye Library (COVID restrictions allowing), data about the program and the students and teachers was gradually accumulated. To bring this project to the design phase has required dedicated perseverance on the part of Roger and Alison – and their efforts are applauded.

The Music at Mod script was submitted for design in late April 2023. Dr Peter Dillon, another alumnus and Museum volunteer, created additional photographs while Valda Langley and her team (Graham Langley and Harry Davies) at Stylus Design created a very beautiful book. This process extended over several months and we thank the team from Stylus Design for their absolute commitment. Steve Little from Data Documents then undertook the printing of the book – all 300 plus pages in full colour with over 1,500 alumni identified.

After much consideration the Board approved the number of books to be printed and selling price of \$69.95 and the book was launched on 1 December 2023 at Mod. This price is heavily subsidised (~30%) and would not be available at this price point without the unpaid work of our wonderful volunteers and special friends of the Museum. You can secure your copy via the Society’s website:

www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au/music-at-mod

Ñ **War Service Honour Boards.** Last year Robert Max Hayes was identified as not being recorded on the original Malaya and Vietnam Honour Board by Bob Johnson. As a result a new jarrah Honour Board was commissioned to record the names of students of Perth Modern School who died while serving Australia in conflicts since World War Two. In February 2023 it was received in the Museum and now hangs with the other Honour Boards in Beasley Building.



Ñ Over the year, the Museum volunteers were able to support and provide information to families researching members who had attended and taught at the school. This is most rewarding work as the Museum inevitably learns more about our alumni through this communication.

Ñ For further information on other tasks completed and ongoing see the **Museum Committee Report.**

COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION

The Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated acknowledges that our Museum is a part of a wider community of both alumni and local community. As such, we continue to welcome connection to organisations and individuals with similar focus.

Ñ The Museum has maintained its membership of the **Australian Museums and Galleries Association (AMaGA)**. The updating of our digital entry on the Collections WA website is commencing.

Ñ Our connection with the **Kentian Society** (alumni from Kent Street Senior High School) has continued with another visit to Kent Street Senior High School in August 2023. Some of our volunteers also visited **Newman College Archives** in October 2022.

Ñ Through Bob Johnson’s research on military history we continue to form connections with other entities. These include the **UWA Historical Society, RSL Clubs** and the **National Military Museum.**



GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE

Throughout the 2022-2023 year, the Board of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Inc., included:

- Ñ Dr Robyn White *Chair*
- Ñ Mrs Sharon Williams *Hon Treasurer*
- Ñ Ms Monica Brierley-Hay *Hon Secretary*
- Ñ Mr Jeff Lai *Board member*
- Ñ Professor Alistair Paterson *Board member (until March 2023)*
- Ñ Ms Ashleigh Blechynden *Board member (from November 2023)*
- Ñ Ms Lois Joll *Approved leave of absence from February 2022*
- Ñ Ms Nicola Reilly *Deputy Principal, Perth Modern School: ex officio*
- Ñ Mr Mitch Mackay *Principal, Perth Modern School: ex officio*

At our final meeting in 2023, we welcomed new Board member Ashleigh Blechynden, an alumnus from 2011. Ashleigh has spent eight years working in Canberra for the Federal public service and has now returned to continue her work from Perth. With her interest in history and family stories, Ashleigh is a very welcome addition to the Board.

The Board met at least once per term and all meetings were accessible via Microsoft Teams as well as face-to-face. Additional 'ad hoc' meetings were held that focussed on decisions in relation to the pricing, design and printing of the "Music at Mod" publication.

BAS statements have been submitted quarterly to the ATO. Following the 2022-23 AGM held in August, the Annual Information Statement required by Consumer Protection (WA) and the ACNC was uploaded in October 2023.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2022-23

The Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated (PMsocMA) uses cash accounting which records revenue when money is received and expenses when money is paid. The Association is a registered small charity having annual revenue under \$500,000. The financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Museum Association as at 30 June 2023. At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable. The 2022-23 financial year was the fourth full financial year of the Association.

Cash Receipts and Payments for the year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Cash Receipts	\$
Donations from former students/parents	21,605.11
Entertainment book commission	66.00
Interest	1,064.81
ATO - Refund of GST	630.00
Other	100.00
Total Cash Receipts	23,465.92
Cash Payments	\$
Printing, Postage and Stationery	27.25
IT Software & Licenses & Upgrade & AMaGA Membership	864.49
Grant DVA Digital Honour Board Stage 2 - Jan 21	1,947.00
New Jarrah Honour Board - Conflicts after WWII	455.40
Music @ Mod Book	6,354.19
Bank Fees	120.78
Insurance	1,489.00
Honour Board/Frame - Ralph Honner	384.50
Other - includes Oct 22 Associated Costs	723.39
Total Cash Payments	12,366.00
Surplus	11,099.92

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023

Current Assets	\$
Bankwest operating account	23,046.36
Bank of Queensland term deposits	66,034.40
Total Assets	89,080.76
Liabilities	0
Net Assets	89,080.76

Members' Funds	\$
Opening balance as at 1 July 2022	77,980.84
Add surplus for the period	11,099.92
Closing balance as at 30 June 2023 PMSocMA Accounts	89,080.76

2022-2023 DONORS

Thank you all sincerely for your donation for Museum projects and activities which will enhance the work of our volunteers to preserve and conserve our collections, bring stories and information to more families and friends electronically and to honour the history and share the heritage of Perth Modern School.

Dr June Stephenson
 Mrs Laurie Best
 Mr John Stone AO
 Mr Barrie Baker
 Sue Strutt
 Beth Kallmeyer
 Edna Youngman
 Mr Geoff Grewar
 Mrs Margaret Puzey

Ms Barbara Mallet
 Janelle and Chris Coates
 Dr Barry Saker
 Mr John Lane M.P.S.P.H.CH.J.P
 Mr Kai Wu
 Mr Ralph Bilsby
 Sharon Williams
 Class of 1950-1954
 Hon Daryl Williams AM KC

Mrs & Dr Valerie & Ken Fitch
 Mrs E.M. Roberts
 Ms Jennifer Carrick
 Mrs Ruth Mickelson
 Dr Robyn White
 Roger Atkinson
 Mr W. L Turnbull
 Dr Mary J Marshall



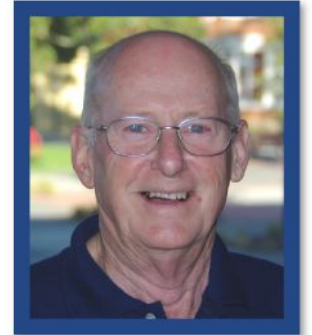
VALE – SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM

In this recent year, we lost two alumni who were very long standing volunteers of the Historical and Museum Committee and Perth Modernian Society. Throughout their time volunteering in various capacities for what became the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association, both men provided specific, valuable support and leadership. We also lost our special friend and supporter of the Museum, Dr June Stephenson (nee McLeod).

Ian Jarvis, PMS student 1954-58

Ian's many volunteering achievements across all entities of the Perth Modernian Society have been documented in the e-newsletter of 2022. His volunteering commitment commenced with the Historical and Museum Committee (now the Museum Committee) and later as he used his expertise and creativity with digital technology for the benefit of the H&M Committee and Perth Modernian Society. His support became indispensable. The Jarvis e-Data-base (JED) continually reminds volunteers in the Museum of his diligence. Ian's quiet good humour, his eagerness to help solve problems, his interest in history and the people in it as well as his ingrained commitment to volunteer work (his work with Kids are Kids was similarly extraordinary), meant that when he retired from his weekly Monday mornings in the Museum, he was deeply missed.

www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Perth-Modernian-Society-Newsletter-November-2022.pdf



Alan Porter, PMS student 1943-47

Alan spent much of his retirement continuing to build and maintain links with alumni throughout Perth and beyond. The H&M Committee was the vehicle from which to access many past students, as he accepted a range of leadership positions (such as Treasurer, President etc). Alan was one of the earlier H&M Committee members who worked to establish the physical museum in 2010-11, and continued to attend the museum on most Monday mornings until 2019. Alan's preferred area of volunteering lay with restoring and maintaining science equipment. However, while this might have been his focus in the Museum, he spent much more time around the city visiting alumni who could no longer do so themselves, then regaling others with their stories. In this way, he connected many Modernian alumni with each other – and kept us enthralled. Alan's presence was much missed when he decided to retire from volunteering. A more detailed tribute to Alan can be found here:

www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Perth-Modernian-Society-Newsletter-May-2023.pdf



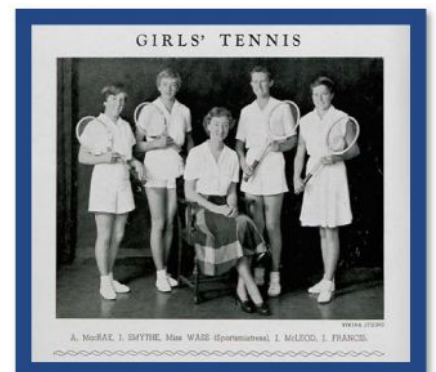
Dr June Stephenson, PMS student 1948-52

"A proud Perth Modernian who lived her life on her own terms. June was a determined and effective educator, forthright in her commentary on people and events and a wonderful friend. She is already missed.

Robyn, Loren and Perth Modernian Society Museum volunteers"

- The West Australian, Saturday February 11, 2023

As well as an educator June was a talented tennis player and sports woman. June was a very significant supporter and friend of the Museum and the Society. In June 2018 June received a Moderna Scola for her *"long and significant contribution to Perth Modern School and to the community."* She was very much an inspiration and someone we will never forget. Thank you June.



THANK YOU

Recent years have been challenging for the general population, our school community and particularly in maintaining activities in the Museum. We are fortunate in sharing values, commitment and goals with our volunteers and the wider school and local community. The ongoing support by our School Principal **Mr Mitchell Mackay** has been vital in ensuring that we work collaboratively and effectively along with his nomination of **Ms Nicola Reilly** (Deputy Principal) as the school nominee on the Board.

Our Board members have been long standing volunteers who ensure that our governance is effective and appropriate. We were incredibly disappointed that **Professor Alistair Paterson** retired from the Board earlier this year. Professor Paterson has been an inaugural Board member and provided excellent advice throughout his years on the Board. With his election to the Perth Modern School Board at the end of 2022, and the additional school-related focus, he regretfully retired from our Board. We especially thank him for all of his efforts over the past three years. As our Museum activities have developed, we are grateful to our Board member **Mr Jeffrey Lai** for his informed advice regarding ICT networking, security and software and to **Ms Monica Brierley-Hay** for her legal advice, as well as her focus as an alumnus. **Ms Sharon Williams**, our Hon Treasurer, is tireless in her total support for the school and for the Museum – and incredibly energetic and effective volunteer across so many fields. Thank you all.

Finally, thank you to our weekly volunteer crew! Our Hon Archivist, **Deb Beresford** and her able assistant **Deirdre Owen, Gay Albillos** who has mastered our cataloguing system MOSAiC to support Deb in accessioning and displaying our book collection. **Frank Hedges** and **Jim Davies** who maintain the hard copy Burvill files of publicly available information about alumni. **Dr Peter Dillon** and **Loren White** who oversight the science collection, **Wendy McCallum** and **Jill Lucas** who enter further data into JED (Jarvis e-data-base), **Roger Stubbs** who researched and has wrote the “Music at Mod” publication, **Alison Woodman** who catalogues photographs and researches and edited for the “Music at Mod” book, **Sharon Williams** who oversees displays and our social media presence, **Ian Hunt** who maintains and updates our IT connectivity and **Bob Johnson** our military historian extraordinaire. Off site, we are fortunate in having **Sallie Davies** continuing in her commitment to support the updating of JED. We are incredibly fortunate to be enjoying the friendships, skills and understandings of such generous people.



Robyn White

Chair

Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Inc.



*Deb Beresford, Dr Ken Michaels AC,
Sallie Davies & Robyn White*



*Some of the 1973 Reunion group
enjoying Museum displays*

LAUNCH OF '*MUSIC AT MOD*' - 1ST DECEMBER 2023

As our Modernian readers know, the Museum volunteers have supported **Roger Stubbs** (author and principal researcher) and **Alison Woodman** (editor and collator of photographs) in their over three year quest to appropriately document and celebrate the Specialist Music Program at Perth Modern School 1968-2010 and the musicians before and after. '**Music at Mod**' is the fourth history book about Perth Modern School – surely a proud record itself!

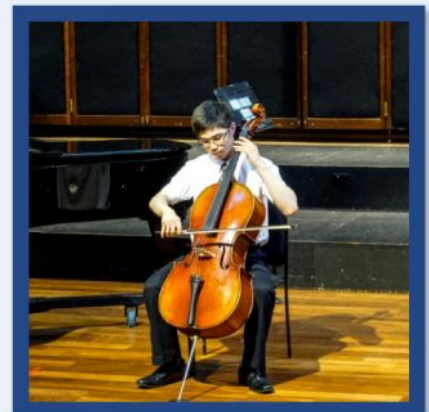
The challenges in documenting this important time for Perth Modern School were many – especially since most of this research was undertaken during the COVID-19 years. With limited space to collect and retain documents in schools generally, past programs, student lists, music concert information and other artefacts were difficult to locate. The current music staff were generous in their support to locate and recall information. Fortunately, via Roger's online social media expertise (and time), plus the advice from various past students and teachers, Roger connected with many people who were able to share information and documents. With persistence and focus, visits to Battye Library and alumni, Roger has created a very readable and accurate (to the best of our knowledge) account of these important years and achievements. With the addition of specialist photographs taken by our volunteer **Dr Peter Dillon** and the creative expertise of Valda Langley and her team at Stylus Design, a very beautiful and readable book emerged.



Roger Stubbs

Late last year, the Board of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Inc, determined that the book should be purchased at a price accessible to most alumni. In order to do this, the Association committed to subsidising the cost of the initial design and print by approximately 30%. Our volunteers are volunteers – their incredible time and energy were given freely so is not included in the cost. On Wednesday 29th November, perfectly on time, Data Documents (our printer) delivered the books to the school – ready for the launch on Friday 1st December 2023.

The launch was a very special event for us all with around 100 guests in attendance. The performances of six of our alumni music students assured the evening as a unique event. **Sue King** and **Lea Hayward** (foundation students who arrived into year 11 in 1968) performed a clarinet and piano duet, followed by Lea's solo piano performance. Both of these alumni continue to enrich generations of WA children via their continued activities as music performers and teachers. Then followed a wonderfully mellow choral set performed by **Amy Fortnum** (2007-2011) a graduate of WAAPA (Classical Voice and Musical Theatre) who is now a creator, musical theatre artist, actress and educator. **Joshua Woon**, a current Perth Modern School music student and cellist, followed with a superb solo rendition of Tarentella. Joshua's performance cemented our understanding that excellence in music education and performance has been maintained throughout the academic select years of the school. The final performance for the evening was by members of Lumina, an ensemble specialising in sacred choral music. Of the four performers, Emily Bruining, Greg Le Coultre, **Monica Brierley-Hay** and **Sam Lander**, two are graduates of Mod. Monica (2007-2011) studied and performed at WAPPA, followed by a UWA law degree. Monica now works as a lawyer and is also a Board member of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Inc. Sam (2007), graduated with a law degree from UWA and worked as a lawyer for many years. Sam now is the owner and operator of SKEL – making unique, high-quality furniture. The quartet provided a beautiful conclusion to the performances and reminded everyone attending of the way in which the school's music education graduates continue to enrich WA, Australia and the world. At the conclusion of the performances, our MC for the evening, **Kate Lewis** (1973-1977), who continues with her



Joshua Woon

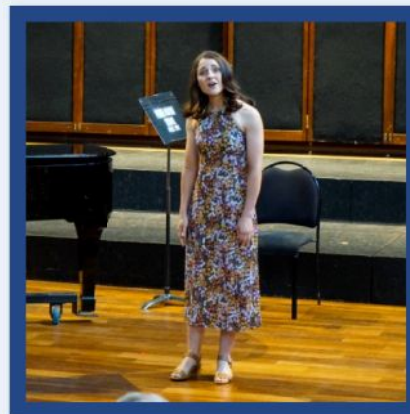
commitment to music performance through her work with Freeze Frame Opera, introduced Roger Stubbs, the author and principal investigator for the Music at Mod publication. Roger provided a heartfelt account of his reasons for his three year commitment to accomplish as comprehensive as possible account of the music program and its effectiveness.

And finally, **Evan Kennea** (1984-1988) the President of the Perth Modernian Society and Executive Manager, Artistic Planning at the Western Australian Symphony Orchestra, was introduced to officially launch the book and present Roger Stubbs with the “first” copy of this beautiful book.

With the formalities of the evening concluded, everyone adjourned to the Andrews Building for refreshments and book purchases. Once more, school alumni featured as the grazing table was provided though “Sunny Graze – Grazing Boards” operated by alumni **Savanna** (2022) and **Alisa** (2022). The Treasurer of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Inc, **Sharon Williams**, ensured that she returned from Bendigo just in time for the launch formalities and the sale of the book, admirably supported by **Karen Wedemeyer** from the school administration, and **Jeff Lai**, Board member. Meanwhile, **Taylor Amonini**, also from the school administration, was essential in acting as bar manager!

Special thanks also to the our incredible PMSMA Chair **Dr Robyn White** who took on a large portion of the organising and to **Thalia Cole**, from Mod, for her assistance with regards to the launch. The evening continued for some hours as past students and teachers re-connected. A terrific evening of music, book sales, refreshments and friendship!

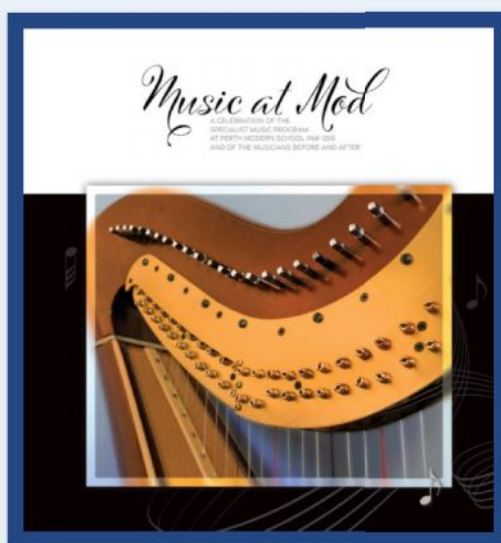
For those late to Music at Mod, there are still books available for purchase at \$69.95. Please go to the Society website at www.perthmoderniansociety.com.au/music-at-mod



Amy Fortnum



Monica, Greg, Sam and Emily



MUSEUM COMMITTEE REPORT

Museum Volunteers at Work

OVERVIEW

The Museum Standing Committee has continued to work in accordance with the requirements as set out on the updated 2022-24 Forward Plan.

SPECIAL VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

IT Delivery and Communication

As for many charities in this digital age, the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated is continually reminded of the need to retain a digital presence as well as capacity. With Ed Lazarus' decision to retire from the Council of the Perth Modernian Society, we have been fortunate that Ian Hunt has found the time to volunteer with us.

Ian is highly skilled and knowledgeable. Already, he has managed to rearrange our network hardware – even finding an IT cabinet to house the server etc. We are greatly indebted to the school administration for undertaking a rewiring of the Museum electrical circuit so that the computer network might be stabilised. Most recently, Ian has researched and installed an alternative means by which remote access can occur between the archive room and Museum. There remain more challenges ahead in upgrading the Museum data-base (JED).

Although a little late, we have begun to use the digital environment to better communicate with alumni and other interested people. Sharon Williams responded to suggestions and has established a Museum Facebook page that has now been active for over a year – communicating events, research and alumni information. Sharon has now added Instagram to our communication suite. Each of these communication entities requires someone to maintain, create information and respond as appropriate, and Sharon's initiative (and skill) is very much appreciated!

Archives

These are curated by Hon Archivist Deborah Beresford who is ably assisted by Deirdre Owen and Gay Albillos. Recently donated artefacts are properly catalogued and then stored appropriately. Most of these volunteers catalogue entries using the digital MOSAiC system. MOSAiC is a collections Management system created for Museums, Galleries, Historical Societies and Libraries.



Military Service Commemoration

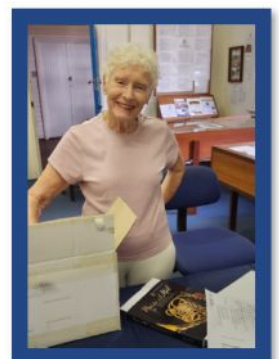
Bob Johnson is continuing with his research of military history involving Perth Modern School alumni and has recently identified a number of alumni who represented Australia in the Vietnam conflict. Their names have been added to the Nominal Roll, increasing their number from 10 to 17. Another four students who died as a result of their service in Vietnam are listed on the Honour Board.

Bob continues to update the Honour Roll and Nominal Roll which is located at honour.perthmodern.wa.edu.au. Up until June 2023 it had received 6,760 views during the year, averaging 18 a day. The total number of views since it was established in September 2020 is 11,805.

Four articles were published in the Society's quarterly newsletters regarding five former students who died as a result of their service during World War 2. An article was also published in The Post Newspaper in November 2022 commemorating the loss of Engineer Sub-Lieutenant Fred Schoch and Signaller Eric Redmond, the only two students who died while serving in the Royal Australian Navy. Their stories are on the digital Honour Board.

Photographs/Displays

The digitisation and cataloguing of photographs by Alison Woodman is continuing. Being able to find photographs on MOSAiC is a valuable time saver for the creation of displays or for when alumnus or family members request information about their alumnus forebears.



Book Organisation and Accessioning

Over recent years, the Museum has been in receipt of many text books previously held by alumni as well as books written by alumni. The number of books received quickly surpassed the capacity of our Hon Archivist Deb Beresford to accession each one. Over the past year, Gay Albillos has undertaken the process of managing the books held by the Museum. This is a huge job! However, we can gradually see the large pile of books dwindling and the bookcases filling.



Science Collection



It was only just over a year ago that Dr Peter Dillon and Loren White commenced reorganising the science exhibits in the Museum. That initial focus has widened to include the layout of much of the Museum – supported by the school administration enabling our access to two additional store rooms in the building. Peter and Loren have been able to move many storage items away from the Museum floor and into storage – and say they still have more to accomplish. The result to date has created more space within the Museum for displays as well as a rearrangement of science instruments.

Reunion Displays

2022-2023 was another major year for reunion meetings at Perth Modern School – creating the need for our volunteers to create multiple year specific displays for visiting alumni. Sharon Williams has undertaken leadership in this role and has thoughtfully created extensive displays. Reunions years who celebrated at the school and visited the Museum included 1963, 1972, 1973, 1982, 2011 and 2012. Information sourced from our archives (photos, Principals reports and other memorabilia) and Sphinx magazines create great interest and discussion!

Data Entry

This is a never-ending task and Wendy McCallum and Jill Lucas are a very focussed team. Meanwhile Sallie Davies works remotely and is absolutely committed to improving the data held by the JED data-base. Robyn White also enters data.



Family and Alumni Research

Over the past year, as in previous years, the Museum volunteers have been able to provide new information, photos and support to families researching members who had attended Perth Modern School. This continues to be incredibly rewarding work for volunteers as we also learn more about each alumnus and their lives as seen through family eyes.

George Burvill Biographical Index

The old Pound Cupboard in the Museum houses a multitude of files consisting of the George Burvill Biographical Index. Here hard copy information (newspaper articles, letters, email copies, documents) is filed under the names of alumnus through the efforts of various volunteers in 2023 including Jim Davies and Frank Hedges.



Publications

The Museum Committee Publication group led by Sallie Davies has continued to contribute items and checks on historical facts in accordance with its Publication Policy to the:

- Ñ Perth Modernian Society e-Newsletter - Editor, Sallie Davies
- Ñ Perth Modern School Newsletter
- Ñ Music at Mod book. Extensive research and writing has been undertaken for the history of the Specialist Music Program at Perth Modern School (1968-2010) by Roger Stubbs and Alison Woodman. This extensive tasks has been well supported by alumni with numerous artefacts and stories provided.

Heritage Trail

Tours conducted by volunteers student guides trained by Perth Modern School teacher Thalia Cole have continued to support reunion groups. This Trail was created by Museum volunteers (led by Sallie Davies) following research into various locations around the school.



Roger, Bob, Ralph (visitor) and Robyn in the Museum



1973 Reunion group school tour led by students

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Community news

Like to share your community news with POST readers? Contact Louisa - louisa@postnewspapers.com.au

The glorious history of Music at Mod

A new book captures the history of Perth Modern School's specialist music program, which ran from 1968 to 2010.

It was the first such specialist program established by the Education Department of WA, with many graduates going on to stellar musical careers as well as other fields.

The book, *Music at Mod*, will be launched next Friday, December 1, at the school.

Three years ago, the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association and school leaders joined forces to research and document the progress of the school's specialist music program.

Roger Stubbs and Alison Woodman undertook the mammoth task of bringing together over 50 years' worth of stories, photographs and material found at the school or donated by enthusiastic past students, to ensure the achievements of the selective music program at Mod were recorded in an accessible book.

Museum volunteer Peter Dillon provided additional photographs to enhance the book design.

The result is a 300-page book featuring more than 1600 former students and their teachers, with over 200 photos.

Museum Association chair and former principal Robyn White said: "Music at Mod explains how it was that so much was achieved under the guidance of some remarkable teachers. "It celebrates the journey undertaken by the students who entered the program and the grand heights to which many of them rose."

Music at Mod contains a long list of former students in the program who have achieved success as professional musicians with international reputations, including Andrew Joy, Emma Matthews, Graeme Blevins, Simone de Haan, Anne Horton, Jessica Armstrong, Caitlin Hulcup, Richard John, Lisa Outred, Victor Sangiorgio and Matthew Styles.

Many other music specialist program graduates have achieved prominence in diverse fields such as education, law, medicine, engineering, information technology and business.

Others also continue to enrich the community daily through their work as music teachers and as members of community orchestras.

The book will be officially launched at 6pm next Friday, in the Beasley Hall at Perth Modern School.

To attend, register via the alumni website perthmodernian.org.au.

A purchase form for the book is also available on the website.

The museum is in one of the school's heritage-listed weatherboard manual arts classrooms on Hamilton Road and is open 9.30am to midday on Mondays during school terms, or by appointment.

The newly-published book documents Perth Modern's 42 years as a specialist music program school.

A new book charts the success of the specialist music program at Perth Modern School from 1968 to 2010. Museum volunteer Peter Dillon and researcher for the book Alison Woodman at the school's museum.

Photo: Billie Fairdaugh

'Music at Mod' article in the Subiaco Post newspaper

Who Made It All Happen In 2023

2023 Council

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Ian Hunt	<i>Information & Communication Technology</i>
Ruth Barrett	<i>Honours Awards</i>
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Mitchell Mackay	<i>Principal (Ex-Officio)</i>

Until May 2023:

Kate Lewis	<i>Vice President</i>
Ed Lazarus	<i>Communications</i>

Finance Committee

Barrie Baker	<i>Convenor</i>
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Alistair Paterson	<i>Board member (to Mar 2023)</i>
Ashleigh Blechynden	<i>Board member (from Nov 2023)</i>
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Mitchell Mackay	<i>Principal (Ex-Officio)</i>
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Deb Beresford	<i>Hon Archivist</i>
Jim Davies	<i>Biographical Index</i>
Sallie Davies	<i>Coordinator, Archives</i>
Peter Dillon	<i>Science Collection</i>
Rebecca Guy	
Frank Hedges	<i>Biographical Index</i>
Ian Hunt	<i>Information & Communication Technology</i>
Robert Johnson	<i>Research</i>
Jill Lucas	<i>General</i>
Bill MacPherson	<i>Archives</i>
Wendy McCallum	<i>Data Entry</i>
Deirdre Owen	<i>Archives</i>
Alan Porter	<i>Science Restoration</i>
Roger Stubbs	<i>Research, Music Book Writer</i>
Dr Robyn White	<i>Archives, Research</i>
Loren White	<i>Science Collection</i>
Sharon Williams	<i>Displays</i>
Alison Woodman	<i>Research, Archives, Photographs</i>



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Modernian Fellows

Barrie Baker
Sallie Davies
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Moderna Scola Awards

Deborah Beresford
Eve Broadley
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Neil Coy
Alan Porter
Rosemary Pratt
Dr June Stephenson
Roger Stubbs AM
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Honorary Modernians

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Sharon Williams

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Emanuel Foundas	<i>Head Prefect</i>

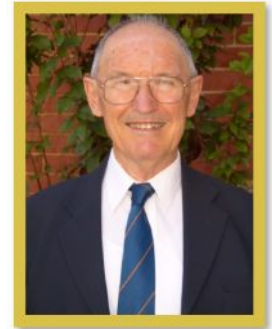


Councillors' Profiles

The Council comprised these members throughout 2023:

BARRIE BAKER BA(HONS), DIP ED, DIP COMP, DIP THEOL, DIP ED ADMIN
Finance Committee Chair, Membership Secretary

Barrie was a PMS student 1954-1958, and after graduating at UWA, like many PMS students from the scholarship era, he followed a teaching vocation starting in 1964 at Mount Lawley Senior High School. Barrie spent his whole working career in the field of education, the last 33 years of which were in Technical Education. He was a pioneer in computer education in Western Australia, both in TAFE and for three years at the WA Treasury in charge of State Government computer training. He held positions in TAFE ranging from lecturer to Assistant Director. Whilst there he was seconded part time to the Public Service Commission Doig Management Centre to set up computer training there. He was also in charge of the development of the East Perth TAFE campus.



Barrie has an interest in urban heritage and won the 2011 WA Heritage Council Award for the individual making the greatest contribution to heritage in Western Australia. He is patron of the Mount Lawley Society and a volunteer music teacher at his local primary school. Barrie has other extensive community involvements including the Australian Student Christian Movement and is a Lay Pastoral Minister in the Anglican Church. He is active in the Australian Shareholders' Association and was convener of its North of the River group for 14 years until 2015.

Barrie has served on the Council of the Perth Modernian Society (Inc) since its formation in 1995. He served as president for seven years (2006 to 2013), and he became a Vice President in 2017. He has been the Functions Coordinator since 1996 and Convenor of the Finance and Fundraising Committee since 2011

Barrie has been a Director of the board of the Sphinx Foundation since 2000, serving also as secretary and chairman. His interests in these positions have been steering the Foundation to more effectively serve the educational needs of PMS students, especially in providing scholarship incentives for worthy students. He was elected its Chairman in 2017.

At the 2016 Annual Reunion, Barrie was named as a **Modernian Fellow** for his distinguished contribution to the Perth Modernian Society and thereby the advancement of education at Perth Modern School.

RUTH BARRETT BA (NÉE MCWHINNEY) BA, DIP ED, GRAD DIP ED

Ruth attended Perth Modern School from 1952 to 1956, being one of five Mod Bods from the McWhinney family. Ruth studied at UWA and Claremont Teachers College, and went on to teach Junior Primary classes at what was then South Terrace Primary School (now re-named Fremantle Primary). Among the 54 children in her first class, there was only one that spoke English. In 1964 she undertook a pilot program for the Education Department, teaching English to older children: they figured the younger ones would quickly pick up the language by themselves. Ruth completed a BA, majoring in English, later a Diploma of Education, and Graduate Diploma (Reading Education).



In 1965, with husband George (who had an exchange teaching position) Ruth went to England, and taught there for most of that year. On their return they started a family. Then in 1970 Ruth was asked to lecture in English Literature at Claremont Teachers College, just for a term. George and Ruth had a long holiday in Europe in 1971, and came back to WA to continue their family. In 1975 she was asked to fill in again at CTC, this time in Junior Primary Method. That was followed by a semester in the Music Department. After that she began to lecture in the Graduate Diploma in Reading Education at CTC, Claremont. Over the next few years Ruth lectured in Language Education at the Graylands and Mount Lawley Campuses as they were amalgamated into WACAE then Edith Cowan University respectively. She lectured at the Churchlands Campus until around 1996, and continued to supervise students on teaching practice until 2000.

Ruth has had a long connection with the Claremont Museum, and for many years has been a Friend of the WA Museum. She is also a member of the Royal Western Australian Historical Society. When she gets time, she pursues family history – including the family's ANZAC links to Gallipoli.

Since joining the Council, Ruth has assumed responsibility for the Society's Honours Awards program.

EVELYN (EVE) BROADLEY

Hon Treasurer

Eve attended Perth Modern School as a scholarship student in 1958-60. Eve has served on the Council of the Perth Modernian Society since its formation in 1995. She served as president for two terms and has been the honorary treasurer for ten years. She was the editor of the magazine for twelve years. She has been a Director of the board of the Sphinx Foundation Inc. since 2006.



Eve has a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and a Graduate Diploma in Corporate Management.

Eve has spent her whole working career in Stockbroking. Currently working as a private and institution client adviser at DJ Carmichael & Co. Prior to that she was a director in her own broking firm, Hogan & Partners, and prior to that as a director of Paterson Securities. She was also employed by the Perth Stock Exchange as the manager of the trading floor, being the first female in Australia to hold that position. She was also the first female in Western Australia to be appointed as a Member of the Australian Stock Exchange.

She was appointed by the State Government to serve as a member of the Finance Brokers Board from 1994 to 1999.

Eve has been a member of Royal Kings Park Tennis Club for over forty years with several years serving on the committee. She is a member of Mosman Park Golf Club, serving as the Convenor of the business ladies for many years and represents the club at the WA Business Ladies Golf Association.

At the 2017 AGM, Eve was named as a **Moderna Scola** - the award recognises her distinguished contribution to the Perth Modernian Society and Perth Modern School.

DEBORAH BERESFORD BAPPSCI(LIBRARY STUDIES)

Hon Secretary

Deborah graduated as a teacher from Graylands Teachers College in 1962 and then taught at Metropolitan primary schools before marriage. In 1974 she was appointed to Perth Modern School as a Teacher Librarian where she taught until her retirement in 2007.

In 1995 she joined the Perth Modernian Society (Inc.) and has been on the Council since 2006 and has served as the Secretary since 2008. In 2009 she joined the Historical and Museum Committee taking on the role of Honorary Archivist for the Perth Modernian Society, an appointment she still holds. She has also been involved on the Functions Committee since 2006, and during that time she has organised and helped with the Annual Reunions.



Deborah was on the Perth Modern School Council for many years and then became an inaugural member of the School Board as the Perth Modernian Society's nominee. During her teaching career she was a member of the West Australian School Library Association of which she was Secretary for 3 years.

She has had a variety of community involvement in the past with Junior sporting clubs. (Surf Life Saving, Junior Australian Rules Football, and Claremont Amateur Swimming Club), and was a member of the Waratah Red Cross Branch.

At the 2016 Annual Reunion, Deborah was named as an inaugural **Moderna Scola** - the award recognises her distinguished contribution to the Perth Modernian Society and Perth Modern School.

PETER FARR BE(HONS), BEC, MASC, C.ENG, FAICD, FAIM

Past President

Peter was a Perth Modern School scholarship student 1954-1958.

After graduating in Canada in 1966 with a Masters degree, Peter has followed careers totalling over 50 years in engineering and management consulting. He has board experience with private companies, and as a Fellow of both the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the Australian Institute of Management, he has a strong background in Corporate Governance best practice. He has had community involvement with appointments on the Council and Treasurer of St Catherine's College (UWA), Convocation (University of Western Australia), Parents and Citizens Committees, the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club Offshore Committee, St John of God Subiaco Hospital Consumer Advisory Group and Policy Sub-Committee.



Peter has made a large commitment to the Perth Modernian Society (Inc) having been a Councillor for over ten years and he has served as its Vice President or President since 2006. New initiatives he has played a role in are the Portal, corporate Style Manual, the Sphinx Scholarship Fund, the Annual Oration, Perth Modernian Society Awards scheme, the Society's inaugural Strategic Plan, Annual Report in 'best practice' format, Constitutions revision, and Governance standards. He has also been Treasurer and on the organising committee for all the 1954-58 class reunions.

He was appointed as a Director of the Sphinx Foundation Inc. in 2008 and as Hon. Treasurer in 2009. He has been involved with the Sphinx Scholarship Fund as its Treasurer and investment manager since its inception in 2009 during which time the fund has grown to over \$900,000. The Fund has had the notable achievement to date of awarding almost 200 scholarships and bursaries worth \$250,000 thereby helping many PMS students to aim high and achieve their potential.

At the Society's 2017 AGM, Peter was named as a **Modernian Fellow** for his distinguished contribution to the Society and thereby the advancement of education at Perth Modern School. Peter played major roles in the successful *Save PMS* Campaign. In 2018 the Council nominated him to represent Modernians on the PMS School Board, and he was elected Deputy Chair again in 2020, 2021 and 2024.

IAN HUNT

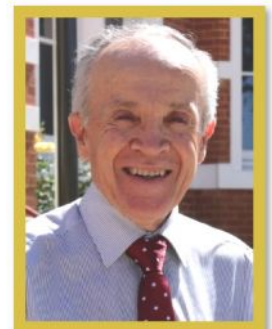
Information and Communication Technology

Ian and his wife live in suburban Perth, and they have one son and two grandchildren. Ian enjoys reading (particularly modern military history biographies and science fiction), photography and model boat building.

After graduating from Secondary school in Perth, Ian went on to complete studies in Chemistry (at Curtin University). Whilst teaching, he completed studies in Computing (Edith Cowan University) and Gifted Education (University of New England).

During his teaching career of over forty years in both government and independent schools (including 25 years at Perth Modern School), Ian taught Science, Computing, Chemistry and Physics. He was also involved with Student Services and school administration in several schools.

After retiring, Ian has enjoyed volunteering in Information Technology-related roles at a Perth community radio station and as the IT coordinator at the Perth Modernian Society Museum.



EVAN KENNEA BMUS (UWA)**President (from May 2023)**

A Modernian from 1984 to 1988, Evan has enjoyed a multi-faceted musical career in Perth, the UK and the Netherlands and is now a sought-after artistic advisor and arts leader. He won a music scholarship to Perth Modern School where he studied clarinet with John Embleton. He then completed a Bachelor of Music at UWA, majoring in Composition with Roger Smalley, before further studies in London with Anthony Payne and The Royal Conservatorium in The Hague with Louis Andriessen. Upon his return to Perth, Evan moved into artistic management with positions at the UWA School of Music and the Perth Festival, before taking up his current role as Executive Manager of Artistic Planning at WASO in 2011. In addition to programming the annual concert series, Evan is also responsible for WASO's Artist Development and New Works Commissioning programs, among others.

**ED LAZARUS B ENG (HONS) ADM****Communications (to May 2023)**

Ed attended Perth Modern School from 1956 to 1960 and was selected as a prefect. He continued to UWA to study Electrical Engineering with a cadetship from the State Electricity Commission.

He graduated with Honours in 1965, and left WA to pursue a career in electronics. He spent 4 years at AWA involved in electronic design before joining IBM in 1969. Ed's IBM career spanned 27 years and his roles in the Systems Engineering area included installing software systems in many industries in Australia and Asia. He spent 2 years in an IBM research and Development Centre in Florida, responsible for teaching new software to IBM and customer personnel throughout many countries. He represented IBM on Standards, and Industry Telecommunications related Committees. His last assignment in IBM was as Wireless Solutions Manager for Asia Pacific at the time when wireless applications were in their infancy.



Ed left IBM in 1995 to return to Perth, where he joined Murdoch University. His role was to develop and teach undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Telecommunications for Business and E-Commerce. He acted as coordinator for these programmes, and the offshore MBA programmes in Asia. He then joined Central Institute of Technology to teach Computer Networking courses, gradually reducing working hours to retirement.

Community activities included many years as an Army Reserve Officer in RA Signals Units, and several years as a Scout leader. Since retirement, he does voluntary work for Seniors, teaching and technical support.

KATE LEWIS MBA (UWA), GRAD. DIP (CO. SECR. PRAC.) (CSA), BMUSED (HONS) (UWA)**Vice-President (to May 2023)**

As a graduate of Perth Modern School, Kate Lewis has enjoyed an extensive career in music education and arts administration both nationally and internationally. After completing studies and a music scholarship (flute) at Perth Modern School in 1977, Kate studied at UWA and was awarded a Bachelor of Music Education (Hons) in 1983. She then taught as a music specialist teacher at Perth Mod from 1984-1987.

After completing further studies in business administration, she commenced work in orchestral management with the WASO and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and later went on to hold senior leadership roles with the Australian National Academy of Music and in the Federal office of the Australian Music Examinations Board in Melbourne.



Kate is a proud member of the Alto section of the WASO Chorus and volunteers in a number of capacities in both the education and arts sectors including Honorary Secretary for the Board of Lost & Found Opera, a student mentor for Raise Foundation and a volunteer Docent for the Perth Zoo.

Kate has always maintained close connections with her Perth Mod student cohort. She participated in the 50th Anniversary Concert at the Perth Concert Hall in 2018 as part of the alumni choir. This experience, in turn, stimulated the creation of The Modernian Singers whose ranks represent a broad cross-section of past students from the late 1960s to the present day.

Such was the nostalgia and pride for the 'old muso days' that this singing experience engendered that it was also determined by those students to establish a scholarship to honour the legacy of Perth Mod teacher Mr John Christmass OAM Cit.WA, a leading light and inspiration in the early years of the School's music program (1969 -1976). Led by Graham Droppert and Kate (Class of 1976/77), the successful fundraising enabled a perpetual scholarship to be established called the John Christmass Choral Music Scholarship with its first recipient being honoured in 2020.

Kate was invited to join the Perth Modernian Society Council in April 2020 and has since played a notable part in revitalising the Society's communications with members.

SALENA LOASBY

Communications and Marketing (from May 2023)

Salena is a senior administration professional of over 20 years. Her attention to detail and exemplary organisational skills have led her to enjoy a long career supporting high-profile high-net worth business leaders both here and in London. Salena trained in makeup artistry in London and worked for many years in London television. She has just returned to her craft in her home city of Fremantle. Salena brings a wealth of experience to our team and we welcome her tenacity, drive and creativity in supporting the endeavours of our Council.



BARBARA MALLETT BA, DIP ED, M APP LING

Reunions

Barbara attended Perth Modern School in the Music School era and graduated in 1970, as a recipient of a Commonwealth University Scholarship. After completing a BA at UWA, she commenced her first graduate position in 1973 as the Statistical Research Officer of West Australian Newspapers.

Claremont Teachers College (now ECU) pioneered the Dip Ed (Primary) in the late 1970s and Barbara was one of the first graduates. Barbara taught for a brief period as well as spending some time in the business world of Telstra, before "retiring" to life as a mother and hobby farmer when the family moved to the Perth hills a few years later.

During this time Barbara was very active in the P&C at Parkerville PS, which led to her accepting the position of State Councillor for the WA Council of State Schools Organisation for the Northam District. In 1990 she returned to teaching, and pioneered a German language programme in a metropolitan school. Later she switched to Italian and enjoyed being part of a primary school Italian programme for about 6 years. This led her to move out of the classroom into an administrative role as Schools Officer at the Italo-Australian Welfare & Cultural Centre Inc. where she has been since 2004.

Barbara completed a Master of Applied Linguistics through Monash University and has pursued her interest in the development of language from infancy and also the structure of related and unrelated languages. She is a member of the Hills Choir where she assists with pronunciation and intonation when the choir sings in languages other than English. She loves to travel and to explore the lands of her heritage.

In 2010, after assisting in organizing a 40th reunion for her graduating year, Barbara was invited to join the Society as a Councillor. She led a group on the School Centennial planning day, and since 2015, her commitments have allowed her to take a more active role in the Society (esp. Reunions Liaison) and the continuing life of PMS.



DR ROBYN WHITE**PMS Principal 2000-2010****Vice-President (Perth Modernian Society), Chair (Perth Modernian Society Museum Association)**

My commitment and interest in advancing the knowledge and understanding of the history of the school commenced prior to my appointment to Perth Modern School. The early history of the school, its curriculum and leadership formed part of the research undertaken for my doctoral study.

Once a member of the school community, I recognized the extensive volunteer work undertaken by the Perth Modernian Society and the Historical and Museum Committee. Since my retirement from the school, I have happily supported this work.

I believe that I am a responsible person with a clear focus to secure the financial future for the history and the heritage of Perth Modern School - for future generations and for the benefit of the wider community. Through my activities as part of the school community, I believe I have demonstrated my belief in the value of educational experiences related to the research and development of activities relevant to heritage matters.

In my professional capacity, I was consistently accountable for a large budget and workforce for which I understood relevant statutory requirements (financial and HR), legal aspects, financial management and governance. Then and more recently working with UWA, I have demonstrated the capacity to be inclusive in extensive community consultation. These skills are transferable to those practiced in the volunteer context and I believe will enable me to be a valued and informed member of the Board of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association.

**HON DARYL WILLIAMS AM KC LLB(UWA) BCL(OXON) AMUSA****Vice-President (from May 2023)**

While attending Richmond State School in East Fremantle, Daryl won a scholarship to Perth Modern School. He attended the School from 1955 to 1959, and was School Captain in his final year. After completing a law degree at the University of Western Australia in 1963, Daryl attended Oxford University between 1965 and 1967 as a WA Rhodes Scholar. Admitted as a legal practitioner in 1968, Daryl practised as a partner in a Perth firm for 3 years. From 1971 to 1975, he was employed by the Asian Development Bank, based in Manila, Philippines, first as a counsel and then as an operations officer. Returning to Perth, Daryl practised as a barrister at the Perth independent bar until 1993, being appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1982. He returned to practice as a barrister between 2004 and 2017.

In 1993, Daryl was elected to the House of Representatives for the seat of Tangney. He served four terms until the 2004 election, when he stood down. For more than 7 years from 1996, Daryl served as Attorney-General. He also served shorter terms as Minister for Justice and Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts. An achievement of which he is proud was the negotiation in 1996 of the Australia-wide firearms buy-back agreement.

Daryl was instrumental in the establishment of the Perth Modernian Society Planning Committee, which he chaired. This Committee was responsible for the incorporation of the Society and of the Sphinx Foundation in 1995.



*Photo: Joe Wheeler
WA Newspapers*

Milestones For Perth Modern School Ex-Staff/Students

1913	Annual Reunion held August 1913. Reg Williams (PMS student 1911-13) became joint Hon Secretary for the Perth Modern School Ex-Students Association .
1914	The Perth Modern School Ex-Students Association Incorporated held Ex-Students Day. All members joining in the first year to be known as Foundation Members , with badges available.
1918	Constitution was reviewed and Old Modernians Association Incorporated came into being.
1922	Unveiling of War Memorial - funds were raised by former students and to be managed by the Old Modernians Trust Fund appointed in perpetuity.
1926-58	<i>The Sphinx</i> reported Old Modernians Association activities for each calendar year's social events and Ex-Students Days.
1960	Keith Graham , PMS student 1928-29, became the inaugural president of the Parents and Citizens Association at Perth Modern School.
1969	Deed of Trust established under patronage of the Hon Mr Justice Wolff , PMS student 1913-14, to establish a legally constituted Board of Trustees to administer the Library in perpetuity . Old Modernians asked to contribute.
1970	A new library was built as part of the Commonwealth Secondary Schools Library Programme.
1970	Joseph Parsons Memorial Library officially opened by Governor General Sir Paul Hasluck , student 1918-22.
1973	Launch of a Foundation Committee in December to prepare a proposal for recording, preservation and display of information and objects associated with Perth Modern School. Principal Mr Joe Stokes originated the proposal for the historical record and sought the help of ex-students for the physical and financial requirements of the task.
1974-94	Perth Modern School Historical Society established its Museum Collections .
1995	Perth Modernian Society Planning Committee formed to establish Perth Modernian Society: Perth Modernian Society (Inc) Registered No. 1004735, 11th July 1995 Sphinx Foundation (Inc) , established to secure funds and future publication of a School history Historical and Museum Society became a standing Committee of the Society.
2005	Launch of Perth Modern School: The History and the Heritage - researched and published by the Sphinx Foundation. 5,000 copies printed.
2008	Sphinx Foundation Constitution revised to empower establishment of the Sphinx Scholarship Fund .
2009	Accommodation available for establishment of Perth Modernian Society History Centre . The Society entered the electronic age by launching a portal and databases for (i) ex-Student/staff records and (ii) artefacts.
2010	Official launch of the Sphinx Scholarship Fund at the home of Malcolm and Tonya McCusker.
2011	Perth Modern School Centenary Year celebrations.

2013	Revision of Perth Modernian Society Constitution to accommodate new organisational structure completed
2014	Celebrating 40th anniversary of the establishment of the PMS Museum Collections and 100 Years of <i>The Sphinx</i> at Perth Modern School. Launch of Perth Modernian Society inaugural Strategic Plan 2014-2017 . Confirmation of three inaugural Modernian Fellows - Sallie Davies, Malcolm McCusker and Donald Tyler - for their outstanding contributions to the Society and PMS.
2015	Celebrated establishment of Perth Modern School's first orchestra 100 years ago. Council self-assessment survey - completed by all Councillors; collated and analysed by Bruce McCallum. Revision of Perth Modernian Society Constitution completed in preparation for DGR application for a proposed Museum Fund.
2016	Modernian Awards made to Barrie Baker, Deborah Beresford, Ian Jarvis, Alan Porter and Alison Woodman for their outstanding contributions to the Society and PMS.
2017	Save Perth Mod Campaign – successful. Inaugural PMS Heritage Day 14 October 2017. Modernian Awards made to Peter Farr, Eve Broadley and Tonya McCusker for their outstanding contributions to the Society and PMS. Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Incorporated with Charitable Status from 6 November 2017.
2018	Celebration: 50 years of the Special Music Program at Perth Modern School
2020	Successful fundraising campaign which started in 2016, enabled construction to commence of a 700-seat multi-purpose auditorium . Modernian Awards made to Dr Ken Michael AC CitWA, Roger Stubbs AM, Anne Celia Christmass and Neil Coy . Graduate College of Dance closes after 21 years at PMS.
2021	Opening of Cyril Tyler Auditorium on 11 September 2021
2022	Centenary of the unveiling of the PMS Cenotaph on 22 October 2022 Modernian Award made to Sharon Williams as Honorary Modernian
2023	Moderna Scola Award made to Ed Lazarus Launch of Music at Mod - researched by Roger Stubbs and published by the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association

Modernian deaths recorded and published in e-newsletters during 2023

Thank you to the many volunteers, families and friends who forwarded the following information together with memories of former PMS students and staff for publication and/or inclusion in Museum records.

Name	Years at PMS	Position	Deceased
Irene Therese Blackman, nee Gottlieb	1959- Yr 4 only	Student	3/10/2021
Barbara Marguerite Valentine, nee Stephens	1950-51 Yrs 4/5	Student	26/06/2022
Carlo Manera	1951-52 Yrs 4/5	Student	26/08/2022
Esther Eva Maria Kingsmill	1973-76	Music Teacher	10/09/2022
Gillian (Jill) Adrienne Klopper, nee Boucaut	1954-58	Student	14/09/2022
Leslie (Les) Edelman	1950-54	Student	15/09/2022
Walter Andrew Corish	1956-60	Student	19/09/2022
Norman N Rich (Sydney NSW, age 100+7mths)	1934-38	Student	20/09/2022
Ian Munro Jarvis	1954-58	Student	22/09/2022
Dr Owen Isbel	1949-53	School Prefect	4/10/2022
James (Jim) Mondy	1948-50 Yrs 1-3	Student	13/10/2022
Ruth Levene, nee Levi (England)	1952-56	Student	24/10/2022
Brian John Elliott	1951-52	Student	15/11/2022
Barbra Ann Hopkins (nee Bell)	1951-55	School Prefect	9/07/2022
Ian Douglas Tweedie	1944-48	Student	3/12/2022
John Gordon Lewis	1938-41 Yrs1-4	Student	6/01/2013
Allan Lockwood	1970s	Staff	8/01/2023
Dr June Adeline Stephenson (nee McLeod)	1948-52	School Prefect	8/02/2023
Beryl Maud Bartlett	1980s	School Nurse	21/12/2022
Kevin Albert Thompson	1946-50	Student	21/12/2022
Kenneth Ross Humphreys (Busselton)	1962-64	Student	7/12/2022
Terence (Terry) James Roberts	1954-58	Student	21/01/2023
Dr John Goldsworthy Collins	1946-50	School Captain	23/02/2023
Dorothy Mary Lancaster (nee Leron), aged 102, (Qld)	1934-38	Student	21/02/2023
Alan Ernest Randell	1951-52	School Prefect	14/02/2023
Alan Alfred Porter	1943-47	Student	8/04/2023
Vivian Ronald Paust	1950-51	Student	14/04/2023
Judyth Anne Stephens (nee Broadley)	1947-51	Student	16/04/2023

Name	Years at PMS	Position	Deceased
Patricia Helen Arnott (nee Reay)	1951-55	Student	19/04/2023
Colin Brynor Nicholas OAM	1946-47	Student	23/04/2023
Maxwell (Max) Bevilaqua OAM	1942-46	Student	30/04/2023
Dr Norrine Evelyn Anderson (nee Ranson)	1953-54	School Prefect	1/05/2023
Rolf Harris (UK)	1943-47	School Prefect	10/05/2023
James Merrick Hubble	1955-59	Student	21/05/2023
Ronald John Bratt	1959-61 Yrs 1-3	Student	11/05/2023
Colonel (Retired) Albert George Owens	1939-43	School Prefect	28/07/2023
Clifford Sinclair Rocke	1951 4th yr	Student	3/06/2023
Angela Dungey, nee McCrae	1948-52	Student	4/07/2023
Geoffrey Ogden	1952-56	School Prefect	5/07/2023
Dawn Lovell Gardiner, nee Hedges	1943-47	School Prefect	5/07/2023
Dr Judyth Watson OAM	1953-55 Yrs 1-3	Student	9/07/2023
Merilyn Burbidge, nee Awde	1959-63	Senior Girl Prefect	14/07/2023
Alexander Donald (Don) Taylor AM	1941-43 Yrs 1-3 1961-63	Student Teacher	26/07/2023
Kevin Horace Parker AC RFD KC	1950-54	Student	31/07/2023
General Sir Philip Harvey Bennett AC	1944-45	School Prefect	1/08/2023
Denis Neil Sharpe	1953-54 Yrs 4,5	Student	11/08/2023
Ross Owen Kirkham	1949-53	Student	Decade ago
Dr David Sydney Teakle, Qld	1945-47 Yrs 1-3	Student	1/06/2022
Laurie Bedford	1964-68	Phys Ed Teacher	20/08/2023
Bette Koppe (nee Meehan)	1950-51 Yrs 4-5	Student	25/08/2023
Valerie Ann Crosby (nee James)	1949-51 Yrs 1-3	Student	14/10/2023
Frank Edward Lambert	1949-53	Student	23/10/2023
Chris Tollis	1951-53 Yrs 1-3	Student	25/10/2023



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