



*“Connecting past and present students, teachers and friends of Pittwater House”*



**PHAA** Pittwater House  
Alumni Association Inc.

# FY20 ANNUAL REPORT



**CLASS OF 2019 VALEDICTORY DINNER**



**CANBERRA ALUMNI DRINKS CATCH UP**

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**REV BUTTERWORTH LED THE SUNSET SERVICE AT COLLAROY BEACH.**

# INTRODUCTION

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**Pittwater House’s mission is to be “committed to developing high achieving students who are connected to each other and to the communities in which they live and in which they will serve”.<sup>1</sup>**

Being a contemporary Northern Beaches school with a trail blazing history, it is exciting to see the evolution of the school and its sense of community. The Alumni Association is a natural extension of this mission, as we actively seek to connect past and present students, teachers and friends of Pittwater House. Graduating from school is the beginning of life stories and it’s our goal to continue to foster connection.

First forming in 2010, then incorporating in November 2012, the Association enjoys close ties with the school yet is its own entity. Run by Alumni for Alumni by many of its founding team, we have great plans to grow our community strength, putting funds to productive use and further enriching opportunities and support for our members.

Ten years ago, we were just an idea. In 2020, our life membership ranks will swell to over 400 alumni and our communities on social media will exceed 1,000. The challenge has been considerable given its completely volunteer run. We are most grateful for the support of the school and our members, plus our skilled and dedicated executive.

Welcome to the FY 2020 Annual Report and we look forward to sharing our achievements with you.

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<sup>1</sup> 2018 Pittwater House Annual Report

## PHAA VISION

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Pittwater House is a close-knit school with strong academic and ethical values. The PHAA strives to foster relationships among our Members, the School and the Community and uphold the values of Pittwater House.

We seek to encourage our Members as they strive to fulfil their potential in the wider community and as part of the extended Pittwater House family.

We promote the values of Pittwater House providing it with a continuing source of support and encouragement.

**PHAA is fully focused on member's collective support and success.**

**For more information about the Association and how to join, visit PHAA online at [PittwaterHouseAlumni.com](http://PittwaterHouseAlumni.com).**



Martin Orrock, Penny Davies, Justine Hopper and Trish Butterworth at an Alumni Christmas Drinks

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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*Anthony Buckton*

## **Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends,**

This year has been a challenge for all of us, across nearly everything we do as a society. Regardless, we're still active in developing our community, recognising that adaptation and evolution is an inevitable part of life.

As such, the transition from in-person committee meetings to online ones, like so many other meetings – social and business have become our norm.

But, before the churn we were able to get in a tour of the Macquarie Telecom data centre for the Year 12 Information Technology students. With support from both Macquarie and the school the students were given an insight into what is in, and goes on inside these massive, usually windowless buildings and the masses of compute they house.

With the shift to online, the video-hook up between this year's Yr12 cohort and their 40-year older counterparts from 1980 wasn't so exotic but it was terrific to see, and hear, that life's path is rarely what you might think it will be whilst in the midst of the HSC. A special thanks to Dirk Chinchon from the class of '80 for wrangling his classmates onto a call in the middle of the day.

As we go to press, the Year 12 cohort is in the midst of their trial exams and we'd like to wish them all the best in what has been a very different year. We hope that in 40 years' time they will look back and recount how that difference gave them something unique if not daunting or even disappointing at the time.

Running the Alumni is not a trivial task so again, I'd like to thank the committee for their support. Similarly, I warmly invite other alumni to get involved. One of the most fulfilling things you can do for

yourself is to support your community and the alumni is a very social way to do that.

I wish you and your families health and happiness in what are indeed challenging times.

Anthony Buckton (1985)

**PHAA President**

Macquarie Telecom Data  
Centre Tour



## TREASURER'S REPORT – FY20 Ending 30 June 2020

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*Scott Douglas  
(Treasurer) wearing the  
Alumni Tie, with  
Mr Rex Morgan*

I am pleased to report that the PHAA continues enjoys a very healthy financial position to support the fantastic events and opportunities for members.

### HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED:

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- This was the 8<sup>th</sup> year of the incorporated Association and we are cashflow positive.
- Expenses were significantly higher than previous financial years. This was due to a couple of new initiatives plus updating the merchandise.
- The Association has zero borrowings.
- There were no major unexpected outflows.
- Solid cash position for future projects and contingency planning.
- Membership income is funding all the expenses.

### CASHFLOW SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR:

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	30 June 2020	30 June 2019	30 June 2018	30 June 2017
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income - Memberships	11,400	10,916	10,530	10,970
Income – Interest	29	116	136	135
Income –Events	0	0	1,205	165
Operating Costs	(4,902)	(10,046)	(11,346)	(5,903)
<b>Surplus/(Loss) for the Year</b>	<b>6,527</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>5,366</b>

### BANK ACCOUNT SUMMARY

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	30 June 2020	30 June 2019	30 June 2018	30 June 2017
	\$	\$	\$	\$
NAB – Working Account	497	572	1,695	5,381
NAB - High Interest Account	34,513	26,484	25,397	20,231
VISA Debit Card – Cathy Player	497	471	326	(168)
VISA Debit Card – S. Douglas	562	1,011	533	102



Scott Douglas our Treasurer visited Rex Morgan our Patron at Abercrombie House

## FUNDS SOURCE:

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- **Membership Fees:** These were a similar to previous year due. This was in line with a normal year of lifetime renews from Y12 students.
- **Events:** There were no significant events for the year. One of the year group used the accounts for an event they managed.
- **Interest:** There has been small amounts of interest on the account during the financial year.

## HOW FUNDS ARE USED:

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- **Membership Fees:** These funds have been used to build website, resources for members and marketing and communications to members for their benefits.
- **Sponsorship:** We spent \$1,700 for the Alumni Basketball team.
- **Function Costs:** There were no functions held during the year due to COVID.
- **IT:** During the year we renewed membership of Xero, Wild Apricot, Facebook and Paypal this totally around \$2,000.

Our financial position is strong moving into 2020/2021: We currently have a strong interest in the association and large numbers of new members each year when they leave school.

Scott Douglas CPA

**PHAA Treasurer**



Scott Douglas also visited Rev Butterworth  
at his country home

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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As at the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020, the PHAA has 404 members, representing a growth of 55 members over the previous year. It's pleasing to see that we have over 400 members now.

It's a pity that the COVID has seen a hiatus of activity as the organising committee and members have understandably had other priorities.

In the coming year there will be more Honorary Memberships awarded as part of our Ambassador program.

## Membership Types

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Honorary Members	13
Life Members	391
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>404</b>

The majority of the new members are from the class of 2019 who have been warmly welcomed by the President Anthony Buckton at various meet up events. At the Valedictory Dinner they were presented with a gift from the PHAA being the tie for the boys and Alumni Necklace for the girls.

Cathy Player

**PHAA Secretary**

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Over the 2019/2020 financial year, the PHAA has worked to develop its connection with the Pittwater House School to present a more current and relevant offering to our members. We have developed a better connection with the marketing officer at the Pittwater House School which has allowed for a great synergy of information sharing that we hope has given our members a better look into the workings of the school and the student experience.

Through our connection with the School we have been focused on publishing information that is targeted towards the newer members of our Association while still providing important updates relating to former students and staff. There were 17 posts on the PHAA Facebook page over the 2019/2020 financial year. We had the most engagement with our post of encouragement for the class of 2019 as they undertook their final HSC examinations. Our other posts that included content shared from the Pittwater House School Facebook page was also well received from our followers. We did not publish any paid posts over this period.

Our goals for the future 2020/2021 period are to continue improving our digital offering and connection with our members. In this respect, we will rethink our membership program and how we can encourage greater involvement from all school leavers. This will, in part, be achieved by employing a part-time alumni staff member as a joint venture with the Pittwater House School.

It has been my pleasure to work with the PHAA Committee this year and I am excited by what the 2020/2021 period holds for the future of our organisation.

Sincerely,

Sebastian Davies-Mills

**PHAA Vice President**

## PHAA COMMITTEE 2019/20

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### **PATRON**

**Mr Rex Morgan AM, M.B.E**

School Founder



### **PRESIDENT**

**Anthony Buckton**

(1985 & Current Parent)

Director & Principal Architect,  
Black Ink Networks



### **TREASURER**

**Scott Douglas**

(1987)

Director, Wealth Specialist at IMFG  
(which he founded)



### **SECRETARY**

**Cathy "Jones" Player**

(1985 & Alumni Parent)

Marketing & Coms Manager,  
Howards Storage World



**VICE PRESIDENT**

**Sebastian Davies Mills**

(2014)

Bach of Laws (First Class Hons)



**COMMITTEE MEMBER**

**Justine Hopper**

(1994)

Barrister



**SCHOOL ALUMNI OFFICER &  
CHAPLAIN**

**Rev. John Butterworth**

Pittwater House



**EX OFFICIO OF PHAA**

**Dr Nancy Hillier**

Pittwater House CEO & Principal



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