

OPENING OF THE UPGRADED SOUTH & WEST WINGS 2024



PHAA Pittwater House
Alumni Association Inc.

FY24 ANNUAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

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".¹

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.

In 2024, our life membership ranks are over 600 alumni and our communities on social media are approaching 1000. The challenge has been considerable given the PHAA is 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 2024 Annual Report and we look forward to sharing our achievements with you.

PHAA VISION

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.

More about PHAA & How to Join
www.pittwaterhouse.com.au/about-us/alumni

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Alumni and Friends of Pittwater House,

It has once again been an honour to serve as the President of the PHAA for the 2023-2024 period.

We have had another excellent year supporting our members and the broader Pittwater House School community. Our first event of the year was the annual Valedictory Dinner at Miramare Gardens in late 2023 where I presented each of our newest members with a certificate and a gift to mark this important milestone. Soon after the Valedictory Dinner for the Class of 2023, Anthony Buckton had breakfast with the incoming Head Prefects, Nicolas and Sienna, for the graduating class of 2024. At this annual breakfast, Anthony explained the role of the PHAA and its importance for Nicolas and Sienna and their year group as they get ready to transition into their next phase beyond life at Pittwater House.

In early 2024, I attended the official opening of the new balconies of the South and West wings of Pittwater House. These new balconies give a new lease of life to the campus and mark a significant milestone in the School's 'Master Plan'. I was proud to represent the alumni during the 'ribbon cutting ceremony' along with other representatives of the broader School community, including Dr Nancy Hillier (Principal), Connie Pople (Board of Governors), Sheridan Millward (Parents' Association) and the Head Prefects of the Grammar and College.

Beyond these events, the Committee has been working hard with the School to improve aspects of our 'behind the scenes' governance. We have also enjoyed forging a new relationship with the School's business manager, Anne-Marie Ironside along with Leanne Munro and Alena Swinbourne who will be assisting us in the future with the organisation of alumni events and marketing. With the School's assistance we hope that the 2024-2025 period will see an increase in member events and engagement. This will start in late November 2024 with the biannual Christmas Markets where we will have an Alumni stall.

In the 2023-2024 period, we welcomed two new Committee Members, Dennis Wong (1997; former member of the Board of Governors of Pittwater House) and Bridget Boyd (Head Prefect, 2023). It has been excellent working with both of them, along with Cathy Player, Charli Udell, Anthony Buckton, Trish Butterworth and Monique Mackenzie who offer their time on a voluntary basis. My particular thanks goes to Cathy Player who is stepping away after being on the Committee (including as its Secretary and Public Officer) since the PHAA's inception in 2011. Cathy has been a stalwart supporter of the PHAA and leaves a strong legacy behind.

Yours sincerely,

Sebastian Davies-Mills
President, PHAA (Class of 2014)

TREASURER'S REPORT – FY24 ENDING 30 JUNE 2024



I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2024. This year has been one of steady financial growth and robust management for the PHAA, and I am excited to provide an overview of our financial performance and critical insights.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:

The PHAA remains in a solid financial position as we complete our 12th year as an incorporated association. Our focus on building community connections, hosting events, and supporting alumni initiatives continues to drive our operations. In FY24, we experienced increased income from membership and interest, which has further strengthened our financial foundation.

ITEMS TO NOTE:

- **Income Growth:** Membership income rose significantly in FY24 to \$19,900, up from \$16,450 in FY23 and \$10,000 in FY22.
- **Debt-Free Status:** I am pleased to report that the PHAA has maintained its debt-free status throughout the fiscal year, allowing us to focus on furthering our mission without the burden of financial obligations.
- **Steady Expenses:** There were no significant unexpected outflows during the year. Our financial commitments were met through membership income.
- **Strategic Financial Management:** We have strategically leveraged our Term Deposits to grow savings while taking advantage of rising interest rates. As of 30 June 2024, our total balance across accounts stood at \$70,390.87, up from \$56,620.16 in FY23. This includes a working account balance of \$26.38, a high-interest account balance of \$54,380.27, along with two Term Deposits: a 12-month term deposit of \$10,854.22 and a 6-month term deposit of \$5,130. This approach ensures the security of our financial assets while optimizing returns.

CASHFLOW SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR:

	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-23	30-Jun-22	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-20
Income - Memberships	\$19,900.00	\$ 16,450.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 14,800.00	\$ 11,400.00
Income – Interest	\$ 519.20	\$ 362.97	\$ 10.71	\$ 9.57	\$ 29.00
Income – Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,369.14	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Costs	-\$ 7,449.00	-\$ 10,547.75	-\$11,517.47	-\$ 971.08	-\$ 4,902.00
Surplus/(Loss) for the Year	\$12,451.00	\$ 5,902.25	\$ 862.38	\$ 13,838.49	\$ 6,527.00

BANK ACCOUNT SUMMARY

	30-JUN-24	30-JUN-23	30-JUN-22	30-JUN-21	30-JUN-20
NAB – WORKING ACCOUNT	\$ 26.38	\$ 694.29	\$ 5,696.68	\$ 4,289.75	\$ 497.00
NAB - HIGH INTEREST ACCOUNT	\$ 54,380.27	\$ 40,861.07	\$ 28,544.07	\$ 43,522.15	\$ 34,513.00
TERM DEPOSIT (12 MONTH TERM)	\$ 10,854.22	\$ 10,025.00	\$ 10,000.00		
TERM DEPOSIT (6 MONTH TERM)	\$ 5,130.00	\$ 5,039.80	\$ 5,004.96		
TOTAL	\$ 70,390.87	\$ 56,620.16	\$ 49,245.71	\$ 47,811.90	\$ 35,010.00

UPCOMING FOCUS FOR FY25:

Looking ahead, we will continue to leverage Term Deposits to boost our interest income, especially in response to the changing interest rate market. This financial strategy aligns with our goal of ensuring the long-term financial sustainability of the PHAA.

As we move forward into FY24, I am confident that the PHAA will continue to thrive and fulfill its mission of connecting alumni and creating opportunities for growth and collaboration.

Charli (Charlotte) Udell

Treasurer, PHAA (Class of 2014)

SECRETARY’S REPORT



As at the 29th of September 2024, the PHAA has 694 members, representing a growth of 78 members over the previous year, a 12% increase.

MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

Honorary Members	13
Annual Members	1
Life Members	680
Total Members	694

The majority of the new members are from the class of 2023. President Sebastian Davies Mills welcomed new members at the Valedictory Dinner, presenting a PHAA gift being a leather compendium. Anthony Buckton & Charli Udell also introduced them to the PHAA at various meet up and mentoring events.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There have also been interim non-minuted meetings, to assist with the transition to greater support from the school.

			25/10/2023	4/03/2024	12/08/2024	Total
Sebastian Davies Mills	2014	President	y	y	y	3
Charli Udell	2014	Treasurer	y	y		2
Cathy Player	1985	Secretary		y	y	2
Anthony Buckton	1985	Committee		y	y	2
Trish Butterworth	Parent	Committee	y	y	y	3
Monique Macri	2009	Committee	y	y		2
Dennis Wong	1997	Committee	y	y	y	3
Bidget Boyd	2023	Committee		y		1
Dr Nancy Hillier	Current	Ex Officio	y	y	y	3

Cathy Player
PHAA Secretary (Class of 1985)

REUNION SUPPORT



PHAA Reunion Support:

- Underwriting event deposit
- Providing the event photographer
- Suggestions for venues
- Posting on PHAA Social Media and website



Laura Melrose (centre) - Organiser for the 10 Year Reunion - Class of 2012.

CAPTAINS BREAKFAST



Anthony Buckton and Principal Nancy Hillier continue the annual tradition of taking the 2 school captains to breakfast to discuss ways in which the PHAA can benefit the incoming alumni.

VALEDICTORY DINNER



President Sebastian Davies Mills representing the PHAA at the Annual Year 12 Valedictory Dinner where new alumni are presented with a PHAA Compendium and Certificate of Life Membership.

PHAA ACTIVITIES

Activity	Overview
Mentoring Program	Students in Year 11 are brought together with alumni from fields of interest to offer mentorship in a school facilitated group environment
Work Experience	All offers for work experience greatly appreciated
Uni Tours	Currently going to university? Volunteer to assist newly graduated alumni
Sporting Events and Teams	The PHAA offers sponsorship packages to assist with jerseys and registration payments with the objective of encouraging alumni to continue to play together
Reunions	Support services include promotion assistance, deposit underwriting for reunion functions, plus ideas for venues and advice on planning based on other alumni reunions
Professional Networking Events	Interested in pulling together a networking breakfast with your alumni connections? We are happy to assist with the booking process and promotion of the event
Committee Meetings	PHAA Committee meetings are open to all alumni. The AGM is held each September if you would like a position on the committee

PHAA COMMITTEE 2023/24



PATRON

Mr Rex Morgan AM, M.B.E
School Founder



PRESIDENT

Sebastian Davies Mills
Class of 2014
Bachelor of Laws (Hons I)
Solicitor at Herbert Smith Freehills



TREASURER

Charli Udell
Class of 2014
Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Science in Information
Technology, Data Analytics & Finance
Business Transformation Manager, Macquarie Bank



SECRETARY

Cathy "Jones" Player
Class of 1985 & Alumni Parent
Founding Committee Member
Head of Marketing, Howards Storage World



COMMITTEE

Trish Butterworth
Alumni Parent,
Founding Committee Member



COMMITTEE

Monique Mackenzie
Class of 2009, PH Board Member
Senior Marketing and Communications Manager, Bulgari



COMMITTEE

Anthony Buckton
Class of 1985 & Current Parent
Director & Principal Architect, Black Ink Networks
Ex PHAA President



COMMITTEE

Dennis Wong
Class of 1997
Principal, Ground Swell



COMMITTEE

Bridget Boyd
Class of 2023
Bachelor of Health and Physical Education



EX OFFICIO OF PHAA

Dr Nancy Hillier
Founding Committee Member
Pittwater House CEO & Principal



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