

YEAR 11 & 12 ALUMNI CAREERS BREAKFAST



FY26 ANNUAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The Pittwater House Alumni Association (**PHAA**) is a natural extension of the Pittwater House School and 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 FY26, our life members comprise over 800 alumni with many more forming part of our wider alumni community. The PHAA is run by a volunteer committee of former students and friends of Pittwater House, along with the Principal of Pittwater House – Dr Steven Middleton – who represents the School as *ex officio* (with former Principal, Dr Nancy Hillier retiring from the School, and as *ex officio*, at the end of 2025). We are extremely grateful for the considerable assistance provided by Pittwater House, plus the ongoing support of our skilled and dedicated Committee team.

Welcome to the FY26 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 strong relationships among our Members, the School and the broader Community while continuing to uphold the values of Pittwater House.

We seek to facilitate opportunities for our members to network, socialise and reflect on their time at Pittwater House. We do this by organising regular events, publishing important information about the broader alumni network online (including on social media) and supporting our members with reunions and life beyond Pittwater House.

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

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear members of the PHAA,

I am delighted to present the Pittwater House Alumni Association's (PHAA) annual report for financial year 2026 (FY26).

During FY26, the Committee of the PHAA has focused on driving member engagement and increasing our support for the student body at the Pittwater House School.

From a member engagement perspective, in July 2025, we held our inaugural Alumni Social in the recently renovated Long Reef Surf Club. The evening was well attended by a large number of old boys and girls ranging from the classes of 1985 to 2024, along with a table of teachers from Pittwater House. Jim Maydo was our trivia master and former student Jack Beard provided DJ entertainment. We followed this up with relaxed Christmas drinks held in late 2025 at the The Collaroy.

Towards the end of 2025, we also launched the first Alumni newsletter, the *Watermark*. The first edition included articles from Opera Singer, Celeste Haworth (2003), newly appointed Director of Adelaide Zoo, Chad Crittle (2008) and Graduate Economist at the Commonwealth Treasury, Ben Cook (2020). Each article included information about how Pittwater House helped to shape each person's life beyond School, and provided an insight into their interesting, dynamic and awesome careers to date. We are incredibly proud of our members and the *Watermark* is an excellent way to share their stories. We have complimented our *Watermark* offering with video interviews with members of our Alumni community which we have shared with the School and posted on our social media pages.

In FY26, we have increased our support of the student body at the Pittwater House School. On Foundation Day, I was pleased to present the first Pittwater House Alumni Association prize. The prize is presented on behalf of the PHAA to the student who establishes and strengthens the spirit of belonging, community and social connection at Pittwater House. It recognises the person who knows everyone and who everyone knows – the 'social glue' of the School. These are values that the PHAA strongly supports. The prize comprises a perpetual trophy retained by the School, a small trophy for the recipient to keep, and a cash prize of \$1,000. The inaugural winner of the Alumni Prize was Joe Cassidy.

Beyond this, the PHAA has supported students on numerous occasions including:

- at an informal Q&A session for Year 11 students where members of the PHAA provided advice on navigating the final years of school, staying organised and prioritising wellbeing, while preparing for life after school;
- at our Careers Breakfast for Year 11 and 12 students where members of the PHAA, representing a diverse range of industries, shared their career journeys, experiences and insights with more than 200 students. The event provided a valuable opportunity for students to ask questions, explore future pathways and make meaningful connections with members of our broader Pittwater House community; and
- the organisation and presentation of Year 12 Jerseys for new members of the PHAA.

I was also pleased to represent the PHAA at a number of significant school events throughout FY26. In 2025, I attended the farewell cocktail party for Dr Nancy Hillier, making the end of her extraordinary 15-year tenure as Principal of Pittwater House. On behalf of the PHAA, I thanked Dr Hillier for her many years of support and presented her with a gift on behalf of the alumni community.

In 2026, I attended the Ceremony of Belonging for our incoming Principal, Dr Steven Middleton. On behalf of the PHAA, I presented Dr Middleton with two framed photographs from the private collection of School Founder, Mr Rex Morgan AM MBE. The first captured the 'whole school' in 1962 and was signed by each of the Foundation Boys, while the second showed the very first school building under construction on the Collaroy campus - the Rex Morgan Foundation Wing. Together, they are wonderful symbols of where Pittwater House began and how far we have come.

My thanks, as always, go to the PHAA Committee members who generously volunteer their time to support our alumni and the broader School community. I also extend my thanks to Leanne Munro, Alena Swinborne and Christine Hodge from the Pittwater House Marketing Team for their support of many of our initiatives throughout 2026.

Yours sincerely

Sebastian Davies-Mills

President, PHAA (Class of 2014)

TREASURER'S REPORT – FY26 ENDING 30 JUNE 2026



I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2026. This year has been marked by a renewed focus on member engagement with a significant lift in event activity alongside continued discipline in our underlying operating costs.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:

The PHAA continues to maintain a strong and stable financial position. The most notable feature of FY26 was our investment in alumni events, headlined by the inaugural Alumni Social Trivia Night, which was very well attended and enjoyed by all who came along. This drove a significant increase in event costs for the year, consistent with the Committee's stated intention to prioritise member engagement.

FY26 also saw the introduction of the Alumni Prize, a \$1,000 cash award presented to the inaugural recipient, Joe Cassidy, at Foundation Day. The Committee intends to continue this initiative in future years as an ongoing show of support for the student body.

On the cost side, operating costs reduced dramatically this year, falling from \$12,919.06 in FY25 to \$4,101.26 in FY26. This reduction reflects the Association's move away from its previous CRM platform, which had been a significant recurring cost, in favour of a more cost-effective solution.

CASHFLOW SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR:

Category	30-Jun-26 (\$)	30-Jun-25 (\$)	30-Jun-24 (\$)	30-Jun-23 (\$)	30-Jun-22 (\$)
Income – Memberships	18,000.00	21,250.00	19,900.00	16,450.00	10,000.00
Income – Interest	1,396.32	1,661.05	519.20	362.97	10.71
Income – Events	1,420.00	–	–	–	2,369.14
Operating Costs	(4,101.26)	(12,919.06)	(7,449.00)	(10,547.75)	(11,517.47)
Event Costs	(12,681.54)	(561.00)	–	–	–
Alumni Prize	(1,000.00)	–	–	–	–
Surplus/(Loss)	3,033.52	9,430.99	12,451.00	5,902.25	862.38

BANK ACCOUNT SUMMARY (AS AT 30 JUNE)

Account	30-Jun-26 (\$)	30-Jun-25 (\$)	30-Jun-24 (\$)	30-Jun-23 (\$)	30-Jun-22 (\$)
NAB - Working Account	34,106.83	454.63	26.38	694.29	5,696.68
NAB - High Interest Account	30,603.03	41,148.22	54,380.27	40,861.07	28,544.07
Term Deposit (12-month)	11,762.34	10,854.22	10,854.22	10,025.00	10,000.00
Term Deposit (6-month)	5,696.15	5,427.76	5,130.00	5,039.80	5,004.96
Total funds held	82,168.35	57,884.83	70,390.87	56,620.16	49,245.71

UPCOMING FOCUS FOR FY27

Looking ahead, the Committee's clear priority is to build on the momentum of FY26 and do more events, while continuing to fund the Alumni Prize as an ongoing commitment to the student body.

CLOSING REMARKS

The PHAA remains well-positioned financially. The reduction in operating costs following the move away from our previous CRM platform has created additional capacity to invest in the events and initiatives our members value most, without compromising the Association's long-term financial sustainability. With continued collaboration between the Association and the school, I am confident we will maintain this position while expanding opportunities for alumni engagement in the year ahead.

Charli (Charlotte) Udell
Treasurer, PHAA (Class of 2014)

SECRETARY'S REPORT



As of June 2026, the PHAA has 815 members.

MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

In previous years, year 12 leavers were invited to join the PHAA in their final term of Pittwater House. We are transitioning this process from year 12 to year 7 so that year 7 students are invited to join in their first term of the Grammar or College schools. While this process transitions, current years 8 - 12 will continue to join in their final year of school whereas the current and all future year 7 students will join in their first year of high school. As a result, this year, we welcome new members from both year 7 and year 12. New year 12 members are formally welcomed into the association at the Valedictory Assembly.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

This year the association met both in person and via Teams. Dr Nancy Hillier retired from the Pittwater House School at the end of 2026 and her role as *ex officio* ended at the same time. Mr James Walmsley represented the School as *ex officio* while Dr Nancy Hillier was on leave. We welcomed Dr Steven Middleton as the new *ex officio* in early 2026.

Name	Role	12/08/25	22/10/25	18/11/25	17/03/26	12/05/26	14/7/26	11/8/26	Total
Sebastian Davies-Mills	President	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	6
Charli Udell	Treasurer	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Bridget Boyd	Secretary	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	6
Monique Mackenzie	Committee	Y			Y	Y			3
Dennis Wong	Committee	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	6
Alex Butcher	Committee	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	7
Olivia Butcher	Committee	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	5
Nick Butcher	Committee	Y		Y			Y		3
Trish Butterworth	Committee		Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	5
Dr Nancy Hillier	ex officio								0
James Walmsley	ex-officio		Y						1

Bridget Boyd

PHAA Secretary (Class of 2023)

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT



Over the past year, PHAA has continued to maintain a consistent presence across our social media platforms, with a focus on strengthening connections with our alumni community and increasing engagement.

We have continued to regularly share updates, events and opportunity for alumni to get involved while creating content that reflects on past Pittwater House experiences and memories. These posts have provided an opportunity for alumni to reminisce and reconnect with one another. It has been particularly encouraging to see alumni interacting with these posts and sharing their own memories and experiences with the wider community.

We have also continued to build our presence on Instagram, with the pages steadily growing in engagement and reach. We are pleased with the progress of the platform and the opportunities it provides us to connect with all members of the PHAA community.

SOCIAL MEDIA PERFORMANCE

Overview

- **Channels Managed:** Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn
- **Posting Frequency:** Fortnightly
- **Content Themes:** Alumni interviews, nostalgic content, Alumni business shoutouts, school collaborations, opportunities for alumni engagement and even promotions.

Highlights

- Growing social media presence and engagement across Facebook and Instagram.
- Over 500 daily impressions and site visits
- Consistent alumni interaction with published content

LOOKING AHEAD: 2027 FOCUS AREAS

In 2027, the PHAA will continue to build on its growing social media network, with a strong focus on creating regular and meaningful opportunities for alumni to stay connected. Through continued event promotion, accessible communication, and engaging content, we aim to strengthen connections between alumni and foster a strong sense of belonging.

Olivia Butcher

Committee Member (Class of 2022)

Year 12 Jersey Presentation



Leaders Breakfast



Trivia Night

PHAA COMMITTEE FY26



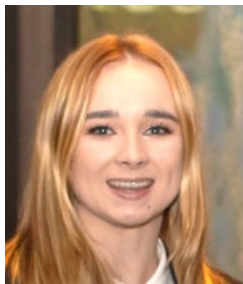
PATRON

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



PRESIDENT

Sebastian Davies Mills
Class of 2014
Bachelor of Laws (Hons I)
Solicitor



TREASURER

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



SECRETARY AND PUBLIC OFFICER

Bridget Boyd
Class of 2023
Bachelor of Health and Physical Education



COMMITTEE

Trish Butterworth

Alumni Parent,
Founding Committee Member



COMMITTEE

Monique Mackenzie

Class of 2009, PH Board Member

Senior Marketing and Communications Manager



COMMITTEE

Dennis Wong

Class of 1997

Principal



COMMITTEE

Alexander Butcher

Class of 2020

Bachelor of Media and Communications and a Bachelor of
International Studies



COMMITTEE

Olivia Butcher

Class of 2022

Student at University of Technology Sydney, Bachelor of
Molecular Biotechnology (Medical Biotechnology) and Bachelor
of Business (Marketing)



COMMITTEE

Nicolas Butcher

Class of 2024

Bachelor of Accounting Co-op Scholar (2025-2027) at UTS

Finance Intern



EX OFFICIO OF PHAA

Dr Steven Middleton

Pittwater House CEO & Principal



EX OFFICIO OF PHAA

Dr Nancy Hillier

Founding Committee Member

Retired Pittwater House CEO & Principal



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