



## Pembroke School Life Members

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# Pembroke

#### **Mr John G Branson AM**

John, a parent to two Pembroke students gave dedicated and diligent service to school governance for fifteen years. He was a member of the Planning Committee (1995), Chair of Planning Committee (2001) and its successor the Planning & Properties Committee (2002 to 2005). He was also Chair of Council (2005 to 2008). Guided key projects include the Senior School Science Laboratories, the DD Harris wing for Year 12 boy boarders, the Middle School Resource Centre, and the Girton Arts Precinct. He was instrumental in succession planning for the new Principal and to the role of Chair of the Appointment Committee brought his customary clear focus, deep experience and generous giving of time and resources. John became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2010.

#### **Mr Ian C Budenberg**

Over two decades, Ian was an enthusiastic and strong supporter of the School across many and varied aspects of School life. Ian retired in March 2015 after seven years of outstanding service to the Council and School governance. Ian's four children attended Pembroke between 1994 and 2014. Ian was elected to the School Council in 2008 and served on the Planning Properties Committee from 2008 and as Committee Chair from 2010. He was an involved supporter of the Pembroke Scouts and served as Secretary and Treasurer. At the helm of the Planning and Properties Committee, Ian oversaw the refurbishment of the Middle School Campus Mellor (2012) and Slade (2013) Wings and the Old Scholars' War Memorial Pavilion (2012). He was also closely engaged with the development of the School Facilities Master Plan (2013). In 2013 and 2014 he was a member of the history project group assisting in editing and publishing the updated history of Pembroke and its precursors - *Principles and Pragmatism*, written by John Davis. A generous gift from the Budenberg family endowed the publication. Ian became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2018.

#### **Mr John R Davis**

John's career at Pembroke spanned from 1967 until 2004 with roles including Head of House from 1981 to 1986, Head of Middle School from 1987 to 1988, CAS Coordinator from 2003 to 2004 and Assistant Head of History (Aust Studies) from 1992 to 2001. Special initiatives included playing a central role on the panel that set up the Australian Studies course for SACE in 1992. This remains a valued and compulsory part of the education programme for senior students in South Australia. John is the author of *Principles and Pragmatism*, the written history of King's, Girton and Pembroke - an important contribution to the education debate in SA and major source of information about Pembroke School. In 1994, he completed *A Remarkable Match*, which is another short history of Pembroke School. John served as a loyal and dedicated member of the School community as a teacher and educational leader for over 38 years. Generations of King's and Pembroke students have benefited from his care, knowledge and wisdom. John became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2004.

#### **Ms Julianne M English**

Julianne has worked at Pembroke since 1985 when she commenced as an English teacher. She has taught IB Theatre, SACE Drama and Theory of Knowledge. She was appointed Director of Drama in 1992 and since 2000 has held the position of Head of Arts. In her teaching, leadership and promotion of the Arts at Pembroke, Julianne is inspirational, and has a supportive influence on students, colleagues and old scholars. She has directed countless productions featuring innovative performance, creating indelible memories and lasting bonds of friendship within and beyond the School community. Julianne has been an

IB examiner, and member of Arts Access Australia, Arts Managers Australia and the Cultural Performing Arts Network. She is an exceptional teacher and mentor. She has continued professional relationships with old scholars across the broad span of the Arts and maintains strong network associations with prominent figures in the Arts industry in Australia and internationally. Julianne became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2018.

#### **Mr Michael G Evans KC**

Michael is a King's College and Pembroke School old scholar attending both schools between 1964 and 1975. He has served on the Foundation Board, School Council and as Council Chair. He was a member of various Council advisory and sub-committees including the Finance and Marketing Advisory Committees. He was a key member of the Middle School Resource Centre Capital Campaign Appeal team and a valuable member of the Principal Appointment Committee for the transition of Principal. Between 1993 and 2010, his three children attended Pembroke. Michael is highly respected for his professionalism and leadership. His sincere care and compassion for the School community and pride in the School is well recognised. Michael became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2015.

#### **Mrs Elizabeth J Game**

Between 2001 and 2018 Elizabeth's significant contribution to the School's governance included serving on the Foundation Board for seven years and the School Council, becoming Chair in 2012 – a position she held for six years. She and her husband Philip are Foundation Benefactors having donated significantly towards key school building projects – in particular, the Middle School Development at 3 Shipsters Road. Elizabeth was a Pembroke parent of four between 1990 and 2008 and was involved in the Drama Forum and Rowing Parents Association. As a qualified teacher she also undertook contract English, Legal Studies and History teaching at the School. Key milestones during Elizabeth's term as School Board Chair include the realisation of the whole school Facilities Master Plan in 2013, the acquisition of land at 3 Shipsters Road, Girton's century week of celebrations and the Environmental Learning Centre and kitchen garden at Old Watulunga. Elizabeth is widely known and appreciated within the School community and became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2020.

#### **Ms Philippa D Hook (nee Ward)**

Philippa attended Girton from 1946 until 1958 and was a member of the Junior School teaching staff for 26 years from 1979 until 2004. She commenced as a Year 1 teacher progressing to Year 6 teacher in 1983. In 1987 Philippa was appointed Junior School Assistant Head (Administration) and held this role until her retirement at the end of 2004. Since then Philippa has returned to Pembroke to fill contract positions and undertake casual work. She has been continuously involved with the Pembroke Old Scholars' Association (POSA) since the mid-1990s and still serves on the Committee. She held the position of POSA President from 2002 until 2004 and Vice-President from 2006 until 2012. In 2020 Philippa's family celebrated their 100 year, fourth generation connection with the School. Philippa's mother, Dorothy Ward commenced Girton in 1920 and Phillipa's grandson Joe Cross graduated from Year 12 in 2020. She has hosted the Annual Girton Lunch since 2000 and has assisted Archives with two significant projects. Philippa became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2019.

#### **Mr Tony W C Houey**

Tony's career as Deputy Principal and Legal Studies and Business teacher spanned 23 years from 1993 to 2015. His son attended Pembroke from 1993 to 1999. Tony was a long term Council Finance Committee member, oversaw the School's WHS compliance, and was the School's Privacy Officer. Tony met the widely diverse challenges and content of his job with calm assurance based on carefully reasoned judgment, respect for what is right and a great care for students. Tony nurtured relationships across the School community, particularly through his service to the Parents' & Friends' Association. His skilled legal mind

was an asset to Pembroke. He is a past national Board member and chairs the SA Chapter of the Australian and New Zealand Legal Educators Association (ANZELA). He was an alternate member on Teachers' Registration Board and spent many years on the Council of St Marks College. This broader involvement reflected Tony's commitment to education as a professional undertaking; his understanding of process, compliance and policy development. Tony became a Life Member of Pembroke in 2018.

#### **Mr Malcolm L Lamb AM**

Malcolm served as Principal of Pembroke School from 1991 to 2010. Offices held include Board member of the School Foundation and Foundation Life Member. He served on a number of International Baccalaureate boards. While at Pembroke, he provided strong leadership allowing for the growth and development of the School. He built upon a culture that is unique to Pembroke with a focus on internal and external community. He developed a focus on pastoral care of staff and students and built on the Arts tradition of excellence in Music to include a focus on Drama and Visual Arts culminating in the building of the Girton Arts Precinct. He is particularly acknowledged for his support to members of the School community in times of stress or tragedy. In 2007, Malcolm was granted a Member of the Order of Australia for service to education through executive roles with professional associations, the promotion of effective leadership in schools and to the study of Asian languages. He became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2012.

#### **Mr David T Parkin**

David's family history with the School spans four generations. His parents attended King's and Girton, respectively graduating in 1933 and 1930. David, along with his three brothers attended King's College with David graduating in 1963. His sister attended Girton. David's three children then went on to attend Pembroke and presently, David has four grandchildren at Pembroke. David served as Chairman of the School Council from 1996-2000 and was Chairman of both the Finance and Planning Committees. He became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2000.

#### **Mr Dean B Rainsford**

Dean's association with Pembroke began in 1981 as a parent of two students. He served on the School Council and Foundation Board, spending 11 years as Trustee and four as Chairman. He is a current Pembroke grandparent. While serving on the Building Committee, Dean actively advocated for a School Master Plan. Dean became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2007.

#### **Prof Kaye F Roberts-Thomson OAM**

Kaye is a past parent and generous donor to the School. She was Chair of School Council and School Trustee. Kaye has a long and ongoing family connection with Pembroke. Her five children attended Pembroke, four of her grandchildren currently attend Pembroke and six further will join the School in future years. Kaye became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2005.

#### **Mr Michael C C Sayer OAM**

Michael is a King's old scholar (1959) and past parent of two Pembroke students. His Father also attended King's, graduating in 1925. Two of Michael's grandchildren have since attended Pembroke. From 1991 until 1996, Michael was the Chairman of the School Council. Michael became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1996.

#### **Mrs Prudence Tonkin**

Prue is a past parent of six children who attended both Girton and Pembroke. Subsequently, five of Prue's grandchildren have attended Pembroke. Prue is a former Council member and Trustee of the School. She became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1986.

### **Mr Simon P Tonkin**

Simon is a past parent to three students. He was a member of the Planning and Properties Committee from 2002 until 2010 and committee Chair from 2005 until 2010. He was a member of School Council from 2005 to 2010. From 2011, he was Chair of Kensington Community Park Inc overseeing the restructure of the relationship between the School and the City of Burnside. As Chair of Planning and Properties, Simon oversaw the Campbell House upgrade, Girton Facilities Master Plan, Girton Arts Precinct (incorporating DY Hall), the upgrade of Angove House and the new ELC and Junior School classrooms. He provided advice as a Town Planner and in the process educated the School regarding the importance of building and maintaining relationships with both the local community and government. Simon instigated and facilitated the School Council Strategic Plan in 2007. He donated his time and expertise to retitle 13 and 13A Barker Grove to Torrens Titles thereby increasing the sales proceeds realised by Pembroke on this bequeathed property. He became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2015.

### **Dr Tom W Turner**

Tom served on the Executive Committee 1981, was Chairman of the School Council from 1980 until 85 and was a Trustee for the School Council in 1979. Tom became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1986.

### **Mrs Jean Zhang and Mr Henry Zhu**

Jean Zhang and Henry Zhu are past parents of a Pembroke student and have had an association with Pembroke for more than 12 years. As parents and since they have provided great support of the Pembroke robotics Team Koalafied. They have generously supported the Pembroke Academy and the Shipsters Road Project and Ms Zhang was a member of the Shipsters Road Project Campaign team. They are highly respected and admired community members and as past parents are still heavily involved in the Pembroke Robotics Program and Team Koalafied. Jean and Henry became Life Members of Pembroke School in 2021.

## *In memorium*

### **Mr Neil R Balnaves AO**

Neil is a King's old scholar (1962). In 2014, Neil, a well-known philanthropist and media entrepreneur was invited by School Principal, Luke Thomson to advise the School Council and Foundation Board during a strategic planning phase ahead of launching the Shipsters Road Capital Campaign. Neil acted as Guest Speaker at the 2016 Foundation Ambassadors Luncheon at which the Shipsters Road Campaign was officially launched, and contributed a significant donation towards projects for which the School Board conferred naming rights of Balnaves Place and Balnaves Enterprise Hub in the Shipsters Road Building. He also donated a Robert Klippel Sculpture which is proudly located on the Technology Level in the Shipsters Road Atrium. Neil has continued to refer and connect the School to and with potential and valuable supporters and partners via Balnaves Foundation events and personal referral. Most recently, he loaned a significant Tracey Moffatt AO collection of artworks to Pembroke School. Neil became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2020.

### **Mrs Margaret H Bennett (nee Sellars) 1924-2017**

#### **Patron of the Pembroke School Foundation**

Margaret was a proud Girton old scholar (1934-1939). She began supporting Pembroke philanthropically in 1996 by donating to the development of the Senior School Resource Centre. She supported every capital appeal thereafter until her death in 2017. In addition, she made a very significant donation to the Girton Arts Precinct capital works in 2006. From 1999 Margaret supported Pembroke students through the establishment of the Patrons Special Projects Grants Program which provides endowed financial assistance to the Arts, Indigenous Education and the Schools' Scholarship Fund. Grants from this program are still offered though the Pembroke School Foundation today. She generously endowed the Margaret Sellars Scholarship enabling rural students who would otherwise be unable to attend the School to do so. And, thanks to her generosity, annual Year 12 Art Prizes are awarded in her name. In 2007 Margaret donated funds to embed Film into the Drama curriculum and after joining Pembroke students on the annual Marree Aboriginal School/Pembroke Exchange in 2008, she provided the initial seed capital to establish the Indigenous Education Program. Margaret became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2007.

### **Mrs C E Bonython (Bunty)**

Bunty had a long and active association with the School. She was a Girton old scholar (1932) and past parent of two daughters who both attended Girton. She served for several years on the Board of Directors of Girton and was a member of the House Committee. She was a Life Member of Girton Old Scholars and a Life Member of Pembroke Old Scholars Association. Bunty became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2003.

### **Prof James G Cornell**

James was a past parent to four Girton students and three of his grandchildren have attended Pembroke. His association with the School extended over 40 years. He served as Chairman of the Trustees and of the School Board. James became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1980 in recognition of his outstanding service to the School.

### **Mr Thomas B Edmonds**

Thomas was a King's old scholar (1927) and was the first prefect of the boarding house. His son and daughter attended King's and Girton respectively. Thomas served on the School Council and as Trustee. He became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1986.



### **Mr Richard (Dick) J Fricker**

Dick was an old scholar of King's (1950), former King's College teacher, Vice Principal of Pembroke School, past parent of two daughters and a son and Foundation and Life Member of Pembroke School. Dick was a scholar of King's College from 1946 until 1950. He returned to King's College as a teacher in 1964 and was Co-head of the Senior School at Pembroke in 1974. He served as Deputy Principal from 1974 until 1992. From 1993 Dick worked tirelessly establishing the School's Archives. His contribution to King's College, Pembroke School and the wider community is acknowledged, highly valued and sincerely appreciated and he was awarded Life Membership of Pembroke School in 2004.

### **Mr Donald (Don) D Harris OAM**

Don retired from King's after a long career at the School in 1971. His career at King's included Housemaster from 1938 until 1954, Head of the Debating Society from 1930 to 1971 and staff editor for the School magazine from 1930 to 1950. He also served as Acting Principal. In 1970 he was awarded Silver Kangaroo - the highest award for adult leaders in Scouts Australia. Don retired in 1971 but remained active in education, joining the Education Committee in 1974. Harris Library is named after Don and a bequest left by Don after his death in 2002 allowed for the year 12 Harris Wing of Campbell Boys Boarding House. He became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1986.

### **Mrs Diana d'E Medlin AM**

Diana was the Headmistress of Girton from 1971 until 1973. Diana's two children, a son and daughter were educated at Pembroke and Girton/Pembroke respectively. Five of her grandchildren have also attended Pembroke. Diana was one of two inaugural Co-Principals (the other being John Moody) when Girton and King's amalgamated to form Pembroke in 1974. Diana would continue as Principal until 1990. In this role she surrounded herself with, and was supported by excellent academic and general staff to create one of the most complete co-educational schools in the country. With the encouragement of the then Minister of Education, Diana created the Pembroke Hearing Unit in 1976. She had a deep love and understanding of music and as such gave strong encouragement and support to her music and orchestra directors to make music an important part of Pembroke's life. A major innovation in 1989 was the introduction of the International Baccalaureate (IB) to Pembroke. Diana then created the Australasian Association of IB Schools, embracing Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea, and became the inaugural president. Diana became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1992.

### **Mr Jim C Mellor**

Jim was a King's old scholar (1938) who later became a School parent of three daughters who attended Girton and two sons who attended King's. Two of his grandchildren have also attended Pembroke. He actively served the School in a number of positions including President of the King's Old Scholars Association, Chairman of the Board of Girton (1973), Chairman of the School Council (1973-1980), School Solicitor (1980) and Chairman of Trustees (1983-1988). Jim became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1986.

### **Mr Ken H Milne**

Ken was a past parent of a King's student and was actively involved in King's and Pembroke School. He served on the School Council (King's) for 20 years, was Chairman of the Board of Directors (King's) for 18 years and Chairman of Trustees (Pembroke) in 1976. The KH Milne Laboratory was named in his honour. Ken became the first honorary Life Member of Pembroke School in 1976.

### **Mr John M Moody AM**

A former King's student (1952), John was one of the pioneers of co-education in Adelaide and, with Diane Medlin, one of the founding Co-Principal of Pembroke School (1974-1978). Under John's methodical and ordered approach, Pembroke flourished. He was known for being well informed and composed. John's three sons and daughter all attended Pembroke in the late 1970s and early 1980s. The John Moody Technology Centre is named in his honour. John became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1995.

### **Mr Lee W Parkin**

Lee was a King's old scholar (1933) and one of its first students as number 29 on the student roll. He served in numerous positions including member of the Board of Girton Girls School, Pembroke Council member and Trustee of the School. Lee's four sons and daughter attended King's and Girton respectively and one of his granddaughters attended Pembroke. Currently, one of Lee's great grandchildren is a student in the Middle School. Lee became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1986.

### **Lady Mary M Paterson**

Lady Mary is a Girton old scholar (1947). Her three daughters all attended Girton. As a school parent she was actively involved and held a number of positions including Chairman of the Trustees, Trustee and Council member. Lady Mary became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1986.

### **Prof Renfrey B Potts AO**

Professor Potts was an internationally renowned applied mathematician. Renfrey's two daughters attended Girton and Pembroke. He held a number of positions including Chairman of the Board of Directors for Girton Girls School between 1968 and 1973 and Deputy Chairman of the Trustees. Renfrey became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1986.

### **Miss Edith L Reeves OBE**

A former Girton student (1924) and the Lily Smith Old Scholar, Edith went on to become the Headmistress of Girton from 1968 until 1970. She was an enthusiastic supporter of Progressive Education (1952-1955) and formed the Parents' and Friends' Association in 1967. She was known for her self sacrificing devotion to the School and became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1995.

### **Mr Neville C Reid**

Neville was a King's student (1940) then parent of two daughters and a son all of whom attended Pembroke. His eldest daughter also attended Girton. Neville served in a number of roles including Chairman of the Trustees, Chairman of Properties Committee and Chairman of the School Council from 1985 to 1990. He retired from Council in 1991 after 13 years of service and 6 years as Chairman. The Neville Reid Room in Bills House is named in his honour. Neville became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1992.

### **Mr Colin A N Slade**

Colin was a foundation scholar of King's (1924) and completed his schooling in 1933. Two of Colin's grandchildren attended Pembroke, as did two great nieces and two great nephews. Colin held a variety of roles over a number of years including Deputy Chairman of the Board of Girton 1941, Secretary of School from 1951 until the merger of King's and Girton in 1974, School Council member (1957) and member of Board of Trustees (1982). He also served as President, Secretary and Treasurer of King's Old Collegians Association. His association with King's and Pembroke extended over 58 years. Colin became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1986.

**Mr Joseph I N Winter AO**

Joseph was a King's old scholar (1940). His four sons attended King's and Pembroke and 6 of his grandchildren have attended Pembroke. His vast involvement with the School included serving as Treasurer of the King's Old Collegians Association, representative of the School Council (1963-1974), Chairman of the Finance Committee (1975-1981) and member of the Board of Trustees. Joseph became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1986.