



# Pembroke School Life Members

## June 2025

# Pembroke

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

John, a parent to two Pembroke students, gave dedicated and diligent service to School governance for 15 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). He guided key projects including the Senior School Science Laboratories, the DD Harris Wing for senior 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.

### **Ms Amanda H Bouchier**

Amanda is a Girton and Pembroke School old scholar, attending from 1973 to 1979. She is a current staff member, having commenced in 1990 in the Turner Boarding House, before progressing to Foundation Director in 2000 and then becoming the current Director of Community Engagement and Indigenous Education in 2019. Amanda has supported The Arts at Pembroke, particularly with helping to establish the annual Unreel Film Festival and exhibitions by indigenous artists. She has developed and continues to support the Indigenous Education Program at Pembroke, with cultural exchanges, language programs and the annual Indigenous Sports Round. She is a valued member of the wider School community with strong connections to many generations of old scholars, particularly past boarding and indigenous students along, with parents and major donors. Amanda became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2024.

### **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. His 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 & 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 served as a loyal and dedicated member of the School community as a teacher and educational leader for almost four decades, with generations of King's and Pembroke students benefiting from his care, knowledge and wisdom. 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, IB CAS Coordinator from 2003 to 2004, and Assistant Head of History (Australian 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 program 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*, another short history of Pembroke School. 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 IB 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 performances, 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 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 our 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. 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 Education Centre and kitchen garden at Old Watulunga. Elizabeth is widely known and appreciated within our 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 before becoming a 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. During her retirement, Philippa returned to Pembroke to fill contract positions and undertake casual work until 2018. 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 at 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 continues to volunteer in the School community and assist in the School Archives. Philippa became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2019.

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

Malcolm served as Principal of Pembroke School from 1991 to 2010. He was a Board member of the School Foundation and also 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 expanded the School's tradition of excellence in Music to include a focus on Drama and Visual Arts, culminating in the building of the Girton Arts Precinct. With a strong commitment to the pastoral care of staff and students, 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.

#### **Mrs Jane L M Miller**

Jane is a Pembroke old scholar, having attended from 1991 to 1995, and is a parent of three current students. She commenced on the School Board in 2015 as a Pembroke Old Scholars Association appointment and was elected Chair in 2018, a position she held until 2023. She served on the Governance Committee from 2015 to 2023 and in an ex officio position on the Old Scholars Committee. During her time as Chair, Jane oversaw the completion and opening of the Shipsters Road Building, and led the Board during COVID and the successful transition of Principal. Jane also widely supports the work of the School Foundation. She became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2024.

#### **Mr Christopher M Meulengraaf**

Chris, a parent of three old scholars and one current student, served on the School Council/Board and various committees for 15 years. He joined the then Foundation Inc Board in 2004, chaired it from 2006 to 2011 and served on the School Council/Board from 2007 to 2019. He was a member of and chaired the Finance Committee, and was a key member on the Major Building Projects Committee which was established in 2017 to oversee construction of the Shipsters Road Project. While Chris was Chair of the Foundation Inc Board, the 2009 Whole School Lottery was held and the Margaret Sellars Scholarship was established. During his time on the School Council and Finance Committee, the Girton Arts Precinct, Junior School expansion and new ELC, and the Shipsters Road Building were all conceptualised, financed and realised. Chris became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2022.

#### **Ms Catherine L Oster**

Cathy, a parent of two past students, served on the School Council/Board from 2016 to 2024 and was Deputy Chair from 2019 until her retirement in May 2024. She initially joined the Finance Committee in March 2014 before transferring to the Governance Committee which she Chaired from 2019 until 2024. During her tenure, Cathy applied her exceptional governance and legal expertise, playing a crucial role in key governance milestones including refreshing the Constitution, Board decision-making and policies. She actively supported and deputised for the Board Chair, stepping up when required, taking on additional responsibilities and attending key School events. Cathy became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2025.

### **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. Along with his three brothers, he attended King's College, graduating in 1963. His sister attended Girton. David's three children went on to attend Pembroke, and presently, he has four grandchildren at the School. 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. He 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 joined the School Council in 1994 and was Chair from 2000 until her retirement in 2005. She was a School Trustee from 2007 until 2016. Kaye has a long and ongoing family connection with Pembroke. Her five children and two of her grandchildren are old scholars, with other grandchildren current students. Kaye became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2005.

### **Prof Warwick T Sarre**

Warwick (Rick) is a King's old scholar (1972) and parent of two Pembroke old scholars. As a student, he was actively involved in student publications (*The Clarion*), Pembroke Scouts and Drama productions, and has maintained connections as an old scholar and parent. In the 1980s, Rick directed two Year 12 School Revues, took to the stage in three Pembroke Choral Society musicals and directed a fourth. He was a member of the School Council Finance Committee from 2012 to 2013, the School Council Education Committee from 2013 to 2014 and the Pembroke Old Scholars Association Committee from 2021 to 2023. Rick is an active King's old scholar and is integral to King's reunions and events including organising and co-hosting the annual King's Luncheon. He volunteers in support of School fundraising initiatives, participates in the Old Scholars vs Student debates, gives classes in the International Baccalaureate programme, has coached the Legal Studies Mock Trial Team and has donated memorabilia to the School Archives. Rick became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2024.

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

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

### **Mr Luke A Thomson**

Luke served as Principal of Pembroke School from 2010 to 2022. Milestones include the realisation of the Shipsters Road Building from land acquisition in 2015 to the opening in 2019, the elevation of the School Aims and the mentoring of student leaders to develop the Student Charters. Luke also guided Pembroke through the COVID pandemic and led the School through two strategic processes: the Pembroke Improvement Plan 2012-2017 and the Pembroke at 50 Strategic Plan, 2018-2024. Outside of his role at Pembroke, Luke was a member and Chair of the IB Heads Council from 2016 to 2018, a Board member of the International Baccalaureate Organization from 2015 to 2018, Chair of the Association of Independent Schools of SA from 2006 to 2010 and member of the Board of the Independent Schools Council of Australia from 2007 to 2010. He was presented the Alby Jones' Gold

Medal Award by the Australian Council of Educational Leaders in 2022. Luke became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2024.

### **Mrs Prudence Tonkin**

Prue is a parent of six old scholars who attended Girton and Pembroke. Subsequently, several of her 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 parent of three old scholars. He was a member of the Planning & Properties Committee from 2002 until 2010, and 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 & 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.

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

Jean Zhang and Henry Zhu are parents of a Pembroke old scholar and have had an association with the School for well over a decade. 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 Mrs 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 Memoriam***

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

Neil was a proud King's old scholar (1962). In 2014, Neil, a well-known philanthropist and media entrepreneur, was invited by 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. He contributed a significant donation towards projects, and the School Board conferred naming honours 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 continued to refer and connect the School to and with potential and valuable supporters and partners via Balnaves Foundation events and personal referral. More recently, he loaned a significant Tracey Moffatt AO collection of artworks to the School. Neil became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 2021.

### **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 School's Scholarship Fund. Grants from this program are still offered through 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 Pembroke's 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 parent of two daughters who 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 the Pembroke Old Scholars Association.

Bunty became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1986.

### **Prof James G Cornell**

James was a parent of four Girton students and three of his grandchildren 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.

### **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 member. Dick attended King's College from 1946 until 1950. He returned as a teacher in 1964 and became Co-Head of the Senior School at Pembroke in 1974. He served as Deputy Principal from 1974 until 1992. From 1993, Dick worked tirelessly to establish the School Archives. His contribution to King's College, Pembroke School and the wider community is acknowledged, highly valued and sincerely appreciated. He was awarded Life Membership of Pembroke School in 2004.

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

Don retired from King's in 1971 after a long career which included Housemaster from 1938 until 1954, Head of the Debating Society from 1930 to 1971 and Staff Editor of 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. While Don retired in 1971, he remained active in education, joining the Education Committee in 1974. Harris Library is named after Don and a bequest left by him after his death in 2002 allowed for the DD Harris Wing for senior boy boarders. He became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1986.

### **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. He 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 roles with calm assurance based on carefully reasoned judgment, respect for what is right and a great care for students. He nurtured relationships across the School community, particularly through his service to the Parents' and Friends' Association. His skilled legal mind was an asset to Pembroke. He was a national Board member of the Australia and New Zealand Education Law Association (ANZELA) and was Chair of the SA Chapter. He was an alternate member on the Teachers Registration Board and spent many years on the Council of St Mark's 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 School in 2018.

### **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. She 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 music and orchestra directors to make music an important part of the life of the School. A major innovation in 1989 was the introduction of the International Baccalaureate (IB) to Pembroke. She then established and was inaugural President of the Association of Australasian International Baccalaureate Schools, embracing Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea, and was a member of the International Baccalaureate Organization Executive. 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 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 Collegians 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 parent of a King's student and was actively involved in King's and Pembroke School. He served on King's School Council for 20 years, was King's Chairman of the Board of Directors for 18 years and was Chairman of Pembroke Trustees 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 blazed a trail in co-education in Adelaide, and alongside Diana Medlin, was 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 attended Pembroke in the late 1970s and early 1980s. The John Moody 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 multiple 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. One of Lee's great grandchildren also joined the School. Lee became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1986.

### **Lady Mary M Paterson**

Lady Mary was a Girton old scholar (1947). Her three daughters also 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. His 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 Lillie 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 our community 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 who attended Pembroke. His eldest daughter also attended Girton. Neville served in various roles including Chairman of the Trustees, Chairman of the Properties Committee and Chairman of the School Council from 1985 to 1990. He retired from Council in 1991 after 13 years of

service and six 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 his grandchildren attended Pembroke, as did two great nieces and two great nephews. Colin held a number of roles over many 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 the Board of Trustees (1982). He also served as President, Secretary and Treasurer of the King's Old Collegians Association. His close connection with King's and Pembroke extended over 58 years. Colin became a Life Member of Pembroke School in 1980.

#### **Dr Tom W Turner**

Tom was appointed to the School Council in 1979 and was Pembroke's second Chair from 1980 to 1985, serving the School community with pride and distinction. He also served on the Executive Committee in 1981, and was a proud parent at the School. Tom 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 several of his grandchildren 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.