



## **2022 Chairman's Report**

In the words of Lewis Carrol, 'The time has come...' as this is my last day as the Chairman of the Kentian Society.

I reluctantly accepted the position in 2006 at the request of Honorary Life Member, Judith Lee. My promise at that time was that 'if we could not achieve anything in the next two years, I would resign'. I believe the establishment of the Scholarship Foundation, the Archives, Kentian Website, Alumni Facebook page, the many reunions enjoyed at the Bentley Pines Restaurant and our Combined Luncheons are a testament to some of our successes.

Again, a highlight of the year was an enjoyable, end of the year, Combined Committee Luncheon catered for by the Year 11 Hospitality students. We sincerely thank Ingrid Hills and them for their excellent menu and service. The luncheon enabled us to thank some of the Foundation's major sponsors and staff who had supported both organisations over many years. Our special guests included Marcus Harris, Loren and Robin White, Bernice Mullen and Sue Powell. Jean and Peter Stokes were invited but Peter's ill health prevented their attendance.

Peter passed away on 24 Jan 2022. I visited him before Christmas and sang carols with family members and members of the WA Symphony Orchestra. Vicki, Pat and Paul visited him later and recorded his life history for which the family was most thankful. Five Kentians including Craig Lynch (Deputy Principal) attended Peter's memorial service. His memory and philanthropy will always be part of Kent Street Senior High School and in 2022 a fifth scholarship for English and Humanities will be established in Jean and Peter's name.

The Thursday morning group continued their work in the archives, capably lead by Vicki Duball and well supported by Pat Sanders and Paul de Laeter.



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I would like to thank all Committee Members for their dedication and hard work throughout 2021 and thank the School Staff who supported and encouraged us. Special thanks Pat, Vicki, Paul, Chris, Graeme, Craig Lynch, Ken Pascoe and all School Officers in the front office. Mandy Bradford's and Louise Walmsley-Watson's contributions have been outstanding

I have done my best to ensure a smooth transition for the new committee and have already said the I will act in an advisory capacity with the Archives Sub-committee.

Growing the membership and finding volunteers are two our problems we share with many similar organisations. Best wishes with that.

Below is a list of my reflections of significant events I prepared last year adding 2021. One committee member suggest thar 'I had steered the Society in a slight bend in the road' during the past 16 years. You be the judge.

Thank you for all attending the AGM and enjoy the rest of the day.

Chairman

21 March 2021

## Significant Events:

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| 2007 | Kentian Society 15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary                    | Bentley Pines Restaurant           |
| 2009 | Kentian Scholarship Foundation Formation with charitable status |                                    |
| 2010 | Kent Street Senior High School 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary     | at KSSHs                           |
| 2011 | Kentian Office and Archive renovated, furnished, and occupied   |                                    |
| 2012 | Kentian Society 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary                    | Bentley Pines Restaurant           |
| 2013 | Kentian Scholarship Foundation                                  | Scholarships increased from 1 to 2 |



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- 2014 Kentian Scholarship Foundation Scholarships increased to 6  
Create Kentian Website using Webroot  
Kent Street Senior High School Alumni Facebook Page established
- 2015 Kent Street Senior High School 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bentley Pines Restaurant
- 2016 Kentian Scholarship Foundation Scholarships increased to 7
- 2017 Kentian Society 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bentley Pines Restaurant
- 2019 Kentian Scholarship Foundation 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bentley Pines Restaurant
- 2020 Kent Street Senior High School 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cancelled due to Pandemic  
Kentian Scholarship Foundation Scholarships increased to 9
- 2021 Pandemic caused further disruptions 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cancelled forever  
Archives Sub-Committee established  
Kentian Scholarship Foundation Scholarships remained at 9  
2020 and 2021 Presentations accomplished