

ARPP

Association of Retired Primary Principals

NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2015

2014 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Held Thursday 11th December at the Epping Club.

John McMillan welcomed all members and guests including special guests – Jan McLelland and Ken Dixon and a special welcome to our sponsors Phil and Joel Campbell.

raised and accepted by Stewart House directors Tom Croker and Ken Dixon.



A three course meal accompanied by suitable beverages was enjoyed. There was an exchange of Xmas gifts conducted aka “Kris Kringle”.



John thanked Heather Causley for her diligence efforts to encourage us to raise funds for Stewart House through the organisation of prizes for our Xmas hampers. Several hundred dollars were

LIFE MEMBERS DAY – NSW PRIMARY PRINCIPALS’ CONFERENCE

Approximately thirty five Life Members gathered on Friday 24th October as part of the final day of the Australian Primary Principals’ Conference.

In attendance were Barry McConville and Fred Armstrong, two of our early leaders, both of whom became octogenarians during 2014.

Greg Prior (Deputy Secretary – Schools) presented the awards:

Life Members – Sandra Armstrong, Gary Brotherton, Chris Dougherty, Kerryanne Knox, Don Mackenzie, Annette Udall and Geoff Yates.

Aboriginal Education – Greg O’Neill.

Fellowship – Kerry Moore.

RUSTICA RESTAURANT, NEWCASTLE

A very enjoyable luncheon and wine tasting was held at the Rustica Restaurant on Wednesday 12th November, attended by forty or so, retired principals and guests. Those present, enjoyed some delightful food and some very palatable and interesting wines courtesy of resident “wine connoisseur” Brian Collins and McWilliams Wines.

Much appreciation goes to Brian for organising the venue.

2015 CALENDAR

April – Thursday 9th:
Luncheon and Seminar at the Kirribilli Club. The Seminar will focus on ‘Aged Care Changes – Implications from July 2014 Changes’. Guest speakers from Equity Trustees Pty Ltd will be provided by our sponsor Campbell Financial Group.

May – Thursday 21st:
Overnight visit to Dubbo, featuring a Golf afternoon, tourist attractions and a dinner at night.

June – Thursday 4th:
Luncheon at ‘Dedes’ Restaurant at Sydney Rowers, Drummoyne.

July – Friday 24th:
Bus tour with lunch at the Hydro-Majestic Hotel in Blackheath – ‘In the Footsteps of Charles Darwin’.

September – Thursday 3rd:
Luncheon in Emperor’s Garden Restaurant, Chinatown, Haymarket.

November – Tuesday 10th:
Rustica Restaurant, Newcastle.

December – Thursday 10th:
Christmas Luncheon at the Epping Club.

Other events being planned include a four day trip to Menindee Lakes as well as luncheons and other activities for Port Macquarie, Wollongong and the Central Coast.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

From 2015 members are asked to renew membership through the website via Paypal or direct deposit.



This also gives members a way to update their contact details. This will assist in keeping of the database current and ensure emails are sent to the correct address. Presently over 260 addresses are sent emails and too many are returned.

All ARPP members, PPA Life Members and retired primary principals are very welcome to attend our

functions. Most gatherings commence at 11.30am with lunch from 12.30pm.

For most events, please advise your attendance to Maurie Bird via maubird@ozemail.com.au.

APPA CONNECTED LEADERS

ARPP is distributing the Australian Primary Principals Association electronic newsheet "Connected Leaders" to our members cost-free. It is about two pages of brief articles with links to longer reports if you are interested.

Current email addresses are essential for this to occur. Please update at our website.

CONSTITUTION

A draft constitution for the Association is being constructed by the ARPP executive and will be available for discussion by all members during the year.

APPRECIATION

The Association extends appreciation to our sponsors 'Campbell Financial Group' for their continued support of our activities.

2015 is the Association's 10th year of operation and we look forward to another interesting and rewarding year.

Your participation, contribution and support of the Association and the executive is appreciated.

John McMillan, Maurie Bird, Heather Causley, Tom Croker, Graham Hayton, Brian Powyer and Noel West.

LOOKING BACK OVER 2014

A number of well attended luncheons and events have been held during 2014.

Attendances and membership of the Association have increased and the fellowship enjoyed on these occasions has been outstanding.

Kirribilli Club - Thursday 3rd April





Sydney Rowers – 5th June





Chinatown – 3rd September



NEWSLETTER CONTENT

It is intended to distribute at least two newsletters a calendar year. Extra may be sent when needed. Beyond our careers we are a diverse group of passionate individuals with many interests and talents with varying degrees of contact with each other.

Contributions from members about travel, hobbies, activities or reflections would be welcome (subject to minor editorial discretion).

Your snippets will be welcome. Email to Noel at nwest@bigpond.net.au.