



REPORT ON DUBBO VISIT
THURSDAY ,AUGUST 20. 2015

On Thursday August 20, 2015, a Golf afternoon and Dinner at night, was held at the Dubbo Golf Club. These highly enjoyable events, brought together thirty six retired principals and their partners, to reflect on past experiences teaching and living in Western NSW and to renew friendships, with former colleagues in public education.

In attendance, were retired primary principals from Dubbo, Mudgee, Bathurst, Sydney and Newcastle, as well as three retired secondary principals still resident in Dubbo. Those retired principals and partners, travelling from the eastern parts of NSW, enjoyed many reminiscences as they travelled through the Blue Mountains, Lithgow, Bathurst, Orange, Mudgee and Wellington with some attendees returning home through Dunedoo, Merriwa, Denman and Singleton.

In attendance were: Robert Binns, Margaret and Maurie Bird, Christine and Peter Bray, Jim Carey, Bev and Steve Chippendale, Sue and Doug Coates, Tom Croker, Sue and John Dixon, Pat Eggleston, Des Faggoter. Kerry Knox and Ray Gentles, Melissa and Phil Halpin, Graham Hayton, Alan Hill, John Marin, Margaret and John McMillan, Claudia and Des O'Malley, Lorenza and Brian Powyer, Maggie and Garry Pursehouse, Bruce Roberts, Anne and Greg Shortis and Chris Worthington.

Ten retired principals enjoyed nine holes of golf at the scenic Dubbo Golf Club while other attendees enjoyed the sights of the busy and prosperous city of Dubbo. Some of the tourist attractions included the Western Plains Zoo, the Old Dubbo Gaol and Dundullimall Homestead, as well as touring the many enticing shops of Dubbo.

A highly enjoyable dinner was held on the Thursday night, in the Dubbo Golf Club Restaurant. The reminiscing of past experiences and the telling of stories, continued on, well into the night. A 'Whip Around' for Stewart house was held during the dinner and raised \$.....

Our special thanks to John Dixon, for his outstanding efforts, in organising accommodation, a game of golf and a great dinner, all at the Dubbo Golf Club. Special thanks also to Doug Coates and Garry Brotherton for advertising this event in the Orange and Bathurst areas. Special appreciation , also to Maurie Bird for managing numbers and general organisation and to Graham Hayton for managing the funds and providing refreshments. Well done to everyone.

John McMillan

PRESIDENT