



## **REPORT TO STATE COUNCIL – TERM 2, 2012**

### **VALE – PETER NEWMAN**

Early this week, ARPP members were saddened by the sudden passing of colleague and friend Peter Newman. Peter retired some years ago from Berkeley Vale Public School and then returned as Principal of Albury North PS and recently as principal of Tuggerawong PS on the Central Coast from where he planned to retire from at the end of this Term.

Peter was a very active member of Central Coast Principals Council and served as Treasurer of NSWPPA for 4 years. He was a founding member and inaugural Treasurer of our Association of Retired principals.

His funeral will take place on Tuesday 5 June at 12.00pm in the Greenway Chapel, 460 Avoca Drive, Green Point (Gosford to Avoca road).

### **OUTINGS and EVENTS:**

#### **\*PORT MACQUARIE VISIT**

On 10/11 March 30 retired colleagues participated in a golf day and dinner at Port Macquarie Bowling Club organised by the newly formed Port Macquarie retired Principals Association. 12 of us southerners travelled north for the occasion. The opportunity to meet and reminisce about life after the principalship was greatly enjoyed by all. Of course the event also provided the opportunity for us to pass judgement on the current state of play in our system!

The Port group have planned 3 meetings for the year and anticipate an increasing number of members as the word spreads.

#### **\*SYDNEY MEETING/LUNCHEON**

On Thursday 12 April 60 retired principals and partners attended a special seminar on Estate Planning organised by Phil Campbell from EdPlan and presented by Tom Ellicott from Access Law Group. The Seminar covered preparation of Wills, Power of Attorney and Enduring Guardianships. Estate Planning is vital and should be addressed by active as well as retired principals. We would recommend the firm to any interest persons or groups contemplating Estate Planning.

The Seminar was then followed by a delightful lunch enjoyed by over 40 members at City Tattersall's Club. It was also an opportunity to discuss various matters relating to the Local Schools Local Decisions with many interesting views being expressed.

#### **\*EDPLAN/ARPP GOLF DAY**

On Tuesday 17 April we held our first Annual EdPlan/ARPP Golf Day at the Castle Hill Country Club. It was a wet and miserable day but it did not deter the 21 starters who began the day with a hearty breakfast and teed off at 7.30am. The determination of the group prevailed and we all but completed the round. Clearly an example of the resilience we acquired from chasing teachers out of the staffroom on wet days!

We were all winners on the day with main prize and trophy taken out by Peter Bray from Dubbo.

We are again indebted to EdPlan and the other sponsors they organised for their generous sponsorship.

The 2013 event will take place on 16 April with perhaps a more welcome 12.30pm start.

#### **\*TERM 2 LUNCHEON & MEETING**

This will be held at the Sydney Rowing Club, Abbotsford on Thursday 7 June and will be attended by 40 members.

### **\*WOLLONGONG VISIT**

A visit has been planned to Dapto to link up with retired principals in the Wollongong area. This will involve golf, lunch and an opportunity to renew acquaintances with many of our retired colleagues in that area..

### **MEMBER'S WELFARE: Ray Causley**

Some of you will have known Ray who suffered a stroke last year. He is slowly showing some progress. He is now back walking with a stick and continues to have speech therapy and physio. Heather is hopeful of him being able to come along to our next luncheon meeting. Our best wishes go with him.

### **STEWART HOUSE**

Our Association continues to support Our Stewart House and several members will be out promoting support to Council Groups over the next 12 months. We encourage all principals and schools to maintain Stewart house a main if not the main charity focus for fund raising.

### **ENCOURAGING NEW MEMBERS**

We continue to search for recent retirees and to encourage them to join with us as new members to our Association. We have updated our ARPP information pamphlets which have been distributed to each Area Council and hopefully this will assist with establishing some email contact with retiring principals.

We encourage all Area Councils to promote our Association to retiring members. To that end we would like to establish a network of contacts with each Area Council that will help to keep us aware of who will be retiring and enable us to make early contact with them.

Whilst we realise that a lot of retirees live outside of the Sydney area, we would like to keep as many retired principals as possible in contact, if only to provide news of what is happening through email and to maintain a communication network around the state.

Retired principals take with them a wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise. The fact that so many retirees continue to work in a variety of roles is testimony to what they still have to offer. Keep us in mind!!

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