

## Newsletter April 2012

### Port Macquarie

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March nine retired Principals challenged the Emerald Downs golf course on a fine sunny day (unusual when a golf day is organised ..... see our Treasurer's golf report). Golf was the winner on the day but many fine skills were shown which might not have been directly related to golf.



*Lou Hayward and Tom Croker tee off with John McGrath and John Smith while Margaret Croker and Noelene Hayward welcome two more starters.*

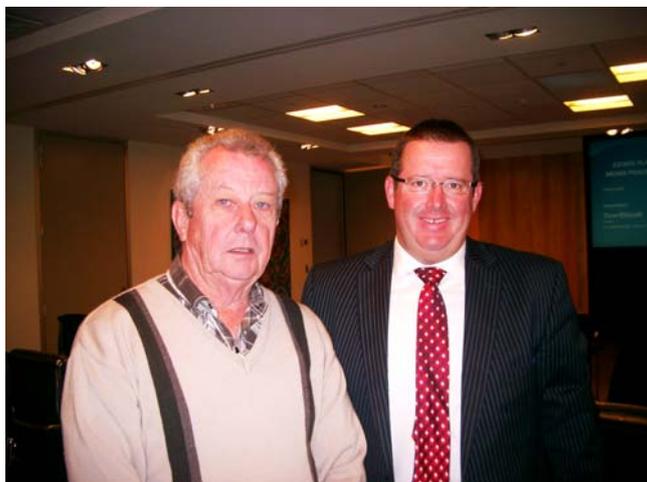
After the golf some 30 colleagues attended an evening meal at the Port Macquarie Bowling Club organised by retired Principal Lou Hayward. It was a most enjoyable evening with "lively" conversation and plenty of reminiscing.



*Part of the group at the Port Bowling Club (others still at the serve yourself Bistro)*

## **Sydney Meeting and Luncheon**

On Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> some 40 retired Principals and partners attended a special conference on Estate Planning organized by Phil Campbell from EdPlan and presented by Tom Ellicott from Access Law Group. Tom Ellicott took us through what should be in a Will, the benefits of having a Power of Attorney and Enduring Guardianship. Thoughtful questions were asked and matters explained by Tom. Access Law Group has offices in Wollongong and Sydney and with the sensible approach explained by Tom his Group is recommended to members for any Estate Planning issue.



*Our Treasurer Graham Hayton with Tom Ellicott from Access Law Group*

After the talk the group adjourned to the City Tattersall's Club for a quiet drink and a pleasant lunch in their new dining room.



*Our President in full discussion with Geoff Buckland and Rick Riddle with Sue Robards and Harry Hyland*

As always our President, John McMillan proposed the toast to Public Education and a lot of discussion took place over lunch about current Principals having to deal with the State Government's Local Schools Local Decisions (LSLD). Notice how close the acronym is to LSD!

It was also interesting to have a discussion with Chris Worthington about his days before teaching when he worked as a roustabout in the woolsheds out west. He said it was pretty good on rainy days as they still got paid but the shearers were only paid on sheep shorn.

One of the shearers told him to find something more worthwhile or he would end up with sheep s\_\_\_ for brains so that encouraged Chris to take up a College Scholarship!  
It was also good to see a few recently retired Principals who joined the Association.



*New member John Notley (middle) with Linda and Mick Tattam*

### **EdPlan/ARPP Golf Day: Report by Graham Hayton**

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, the day started gloomy, but the early start of 6.45 a.m. didn't deter most of the players who were there to register and have the best Bacon and egg Rolls in Sydney as a hearty start to the day. And what a day it turned out to be! It was raining even before the tee off as our 21, less than enthusiastic starters looked anxiously at the weather and the wet pathways of the Castle Hill Country Club. To the very great credit of all concerned, and with no shirkers, we teed off with a "shotgun start" at 7.30 and so began our first Annual Edplan/ARPP Golf Day.

Players plodded on...mostly in golf carts of course (for we are mostly retirees you know). Through the hazards, bunkers and across the lakes (sometimes), all the time with the weather threatening and often with the most unpleasant showers and nowhere to hide! We got wet, we put up umbrellas, the skies brightened, we put the umbrellas away (for a few minutes) then the cycle repeated but still we persevered 100%.

Then with only a hole or two to go, the rain gods became merciless, the course became unplayable so we went in for a drink before lunch (as you do). We had a prize giving and everyone won a prize, which, in golf, is pretty amazing. We had a wonderful lunch, a couple more drinks and headed home for a hot shower and a change into some dry gear.

Despite the weather, we all had a great day and look forward to the event in 2013 (Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April to be precise, this time with a 12.30 start) when we hope that a lot more retirees and current EdPlan clients will join in the fun and help us continue the tradition. Please put the date on your calendar for next year now!

Oh, and by the way, the day was fully funded by the players and the generous donations of sponsors arranged by Edplan. The ARPP's only expense was the organizational work involved and a small contribution to the wine bill of less than \$40.

The Winners List: Division 1. Peter Bray (Dubbo Golf Club)  
Runner up: Graham Hayton (Castle Hill)

Division 2. Ray Hudswell  
Runner up: Kurt Prebble (Edplan)

Nearest the Pins: John Dixon and Ray Hudswell again

Longest Drive: Rick Easom  
Straightest Drive: Maurie Bird.  
And everyone else...all of whom won something!



*Peter Bray from Dubbo being congratulated by Phil Campbell from EdPlan*

Our thanks to the Sponsors, Kitten Car Products, and the following Fund Managers: Perennial Investments, Legg Mason Investment Management, MLC Investments, Ausbil Dexia Ltd, Fidelity Investments and of course our great friends at Edplan (First Capital Financial Planning). A generous round of applause must go to the Staff at Castle Hill Country Club who looked after us so well throughout the day.

### **The Passing of Some Close Friends (Report by John McMillan)**

During the last few months we have unfortunately farewelled three friends of members of the Association of Retired Primary Principals.

Gordon Pyne was farewelled on December 23, 2011 after a very short illness. Many retired principals attended the Memorial Service and expressed their deep sympathy to Gordon's wife, Carol and their family.

Ron Ikin, Director of Professional Development, (amongst other things) in the Department of Education and Training for many years, passed away on January 21, 2012 after a lengthy illness. Quite a few retired principals attended his farewell Memorial Service and expressed their deep sympathy to Kerri and their family.

Helen Gillespie, wife of Mike Gillespie - former State Council Representative and Principal of both Wollongbar and Laurieton Public Schools, passed away on February 4, 2012 after a lengthy illness. I have contacted Mike and his family and expressed our deepest sympathy.

**June Luncheon**

Just a reminder that our June luncheon organised for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June, will be held at the Sydney Rowing Club, Abbotsford. More details later.

**Luncheon/Golf Day at Wollongong**

We have an offer from two of our colleagues from the 'Gong -Warwick Hall and Ron Adams - to organise a luncheon at the Dapto Leagues Club on Thursday August 9, 2012. This could be an overnight visit if people desire a game of golf on the Wednesday or even the Friday.

Dapto Leagues Club is easily accessed by train, with the Dapto Station being a short trip from Wollongong. Keep this date in mind.

A reminder that our bi-annual elections are due this year in June. If you are interested in being part of the committee, please be ready to nominate for a position, when our Returning Officer, Denis Suttling, calls for nominations in June

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Publicity Officer