



Newsletter December, 2006

Further NSWPPA State Conference News:

I mentioned in our last Newsletter the recipients of Life Membership from the Association, namely; John Davies, Maurie Bird, Barbara Reynolds and Rick Riddle. I thought you might also like to know the recipients of the other awards. The Master Schools Portrait Award for Research went to Anne Stewart, Professional Award to Anne Mulcahy, Social Justice & Equity Award to Steve Stuart and the Aboriginal Education Award to Hugh Rutherford. Congratulations to all these people some of whom will be joining our ranks soon.

The Christmas Luncheon:

This was held at the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club on Thursday November 30 and was attended by over fifty retired principals. Special guest was retired Director General Doug Swan. Other guests included Les Mace and John Snow from First Capital Finance Planning. Santa Cheryl Buckley distributed presents and a great day was had by everyone.

Sponsorship:

We have been fortunate in having Phil Campbell of First Capital Finance Planning coming forward with a sponsorship deal for our Association. Phil is able to give advice on retirement packages, financial planning, travel packages and legal issues. The sponsorship will help us with our future plans for publishing brochures about our Association and setting up regional networks. Some of the Association Executive members will be meeting with Phil early next year

Mentoring:

Following discussions with DET representatives held in August, Warren Marks, on behalf of our Association, has established a group of retired principals who are prepared to train as mentors and provide their services to current principals in various parts of the state. The training will be undertaken by the DET Leadership Unit and we plan to have it operational in 2007. The Association has set aside an amount in its budget to assist with this plan.

NSWPPA History:

Following discussions from some chronologically gifted retired principals, some of the early history of the NSWPPA has surfaced and our Association is looking at collating some of this with a view to having discussions with the NSWPPA Executive to establish a data bank of the history of the PPA from the founders to current times. If you have any bits and pieces that you would like to contribute please contact John McMillan, Colin Labrie or myself. There will more on this next year.

Plans for 2007:

The following are some of the initiatives the Executive wish to follow through next year:

- Collating a history of the NSWPPA.
- Continuing luncheons including a luncheon in the Hunter valley next year.
- Establishing an information package for retiring principals.
- Introducing seminars on financial and legal issues for retirees and those contemplating retirement.
- Looking at working with a Travel Agency that could possibly offer discounts to our members.

Membership:

Our membership is continuing to grow and we would love to catch up with many more retired principals so that we link up right across the state.

Stewart House:

The Association would like to thank Heather Causley our Vice President for her work in getting our Association involved with Stewart House. At our functions Heather always chases up great prizes and the raffles are well supported to benefit Stewart House. At our Xmas Function over \$450 was raised.

Heather also has the details of how to organise a deduction from your pension to be sent directly to Stewart House just like you used to from your pay with DET. We might be able get those details for you on our next Newsletter.

“Merry Christmas to You All and the Best of Health for the New Year!!”

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