



## *Newsletter March, 2007*

### ***First Luncheon***

We had our first luncheon for the year on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at the City Tattersals Club and some 45 members attended including a car-load from Taree/Forster/Tea Gardens. The day was a little different as it started at 10:00am with an information session by our sponsors EdPlan. Phil Campbell a Director of EdPlan spoke about the new superannuation and tax rules and Robert Monohan a Senior Estate Planner and Lawyer gave a very informative talk about estate planning. The total cost for this informative morning and lunch was only \$10 for members and partners and I can assure you the beef Guinness and vegetable pie was very tasty!

### ***The President***

Our President John McMillan also addressed the luncheon gathering and mentioned a number of Principals who had passed away recently, including Sid Rolfe, who was well known especially in the role as a Central School Principal. It was pleasing to welcome Sid's wife, Rosalie, to the luncheon and she caught up with a number of friends. I must say I was pleased to catch up with her as Sid's dad, Merv, was my first Principal when I started my teaching career.

### ***Dates for Lunches***

Following Denis Suttling's suggestion, the committee has had a look at lunch dates for the rest of the year and decided to adopt the following.

All lunch outings will be held on the first Thursday in the months of March, June, September and December. That means 7 June, 6 September and 6<sup>th</sup> December for this year. This will enable members to plan their attendance.

### ***Trip to the Hunter***

The Executive is keen to try and plan a trip to the Hunter wineries before the cold weather sets in. The trip got little support last year and had to be cancelled but we are hoping that with plenty of notice and a subsidy from our Treasurer we might get more numbers this time.

### ***State Council***

I attended the NSWPPA State Council meeting where both delegates and Presidents were present. I enjoyed the company of many old friends on the Thursday night when the delegates and Executive had tea in Chinatown. It was interesting talking to a number of Principals who are coming up to retirement in the next few years and the advice they sought from me, having gone through the process. I think this is one of the advantages of still having links with the PPA. I was not given any time to address the Council but through a thoughtful question from Brian Collins I was able to mention the pamphlet we produced (Colin will post this on the PPA website) and encourage Principals who might be retiring this year to join our Association in July so that they are on our email list and can find time to attend a luncheon and possibly get some good advice from people on how to better manage retirement. Geoff Scott turned off my microphone when he thought I had spoken long enough!

### ***Keeping in Touch***

Don't forget to keep in touch with retired Principals and teachers in your area as we want to grow the Association especially into outlying districts. Many are doing bits and pieces of work in a variety of fields and John McMillan and Warren Marks are still pushing the value of experienced mentors for beginning Principals with the DET.

Any interesting items of news etc. would be gratefully received by me ([kpares@bigpond.net.au](mailto:kpares@bigpond.net.au)) to add a bit more interest in our newsletters.

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