



"ARPP"ENINGS

November 2008

Vale John Bladen

John Bladen, well known in the public education fraternity, sadly passed away on Tuesday August 12 after a lengthy illness. John has made an outstanding contribution to public education as a teacher, principal and bureaucrat. Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Sue and daughters Sarah and Emma.

John was Principal of Claymore and Ambervale Public Schools before working in the Quality Assurance Directorate, as Cluster Director at Wollongong and then as the Director of Training and Development in NSW. He returned to schools in recent years and served as the Principal of Lane Cove and Mona Vale Public Schools before his retirement two years ago. He also served as an advisor in many overseas countries including the Solomon Islands, Indonesia and Abudabi.

For over a decade John was Chair of the National Co-ordinating Committee of the Australian National Schools Network and Chair of its Board of Directors. This organisation has decided to make John its first Life Member and is awarding an annual scholarship in his name. This scholarship will be awarded to teachers who wish to visit other schools or regions as part of a professional learning program.

John's family have requested that if individuals wish to acknowledge John, then contributions can be made to this scholarship fund. Donations can be made to the:

John Bladen Scholarship,
Australian National Schools Network,
P.O. Box 544,
Strawberry Hills, NSW, 2010

For further information go to www.ansn.edu.au/john-bladen-scholarship

Election Of Office Bearers

The following retired principals were elected unopposed in June:

- *President:* John McMillan
- *Vice-Presidents:* Cheryl Buckley and Heather Causley
- *Secretary:* Colin Labrie
- *Treasurer:* Graham Hayton
- *Events Organiser:* Tom Croker
- *Newsletter Editor:* John Davies.

Special thanks to Ken Pares, retiring Newsletter Editor, for his outstanding contribution to the founding and development of this Association.

Executive Meeting and Luncheon

The ARPP Executive met on Thursday September 4 at City Tattersalls Club.

It was resolved to commence planning underway for an overnight outing to Mudgee, probably in March. This will include golf and/or a tour of the Mudgee wineries plus dinner. More news of this trip later.

Treasurer Graham Hayton presented his report, a summary of which follows:

- A balance of \$11976.62 was held in the account.
- Paid up Members numbered 42 but this was expected to increase following the September Meeting.
- It was resolved that:
 - the Treasurer invest surplus funds in an investment account;
 - funds be transferred from the Commonwealth Bank to the NSW Teachers Credit Union.
 - \$100 be donated on behalf of ARPP, to the John Bladen Scholarship Fund.

Following the Executive Meeting, a seminar was presented by *Centrelink* representative – Brett Fowler. The full graphics of this presentation are included as an attachment with this newsletter. In the current financial climate, you are well advised to examine this presentation to see if you are entitled to any benefits you have not yet claimed or additional benefits if your circumstances have changed.

Following the seminar presentation, an enjoyable and convivial luncheon was enjoyed by all members present.

NSWPPA Annual State Conference

The Life Members and Retired Principals Day at the State Conference on Friday October 31, at the Wentworth Sofitel Hotel was attended by forty six Life Members, retired primary principals and partners. The NSWPPA Executive and the Conference Committee hosted a morning tea and luncheon followed by the Awards Presentation Ceremony for 2008. Congratulations to the seven new Life Members recognised for their outstanding contributions to public education:

- Fred Armstrong
- Chris Brooker
- Ian chambers

- Tim Corben
- Ray Kent
- Steve Stuart
- Neil Trenear.

Congratulations to the other awardees recognised for their outstanding contributions to public education:

- *Fellowships*: Erwin Bates, Warren Poole, Terry Sanders.
- *Professional Award*: Ken Beckett
- *Social Justice and Equity Award*: Anne Stewart
- *Aboriginal Education Award*: Kerry Wellham

The day concluded with a happy hour for all retired principals and Life Members in the Bligh Bar. Special Thanks to Rob Walker for organising this event.



Fred Armstrong receiving his life membership award from Karyn Paluzzano, Parliamentary Secretary for Education and Training, MP Penrith

Christmas Luncheon

The Christmas Luncheon is to be held at the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club on Thursday December 11. The day will commence with drinks from 11.00 a.m. in the main bar area, then to the upstairs restaurant at midday followed by lunch at 1.00 p.m. Colin Labrie has forwarded a notice of the luncheon together with a menu. Those attending should contact Events Organiser Tom Croker on mtcroker@bigpond.net.au

PPA History - Stage 2

Writing of the second stage of the history of the NSW Primary Principals Association is well under way and we are hopeful of having an early version of this publication ready

for the Xmas Luncheon. Contributions, covering the 1980s period, are being made by Geoff McAlary, Bill Supple, Fred Armstrong, Barry McConville and Daryl Walker.

Survey

Earlier this year, Events Organiser, Tom Croker, undertook a survey of members. The results of this survey are included with this Newsletter as a separate attachment. Please read the survey responses as these will form the basis of future planning by your executive.

Apology

Sorry for the delay in getting this newsletter out to you. I hope to be a little more responsive in future issues.

John Davies
Editor