



"ARPP" ENINGS

May 2009

Mudgee Golf Trip

Thirty ARPP members, together with wives, husbands and partners attended a very enjoyable overnight golfing and wine outing to Mudgee on March 4. A wine tasting and BBQ at the **Farmer's Daughter Winery** was a feature of the stay and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

This way to the winery!



It was great to be joined by several local retired principals, including Reg Sams and his wife Jan, Bruce Roberts together with John Dixon and Glen Morrison from Dubbo.



Special thanks to Cheryl Buckley for negotiating venues and transport; to Tom Croker, our Events Organiser, for the overall organization; to Heather Causley for raffles and name tags; to Graham Hayton for managing the funds; to Ray Causley as chief photographer; to John Dixon and Glen Morrison for organizing the golf and to Bob Buckley for cooking the BBQ for the entire mob.

Thanks, Cheryl!

Thank you to all our members who supported this event. We understand that overnight trips such as this do not suit everyone. However, the success of the Mudgee visit clearly indicates that there is a place for these types of activities in our events calendar. We hope to organise many more in the future.

We enjoyed the golf too!



April Seminar and Luncheon

On April 2, over forty members attended a seminar and luncheon at City Tattersalls Club in Pitt Street Sydney. The seminar, entitled ***The Future Economic Outlook***, was organized and presented by our sponsor ***First Capital Planning***. Members heard that, despite the gloom and doom being reported all around us, Australia's position in the global financial crisis is better than most developed countries. Members were advised not to panic and to expect a slow but steady recovery later this year, continuing on into 2010.

Many members took advantage of the time available during the luncheon to discuss a range of issues with our sponsors. The advice each received must have allayed many fears as the luncheon soon took on a happy and festive atmosphere.

As far as financial advice goes, the ARPP recommends the services of our sponsor First Capital Planning. Phil Campbell is a Director in the organization and can be contacted on 02 92221202 or by mail at phil.campbell@edplan.com.au . Even though the messages from the seminar were reassuring, in this economic climate, it is imperative that members consider all options before making financial decisions.



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It's not all gloom and doom!

Treasurer Graham Hayton reports that the ARPP is steadily growing in membership numbers and assets. There is a sound bank balance of \$11862.02 with some 96 financial members. So that the association can gain maximum benefit from its accounts, Treasurer Graham has suggested that our accounts be being transferred to the Teachers' Credit Union. Graham will continue to investigate further and provide an update in the next issue of "**ARPP**"enings.

Future Events

Further Sydney luncheons have been planned for June 4, September 3, with our Christmas luncheon being set down for December 10. The ARPP will also be represented at the annual NSW Primary Principals' Conference through attendance at the morning tea and Awards Ceremony.

John Davies

Publicity Officer

Next Outing – Thursday June 4

The next luncheon has been scheduled for Thursday June 4, and we will be revisiting some old haunts!! We will gather from approximately 11.30 a.m. at the newly renovated Covent Garden Hotel in Dixon Street, Chinatown. The Covent Garden has had a total remake and is almost unrecognizable compared to the old version. Even the smell of 'stale beer' has gone. Well, for the moment anyway!!

At 1.00 p.m. we have booked a room at the 'Emperor's Garden Restaurant which is directly opposite the Covent Garden in Dixon Street. Ray Mo is now the General Manager of this restaurant and used to be our contact at the 'East Ocean Restaurant' where we have had many luncheons. He has given us a good deal on a 'banquet luncheon' and Graham Hayton, our Treasurer, has arranged the luncheon for a \$20 cost.

It would be great to see a good roll up to this luncheon. If you know a retired principal who has not been to one of our outings, please invite them or let us know and we will contact them. Bookings can be made with Events Organiser – Tom Croker – mtcroker@bigpond.net.au or 0409926826.

Mentoring

'There's movement at the station for the word has passed around' even though it takes a long time, that the use of retired primary principals as mentors is back on the agenda of the NSWPPA. You will recall that about four years ago, ARPP ran a course and established a list of retired primary principals who were interested in being mentors to current principals. Well, moves are afoot to establish protocols for managing this process. Amazing!! Will let you know of developments at the luncheon.

John McMillan

President