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Luncheon Cruise:

It seems so long ago, but the luncheon on Harbour was held on a beautiful day and the forty Retired Principals took over the front part of the upper deck of the Captain Cook cruise ship. Congratulations to Colin Labrie who not only got a good price for us for the day but also made sure that oysters and prawns were on the menu. Retirement can be such a demanding thing! Thanks again to Heather Causley for chasing up the nametags. The waters were calm, the talking was loud and a few had trouble getting their land legs back at the end of the day!

Meeting with NSWPPA Executive:

We had a very positive meeting with the NSWPPA Executive and we outlined our plans for the next few years. The following is an outline of the Proposals we put to the Executive:

Proposal 1.

“That the NSWPPA use members of the RPPA to assist in the welfare work for Principals.”

- The RPPA would seek an expression of interest from its members to assist the NSWPPA in its welfare work for Principals.
- A list would be compiled for the Executive of the NSWPPA to select suitable candidates for welfare work across the State. This list would then be presented to State Council for approval.
- The list could then be used by the NSWPPA for “direct contact” welfare work as well as the possibility of being available to the appointed Principal Welfare Officer for DET.
- The RPPA member so selected would be available to visit Principals on or off site to give support, advice etc. This member would be required to give a brief (confidential) report to the NSWPPA or DET contact person as well as submit a claim form to the PPA for payment of work completed @ \$250 per day or if possible, DET to pay.
- That the NSWPPA consider a Budget limit of \$20,000 for this work.
- That the NSWPPA be in total control of the Budget item and methods of payment.

Proposal 2.

“That the NSWPPA consider allowing a representative of the RPPA to attend the State Council as an Observer as from 2006 with the possibility of a 5 minute report at each State Council Meeting.”

- This would give a direct contact and update for all members of the NSWPPA across the State on the activities of the RPPA.

- As there will be an increasing number of PPA members retiring over the next decade this would also give an insight and an ease of transition for active Principals as they reach retirement.

Proposal 3.

We asked the PPA for a seeding grant for our Association to offset some expenses and to assist in making some of our events more affordable. The NSW PPA executive very generously donated a grant of \$5000. On behalf of all our members, we thank them for their generous donation.

Already things are starting to happen as you would see from the request through John McMillan from DET to have a Retired Principal to work with them on OASIS.

You would also remember that we asked for mentors to assist other principals. The idea is to just informally collate a register of retired principals who would be willing to give a hand to newer principals in the local area. This is a voluntary and collegial way of helping other leaders in our public schools. If you are willing to have your name included on a register of retired principals willing to act as mentors to others, please email Warren Marks with your name, phone number and address.

Warren's email address is: Warren.Marks@det.nsw.edu.au

NSWPPA State Conference:

As usual the Life Members have been invited to attend certain functions at the State Conference. However the RPPA has also organised a complimentary Morning Tea for **any** Retired Principal on the morning of Friday 28th October at 11:00am. As explained in an email sent to you, there will be a luncheon for Life Members (others may attend at the cost of \$50 but need to let John McMillan know) followed by the NSWPPA Awards Ceremony. The RPPA will then host a complimentary (drinks) social session for all Retired Principals who are in attendance.

Christmas Lunch

I thought when you retired things slowed down but here it is already getting close to Christmas. John and Colin are in the throws of finding a venue for a Christmas Lunch in early December. If you have any knowledge of a great venue in or around the centre of Sydney please email them asap to Colin Labrie. At the moment we are looking at a Club venue but like all retired Principals they are very flexible.