



Newsletter No. 6 - March 2006.

Welcome to 2006

As a Retired Colleague said to me last week where did January and February go? Welcome everyone to another exciting year of golf, fishing, swimming and touring. This will be an election year for our Association (as it is for the NSWPPA) and the current Executive will be meeting in April to prepare for elections in the second half of the year. The current membership of \$50 runs through until July but anyone wishing to join now will only be billed a pro-rata amount until the end of June. For example joining now will be \$18 until the end of June. We encourage everyone to join as soon as possible so that you don't miss out on any activities before June or any discounts we are able to offer.

New Treasurer

Congratulations to Graham Hayton who has been appointed Treasurer of the Association until the elections later in the year. Thank you Peter Newman who had been looking after the coffers but had to relinquish the position due to other commitments. Graham will have the books organised for our Executive Meeting in April and we will then present a financial statement for all members before the end of June.

Mentoring

A very successful course was held by Joan Krzysik and Warren Marks for interested, Retired Principals and some twenty people attended. Our members had some of their expenses met by the Retired Principals' Association. Thanks for the background work of our President, John McMillan, and Secretary, Colin Labrie as well as the support of the NSWPPA. It is hoped that this will lead to stronger links in the field of mentoring between our Association, the NSWPPA and DET.

Social Event in Forster

This was the first attempt at the Association to branch out into the country areas and it was wonderful to have the support of a number of Sydney colleagues as well as the local country retirees. Whilst there were only 6 at the golf event (all male!) there were 16 people who came to the dinner at the Dorsal Restaurant Forster. It was a delightful meal overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Kevin Coates who attended with his wife Kerry, emailed me later in the week to say "We had a great time at the Forster Dinner. Your organisation (that was really Graeme Dixon's work) was outstanding and the venue and food unsurpassed." John McMillan indicated in his short speech that it was a deliberate aim of the Association to have a number of events out in the country and this was just the start.

The golf was an interesting 9 hole event and for most of us it was a pleasant walk around a golf course next to the ocean, spoiled by too many golf shots. John Woodford won the stroke event and Harry Terry was able to grab the Bradman prize by consistently hitting the ball. Harry had to search in the back of his garage for his golf clubs and then dust them off for the game!

Lunch in Sydney

You would have already received an email about this from Colin. It will be on Thursday 6th April, meeting at the Covent Garden Hotel, Haymarket at 12:00pm for lunch at the East Ocean Chinese Restaurant. These luncheons have proved very popular and we usually have Heather Causley organizing a small raffle for Stewart House. Just a reminder for the Executive that we will be meeting at 10:00am on that day to get through a number of Agenda items that Colin has emailed out.

Enjoy the beautiful weather through to Easter and hope to see you at the luncheon!
Ken Pares. Publicity Officer.