



## Newsletter No. 7 - June 2006.

### **Luncheon:**

Another successful luncheon was held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June at Hart's Hotel in Sydney. Thirty-five people attended the lunch and were greeted at the door by our very efficient Treasurer, Graham Hayton, who reminded them that fees for the coming financial year were now due. His receipt book had a healthy workout before lunch!

Thanks to Vice-President Cheryl Buckley who collected the lunch money and to our other Vice-President Heather Causley who once again not only looked after the nametags but also ran a very successful Stewart House raffle. President, John McMillan spoke to the gathering after the meal about future plans for the Association and the coming elections. Graham Hayton outlined the Budget for next year and it is explained under a separate heading in this newsletter.

Some people stayed on after lunch to discuss such important issues as sport, their golfing prowess and trips overseas. I am sure no Principal spent so much time at lunch when they were in active service!



### **Mentoring:**

This is something that the Retired Principals' Association has been working hard to set up. We have had a number of retired Principals do a special course with Warren Marks and Joan Krzysik and President John has been talking with DET but not getting too far. John has now written to the Minister to try and push the importance of the wealth of experience that many retired Principals have and how they can play an active role in mentoring new and aspiring Principals. The cost to DET would be miniscule. John will keep everyone up to date on this issue.

### **Finance:**

As mentioned earlier our Treasurer spoke at the luncheon about the Association's finances and an outline of the Budget for 2006/7. The Association should finish this financial year with a Balance of just over \$5,000. The Budget allocations for the 2006/7 year will be an expected income of close to \$5,000. Approximately \$2,500 will be used to run the Association for the year (attendance at Executive meetings, a representative at NSWPPA State Council, postage, election costs etc.) and another \$2,500 to subsidize members' benefits at luncheons, excursions, mentoring and other

training programs. This will leave a reserve of about \$5,000 to cover any unforeseen circumstances. Thank you Graham for your work in this area and membership renewal.



### ***Membership Renewal.***

Graham Hayton will be posting out Reminder Notices for membership that will remain at \$50 for the next financial year. The Executive decided to post these notices out rather than use email as most of us respond to a return slip in the mail rather than a reminder by email. Your prompt response to Graham's letter would be appreciated. If we haven't got your mailing address could you please send it to Colin Labrie at [colinlabrie@bigpond.com](mailto:colinlabrie@bigpond.com) as soon as possible. Colin does a tremendous job in keeping the database of members up to date. It can be a frustrating job especially when waiting for replies or gathering numbers for functions etc. Please support him by replying to emails promptly.

### ***Elections***

The Executive decided to conduct the election of Office Bearers for the next two years by email. Dennis Suttling generously volunteered to be the Returning Officer and in the not too distant future he will be calling for nominations for the various positions. Colin Labrie has the emailing list and a few will have to be contacted by "snail mail" as their email address is unknown or not working. The elections should be concluded by the end of July.



### ***Future Excursions and Events***

Put down the 14<sup>th</sup> September in your diary for an excursion by bus to the Hunter Valley. This is going to be organised by the Executive as a day excursion with pick up and drop off points on the way. It promises to be a wonderful day in the wineries.

It is anticipated that the NSWPPA will once again host a morning tea and lunch for its Life Members and cater for any Retired Principal who would also like to attend. The Retired Principals' Association will attend the Awards Presentation after lunch and then provide refreshments for all its members downstairs in the afternoon.

A special Christmas lunch is planned for 7<sup>th</sup> December for all members and will probably be at the Ryde-Eastwood Club. At the moment the Executive is considering asking a past Director General or the current Director General, Andrew Cappie-Wood to one of our functions. This might alert the DET that we have formed an active Association that could be a valuable contact point.



### ***Active Retirement***

Just to give you an idea of some of the things related to Education that some retired Principals are involved with out there I thought a few things could be mentioned; assessing "Investing in Schools" submission, supervising Student Teachers, coordinating Student Teachers' Practicum, informal mentoring, assisting Principals in preparing submissions, running specific programs in schools, assisting with Annual Reports, informal welfare work and assisting in District Offices. Perhaps you can add to this list. Even with these things most still manage to also include regular golf excursions and plenty of travel! See you at our next function.

