



Christmas Newsletter 2009

Merry Christmas to All

This will be the last newsletter for the year and on behalf of the Executive of the Association I wish all our Retired Principals a merry Christmas, good health and another year of happy retirement in 2010.

Christmas Lunch

This was another successful and enjoyable gathering at the Ryde/Eastwood Leagues Club. Over sixty people attended and the joy of Christmas was emphasised by being led into a Christmas song by Sharyn McLaughlin and Rick Riddle.



Pre-lunch drinks



Sue Ingram

Photos scattered through this newsletter demonstrate much of the Christmas spirit.

Our President, John McMillan welcomed everybody,



especially our new members, Ken Smith, Stuart Taylor and Ralph Bryant.

*John McMillan
Ralph Bryant*



Apologies were received from Beryl McAlary, and Heather Causley who is now out of hospital and well after a general check up.

Stewart House

As usual there was a Stewart House raffle and as always great prizes were on offer thanks to Heather and Ray Causley hunting down donors. Three hundred and eighty five dollars

was raised and our Treasurer, Graham Hayton informs us that he is posting a cheque to Stewart House for \$868.00 for the year. A great effort! The winner of the raffle for Stewart House at the Christmas lunch was Toni Sims who not only won a night at the Wentworth Hotel but also grabbed another prize of High Tea at the Intercontinental Hotel. Other prize winners were Stuart Taylor, Peter Shuttleworth and Tom Croker.



Our Treasurer fleecing the punters



Toni Simms won 3 prizes!

There had been some concern about government funding for Stewart House and many members sent various forms of correspondence to both the Federal and State governments on this issue. As a government is to necessary funding for and some new was a good result for



result the State provide the maintenance facilities. This Stewart House.

Lloyd Hogg is ready to support Stewart House

NWPPA Annual Conference

Many of our members attended the Life Members and Retired Principals' lunch on the Friday of the Conference and then the presentation of Life Membership to Suzie Smith, Ian Morey and Greg Taylor. Jackie Maleki received a Fellowship Award whilst Pam Richardson received the Professional Award. Paul Hughes received the Award for Aboriginal Education.

Our thanks go to Rob Walker and Jennifer Thomas who organised the morning tea and lunch for us and the NSWPPA Executive who always extend generous hospitality to our Association.

Luncheons for 2010

Our Executive met recently and planned the following luncheons for 2010.

April 22nd: City Tattersalls Club, Pitt St Sydney. Presentation by our sponsors First Capital Planning.

June 3: The Kirribilli Club, Harbour view Crescent, Lavender Bay (Just thought we would go upmarket, although I thought Kirribilli House might have been an option!Editor's comment)

September 2: The Emperor's Garden Restaurant, Chinatown.

October 29: Life Members and Retired Principals' morning tea and lunch at NSWPPA Conference

December 9: Christmas Lunch, Ryde- Eastwood Leagues Club.

Other Happenings

There are plans afoot to have a trip into the Hunter Valley around March 12th with a possible overnight stay. With wineries, golf courses and great food available in that area it has all sorts of possibilities. Our Treasurer is in contact with Brian Collins who does some part time work there to check out options. We will keep you informed.

It would also seem that the Central Coast luncheon was such a success that another one could be organised.

The Executive

Next year is an election year for the Executive so there is an opportunity for you to take your turn on the Executive and bring in more fresh ideas for all the members.

On behalf of all the members I would like to thank the Executive for another successful year, especially with the sojourns out of Sydney to Mudgee and the Central Coast. Their hard work has seen the Association grow from an idea promoted by John McMillan some seven years ago into a fully fledged Association linked with the NSWPPA and providing opportunities for retired Principals to keep in touch with colleagues.

Our Major Sponsor

Edplan is once again our major sponsor and our friend Phil Campbell is always approachable in getting information to our members at our first luncheon every year. I am now at an age where my children are going to his company for financial advice!

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