



## NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2010

### WELCOME

Welcome to all continuing and new members of the Association of Retired Primary Principals and best wishes for the New Year. We trust that everyone has enjoyed the Festive Season with family and friends and are ready for the rigours of retirement during 2010. We have a number of planned activities underway and there may be more that emerge during the year.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LIFETIME CONTRIBUTIONS

During January and February of 2010, three of our colleagues have passed on.  
Maureen Burgin – retired from Gorokan Public School  
Chris Dierke – retired from Garden Suburb Public School  
Ralph Bryant – retired from Kanwal Public School. Ralph was one of our most recent members and he attended the Woy Woy Luncheon and our Xmas Party last year.

We acknowledge the outstanding contribution each of these people have made, as teachers and Principals, committed to Public Education and to the children in their schools. Fellow principals attended memorial services for each of these retired principals and sympathy has extended to their families on behalf of all members of our Association.

### ACTIVITIES FOR 2010

The Executive and Members of the Association of Retired Primary Principals have established a calendar of events for this year.

**April 22: Seminar and Luncheon to be held at the City Tattersalls Club, Pitt St., Sydney.** Guest speakers will include representatives from 'First National' Financial Services, our sponsor, on topics relating to the global financial situation and its effects on superannuation and associated issues for retirees. As well, Warren Marks will make a presentation on his research into retired principals and their attitudes to retirement, to continuing work and to lifestyles for retirees. An invitation to this luncheon will be forwarded to all members by Tom, our Events Organiser shortly.

**May 5/6: Overnight trip to the Hunter Valley.** Originally this was planned to be held in March but the lack of suitable accommodation brought about a postponement until early May. Accommodation has been organised in Cessnock and a wine tour by bus, a dinner and golf are options that retired principals and partners can consider for the two days. This two day outing is highly recommended for all members as well as retired principals in

the Hunter and surrounding districts who may have previously been involved in our regular activities.

Thanks to Brian Collins, Graham Hayton and Tom Croker for undertaking the organising of this outing. Full details on arrangements will be forwarded to all members shortly.

**June 3: Luncheon at the Kirribilli Club in Lavendar Bay, Milsons Point.** Members can catch a train to Milsons Point Station and it is a short walk to the Club.

**September 2: Luncheon at the Emperors Garden, Chinatown with pre-luncheon drinks at the Covent Garden Hotel.**

**October 29: Life Members Day at the NSWPPA State Conference**

**December 9: Xmas Luncheon at the Ryde- Eastwood Leagues Club**

### **HISTORY OF THE NSWPPA**

The story of the evolution of the NSW Primary Principals Association through the 1980s has almost been completed and a start is being made on the story of the 1990s. The two decades are intrinsically linked and the themes are very complex. It may be necessary for the continuity and clarity of the story to publish the history of both decades at the same time. Time will tell but the story is being and will be written.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

If you know of recently retired principals who may be interested in receiving our emails and notifications of events as well as attending our events and becoming members, please notify their contact details particularly emails to [colinlabrie@bigpond.com.au](mailto:colinlabrie@bigpond.com.au)

Cheers for now !!!

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**President**