



ARP Newsletter June 2010

Luncheon

Another successful luncheon was held on Thursday 3rd June at the Kirribilli Club overlooking Lavender Bay. It was a cold and wintry day in Sydney but this did not deter some thirty Retired Principals from gathering at the Club. It is a great location and having been recently renovated the Club overlooks the western side of Sydney Harbour.



Harbour view on a winter's day

As the photos show (thank you Heather Causley for contributing some of the photos) the members enjoyed the company and the lunch.



Pat Eagleston, Peter Shuttleworth, Brian Anson, Chris Worthington, Peter McCallum, Gordon Pyne, Neville Palmer and Ray Causley

President John welcomed everyone with a toast to public education and directed everyone's attention to the latest edition of NSWPPA "What's Hot" by Geoff Scott where Geoff had some strong statements to say about the NAPLAN test fiasco. Quite rightly he stated that the resolution of this issue had to be done politically. The full context can be found on the NSWPPA website.

From the Treasurer

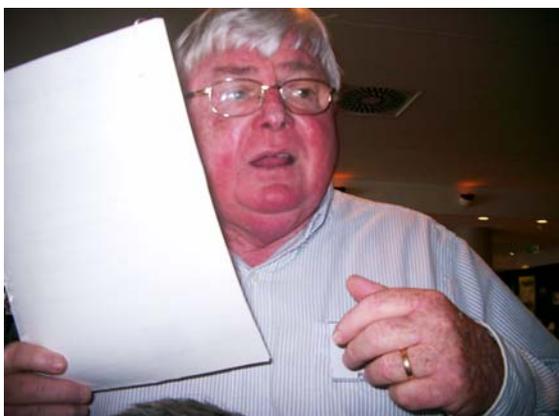
Membership fees for 2010/11 are due as from July 1 and renewals or new members can post payments to "ARPP c/o Mr G. Hayton, 34 Kareela Rd, Baulkham Hills, NSW 2153". Direct deposits can be made to our account through the following:
BSB 062668 Account 10152151.....don't forget to put down who the deposit is from. Receipts will be held until next meeting and then posted out if not collected. New members please include your postal and email addresses so that further communications can occur. Also for renewals, if your address or email has changed please inform us. The membership fee has not changed since the Association first started as the fee is still \$50.00 per annum. Value for money is assured for those who attend special events and luncheons. The Executive is very much aware of trying to spread the events and luncheons across different parts of the State.



Graham Hayton, our Treasurer, discussing financial matters with Neville Mison and Ken Smith in the foreground is checking his table number to make sure he is in the right place!

Editor's comment: *I have visited 34 Kareela Rd and Graham is doing a great job on restoring/rebuilding an old Holden....it is brilliant what he has done but there is not much room in his garage! I can also assure you none of our funds are used in this venture!!*

More Luncheon Photos



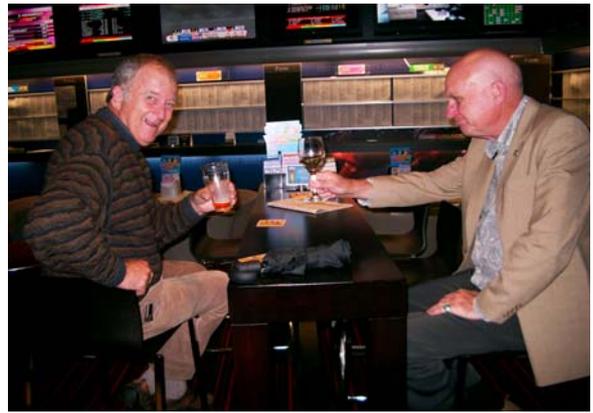
Our President in full cry



Heather Causley and Julian Sheen enjoying a joke



John Marin contemplating his last game of golf and Peter McCallum deep in conversation



Last Drinks Please! Peter Shuttleworth and Graeme Dixon



President John & Natalie Bass

Retirement

I am sure you are sometimes asked what you are doing in retirement and some of you who do some part time work have no trouble replying. My response is usually "The days go so quickly because I am so busy but don't ask me what I do!" Does this sound familiar? I did start a diary once but gave up after a few days as I was too busy!

If you would like to share some experiences in this newsletter please email them to me at kpares@bigpond.net.au. As a student I attended North Sydney Technical High School (the school no longer exists) and it has a great "old boys" newsletter with contributions from many old school mates. So hopefully some of you will contribute to this newsletter.

My wife and I had a great time a few years ago driving around England but we only did this through the encouragement of retired Principals, Harry Hyland and Dennis Suttling who had both done this before. I am hoping some of you might contribute other experiences that can help or give us a good laugh. It would be nice to personalise this newsletter a bit.

Next Luncheon

The next ARPP lunch will be held on September 2nd at the Emperor's Garden Restaurant, China town. Members will gather from 11:30am at the Covent Garden Hotel.

Sayings

I was browsing through some old notes and found these sayings that you might find amusing or want to use at some time:

"Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it."

"Never test the water with both feet."

"If you think nobody cares whether you are alive or dead try missing a few mortgage payments."

"If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything."

"A closed mouth gathers no feet."

Ken Pares
Publicity Officer