



REPORT TO NSWPPA STATE COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

VALE – MANDY O'BREE

Sadly, a former principal colleague, Mandy O'Bree passed away on June 20. Mandy had been the Principal of Epping Heights Public School and Waitara Public School. Mandy then became an Education Consultant and for many years worked with schools and principal's groups and was a keynote speaker and workshop leader at many educational conferences. Mandy was an engaging speaker and outstanding educator who contribute enormously to the education of girls and boys.

A 'Celebration of Her life' was held at the St. Andrew's Anglican Church Roseville on June 23.

ARPP EXECUTIVE ELECTION

A bi-annual election of Executive of the Association of Retired Primary Principals was held in July. The election resulted in the following office bearers:

PRESIDENT: John McMillan

VICE-PRESIDENTS: Heather Causley, Cheryl Buckley.

SECRETARY: Colin Labrie

TREASURER: Graham Hayton

EVENTS ORGANISER: Tom Croker

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ken Pares

Great appreciation is extended to all Executive who undertook positions in the last two years, for their hard work and thoughtfulness. Special appreciation to John Davies who undertook the role of Newsletter Editor for the last two years. Welcome back to Ken Pares. Special thanks to Denis Suttling for managing the election process.

SPEAKING OF JOHN DAVIES

John has recently added another string to an extensive list of lifetime achievements with the publishing of his first novel – 'The Markwell Manor Mystery'. Aimed at 'pre-teenage' children, it is the first in a planned series of novels which John intends to publish. I believe John has recently been on a promotional tour to Beijing to publicise the book. Well done, John !!!

Just adds to the list of interesting and worthwhile projects in which retired principals become involved.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE LIFE MEMBERS PROGRAM

This event will be held on Friday October 29, 2010 at the Wentworth Hotel, Bligh Street.
The program for the day is:

11.00a.m. Morning tea and reception for new Life Members.

12.30 a.m. Life Members and Retired Principals Luncheon.

2.00 p.m. NSWPPA Awards Ceremony

Special thanks to Rob Walker, the NSWPPA Conference Committee and State Executive for organising and funding this function, to recognise the outstanding contributions made by primary principals.

XMAS FUNCTION

This will be held at the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club on Thursday December 9.

PPA ELECTIONS

Nominations for all NSWPPA Executive positions closed on Monday last August 30. Returning Officer, Ken Pares, has declared all positions filled uncontested. The incoming Executive will take up their roles at the conclusion of the Annual Conference on October 29.

President: Jim Cooper

Deputy President: Jackie Malecki

Vice-Presidents: Jenny Fogarty, Steve McAlister, Desley Morgan, Geoff Scott, Phil Seymour.

Secretary: Will Randall

Treasurer: Mark Pritchard

Best wishes to all incoming Executive and congratulations to the retiring Executive for jobs well done in a very volatile and ever changing political scene.

Special congratulations and sincere appreciation to Geoff Scott who is stepping down from the Presidency. Geoff has made an outstanding contribution to public education and to the role of principals' organisations both at a State and at the Federal level. Geoff's support of our Association is also well appreciated. Well done, Geoff!!!

CAN ANYONE HELP ME?

I have recently spent three weeks in Kenya and visited a number of schools where books of any kind were minimal and often the schools were not connected to electricity. I was wondering if any of our members had experience with gathering library books as well as work books and writing utensils to send overseas. I am aware there a lot of pitfalls and am seeking advice from some our wise retired principals.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

A meeting of the Executive of this Association has been held prior to this meeting. We are considering options for future meetings during this year and for 2011. Any suggestions from members will be very welcome. We are reconsidering the survey of members which Tom undertook two years ago.

John McMillan

PRESIDENT

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