



## **Newsletter**

### **20<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

#### **September Luncheon**

Another successful luncheon was held at the Emperors Garden Restaurant in Chinatown on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Four new colleagues were welcomed to the luncheon by President John. Peter Dawson recently retired from Winston Heights Public School, Bob Lomaro from Lane Cove Public School (I did my first prac. back in 1962 at Lane Cove!), Neil Free from Uralla Central and Robert Binns from Clariemont Public School. It was a pleasure to have these new members in attendance. Just on 40 retired principals attended and enjoyed a delicious luncheon in one of the better Chinatown restaurants. The meal was subsidised by the Association making it good value for those who wanted to attend and perhaps spend some extra time in Sydney's CBD.

#### **Executive**

As you would know this was an election year for the Executive and although the positions were keenly sought there was no need for an actual election. The Executive remains the same except for the Publicity Officer with John Davies not nominating and yours truly back in the saddle again. We thank John Davies for his contribution but he has now become an author with his first book just published (a children's novel that he hopes will become a series) and he had a special feature about him and the book in the local Forster magazine "Focus". Well done John.

The Executive is John McMillan (President), Heather Causley and Cheryl Buckley (Vice Presidents), Colin Labrie (Secretary), Graham Hayton (Treasurer), Tom Croker (Functions Organiser) and Ken Pares (Publicity). These strong minded individuals ensure there will be robust discussion at Executive Meetings, which are usually held before the luncheons (and before any alcohol becomes involved!).

#### **Sponsors**

Our main sponsor is First Capital Financial Planning (EdPlan) and we appreciate the contribution they make to the Association. Each year they run one of our meetings for us as they are always up to date on retirement planning, the financial market, wealth creation, tax minimisation etc. They have offices in Sydney (ph: 9222 1202), Dubbo (ph: 6884 4033) and Newcastle (ph: 0417 667 293). Phil Campbell works closely with our Executive and we appreciate his support.

#### **Possible Luncheon**

The Executive decided that it should investigate the possibility of having a luncheon on 14<sup>th</sup> October in Parramatta. Tom Croker and Colin Labrie are following this up and you will receive an invitation to this lunch very shortly.

## **NSWPPA**

The NSWPPA has always supported the Retired Principals Association and a representative from our Association attends their State Council Meetings to promote the benefits of keeping in contact with colleagues after retirement. We congratulate the newly elected president of the NSWPPA, Jim Cooper, and trust the cordial relationship will continue. We hope to get Jim along to one of our luncheons although many of us will catch up with him at the Annual State Conference and Life Members' lunch to be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October. (Are you going and have you responded to the invitation?)

## **Christmas Function**

This is the highlight of the year and as at the printing of this newsletter it is to be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club. More details later.

## **Official Name**

At the last luncheon it was decided to retain the name of "Association of Retired Primary Principals" (that way you don't have to remember where to put the apostrophe!). However the Executive are looking at a new logo and if you have any ideas (sensible please!) please forward them to Colin Labrie.

## **Recruitment**

We have found the best recruitment method for our Association is by word of mouth. If you know of anyone who is missing out please encourage them to join. Fifty dollars is a small amount (compared to your electricity bill these days) and keeps you in contact with others. Colin Labrie is still posting out letters to some financial members so if you have changed your email address or talking to others please encourage them to send their email address to Colin at: [colinlabrie@bigpond.com.au](mailto:colinlabrie@bigpond.com.au) . Our Treasurer informs me that we usually rotate around the 80 mark for financial members but we really want to target those new retirees that are coming on line over the next few years. The Executive would also enjoy the contribution from new members.

## **"What's On" Next Year**

**March:** An overnighter to Port Macquarie with golf and a dinner. If it is as half as good as the Hunter trip this year it will be great.

**April 14:** Seminar and lunch at Kirribilli Yacht Club. This is a great venue and the seminar is from our sponsors.

**June 9:** Lunch at the Sydney Rowers' Club

**September 8:** Lunch at the Emperor's Garden-Chinatown

**December 8:** Christmas Lunch at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club

## **Remember When**

I was just reading another article in the paper about gas heaters in schools. Some of you might remember when, as a young teacher out in the bush, you had to get there early in the winter to split the wood for the heaters in the classroom(s). Ah those were the days!! Especially when some child decided to put some plasticine on top of the heater!

*Cheers*

*Ken Pares*

*Publicity Officer*