



Newsletter, April 2011

First Capital Financial Planning (EDPLAN)

At our first luncheon for the year we were privileged to have our major sponsor, Phil Campbell from EDPLAN organise a guest speaker. This was Sam Stobart from Perpetual Investments to talk on the real value of investing in shares. Sam not only clearly explained the current opportunities in the share market but also looked at the international scene, particularly the USA and recent events in Japan. For those who were there it was a most interesting talk and I'm sure prompted many to look over their investment portfolio again. The Association recommends Phil Campbell as an excellent point of contact for our members regarding either setting up an investment portfolio or considering any changes.



Phil Campbell from EDPLAN



Sam Stobart from Perpetual

Luncheon at Kirribilli

Once again it was a beautiful lunch at the Kirribilli Club. The Club, overlooking Lavender Bay on the north side of Sydney, is an easy train trip across the Bridge to Milson's Point and then a short walk to the Club. The Association was able to subsidise the lunch that included an entrée, a main and a bottle of wine on the table. After the luncheon and a few drinks a number of members enjoyed coffee and cake in the Club's special coffee shop area. It is always a catch up time for many and this prompted Sam Stobart to comment that it was the "noisiest" group (in a positive way of course) he had spoken to.



**Part of the
"noisy" group
at lunch!**

Alan Laughlin

A special guest for the day was the former Assistant Director General, Alan Laughlin. Alan attended the morning talk by EDPLAN and Perpetual and then joined members for lunch. Many stories were swapped during lunch and I'm sure Alan enjoyed the good food and the company.



Our Event Organiser, Tom Croker making sure Alan Laughlin feels welcome.

Concerns

A few members of the Executive had some informal discussion on a few issues. Firstly, was the concern that we don't seem to be getting to the more recently retired Principals, even though we always send a delegate or a report to the NSWPPA State Council meetings to encourage those considering retirement to join the Association.

Secondly there was the thought that having a luncheon during the school holidays might prevent some from attending as they are called on to be grandparent babysitters during this time.

The other issue was getting out into the Regions for luncheons or social occasions. This has been difficult for a number of reasons but perhaps tying it into a District PPA meeting might work. What are your thoughts on these issues or any other issues related to our Association? The Executive would be grateful for your comments.

Future Luncheons

Our next luncheon is Thursday, 9th June possibly at the Sydney Rowers' Club. Thursday, September 8th is our spring luncheon and is planned for Chinatown. Thursday, 8th December will be our special Christmas luncheon at the usual venue, Ryde/Eastwood Leagues Club. Any other special events will be sent out to our members as details become available.

Association Fees and Email

These will be due at the next luncheon or by the end of June. The fees remain the same at \$50 per annum and our efficient Treasurer, Graham Hayton, will issue a receipt when payment is made. Our hard working secretary would love to have every member on an email address as this reduces costs and also allows prompt notice of any matters. If you know of someone who might or might not be a member but has an email address could you please forward it Colin Labrie at colinlabrie@bigpond.com.au . Any non member will receive an invitation to join and receive information for about 6 months in an effort to encourage them to join.

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