



**NSW PRIMARY PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION**  
**REPORT TO STATE COUNCIL**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2015**

**APOLOGIES**

The Association of Retired Primary Principal's Executive, wishes to apologise for our non-appearance at State Council for the last three meetings. Our personal commitments have precluded any of us from attending. We will make sure our calendars are clear for 2016.

**PASSING OF MICHAEL TATTAM**

The deepest sympathy of all members of our association has been extended to Linda Tattam and her family on the recent passing of Michael, after a lengthy illness. Mick was a resident of the Central Coast at Bateau Bay and had been appointed as Principal of Killarney Vale Public School in 1993 and later became Principal of Woy Woy South Public School, from where he retired. Mick was also heavily involved in coaching and leaderships roles with The Entrance Leagues Club for many years. Michael was a very active member of our Association. Vale Michael Tattam.

**LIFE MEMBERS DAY**

Approximately, fifty Life Members and Retired Principals attended the Life Members Day held on Friday October 23, 2015. Everyone, in attendance, really appreciated the generosity of the NSWPPA and the Conference Committee, in providing the hospitality and organisation for the day.

Special appreciation is extended to Kylie Donovan, Chair of the Conference Committee and Anne Webb who managed the event, for their outstanding organisation and assistance with the day.

### **AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2015**

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2015 Awards for their outstanding contributions to their schools and communities, to Public Education and to the NSW Primary Principals Association.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Janet Chan, Gary Atkinson.

NSWPPA FELLOWSHIPS: Chisholm block, Grant McCallum.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS: Lynne, Davis, Graham Ross.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION AWARD: Dyonne Anderson.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Andrew Stevenson, the recently elected Secretary of the NSW Primary Principals Association. Best Wishes, Andrew, for your future endeavours.

### **RECENT EVENTS**

Our Association has held some really interesting events in recent months.

**August 20:** Approximately thirty retired principals and their partners attended a Golf Afternoon and a Dinner at the Dubbo Golf Club. Attendees came from Dubbo, Lithgow, Newcastle and the Metropolitan areas. It was really interesting for attendees to catch up with former colleagues and to visit areas and localities where they have previously lived and taught.

Great appreciation is extended to John Dixon, retired from Wellington Public School, for his great organisation of the event.

**NOVEMBER 10:** A gathering of thirty retired principals attended a luncheon at the United Services Club in Newcastle. This unique venue provided an ideal setting for a luncheon of Italian tapas, served by Maria Licata from Newcastle's famous Guiseppe's Restaurant.

### **NOVEMBER 13: 'IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHARLES DARWIN' TOUR**

An extremely enjoyable and interesting tour, featuring expert commentary from Brian Powyer, was undertaken on Friday November 13, from Parramatta to Blackheath and return. The trip and guidance from Brian, was highly informative of this period in Australian History and attendees visited many points of historical interest during the trip.

### **EVENTS COMING UP**

**December 10:** Xmas Luncheon to be held at the Epping Club.

### **STEWART HOUSE SUPPORT**

A number of retired Primary Principals have recently taken up Executive and Committee positions on the Fund Raising Committee for Stewart House. We will explain more about this involvement of retired principals, in the New Year.

### **SEASON'S GREETINGS AND APPRECIATION**

On behalf of all members of the Association of Retired Primary Principals, I would like to extend our best wishes to all members of the NSW Primary Principals Association and their school communities, for a joyous Festive Season and an enjoyable vacation. Congratulations, on another successful year for Public Education.

Special Appreciation is extended to the NSW Primary Principals Association for the outstanding support, given to the retired primary principals of NSW, in so many ways

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year!!!.

**John McMillan**

**PRESIDENT**

**November 20, 2015**