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WE are very appreciative of the opportunity to present our Report and of the acknowledgement of the role our Association can play in supporting NSWPPA and public education.

DEVELOPMENTS

Our Focus for 2022 continues to be:

1. ARPP Communication Networks

Promotion of our website, as we endeavour to make the site more responsive to the various needs of our members. A reminder that the site domain name is **rppa.com.au**

2. Promoting our Membership which continues to strengthen

- A big welcome to our most recent new/returning members: Barry Cant, Alan Kerr, Bruce Thompson, and Malcolm Sandstrom

3. Formalising the establishment of Area Contacts across the state to support the broadening of our membership base, especially Rural members.

4. Expanding opportunities for our members through the establishment of A Professional Register. This will provide the opportunity for members with a special interest and background in issues & policies to respond to initiatives, issues, and policies on behalf of ARPP

5. The provision of news & articles of interest by way of keeping in touch with current trends.

- Expressions of Interest to apply for the positions that are available to our retired members
- Maintaining our support for public schools and equitable funding.

2022 EVENTS UPDATE

Our most recent Lunch Meeting was held at Adamstown in Newcastle on 30 June providing an opportunity to catch up with our Newcastle & District colleagues. It was great to chat with 20 retirees who attended and were treated to a wonderful lunch. A Stewart House Raffle on the day raised \$150 and our special thanks to member Brian Collins for coordinating the event.

Our next Lunch Meeting will be held at 1.00pm on 8 September at the Emperor's Garden Restaurant Haymarket. Meet & greet at 11.30am at Covent Garden Hotel. We look forward to the opportunity to meet up with colleagues and friends.

SUBMISSION

In support of our colleagues and a fair go for public education we submitted our Response to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Teacher Shortages. Our Submission will be posted on our website. Our special thanks to Secretary Kerryanne Knox for the coordination of the Submission.

ANNUAL GOLF DAY

Due to the extensive wet weather, this will now be held at Massey Park Golf Course in October. The day is open to ARPP members & friends, to club & social players. Executive Committee member Ray Gentles will be coordinating the day.

STEWART HOUSE

Is ARPP'S Charity of Choice which has since it began supported 150,000 students. This a unique organisation for public schools in NSW & ACT not seen anywhere else in Australia with the purpose to change lives of students in difficult circumstances and give them hope & aspirations for the future.

The target of 1600 students in a 12-day Residential program has been not possible during the pandemic and is currently limited to 40 students during Terms 2 & 3. The numbers will increase progressively during the remainder of the year with a modified Program.

Special thanks to those principals & staff that assist with the coordination of students attending Stewart House.

The decline in revenue from the salary contribution scheme continues and now only provides 30% of the annual operating expenses.

Stewart House continues to promote Strategies for increasing the contributions and greater awareness of the needs of Stewart House with representation being made to NSW Department, Premier & Cabinet and NSW Teachers Federation. A recent Meeting with the PPA President and SPC President highlighted the importance of promoting support from teachers and principals.

All teachers & principals, both current and retired, are encouraged to support the campaign.

FOSH Update

ARPP is a major driver of the Friends of Stewart House, and it is pleasing to have it back in action. There have been two events to date: another Wine Drive which raised \$1,625.00 and a recent fund-raising outing to Doyle's for a wonderful lunch.

At is pleasing to note that FOSH, despite the downtime due to COVID, was able to donate \$10,000 to support Stewart House.

Thanks to everyone who supports this very important organisation We appreciate your ongoing assistance and commitment to Stewart House.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We continue to seek your support in promoting our organisation as a strong advocate for our schools, Leaders & NSWPPA and a continuing voice for public education. ARPP was established to provide an avenue for retirees to keep in touch and to be able to meet and share their life in retirement.

All retirees whether they are metropolitan, or country can be involved through the various groups as they meet during the year. If there is anyone whom you would like to contact, please inform Kerryanne Knox at kknox@bigpond.com, President Tom at mtcroker@bigpond.net.au. or Geoff Scott at geoff.scott@det.nsw.edu.au.

Keep well, stay safe & enjoy the good life.

Tom Croker

Draft Position paper for State Council this term: No