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WE are very appreciative of the opportunity to present our Report and of the support we receive from the NSWPPA

We extend to our best wishes to the PPA and all principals & teachers who are endeavouring to ensure our schools & their communities can manage the ongoing challenges facing the schooling system and especially during these difficult times with COVID and terrible disasters

DEVELOPMENTS

Our Focus for 2022:

1. ARPP Communication Networks

Further development of our website, as we endeavour to make the site more responsive to the various needs of our members and focus on aspects such as Managing Retirement, Keeping in Touch, Retirement Options, Working in Retirement and Staying Up to Date especially in the form of stories and reflections. A reminder that the site domain name is rppa.com.au

2. Promoting our Membership which is now at its highest level in recent years.

- A big welcome to our most recent new members: Sue Estens, Peter Rowsell, Steve Munsie & Chris Cameron

3. Formalising the establishment of Area Contacts across the state to support the broadening of our membership base, assisting with regional events, and supporting the provision of Networks for our Rural members. A Seeding Grant is being provided to support the Initiative.

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

Last week we held our 2nd Lunch Meeting for 2002 at the Sydney Rowers Club, Abbotsford. 34 Members and guests joined with us for a great event.

Our next Lunch Meeting will be held at Adamstown in Newcastle on 30 June for an opportunity to catch up with our Newcastle & District colleagues.

ANNUAL GOLF DAY

Due to the extensive wet weather, this will now be held at Massey Park Golf Course on Friday 5 August. The day is open to ARPP members & friends, to club & social players. Executive Committee member is coordinating the day.

STEWART HOUSE

As we emerge from the pandemic Stewart House are offering placements for 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.

A recent Report highlighted the 7-year decline in revenue from the salary contribution scheme. In the past donations from NSW staff & students funded 100% of the annual operating expenses which is now down

to 30%. Strategies for increasing the contributions and greater awareness of the needs of Stewart House are presently being shared with NSW Department, Premier & Cabinet and NSW Teachers Federation. Meetings with the PPA and SPC are being arranged. All **teachers & principals, both current and retired, are encouraged to support the campaign.**

After 3 years & 5 months we are very close to signing off on a new Deed of Cooperation with the Department. This sets out the services the Department provides including the staffing of the Stewart House School.

FOSH Update

The AGM was held recently and Kerryanne Knox (President) Alan Laughlin (Secretary), Robyn Graham (Treasurer) and Tom Croker (Vice President) were elected to the Executive.

Plans are underway for Friends of Stewart House events and fund-raising activities including the very successful Wine Order Drive held last year

Thanks to everyone who supported the fundraisers in 2021. We appreciate your ongoing support and commitment to Stewart House.

VALE

Sadly, since our last Report, we have seen the passing of several of our colleagues and friends – Keith Grant, Wayne Ash, Ken Masters, Jane Mollica and Greg Way. Our deepest sympathies have been passed on to their families.

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