



# New South Wales Secondary Deputy Principals Association Inc.

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Illawarra Branch

Newsletter February 2009

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Hi Folks,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2009.

It has been a slower start to the year than normal due to some exceptional circumstances. However, I'm pleased to say that we are now back on track.

This newsletter is to let you know some details of our upcoming conference and to update you on some events planned for later in the year. The first conference of the year will be held on Friday 20th March at the Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow. At this conference we will hear about the new OH&S guidelines from Jeff Allport, who is the DET's OH&S Officer. You may be aware of some new reporting requirements and new paper work which needs to be completed by Principals (and probably delegated to DPs). Jeff will update us on the new procedures.

Last year Glenn Isemonger was working on the region's Attendance and Retention plan. You will be aware that attendance and retention is also a feature of the region's (and therefore schools) three year plan and a major area of priority for the DET. Glenn will update us on the latest initiatives and some strategies which may be of use to us. Following Glenn's presentation, we will hear from Allyson James, Shellharbour district's home school liaison officer. Allyson will speak about the new approach to student attendance and some changes to the HSLO role. There will also be a Director's report from Phil Hirst (SED for the Shellharbour district), and a strong supporter of our association. Phil will update us on the DET agenda for the year ahead and some local priorities. All in all it looks like an excellent program, so please make the time available to attend.

Don Wilkinson and I will be attending the state DP Association meeting in Sydney on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, so if there are things you wish Don or I to raise in that forum, please contact either of us. State conference this year will be held at the Hunter Valley in Term 3. Details will be released soon.

On the staffing front, I understand that there will be a number of positions available shortly. Watch the [jobs@det](mailto:jobs@det) for further details.

At the upcoming conference we will be holding elections for all positions in the local association. The positions are current for a two year period. If you have some time or interest you may wish to consider standing for a position. There

are nomination forms later in this newsletter. The positions for election include; local organiser (with responsibility for producing newsletters, organising local conferences in conjunction with elected local co-ordinators and financially managing the local association), 5 x local co-ordinators (responsibility for planning conferences and assisting on the day – 1 meeting per term on a Friday arvo from 1.30pm, usually held at Illawarra Yacht Club), and 2 x State Congress Representatives (represent our organisation at state congress meetings held in Sydney, one per term, usually in week 7).

My thanks to John Kennedy, Noela Lewis, Don Wilkinson, Di Trist, Steve Hodgson and Lou Tome for the organisation of the upcoming conference. Our local co-ordinators are considering several exciting venues for our Term 2 conference this year. We are hoping to make it another overnighter. Further details will be provided shortly.

Invoices for local association membership will be sent out shortly. The membership fee is unchanged from last year. \$100 will provide you with entry to three local conferences for the year, or if you wish to pay individually the cost will be \$100 per conference and we will invoice you separately. The fee is per deputy principal position, and is NOT TRANSFERABLE between DPs, but it will cover people relieving in your position ie. If there are two DPs in the school it is necessary to pay separately for both positions.

That's about it for now. Hope to see you at the Frat!

Al McInnes  
Warilla High

**NSW Deputy Principals Association- Fax Reply**

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**I wish to nominate for the following position(s):**

Organiser of the local association

Member of the organising committee

Representative to the State Association

I am a financial member of the State Deputy Principals Association\*.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This form, must be e-mailed or faxed to Steve by 4.00pm  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March.**

\* **Please note-** you are automatically a financial member of the state association if you attended the state conference last year or if you have forwarded payment to the State Association within the last 12 months.

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**Term 1 Conference Registration**

**Program for Term 1 Conference  
Fraternity Club  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**Program**

8.45am - 9.00am	Coffee and Registration
9.00am - 10.30am	Glenn Isemonger – Attendance and Retention Allyson James – The HSLO and attendance
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning Tea
11.00am - 12.30pm	Directors Report – Phil Hirst.
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm - 2.45pm	Jeff Allport – OH&S changes/responsibilities
2.45pm - 3.00pm	Evaluation.

**Cost** – included in your annual fee or \$100 payable on the day.  
Please make cheques payable to Warilla High School.

- includes lunch, morning tea and venue costs
- please return registration forms to Alan McInnes at Warilla High on the above fax number

I/we will be attending the conference

Name(s) of person(s) attending \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_