

## Greater Western Deputy Principal Association Term 1 Conference

Meeting Summary for State DP's website

The term one meeting of the Greater Western Deputy Principal Association was held 9 -10<sup>th</sup> March at Dubbo College, Senior Campus.

Attendance was very good with members from across the region attending. The presentations by visiting speaker, Tom Urry (Director of schools and regional operations) and Regional Director Carole McDiarmid were well regarded and the workshops allowed discussions of local issues and presentations of strategies being employed in various schools.

Office holders elected for 2006

President – Sue Francisco Cobar HS  
Secretary – Steve Chapman Dubbo School of Distance Education  
Treasurer – Trevor Hodges Warren CS

- Delegates to the State Council are Sue Francisco and Gail Ross (Substitutes will be Stacy Exner and Bill Dudgeon)

The agenda for the meeting featured:

Leadership – a practical workshop lead by Sue Francisco, Cobar HS. Practical strategies to assist with consultative decision making from the course run by

Directions for Western NSW in 2006 – an outline from Carole McDiarmid, Regional Director which allowed participants to see the directions for the region and where their school planning will follow, and develop local solutions.

Premier's Scholarship – an outline from Bob Wilson DP Dubbo College on the application process and the scholarship that he successfully applied for in 2005. An entertaining account of his study tour and the report that he had to give upon his return.

Directions and Reflections was a presentation by Tom Urry, Director of School and Regional Operations who was representing Trevor Fletcher. Supported by a powerpoint Tom spoke about leadership within the DET and schools. Planning for aspirant leaders, characteristics of leaders and the platform developed within the DET during 2005 by Trevor Fletcher were covered.

Smart Boards (and what they can do in the classroom!) was a joint presentation by three staff of the senior campus. Practical applications for this new technology and an outline of the advantages for staff and students were the main feature of this workshop.

The new 7 – 10 reports was the focus of the discussion lead by Steve Chapman. Information from the Det intranet, issues that may have to be considered at local levels when developing some of the areas for comment by teachers were among the discussion points.

The AGM was chaired by Greg Horton, Gilgandra HS to facilitate the election of office bearers and then local organisation and decisions dominated the agenda.

The next meeting will be held in Broken Hill week 6, term 2.

Secretary – Steve Chapman Dubbo School of Distance Education

