



New South Wales Secondary Deputy Principals Association Inc.

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ILLAWARRA BRANCH

Newsletter May 2007 (3 Pages)

Hi Folks,

Term 2 is well and truly upon us. Where do the holidays go? I have been very busy in week 1, settling into my new home at Warilla High. Its been a very exciting time for me and I've been on a very steep learning curve. If you've ever changed schools I'm sure you'll know what I mean.

There is some great news about our conference this term. We have decided to host it at Ranelagh House in Robertson on Thursday night and Friday (24th and 25th May). There will be the opportunity to stay overnight on the Thursday night and to enjoy the comraderie and company of your esteemed colleagues. Noela Lewis and John Kennedy have some fun activities planned for us. The conference proper will begin on the Friday morning at 8.45am.

For those staying overnight, there will be a conference dinner along with pre dinner drinks. A \$10 entertainment levy will apply to those staying over. The conference will be funded from the state DP Association who have funded us for a significant amount of money and through our local association. The normal conference fees will be covered by your yearly levy, which will be invoiced shortly. The Friday conference program looks very good. We have booked Elizabeth Le Brocq from EPAC to follow up the work of Kevin Shipp from EPAC, who got such a positive reception at our last conference. In addition, Martin Arrowsmith and Mary Martin from Woonona High will be presenting a session called "Beyond the Everyday" which focuses on Educational Leadership and how DPs can influence educational change in the school setting. The highly successful forum session from last conference will also be repeated to focus on positive initiatives within schools. You are invited to bring your great ideas to share with others. You will also benefit by finding out what is new and innovative in other schools. You will find a fax back sheet later in this newsletter. Please note that accommodation is only available on a twin or triple share basis. Also note that if you fax back your acceptance and later change your mind, or simply fail to attend **your school will be invoiced for the full cost of the conference.** We apologise for this, but we will be liable for the cost of accommodation and meals, based on the numbers that we advise Ranelagh House. We are liable for charges after we advise final numbers, which will be on Tuesday 22nd May.

It is now two years since our last local association elections, so it is once again time to declare all places vacant and to re-elect office bearers. The elections will be held at the upcoming conference on Friday 25th May. We will need to elect a local organiser, an organising committee of 5 members (the outgoing local organiser is automatically appointed to this committee for one term), and our two representatives to the State Association. Attached to this newsletter you will find a nomination form which will need to be faxed (or emailed) to Steve Hodgson before the closing date, which is Monday 23rd May at 4.00pm. Please consider running for office, as the strength of our association depends upon strong member involvement. Most duties are not difficult. Members of the

committee need to be available to attend one meeting per term. Meetings are normally held on Friday afternoons at Illawarra Yacht Club. State Representative need to attend one state congress meeting per term, and these are held in Sydney.

In addition to these positions, we need to elect 3 members to meet with our Regional Director to update him on our activities and to discuss issues that currently concern Deputy Principals. The meetings are held in Wollongong and usually follow our local conferences. The election for these positions will be held informally on the 25th. If you need more information please telephone John Kennedy at Figtree High School. Similarly, if you are not able to attend the Ranelagh conference, but would be interested in volunteering for these meetings please express your interest to John Kennedy before the 25th May.

By now you should have received information about the State conference to be held at Rosehill in term 3. There has been some suggestion we should have some sort of south coast/Illawarra team uniform- maybe some form of racing attire (maybe a hat?). Give this issue some serious consideration, and bring your ideas along to the conference so we can be the envy of other regions by once again being splendidly and elegantly decked out!

Don Wilkinson and I attended the state DP Association meeting in Sydney in Term 1. The big issues discussed included a new constitution for the State body along with the ongoing analysis of the surveys on merit selection and Deputy Principal's welfare (including the role of the DP and their teaching load). You would have recently received a copy of the state newsletter which discussed many of these issues. I thank Don Wilkinson for his efforts in distributing this newsletter to local members.

On the staffing front, we congratulate XXXXX who has been newly appointed to Bulli High School. The deputy principal's positions at Kanahooka High will shortly be advertised (as expressions of interest).

I have made changes to my e-mail contacts list based on the addresses that you advised me at the last conference, so I hope these newsletters reach you efficiently. Please notify me of any problems.

My thanks to John Kennedy, Noela Lewis, Don Wilkinson, Di Trist and Steve Hodgson for the organisation of the upcoming conference. Our local organisers have done a wonderful job over the last two years and always give their time most willingly.

Hope to see you at Ranelagh.

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Term 2 Conference Registration

**Ranelagh House
Thursday 24th May 2007**

Program

4.30pm onwards	Registration for delegates staying overnight
6.00pm	Pre-dinner drinks
6.30pm	Dinner and social activities

Friday 25th May 2007

Program

8.30 am - 9.00am	Coffee and Registration
9.00am – 10.30am	'Beyond the Everyday" Educational Leadership and the DP
10.30am – 11.00am	State conference Report and Elections
11.00am- 11.30am	Morning Tea
11.30am-1.30pm	Elizabeth Le Brocq. EPAC and Child Protection Issues
1.30pm- 2.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm-2.45pm	Positive Initiatives Forum – Chaired by Steve Hodgson
2.45pm – 3.00pm	Evaluation.

Cost – included in your annual fee

- includes lunch, morning tea and venue costs (including accommodation)
- for those attending on Thursday evening an entertainment levy of \$10 will be collected at registration
- please return registration forms to Alan McInnes at Warilla High on the above fax number by **Monday 21st May**

I will be attending the conference and I require accommodation at Ranelagh House for Thursday 24th May. I wish to share with;

_____ from _____ High School
_____ from _____ High School.

I will be attending the conference on Friday 25th May only

I understand that if I withdraw from the conference after Tuesday 22nd May, or I fail to attend the conference after notifying my acceptance my school will be invoiced for the full costs incurred by the association

Signed _____ Date _____

Name _____ School _____

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ATTENTION: STEVE HODGSON

Warrawong High School

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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 23rd May.

* **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.