

Nomination for Mrs Margaret Mead Honorary State Life Membership

October 30th 2013

It is with great pleasure I nominate Mrs Margaret Mead for Honorary State Life Membership to IPSHA Ltd (NSW Branch). The criteria for nomination states that the candidate must be a former member of not less than ten years standing, a resident in their state, and must have made an outstanding and sustained contribution to the Branch.

Margaret Mead fully meets the above criteria. Margaret became a member of IPSHA (formerly JSAAA) in 1999 when she had been the Head of Wahroonga Preparatory School and immediately committed herself to full attendance and involvement in the Association. During her fourteen years of membership, Margaret has contributed to the development and functioning of the Association in many significant ways.

The contributions made by Margaret over the years are impressive. She chaired the Swimming Carnival committee, despite the fact that students from her own school did not participate. Margaret established and chaired the Early Childhood Umbrella Group. She chaired the PDHPE and Music Umbrella groups. Most significantly, Margaret chaired the Music Festival (now Performing Arts Festival) for ten years.

The PAF as it is affectionately known was Margaret's great opus as her contribution to the rich opportunities afforded IPSHA schools. This artistic work was certainly on a grand scale as Margaret took the Music Festival of the Town hall and reimagined it into the Performing Arts Festival we have today. She set the highest standards and most rigorous procedures for staff and students. Changing the venue from the Sydney Town Hall to Angel Place Recital Hall allowed for a new way of viewing primary school performance and Margaret took up the challenge in her own determined and thorough way. Such was the investment Margaret gave to the role that the task has been given to a committee of three Heads to ensure the PAF continues to be an outstanding feature of IPSHA NSW.

Margaret also made a significant contribution to the collegial side of IPSHA. She was a coach and mentor, often seeking out heads new to their role and offering her support and wisdom to them. Margaret was a dedicated member who attended term meetings, conferences and country weekends whenever possible.

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Margaret retired from Wahroonga Prep School at the end of Term 3 this year to attend to her personal needs and demands as a mother and wife. She has given much to the Association and her fellow colleagues over her time as a member. Her continued contribution to the Association through Honorary State Life Membership is fully endorsed by the Branch.

Andrew McPhail
President 2012-2014
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