

## Nomination for Tony Banboukjian

### Honorary State Life Membership

Tony Banboukjian became a member of IPSHA (formerly JSHAA) in 2008, when he became Director of Junior School at Waverley College. During his 10 years of devoted leadership of the School in that role, Tony has been a valued leader within his school community as well as within the State (NSW) Branch of IPSHA.

In 2008, a new structure for IPSHA Sport in NSW was formalised with a Sports sub-committee led by Andrew Coote who took over from Martin Lubrano. Within that structure, the new position of Head of Boys Sport was taken over by Tony. Tony then became the Head of the Sports sub-committee in 2009. In Term 3 2014, the CIS management role merged into the role of Head of the Sports sub-committee, and Tony also fulfilled this additional role admirably.

Thus Tony has involved with the Sports sub-committee for the entirety of his membership and has been Head of Sport for a decade in which a number of changes have occurred. For example, we used to have three athletics carnivals – Girls', Boys' and Co-ed where weather variables could make a huge difference from one day to the next - now we have one streamlined carnival. The same applies to our Swimming Carnival. He has worked very closely with John McFadden, our IPSHA Sports' Administrator and over that time they have developed a great working relationship which has really benefitted IPSHA Sport.

John notes that Tony was involved in the formulation of the existing Sports' Sub Committee structure and has been the Head of IPSHA Sport since the restructuring took place. In that time there has been a lot that has changed about IPSHA Saturday Sport and Major Carnivals. Those changes have seen our offerings expanded and the quality of all endeavours greatly improved. The harmonious manner by which all that has occurred can be attributed to the efforts of Tony to ensure all Members and Conveners within IPSHA have been kept informed of discussions and had their opinions acknowledged. Tony was always very willing to listen to ideas and then helped turn many of them into realities by encouraging you to define them into a workable concept. As the IPSHA Sports' Administrators, Belinda and I have appreciated the support Tony has given us. His guidance and loyalty, not only to us but to all Heads and Conveners within IPSHA, has facilitated a framework that recognises the independence of all involved and highlights the bonds that must by necessity keep our Schools together for the benefit of the students. It is a wonderful legacy that will make the role much easier to step into for future Heads of IPSHA Sport.

During this time, both the Branch and Tony's colleagues alike have benefited from his insight, guidance, good humour and collegiality in numerous areas. In addition to his attendance at State Executive Meetings and Branch Meetings, Tony has consistently attended NSW Country Weekends over his time as a member.

Tony Banboukjian has made an outstanding and sustained contribution to IPSHA, within the NSW Branch and it is with great pleasure that I nominate him for Honorary State Life Membership.

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