



2023 CPPA Presidents Report – Annette Quirk

Good afternoon everyone and thank you for attending our CPPA 2023 AGM. Our CPPA Bible quote this year, "For where two or three gather in my name, there I am among them." Matthew 18:20 captures the good work of our association when we join together for the betterment of ourselves, our schools and our system. Today is a day of celebration as we farewell our retiring colleagues and join together to share a meal.

The CPPA 2023 focus was 1. Empowering our regions and encouragement of Principal engagement. 2. Continue strengthening the focus on Leaders' well-being and succession planning. The wellbeing of principals and facilitating a strong voice to impact school and system matters is the work that underpins our pillar work.

Today I would like to acknowledge the work of the 2023 CPPA executive
Andrew Colley, Vice President | Justin Tuohy, Vice President | Siobhan Galos, Treasurer | Adriana Coniglio | Santino Giancono | Nicola Lee | Sheldon Carey | Sandro Coniglio | Angela Hegney | Mark Marando, | Olivia Daly, Executive Officer

These people have done an amazing job to try and impact initiatives to support principals, principal workload and wellbeing. They have chaired pillars, given their time unselfishly, tried to build effective pathways of communication and impact with CEWA in the area of assessment schedules WHS, principal wellbeing, CEWA strategic direction and EBAs. Their time, dedication and passion to support principals has been greatly appreciated as they also juggle the complexities of their own schools. A special thanks to Justin Tuohy and Andrew Colley who have supported me in my role as president, their humour, wisdom and support has helped immensely. To our outgoing executive members Sandro, Siobhan and Mark I thank you for your years of commitment to the executive. Sandro, your work in establishing strong relationships with principals and sponsors has been a strength of the executive. Mark, you have mentored, argued, supported and rallied in the best interests of all principals and I thank you for your tireless dedication. Siobhan – your leadership with your pillar, work on committees and treasury support has been valuable to the executive. To Liv, our amazing executive officer who navigates the craziness of executive meetings with its heated verbose discussions, supports our sponsors so that they feel included and valued, communicates with the numerous CEWA contacts and ensures all members are communicated with effectively and supported – thank you, I know that you go above and beyond and it is truly appreciated.

The CPPA executive continues to build and strengthen its communication with CEWA to ensure our voice is heard and we have input into decision making. I thank those that have been on the CECWA

committees and to those who have attended working parties and meetings representing principals in regard to assessment schedules, WHS, principal wellbeing, CECWA strategic direction and teacher EBA. A big thank you to the members of our pillars and our regional representatives – could I ask them to all stand – it is through our regional meetings and pillar work that you can see we create a great representation of principals and principal voice when tackling the issues that impact us and our schools.

In 2023 we gathered under our new logo to celebrate our members day – Growing with Gratitude and in October we joined as a community for our Conference: Courageous, Connected and Thankful. Both of these opportunities afforded members the time to focus on their wellbeing and to enjoy collegiality. The speakers at both events provided some great thinking on how to focus on our wellbeing to support the wellbeing of others. In 2024 with the APPA NZ conference we will organise two members' days to ensure we can build on these messages and continue our support of each other.

Today we will welcome 5 new executive members as current members finish their terms. Being a member of the executive requires a time and workload commitment and to ensure the continued strength of the executive in supporting its members. The personal rewards from being part of the executive are many – it so rewarding to be part of the system conversations, to support peers and to be give back to our colleagues. The numbers of those principals putting their hands up to be on executive or to be on the pillars is a good indication of the strength of our association and bodes well for a good future. Thank you to the 12 nominees for the 2024 Executive. Over the past four years we have witnessed almost a 1/4 of our principals retire, it is wonderful to witness the next generation of principals value the work of the association and commit to supporting their peers. We encourage all members to active in the association whether it is through being on executive, being a pillar member or attending our association events.

On a system level at the end of this year we farewell our Executive Director - Debra Sayce. The association has worked closely with Debra, CEWA executive and the CSPA executive. We thank Debra for the time and collaboration she has afforded the association through various CPPA executive meetings, fortnightly presidents meetings and inclusion in systemic discussions. On behalf of our association, the CPPA secretariat presented Debra with a gift this morning and gave her our best wishes for her new position.

On a personal note I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the privilege of being president of CPPA over the past two years and on the executive for the past six years. It has been a wonderful privilege to talk with you, to support you and to work along side you to try and make our system better, to make our needs a priority and to ensure that we have a voice. God bless and I wish everyone a wonderful restful Christmas break and a successful 2024.