

Andrew McPhail
IPSHA Fellowship –Citation

Andrew McPhail is a valued IPSHA colleague, and has been an active contributing member of the NSW Branch, since first joining in 1993.

Following his time teaching at The Kings School, Andrew took up the position of Head of Junior School at Macarthur Anglican School, where he established the first Junior School and led this successfully from 1993-2000.

Andrew moved to Kinross Wolaroi School at Orange in 2001, where he became Head of Junior School from 2001-2006, and from here took up a further headship position as Head of Junior School at Shellharbour Anglican College, where he has given wonderful leadership since 2007.

Andrew has always contributed actively and positively since joining IPSHA and the NSW Branch. He served as Branch Treasurer from 2000-2004, taking charge of a growing financial responsibility, and introducing a number of valuable stewardship initiatives.

In 2010, Andrew was elected as the NSW Branch President Elect (2010-2012), stepping into the role of NSW Branch President from 2012-2014, and subsequently Immediate Past President of the NSW Branch from 2014-2016.

As Branch President, Andrew served on the IPSHA Federal Board from 2012-2014.

As President-Elect, in charge of Membership, Andrew built up this role and worked diligently to build up and retain membership numbers, reach out to a wider net of prospective members, and ensure a thoughtful efficient membership transition process was in place.

During his time as NSW Branch President, one of Andrew's key goals was to facilitate a review and lead the Branch Executive through an update of the NSW Branch By-Laws, a demanding, timely, important, but often arduous task.

While in the role of Immediate Past President, Andrew also took on the additional role of NSW Sponsorship Convenor at the 2014 IPSHA Biennial Conference. His innovative approaches to this task, along with his tireless energy and efforts, ensured a very strong financial base was established for the Conference, along with the benefits of the availability of a wide range of excellent Conference Sponsors. Much of his work in this area has continued to be of benefit to the NSW Branch in the years that followed this Conference.

Andrew's affable demeanour, his regular attendance at Branch Meetings and involvement with his staff and students in a range of Branch activities, his interest in supporting and encouraging other members, his deep appreciation of IPSHA values and the benefits of IPSHA membership, have all contributed significantly over the years of his membership, to the strength and success of the NSW Branch.

Andrew is held in high regard as a wise and well-respected IPSHA colleague and is a very worthy recipient of the award of an IPSHA Fellowship.

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