

IPSHA Victorian Branch State Life Member Nomination Jane Britten

Jane Britten was an active member of the Junior School Heads Association of Australia (JSHAA), now the Independent Primary School Heads Australia (IPSHA) since 1992 when she was appointed as Head of Junior School at St Leonard's College, Brighton. Jane served as Head of Junior School for more than twenty years. In 2012, Jane was nominated and awarded Fellowship of the Victorian Branch. Since resigning from her position as Head of Junior School in 2013, she has continued her connection with IPSHA as an active Associate Member of IPSHA. She was, and still is, highly regarded by her IPSHA colleagues for her competence and professionalism, as well as her good natured disposition and sense of humour.

Her career highlights, and contributions to IPSHA, are presented for consideration to support this nomination for State Life membership of the Victorian Branch.

Jane's first position of responsibility within JSHAA was as a member of the Music Festival Committee; she served on three consecutive occasions. She also served on two Student Leadership Forum Committees and the Staff Conference Committee. In 1997, Jane hosted the Staff Conference, *Towards a New Perspective*, at St Leonard's College. She was also a member of the Steering Committee entrusted to organise the inaugural IPSHA Biennial Conference in Melbourne, 2012, *Leading with Conscience - Now*. As a member of these organising committees, Jane helped to ensure that the association provided quality leadership and professional development for our members, as well opportunities for the students and staff in our schools to come together and celebrate the diversity of talent in our member schools. Her attention to detail helped to ensure that all events ran smoothly.

Jane was co-opted to the Victorian Branch Executive in 2003 and soon after took over the responsibility for Membership. As well as efficiently managing the administrative requirements of inducting a new member, Jane was the first to call and welcome those new to our association, explain the benefits of membership and offer collegial and professional support.

Jane maintained IPSHA links with educational bodies such as the Science Teachers Association of Victoria, Mathematics Association of Victoria and Tournament of Minds, to ensure that funds donated from IPSHA Victoria were used to foster quality educational opportunities for children and reward primary students in their endeavours.

Jane demonstrated outstanding commitment to the association, both as a member of the Victorian Branch and as a member of the Victorian Executive. Jane generously gave her time, her energy and her expertise to further the aims of the association. She lead with a clear sense of purpose and mentored others to do the same. Jane saw potential in her teachers and provided many of her staff with career development opportunities. She encouraged many educators to follow their passion, to take on leadership roles and to share their expertise more widely. Many of our IPSHA colleagues have worked alongside Jane and owe her a debt of gratitude.

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In her twenty one years of membership, Jane regularly attended Branch and Executive Meetings, Biennial Seminars, Refresher Schools and Staff Conferences and National Biennial Conferences, only missing events when she has been away on leave. When she joined the association, Jane was one of the youngest to ever be appointed to the role of Head of Junior School. When she retired, she was one of the longest serving in the role.

Whilst there have been many changes during the past two decades, Jane's enthusiastic participation in all association activities has always been a constant. As an associate member of IPSHA, Jane continues to take an active interest in the association and the work of her colleagues.

As Jane has made an outstanding and sustained contribution to the Victorian Branch for over twenty years, it is our privilege to nominate Jane Britten for Fellowship of the Victorian Branch of IPSHA.

This nomination has the full support of the Victorian Branch.

Sheona Carter (Victorian Branch) May 2015

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MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

(as amended on 24 September, 2012)

INDEPENDENT PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS OF AUSTRALIA LTD (ACN
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MEMBERSHIP

3.3 There are two categories of Life Membership – Honorary State Life Membership and Honorary Federal Life Membership, with only Federal Life Membership being transferable from State to State; (a)

Honorary State Life Membership

State Branches may nominate for the Honorary State Life Membership category former members of not less than ten years standing who are or have been resident in their state and who have made an outstanding and sustained contribution to the Branch. Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the Treasurer, thence to the President.

*(Amended by Special Resolution on 27 June, 2004) Honorary State Life Members duly admitted will:

- be eligible to attend meetings and conferences at their own expense;
- be guests of their State Branch at annual dinners following their election;
- be entitled to any other benefits as determined by the State Branch;
- be entitled to receive copies of all documents to which Full Members are entitled; □ be ineligible to vote at Federal or Branch meetings; □ be ineligible to hold office at Federal or State level.