

## **IPSHA Queensland Branch Nomination for Honorary State Life Membership: Arna Bennett**

Arna Bennett is an outstanding education leader, who has been a valued member and contributor to the Junior School Heads' of Australia Association and later Independent Primary School Heads of Australia, for the past 26 years.

Arna first became a Head of Junior School in 1982 at Queen Margaret College, Wellington, where she was a member of the Wellington Primary Principals Association. On top of this role, she managed musical productions, was a member of the Civil Defence project for curriculum development for New Zealand and introduced IT as a subject after completing a tertiary coding course.

After holidaying in Australia in 1992, she discovered an advertisement for the Head of Junior School at Somerville House. Dr Murray Evans, principal of Somerville House, appointed Arna and Brian Rowe, JSHAA Qld President in 1993 and Bruce Howden from Churchie welcomed Arna to JSHAA.

Arna was an active member sharing school-based projects with JSHAA, including IT, and social skills programs. She was involved in JSHAA interschool Church services, debating, chess and public speaking.

Arna was a member of the JSHAA professional learning group, sourcing keynote speakers for Branch meetings. She was also a member of QCAA (QSA) as IPSHA representative for the Queensland Branch.

In 2010 she was the Queensland Branch president and through this time actioned professional learning groups. Arna was involved in developing other leaders through ISQ, presenting to aspiring leaders with Ngaire Tagney.

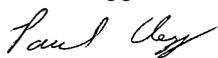
Arna was appointed the APPA NAC representative for Queensland and was president of the Queensland Chapter.

Arna has been to every IPSHA State and National conference during her 26 years in the association. In 2016, Arna was awarded an IPSHA fellowship at the New Zealand Biennial conference.

Arna is always looking out for new members to assist them with settling into our wonderful association. She highly values the collegiality and respect that members have with each other.

It is therefore without reservation that Arna Bennett is identified as a most worthy recipient of Honorary Life Membership of the Independent Primary School Heads of Australia.

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