

PAVCSS Secretary Report : November 2013

2013 was a special year for the Association with the celebration of the 40th Anniversary since the inception of the PAVCSS in 1973. The Anniversary dinner at the Park Hyatt will be fondly remembered by all present. As our President, Julie Ryan has noted publically it was a outstanding effort by Paul Ryan, our Executive Officer, who was absolutely committed to getting everyone of our members, past and present, attending the Dinner.

It was a privilege to be part of the organising committee along with Sandra Diafas and John Kennedy, and I am sure they would agree with me that Paul's fastidious approach and commitment to getting the details right was the key for what was a highlight of the year

In looking back on the 2013 year, I noted several items on our General Meeting Agendas- the ongoing issues on our action plan were MEA, Gonski/Better schools, LPUC and ICON. The ephemeral issues that we covered in 2013 included Youth Suicide, SIF process, Guidelines for Recruitment and we also allowed time at our meetings to hear from Catholic organisations that we are connected with such as ACU and Australian Jesuits

My role as secretary has been to plan the Agenda for those meetings with the support of Paul Ryan and my colleagues on the Executive. I would like to add a note of appreciation to members for their communication and feedback received throughout the year- that ongoing feedback is vital as we continue to service your professional needs

Mark Sheehan
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