



ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Working together for Equity of Access to Education for all Students who live in Rural and Remote Australia.

FEDERAL COUNCIL'S BRANCH BULLETIN

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Welcome to the October Federal Branch Bulletin, containing information about what Federal Council has been up to, 2017 membership reminder, vital tertiary update, the Ridley wet season block promotion and much more.

Federal Council News

Over the past month Federal Councillors have been busy representing you, our members at many events across Australia. With a large number of invitations extended to our organisation to attend functions and events throughout the year, ICPA is extremely mindful of where best to channel our time and resources.

Joanna Gibson attended the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network ([ACCAN](#)) National Conference in Sydney on September 14 and 15, while Emily Gardner was also in Sydney attending the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority ([ACECQA](#)) Forum on September 15. Jane Morton travelled to Mackay to attend the 32nd National Society for the Provision of Education in Rural Australia (SPERA) Conference and 4th International Symposium for Innovation in Rural Education on September 28-30 while Nikki Macqueen attended the Australian Boarding Schools Association ([ABSA](#)) International Conference on the Gold Coast 25-28 September.

ICPA benefits from Ridley Promotion

**Support ICPA
this wet season**

Ridley will donate 1% of all sales of Wet Season Blocks sold by participating retailers between September 1st 2016 and March 31st 2017.

For more information please visit your preferred supplier or contact
Northern & Central Queensland: Steve Osmond 0475 818 874
Northern Territory & Western Australia: Ewan Crook 0491 223 458

Ridley, in conjunction with Elders and CRT are proud to announce a new campaign that will provide valuable financial support to ICPA. The campaign, which started on September 1, 2016 will run until March 31, 2017 and will see Ridley donate 1% of sales achieved by its Rumevite and LNT Wet Season blocks. This is a wonderful initiative from [Ridley](#), [Elders](#) and [CRT](#).

Thank you to these innovative businesses for their support to our organisation and we ask that our members and friends please jump on board to make this promotion a huge success that it promises to be.

Store locations can be found at:

CRT- <http://www.crt.com.au/store-locations/>

Elders - <http://www.elders.com.au/about-us/branch-locator>

Pedals

The October edition of our national magazine, Pedals is on its way to you and will be arriving in your mailboxes very soon. ICPA membership entitlements includes a free subscription along with this Branch Bulletin.

We encourage members to tell friends, family and neighbours the benefits of joining ICPA and becoming a part of this wonderful organisation as we continue to strive for fair, equal and equitable education in rural and remote Australia.



Would you like more information about the 2016 Federal Conference?

A comprehensive account of conference happenings can be found on the [ICPA Federal website](#) including: motion outcomes, Federal and State Presidents reports, Portfolio reports and links to speakers' presentations.

If you could not make it to Conference or you would like to live it over again check out the website or how about checking out our new [blog](#)?

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT ICPA FEDERAL CONFERENCE!!

The 2017 ICPA Federal Conference will be held in Alice Springs, Northern Territory on the 2nd and 3rd August, 2017. Check out the promotional video [here](#)

A Town Like Alice



#ICPAconf17



**ICPA
Federal
Conference
2nd & 3rd
August
2017**

Treasurer's Note

- 2017 memberships are due January 1, 2017.
- Federal subscription remains at **\$22** per member family.
- Did you know, you can keep your membership details current, **especially your email address for the Branch Bulletin and important updates (if you haven't supplied your email address you won't receive the Branch Bulletin)**, simply by visiting [ICPA login](#) and logging in with your previous email and password. If you have forgotten your password – just click on “forgotten your password?” and a new one will be sent to you.
- A good tip for Branch Treasurers to send out renewal notices to members before the end of the school year.
- To assist State and Federal Treasurers processing memberships, please send in payments and membership details as soon as you receive them, it helps with the processing of the memberships for both State and Federal Councils.
- To keep your branch's details current on the website, please email your current executives to your State Webmaster after your AGM.

If you have any questions please contact Kate Gray, FedTreasurer@icpa.com.au

Computer Tips and Tricks – Prizes (small ones) to be won

Following on from a super busy time at Federal Conference we are looking for computer tips and tricks that we can share with other ICPA members – there must be some great ideas out there that we do not know about. For example, did you know you can take a screen shot on a Mac with shift+command+4 or if you want the whole screen shift+command+3.

Please email ideas to Joanna Gibson joannaicpa@gmail.com with Tips & Tricks in the subject line.

The [BIRRR](#) website – has lots of data saving tips as well

Network Termination Device (NTD) Software updates - IMPORTANT

nbn sends updates to the software in the Sky Muster NTD in the early hours of the morning. If the NTD is off, they try a couple more times over the next few days. Recent updates involved how the Page Optimisation worked so that data use could be reduced, another reduced the power consumption of the NTD. It is a good idea to leave your NTD on at night to ensure you have the latest software, these updates tend to increase the stability and usability of any system software.

Consider powering your NTD and any Routers via a quality UPS. This will ensure the devices have stable power and will protect them from power / storm issues.

If you are on solar or a generator, the above process may cause you difficulties, nbn is looking at ways of overcoming this.

Telstra 2G Network

The Telstra 2G mobile network is closing on 1 December 2016. This means that customers who are connected to 2G will no longer be able to make or receive phone calls on their mobile.

Information for Year 12 Leaver's

Many year 12 students around Australia are coming to the end of their schooling and on the countdown to exams, assessments and portfolio presentations. Best wishes to all these students. Decisions are being made about what to do next - TAFE? Uni? Job? Apprenticeship? Gap year? Below is some useful information for our rural and remote students.

- **Myfuture Website** [Myfuture](#) is a free, easy-to-use, online career information and exploration service, assisting people to make career decisions, plan career pathways and manage work transitions. It includes:

Build your career profile Start your personal career journey, identify your interests, build your career profile and explore occupations.

Discover occupations Find out more about the work, required qualifications and pathways of possible occupations.

Explore industries Find out about the occupations and employment opportunities in Australia's key industries.

Search courses Find a course for your career path that suits your learning preferences and location.

- **Scholarships Guide** The Country Education Foundation of Australia (CEF) has developed an online [scholarship guide](#) which contains a comprehensive list of tertiary scholarships for rural and remote students, tips for applying for scholarships and dispels some scholarship myths.



- **Youth Allowance applications** Look out for the Youth Allowance guide in the October 2016 edition of Pedals.

Some tips: **DO NOT SELF-ASSESS**. Ring the Youth Allowance dedicated phone number **132 490** for all queries prior to applying, during the application process for assistance and when finalising a YA application, to avoid delays in processing ensure all documents accompany your application.

- **Student Update Facebook Page:** The [Student Update Facebook](#) page has up-to-date information, advice, news, support and tips for Youth Allowance specific to students including web links. It is operated by Centrelink, Medicare and the Department of Human Services. Questions can be posted and the relevant service will respond with advice, further action or comment, Monday to Friday during business hours. If you 'Like' the Student Update page, you will receive the regular updates relevant to students.

Upcoming State Conferences

ICPA NSW – Bourke, March 29 & 30, 2017

ICPA SA – Port Augusta, March 31, 2017

ICPA NT – Webinar, date to be confirmed, April 2017

ICPA QLD – St George, June 8 & 9, 2017

ICPA WA – March 17, 2017

ICPA TAS – to be confirmed, 2017

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