



ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (ICPA) PRESENTS "EDUCATE AND EMBRACE" SEMINAR AT BEEF AUSTRALIA 2024

MEDIA RELEASE

- ICPA welcomes world class range of speakers to the 2024 lineup
- Panel discussion features prominent speakers with diverse backgrounds in rural education, agriculture, and community advocacy, bringing lived experience of the challenges of education in the bush
- Humans of Agriculture, Oli Le Lievre to share why hes passionate about keeping talent in the regions
- Arlie Felton-Taylor, renowned rural and regional journalist and communicator to moderate
- Alongside, Kate Drury of Suncorp and Rockhampton Grammar Headmaster, Phillip Moulds

23 April, 2024: Leading advocate for equitable access to education in rural and remote Australia, Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA), is proud to announce its seminar at the upcoming Beef2024, "EDUCATE AND EMBRACE," as part of the speaking program.

As the leading remote and isolated education advocacy group ICPA is passionate about the sustainability and vibrancy of our rural and regional communities, and invites attendees to explore the role of education in shaping the future of industries such as agriculture, which play such a pivotal part in these communities.

Investment in education access is fundamental to the prosperity of rural communities. The "EDUCATE AND EMBRACE" seminar underscores the importance of accessible education from early childhood through adulthood, highlighting that geographical location should never hinder learning or future success, says ICPA Federal president, Louise Martin. "By ensuring equitable access to education, we'll keep our talent right here, driving opportunity in their chosen paths, and keeping those interested in essential regional industries like agriculture, here," says Ms Martin.

"The challenges faced by rural and remote families are immense, from the rising cost of living to the turbulent markets. Yet, within these communities lies incredible talent and potential. Ignoring their needs not only undermines the future of rural education but also hampers the growth of vital sectors like agriculture," she adds. "Our seminar aims to address these issues head-on, seeking solutions that will not only alleviate the burdens faced by families but also unlock the full potential of rural Australia. It's a conversation that exceeds geography and politics, focusing squarely on how we can adequately provide for our youth and the opportunities they deserve," Martin concludes.



Acting as moderator, renowned rural journalist and communicator, Arlie Felton-Taylor brings invaluable insights from her two decades of experience in reporting on rural issues and advocating for regional Australia.

Founder and CEO of Humans of Agriculture, Oli Le Lievre is dedicated to reshaping perceptions of agriculture through storytelling, fostering a sense of unity and pride within the agricultural community.

Joining Oli and Arlie Felton Taylor, is third-generation grazier and Agribusiness District Manager at Suncorp Group, Kate is testament to the power of quality education, and uses her time to support rural communities and empowering the next generation, wherever they chose to live.

With extensive experience in education leadership, Phillip Moulds, Headmaster of The Rockhampton Grammar School, champions holistic education that nurtures students' potential. As a headmaster of a school in the region, Phillip knows more than most some of the challenges our rural students face to access quality education.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Venue: James Lawrence B, Beef Australia 2024, Rockhampton, Queensland

Price: \$55.00+ online booking fee

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About the Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA)

Established in 1971, ICPA is a voluntary, not-for-profit, apolitical parent body dedicated to ensuring equity of access to education for all students who live in rural and remote Australia. To find out more, visit representatives at their stand at Beef 2024 or visit their [website](#)