



Communications

Do you wonder what ICPA Qld does for Communications?

What we are working on.....

- ✚ ICPA advises the Department of Education (DoE), Telstra and nbn™ on issues which impact on the delivery of quality internet and voice services to our small schools and distance education classrooms.
- ✚ Participation in monthly teleconferences with the DoE, IT department on current issues.
- ✚ Regularly meeting with other key DoE branches regarding Infrastructure, Schools, Curriculum, Human Resources and Operations.
- ✚ Providing members with up to date technical information to assist with connectivity.
- ✚ Working with nbnco™ and Telstra to provide members with the latest news.
- ✚ Submissions to relevant groups to ensure rural and remote education remains a key consideration in legislative or program change.
- ✚ ICPA remains a key stakeholder in various communications groups— including the Telstra Regional Advisory Council (TRAC).
- ✚ Liaising with, and supports, ICPA Australia with federal communications issues
 - Virtual learning in Rural and Remote Classrooms
 - Reliable and adequate internet services to Rural and Remote Schools
 - The continuation of the Mobile Blackspot Program

What We Have Achieved.....

- ✚ More tech support for rural and remote schools announced on September 8th 2017.
- ✚ Collaboration with nbn™ local to produce a series of video clips answering FAQs.
- ✚ Introduction of the School of Distance Education (DE) Laptop Loan Hire Scheme.
- ✚ Successful trial of headsets for use in DE classrooms.
- ✚ Vigorous lobbying from ICPA regarding the Universal Service Obligation (USO) has resulted in the Federal Government forming a taskforce to review the scheme.
- ✚ Retention of landlines in the Universal Service Guarantee (USG).
- ✚ ICPA were instrumental in the establishment and later increase of the DoE internet and hardware subsidies for geographically isolated DE students.
- ✚ Strongly advocated for the Sky Muster education port for geographically isolated and medical DE enrolled students providing an extra 50GB of data for educational use. Home education students can also now access this.

ICPA Qld continues to effect many areas of government with our lobby, which directly impacts on your local community

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