

ICPA NT 2026

State Conference

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2026 AGM: ICPA NT State Council President's Report

Moira Lanzarin, NT State President

Absolute pride, appreciation and respect. That is what I have for each one of you and the amazing institution that is ICPA. Thank you. You inspire and ground me every single day. It has been an absolute honour to serve as your NT President these past four years. It is with respect and humility that I present my final report.

I joined the NT State Council at the 2020 Conference. It was also a virtual conference - hosted by Alice Springs School of the Air using their REACT software. Aably chaired by Sarah Cook, assisted by Suzanne Wilson and with their most capable Secretary, Bec Cadzow hard at work remotely from her cattle station at Mt Riddock. We, like you today, all joined in from across the NT and beyond, listening to the crackling voices and seeing their pixelated faces in the SOTA studio from our computer screens. Wow, that was not long ago but boy, how far have we come! The freedom and flexibility of Zoom, of smart phones, of portable LEO connections and multiple video conferencing options are now the new norm.

The improvements in technology and connectivity are huge. The digital divide is reducing but of late, I have found myself battling slower speeds and poorer connectivity in urban settings than that of my station home.

From the flooded, muddy landscapes to the bare and dusty tracks; the hot summer classrooms to the shiny halls and air conditioned offices; and everywhere in between, I thank you for you being with us on this journey, working hard to educate our children and together making the NT the place we are proud to call our home.

Hold on to your seats as you hear of new developments. Now that I have you excited, I will let the Minister and others share more. The comprehensive Portfolio reports also gives further details re these wins. Testament to our progress is the much smaller number of motions being presented today. This progress is only made possible by the collective hard work of so many - of the well presented and advocated concerns and solutions put forward by ICPA at Branch, State and Federal levels. By the active listening and constructive changes made by the Department of Education and Training. Through the support and leadership of our Education Minister and members of Parliament. From the quiet conversations of our Patron and others - and our loud public speeches and publicity - our voices are being heard. By the assistance and follow up of our stakeholders. Thanks to the financial and in-kind contributions by our sponsors and supporters large and small. Positive change is happening for our geographically isolated families and the education of our children.

It truly is a team effort and so greatly appreciated. To my fellow NT Councillors - you are next level. Secretary, Catherine Atkin - you keep me grounded and sane. Treasurer - Bec Osmotherly- so absolutely capable, you just get things done. Vice President - Amanda Murphy - Thank you - there is nothing you don't know about ICPA and educating children outback - the association is in very safe hands. Assistant Secretary, Jule Vlach - you joined us when Bella was still in your belly - I can't believe she is now in Transition. Your quiet and thoughtful presence and contribution has been appreciated. Kiya Gill - thank you for your creative thinking, energy and always being prepared to share your thoughts. Mel Kerr - words don't do justice to your ability to turn your hand to any task needed and your energy and commitment to ICPA at every level. Amanda Brown - thank you for sticking with us and being prepared to step up to new roles in 2026. Danyelle Haigh and Connie Woods - you have led your Branches from strength to strength - well done. Jacinta McInernery, in your time as Territory Wide mentor, we have seen our lone members connected and involved like never before. This is

wonderful. Together, you all put a smile on my face and bring pleasant sunshine to my day. To those standing down, our sincere thanks for your contribution.

I would like to publicly acknowledge and unreservedly thank our ICPA fathers - our husbands and spouses. They most certainly are involved. But in the majority, their involvement is hidden from the public eye. In many instances, it is simply not possible for both parents to leave home, business and classroom, to attend conferences and the like. This practical sharing of tasks, of covering for each other, of moral support and sounding boards all contributes and enables us to do what we do. So please, on our behalf, thank your spouses, but also let them know that they are welcome with open arms to not only our social events but also, core business.

We are a resilient and tough mob but I wish to sincerely acknowledge those that have been absolutely whammied by the current weather conditions. It is with deep regret that our advocacy was not enough to get the Tennant Creek radar operational again - an outstanding motion from 2024. Whilst the radar would not have reduced the severity and force of the water flow, it would have given families more time and warning to better prepare. Its absence has placed families, staff and businesses at risk. Four centralian ICPA families that I am aware of have been devastated this past week. The Fogarty family at Lucy Creek Stn (kids grown up but parents still financial members); The Driver family at Elkedra Stn (one child at boarding school, the other a young adult and currently assisting at home); The Saint family at Kurrundi Stn (2 kids at home at SOA, 2 older kids at boarding school); and the Hughes family at Murray Downs Stn (3 kids all on SOA). Our hearts ache for the loss and trauma you must be going through. We are grateful for the life giving rain but only wish it had been a little more moderated and gently shared around. To all dealing with the challenges of busted and damaged and unsafe roads, rest assured our voice will be strong, loud and consistent in calling for support, assistance and timely repairs.

We all know that the Northern Territory is unique and special. It's breath-taking geography. It's diverse people and demographics. It is a land of extremes and contradictions. Of haves and have nots. Of challenges and opportunities. It grabs your heart – and even though our bodies sometimes may reside elsewhere part of us always remain.

Northern Territory ICPA has three branches – Alice Springs Branch, Katherine Branch and Territory Wide. And whilst our membership of 1XX mostly reside in the NT, we have members living in every single state of Australia – contributing back to the NT! This is unique to the NT. How lucky are we?

The NT membership may be small in numbers, but it is big in heart.

Thank you to Jacinta and the Territory Wide team. Congratulations on your fundraising efforts and for hosting our social networking function tonight in Darwin. This will allow the Branch to be able to send delegates to future State and Federal Conferences, to contribute and share a wider range of perspectives. For those online who will not be able to join in the social activities tonight, I too share with you the disappointment and FOMO of not being able to attend these all important social connections. I will be driving straight back down the track this afternoon.

Today finds me extra nostalgic. Not only am I finishing my term as your president, my family and I are leaving the Territory very soon and there is still so much to be done. Three generations of O'Briens, 3000 head of our Coodardie Brahmins and a large convoy of vehicles with all our gear (including the kitchen sink and old rocking chair) arrived from North Queensland back in mid 1993. I was in my final year of boarding school at St Patrick's College in Townsville. My entire adult life has been spent living, working and loving the NT. But the call to return closer to family and commence a new and different chapter is strong. 4 generations will return to north Queensland.

Thanks to everyone for the amazing ride that is ICPA NT!!! Whilst I truck out of the Territory in 26 days, ICPA NT will always be in my heart. I look forward to working with the new NT Council in the ex-officio role of Immediate Past President, and continuing to support and contribute to EQUITY IN EDUCATION OUTBACK for our children and families.

2026 AGM: Katherine Branch Report



Constance Wood – Branch President

I am Connie Wood and as always, it is such privilege to stand here today as President of the Katherine Branch.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the NT State Council for organising this conference. The coordination required to bring so many of us together — even via Zoom — across such vast distances is no small task, and we are fortunate to have the technology that allows us to connect, collaborate and continue our advocacy without geography standing in the way.

In a state as spread out as the Northern Territory, the ability to sit in one room — or one virtual room — and share ideas, challenges and solutions is something we should never take for granted.

I also want to thank everyone here for committing your time to this conference. We all know how full our days are — on properties, in classrooms, in offices and on the road — and choosing to prioritise this work speaks to the strength of our shared commitment. I hope today and in the we have meaningful conversations, thoughtful contributions and practical outcomes that continue to strengthen our advocacy for remote families.

2025, in my eyes has been one of generosity, growth and strong community backing.

As President, I am incredibly proud of what our branch has achieved this year — not just in dollars raised or grants increased, but in the way our community continues to show up for one another.

A defining moment of our year was the Nutrien Auction at the Katherine Show in July 2025, where an extraordinary amount of \$174,200 was raised in support ICPA families. That result represents more than fundraising success — it reflects the belief of our rural community in the importance of remote education and the advocacy work of the ICPA. Thankyou to all who donated and purchased items as well as to Meg Watters and her awesome team of mums working tirelessly behind the scenes to keep everyone fed. Special mention especially goes to Ben Coutts and the Nutrien Katherine branch. Because of this generous support, we have been able to review and increase grants across the board so they better reflect the real and rising costs families are facing.

Supporting families through our grant program remains central to the work of the Katherine Branch. In the 2025–2026 year, we paid a total of \$88,598 in grant funding directly to Katherine Branch families.

Those funds were distributed across the following grant categories

Boarding, Personal Development, ICT, and Extraordinary Opportunity Grnts as well as allowing our

ICPA kids to access support to attend sports camp and the the KSA interstate 5/6 excursion.

Importantly, for 2026 we have also introduced a new Early Years Grant to assist families establishing early years classrooms at home. Those first years of learning are critical, and since territory children aren't eligible for the AIC until they reach transition, many families have to carry the huge financial burden of setting up a schoolroom for the first time without any financial assistance. Being able to support that work feels both practical and forward-looking.

Behind every dollar is a family navigating distance, boarding transitions, travel costs and educational access. We are proud that the funds raised by our community are returning directly to our community in practical and meaningful ways.

We were also particularly proud to support the KSA Home Tutor Award in December 2025, congratulations to Harriet Mitchell — one of our own ICPA children.

In October, I was sweating it out at stockcamp, mustering on the edge of the Tanami Desert while everyone else was sweating it out in Mataranka for the very much anticipated annual ICPA Sports Camp. Lauren Hoar and the team of dedicated Katherine Branch mums and dads welcomed approximately 80 children along with parents and home tutors. The camp included gymnastics, rugby, boxing, softball and golf, along with an inflatable obstacle course and the much-loved annual disco.

Sports Camp is about far more than activities. For many of our bush children, regular team sport simply isn't accessible. Distance makes weekly training impossible, and competition can be hours away. Sports Camp provides the opportunity to learn teamwork and cooperation, to follow structured coaching, to build confidence in new skills, and to develop resilience in both winning and losing. It fosters independence, leadership and social confidence. Perhaps most importantly, it gives our children the experience of belonging and it's a pretty good catch up for the grown ups as well. Thankyou so much everyone for your efforts in getting another hugely successful event off the ground and I am really hoping that the Woods will be in attendance this year!

In Term 3 at KSA In-School, Sally Dyer once again led the charge with the second year of the ICPA Art Awards, celebrating the creativity and perspective of our bush kids.

As always, alongside our advocacy work, connection and community remain at the heart of what we do. For children growing up remotely, opportunities for shared experiences — whether through art, sport or in-person gatherings — are not always readily accessible. That is why these initiatives matter so much.

Through the Art Awards, we can encourage creativity and self-expression. Through Sports Camp, we build teamwork, resilience and confidence. Through our grants and support programs, we reduce barriers that distance can create.

ICPA is proud to support remote children across many different aspects of their education and development. It is not just about academic outcomes — it is about ensuring our kids are well-rounded, connected and given every opportunity to grow, lead and thrive, no matter where they live.

Beyond individual grants, the Katherine Branch remains committed to strengthening the broader network that supports our families. This year we were proud to support Katherine Isolated Children's Services, RAISE mentoring programs, and various regional gymkhanas and community sporting events. Raising capable, confident remote children takes more than curriculum — it takes community — and we are proud to contribute where we can.

It was also an honour to recognise Kerrie Scott as a Life Member of the Katherine Branch. Life Membership acknowledges years of dedication, persistence and unwavering commitment. I for one can say it was a little daunting stepping into Kerrie's boots as president as her contribution has been steady and significant, across all areas and we thank her sincerely for the hard work and dedication in setting up success for the Katherine Branch to ensure that we are able to continue our strong advocacy. Thankyou Kerrie for your work and for your continued mentorship with all things ICPA.

Encouragingly, we continue to welcome new members into our branch. Each new family brings fresh energy and perspective, strengthening our collective voice. Our strength has always been in unity and the commitment that our volunteers show— parents, home tutors and committee members working together to ensure our children have every opportunity to thrive.

Remote education advocacy often happens amongst the chaos of bush life. It is fitted in between musters, lessons, breakdowns, wet seasons and long drives. It happens because parents, home tutors and volunteers care deeply, and because our children matter.

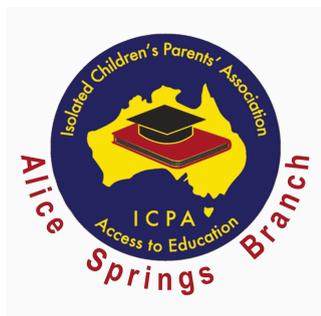
I would like to sincerely thank our committee, our branch members and our wider Katherine community for the time, energy and generosity you continue to give. Your quiet support, practical help and willingness to step up when needed is what allows our branch to keep moving forward.

The Katherine Branch remains committed to doing this work — steady, practical and community-driven — ensuring that distance never limits opportunity for our children.

And personally, I am incredibly proud and genuinely honoured to play even a small part in this work alongside all of you.

2026 AGM: ICPA NT Alice Springs Branch Report

Katy Hayes – Branch President



Good morning everyone. For those who may not know me, my name is Katy Hayes, and I am the recently elected president of the ICPA Alice Springs Branch, having taken over from the very wonderful Danyelle. I grew up on a station out of Alice Springs, and ICPA has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. As I prepare my very first branch president's report for the 2026 State Conference, I can't help but reflect on what ICPA has achieved over the years, and how much hard work and time has been put in by so many people, for the benefit of generations of geographically isolated students and their families.

I have vivid memories from my childhood of Mum attending ICPA meetings over the crackly old radio, diligently recording them with a tape recorder (and waving us kids off with very clear and frantic hand gestures if we came in and tried to speak to her while she was recording) and then re-listening (to what mostly sounded like static to me, with the occasional Indonesian fishermen's conversation coming through) afterwards to hand write out the minutes from the meeting, which would then be posted on the weekly mail plane to Alice Springs School of the Air (ASSOA) to be typed and put into pigeon holes of members/posted to non-ASSOA members – what a process! Advancements in technology have definitely made things easier, with our mostly-reliable internet today meaning that meetings can be broadcast clearly and crackle-and-fisherman-free over Zoom, with documents being circulated quickly and easily via email to the whole branch. I am thankful for the generations of ICPA who have come before us, very appreciative of all they have achieved over the years for geographically isolated students and their families, and I am so very excited to be part of ICPA; to be stepping into the shoes of the many amazing members over the years, and to hopefully be able to make some more changes for the current and future generations of geographically isolated kids.

Unfortunately, some things have not changed through the years, with ICPA Alice Springs STILL lobbying for a mobile playgroup for the region, just the same as they were when I was a child and Mum was recording those crackly meetings on a tape. It's disappointing that this issue has gone unaddressed by the NT Government for so long, but I'm still hopeful that, some day soon, we'll have success in getting something established in the region – preferably before the current generation of playgroup-aged children are grown and have playgroup-aged children of their own.

For the Alice Springs branch, 2025 was packed with events, advocacy, connection, and community spirit — the true heart of what ICPA stands for.

One of our standout highlights was the NTCA Auction Fundraiser, which was not only a huge success financially but a wonderful opportunity to showcase our branch and the passion behind what we do. Our movie afternoon watching Kangaroo on the big screen was a hit with families, kids and parents alike, our Sports Day and Colour Run brought so much joy and energy, and our Home Tutor Program continued to deliver strong support for families who rely on it. We also had excellent attendance at our First Aid Courses, with feedback showing how valuable these sessions are for remote families. RRED Day once again gave us the chance to connect, learn, and shine a spotlight on the realities of remote education.

On the advocacy front, our branch was proudly represented at Federal Conference in Adelaide and State Conference in Katherine. Hearing our voices carried at both levels reinforces just how important our branch is, and how much impact we can have when we show up and stand behind what matters for our families.

We finished the year with our Christmas parties, which always bring our community together in the most joyful way — kids excited, parents catching up, and everyone taking a breath after the chaos of the year.

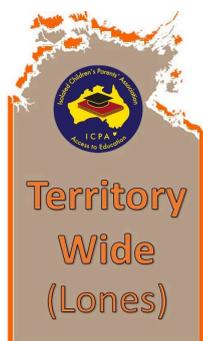
I would like to acknowledge our wonderful 2025 committee, who put in so much work and effort throughout last year, with brilliant fundraising efforts, very fun and well-attended activities held for families during Inschool weeks, and strong and successful motions at both the ICPA NT State Conference and the ICPA Federal Conference. A big thank you especially to our outgoing president Danyelle for everything she's done in the role over the last three years. Danyelle has really put her heart and soul into ICPA, and she's leaving very big shoes to fill. I'd also love to welcome our 2026 committee to their roles. Our committee this year has a great mix of old and new faces, and I'm so excited to see what we achieve this year.

Our 2026 committee has already been quite busy, compiling motions for this conference, as well as starting on some federal motions for later in the year, a waterslide after-school activity and collaborating with ASSOA for their water fun day at the end of Inschool, and the beginnings of a review into the grants we have on offer for our families, and how we can improve them to make sure they're relevant and helpful to the members of our branch.

With so many more amazing things yet to come throughout the year, I am really looking forward to working with our committee for the benefit of our rural and remote kids. I can't wait to see what 2026 brings for our branch and am excited at all the wonderful things we're bound to achieve!

2026 AGM: ICPA NT Territory Wide (Lones) Branch Report

Member Officer - Jacinta McInnerness



I am very pleased to present the 2025 Territory Wide Branch report as the Branch Mentor. Territory Wide Branch is the 'Lones' branch and is for members who may not associate with the main branches of Alice Springs or Katherine or may not wish to be actively involved in branch meetings or committees. Territory Wide Branch is proud to have a current membership of 28 with members coming from a wide variety of backgrounds and experience and across the NT and interstate.

The branch was well represented at the 2025 ICPA NT State Conference and AGM in Katherine with six members attending and Clair O'Brien and Sara Barker in the role of delegates. We were honoured to have Clair attending as a senior and very experienced ICPA member. Sara was attending her first ICPA Conference so was in good hands to be mentored by Clair. Sara has written a story as a first Conference attendee, and you can find this in our 2025 Down the Track Yearbook. Sara mentioned that as a first-time voting delegate, she felt incredibly supported as the process was clearly explained and the environment was both empowering and encouraging. A highlight for Sara was seeing life memberships awarded to Sally Sullivan and Helen Harding. This was an emotional moment for all to celebrate two people who have given so much to the ICPA community with their families alongside beaming with pride.

The 2025 Federal Conference in Adelaide was also well represented by Territory Wide Branch members. Sue Shotton, Life Member and Michelle Gibson were our delegates and as with the State Conference, Sue very generously mentored Michelle through the process as a first-time delegate. Thank you Sue. Michelle also shares a story in our 2025 Down the Track Yearbook. Michelle shares that since moving to the NT she has seen the struggles that parents in rural and remote locations have with schooling their children and feels it is a privilege to be a part of ICPA, become more involved in sharing our story and encouraging people to become a part of this great organisation. Highlights of the Conference for Michelle were being inspired by Megan McLoughlin who hasn't let her blindness hold her back and learnings from Kellie Britnell, Senior Education Adviser from eSafety Commission whose enthusiasm was contagious.

I was also fortunate to attend the Federal Conference and through our Messenger app was able to share happenings of the Conference in real time with Territory Wide members not attending - including guest speakers, the beautiful catering (food is always very important!) and our wonderful president Moira's State Council report! I would also like to thank our Territory Wide Branch members, Marianne and David St Clair for running the IT side of the Conference and AGM today. Your support and expertise is very much appreciated, and we really value your guidance and assistance. Thank you.

Territory Wide Branch is thrilled to be hosting the Social Networking Function tonight at The Loose Goose Bar in Darwin sponsored by nbn co limited and RDO Equipment. The event will be attended by State Council members who are hosting this virtual Conference from Darwin, other members, friends, stakeholders and valued sponsors. We are pleased that Elise Petty our Territory Wide member is attending representing NBN Co limited.

Thank you to Sue Wilson for your valuable pointers to get the planning for the event underway and to State Council members who have also helped our 'little branch' so much with planning and setting

up. In conjunction with the Social Networking Function, Territory Wide Branch is also holding an online raffle for additional fundraising to enable our members to attend NT and Federal ICPA Conferences. Having representation at these conferences from our diverse base of membership is very important to add to the wealth of knowledge and experience represented in ICPA's vital advocacy work. I would like to say a huge thank you to and acknowledgment of our valued sponsors and business who have donated raffle prizes –

- NBN Co limited
- RDO Equipment
- NT Government
- The Hon. Marion Scrymgour MP. Member for Lingiari
- Steve Edgington MLA Member for Barkly
- The Hon. Gerard Maley MLA Member for Nelson
- Selena Uibo MLA Member for Arnhem
- Bunnings Palmerston
- Buffalo Bills Coolalinga
- Cape Adieu Cruises & Charters
- Apple Tree Flat
- Bendigo Bank Coolalinga
- The Loose Goose Bar Darwin

Territory Wide Branch are very appreciative of these sponsors for supporting our geographically isolated children to have the same educational opportunities as children living in urban areas. I would also like to say a very big thank you to Sara Barker for her tireless efforts in our fundraising drive. Sara has used her wonderful skills in community engagement to attract very generous sponsors, who we now welcome into our ICPA family of like-minded people looking out for our children in the bush.

Finally I would like to thank all our Territory Wide members who have joined us online today, are attending the Function tonight and have joined in our Messenger app chats during the last year. Your membership of ICPA NT strengthens our collective voice to raise awareness of the importance of advocating for equitable educational outcomes for all NT children.

2026 AGM: ICPA NT Treasurer's Report

Treasurer - Rebecca Osmotherly

I am able to table the 2025 audit report, completed again by Venissa Mather, Your Local Audit, Darwin. The 2025 audit has been completed with no issues. The net surplus for the year was \$10,338.70. The surplus is lower to previous years as we were without large fundraising events that were held in previous years.

On behalf of ICPA NT I offer our appreciation of support from the Department of Education and the grant we receive.

We received some lovely donations from members, thank you very much.

Thank you to Katherine Branch for your generous donation of \$10,000

Thank you to Alice Springs Branch for your generous donation of \$3,000.

The council was able to support its members through the Post Secondary Grant, the Zoetis Grant and the Home Tutor Grant. Thanks to the branches and Connellan Airways Trust for supporting these grants.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Rebecca Osmotherly Seconded:

MOTION: That the 2025 Audited Financial Report be accepted.

Moved: Rebecca Osmotherly Seconded:

Usually a motion is put forward to move the Auditor for the coming year. Changes to the Associations Act and Tiers for auditing requirements may mean that an audit by a registered Accountant may not be necessary however a review of the finances will be required by an independent person. It is suggested that a motion is not passed this year and we give some time to see if the changes are passed then a special meeting can be held to decide on the auditor later in the year if the changes to the requirements are made.

2026 AGM: ICPA NT Website

NT Webmaster

www.icpa.com.au/nt

(Written by Moira Lanzarin)

Suzanne Wilson resigned from the position of Webmaster not long after the 2025 Conference. Calls to refill the position were made via social media and email. No applications were received.

Moira Lanzarin has covered this role without remuneration in the interim. In doing so, it highlighted the unique challenges specific to this website. Whilst some aspects of maintaining it is straight forward, it does require a level of knowledge specific to its Drupal platform and being extremely mindful that it is part of a family of websites with the other ICPA States and Federal Council. As such she has been able to track down, create, and initiate updates to Web Manual and support from fellow ICPA Webmasters. The support of the ICPA Tech Team (Kym Ross, Nikki MacQueen and Tammie Irons) has been most invaluable - as has the semi-regular virtual training sessions.

There is huge room for improvement and updated content for the website but all has been done to keep it as functional as possible in the absence of a dedicated Webmaster with a look to more time being able to be spent in this space in 2026.

2026 AGM: ICPA NT Down the Track Report

(Written by Moira Lanzarin)

In the absence of a formal Editor and Publisher for DTT, Moira edited, published and produced a single magazine, Down the Track Year Book 2025 - Edition 96. 206 copies were posted to members and stakeholders in late Jan. This was done with the help of many and was a task that I thoroughly enjoyed. It was a privilege to bring member's stories to life and to fill the pages with the amazing achievements of our children.

2024 and 2025 highlighted the importance of data access and transfer of Down the Track. Earlier editions of Software had been created on Microsoft Publisher. Microsoft no longer supports this software and it can not be easily shared or worked on collaboratively. Past editor, Annika Bell had forwarded all files to us but past editor Annie Hesse had not been able to open those files. Therefore Annie had used her own software and ICPA NT did not receive an editable copy of her magazine from which to move forward. Fortunately I still had a working version of Publisher and was able to create the current Edition without having to completely start again. I was able to create the edition through a combination of Publisher and Canva. Software crashes of Publisher served to push me away from the program I was familiar with and make the time to learn to use Canva. ICPA NT has a premium Canva account which allows multiple users access to quality publishing software on an internet based platform. This means that the ICPA NT documents are held in the cloud which makes working collaboratively or handing on the task a much more streamlined process.

It has often been suggested that we investigate online publication of our magazine. The year book was again also published as an electronic flipbook with the subscription in the name of ICPA NT (not the publisher). Whilst this is a useful edition, the usage statistics suggest that it will never be a replacement for a hard copy of the magazine.

The magazine and website has had a modest remuneration to it in the past. I did not seek remuneration for this edition due to conflict of interest. I will put forward a formal EOI in the position for 2026 for the incoming Council to consider (with myself abstaining from any part in their decision making process).

Your feedback on the magazine and your contributions is always greatly appreciated. Thank you.

2026 AGM: ICPA NT Archivist Report

NT Archivist -

NT Life Member, Helen Harding, has agreed to take on this position for 2026. In 2025 the Mataranka Better Half Club offered use of their air-conditioned store room in the Mataranka Hall/Chapel. Helen is also a member of the Mataranka Better Half Club making this arrangement a practical option in a central location.

Ideally, if everyone who has held an ICPA position in the last few years could forward me whatever they have – if it's in a digital format, Liz Bird and Moira recently created an nt.icpa.archives@gmail.com Google account with lots of space to store any of our stuff we have stored electronically.

- **Relevant are Audit reports** – which each branch will have had to submit each year to the Department of Business after official audits took place – usually at the beginning of the year.
- **Minutes of Branch meetings** – particularly the **AGMs** with details of the incoming committee members etc.
- **Minutes of State council meetings** - particularly the **AGMs** with details of the incoming committee members etc.
- **Photographs** of events, fundraising activities, incoming new committee members group photos etc

2026 AGM: ICPA NT Grants Report

Grants Officer - Helen Harding

2025 Post Secondary Grant - 2 awardees \$1500 each

2 recipients this year - Yerrin Heaslip and Josh Atkins. Full report published in Down the Track including Josh's award update. Yerrin's update is below.

Yerin Heaslip - Update

In the past year I have faced a lot of challenges and made a lot of personal and professional achievements. After a year of theoretical and practical study, I am reaching the completion of a Certificate III in Individual Support and have become an Assistant Team Leader within the organisation that I work for. Within this role I am second in charge of making sure that one of the SIL (Supported Independent Living) houses and responsible for multiple client's care. I have learnt

valuable skills in communication, documentation, and professional conduct by taking on more responsibilities and ensuring my focus and attention are directed towards my work and study. Working with vulnerable people has pushed me to be more aware and cautious of my actions and how they affect others. It has created a strong sense of fulfilment in regard to feeling challenged in a way that helps me grow as a person, and by being able to see the difference I can make in other people's lives. In between work and study, I have managed to stay involved in sports, participating in AFL, netball, and tennis to provide balance in my life and avoid burnout. I also got to experience overseas travel for the first time, visiting Mediterranean countries and France to expand my worldview.

The grant money that I received last year for post-secondary education aided in my ability to proficiently study and work by going towards buying myself a laptop to comfortably complete my study at home, and by allowing purchase of Microsoft to meet work and study document requirements. The grant money allowed me to put more time aside to focus on my studies, allowing me to work a contracted 60 hours a fortnight instead of 80. It also relieved the financial pressure of moving from 30 minutes out of town to a more convenient location in Port Lincoln. Moving into Port Lincoln gave me access to more resources such as the CEG study center where I complete my training, as well as a library and social study groups. Over the last year I have been able to explore a career path for myself and expand personal and professional growth for aid in my future endeavors.

2026 Applications closed Mon 23 Feb 2026.

Zoetis Applicants \$1500

Home Tutor Award \$500

Steph MacKenzie (Katherine School of the Air)

A review of the NT Grants is being undertaken to ensure grants offered are more relevant and useful to members.