

SUPPLEMENTARY MOTIONS

RURAL AND REMOTE SCHOOLS

S1 Meekatharra Air Branch *Rural and Remote Schools* CARRIED/LOST

“That ICPA (WA) lobbies the Department of Education and Fairbridge Western Australia Inc. to keep the camp school facilities well maintained, to a high standard and affordable so that the hiring of the camp schools remains accessible for our rural and remote schools.”

Explanation:

In 2018 Fairbridge took over the running of the 6 WA camp school facilities which were previously operated by the WA Government and the Department of Education. Prior to the Fairbridge takeover, the camp schools were run at a high standard and remote students, teachers and parents from rural and remote properties could access these facilities at a reasonable cost to the schools utilising the facilities.

In March 2023, Kalgoorlie School of The Air (KaSOTA) hired the Goldfields camp school in Kalgoorlie for their annual Home Tutor’s Seminar during Term 1 camp for the children. KaSOTA has up to four camps per year and has been accessing the fabulous Goldfield camp facilities for the past 40 years to provide their geographically widespread families with the opportunity to engage with their school principal, teachers and most importantly their peers in a safe environment.

This year the cost of hiring the Goldfields camp facilities has increased exponentially and needs to be reviewed immediately.

S2 Goldfields Eyre Branch *Rural and Remote Schools* CARRIED/LOST

“ICPA (WA) lobbies the Department of Education and Fairbridge Western Australia Inc. to keep facilities at camp schools at a high standard whilst also keeping the fees associated with using those facilities low for rural and remote schools in particular.”

Explanation:

Fairbridge took over the running of 6 previously owned and operated government camp schools in 2018 under the proviso that they would continue to deliver quality camps to government schools and Schools of the Air in particular.

The Kalgoorlie School of the Air (KaSOTA) has been using the Goldfields Camp School up to four times a year for over 40 years. However, since Fairbridge took over there has been a dramatic reduction in both the quality and amount of services offered whilst fees have continued to increase.

We understand that some fees, such as the cost per head for food and beds, need to rise due to inflation however undisclosed set-up fees and additional fees for the use of empty rooms are unacceptable.

For example, during KaSOTA’s Term 1 camp in 2023, Fairbridge charged exorbitant daily rates for access to single rooms that were once considered part of the package. These rooms were once well appointed activity rooms but are now mostly bare. They are no longer equipped with audio-visual resources, games or activities for the students. (See attached pricing schedule).

By raising their prices it is the opinion of our Branch that Fairbridge is trying to price out public school access to government-owned camp schools so that they can extend their alternative schools that are also run onsite.



2023 KALGOORLIE CAMP BOOKING FORM – SCHOOL GROUPS

ORGANISATION INFORMATION						
School Name:						
Postal address:						
City:		Phone:				
Primary Contact Name:		Email:				
Billing Email Address:						
EVENT INFORMATION						
Check-In Date:	Arrival Time:	Check Out Date:	Departure Time:			
TOTAL Guest:	Male Students:	Female Students:	Supervisors:			
24-Hour Contact Person (During Event):		Mobile no:				
CATERING INFORMATION						
Catering Required?	Yes	No				
ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION – RATES						
Dorm Name	Select	Student: Teacher / Adult	Additional Rooms / Activity Rooms (for additional charge may apply for not up)	Half Day	Full Day	Tick
Assay – Sleeps 24 2 Rooms x 6 Bunks in each room 2 staff rooms x 2 single beds	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cap Lamp Activity Room	\$210	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$420	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff Quarters – Sleeps 17 1 Room x 4 Bunks 1 Room x 3 Bunks + 1 Single bed 1 Room x 2 Single beds	<input type="checkbox"/>	Baylet & Ford*	\$150	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$300	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prospector – Sleeps 5 1 Room x 3 Singles + 1 Bunk	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fanagan & Shea*	\$150	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$300	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gimlet – Sleeps 4 1 Room x 2 Single Beds 1 Room x 2 Single Beds	<input type="checkbox"/>	Staff Kitchen*	\$150	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$300	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gimlet Activity Room*	\$210	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$420	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Preferred Accommodation (Subject to availability) • Beds have a protective cover ONLY. Groups are required to supply their own bedding, pillowcase, and towel. • Linen packs available to hire On Prior Booking for \$15.00 per pack. Disability access: there is one separate universal access toilet (UAT) and shower. The campsite has ramp access to the internal courtyard area. Please note Dorm access is 2 pm & check-out is 10 am. Notes / Special Requests:						

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2021 Department of Education School Group Rates			
	STUDENTS	ADULTS	
Accommodation	\$28.00	\$34.00	*Meals include continental breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert. Fruit and biscuits are provided for self-serve morning and afternoon Tea.
Meals	\$44.00	\$50.00	
Sub Total (inc. GST)	\$72.00	\$84.00	
OPTIONAL ADD-ONS (excl. GST)			
Cooked Breakfast - \$ 9.00pp/day	YES	NO	
Substantial MIA Tea- \$6.50pp/day	YES	NO	
Billing Information:			
Deposit - \$500 made by: (please tick) <input type="checkbox"/> EFT/Invoice or <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card (complete details below)		Purchase Order Number:	
Card Holder Name:			
Card Number:	Expiry:	Security Code:	
Card Holders Signature:			
Date:			
If you are paying your deposit by EFT our bank details are below. Please put your booking number and surname as reference.			
Bank: Westpac			
Account Name: Fairbridge Western Australia Inc			
BSB: 036-171			
Account Number: 209057			
Booking Conditions			
TERMS AND CONDITIONS			
CONFIRMATION Signed confirmation of the booking must be received within 14 days of the original booking being made along with a \$500 deposit and Credit Card details to secure the reservation. Once the deposit is received, you confirm & agree with our Terms & Conditions. The Management reserves the right to cancel the booking and reallocate the accommodation if a deposit is not received. CANCELLATION Deposits paid to Fairbridge Western Australia Inc are refundable if cancellations are received up to 14 days prior to check-in date. Cancellations with less than 7 days notice will be charged 100% of the expected revenue. CATERING The final number of guests including all dietary requirements is required 10 days prior to check-in. PAYMENT Full payment is due before arrival. RESPONSIBILITY Management will not accept any responsibility for damages to or loss of property left in the camp prior to, during or after the booking. The group organiser is financially responsible for the make good of any damage or reinstating buildings to their original state whether in the area reserved or another part of the camp. Any charges will be deducted from the Credit Card details on file.			
Confirmation			
I confirm that the details above are true & correct. I have read and understand these terms and conditions. I agree to abide by them and understand that it is my responsibility to inform the group of these conditions.			
Signature of applicant		Date:	

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SPECIFIC EDUCATION

S3 Lakes District Branch

Specific Education

CARRIED/LOST

“That ICPA (WA) advocates for the Western Australian State Government to introduce a direct speech pathology service in schools.”

Explanation:

Access to speech pathology services in regional and remote Western Australia is challenging, both with distance and excessive wait times. Speech pathology services are vital for many students and can help with:

- Developing their speech sound system
- Understanding and using language for thinking, discussing, reading, writing, numeracy and learning
- Managing social interactions within the school setting
- Speaking fluently
- Having a healthy voice so that they can manage to talk throughout the school day
- Safely eating and drinking at school

Most states in Australia currently provide some form of school-based speech pathology service, in Western Australia there is no direct speech pathology service provided. Queensland, for example, offers a comprehensive school-based program to support students, their families and education teams.

The Liberal Party announced a policy supporting the introduction of speech pathology services in schools during the 2021 State Election. It was proposed that this would be initially undertaken via a two-year trial involving speech pathologists working in teams across clusters of schools to provide individual face-to-face support to students and teachers. Under the proposal, 80 schools in both metropolitan and regional WA would have been included in the initial two-year trial period. It was expected that should the trial prove

successful, further funding would have been provided to expand the service to schools across the State.

TEACHER TRAINING

S4 Goldfields Eyre Branch *Teacher Training* CARRIED/LOST

“That ICPA (WA) approach universities who offer the Bachelor of Education to investigate whether preservice/student teachers’ time spent as home tutors on stations could count towards their practical placements as part of their degree.”

Explanation:

By working with universities’ isolated families who educate their children through School of the Air (SOTA) could offer student teachers an immersive experience that would benefit themselves, their families and SOTA’s.

This scheme would likely encourage preservice and student teachers to apply for positions with SOTA’s once they graduate and would benefit isolated families by providing them with a home tutor dedicated to education, who understands the system and can more confidently deliver the curriculum.

TRAVEL

S5 Midwest Branch *Travel* CARRIED/LOST

“That ICPA (WA) requests the Minister for Transport implement a safety awareness program for all buses that carry children in rural areas to follow the Queensland Government’s initiative of “Look before you Lock,” to help prevent unintentionally leaving a child in a vehicle.”

Explanation:

The Queensland Government’s “Look before you Lock” safety campaign was first launched in 2020 following the tragic death of a young boy who was mistakenly locked in a bus. The campaign warns parents, carers, and service providers to be vigilant and always check the seats before leaving a vehicle.

Across Western Australia rural children, some as young as 3½ are strapped into their seatbelts and driven to school, sometimes a 90-minute journey.

Safer lap, sash seatbelts come with a higher seat which makes it difficult for the driver to see all students from the driver’s seat. Upon arrival at the destination and the absence of any alarm system to warn drivers that they may have a small passenger still onboard, it is hoped that all children are disembarked and not left on the bus. “It only takes one shortcut on safety to have a devastating, lifelong consequence and that is why look before you lock needs to be a habit, every single time.” (Source: QLD Government)

A driver alert system is the ultimate safety device, but while we wait for technology to reach our buses, the safety campaign currently run in Queensland would hopefully go some way to prevent any further tragedies in Western Australia.