



# **ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND Inc**

**Minutes of the Fiftieth Annual Conference**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2021

**Paroo Shire Hall**

**CUNNAMULLA, QLD**

**Hosted by:** Cunnamulla Branch  
**Convenor:** Rhiannon Newsham

Cunnamulla Conference Convening Committee

Rhiannon Newsham, Patricia McKenzie, Francesca Reid, Hannah McKillop, Tannas Godfrey, Rosie Clements, Tanya Gilligan, Carol Godfrey, Haylee Wilson, Amy Palmer, Justine Campbell and baby Abigail Campbell



50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ICPA STATE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2021

DAY 1

- 7.30am Registrations open
- 8.20am President's Welcome
- 8.30am National Anthem *performed by Cunnamulla P-12 State School*
- 8.40am Welcome to Conference - *Mrs Helen Miller* Cunnamulla Branch Life Member and *Mrs Colleen McIntosh* Cunnamulla Branch Life Member
- 8.50am Branch Delegates, Qld Life Members and Executive Roll Call
- 8.55am Confirmation of 2020 Toowoomba Virtual Conference minutes
- 9.00am Acknowledgment of Guests and Apologies
- 9.05am Introduction to Qld State Council Video
- 9.20am Procedural Information for Attendees
- 9.25am Curriculum Portfolio Snapshot – *Mrs Wendy Henning*
- 9.50am His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland  
Official Opening of 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Qld ICPA Conference
- 9.55am His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland  
Presentation of awards
- 10.10am School Performance - *Sacred Heart Parish School Cunnamulla*  
Conference arrangements - *from Convenor, Rhi Newsham*
- 10.25am MORNING TEA
- 10.55am Queensland Curriculum Assessment Authority - *Claude Jones*
- 11.05am Motions on the Agenda – *Curriculum continued*
- 11.15am Distance Education Portfolio Snapshot - *Kate Bradshaw*
- 11.20am Motions on the Agenda - *Distance Education*
- 12.25pm Mrs Patricia Mitchell (OAM) Reflection
- 12.30pm LUNCH BREAK
- 1.20pm Presentation – *Charleville Branch forming of first State Council*
- 1.30pm Motions on the Agenda - *Distance Education continued*
- 2.55pm ITB Canvas – *Barry Rieck*
- 3.10pm Presentation
- 3.20pm Schools Portfolio Snapshot - *Jessie Persse*
- 3.25pm Motions on the Agenda – *Schools*
- 3.30pm AFTERNOON TEA
- 3.50pm Tracking Regional Adversity through Integrated Care (TRAIC) – *Angie Gorry*
- 4.00pm Presentation
- 4.05pm Motions on the Agenda continued – *Schools*
- 4.55pm Introduction of Nominees for Qld State Council  
Conference arrangements - *from Convenor, Rhi Newsham*
- 5.00pm Collect Voting Cards
- 5.05pm Day 1 of Conference completed
- 6.00pm "Living in the 70's" Conference Dinner – *John Kerr Park Cunnamulla*

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2021

DAY 2

- 7.30am Registrations open
- 8.00am Conference resumes
- 8.05am Branch Delegates, Qld Life Members and Executive Roll Call
- 8.10am ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ICPA QLD INC
- 9.00am Conference arrangements - from Convenor, *Rhi Newsham*
- 9.05am School Performance - *Eulo State School*
- 9.10am The Honourable Minister for Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing - *Video*
- 9.15am nbn Presentation - *video*
- 9.25am Communications Portfolio Snapshot – *Kate Bradshaw*
- 9.30am Motions on the Agenda – *Communications*
- 10.00am Telstra presentation
- 10.10am MORNING TEA BREAK
- 10.30am Presentation
- 10.35am Regional Tech Hub – video
- 10.45am Federal President’s Report – *Alana Moller*
- 10.55am Boarding Schools/Hostels Portfolio Snapshot – *Kelly Ostwald*
- 11.00am Motions on the Agenda – Boarding Schools/Hostels
- 11.10am Specific Needs Portfolio Snapshot – *Michelle Freshwater*
- 11.15am Motions on the Agenda – *Specific Needs*
- 11.30am Motions on the Agenda – *Schools*
- 11.45am Financial Assistance Portfolio Snapshot - *Rob McArthur*
- 11.55am Motions on the Agenda – *Financial Assistance*
- 12.30pm LUNCH BREAK
- 1.30pm Teacher Education Portfolio Snapshot - *Tammie Irons*
- 1.35pm Motions on the Agenda -*Teacher Education*
- 1.40pm TAFE – *video*
- 1.50pm Tertiary Trade and Training Portfolio Snapshot – *Louise Winten*
- 1.55pm Motions on the Agenda - *Tertiary Trade and Training*
- 2.30pm Presentation
- 2.35pm Travel Portfolio Snapshot - *Kylie Camp*
- 2.40pm Motions on the Agenda - *Travel*
- 3.15pm Early Childhood Portfolio Snapshot – *Kasie Scott*
- 3.20pm Motions on the Agenda - *Miscellaneous*
- 3.40pm Presentation – *Blackall Branch*
- 3.50pm Presentation to Convening Branch
- 4.00pm Conference arrangements - from Convenor, *Rhi Newsham*
- 4.10pm Collect Voting Cards
- 4.15pm The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference ICPA Qld 2021 Close

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### BOARDING SCHOOLS & HOSTELS

**41(A1), 66(F1), 67(F2)**

### COMMUNICATIONS

**34 (A2), 35(A3), 36(A4), 37(A5), 38(A6), 39(S1), 40(S2)**

### CURRICULUM

**1(A7), 2(A8), 3(S3), 4(S4)**

### DISTANCE EDUCATION

**5(A9), 6(A10), 7(A11), 8(A12), 9(A13), 10(A14), 11(A15), 12(A16), 13(A17), 14(A18), 15(A19), 16(A20), 17(A21), 18(A22), 19(A23), 20(A24), 21(A26), 22(A27), 23(A28), 24(A29), 25(S5), 26(S6), 27(S7), 69(F4)**

### EARLY CHILDHOOD

**71(F6), 72(F7)**

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**46(A30), 47(A31), 48(A32), 49(A33), 50(A34), 51(S8)**

### SCHOOLS

**28(A35), 29(A36), 30(A37), 31(A38), 32(S9), 33(S10), 44(A39), 45(S11), 68(F3)**

### SPECIFIC NEEDS

**42(A40), 43(S12)**

### TEACHER EDUCATION

**52(A41)**

### TERTIARY, TRADE & TRAINING

**53(S16), 54(S17), 55(S18), 56(S19)**

### TRAVEL

**57(A42), 58(A43), 59(A44), 60(S13), 61(S14), 62(S15), 70(F5)**

### MISCELLANEOUS

**63(A45), 64(S20), 65(S21)**

### AGM

**AGM 1, AGM 2, AGM 3, AGM 4, AGM 5, AGM 6**

## Conference Opened

8.30am

Present:

Delegates.....	69
Queensland Councillors.....	13
Life Members/Patron.....	2
Federal Councillors.....	2
<b>Total Voting Delegates.....</b>	<b>85</b>
Observers.....	13
Past Councillors .....	42
Guests.....	<u>102</u>
<b>Total Attendance.....</b>	<b>242</b>

**Welcome to Dignitaries, Guests, Delegates and Observers** by *Mrs Louise Martin*

**National Anthem – Cunnamulla State School**  
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Louise Martin*

**Welcome to Cunnamulla – Mrs Helen Miller and Mrs Colleen McIntosh**  
Cunnamulla Branch Life Members  
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Louise Martin*

**Executive & Delegates Roll Call - Mrs Kelly Ostwald**

**Acknowledgement of Guests - Mrs Sonia Spurdle**

### Apologies

Moved: *Mrs Kelly Ostwald*; Seconded: *Mrs Sonia Spurdle*

"That the apologies, as listed be accepted."

CARRIED

### Confirmation of 2020 Virtual Conference Minutes

Moved: *Mrs Kelly Ostwald*; Seconded: *Mrs Sonia Spurdle*

"That the Minutes of the 2020 Conference held virtually in Toowoomba be accepted as true and correct."

CARRIED

**Business Arising:** Nil



**Isolated Children's  
Parents' Association –  
Queensland Inc**

**50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

**DAY 1**

**Paroo Shire Hall  
Cunnamulla**

9.00am

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*Mrs Louise Martin*  
President, ICPA Qld Inc

Conference Procedural Information for Attendees - *Mrs Kelly Ostwald*

**Portfolio Report – CURRICULUM**  
by *Mrs Wendy Henning*

9.18am

### Presentation

by *Mr Claude Jones* Director, Queensland Curriculum Assessment and Reporting  
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Wendy Henning*

9.22am

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

9.44am

## Curriculum

### 1. A7

### CAPRICORNIA BOTA

**Moved:** Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA); **Seconded:** Dianne Miekle (Capricornia BOTA)

“That the ICPA Qld Inc continue to lobby the DOE to ensure geographically isolated children are provided with equitable active exposure to arts, music and sports.”

CARRIED

### 2. A8

### JULIA CREEK BRANCH

**Moved:** Tracey Hacon (Julia Creek Branch); **Seconded:** Kylie Cook (Julia Creek Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education and Training and the Minister for Education to fund a Curriculum Resource Review full-time position within each School of Distance Education.”

CARRIED

### 3. S3

### CHARLEVILLE BRANCH

**Moved:** Katrina Hindmarch (Charleville Branch); **Seconded:** Christy Bredhauer (Charleville Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Minister of Education to ensure that all rural and remote Queensland schools offering Year 11 and 12 provide the opportunity to access a full suite of subjects to their students regardless of the number enrolled in that subject and that these schools have the adequate human resourcing to do so.”

CARRIED



**4. S4**

**CHARLEVILLE BRANCH**

**Moved:** Christy Bredhauer (Charleville Branch); **Seconded:** Katrina Hindmarch (Charleville Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby QCAA, DoE & TAFE to work together on an alternative weighting system for students, in relation to QCE points, who are already at an educational disadvantage and choosing an alternative educational pathway to be able to achieve the success of attaining a QCE."

CARRIED

All stand for the arrival of His Excellency, the Governor of Queensland

OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE

10.02am

*The Honourable Paul de Jersey* Governor of Queensland  
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Louise Martin*



Special Presentations

10.13am

**ICPA Qld Inc  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

awarded to

**MRS DI SELBY**

Presented by *Mrs Kelly Ostwald*



## ICPA Qld Inc CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

awarded to

**MR JACK BEACH**

Presented by *Ms Tammie Irons*



## ICPA Qld Inc CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

awarded to

**MR ANDREW PEGLER**

Presented by *Mrs Louise Martin*

PERFORMANCE by Sacred Heart Parish School, Cunnamulla

Conference arrangements, *Mrs Rhiannon Newsham* Conference Convenor  
Morning Tea  
Conference resumes

10.43am  
11.21am

**Portfolio report - DISTANCE EDUCATION**  
by *Mrs Kate Bradshaw*

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

Distance Education

**5. A9 SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH**

**Moved:** Juliet McConachie (Alpha Branch); **Seconded:** Loretta Goodwin (Alpha Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc continue lobbying DoE and the Qld Government to ensure that geographically isolated children's needs are not overlooked by the schools of Distance Education."

CARRIED

**6. A10 CAPRICORNIA BOTA**

**Moved:** Dianne Mickle (Capricornia BOTA); **Seconded:** Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA)

"That the ICPA Qld Inc continue to promote the invaluable role the Home Tutor plays within the Distance Education system to the DoE and SDE principals."

CARRIED

**7. A11 CAPRICORNIA BOTA**

**Moved:** Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA) **Seconded:** Dianne Mickle (Capricornia BOTA)

"That ICPA Qld Inc continue to lobby the DoE to ensure that in-service activities (minischools) and field service activities (clusters) continue to be provided by SDE's."

CARRIED

**8. A12 SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH**

**Moved:** Loretta Goodwin (Alpha Branch); **Seconded:** Juliet McConachie (Alpha Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc emphasise to the DoE the importance of property clusters for geographically isolated (GI) children and their teachers."

CARRIED

**9. A13 SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH**

**Moved:** Juliet McConachie (Alpha Branch) **Seconded:** Loretta Goodwin (Alpha Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc emphasise to the DoE the importance of geographically isolated (GI) children experiencing face-to-face contact with their peers and teachers in more ways than just the regular classroom environment."

CARRIED

**10. A14**

**ALPHA BRANCH**

**Moved:** Loretta Goodwin (Alpha Branch); **Seconded:** Juliet McConachie (Alpha Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education and the Minister of Education to ensure Schools of Distance Education maintain their flexible curriculum delivery mode and support students and families who choose to complete part or all of their schooling offline."

*CARRIED*

**11. A15**

**CAPRICORNIA BOTA**

**Moved:** Dianne Miekle (Capricornia BOTA); **Seconded:** Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education to make sure that online delivery at Distance Education schools does not become the only delivery method available."

*CARRIED*

**12. A16**

**MT ISA BOTA**

**Moved:** Wendy Hick (Mt Isa BOTA); **Seconded:** Sancia Fegan (Mt Isa BOTA)

"That ICPA Qld Inc seek assurance from the Department of Education that papers and resources required by distance education families be developed and received in a timely manner."

*CARRIED*

**13. A17**

**CLERMONT BRANCH**

**Moved:** Elizabeth Burnett (Clermont Branch); **Seconded:** Juliet McConachie (Alpha Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education to provide an online teaching platform for state distance education lessons with functionality equal to or better than the former Blackboard Collaborate platform."

*CARRIED*

**14. A18**

**MOUNT ISA BOTA**

**Moved:** Sancia Fegan (Mt Isa BOTA); **Seconded:** Wendy Hick (Mt Isa BOTA)

"That ICPA Qld Inc request that the Department of Education ensures any new distance education online teaching/learning platform or change of platform be thoroughly investigated, proven to be working well and school families receive support, before these changes are implemented."

*CARRIED*

**15. A19**

**CAPRICORNIA BOTA**

**Moved:** Dianne Miekle (Capricornia BOTA); **Seconded:** Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the DoE to provide findings, recommendations and progress of various reviews carried out to assess the facility needs of Distance Education Schools into the future."

*CARRIED*

**16. A20**

**ALPHA BRANCH**

**Moved:** Juliet McConachie (Alpha Branch); **Seconded:** Loretta Goodwin (Alpha Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education and the Minister of Education to ensure Schools of Distance Education P&C's with onsite camping facilities, are immediately supplied (in writing) with a complete list of any fire, health, safety or COVID regulations that are currently preventing each SDE from accessing purposely built camping facilities."

CARRIED

REFLECTION by *Mrs Patricia Mitchell, OAM PATRON* ICPA Qld Inc

Lunch 12.40pm  
Conference resumes 1.35pm



PRESENTATION - Queensland State Council formation by *Mrs Louise Winten*

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

Distance Education

**17. A21**

**ALPHA BRANCH**

**Moved:** Juliet McConachie (Alpha Branch); **Seconded:** Loretta Goodwin (Alpha Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc strongly lobby the Queensland Minister of Education, to urgently allow onsite camping (that meets existing health, safety and COVID regulations) in P&C funded, purpose-built facilities at Schools of Distance Education (SDE), to enable full utilisation by geographically isolated SDE families as they have in the past, and as was intended when these facilities were funded and built by the families that use them."

CARRIED

**18. A22**

**CLERMONT BRANCH**

**Moved:** Elizabeth Burnett (Clermont Branch); **Seconded:** Juliet McConachie (Alpha Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education and the Minister for Education to immediately reverse the decision to not allow onsite camping facilities at Schools of Distance Education so geographically isolated students and their families can use the facilities as intended under the previous joint arrangements families had with schools and the department."

CARRIED

**19. A23**

**YARAKA/ISISFORD BRANCH**

**Moved:** Ian Merritt (Yaraka/Isisford Branch); **Seconded:** Lesley Merritt (Yaraka/Isisford Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the State Minister for Education to allow on site or nearby affordable accommodation at geographically isolated Schools of Distance Education for families to attend mini schools and other school-based activities."

CARRIED

**20. A24**

**SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH**

**Moved:** Juliet McConachie (Alpha Branch); **Seconded:** Loretta Goodwin (Alpha Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Qld Minister for Education to immediately identify and address the barriers faced by geographically isolated families in accessing purpose-built accommodation and catering facilities at Schools of Distance Education."

*CARRIED*

**A25**

**CAPRICORNIA BOTA**

"That the ICPA Qld Inc lobby the DoE to work with schools and P&C's to ensure that onsite accommodation facilities previously used by families when attending SDE's for in-service activities such as mini schools can continue to be used as they were previously."

*WITHDRAWN*

**21. A26**

**BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH**

**Moved:** Kelva Camm (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch); **Seconded:** Ureisha Hughes (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education to ensure purpose built camping facilities on Schools of Distance Education campuses are made available when overnight stays are required for school events."

**AMENDMENT**

**Moved:** Kim Hughes (Richmond Branch); **Seconded:** Megan Easton (Richmond Branch)

**The Amendment was CARRIED and became the motion.**

The motion now reads -

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education to ensure existing purpose built camping facilities on Schools of Distance Education campuses are made available when overnight stays are required for school events."

*CARRIED*

**22. A27**

**CLERMONT BRANCH**

**Moved:** Elizabeth Burnett (Clermont Branch); **Seconded:** Loretta Goodwin (Alpha Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education and Minister for Education to consult with distance education families to ensure sustainable, equivalent and suitable alternative camping and recreation options are available in place of current facilities."

**WORD CHANGE – insert 'while negotiations continue'**

**The motion now reads-**

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education and Minister for Education to consult with distance education families to ensure sustainable, equivalent and suitable alternative camping and recreation options are available in place of current facilities while negotiations continue."

*CARRIED*

**23. A28**

**BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH**

**Moved:** Ureisha Hughes (Belyando Mt Coolon Branch); **Seconded:** Kelva Camm (Belyando Mt Coolon Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education to enable School of Distance Education's to enter into formal arrangements with organisations who utilise onsite camping facilities."

*CARRIED*

**24. A29**

**CLERMONT BRANCH**

**Moved:** Elizabeth Burnett (Clermont Branch); **Seconded:** Loretta Goodwin (Alpha Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education to reimburse SDE P&C's for their contribution to the purpose-built accommodation buildings if they can no longer be used as intended under the previous joint arrangements families had with schools and the department."

*LOST*

**25. S5**

**CLARKE CREEK BRANCH**

**Moved:** Anneli Day (Clarke Creek Branch); **Seconded:** Lynise Conaghan (Clarke Creek Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DoE to put an immediate stop to repurposing family facilities that are used for overnight camping by families during Distance Education Mini Schools."

**AMENDMENT**

**Moved:** Diane Miekle (Capricornia BOTA)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DOE to put an immediate stop to the repurposing of facilities that are used by families and students during Distance Education Mini Schools."

**The Amendment was LOST and vote was on the original motion**

*CARRIED*

**26. S6**

**CLARKE CREEK BRANCH**

**Moved:** Lynise Conaghan (Clarke Creek Branch); **Seconded:** Anneli Day (Clarke Creek Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby relevant authorities to accept the CSDE application for four new demountable buildings to be erected at the Rockhampton SDE campus as a matter of priority."

**WORD CHANGE - Remove 'four'**  
**The motion now reads -**

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby relevant authorities to accept the CSDE application for new demountable buildings to be erected at the Rockhampton SDE campus as a matter of priority"

*CARRIED*

**27. S7**

**LONGREACH BRANCH**

**Moved:** Emma Brodie (Winton Branch); **Seconded:** Phillipa Whitehead (Winton Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies Education Queensland to continue to allow on-site accommodation at Schools of Distance Education to support the welfare of students, home tutors and families."

*CARRIED*

PRESENTATION –by *Mr Barry Rieck* ITB Canvas

## PRESENTATION

To Retiring Councillor

Mrs Louise Winten

By *Mrs Kasie Scott*



Afternoon Tea 3.31pm  
Conference resumes 3.55pm

**Portfolio report - SCHOOLS**  
by *Mrs Jessie Persse*

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA 4.02pm

Schools

### 28. A35

**NEBO BRANCH**

**Moved:** Jessie Bethel (Nebo Branch); **Seconded:** Anne Stuart (Nebo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education to review fencing and safety measures at staff accommodation at rural schools.”

*CARRIED*

### 29. A36

**NEBO BRANCH**

**Moved:** Jessie Bethel (Nebo Branch); **Seconded:** Anne Stuart (Nebo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education Qld undertake an audit of all rural schools to ascertain whether the current number of rainwater storage tanks on their grounds is sufficient, that their plumbing and guttering is appropriately connected to capture any rainwater, and implement a program for the ongoing testing of the water and cleaning of the tanks.”

*CARRIED*

### 30. A37

**NEBO BRANCH**

**Moved:** Jessie Bethel (Nebo Branch); **Seconded:** Anne Stuart (Nebo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education Qld to install further water storage at the staff accommodation residences at rural schools.”

*CARRIED*



**31. A38**

**NEBO BRANCH**

**Moved:** Jessie Bethel (Nebo Branch); **Seconded:** Anne Stuart (Nebo Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education Qld to support any rural school that endeavours to obtain a reliable water source (other than rainwater) at the school grounds and staff residence, and that they treat any school without a reliable water source as a priority in assisting them in their journey."

**WORD CHANGE - insert 'rural'**  
**The motion now reads -**

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education Qld to support any rural school that endeavours to obtain a reliable water source (other than rainwater) at the school grounds and staff residence, and that they treat any rural school without a reliable water source as a priority in assisting them in their journey."

*CARRIED*

**32. S9**

**CLARKE CREEK BRANCH**

**Moved:** Lynise Conaghan (Clarke Creek Branch); **Seconded:** Anneli Day (Clarke Creek Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DoE to work collaboratively with small school communities to ensure that all schools regardless of geographical location are equipped with an adequate water supply in a timely manner."

*CARRIED*

**33. S10**

**CLARKE CREEK BRANCH**

**Moved:** Anneli Day (Clarke Creek Branch); **Seconded:** Lynise Conaghan (Clarke Creek Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby relevant authorities to ensure that schools are not liable for upfront costs incurred to provide water to schools in times of drought."

*CARRIED*

**PRESENTATION – by Angie Gorry TRAIIC (Tackling Regional Adversity through Integrated Care)**

## PRESENTATION

To Retiring Councillor

Mrs MICHELLE FRESHWATER

By Mrs Kate Bradshaw



INTRODUCTION to Queensland State Council Nominees

4.46pm

Conference arrangements and acknowledgement to Sponsors

Mrs Rhiannon Newsham Conference Convenor

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

4.52pm





**Isolated Children's  
Parents' Association –  
Queensland Inc**

**50<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Conference**

**DAY 2**

**Paroo Shire Hall  
Cunnamulla**

Conference resumes

8.00am

**Executive & Delegates Roll Call - Mrs Kelly Ostwald**



### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

**Moved:** Mrs Kelly Ostwald, Secretary (Queensland Council); **Seconded:** Mrs Sonia Spurdle, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)

Secretary's Report received.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

**Moved:** Mrs Amanda Clark, Treasurer (Queensland Council); **Seconded:** Mrs Sonia Spurdle, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)

Treasurer's Report received.

### AGM 1

#### Adoption of Financial Statements

**Moved:** Mrs Amanda Clark, Treasurer (Queensland Council); **Seconded:** Mrs Sonia Spurdle, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)

*"That the Treasurer's report be received and Audited Financial Statement for the financial year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 as presented to the Non-Profit Sub Entities branches at Conference be adopted."*

CARRIED

### AGM 2

#### Setting of 2022 Subscriptions

**Moved:** Mrs Amanda Clark, Treasurer (Queensland Council); **Seconded:** Mrs Sonia Spurdle, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)

*"That the membership fee for 2022 be set at \$22 inclusive of GST."*

CARRIED

### AGM 3

#### Setting of FoICPA 2022 Subscriptions

**Moved:** Mrs Amanda Clark, Treasurer (Queensland Council); **Seconded:** Mrs Sonia Spurdle, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)

*"That the 'Friends of ICPA Qld' subscription, only available for organisations, be set at \$75 inclusive of GST for 2022."*

CARRIED

### AGM 4

#### Election of Auditor

**Moved:** Mrs Amanda Clark, Treasurer (Queensland Council); **Seconded:** Mrs Sonia Spurdle, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)

*"That Ringrose Button Chartered Accountants be appointed auditors for the coming year."*

CARRIED

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE**

All positions were declared vacant and Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM, Patron ICPA Qld Inc took the chair.

**PRESIDENT:** Mrs Louise Martin nominated by Mrs Melissa Iland  
DECLARED ELECTED

**VICE PRESIDENTS:** Mrs Wendy Henning nominated by Ms Tammie Irons  
DECLARED ELECTED

Mrs Kate Bradshaw nominated by Mr Mark Bradshaw  
DECLARED ELECTED

**SECRETARY:** Mrs Annette Boyle nominated by Mrs Kelly Ostwald  
DECLARED ELECTED

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY:** Mrs Sonia Spurdle nominated by Mrs Kelly Ostwald  
DECLARED ELECTED

**TREASURER:** Mrs Amanda Clark nominated by Mrs Goscelyn Sullivan  
DECLARED ELECTED

**PUBLICITY OFFICER:** Mrs Melissa Iland nominated by Mrs Sonia Spurdle  
DECLARED ELECTED

**COMMITTEE:** Mrs Kylie Camp nominated by Mrs Kelly Ostwald  
Mrs Kasie Scott nominated by Ms Tammie Irons  
Mr Robert McArthur nominated by Mrs Amanda Clark  
Mrs Anneli Day nominated by Mrs Amanda Clark  
Mrs Dianne Miekle nominated by Mrs Anne Halliday  
Mrs Jocelyn Freeman nominated by Mrs Kellie Mitchell  
Mrs Megan Easton nominated by Mrs Kim Hughes  
Mrs Loretta Goodwin nominated by Mrs Anna Appleton

DECLARED ELECTED

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Ms Tammie Irons

Vote of thanks to Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM by Mrs Louise Martin

New Executive and Councillors receive ICPA Qld Inc Councillor badges

#### AGM 5

#### BLACKALL BRANCH

**Moved:** Anita Dennis (Blackall Branch); **Seconded:** Suzie Milson (Blackall Branch)

*"That ICPA Qld Inc endorses the Blackall Branch host the Annual State Conference, in June 2022."*

CARRIED

VIDEO PRESENTATION by Blackall Branch

#### AGM 6 A46

#### JULIA CREEK BRANCH

**Moved:** Catherine Woodhouse (Julia Creek Branch); **Seconded:** Kylie Cook (Julia Creek Branch)

*"Julia Creek Branch of the Queensland Isolated Children's Parents' Association wishes to express interest in hosting the ICPA State Conference in 2023 in the town of Julia Creek in the McKinlay Shire."*

WORD CHANGE – remove '*wishes to express interest in hosting*' and insert '*would like to host*'

The motion now reads-

*"Julia Creek Branch of the Queensland Isolated Children's Parents' Association would like to host the ICPA State Conference in 2023 in the town of Julia Creek in the McKinlay Shire."*

CARRIED

#### CLOSURE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8.53am



Newly elected State Council 2021 - 2022



Past Councillor photograph beside the Cunnamulla Fella Statue

Conference resumes 9.10am

Conference arrangements, *Mrs Rhiannon Newsham* Conference Convenor

PERFORMANCE by Eulo State School

WRITTEN APOLOGY from Ms Patrea Walton, PSM read by *Mrs Wendy Henning*

Mrs Louise Martin acknowledges the support of attending Departments and Schools

VIDEO APOLOGY from Hon Grace Grace Minister of Education

nbn PRESENTATION by Kylie Lindsay

**Portfolio report - COMMUNICATIONS**  
by *Mrs Kate Bradshaw*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT to Jeff Little by Mrs Mary Killeen

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA 9.54am

Communications

**34. A2**

**ST GEORGE BRANCH**

**Moved:** Brie Boyle (St George Branch); **Seconded:** Kylee Easton (St George Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby Telstra to establish a unit specifically for DE Families to access for installation of phone lines required for educational purposes."

**WORD CHANGE – remove 'DE' and insert 'rural and remote'**  
The motion now reads -

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby Telstra to establish a unit specifically for rural and remote families to access for installation of phone lines required for educational purposes."

*CARRIED*

**35. A3**

**ST GEORGE BRANCH**

**Moved:** Brie Boyle (St George Branch); **Seconded:** Kylee Easton (St George Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby Qld Government to introduce a payment for the installation of second phone lines as required for educating students through Distance Education."

CARRIED

**36. A4**

**QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL**

**Moved:** Kate Bradshaw (Queensland State Council); **Seconded:** Rob McArthur (Queensland State Council)

"ICPA Queensland thanks the Department of Education for the extra bandwidth provided to schools during the online learning period caused by Covid and continuing it after the return of normal schooling."

CARRIED

**37. A5**

**ALPHA BRANCH**

**Moved:** Juliet McConachie (Alpha Branch); **Seconded:** Loretta Goodwin (Alpha Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education for an increase to the ICT subsidy for geographically isolated students, to more adequately reflect the current costs of broadband connectivity in remote classrooms."

CARRIED

**38. A6**

**NEBO BRANCH**

**Moved:** Jessie Bethel (Nebo Branch); **Seconded:** Alex Stuart (Nebo Branch)

"That Nebo Branch would like to thank ICPA Qld Inc for their quick action and advocacy following our communications motion carried at the 2020 conference."

CARRIED

**39. S1**

**NEBO BRANCH**

**Moved:** Jessie Bethel (Nebo Branch); **Seconded:** Alex Stuart (Nebo Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc raise awareness to the relevant communications and government departments of the limited and unreliable mobile phone coverage, and the impact that the closure of the Telstra 3G network will have on rural and remote schools and communities."

CARRIED

**40. S2**

**NEBO BRANCH**

**Moved:** Jessie Bethel (Nebo Branch); **Seconded:** Alex Stuart (Nebo Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc raise awareness to the relevant communications and government departments of the mobile phone black spots throughout rural and remote Queensland, particularly on school bus runs."

CARRIED



Morning Tea  
Conference Resumes

10.22am  
10.43am

## PRESENTATION

To Retiring Councillor

Mrs Jessie Perrse  
By Mrs Melissa Iland



**Portfolio report – BOARDING SCHOOLS & HOSTELS**  
by Mrs Kelly Ostwald

10.47am

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

10.51am

Boarding Schools and Hostels

### 41. A1

### MOONIE BRANCH

**Moved:** Melinda White (Moonie Branch); **Seconded:** Tracey Burke (Moonie Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Minister for Employment, Small Business and Training, the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and the Minister for Education to investigate the establishment of more weekly boarding facilities in major regional towns to attract more people to live in isolated communities."

#### AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Anita Dennis (Blackall Branch); **Seconded:** Katrina Hindmarch (Charleville Branch)

**The Amendment was CARRIED and became the motion.**

The motion now reads –

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Minister for Employment, Small Business and Training, the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and the Minister for Education to investigate the establishment of more boarding facilities in major regional towns to attract more people to live in isolated communities."

**CARRIED**

## PRESENTATION

To Retiring Secretary

Mrs Kelly Ostwald

By Ms Tammie Irons



### Portfolio report – SPECIFIC NEEDS

by Mrs Michelle Freshwater

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

11.08am

### Specific Needs

#### 42. A40

#### CHARTERS TOWERS BRANCH

**Moved:** Julia Broad (Charters Towers Branch); **Seconded:** Tracey Frohloff (Charters Towers Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby for online Speech/Occupational etc Therapies, to be included as Telehealth Medical Benefits Scheme items to help with the cost of such therapies for rural and remote children."

**WORD CHANGE – insert** 'support ICPA Aust in their' and 'on a permanent basis'

**The motion now reads -**

"That ICPA Qld Inc support ICPA Aust in their lobby for online Speech/Occupational etc Therapies, to be included as Telehealth Medical Benefits Scheme items to help with the cost of such therapies for rural and remote children on a permanent basis."

CARRIED

#### 43. S12

#### QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL

**Moved:** Louise Winten (Queensland State Council); **Seconded:** Rob McArthur (Queensland State Council)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby all educational institutions (including but not exclusive to DoE, ISQ, QCEC, Lutheran Education Qld, Anglican Schools Commission) who deliver secondary schooling in QLD to ensure that rural and remote children who require learning support and assistance in the early and middle years of schooling receive, at a minimum, the same level of support in their senior years."

CARRIED

## Schools

### 44. A39

### MT ISA BOTA

**Moved:** Wendy Hick (Mt Isa BOTA); **Seconded:** Sancia Fegan (Mt Isa BOTA)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby relevant bodies for the inclusion of special consideration in the new Covid 19 rules for schools regarding accommodation and camps held on school grounds to allow small rural schools and Schools of Distance Education/Schools of the Air to use existing accommodation facilities at these schools, when deemed safe to hold these activities."

CARRIED

### 45. S11

### CLARKE CREEK BRANCH

**Moved:** Lynise Conaghan (Clarke Creek Branch); **Seconded:** Anneli Day (Clark Creek Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DoE to provide an additional 0.5 teacher allocation to one-teacher schools where the total enrolment exceeds 15 students and number of K-2 students enrolled represents 50 % or more of the total school enrolment."

CARRIED

TELSTRA PRESENTATION by May Boisen

11.50am

## Portfolio report – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

by Mr Robert McArthur

### MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

Financial Assistance

12.07pm

### 46. A30

### TAMBO BRANCH

**Moved:** Heather Turnbull (Tambo Branch); **Seconded:** Deanna Rodman (Tambo Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Minister of Education for an immediate permanent increase in the Living Away From Home Allowance Scheme."

CARRIED

### 47. A31

### MOONIE BRANCH

**Moved:** Melinda White (Moonie Branch); **Seconded:** Tracey Burke (Moonie Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Minister for Employment, Small Business and Training, the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and the Minister for Education to substantially increase the Living Away from Home Allowance Scheme (LAFHAS) payment to attract more people to live in isolated communities."

CARRIED

### 48. A32

### CAPRICORNIA BOTA

**Moved:** Dianne Mickle (Capricornia BOTA); **Seconded:** Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA)

"That the ICPA Qld Inc lobby the DoE to provide a user-friendly platform for all educational related financial assistance and agency support for easy reference."

CARRIED

**49. A33**

**CAPRICORNIA BOTA**

**Moved:** Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA); **Seconded:** Dianne Miekle (Capricornia BOTA)

"That the ICPA Qld Inc lobby the appropriate government departments to provide an "Emergency Crisis Payment" to families enrolled within Distance Education settings in the event of exceptional circumstances."

LOST

**50. A34**

**JULIA CREEK BRANCH**

**Moved:** Kylie Cook (Julia Creek Branch); **Seconded:** Catherine Woodhouse (Julia Creek Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby State and Federal government departments for the introduction of a home educator financial allowance package, "Distance Education Teaching Allowance", paid to families enrolled in a state-based school program and educating their children at home via the distance education model, where distance education and is the only option due to geographical isolation."

**WORD CHANGE – remove 'and Federal' and insert 'or home schooling'**  
The motion now reads -

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby State government departments for the introduction of a home educator financial allowance package, "Distance Education Teaching Allowance", paid to families enrolled in a state-based school program and educating their children at home via the distance education model, where distance education and or home schooling is the only option due to geographical isolation."

CARRIED

**51. S8**

**FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH**

**Moved:** Kylee Easton (St George Branch); **Seconded:** Brie Boyle (St George Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby Education Queensland to extend eligibility for the Remote Area Travel Allowance under the Living Away From Home Allowances Scheme to students enrolled in Years 1 to 12 at approved schools in all States and Territories in Australia."

LOST

Lunch

12.39pm

Conference resumes

1.26pm

**FEDERAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*Mrs Alana Moller, Federal President*



**Portfolio report – TEACHER EDUCATION**

by *Ms Tammie Irons*

1.42pm

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

Teacher Education

**52. A41**

**TAMBO BRANCH**

**Moved:** Heather Turnbull (Tambo Branch); **Seconded:** Deanna Rodman (Tambo Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Minister for Education to provide a financial bursary, similar to the Future Teachers' Bursary Pilot Program, which allows senior students in ALL Queensland schools to apply for assistance when completing eligible university subjects relative to education degrees."

*CARRIED*

**Portfolio report – TERTIARY, TRADE and TRAINING**

1.52pm

by *Mrs Louise Winten*

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

Tertiary, Trade and Training

**53. S16**

**CLARKE CREEK BRANCH**

**Moved:** Anneli Day (Clarke Creek Branch); **Seconded:** Lynise Conaghan (Clarke Creek Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc reinforce to the Department of Education and the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training the importance of the support networks provided to apprenticeses."

*CARRIED*

**54. S17**

**QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL**

**Moved:** Louise Winten (Queensland State Council); **Seconded:** Rob McArthur (Queensland State Council)

"That ICPA Qld Inc continue to lobby for the progression of the restructure of the former Longreach and Emerald Agricultural Colleges and that agricultural based training is included in the new model."

*CARRIED*

**55. S18**

**WINTON BRANCH**

"That ICPA Qld Inc thanks the Minister for Education, Grace Grace, and Queensland Premier, Anastacia Palaszczuk, for the \$2.9 million-dollar funding boost to the Longreach State High School's hospitality training centre, which includes the Big Red Truck that Winton High School students are fortunate enough to use. We ask that ICPA Qld Inc ensure an appropriate portion of the funds are dedicated to the full upgrade, registration and ongoing maintenance of the Big Red Truck for the benefit of the Winton, Longreach, Aramac and Blackall State Schools and communities. "

*DEEMED COVERED BY S19*

**56. S19**

**BLACKALL BRANCH**

**Moved:** Susie Milson (Blackall Branch); **Seconded:** Anita Dennis (Blackall Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc thanks Minister Grace Grace, Minister for Education and the Department of Education for the \$2.9million of funding provided to the Longreach State High School for renovation of the school's kitchen and refurbishment of the Big Red Truck. While this has been a very welcome announcement, it is critical the breakdown of funds is made transparent to ensure the priority for money is spent with the Outback College of Hospitality Trade Training Centre – commonly known as the Big Red Truck (BRT)."

*CARRIED*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT to State Council by Adele Hughes on behalf of the Past Councillors

**Video Presentation Portfolio report – TRAVEL**  
by Mrs Kylie Camp

2.13pm

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

Travel

**57. A42**

**CLERMONT BRANCH**

**Moved:** Elizabeth Burnett (Clermont Branch); **Seconded:** Loretta Goodwin (Alpha Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Transport and Main Roads to ensure rural and remote school bus routes are prioritised for maintenance and repair to ensure school bus runs can continue unhindered."

CARRIED

**58. A43**

**NEBO BRANCH**

**Moved:** Jessie Bethel (Nebo Branch); **Seconded:** Alex Stuart (Nebo Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby Translink and any other government departments that the threshold for the allocation of children required for a rural school *Class 1* bus run, be lowered from 5 children to 3 children, and that should the circumstance arise where numbers fall below the threshold for a period of time, that the bus run cannot be cancelled/removed, only that it can be made dormant until such time that it is reinstated when numbers rise again."

CARRIED

**59. A44**

**TAMBO BRANCH**

**Moved:** Jocelyn Freeman (Tambo Branch); **Seconded:** Heather Turnbull (Tambo Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Minister of Education that the Education Department administer remote school bus runs."

CARRIED

**60. S13**

**TAMBO BRANCH**

**Moved:** Heather Turnbull (Tambo Branch); **Seconded:** Jocelyn Freeman (Tambo Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc thank the Department of Transport and Main Roads for providing families with the assurance that the viability of rural school bus runs will be thoroughly reviewed (including kindergarten and pre-prep children) who would be using the service in future years, prior to any changes, as per their previous advice to ICPA State Council."

CARRIED

**61. S14**

**NEBO BRANCH**

**Moved:** Jessie Bethel (Nebo Branch); **Seconded:** Alex Stuart (Nebo Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby Translink and any other government departments, requesting re-evaluation of, and modification to, the method/formula for calculating the conveyance allowance, and which families it captures (or excludes)."

CARRIED

**62. S15**

**NEBO BRANCH**

**Moved:** Jessie Bethel (Nebo Branch); **Seconded:** Alex Stuart (Nebo Branch)

"That the Nebo Branch supports ICPA Qld Inc in their ongoing efforts to lobby Translink and any other government departments in requesting the conveyance allowance to be calculated from the home garage – not the property boundary."

CARRIED

**Portfolio report – EARLY CHILDHOOD**

2.44pm

by Mrs Kasie Scott

VIDEO PRESENTATION ekindy

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

Miscellaneous

**63. A45**

**QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL**

**Moved:** Tammie Irons (Queensland State Council); **Seconded:** Rob McArthur (Queensland State Council)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Queensland Government to make Education a stand-alone Ministerial Portfolio."

CARRIED

**64. S20**

**BLACKALL BRANCH**

**Moved:** Anita Dennis (Blackall Branch); **Seconded:** Susie Milson (Blackall Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc requests the Federal body, through State Council, to review the online membership payment process to enable branches to access up-to-date membership details, online, at any time."

CARRIED

**65. S21**

**BLACKALL BRANCH**

**Moved:** Susie Milson (Blackall Branch); **Seconded:** Anita Dennis (Blackall Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc request that both State and Federal ICPA lobby to have the Blue Card as a national scheme, and not state by state as is presently the case. "

CARRIED

Afternoon Tea

3.00pm

Conference resumes

3.30pm



## Floor Motions

### 66. F1

### ST GEORGE BRANCH

**Moved:** Brie Boyle (St George Branch); **Seconded:** Kylee Easton (St George Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Qld Premier and the Minister for Education to establish state run boarding facilities in major centres such as Brisbane, Toowoomba or Rockhampton."

LOST

### 67. F2

### MOONIE BRANCH

**Moved:** Jocelyn Freeman (Talwood Branch); **Seconded:** Jacqui Beale (Mitchell/Tommo Dunkeld Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby local governments for the establishment of hostels in regional towns to assist with the continuing education of rural and remote students who either cannot afford to send their children away to boarding school or decide not to."

CARRIED

### 68. F3

### JULIA CREEK BRANCH

**Moved:** Catherine Woodhouse (Julia Creek Branch); **Seconded:** Kylie Cook (Julia Creek Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc request the Department of Education to research the long-term effects on children of regular, prolonged exposure to screens and technology devices, like audio headsets, such as is experienced by geographically isolated children learning via distance education."

CARRIED

### 69. F4

### CAPRICORNIA BOTA

**Moved:** Dianne Mickle (Capricornia BOTA); **Seconded:** Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the DoE and Principals of Schools of Distance Education to work with school P&C's to ensure that onsite accommodation facilities previously used by families when attending SDE's for in-service activities such as mini schools can continue to be used as they were previously, so long as the facilities meet all safety regulations in accordance with the appropriate Building Codes of Australia and the Building Fire Safety Regulations Act."

CARRIED

### 70. F5

### WESTERN DOWNS BRANCH

**Moved:** Briony Sinclair (Western Downs Branch); **Seconded:** Anita Dennis (Blackall Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby relevant authorities to expand the scope of application for the Remote Area Allowance (RAA) of the LAFHAS and re-evaluate the ineligibility of students receiving RAA to receive the Remote Area Travel Allowance (RATrA)."

CARRIED

### 71. F6

### CUNNAMULLA BRANCH

**Moved:** Amy Palmer (Cunnamulla Branch); **Seconded:** Rosie Clements (Cunnamulla Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education, Queensland Government and local Councils to continue to prioritise re-establishing Early Childhood Educational Programs in recognised highly vulnerable rural and remote areas."

CARRIED



**72. F7**

**CUNNAMULLA BRANCH**

**Moved:** Rosie Clements (Cunnamulla Branch); **Seconded:** Amy Palmer (Cunnamulla Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc continue to lobby the Minister for Education and local Councils to increase training opportunities and employment incentives in order to enable local childcare providers in rural and remote areas to attract and retain staff members to subsequently increase capacity for children to attend."

CARRIED



**Vote of thanks** to Cunnamulla Conference Convening Committee *Mrs Louise Martin*  
Conference arrangements and thank you, *Mrs Rhiannon Newsham* Conference Convenor

**PRESENTATION** Cunnamulla Branch Life Membership awarded to Mrs Patricia McKenzie

**Vote of thanks** to Neville Dolinski Outback Sound by *Mrs Louise Martin*

**Vote of thanks** to State Councillors by *Mrs Louise Martin*

**Congratulations** for successful conference by *Mr Andrew Pegler*

2021 ICPA QUEENSLAND INC CONFERENCE CLOSED

4.18pm



Secretaries

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Vice Presidents

Presidents

Treasurers

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## QUEENSLAND COUNCIL Conference Attendees

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Mrs Louise Martin
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	Mrs Wendy Henning
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	Mrs Kate Bradshaw
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Mrs Kelly Ostwald
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Mrs Amanda Clark
<b>ASSISTANT SECRETARY:</b>	Mrs Sonia Spurdle
<b>PUBLICITY OFFICER:</b>	Mrs Melissa Iland
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<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Mrs Jessie Persse Mrs Louise Winten Mrs Michelle Freshwater Mrs Kasie Scott Mr Robert McArthur

### ICPA Qld Inc Executive 2020 – 2021

Louise Winten, Kelly Ostwald, Michelle Freshwater, Sonia Spurdle, Amanda Clark, Kate Bradshaw, Louise Martin, Kasie Scott, Melissa Iland, Wendy Henning, Jessie Persse, Tammie Irons, Robert McArthur



## DELEGATES AND ALTERNATIVE DELEGATES

ABC BRANCH: Trish Christie, Melissa Hoare

ALPHA BRANCH: Loretta Goodwin, Juliet McConachie

ARCADIA VALLEY BRANCH: Sally West

AUGATHELLA BRANCH: Hannah Smith, Larissa Petfield

BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH: Kelva Camm, Ureisha Hughes, Natalie Kenny, Shontae Moran

BLACKALL BRANCH: Anita Dennis, Susie Milson

BOLLON BRANCH: Ron Sevil, Stephen Tinkler

CAPRICORNIA BOTA: Ainsley McArthur, Dianne Meikle

CHARLEVILLE BRANCH: Christy Bredhauer, Katrina Hindmarch

CHARTERS TOWERS BRANCH: Julia Broad, Tracy Frohloff

CLARKE CREEK BRANCH: Lynise Conaghan, Anneli Day

CLERMONT BRANCH: Elizabeth Burnett

CUNNAMULLA BRANCH: Amy Palmer, Francesca Reid, Hannah McKillop, Rosie Clements

DAWSON VALLEY BRANCH: Sarah Cox, Nikki Mahony, Kylie McTaggart

JULIA CREEK BRANCH: Kylie Cook, Tracey Hacon, Catherine Woodhouse

KINDON BRANCH: Nikki Macqueen, Di Skene

LOAN MEMBERS BRANCH: Jo Clark

MITCHELL/TOMOO-DUNKELD BRANCH: Jacqui Beale

MOONIE BRANCH: Melinda White, Tracey Burke

MT ISA B.O.T.A: Wendy Hick, Sancia Fegan

NEBO BRANCH: Jessie Bethel, Ann Stuart, Alex Stuart

RICHMOND BRANCH: Kim Hughes, Tammy Bailey, Megan Easton

ROMA BRANCH: Sophie Cooper, Shana O'Rielley

SOUTHERN DOWNS BRANCH: Jill Finlay, Bernadette Walker

ST GEORGE BRANCH: Tracey Armstrong, Brie Boyle, Kylee Easton

TALWOOD BRANCH: Jocelyn Freeman, Kellie Mitchell

TAMBO BRANCH: Carroll Abel, Heather Turnbull, Deanna Rodman

TAROOM/WANDOAN BRANCH: Anna Radel, Trent Radel

WESTERN DOWNS BRANCH: Briony Sinclair

## DELEGATES AND ALTERNATIVE DELEGATES (cont.)

WESTMAR / INGLESTONE BRANCH: Belinda Lasker, Sarah McInnerney

WINTON BRANCH: Phillippa Whitehead, Emma Brodie

YARAKA/ISISFORD BRANCH: Ian Merritt, Lesley Merritt

LIFE MEMBERS: Patricia Mitchell OAM, Mac McClymont

ICPA FEDERAL COUNCIL: Alana Moller

## BRANCH OBSERVERS

ALPHA BRANCH: Anna Appleton

CHARLEVILLE BRANCH: Michael Treloar

CLARKE CREEK BRANCH: Tammy Hammond

CUNNAMULLA BRANCH: Colleen McIntosh, Trish McKenzie, Rhiannon Newsham, Tannas Godfrey, Emma Patterson, Tania Gilligan

JULIA CREEK BRANCH: Kim Cockram

LONE MEMBER BRANCH: Janice Colley

MOONIE BRANCH: Lynelle Urquhart

YARAKA/ISISFORD BRANCH: Andrew Pegler, Mary Killeen

## PAST COUNCILLOR ATTENDEES

Mrs Wendy Allen, 71 (S 1992-2000)  
Mrs Anna Appleton, 145 (S 2016-2019)  
Mr Jack Beach, 65 (F 1997-2011; S 1990-2006) with partner Kim  
Mrs Jacqui Beale, 133 (S 2013-2017)  
Mrs Emma Brodie, 128 (S 2011-2015)  
Mrs Joanne Clark, 109 (S 2005-2008) with partner Phillip  
Mrs Helen Collins, 41 (S 1983-1990)  
Mr Bruce Collins, 40 (S 1983-1990)  
Mrs Lynise Conaghan, 116 (S 2007-2010; F 2015-2017)  
Mrs Sally Cooper, 89 (S 1999-2005) with partner Chris  
Mrs Anita Dennis (F 2013-2016)  
Mrs Ellen Finlay, 114 (S 2006-2010)  
Mrs Heidi Flint, 108 (S 2005-2011) with partner Geoff  
Mrs Jan Gall, 18 (F 1980-1984; S 1975-1984) with partner Charlie  
Mrs Margaret Greenway, 66 (F 1999-2002; S 1991-2002)  
Mrs Sue Hegarty, 121 (S 2009-2014) with partner Pat  
Mrs Wendy Hick, 126 (F 2015-Current; S 2010-2015)  
Mrs Kim Hughes, 130 (F 2020-Current; S 2011-2019)  
Mrs Adele Hughes, 77 (S 1994-2003) with partner Phillip  
Mrs Natalie Kenny, 134 (S 2013-2018)  
Mrs Vonda Kimber, 110 (S 2005-2007)  
Mrs Anita Lethbridge, 73 (S 1993-1998)  
Mrs Elaine Lyons, 46 (F 1992-1997; S 1985-1988)  
Mr Mac McClymont, 50 (F 1996-1997; S 1986-1999) with partner Diana  
Mrs Christine McLean, 84 (S 1996-2005) with partner Walter  
Mrs Trish McKenzie (F 2010-2013) with partner Jim  
Mrs Colleen McIntosh (F 1995-2002)  
Mrs Megan McNicholl, OAM 63 (F 1997-2007; S 1990-1999)  
Mrs Patricia Mitchell, OAM, 24 (F 1982-1991; S 1977-1991, Patron)  
Mrs Helen Miller, 51 (F 1992-1995, S 1986-1996) with partner Hugh  
Mrs Heather Morton, 82 (S 1996-2002) with partner David  
Mrs Alison Murphy, 69 (S 1992-1998)  
Mr Andrew Pegler, 123 (F 2002-2009; S 2009-2017) with partner Mary Killeen  
Mr Peter Powne, 100 (S 2002-2010) with partner Janet  
Mrs Deb Rae (S Fundraising Officer) with partner Alan  
Mrs Ann Sanderson, 35 (S 1981-1986) with partner Peter  
Mrs Dorinda Schwennesen, 60 (S 1990-1994)  
Mrs Di Selby, 112 (S 2006-2012)  
Mr Alex Stuart, 85 (S 1997-2004) with partner Ann  
Mrs Judy Treloar, 76 (S 1994-2000)  
Mrs Kate Webster, 106 (S 2004-2009) with partner Ross  
Mrs Deirdre Williams, 122 (S 2009-2013)

## CONFERENCE GUESTS - SCHOOLS

ANGLICAN CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL: Mr Jason Wynne-Markham

AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE: Mr John Harker, Ms Sue Fraser

BLACKHEATH AND THORNBURGH COLLEGE: Mr Simon Murphy, Ms Tracey Norrie

BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL: Mr Berian Williams-Jones

CLAYFIELD COLLEGE: Mrs Kathryn Searle, Mr Andrew Cousins

DALBY SHS BUNYA CAMPUS: Ms Anne Rathmell, Ms Delia Stephens

DOWNLANDS COLLEGE: Mr Stephen Koch, Mr Ian Bulkin

FAIRHOLME COLLEGE: Dr Linda Evans, Ms Marguerite Dunne, Mr Ian Anderson

IPSWICH GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL: Mr Gary Coulter, Mrs Suzanne Coulter

IPSWICH GRAMMAR SCHOOL: Mr Stewart Drinkeld, Mr Jason Ralph

JOHN PAUL COLLEGE: Mrs Karen Spiller, Mr Adrian Moran

KINGSLEY COLLEGE: Mr Michael Appleton

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE: Mr Ty Casey

ROCKHAMPTON GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL: Mrs Deanne Johnston, Ms Stacey McCarthy

SCOTS PGC: Ms Helen Bohm, Mr Richard Dobrenov

SOMERVILLE HOUSE: Mrs Kim Kiepe, Mrs Francis Greene

ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE: Mr Robert Corboy, Mrs Kylie Hedges, Fr Pius Jones

ST HILDA'S SCHOOL: Mrs Wendy Lauman, Mrs Amanda Rigby

ST JOSEPH'S NUDGE COLLEGE: Mr Sean Toovey, Ms Susan Shakespeare

ST MARGARET'S ANGLICAN GIRLS SCHOOL: Ms Lesa Fowler, Mrs Ros Curtis

ST PETER'S LUTHERAN COLLEGE, INDOOROOPILLY: Mr Stuart Delaney, Mr Wesley Meurant, Mrs Kim Holman

ST SAVIOUR'S COLLEGE TOOWOOMBA: Ms Sharon Collins, Ms Jessica Wade

ST URSULA'S COLLEGE TOOWOOMBA: Mrs Tanya Appleby, Ms Jodi Marshall

ST URSULA'S COLLEGE YEPPOON: Ms Kerry Thompson, Ms Natalie Salisbury

STUARTHOLME SCHOOL: Mr Daniel Crump, Ms Jane Morris

THE CATHEDRAL COLLEGE ROCKHAMPTON: Mr Ron Armstrong, Mr Andrew Stein

THE GLENNIE SCHOOL: Mrs Mary Ann Evans, Mrs Donna Grant

THE ROCKHAMPTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL: Mr Stewart Norford

THE SOUTHPORT SCHOOL: Mr Andrew Hawkins, Mr Tony Watt

THE TOOWOMBA ANGLICAN SCHOOL: Mr Simon Lees, Ms Gemma Ferrier, Ms Elizabeth Stewart, Mrs Bianca Lingard

THE TOOWOOMBA GRAMMAR SCHOOL: Dr John Kinniburgh, Mr Jim Noble

## GUESTS

AGFORCE: Georgie Somerset

AUSTRALIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION: Tom Dunsmore, Richard Stokes, Jared Daunt

CONTRACT Inc: Suzanne Kingwill

COUNTRY EDUCATION FOUNDATION of AUSTRALIA: Lisa Carrick, Juliet Petersen

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Regan Neumann, Leanne Wright, Djaisi Robinson, Geoff West, Cos Marena, Tien Dang

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – IT BRANCH: Jill Baltzer, Barry Rieck

ICPA FEDERAL PRESIDENT: Alana Moller

ICPA FEDERAL COMMITTEE: Kate Thompson

ICPA QLD NEWS & VIEWS EDITOR: Lisa Southern

ICPA QLD FUNDRAISING OFFICER: Annie McGill

IMPACT CENTRE: Glen Watt

LIBERAL NATIONAL PARTY QLD: Anne Leahy

NATIONAL RECOVERY & RESILIENCE AGENCY: Bryson Head

nbn Co: Kylie Lindsay, Grant Higgs

QUEENSLAND CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY: Claude Jones

QUEENSLAND COUNTRY LIFE: Sally Gall

QUEENSLAND TEACHERS UNION: Jennifer Swadling

RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE SOUTHERN QLD: Brian Dobson, Angie Bowden

SMALL BUSINESS FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE SOUTHERN QLD: Michelle Gordon

SOUTH WEST HOSPITAL & HEALTH SERVICE: Angie Gorry

TELSTRA: May Boisen, Scott Mullaly, Jon New

WINCHESTER FOUNDATION: Beryl Nielsen, Kate Formosa, John Formosa, Judy Harris, Ruth Bethel

## CONFERENCE APOLOGIES

Mrs Bev Blanch, CUNNAMULLA BRANCH

Mrs Edwina Bowie, ICPA SA SECRETARY

Mr Mark Breckenridge, QUEENSLAND SECONDARY PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION

Mrs Kylie Camp, ICPA QLD STATE COUNCIL

Mr David Crisafulli, LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION AND SHADOW MINISTER FOR TOURISM

Mr Jim D'Castro, ITB

Ms Di Farmer MP, MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS

Mrs Deb Frecklington MP, SHADOW MINISTER FOR WATER & THE CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS,  
SHADOW MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT & MANUFACTURING

Hon Grace Grace, MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER  
FOR RACING

Mrs Jill Greenfield, ICPA SA PRESIDENT

Mrs Trish Gretton, SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH

Mrs Jacque Hemming, NEWS & VIEWS EDITOR

Mrs Raelene Hall, ICPA FEDERAL PEDALS EDITOR

Mr David Janetski, DEPUTY LEADER LNP

Mrs Natasha Johnston, DROUGHT ANGELS

Ms Ali King, MEMBER FOR PUMICESTONE

Ms Brittany Lauga, ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Mr David Littleproud MP, FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MARANOVA

Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND & MINISTER FOR TRADE

Mrs Larissa Petfield, AUGATHELLA BRANCH

Dr Christian Rowan MP, SHADOW MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Mrs Leslie Single, PRESIDENT QLD ASSOC STATE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Mrs Lisa Slade, ICPA FEDERAL TREASURER

Mrs Suzanne Wilson, ICPA FEDERAL SECRETARY



## PAST COUNCILLOR

Mac Patterson, 8 (1972-1974)

Geoff Arthur, 9 (1972-1974)

Teresa Cobb, 15 (1975-1995)

Mark Stoneman, 19 (1975-1986)

Gillian Allen, 26 (1977- 1987)

Yvonne McCoy, 31 (1980-1981)

Shirley Armstrong, 37 (1981-1984)

Ruth Thomas, 44 (1984-1985)

Penny Wallace, 48 (1985-1990)

Karolee Wolcott, 67 (1991-1992)

Meldie Wreford, 75 (1993-1995)

Sue Stirton, 83 (1996-2001)

Adie Bode, 87 (1998-2000)

Rose Philp, 88 (1998-2008)

Barton Lindley, 90 (1999-2001)

June Kuhl, 91 (1999-2005)

Nikki Thompson, 92 (2000-2002)

Sharon Tindall, 98 (2002-2006)

Bernadette Devenish, Federal Council (2001-2006)

Margaret Duncombe, Federal Council (2001-2010)

Carmel Elliott, 101 (2002-2005)

Susan McDonald (Springy Sue), 102 (2003-2006)

Susan McDonald (Charley Sue), 103 (2003-2007)

Ruth D'Hennin, 104 (2004-2007)

Lorraine McGinnis, 107 (2004-2013)

Barbara Clark, 111 (2005-2008)

Jane Goddard, Federal Council (2007-2010)

Paula Heelan, 124 (2009-2012)

Peter Heelan, Federal Council (2009-2013)

Kate Twist, 125 (2010-2018)

Caroline Green, 128 (2011-2013)

Gillian Semple, 131 (2012-2019)

## APOLOGIES

## PROFILES

### **LOUISE MARTIN**, President ICPA Qld Inc

Louise Martin is married with twin girls born in December 2005. She lives on a sheep and cattle property 30km from Tambo. The girls did prep and year one with Charleville School of Distance Education and then completed primary at the Tambo State School, catching the bus to school, after the family moved closer to Tambo. The girls are now at boarding school in Brisbane.

Louise was born and raised in the Augathella district. She did correspondence through Charleville School of the Air for primary schooling. Her year 7 class was the pilot group for the current Distance Ed program. (Miss Varcin is the only teacher Louise remembers from all those years!) She went on to board at Stuartholme for years 8-12 before heading to Longreach Pastoral College.

Once out in the real world, she worked for several years jillarooing, before heading overseas. For 5 years she worked as James Packers polo groom – a position that allowed her to see the world – of which she feels most fortunate.

Louise moved to Tambo in 1995 to take a position as the bookkeeper/cattle manager at Lansdowne. She held this position for 10 years and ended up marrying the neighbour! During Louise's years at Lansdowne she completed a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Marketing and Agribusiness, externally over a 7-year period.

From the time she moved to the area, she has always played an active role in the community. She served on a number of local committees including the Tambo Stock Show, Tambo Polocrosse Club and Tambo Arts Council. She is currently a member of the local RADF committee.

She joined the Tambo branch of the ICPA several years ago and started playing an active role in 2012 when she attended the Goondiwindi conference as the lone delegate. Louise joined state council in 2013 at the Toowoomba conference and has been vice president since 2015. It was an Honour to be elected as President of ICPA Qld at the 2020 virtual conference.

Louise enjoys being part of a dedicated, passionate and professional team who work tirelessly to ensure our rural and remote children get an equitable education.

### **ALANA MOLLER**, President ICPA Australia

In her second year as Federal President, Alana Moller is a member of the Clermont Branch in Central Queensland. With her husband Scott, they own and manage a cattle station 'Star of Hope', west of Clermont. They have three daughters – two at boarding school and one in grade 3 via distance education. She has been home tutor for all three girls completing primary school via distance education and also trained as a high school teacher at Central Queensland University.

**PATRICIA MITCHELL OAM, Patron ICPA Qld Inc**

Mrs Patricia Mitchell (OAM) is Patron and Life Member of ICPA-Qld Inc. She was instrumental in forming the Augathella ICPA Branch in 1973, was inaugural Secretary of Charleville School of the Air P&C ICPA Branch when it formed in 1976 and is a Life Member of Cloncurry Branch ICPA.

In 1977, Trish was elected to Queensland Council ICPA and was Queensland President from 1982 till 1986. From 1982–1985 she was a Federal ICPA councillor and Federal President from 1985-1988.

As President of Queensland ICPA she was a member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Distance Education in Queensland which recommended the formation of a School of Distance Education from the existing four Correspondence Schools and five Schools of the Air. She was then on a number of committees that implemented the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and planned new Schools of Distance Education.

During this time, she was also Commissioner on the Commonwealth Schools Commission and member of the Catholic Education Commission Committee for the Education of Country Children, member of the Home Schooling State Review Committee and numerous other State and Federal committees.

As well as her ongoing commitment to education in rural and regional Australia Trish has been very involved with the arts. She is a Vice Patron and a former President of Regional Arts Australia as well as being a Life Member and former President of Queensland Arts Council (now Artslink Queensland). She helped establish Arts House in Canberra and Chaired the Regional Arts Fund Panel in Queensland.

Because of her experience in these fields Trish was appointed to the Council of the Australian War Memorial from 1997 – 2004.

Patricia was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) on Australia Day 1996 for service to rural education and the arts.

In 2019 Patricia was awarded ICPA Federal Life Membership in recognition of her continued ongoing support of ICPA.



## PROFILE: GUEST SPEAKERS

### **MEGAN WOODWARD** – Guest Speaker

I'm a Queensland based media consultant with nearly 20 years experience as a journalist, PR professional and public speaker. I graduated from Townsville's James Cook University with a Bachelor of Journalism in 2003 and I have since enjoyed a career that's included life on the road as a rural and regional television reporter for ABC News and rural current affairs program, 'Landline', through to work in the university, local government and not-for-profit sectors.

Since August 2018, I have been working as an independent media consultant and freelance journalist, following years as a Senior Account Director for a large agri-PR firm. I'm a 'media all-rounder' who has earned a reputation as a reliable, people focused communications professional, a trusted story teller and an advocate for rural Australia

### **ANGIE GORRY** - South West Hospital and Health Service

Current Role is Ed-LinQ Coordinator with the Mental Health team at South West Hospital and Health Service. Communication, liaison and education role supporting schools to support their student community. Work closely within the Child and Youth Mental Health Service Team.

#### Background

- Over 16 years experience working with children and adolescents in schools and community health settings supporting health, growth, development and wellbeing
- Post graduate qualifications in midwifery, paediatric, child and youth health
- Currently studying psychology at Monash University

### **CLAUDE JONES** - Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

Claude is the Director of the Assessment, Reporting and ICT Systems Division for the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority and is responsible for the administration of NAPLAN, ICT systems and services, certification processes for senior students and providing analysis and reporting for Queensland schools.

Claude has over 25 years experience working in Queensland education. His experience has been gained across a number of roles including program manager for OneSchool, Head of School, Deputy Principal, Head of Department and classroom teacher of mathematics, ICT and science.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Madam Patron, Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM, Federal President Alana Moller, State Life Member Mr Mac McClymont, Branch Life Members, Past Councillors, the Cunnamulla Branch convening committee, Member for Warrego, Ms Ann Leahy, Distinguished Guests, fellow ICPA members, ladies and gentlemen. It gives me great pleasure to present my 2021 President's Report.

Wow, what a whirlwind my first term as president of this amazing organisation has been. It really seems only moments ago that State Council was gathered in Toowoomba delivering our first and hopefully last virtual conference. It has been an action packed 7 months attempting to squeeze as much activity as possible during that time frame. As a result, we unfortunately had to forgo our traditional midyear meeting this year, which is usually a highlight for State Council as we enjoy getting out to the branches and getting to know branch members who do not normally make it to conference. In addition, State Council has only had the opportunity to make the trip to Brisbane once due to the quick conference turn around. As a result, State Councillors have only delivered a final conference report when normally we would also provide a midyear report as well.

It was fantastic to be back in Brisbane for delegations in February this year, 12 months since the last visit which occurred just as the state was closing due to covid. Whilst we have held many zoom meetings in the interim, there is no real comparison to meeting in person face to face. I would like to thank Carmel Nash and the team at the QCEC offices in Brisbane for the continued use of their boardroom for our Council meeting and for the delicious smokos and lunch they provide. These days our versatility when it comes to meetings even enabled Kylie Camp to join us virtually from Burketown for the day.

A further thanks must go to Dr Regan Neumann, Kym Turner and Julissa Vasquez from the State Schools Rural, Remote and International team at the Department of Education for facilitating the meetings with all the relevant departments. Following conference all the motions are collated and sent to the rural and remote team who then forward the issues to the relevant areas for consideration. As a result, State Council has been able to meet with the right people to discuss the issues across all our portfolios and in many instances, issues have been resolved quickly. Of course, we continue to have motions on the books that are ongoing issues. Surely the squeaky wheel approach will yield success one day.

Following our October conference, we updated our Position Statement Flyer with our Key Issues for 2020/21. Our key issues are prioritising Geographically Isolated Students at Distance Education Schools, Reinstatement of the Schools Touring Program, Financial Assistance and Attraction and retention of quality teachers in rural and remote areas. We have emailed this document far and wide including all parliamentarians and key stakeholders.

Whilst there has not been an opportunity for a formal parliamentary delegation in this short council year we did squeeze a few meetings with members of the house whilst in Brisbane for delegations. Most notably Dr Christian Rowan, Shadow Minister for Education, and James Lister, member for Southern Downs, who tabled our key issues.

Delegations proved to be reasonably fruitful. We had the opportunity to discuss our key issues with the Minister for Education, Grace Grace, and the Assistant Director of Education, Peter Cook. State Council has been assured that the overcrowding of DE classrooms will be addressed, and a review of the Schools of Distance Education is underway. Our meeting with the IT department had positive outcomes as they confirmed to State Council that the increased bandwidth provided to the DE schools during Covid will continue and be the new norm. The IT branch also announced \$400 million over 5 years to upgrade connectivity to Queensland State Schools. This will leave only a very small number of remote schools left on Satellite and even they will get an upgrade to a business service rather than Skymuster.

ICPA's relationship with the department continues to reflect the high value they place on our organisation – we are represented on many stakeholder groups including the Joint Parent Council, the Rural and Remote Education Reference Group, Early Years Forum and the Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance Implementation Taskforce to name a few. I also sit on the Telstra Regional Advisory Council and more recently the newly formed Agforce Social Policy group. Thanks must also go to the other parent groups with whom we work closely – P&Cs Qld, Catholic School Parents Queensland, and Queensland Independent Schools Parent Network.

Queensland Council continues to have joint meetings with Federal council and the other states. Our zoom meetings over the past year have been invaluable, with each council offering support to each other and the sharing of ideas. Kelly Ostwald and I have attended two of these meetings this year so far. We remain hopeful that we will be able to gather as a group in person for a weekend meeting in the not too distant future.

Thank you to all our sponsors, many of whom support ICPA year after year. ICPA is immensely proud of the fact that we have never needed to source government funding or grants to survive and for this we are incredibly grateful. This enables us to remain apolitical and not beholden to any other organisation in our advocacy.

Thank you to branches and delegates who have put motions on the Conference Agenda. Some are new, and some have been put forward for many years. We continue to highlight the inequities faced for rural and remote students including, in home care, access to specific needs, lack of options for students at rural and remote high schools, the inability to access easily quality vocational education programs and many other issues. Even though we may not have some of these longstanding lobbies over the line, you can rest assured we are working away in the background on all our policy issues.

Thank you to our councillor team. There have been some hard yards done to make it here today in one piece following a very hectic 7 months. Not only have we been advocating on behalf of all the members through delegations and stakeholder meetings, but there have also been several other significant activities that we have been attending to. We have submitted a grant to the Regional Arts Fund to raise funds to produce a Golden Jubilee book, celebrating 50 years of ICPA. We have attended Beef week promoting ICPA and selling close to \$5,000 worth of personalised Cattle Tags, which is also earmarked for the book, no pun intended!. Thank you to Allflex and Nutrien for the opportunity. Thanks to Councillors Amanda Clark and Rob McArthur, for pulling this together and all the Qld ICPA branch members who volunteered.

There has also been the massive undertaking of building the new website and transferring all our data from the old site to the new one. Melissa Iland and Tammie Irons have gone way over their usual time remit in making our new Qld page look amazing. In fact, Tammie has enjoyed it so much she has officially become our WebTech Officer!!

Pulling together the 50-year conference has been an extra job we have all taken on, but with relish as we have enjoyed so much reminiscing on times past and appreciating how easy we have it now!! For this commemorative milestone event we have printed you all a copy of the motion booklets as a memento on the occasion. A big thanks to Jacqui Beale (Mitchell/Tomoo/Dunkeld Branch), and past councillor who has gathered items from near and far for the memorabilia display. Thanks also to Di Selby, Moonie Branch for all her efforts to locate and contact so many past councillors and coordinating the past councillors get together. We are thrilled to have so many of you and I encourage current members to have a chat with you all and tap into the wealth of ICPA knowledge that you have.

A massive thank you to our unsung heroes working behind the scenes in off council positions. Annie McGill from ABC branch, who has taken on the fundraising. Judy Treloar from Charleville branch, past councillor and state secretary has stepped into the Hospital Schools role. Lisa Southern, St George Branch and Jacque Hemming, Dirranbandi Branch have hit the ground running with their News and Views role. Jeff Little, Yaraka/Isisford branch, our IT advisor. We must also thank Natalie Slack from Westmar/Inglestone branch, who sends out our new members packs on behalf of the branch, Anna Appleton, Alpha Branch and past treasurer, our registrations officer and last, but by no means least, to Di Selby, Moonie Branch, who compiles the conference minutes, a huge job, in to a document that is not only factual, but an interesting read to boot.

To Rhiannon Newsham and the convening committee, thank you for all your hard work and dedication. I suspect you will never want to see another Covid plan ever!! We are so looking forward to the next couple of days here in Cunnamulla.

In commemoration of 50 years of ICPA we are putting together a Golden Jubilee book. Mary Killeen, Yaraka/Isisford and Christine Mclean, Mitchell/Tomoo/Dunkeld have taken on the job of writing and compiling the new book. You will also find in your satchels a flyer with a request for information and their contact details. I urge you all to contribute to the book with the last 25 years of happening in your branches. Any significant milestone photos that you may have and any personal reflections you may wish to share. This is not limited to branch members and any of you here who have been long standing supporters of ICPA are welcome to contribute.

Finally, I cannot reiterate enough to you all the importance of keeping this organisation strong and robust for the next 50 years. Our children need us to have a voice with the decision makers now more than ever. Every day that we, State Councillors, are advocating on behalf of you, our members, we see the lack of understanding of our unique circumstances. Yes, over the years ICPA has had considerable influence is improving the quality of education for our children, however we must not rest on our laurels and assume that everything is ok, because it isn't. Each year new challenges arise, and we must be there on the front foot ready to fight the good fight for our kids. We have a number of vacancies to fill on State Council this year as some of our most experienced councillors choose to leave on a high here at Cunnamulla. Please consider joining State Council, as we take on the next 50 years, it is such a rewarding experience on many levels.

That said, let us get started and let us debate the issues at hand for this year the 50<sup>th</sup>!!  
Thank you.

**Mrs Louise Martin**, President ICPA Qld Inc



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

State President Mrs Louise Martin, Patron Mrs Patricia Mitchell, Federal President Mrs Alana Moller, distinguished guests, fellow Councillors and Qld Past Councillors and Branch members, I present my Secretary's Report for the 2020/2021 year. Sadly, it will be my final report as I am stepping down from Council.

Well it has been a very short 7 months between conferences and the pressure has been on. 2020 saw most of Qld State Council gather at Toowoomba Grammar School to deliver our very first virtual conference. While we all enjoyed meeting this new challenge, we certainly missed our members, friends and stakeholders' physical presence. For many, Conference is the time to reunite with old friends from afar, gather information, swap stories and explore all the Boarding Schools options on display.

As we were on a very steep learning curve for this conference and we didn't know how many people we would need to help over the two days we reached out to some of our Past Councillors, who lived in or around Toowoomba, to assist with the minutes. I personally enjoyed the conversations that we had with these ladies and I loved the passion that they still retain for ICPA. Judy Treloar was almost jumping out of her skin with one motion on which we asked her to make a comment. After that I was keeping an eye on the ladies in case they became extremely passionate and then we might not have been able to stop them.

The virtual Conference saw a changing of the guard with Tammie Irons stepping down from the President's role into the role of Immediate Past President and Louise Martin taking the reins of Qld President. We also welcomed Rob McArthur from Cap BOTA branch to Council.

Prior to our conference we attended the Federal virtual conference and learnt many things from them regarding what worked and what they would change. Many thanks must go to Alana Moller and Nikki MacQueen for their advice.

Post conference, as per usual, many letters were written and emails sent to various stakeholders regarding the motions passed at our virtual conference.

A break over the Summer brought us to February 2021, with State Councillors heading to Brisbane for delegations and to present to politicians our Position Statement. Unlike last year, Councillors were able to meet with stakeholders and politicians face to face albeit with social distancing. It also saw the new council meeting for the first face to face meeting in the Brisbane Boardroom at Catholic School Parents Qld. Thank you to Carmel Nash for once again letting us use their facilities.

Due to the short turn around in our calendar year, we were unable to be hosted by a branch for our mid-year meeting.

With all the uncertainty around snap border closures we found ourselves on a Zoom meeting with Federal, State and Territory Presidents and Secretaries instead of the usual face to face meeting over 2 days. This time is used to update each other on what is happening in each State and Territory and swap ideas.

Cunnamulla Branch have been working extremely hard to organise conference this year. With all the Covid restrictions that are still in place for functions they have done a fantastic job in working through this and delivering an outstanding conference. Thanks, must be given to Rhiannon Newsham and her amazing team, the majority of them having left the district, but still supporting and doing a lot from afar.



Di Selby has been instrumental in organising all of our past councillors to attend this 50<sup>th</sup> annual conference. I would like to acknowledge the time and effort that she has put into making it possible for all the Past Councillors to be here with us to celebrate our 50 years of ICPA Qld.

Thanks must also go to Jacqui Beale- Past Councillor- put her hand up to help out our Vice President Kate Bradshaw source all of the wonderful memorabilia that you have all been able to reminisce over. Thanks to Carmel Elliott who also supplied us with numerous photos and documents.

ICPA Qld was once again invited to represent members on the SATE Implementation Taskforce, Telstra Regional Advisory Committee and ICPA was also asked again to be on the judging panel for the Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools (Rural and Remote category).

The 2020-2021 council year also saw branches recognising Members who have contributed significantly to ICPA Qld over the years. The following members were awarded Branch Life Memberships:

**CHARTERS TOWERS BRANCH:** Mrs Kim Donaldson

**SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH:** Mrs Susan McDonald

**QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL:** Queensland State Council awarded a State Life Membership to: Mrs Di Selby

And a Queensland Certificates of Appreciation to: Mr Andrew Pegler and Mr Jack Beach

Over one thousand pieces of correspondence flowed in and out of the Secretary's inboxes and mailboxes this from October 2020 to present year:

- Inward were 313 emails /letters and
- Outward were 1166 emails /letters

Off council positions this year were held by- Fundraising Officer, Annie McGill; News and Views Editors, Lisa Southern and Jacquie Hemming and our IT advisor, Jeff Little. Thanks must also go to Natalie Slack for putting together all the new member's packs which you would have received when you joined ICPA Qld. Anna Appleton is our conference registration officer and she has been kept very busy with all the changes that have occurred around conference this year. Thank you, Anna.

Bush Christmas, last year raised \$10415.60 to support the work of ICPA. ICPA Qld would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Liz McClymont for the huge effort that she puts into raising funds for ICPA each year. This is one of our major fundraising events so please visit Bush Christmas this year, or use their expanded online shopping portal, to support ICPA and our rural and remote communities.

The conference minutes were once again compiled by Di Selby. Di puts in many hours to make our official conference minutes accurate and professional looking. Thanks, must also go to Noela Wilson for the proof reading of these minutes.

Rose Philip, who so desperately wanted to attend but was unable, continues to be our Archivist. This is vital to the history of ICPA.

A huge thanks must be given to Di Selby, Carmel Elliot, Rose Philp and Sonia Spurdle for the collation of the Past Councillors Profiles.

A reminder to branches to please send a copy of your AGM minutes to the Assistant Secretary [assistantsecretary@icpaqld.com.au](mailto:assistantsecretary@icpaqld.com.au) Please also include an up to date list of your branch executive to the membership officer [membership@icpaqld.com.au](mailto:membership@icpaqld.com.au). This is essential to keep the members data base current and ensuring those who join are reaping the full benefits of their membership and receiving all relevant information.

I would also like to acknowledge my fellow State Councillors for all their support and friendship over the last seven years. To the members, please remember that YOUR state council is working on your behalf in a volunteer position and their advocacy can only be as good as the information that they receive. So please, if you see an email asking for a photo or please help with a survey, get on board and support your council as they are supporting you.

It has been an honour to be able to be on Qld State Council and I have learnt many new skills and it has opened up a new range of networks for me. All the best to the new Qld State Council, may you reap from your experience as much as I have.

I present my secretary's report for adoption

**Mrs Kelly Oswald**, Secretary ICPA Qld Inc



Kelly Oswald with Jacqui Beale

## TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to be presenting the Treasurer's report and audited financial statements for the 2020 – 2021 financial year.

### Finances

<u>Bank Balances at 31 March 2021</u>	
General account	\$ 14,613.19
Fundraising Account	\$ 16,195.25
Maxi Account PayPal	\$ 87,944.04
Account Term Deposit	\$ 1,700.00
	\$101,462.19
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$221,914.67</u></b>

Auditing of ICPA Qld Inc financials has been conducted by Ringrose Button chartered accountants and are attached to the AGM report. ICPA QLD Inc has run at a cash profit this year of \$8,431.31 and remains in a very stable position with \$101,462.19 invested in a term deposit.

Total funds available as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 were \$221,914.67. The profit and loss statement outlines a snapshot of the income and expenditure for the 2021 financial year.

A total income of \$141,605.32 was received – donations & sponsorship being the major income at \$72,634.48, with \$9,700.00 from ICPA branches and a substantial donation from the Roma convening committee from the 2020 Online State Conference of \$31,174.26. Thank you to the Roma convening committee and the following ICPA branches for assisting State Council with donations – Alpha, Blackall, Charters Towers, Clermont, Julia Creek, Kindon and Richmond.

<u>Branch Donations</u>	
Alpha ICPA	\$3,000.00
Blackall ICPA	\$1,000.00
Charters Towers ICPA	\$1,000.00
Clermont ICPA	\$2,500.00
Julia Creek ICPA	\$1,000.00
Kindon ICPA	\$1,000.00
Richmond ICPA	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL Branch Donations</b>	<b>\$9,700.00</b>
<u>Other Donations</u>	
Roma Committee	\$31,174.26
<b>TOTAL Other Donations</b>	<b>\$31,174.26</b>

Other donations were received from Causeway Produce to assist ICPA branches in the north west region and the Pilbra branch in Western Australia donated money to assist with membership fees for North Western Qld branches affected by the 2019 floods.

This year ICPA Qld has partnered with Outback Insurance to provide ICPA Branches with a donation when ICPA members renew or take out a new insurance policy with Outback Insurance. This offer has provided many ICPA branches with donations. Sincere thanks to all organisations and branches who have supported ICPA Qld this year.

Other major income included fundraising with Art Union ticket sales at \$19,364.00 and Bush Christmas ticket sales at \$10,412.60. Branch membership state affiliation fees of \$25,346.00 were received. The remaining income received came from Friends of ICPA Qld and News & Views subscriptions, News & Views advertising, Federal Corporate memberships and interest.

The large contribution to ICPA Qld's income each year is Fundraising. As previously mentioned sales of the ICPA Art Union tickets, ticket sales at Bush Christmas and the sale of souvenirs contributes to Fundraising income throughout the year. Thank-you to all sponsors and supporters of the ICPA Art Union and Bush Christmas. Thank-you to Margie Greenway and everyone who assists with Bush Christmas ticket sales. The introduction to online tickets sales this year for the ICPA Art Union has been successful and an easy option to sell and collate art union ticket sales. The time and effort our Fundraising Officer, Annie McGill has put into fundraising this year has been very much appreciated. Thank you.

Each year a significant amount of funds are required for ICPA Qld State Council to continue lobbying Government departments to achieve a better educational outcome for our members' children. This lobbying has costs associated to assist State Councillors to travel considerable distances from home to attend these meetings. Total expenses for the year came to \$133,174.01 with \$56,773.38 covering State Council expenses. State Council expenses include accommodation, flights, travel and other related expenses for councillors to attend delegations, state and federal conferences, mid-year meetings, along with other relevant meetings and conferences. Other major expenses included \$24,171.68 for News & Views publication & postage, \$10,296.64 for insurance and \$7,491.76 for fundraising expenses.

### Membership

The 2020 membership year closed with a total of 1,135 members and at the close of the financial year, 31st March 2021, there was 1,106 members. Memberships for the 2020 year were down slightly in comparison to the previous year. As always, memberships continue to flow in throughout the year and online membership renewal has continued to have a great uptake this year. Online is the preferred method for paying membership and it is great to see those branches encouraging the use of online membership for renewals or new memberships. At the time of writing this report, the membership database was slowly being updated due to the new website under construction. The process of paying Qld memberships is being reviewed by the membership officer and treasurer so the process will be easier for branch treasurers. Once updated all branch treasurers will be informed of the new process. Thank- you to Louise Winten, Qld Membership Officer & Jane O'Brien, Federal Membership Officer for all the hard work and many hours you put into keeping all our memberships records in order. Our membership base is what makes ICPA a strong organisation, so we encourage all branches to continue to engage and advocate for new and existing members to become involved in any way possible to support ICPA.

Just a reminder to branch executives, that if submitting your memberships manually, it would be fantastic if you could have them submitted prior to the 1st March each year. This ensures your members remain on both the State and Federal mailing databases. If your branch has Branch Life members, both State and Federal fees for these members are the responsibility of the branch and must be paid each year. All members need to keep their postal and email addresses up to date and notify State Council when changes occur. This makes the delivery of information and publications to members much more effective.

Friends of ICPA Qld have continued to grow in the 2020 – 2021 financial year with 59 members from organisations across Queensland. As Friends of ICPA Qld, members received an invitation to the annual conference, editions of ICPA Qld News & Views and ICPA Australia Pedals and the Qld Compass email keeping them update with ICPA happenings.

### Risk Management

As State Treasurer, I am also the Risk Management Officer, so a reminder to all branches to send in completed risk management forms at least two weeks prior to branch events. If your branch has questions related to activities and insurance do not hesitate to contact me. It is important, that as members, you are covered, along with those attending your events.

Due to Covid restrictions, activities hosted by ICPA Branches were reduced over the 2020 – 2021 financial year. The following activities are reported from October to December 2020. Cunnamulla and Blackall held catering at a MLA information day and bull sale. ICPA children were supported with a smaller than usual variety of sports camps with Mitchell- Tomoo/Dunkeld holding a swag camp for a day, St George Breaker Camp and Tambo's Swim & Art Clinic. The beginning of 2021 has seen a small increase in branch activities when Alpha branch hosted the Alpha Cricket day, and the Charters Towers branch hosted the Charters Towers Swim

Clinic. It is pleasing to see branch activities growing and more activities being held by ICPA Branches across the state.

#### News & Views

News & Views Editors, Lisa Southern and Jacque Hemming have done a remarkable job of compiling ICPA Qld's quarterly magazine for members. It is always enjoyable to receive the News & Views in the mail and to sit down with a coffee for an informative and interesting read. Thank you to Lisa and Jacque for coediting the News & Views magazine and continuing to source advertising to help keep the printing and distribution costs down.

As I near the end of my Treasurer's report thank-you to all State Councillors for assisting me in my role as Treasurer. A thank you to all branch executives for the tireless hours you volunteer to keep your branches ticking. I would like to thank the Cunnamulla convening committee for all the effort and time invested to host a successful 50<sup>th</sup> year conference. Finally, thank-you to all previous state councillors who have paved a pathway for ICPA Qld to continue lobbying for equality in education for our rural and remote children. Volunteers are just ordinary people with extraordinary hearts that reach out and together make a difference.

**Mrs Amanda Clark**, Treasurer ICPA Qld Inc



## THE EARLY YEARS

QLD STATE COUNCIL FORMATION IN CHARLEVILLE 2/11/1971

The Isolated Children's Parents Association Australia was formed in Bourke in April 1971.

Cunnamulla Branch may claim the fame of the very first Branch formed in Queensland on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1971 but it was Melbourne Cup Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1971 that a meeting was held at Coronas Hotel in Charleville to form the first State Council of ICPA.

At this meeting were representatives of the first branches formed in Qld and the first executive were elected.

President – Mr Bunny Powne, Bollon Branch

Vice President – Mrs Gwen Vail, Blackall Branch

Secretary/Treasurer – Mr Tony Gall, Dirranbandi Branch

Committee – Mr John Parkinson, Blackall, Mr Malcolm Patterson, Langlo Crossing and Mr Alan Murray, Charleville

A few weeks after this meeting, on the 25<sup>th</sup> November, once again at Coronas Hotel, the Charleville Branch was formed with Mr Alan Murray was elected President, Mr Tim Agar as Secretary/Treasurer and Mrs Leah Fisher as Assistant Secretary. Mr Murray and Mr Agar went on to become Qld State Councillors.

The story goes that there had been great rain and flooding creeks and parents were doing everything they could to get to this meeting, inspired and motivated to ensure high quality education of their children in Rural and Remote areas.

As with most branches distance, dirt roads, creek crossings, not to mention correspondence lessons made meetings difficult to organise however these early pioneering Branches did so without any of the technology we rely on today – it was even long before copy machines and faxes. We are very fortunate to have the original handwritten minutes of both the Qld State Council and Charleville Branch Inaugural Meetings in our archives.

Charleville Branch hosted the 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Jubilee Conference in 1996 and hosted the Registration Dinner at Coronas Hotel in recognition of the Inaugural Meeting for form Qld State Council in 1971.



**Mrs Louise Winten, ICPA Qld Inc**

## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference of ICPA Qld.

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Kunja (Koun-yah) people, traditional custodians of the land on which we gather here today, and pay my respects to their elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here to day.

### HOUSEKEEPING

The emergency exit assembly point is at the front of the hall at The Cunnamulla Fella. QR codes – please ensure you have scanned yourself in for today and to all locations where necessary.

On behalf of Qld State Council, I have great pleasure in welcoming ICPA Qld Patron Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM, ICPA Federal President Mrs Alana Moller, Life Members, Delegates, Observers and Guests.

Wow, it seems like it was only 5 minutes ago that we were welcoming you all to our Virtual Conference that we held in Toowoomba in October. Yet here we are in Cunnamulla, where the first Queensland branch of the association was formed in 1971 just 7 months later. This most significant event for our association has been a long while in the making with Cunnamulla Branch putting a motion forward at the Winton conference in 2018 to host the 50<sup>th</sup> year event. There have been quite a few changes for the convening committee over this time with some leaving the district and the recruitment of newcomers. Through all of this and a few personal crises the branch has held steadfast to their word and put together what will be the most amazing few days.

It is a privilege for all of us to be here to celebrate this significant event. I have no doubt that with so many past councillors in attendance we are in for some great conference floor debate. As witnessed in Toowoomba where we had only 4 past councillors assisting us with minute taking, the passion never wanes, and convictions must be voiced.

As James Jones said in his 1951 novel from Here to Eternity, Lets get this show on the Road

Thank you

**Mrs Louise Martin**, President ICPA Qld Inc

## WELCOME TO CUNNAMULLA

Good morning everyone.

Many of you have travelled a considerable distance to be with us today which is most appreciated. This Conference is a very significant event for the Cunnamulla branch. Although small in numbers, and spread over vast distances, each member has spent hours and hours in ensuring that this is the very best conference ever.

Why are we here??? It is to mark a very significant event that happened fifty years ago. It is very special for the Cunnamulla branch of ICPA. It was fifty years ago that Cunnamulla was the first ICPA branch to be formed in Queensland. This was on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1971, just four months after Bourke was formed. The meeting was organised by Cunnamulla identities, Lex Stephenson and Geoff Arthur. Geoff Arthur was a member of the foundation Federal Executive for three years. Lex Stephenson was elected as the first Branch President. Later his wife Beulah was elected as branch Secretary and Treasurer. They both retired in 1974. In 1981, they were both awarded Life Membership of the Branch for their outstanding commitment to ICPA. By 1975 Cunnamulla branch had 80 member families, making it the largest branch in Australia.

Cunnamulla branch has always had a strong and loyal group of ICPA members with many of them serving on State and Federal Councils. On Federal level was Geoff Arthur, Helen Miller, Colleen McIntosh and Trish McKenzie. On State level was Diana Palmer, Helen Miller, Wendy Allen and Jo Clarke. These people are here with us today. Thank you, Helen, Colleen, Trish, Wendy and Jo.

In 1996 Cunnamulla branch members Wendy Allen and Julie Collis took on the huge challenge of compiling a book titled "ICPA Silver Jubilee" on the first 25 years of ICPA – a wonderful tribute to a worthy organization.

Cunnamulla has held two State Conferences....and this will be the third. In October 1983 Bev Blanch was the very capable Convenor. This was the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference. It was attended by over 300 people- not bad for a small and remote town in Queensland. Twenty years later, in 2003 Colleen McIntosh was the enthusiastic and well organised Convenor for the 32<sup>nd</sup> State Conference.

Cunnamulla branch now has two Life Members. Helen Miller in 1996 and Colleen McIntosh in 2003. When we were asked to do the "Welcome to Cunnamulla", we both felt quite humbled and very honoured. For me personally, I came to Cunnamulla as a new bride from NSW. Both my children attended the local Catholic school and then onto boarding school. Colleen was a local having been born here and lived in the district for 50 years before retiring to St George. Colleen had also attended boarding school so was well aware of the issues associated with Living Away from Home. Their sons were educated by SODE from Charleville before attending boarding school for their senior education. Her grandson now attends boarding school. I attended my first ICPA meeting in the early 1980's when Bev Blanch was organising the State Conference. My children were only five and three. "No excuse!" said Bev. This set me on a wonderful direction to becoming a committed and passionate ICPA member. I have made some wonderful friends and we get together regularly. Many are here today. ICPA has challenged me and enriched my life. Helen and I are still members of Cunnamulla branch. I attended my first conference in Longreach - was an **extremely** nervous first time delegate – spent 30 minutes in the bathroom practicing "I second that motion". So, for all the first time delegates here today ... take heart. I thoroughly loved my ICPA life –I have met some wonderful people and made life-long friends. ICPA taught me SO much in many many ways. It has been the backbone for what I have done later on.

When I first started on Federal Council they were talking about 'floppy disc' with computers – had absolutely NO idea what they were or, for that matter, how to use a computer!!! Did you know the ICPA magazine Pedals originated forty years ago here in Cunnamulla? In 1981, Toni Ridge from Enngonia (near Bourke) and Bunny Powne from Bollon, sat down together in the park just near where we are today, to plan the first edition of Pedals.... Lots of cutting and pasting of articles on to paper! How times have changed !!! ..... and how we have grown with technology.

This year Cunnamulla is hosting the 50th State conference with most of the organisation and meetings done via teleconference! We are very proud that the Cunnamulla members have banded together and overcome the significant barriers of COVID-19; remoteness and isolation. Congratulations to Rhi Newsham, her committee and members.

Welcome everyone to Cunnamulla.

**Mrs Helen Miller**, Past Councillor ICPA Qld Inc and **Mrs Colleen McIntosh**, Past Councillor ICPA Australia. Cunnamulla Branch Members



## OFFICIAL OPENING

Mayor, Cr Beresford; Australian President of the ICPA, Ms Alana Moller; our State President, Ms Louise Martin; our host President, from the Cunnamulla branch, Ms Rhiannon Newsham; the Honourable Bruce Scott, other distinguished guests; ladies and gentlemen; girls and boys.

I at once acknowledge the traditional owners of these lands and extend respectful greetings to Elders and emerging leaders.

I am delighted to join you today to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association in Queensland, and to open an ICPA conference for my third time as Governor. It is a particular pleasure that we can gather in person this year – in historic Cunnamulla, where the Association's very first Queensland branch was established in 1971.

And not only in Cunnamulla, but in a Shire Hall, whose very name evokes country Queensland hospitality and a powerful sense of community.

The last time I was in Longreach, my briefing notes said that I was to attend an investiture ceremony at the Civic Centre. I asked Mayor Tony Raynor "was that the Shire Hall?" He said "yes", and graciously agreed I could call it that! You see I lived there in the 1950s, when the town had even not a Mayor, but a 'Shire Chairman', then Sir James Walker. But I digress...

Like this modern Shire Hall, the 2021 ICPA Conference also looks to the future, making History and Horizons an inspired choice for this year's theme.

The Conference seeks, as always, to strengthen the ICPA's role in advocating for equity of access to quality education for students from rural and remote Queensland, and I am sure leaders of government listen. Whether young Queenslanders live in rural and remote areas or in large cities, their education is the key to a fulfilling future and to maintaining the inner strength of their communities. And can I say how delighted I am to see students from Cunnamulla State School and Sacred Heart Parish School here today – I very much look forward to meeting many more of them when I visit Sacred Heart after this Conference opening. Access to quality education for children in rural and remote areas is not one issue but many – a sometimes complex web of inter-related challenges.

It is all the more important, then, that the ICPA is here to inform and educate all Queenslanders on these challenges and to continue bringing these issues to the attention of policy-makers.

Along with this serious and important business, the Conference provides a chance for parents normally scattered across the State to celebrate, to meet old friends and make new friends, giving this gathering a special character.

As Governor, I thank you all for making often extraordinary efforts to be here today. I thank the ICPA Committee for its success in bringing people together from all over this vast State, and Conference sponsors for their invaluable support.

I congratulate the ICPA on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and pay wholehearted tribute to all those whose vision and dedication has sustained the ICPA through five decades. The anniversary is of itself important, but also significant for so many years of advocacy for young people outside the South East corner. My warmest congratulations!

I also publicly thank the Royal Flying Doctor Service – represented today by Board Member, the Honourable Bruce Scott – which expertly transported Government House staff and me today (as passengers, not patients)! I am proud Patron of the RFDS. What a remarkable initiative, founded by the Reverend John Flynn, 93 years ago! Like the ICPA, the support of the RFDS for Queensland 'beyond Brisbane', is, frankly, jaw dropping. How many lives have been saved, how many lives improved, through its wonderful and dedicated efforts. And how many lives improved thanks to the efforts, ladies and gentlemen, of your ICPA.

Just last week I was in Emerald for the renaming of the BUSHKids facility as the Leslie Wilson Outback Centre: I knew it as a child in Longreach as the Royal Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme, another wonderful initiative in support of western children, in that case since 1935; and then there is the QCWA, which reaches its centenary next year. My wife Kaye as Patron hosted a reception for its Council in Brisbane only last Thursday. How wonderful that all these initiatives are supported so generously and effectively by volunteer community effort. And your work, ladies and gentlemen, cuts in at an absolutely critical point, the education and development of our young people.

I conclude by making my own modest contribution to the conference theme of History and Horizons. In a short while, I will present your Presidents with copies of The Governors of Modern Queensland, a book I commissioned on the role of the past five Governors of our State – all surviving! Your former President, Ms Tammie Irons, makes an appearance, so the book must be good!

First, however, it is with great pleasure that I officially launch the Isolated Children's Parents' Association 2021 Conference and wish all participants an inspiring and productive experience here in Cunnamulla. Thank you.

**His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC**

## AWARD FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Mrs Di Selby (Moonie Branch)

Di Selby has had a long association with ICPA Queensland initially as a member of the Moonie Branch. As Secretary of her branch, Di quietly went to the Mt Isa Conference in 2006 where she stepped onto State Council thinking she didn't have a lot to offer and wouldn't take on a portfolio.

Well Di went on to serving on State Council from 2006 to 2012. A mere 12 months after stepping onto council Di took on the role of State Secretary which allowed her to utilise her impeccable organisational skills to effortlessly organise delegations, conference speakers, book venues, organise councillors and keep track of everyone and everything.

During her time on State Council Di was the portfolio leader for various portfolios, not limited to, but including Financial Assistance, Hostels and Post Compulsory. Di also lent her knowledge within other portfolios throughout this time.

In 2011, Di stepped down from her role as State Secretary at the Rockhampton conference and took on the role of Vice President until 2012. This was a busy year for Di as she also convened the Goondiwindi Conference, where due to her efficient organisational skills and knowledge of the organisation Di convened a very successful conference. It was at the Goondiwindi State Conference that Di stepped off council.

Despite resigning from her role on State Council, Di did not just step away from ICPA Queensland however she took on the enormous role of compiling the Conference Minutes which she still completes to this day. In this role Di has converted all minutes being paper based to now being digital along with transferring the archived ICPA State Council documents to a digital platform.

Di's children may have long finished their educational journey, however Di's passion to ICPA Queensland has continued over the years for which State Council is grateful for her dedication and commitment. Di was the instigator behind the Past Councillors Profile Booklet that you all have in front of you today.

Di has been a wealth of knowledge to me personally and a great support. Thank you, Di, for your never-ending passion for all things ICPA.

By Kelly Ostwald, Qld State Secretary



## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION Mr Jack Beach (Julia Creek Branch)

Jack Beach attended his first State Conference at Clermont in 1990 as a delegate from Julia Creek Branch. He presented several motions on behalf of his branch that year and was swiftly voted onto State Council. Raising four children on the family sheep and cattle property near Julia Creek gave Jack plenty of personal experience in regard to geographical isolation and education, and his passion for securing the best equitable opportunities for rural people ensured that the profile of ICPA Qld. Jack stepped into the Vice-President's role for Qld in 1996, at the same time taking on a Councillor role at a Federal level in 1997. Whilst still holding the role of Federal Councillor, Jack took on President of ICPA Qld in 2000 and stepped down here in Cunnamulla in 2003 to then take on ICPA Australia President until 2007.

During his 13 years on ICPA Qld State Council, Jack shared his passion for communications in particular. He was heavily involved in the roll out of telephone lessons for all SDE's and the bypassing trial. Jack's knowledge of IT was noted in his farewell speech as being of "immense value to us as we steered a course through the debate of telephone lessons versus virtual schooling and their various methods of delivery so that none of our isolated kids would miss out on their hard won daily teacher contact." He had an early vision for an ICPA website and to get all of State Council 'connected'.

I was fortunate enough to attend my first Federal Conference in Darwin when Jack stepped down as Immediate Past President for Federal Council and I remember well the "life's a Beach" catch-cry that seems to have followed him around during his combined years on State and Federal Councils. Jack's very casual style of Presidency, along with his tendency to be found anywhere but home, is very well documented!

Jack, we remain in awe of the footprints you have made in the sands of your very own ICPA beach, and we know that those of us who have been fortunate enough to stand in those footprints have had an easier path to travel as a result of your passion!

By Tammie Irons, Qld Immediate Past President



## **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** Mr Andrew Pegler (Yaraka/Isisford Branch)

It is with pleasure that I make this presentation to Andrew Pegler.

Andrew has a long association with ICPA stretching back to the nineties. The very first Queensland Conference Andrew attended was at the RSL Club in Mt Isa in 1993. During this time Andrew was playing a support role to Mary as chief babysitter of their youngest child Andi-Claire. They attended a number of Qld and Federal Conferences in this manner.

It was at the Charleville Federal Conference in 2002 that Andy took the leap of faith and joined Federal Council. Andrew remained on Federal Council for seven years, and was Vice President for the last four. Andrew stood down at the Longreach Federal Conference in 2009. That same year Qld President Lorraine McGinnes asked Andrew to come onto Qld Council at Winton, so he was "off council" for about 6 weeks and then back on again. Andrew took over from Lorraine as Qld President at the Rockhampton State Conference in 2011 after serving as vice president for the duration. Having served for four years Andrew retired as president in 2015 at the Cloncurry conference, followed by 2 years as immediate past president bringing the end of his direct involvement with State Council in 2017. However, with some unfinished business left in the communications portfolio Andrew was stayed on in an off-council role as the USO advisor for 2 years.

Andy gave his all to ICPA. When business responsibilities and running a cattle property in drought could have easily consumed his focus, he never let these pressures overshadow the commitment he gave to his teams and the effort he put into our member's issues.

For a number of years Andy lead the Communications portfolio. As the issues of access to reasonable internet connections for our rural and remote members continue to accelerate, Andy did a magnificent job keeping abreast of this extremely complex portfolio. His endeavours to get the message through to government that rural and remote Queensland cannot and should not be left with a sub-standard service that our mainstream counterparts would never accept were unfailing. The relationships Andrew fostered with the Qld Education IT department and Federal Communications departments enabled ICPA to have a real voice and a seat on the table at these discussions.

Mention must also be made of Andrews building a wonderfully favourable relationship with the Department of Education, in particular Patrea Walton, DDG State Schools at the time. Our current State Councillors continue to benefit from this positive collaboration and will do all we can to continue this way. By working with the department in a positive way and offering solutions to the problems has ultimately lead to many favourable outcome for the members and we continue to thank Andrew for paving the way for us.

Andrew is one of a long line of Presidents and State Councillors who have all contributed to instilling the solid ethic which defines Queensland, based on integrity, respect for our past and excitement for our future. Please join me in thanking Andy for his service to ICPA and congratulating him on his achievements for this organisation.

Andy please come up to receive your Certificate of Appreciation from ICPA Qld.

By Louise Martin, Qld State President

## VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING COUNCILLORS

### **Mrs KELLY OSTWALD**

Kelly Ostwald stepped onto Council in Cloncurry in 2015... it was not a planned move, but I am assuming that she was in awe of the amazing State Councillors and their obvious passion and dedication to rural and remote education and decided this was something she wanted to be a part of!

Kel's initial foray into the world of State Council was as leader of the Travel Portfolio – she was determined that she was going to change the face of Travel and made sure that the Translink representatives knew it! She established new and positive contacts within the Department and ensured that they knew ICQA Qld was not going away!

Kel took over the Boarding Schools and Hostels Portfolio in 2017, a role which she holds until this day. She continued the great work of Jacqui Beale in maintaining positive relationships with our Boarding School friends and ABSA and put a lot of effort into ensuring facts and figures were accurate and supported our constant lobby to increase allowances in this area. During her time on Council Kel has also held the position of Curriculum Portfolio leader and Lones Members Officer, attended many Federal Conferences, delegations, consultations and mid-year meetings, as well as contributing to reports and submissions.

Kel stepped into the role of State Secretary with large shoes to fill, and she has only made them that much larger! With her first State Conference as Secretary swiftly becoming a virtual one, Kel was thrown in the deep end - firstly with coordinating, typing, printing, and collating many extra documents; secondly, she was learning the ropes (physical and virtual) along with our new Assistant Secretary Sonia; and thirdly, she had to learn how to cope with my OCD traits... I mean, who doesn't like their documents in Calibri Size 11 font, fully justified with headings centred and in Bold!

Kel... you have played such a big role in my life during your time on Council. We have spent so many hours together on our road trips, listening to dodgy audiobooks, crime podcasts and exploring tourist attractions along the way. With five children of your own, I guess you kind of fell into a bit of a natural 'mothering' role and I know we have all been a recipient to your wonderfully considered words of advice at some time or another. Most importantly, you were there for me at one of the worst stages of my life, and your tough love approach and unending support helped me see the light at the end of the tunnel.

I know that Dan and the kids will be secretly excited that you may potentially be a little more present at home, but their gain is our loss. Kelly Ostwald, you are a truly amazing person. You have put your heart and soul (and a little of your OCD) into our lives and it is going to feel like a piece of our machine is missing without you. We wish you all the best on your new adventure with AgForce and I know you won't be a stranger. On behalf of State Council – thank you for volunteering your time to further our mission and thank you for being you!

By Tammie Irons

### **Mrs JESSIE PERSSE**

Jessie Persse, our very own ticktock sensation and wonderful asset to our Qld State Council. Jessie has always provided a smiling face and wonderful passion for ICPA and I'm sad to see her farewell us. I asked Jessie what her favourite ICPA memory was and without hesitation she said it is the new friendships, road trips and genuine connections with people she may otherwise never have got to meet. Jessie joined the state council team in 2017 at the Alpha conference. The story goes that she was just sitting there as a Dirranbandi delegate and felt the immediate urge to have the voice of regional and remote students heard, so she jumped in and nominated to join State Council. While on council Jessie has been the leader of the travel portfolio and the school's portfolio which she has engaged in both with gusto. I have been in meetings with Jessie, especially on the travel portfolio and seen her just not accepting no for an answer to our motion delivery, she has put forward members motions with passion and professionalism always asking what information would help keep progressing the issues. She has also been a member on many other portfolios including boarding schools, teacher education, TTT, DE, Curriculum and Specific Needs. Jessie has attended many Brisbane delegations, mid-year meetings and of course is very active at her local branch Dirranbandi. She has represented ICPA Qld State Council at events such as P&C Qld conference and the teach rural careers fair where she shared her passion for teaching with others and showing them that it is possible to have a rewarding experience outside the city limits. Jessie is leaving us, to this year focus on her personal life and business interests. We have loved sharing snips of Jessies life and her loves for her kids, her Jack Russel, her decorated mailboxes, her enthusiasm for everything she engages with and especially have loved her dedication to showing her city friends what is actually west of the divide. We have consistently been able to count of Jessie to tell others about ICPA and encourage her mentor branches to never give up and keep their issues coming forward. Jessie, thank you for sharing some of your time with us and we look forward to following along with your post ICPA life. Happy days Jessie.

By Melissa Iland

### **Mrs LOUISE WINTEN**

Louise Winten joined state council in 2016 at the Alpha conference. Lou launched herself straight into the Early Childhood portfolio in which she held until 2018. During that time Lou attended many ministerial Early Years Forums and was part of the Remote Kindy Pilot Program working group.

Lou became very well known for being the go-to person among the ekindy pods as she strove to ensure all of these children had access to some form of community kindergarten.

In 2019 Lou went from one end of education to the other, taking over the Tertiary Trade and Training portfolio. Whilst in this position Lou has challenged herself to increase partnerships between ICPA Qld and Tafe as well as lending a hand with connections in other portfolios.

During her time on council Lou has also continued to hold the position of Charleville Branch President and has also been a founding family of the new Morven Hotel.

State Council will continue to admire Lou's dedication as she always brings along her joggers to every council pit stop for her morning walk and then returns for her embarrassingly healthy muslie breakfast while the majority of us are still getting out of bed & motivated!

Lou, you have always kept a level head and provided a voice of reason when needed. We know that David, Angus Riley and Ruby will enjoy having your time a little more but we sure will miss you.

By Kasie Scott

**Mrs MICHELLE FRESHWATER**

Michelle joined State Council at Winton Conference in 2018 and became the leader of the Schools Portfolio. Michelle is a fully qualified working teacher and her insight from this angle has been valuable and appreciated by ICPA.

After Conference in 2019 Michelle took on a portfolio she has a lot of passion for Specific Needs. Michelle has been the leader on this Portfolio for the last 2 years and has built many relationships with various organisations including Community Recreation unit, Outback Futures, Bush kids and Autism Queensland. During her 3 years on State Council she has also been on the Teacher Ed, Boarding Schools and Hostels, Curriculum and Early childhood Portfolios. Just when you think she couldn't fit anymore into her schedule Michelle also did a year as the Fundraising Officer.

On behalf of ICPA Qld I would like to say thank you for not only the years she has committed to State Council but also all the work she does at Branch Level.

By Kate Bradshaw

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# 2019 Financial Statements - Audit

Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc.  
ABN 65 411 031 053

For the year ended 31 March 2020

Prepared by Ringrose Button Chartered Accountants

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## Auditor's Report

### Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc. For the year ended 31 March 2020

#### Qualified Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc. (the association), which comprises the committee's report, the balance sheet as at 31 March 2020, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the statement by members of the committee.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the accompanying financial report of the association for the year ended 31 March 2020 gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the association and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and, in all material respects, in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

#### Basis of Qualified Opinion

It is not always practicable for the association to establish control over all sources of income prior to receipt of these funds by the association and accordingly, it is not possible for our examination to include procedures which extend beyond the amounts of such income recorded in the account records of the association. Our audit report is thus qualified in the completeness of income.

I conduct my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibility under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report section of my report. I am independent of the association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

#### Emphasis of matter - basis of accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the association in meeting the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My report is intended solely for the association and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the association. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Responsibility of the Committee for the Financial Report

The committee of Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc. is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981, and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's Responsibility for the audit of the financial report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

Auditor's Report

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William Iain Ringrose

Auditor's address: 116 Eagle Street  
Longreach QLD 4730

Dated: 27 July 2020

## Income and Expenditure Statement

Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc.

For the year ended 31 March 2020

	2020	2019
<b>Trading Income</b>		
Sales	4,053.60	3,519.11
Cost of Sales		
Opening Stock	3,342.38	3,421.60
Purchases	2,539.64	2,401.55
Closing Stock	(3,099.40)	(3,342.38)
Total Cost of Sales	2,782.62	2,480.77
Total Trading Income	1,270.98	1,038.34
<b>Income</b>		
Grant & Sponsorship	34,709.00	1,500.00
Donations	145,345.43	63,975.68
Fundraising	17,730.00	15,919.00
Membership & Subscriptions	30,011.14	26,017.08
Total Income	227,795.57	107,411.76
<b>Other Income</b>		
Advertising	3,676.37	1,080.00
Bush Christmas	10,993.80	10,988.90
Interest Income	3,417.19	1,492.25
Other Revenue	818.18	832.36
Total Other Income	18,905.54	14,393.51
<b>Gross Income</b>	247,972.09	122,843.61
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Audit Fees	3,350.00	3,171.10
Advertising & Promotion	849.55	1,874.97
Badges & Certificates	183.72	984.94
Bad Debts Written Off	172.73	-
Bank Fees	350.00	134.05
Conference Costs - Federal	4,553.51	5,517.71
Conference Costs - State	79,639.56	15,497.58
Conference Costs - Other	853.50	500.00
Depreciation	4,365.94	4,718.00
Fit for Rural Futures Camp	29,295.55	-
Fundraising Expenses	4,176.74	3,085.57
Fundraising Officer Expenses	339.94	200.00
Gifts & Floral Tributes	1,654.98	1,087.67
Hire of Plant & Equipment	-	250.00
Insurance	9,288.36	11,976.63
Interest Expense	-	0.09
Meeting Expenses	36,596.37	37,948.37

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Income and Expenditure Statement

	2020	2019
Minor Equipment Purchases	205.45	-
News & Views Expenses	16,336.46	20,883.20
Permits, Licences & Fees	2,000.00	127.90
Postage, Printing & Stationery	1,295.97	1,594.90
Software & Podcast Costs	6,725.68	795.57
Subscriptions & Publications	3,930.53	193.64
Telephone & Internet	-	60.00
Uniforms	960.00	-
Workshop & Training Expenses	-	9,208.18
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>207,124.54</b>	<b>119,810.07</b>
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>40,847.55</b>	<b>3,033.54</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Balance Sheet

### Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc. As at 31 March 2020

	NOTES	31 MAR 2020	31 MAR 2019
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>			
Paypal		680.00	1,505.75
Westpac Term Deposit		100,538.14	106,655.85
Westpac Fundraising Account		27,435.88	27,085.50
Westpac General Cheque		40,801.51	16,256.74
Westpac Maxi Investment		48,847.70	20,092.88
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		<b>218,303.23</b>	<b>171,596.72</b>
Trade and Other Receivables		187.00	734.50
GST Receivable		1,132.82	3,935.11
Stock on hand		3,099.40	3,342.38
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>222,722.45</b>	<b>179,608.71</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Plant and Equipment and Vehicles		6,320.56	4,551.33
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>6,320.56</b>	<b>4,551.33</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>229,043.01</b>	<b>184,160.04</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Bank Overdraft</b>			
Westpac Mastercard		1,784.42	-
<b>Total Bank Overdraft</b>		<b>1,784.42</b>	<b>-</b>
Trade and Other Payables		3,714.00	1,463.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>5,498.42</b>	<b>1,463.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>5,498.42</b>	<b>1,463.00</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>223,544.59</b>	<b>182,697.04</b>
<b>Member's Funds</b>			
Capital Reserve		221,780.69	180,933.14
Reserves		1,763.90	1,763.90
<b>Total Member's Funds</b>		<b>223,544.59</b>	<b>182,697.04</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Depreciation Schedule

### Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc. For the year ended 31 March 2020

NAME	PURCHASED	COST	OPENING VALUE	PURCHASES	DISPOSALS	RATE	DEPRECIATION	CLOSING VALUE
<b>Plant &amp; Equipment</b>								
ASUS P555LJ-X0857TNB X154	9 May 2016	680.00	76.00	-	-	66.67%	50.67	25.33
Binder	3 May 2019	621.55	-	621.55	-	20.00%	113.44	508.11
Black Notebook Bag	9 Sep 2010	22.73	-	-	-	100.00%	-	-
Canon 950 Photocopier	5 Oct 2005	362.73	4.00	-	-	30.00%	1.20	2.80
Canon EOS 500D & Lens 18-20mm Camera	14 Dec 2012	800.00	199.00	-	-	20.00%	39.80	159.20
Dell Inspiron 15 - 5000 Series Laptop	30 Dec 2018	988.36	822.36	-	-	66.67%	548.27	274.09
Dell Inspiron 15 - 5000 Series Laptop	22 Jun 2018	953.63	460.63	-	-	66.67%	307.10	153.53
Dell Inspiron 15 - 5000 Series Laptop	7 Jun 2018	1,185.45	540.45	-	-	66.67%	360.32	180.13
Dell Inspiron 15 - 5000 Series Laptop	29 Apr 2018	1,162.72	446.72	-	-	66.67%	297.83	148.89
Dell Inspiron 15 3000 Series - 3593	24 Oct 2019	1,144.55	-	1,144.55	-	66.67%	333.58	810.97
Dell Inspiron 15 5000 Series - 5570	17 May 2019	1,017.27	-	1,017.27	-	66.67%	592.97	424.30
Dell Inspiron 15 5000 Series - 5593	6 Feb 2020	1,135.45	-	1,135.45	-	66.67%	113.76	1,021.69
Dell Inspiron 15 5000 Series - 5593	7 Feb 2020	1,135.45	-	1,135.45	-	66.67%	111.69	1,023.76
Dell Inspiron 15 7000 Series - 7570	21 May 2019	1,080.90	-	1,080.90	-	66.67%	622.19	458.71
Electric Stapler	1 Jul 1989	200.00	-	-	-	7.50%	-	-
HP Deskjet 3520SN	26 Sep 2013	61.82	4.00	-	-	40.00%	1.60	2.40
HP Photosmart 5520 Inject Printer	21 May 2013	70.00	5.00	-	-	40.00%	2.00	3.00
HP15BAD0154A Laptop	1 Apr 2017	498.18	55.00	-	-	66.67%	36.67	18.33
ICPA Flags	27 Aug 2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inspiron 15 5000 Series 1 (1)	5 Mar 2018	973.64	309.00	-	-	66.67%	206.01	102.99
Inspiron 15 5000 Series (2)	5 Mar 2018	973.64	309.00	-	-	66.67%	206.01	102.99
Leader Companions SC501 Notebooke	10 Feb 2016	726.36	31.00	-	-	66.67%	20.67	10.33
Lenovo Idea's iPad	7 Feb 2017	862.73	87.00	-	-	66.67%	58.00	29.00



Depreciation Schedule

NAME	PURCHASED	COST	OPENING VALUE	PURCHASES	DISPOSALS	RATE	DEPRECIATION	CLOSING VALUE
MacBook Air	2 Nov 2017	1,362.73	330.00	-	-	66.67%	220.01	109.99
Microfilm Records	1 Jul 1986	500.00	500.00	-	-		-	500.00
Microfishe Reader	1 Jul 1990	350.00	-	-	-	10.00%	-	-
Microsoft Home & Business 2010 Software	9 Sep 2009	245.45	-	-	-	100.00%	-	-
Microsoft Office	2 Dec 2003	319.09	-	-	-	40.00%	-	-
Rapid 100E Electric Stapler	1 Jul 1993	350.00	-	-	-	13.00%	-	-
Rapid 90EC Eletric Stapler	1 Aug 2013	454.36	26.00	-	-	40.00%	10.40	15.60
Reckon	26 Sep 2013	-	-	-	-		-	-
Retractable Banner 2nd	17 Aug 2008	609.00	129.00	-	-	15.00%	19.35	109.65
Retractable Banner System	3 Sep 2007	608.00	92.00	-	-	15.00%	13.80	78.20
Ricoh Aficio Multifunction SN S9019300404	3 Jan 2012	2,999.00	79.00	-	-	40.00%	31.60	47.40
Samsung R540-JD01AU Notebook & Warranty	9 Sep 2010	990.91	-	-	-	66.67%	-	-
Teleconference Headsets	29 Nov 2004	715.59	6.00	-	-	30.00%	1.80	4.20
Teleconference Headsets	13 Dec 2004	511.14	4.00	-	-	30.00%	1.20	2.80
Toshiba L650D/02Y Laptop	19 Feb 2011	635.45	-	-	-	66.67%	-	-
Toshiba Satellite 500T-8008	13 Jun 2014	999.09	6.00	-	-	66.67%	4.00	2.00
Toshiba Satellite 500T-A No. 1	14 Oct 2013	815.45	3.00	-	-	66.67%	2.00	1.00
Toshiba Satellite 500T-A No. 2	14 Oct 2013	815.45	3.00	-	-	66.67%	2.00	1.00
Toshiba Satellite 500T-A No. 3	14 Oct 2013	815.45	3.00	-	-	66.67%	2.00	1.00
Toshiba Satellite 500T-A No. 4	14 Oct 2013	815.45	3.00	-	-	66.67%	2.00	1.00
Toshiba Satellite 500T-A No. 5	14 Oct 2013	815.46	3.00	-	-	66.67%	2.00	1.00
Toshiba Satellite L50D-C (2)	3 Nov 2015	680.00	21.00	-	-	66.67%	14.00	7.00
Toshiba Satellite L50D-C (3)	3 Nov 2015	680.00	21.00	-	-	66.67%	14.00	7.00
Toshiba Satellite Laptop C500-A	26 Sep 2013	643.64	2.00	-	-	66.67%	1.33	0.67



Toshiba Satellite Pro 17/4GB	29 Nov 2012	908.18	1.00	-	-	66.67%	0.67	0.33
Total Plant & Equipment		35,296.05	4,581.16	6,135.17	-		4,365.94	6,350.39
<b>Total</b>		<b>35,296.05</b>	<b>4,581.16</b>	<b>6,135.17</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>4,365.94</b>	<b>6,350.39</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc. For the year ended 31 March 2020

#### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The special purpose financial report has been prepared for the distribution to members to fulfil the Committee's financial reporting requirements under the Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc. Constitution and the Associations Incorporation Act Qld 1981. The Committee has determined that the Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc. is not a reporting entity.

The statements are produced on an accrual basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

No Australian Accounting Standard, Australian Accounting Interpretation Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australia Accounting Standards Board have been intentionally applied.

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#### 2. Property Plant and Equipment

##### Plant and Equipment

Plant & Equipment	35,296.05	29,160.88
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(28,975.49)	(24,609.55)
Total Plant and Equipment	6,320.56	4,551.33
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Total Property Plant and Equipment	6,320.56	4,551.33



## Statement by members of committee

### Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc. For the year ended 31 March 2020

#### Statement by members of Committee

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 2 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc. as at 31 March 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(President)



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Treasurer)

Dated: 27 July 2020

