

TERTIARY, TRADE AND TRAINING

S 16. 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 Apprentices."

Explanation:

Many rural students choose to pursue apprenticeships. Often these opportunities are offered a significant distance from the family home whereby they have no option but to relocate and live independently. For most of these young people, it is their first time in the workforce. Support Networks such as the Registered Training Organisation (RTA) are vital services at the "coal face" that help apprentices navigate through their apprenticeship.

Employers are offered many incentives to take on apprentices however these apprentices are largely left to their own devices, especially if they have had to relocate. It is imperative that they are offered support networks independent of their workplace. While we acknowledge the financial assistance of the Federal Living Away From Home Allowance for Apprentices there are many other areas that require support in order to achieve the best outcomes.

Carried

S 17. 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."

Explanation:

There is a major focus on Agriculture in Australia to be a \$100 Billion sector by 2030.

Ag colleges all around the country are bursting at the seams with enrolments and Queensland must be able to offer these opportunities to our students wishing to study in the Ag field.

Carried

S 19. 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)."

Explanation:

The Big Red Truck was started in 2011 as a Federal Government Grant to the 5 schools in the Central West Cluster to provide hospitality training for students from Winton, Barcaldine, Aramac, Blackall and Longreach – which is the administrative base. The BRT provides a Cert II in Kitchen Operations and travels to each centre providing training in an industrial standard workplace. After extensive lobbying from the BRT for a much-

needed refurbishment and its ongoing operational costs (upkeep and servicing of the truck itself), Longreach State High school received the grant of \$2.9m into the school soon after the May 4th announcement.

This money was originally to be solely allocated to the Outback College of Hospitality Trade Training Centre. It would have been enough to renovate the truck and provide ongoing support for the next 10 years of operation. Somehow the grant has now been divided between the BRT as well as the renovation of the Longreach High School kitchen. Each school would love to have their kitchen renovated but they all understand the versatility and importance of the BRT and we feel this should be covered and made an absolute priority before the LSHS kitchen is even considered.

All the functions of a commercial kitchen already are and continue to be carried out in the BRT, which travels between the cluster towns for the training of students in hospitality as well as offering the practical application of catering opportunities at community events. It was envisaged with this grant that each school could be fitted out with espresso coffee and non-alcoholic beverages hubs. These hubs would then serve a dual purpose; on short visits to these school's practical skills could be observed and then when the truck is elsewhere, the skills could be put into practice as well as a source of fundraising over the course of the school year.

Carried