Top Wire Report

Madam President, distinguished guests, fellow members of ICPA, ladies and gentlemen. It is with great pleasure that I present the Top Wire Report.

Firstly, congratulations once again to the ICPA-NSW State Councillors for their commitment and dedication as they advocate for issues around the education of rural and remote families in NSW, and in particular, navigating the uncharted waters of issues concerning Covid-19.

A tremendous effort indeed and you can read all about their efforts in each edition of the Top Wire as they helpfully contribute their reports.

Thank you to the branches who have contributed articles in the Around The Waratah section of the Top Wire again throughout 2020. However, it seems that there are the regular or the 'usual' branches contributing so I would encourage *every* branch to consider contributing at least once a year. The size of the article is irrelevant as ICPA-NSW members are keen to learn about the lives of rural and remote families.

A special shout out needs to be mentioned this year to Kate Treweeke, the ICPA-NSW Archivist who has spent many hours pawing over pages and pages of collected history items to contribute so much interesting information about the last 50 years of ICPA-NSW to each edition of the Top Wire for the last 12 months. Many thanks Kate!

Thank you once again to Irene Lund, our ICPA-NSW Membership Officer for posting the address labels to me for mailing each edition and for keeping the address database of members up to date. Irene also has had the arduous task of continuing to liaise with the school's wishing to be included in our November bumper and full colour edition of the Top Wire to ensure the information included is current and relevant to families thinking about boarding opportunities for their children.

Finally, many thanks once again to the Rankins Springs Branch who heed the call every three months to come together and package and post each edition of Top Wire along with the annual ICPA-NSW calendar and Boarding School Expo inserts for your reading pleasure.

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