

ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND Inc



Minutes of the Fifty-first Annual Conference

8th and 9th June, 2022

**Blackall Cultural Centre
BLACKALL, QLD**

Hosted by: Blackall Branch
Co-Convenors: Anita Dennis and Susie Milson



Blackall Conference Convening Committee

Anita Dennis, Susie Milson, Sarah Pearson, Marcelle Chandler, Sally Gall, Kate Moller, Anne Sprague, Kylie Banks, Carlie Walker, Roslyn Wood, Lisa Alexander, Sally Campbell, Aleta Heathwood



ICPA Qld State Conference Organising Committee and Branch helpers



51st ANNUAL ICPA STATE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Conference, Day 1, Wednesday 8 June 2022

7.30am	Registrations open: Blackall Cultural Centre
8.30am	Conference commences, President's Welcome
8.35am	Acknowledgement of Country
8.40am	National Anthem
8.45am	Welcome to conference
8.55am	Introduction of Branch Delegates, Qld Life Members and Executive Roll Call Distribution of Voting Cards
9.05am	Acknowledgement of guests and apologies
9.10am	Introduction to Qld State Council
9.15am	President's Report
9.25am	Procedural Information for attendees
9.30am	Welcome to Department attendees
9.50am	50 Year Book launch
9.55am	Conference arrangements
10.00am	MORNING TEA
10.30am	Curriculum Portfolio Snapshot
10.35am	Update from QCAA
11.00am	Motions on the Agenda - Curriculum
11.15am	Early Childhood Portfolio Snapshot
11.20am	Motions on the Agenda - Early Childhood
11.30am	Presentation
11.35am	Specific Needs Portfolio Snapshot
11.40am	Motions on the Agenda - Specific Needs
11.55am	Guest Speaker: Waverley Stanley – Yalari
12.40pm	Conference arrangements
12.45pm	LUNCH
1.30pm	Arrival of The Honourable Grace Grace MP
1.45pm	Blackall Combined Schools Student Performance
1.55pm	Official Opening of ICPA Qld 2022 State Conference
2.10pm	Motions on the Agenda
2.30pm	Presentation, The Honourable Grace Grace MP
2.35pm	Financial Assistance Portfolio Snapshot
2.40pm	Motions on the Agenda - Financial Assistance
2.55pm	Teacher Education Portfolio Snapshot
3.00pm	Motions on the Agenda - Teacher Education
3.20pm	Presentation
3.25pm	Conference arrangements
3.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA
4.00pm	Boarding Schools Portfolio Snapshot
4.05pm	ABSA presentation
4.10pm	Motions on the Agenda - Boarding Schools
4.15pm	Schools Portfolio Snapshot
4.20pm	Motions on the Agenda - Schools
4.40pm	Presentation
4.45pm	Dr Christian Rowan MP presentation
4.50pm	Conference arrangements
4.55pm	Conference adjourns
6.00pm	CONFERENCE GALA DINNER - Winter, Wattle, Wool



Conference, Day 2, Thursday 9 June 2022

8.00am	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ICPA QLD INC Delegates and Executive Roll Call, Distribution of Voting Cards
8.55am	AGM closes
9.00am	Conference resumes
9.00am	Federal President's Report
9.10am	Motions on the Agenda - Schools continued
9.30am	TAFE Presentation
9.35am	Tertiary, Trade, Training Portfolio Snapshot
9.40am	Motions on the Agenda - Tertiary, Trade, Training
9.55am	Conference arrangements
10.00am	MORNING TEA
10.30am	Performance
10.35am	Guest Speaker - Seamus Evans
11.20am	Travel Portfolio Snapshot
11.25am	Motions on the Agenda - Travel
11.55am	Communications Portfolio Snapshot
12.00pm	Motions on the Agenda - Communications
12.20pm	Presentation
12.25pm	Conference arrangements
12.30pm	LUNCH
1.30pm	Presentation
1.35pm	Distance Education Portfolio snapshot
1.40pm	Motions on the Agenda - Distance Education
2.45pm	Motions Miscellaneous
2.55pm	How to make the most of our website
3.00pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3.30pm	Motions on the Agenda
3.50pm	Presentation
3.55pm	Presentation
4.00pm	Presentation to Convening Branch
4.10pm	Vote of Thanks to Chair
4.15pm	2022 State Conference close





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BOARDING SCHOOLS & HOSTELS

26(A1), 27(A2)

COMMUNICATIONS

49(A3), 50(A4), 51(A5), 52(A7)

CURRICULUM

2(A8), 3(A9), 4(S2), 5(S3), 14(S1)

DISTANCE EDUCATION

53(A10), 54(A11), 55(A12), 56(A13), 57(A14), 58(A15), 59(A16), 60(A17), 61(A19), 62(A20), 63(A22), 64(S4), 65(S5), 66(S6), 67(S7), 11(A18), 12(A21)

EARLY CHILDHOOD

6(A23), 7(S8)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

13(A26), 16(A24), 17(A25), 18(S9), 19(S10)

SCHOOLS

15(S19), 28(A27), 29(A28), 30(A29), 31(A30), 32(A31), 33(A32), 34(A33), 35(A34), 43(S11), 44(S12), 69(S13), 70(A14), 71(S15), 72(S16), 73(S17), 74(S18), 75(S20), 76(S21), 77(F1)

SPECIFIC NEEDS

8(A37), 9(A38), 10(A39)

TEACHER EDUCATION

20(A40), 21(A41), 22(A42), 23(A43), 24(A44), 25(S22)

TERTIARY, TRADE & TRAINING

45(S23), 46(S24), 47(S25), 48(S26)

TRAVEL

36(A45), 37(A46), 38(A47), 39(A48), 40(A49), 41(A50), 42(S27)

MISCELLANEOUS

1(S28), 68(A51)

AGM

AGM 1, AGM 2, AGM 3, AGM 4, AGM 5, AGM 6, AGM 7, AGM 8, AGM 9



Conference Opened

8.33am

Present:

Delegates.....	59
Queensland Councillors.....	15
Life Members/Patron	1
Federal Councillors.....	2
Total Voting Delegates	<u>77</u>
Observers.....	40
Guests.....	<u>113</u>
Total Attendance.....,	230

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

Welcome to Country – *Mrs Julie Blucher*

National Anthem – *Blackall State School and St Josephs*
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Louise Martin*

Welcome to Blackall – *Mrs Jan Gall with Mrs Daphne Rich and Mrs Diana Schutt*
Blackall Branch Life Members
Introduced and thanked by *Ms Tammie Irons*

Executive & Delegates Roll Call - *Mrs Annette Boyle*

Acknowledgement of Guests - *Mrs Annette Boyle*

Apologies

Moved: *Mrs Annette Boyle*; Seconded: *Mrs Sonia Spurdle*

“That the apologies, as listed, be accepted.”

CARRIED

Confirmation of 2021 Conference Minutes

Moved: *Mrs Annette Boyle*; Seconded: *Mrs Sonia Spurdle*

“That the 2021 Conference Minutes be accepted as true and correct.”

CARRIED



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

51st Annual Conference

DAY 1

**Blackall Cultural Centre
Blackall**

Wednesday 8th June 2022



MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

9.07am

Miscellaneous

1. **S28**

QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL

Moved: Annette Boyle (Queensland State Council); **Seconded:** Sonia Spurdle (Queensland State Council)

“That the motions presented and voted upon at the 2020 State Conference of ICPA Qld be ratified.”

CARRIED

Business Arising: Nil

Video Presentation – Introduction to Queensland State Council

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs Louise Martin

9.16am



Conference Procedural Information for Attendees - Mrs Kate Bradshaw

Presentation

9.36am

by Dr Regan Neumann, Ms Karen Edwards, Mr Adrian Yarrow and Ms Michelle Bond

Department of Education Queensland, Rural, Remote and International

Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Kasie Scott*



Book Launch – 50 Years of ICPA Qld collated by *Mrs Christine McLean*
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Louise Martin*





ICPA Qld Inc LIFE MEMBERSHIP

9.58am

awarded to

MRS MARGARET GREENWAY

Presented by *Ms Tammie Irons*



ICPA Qld Inc LIFE MEMBERSHIP

awarded to

MRS JAN GALL

Presented by *Ms Tammie Irons*



Conference arrangements and acknowledgement to Sponsors, *Mrs Anita Dennis* Conference
Co-Convenor

Morning Tea

10.15am

Conference Resumes

10.45am

Portfolio Report – CURRICULUM
by *Mrs Wendy Henning*

**Queensland Curriculum Assessment Authority (QCAA) Update – Ms Kathryn Tully and
Mr Theo Clark**

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

11.05am

Curriculum



2. **A8**

JULIA CREEK BRANCH

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

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education and the Minister for Education to ensure there is adequate funding for a full-time position of Curriculum Resource Review within each School of Distance Education to assist with the implementation of the changes to the national curriculum in schools of Distance Education.”

CARRIED

3. **A9**

CLERMONT BRANCH

Moved: Sarah Cox (Dawson Valley Branch); **Seconded:** Elizabeth Shoecraft (Dawson Valley Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Minister for Education to ensure changes to the Australian Curriculum to refine, realign and declutter the curriculum and agreed upon by Education Ministers in April, be applied to the curriculum in Queensland schools to make the curriculum more manageable for distance education tutors and in rural schools with multi age classrooms.”

CARRIED

4. **S2**

MOUNT ISA BRANCH OF THE AIR

Moved: Margaret Brock (Mt Isa BOTA); **Seconded:** Wendy Hick (Mt Isa BOTA)

“That ICPA Qld work with relevant bodies to raise awareness among boarding schools that some rural and remote students are unable to participate in National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing and other external examination programs ICAS assessments due to geographic isolation reasons, and this should not impact on their eligibility for enrolment at boarding schools.”

CARRIED

5. **S3**

QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL

Moved: Wendy Henning (Queensland State Council); **Seconded:** Tammie Irons (Queensland State Council)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Minister of Education and the Dept of Education to ensure that the delivery of foundational skills in the curriculum, such as Manual Arts, Graphics, Ag Science and Home Economics, continue to remain an option for secondary students.”

CARRIED

Portfolio Report – EARLY CHILDHOOD
by Mrs Kasie Scott

11.21am

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

Early Childhood



6. **A23**

WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH

Moved: Claire Walker (Westmar/Inglestone Branch); **Seconded:** Amy Squire (Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to ensure that all students enrolled in State Based Kindy Programs are provided learning support and access to resources upon commencement, with appropriate supporting medical evidence.”

CARRIED

7. **S8**

CUNNAMULLA BRANCH

Moved: Trish McKenzie (Cunnamulla Branch); **Seconded:** Rhiannon Newsham (Cunnamulla Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the relevant State Ministers and departments to immediately prioritise and fund re-establishing early childhood educational programs in recognised highly vulnerable rural and remote locations.”

CARRIED

PRESENTATION to retiring State Councillor - Ms Tammie Irons
by Mrs Wendy Henning

11.32am

Portfolio Report – SPECIFIC NEEDS

by Mrs Dianne Meikle

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

11.08am

Specific Needs

8. **A37**

KINDON BRANCH

Moved: Bryan Lahey (Kindon Branch); **Seconded:** Mick Crothers (Kindon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education for improved support for students with disabilities, in particular, students with behavioural disabilities such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).”

WORD CHANGE –insert ‘rural & remote’
The motion now reads –

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education for improved support for rural & remote students with disabilities, in particular, students with behavioural disabilities such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).”

CARRIED



9. **A38**

SOUTHERN DOWNS BRANCH

Moved: Michelle Ramsay (Southern Downs Branch); **Seconded:** Kelly Ostwald (Southern Downs Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to liaise with Queensland Health to extend the services of School-Based Youth Health Nurses (SBYHN) to primary school students in rural and remote areas to assist in supporting the mental health and wellness needs of all students at the earliest possible stage of learning.”

CARRIED

10. **A39**

MOUNT ISA BRANCH OF THE AIR

Moved: Wendy Hick (Mt Isa BOTA); **Seconded:** Margaret Brock (Mt Isa BOTA)

“That ICPA Qld lobby relevant government departments for the provision of fiscal support to private organisations that provide allied health to rural and remote students with specific learning needs where there are insufficient or non-existent government supplied service providers to enable regularised student support to improve learning outcomes.”

CARRIED

GUEST SPEAKER Mr Waverley Stanley, Yalari
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Wendy Henning*



Conference arrangements, *Mrs Susie Milson* Conference Co-Convenor

Lunch 12.45pm
Conference resumes 1.45pm

PERFORMANCE – Blackall Combined Students Group

Mrs Louise Martin acknowledges the arrival of Minister of Education, The Hon Grace Grace MP

OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE

The Honourable Grace Grace Minister of Education
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Louise Martin*





MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

2.17pm

Distance Education

11. A18

BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH

Moved: Amanda Clark (Queensland State Council); **Seconded:** Anneli Day (Queensland State Council)

“That ICPA Qld thank the Department of Education Infrastructure Services Division on the work completed and the ongoing commitment to get overnight accommodation facilities at Distance Education Schools upgraded to meet compliancy standards.”

CARRIED

12. A21

CLERMONT BRANCH

Moved: Sarah Cox (Dawson Valley Branch); **Seconded:** Elizabeth Shoecraft (Dawson Valley Branch)

“That ICPA Qld raise with the Minister for Education and Department of Education and other relevant parties the need for Schools of Distance Education to continue to cater adequately for the unique needs of geographically isolated students and their families, who have no other choice for accessing education.”

CARRIED

Financial Assistance

13. A26

JULIA CREEK BRANCH

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

“That ICPA Qld 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 is the only option due to geographical isolation.”

CARRIED

Curriculum

14. S1

MOUNT ISA BRANCH OF THE AIR

Moved: Wendy Hick (Mt Isa BOTA); **Seconded:** Margaret Brock (Mt Isa BOTA)

“That ICPA Qld advocate to Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) and other relevant bodies for geographically isolated students to continue to be offered practical choices/alternatives for sitting National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing and for information about these options to be shared consistently across schools and school families.”

CARRIED



Schools

15. **S19**

TAMBO BRANCH

Moved: Heather Turnbull (Tambo Branch); **Seconded:** Kimberley Raines (Tambo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Minister for Education to establish a dedicated Agricultural High School with Co-Ed boarding facilities in Qld to meet the needs of all Rural and Remote students and any students wishing to further develop their skills in these areas.”

CARRIED

Portfolio report – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

by *Mr Robert McArthur*

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

Financial Assistance

16. **A24**

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH

Moved: Wendy Hick (Mt Isa BOTA); **Seconded:** Margaret Brock (Mt Isa BOTA)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to extend eligibility criteria for the Living Away from Home Allowance Scheme (LAFHAS) to include students, whose home address is in Qld, and are enrolled in Years 1 to 12 at approved schools in all States and Territories in Australia.”

CARRIED

17. **A25**

QUILPIE BRANCH

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Minister for Education and Department of Education to be able to have the opportunity to approve individual non-state boarding schools in South Australia to be eligible for the Living Away from Home Allowance (LAFHA) – Remote Area Tuition Allowance.”

DEEMED COVERED BY A24

18. **S9**

BOULIA/BEDOURIE/BIRDSVILLE BRANCH

Moved: Mick Crothers (Kindon Branch); **Seconded:** Bryan Lahey (Kindon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the State Government to significantly raise the Living Away from Home Allowances Scheme (LAFHAS) rates for rural and remote students attending boarding school.”

CARRIED

19. **S10**

WESTERN DOWNS BRANCH

Moved: Briony Sinclair (Western Downs Branch); **Seconded:** Katherine Currin (Western Downs Branch)

“That ICPA Qld continue to 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



MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

Teacher Education

20. **A40**

TAMBO BRANCH

Moved: Kimberley Raines (Tambo Branch); **Seconded:** Heather Turnbull (Tambo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to expand the criteria of the Beyond the Range scholarship program to accommodate applications by students already residing in rural and remote areas and performing placements within the regions.”

CARRIED

21. **A41**

WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH

Moved: Claire Walker (Westmar/Inglestone Branch); **Seconded:** Amy Squire (Winton Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education and other relevant education stakeholders to ensure that any scholarships, bursaries or programs promoting ‘Teaching Rural’ as a career are inclusive of, and indeed targeted towards, students from rural and remote areas who are studying at private and independent schools as well as those in regional & rural state high schools.”

CARRIED

22. **A42**

WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH

Moved: Claire Walker (Westmar/Inglestone Branch); **Seconded:** Amy Squire (Winton Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education and other relevant stakeholders to provide opportunities and financial assistance to potential ‘teachers’ who are already living and working in rural and remote areas to enable them to study Education.”

CARRIED

23. **A43**

WINTON BRANCH

Moved: Amy Squire (Winton Branch); **Seconded:** Claire Walker (Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Queensland Council of Deans to consider implementing one rural and remote placement for all teaching degrees.”

CARRIED

24. **A44**

TAMBO BRANCH

Moved: Kimberley Raines (Tambo Branch); **Seconded:** Heather Turnbull (Tambo Branch)

That ICPA Queensland lobby the Department of Education to offer more professional development and support including human resourcing to schools of distance education where there has been an increase in enrolments of students with special needs.

CARRIED

25. **S22**

WESTERN DOWNS BRANCH

Moved: Briony Sinclair (Western Downs Branch); **Seconded:** Katherine Currin (Western Downs Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the relevant authorities to encourage the uptake of mentorship roles by experienced teachers to mentor graduates in their first year of teaching by offering more flexible and inclusive options for senior teachers to do so in a rural context.”

CARRIED

Mrs Louise Martin reminds attendees to provide Conference feedback, and attend the QCAA meeting and Q & A during break

Conference arrangements and *silent auction update*, Mrs Anita Dennis Conference Co-Convenor

Afternoon Tea
Conference resumes

3.26pm
4.02pm

Portfolio Report – BOARDING SCHOOLS
by Mrs Wendy Henning

AUSTRALIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION (ABSA)
PRESENTATION by Mr Richard Stokes
Introduced and thanked by Mrs Wendy Henning



MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

Boarding Schools

26. **A1**

QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL

Moved: Wendy Henning (Queensland State Council); **Seconded:** Tammie Irons (Queensland State Council)

“That ICPA Qld on behalf of its members and their families, thanks Independent Schools Queensland, Queensland Catholic Education Commission and the Australian Boarding Schools Association, for their tireless work and understanding of the needs of boarding students at all times, but especially during Covid times.”

CARRIED

27. **A2**

QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL

Moved: Wendy Henning (Queensland State Council); **Seconded:** Tammie Irons (Queensland State Council)

“That ICPA Qld, on behalf of its members, thanks the Department of Education and the Department of Health for their swift action and willingness to include all education stakeholders in regular meetings regarding the Code for Boarding School Students at the beginning of 2022.”

CARRIED



Portfolio Report – SCHOOLS

by Mrs Loretta Goodwin

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

Schools

28. **A27**

NEBO BRANCH

Moved: Geoff Bethel (Nebo Branch); **Seconded:** Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA)

“That Nebo Branch would like to thank the Department of Education for its quick action in carrying out upgrades to water infrastructure at the Valkyrie State School, and for its ongoing support with views to long term water solutions at the school.”

CARRIED

29. **A28**

NEBO BRANCH

Moved: Geoff Bethel (Nebo Branch); **Seconded:** Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA)

“That Nebo Branch would like to thank ICPA Qld for its support, guidance and continued advocacy regarding the ongoing water issues in rural schools throughout Queensland.”

CARRIED

30. **A29**

NEBO BRANCH

Moved: Geoff Bethel (Nebo Branch); **Seconded:** Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to prioritise assessments and upgrades to water infrastructure at rural and remote schools that are not connected to a permanent water supply, and further commit to long term projects that may be required in providing more permanent and reliable water sources for rural and remote schools.”

CARRIED

31. **A30**

NEBO BRANCH

Moved: Geoff Bethel (Nebo Branch); **Seconded:** Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA)

“That Nebo Branch would like to thank the Department of Education for its quick action in carrying out upgrades to the Valkyrie State School fencing, lighting and signage.”

CARRIED

32. **A31**

SOUTHERN DOWNS BRANCH

Moved: Michelle Ramsay (Southern Downs Branch); **Seconded:** Kelly Ostwald (Southern Downs Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to resolve the long term and ongoing situation with Acting Principal positions causing disruption in rural and remote schools.”

CARRIED

33. **A32**

ROMA BRANCH

Moved: Kate Gordon (Roma Branch); **Seconded:** Susan Cameron (Roma Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to promote the work of ICPA to the Principals of Rural and Remote Schools.”

LOST



34. **A33**

CHARLEVILLE BRANCH

Moved: Louise Winten (Charleville Branch); **Seconded:** Kylie Cook (Julia Creek Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education and Queensland Catholic Education Commission to ensure that there is a balance of experienced and graduate teachers in rural and remote schools.”

CARRIED

35. **A34**

ALPHA BRANCH

Moved: Sandy McKeering (Alpha Branch); **Seconded:** Shannon Rea (Alpha Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby Education Queensland and the Minister for Education to urgently address the criteria used to assess small school staffing allocations and not solely base allocations on number of students.”

CARRIED

PRESENTATION to retiring State Councillor
Mrs Jocelyn Freeman
by Mrs Dianne Meikle



VIDEO PRESENTATION by Dr Christian Rowan MP Shadow Minister for Education

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

4.50pm

Conference arrangements, Mrs Anita Dennis Conference Co-Convenor





Conference resumes

8.05am

**Isolated Children's
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Queensland Inc**

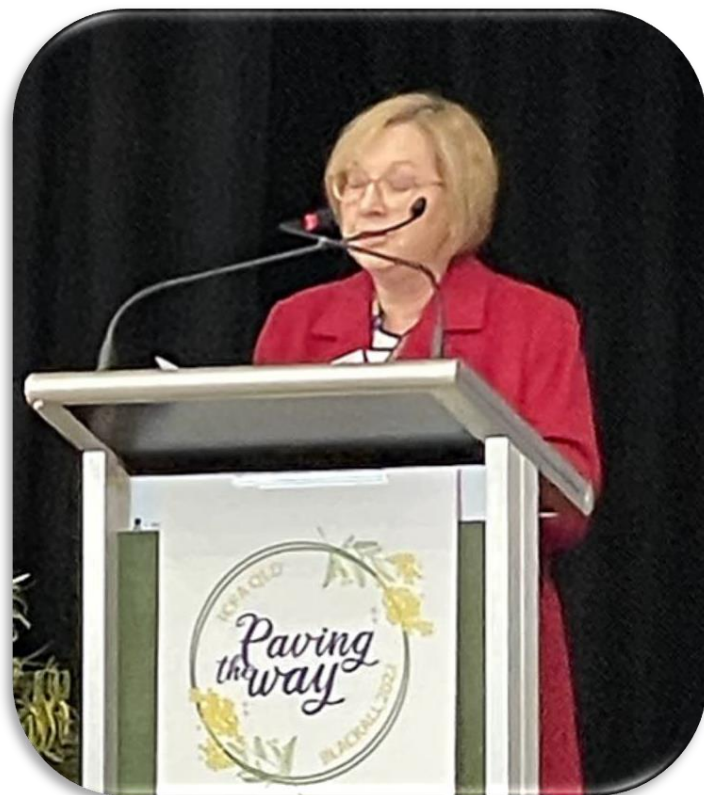
51ST Annual Conference

DAY 2

Blackall Cultural Centre
Blackall

Thursday 9th June
2022

Executive & Delegates Roll Call - Mrs Annette Boyle



SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Moved: Mrs Annette Boyle, Secretary (Queensland Council); **Seconded:** Mrs Sonia Spurdle, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)

SECRETARY'S REPORT RECEIVED.

AGM 1

Minutes of 2021 AGM

Moved: Mrs Annette Boyle, Secretary (Queensland Council); **Seconded:** Mrs Sonia Spurdle, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)

"That the minutes of the 2021 AGM be accepted."

CARRIED

AGM 2

AGM Motions 2020

Moved: Mrs Annette Boyle, Secretary (Queensland Council); **Seconded:** Mrs Sonia Spurdle, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)

"That the motions presented and voted upon at the 2020 AGM of ICPA Qld be ratified."

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT RECEIVED.

AGM 3

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 2021 to 31st March 2022 as presented to the Non-Profit Sub Entities branches at Conference be adopted."

CARRIED

AGM 4

Setting of Membership Fee

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

"That the membership fee for 2023 be set at \$30 inclusive of GST."

CARRIED

AGM 5

Setting of FoICPA Subscription

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 2023."

CARRIED

AGM 6

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

AGM 7

Constitutional Amendment – Memberships

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

"That the amendment to Section 12.2.a of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association Queensland Inc Constitution updated June 2022, as circulated, be adopted."

CARRIED

AGM 8

Constitutional Amendment – Voting

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

"That the amendment to Section 15.11 of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association Queensland Inc Constitution updated June 2022, as circulated, be adopted."

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 Stacey Ryrie
DECLARED ELECTED

VICE PRESIDENTS: Mrs Wendy Henning nominated by Mrs Amanda Clark
DECLARED ELECTED

Mrs Kate Bradshaw nominated by Mrs Dianne Meikle
DECLARED ELECTED

SECRETARY: Mrs Annette Boyle nominated by Mrs Sonia Spurdle
DECLARED ELECTED

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Mrs Sonia Spurdle nominated by Mrs Dale Cook
DECLARED ELECTED

TREASURER: Mrs Amanda Clark nominated by Mrs Sonia Spurdle
DECLARED ELECTED

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

COMMITTEE: Mrs Loretta Goodwin nominated by Mrs Amanda Clark
Mrs Kasie Scott nominated by Mrs Sonia Spurdle
Mrs Kylie Camp nominated by Mrs Kelly Ostwald
Mrs Anneli Day nominated by Mrs Amanda Clark
Mrs Dianne Meikle nominated by Mrs Sonia Spurdle
Mrs Megan Easton nominated by Mrs Kasie Scott
Mrs Tammy Bailey nominated by Mrs Megan Easton

DECLARED ELECTED

FUNDRAISING OFFICER: Mrs Christy Bredhauer

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

AGM 9

JULIA CREEK BRANCH

Moved: Tracey Hacon (Julia Creek Branch); **Seconded:** Catherine Woodhouse (Julia Creek Branch)

"That ICPA Qld host the 52nd Annual State Conference in Julia Creek in 2023."

CARRIED

VIDEO PRESENTATION by Julia Creek Branch

New Executive and Councillors receive ICPA Qld Inc Councillor badges

CLOSURE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9.03am



Newly elected State Council 2022 – 2023



Conference resumes

9.07am

GUEST SPEAKER Mr Seamus Evans, Ambassador Tourette Syndrome Association of Australia
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Melissa Iland*



Video Presentation Portfolio Report – TRAVEL

9.58am

by *Mrs Sonia Spurdle* on behalf of Mrs Kylie Camp

Morning Tea

10.03am

Conference resumes

10.30am

PERFORMANCE – Blackall State School, Instrumental

Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Jocelyn Freeman*

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

Travel

36. **A45**

TAMBO BRANCH

Moved: Stacey Ryrie (Tambo Branch); **Seconded:** Tammy Johnson (Tambo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby Translink and any other government departments to request the conveyance allowance for rural and remote students be calculated from the home garage - not the property boundary.”

CARRIED

37. **A46**

NEBO BRANCH

“That the Nebo Branch supports ICPA Qld’s ongoing efforts to lobby Translink and any other relevant Queensland Government Departments in requesting the conveyance allowance to be calculated from the home garage – not the property boundary.”

DEEMED COVERED BY A45

38. **A47**

TAMBO BRANCH

Moved: Stacey Ryrie (Tambo Branch); **Seconded:** Tammy Johnson (Tambo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Transport and all other relevant departments to ensure that rural and remote bus drivers/owners are being paid for children that are absent from their bus due to weather events, illness, or a pandemic where children are unable to attend school.”

CARRIED



39. **A48**

NEBO BRANCH

Moved: Geoff Bethel (Nebo Branch); **Seconded:** Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education, Department of Transport and Main Roads and Translink to make Kindergarten children attending local schools that offer State Delivered Kindergarten an allocation so that they can travel on designated Class I bus runs.”

CARRIED

40. **A49**

DAWSON VALLEY BRANCH

Moved: Elizabeth Shoecraft (Dawson Valley Branch); **Seconded:** Sarah Cox (Dawson Valley Branch)

“That ICPA Qld seeks written clarification from the Department of Transport and Main Roads on rules for transporting children who are three years of age and turning four on unseatbelted rural school buses.”

CARRIED

41. **A50**

YARAKA/ISISFORD BRANCH

Moved: Dianne Pidgeon (Yaraka/Isisford Branch); **Seconded:** Susan Glasson (Yaraka/Isisford Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Queensland Government and Qantas/QantasLink to reintroduce the ability to book one-way resident fares for the benefit of travelling students and geographically isolated families.”

CARRIED

42. **S 27**

WESTERN DOWNS BRANCH

Moved: Briony Sinclair (Western Downs Branch); **Seconded:** Katherine Currin (Western Downs Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the relevant authorities to consider the impact on rural families who have students living away from home, when transport timetables are changed and preclude them from utilising economic forms of transport to get their child/children home or to school at weekends and holidays.”

CARRIED

Schools

A35

TAMBO BRANCH

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to buy back into rural and remote towns where they have previously sold departmental homes.”

WITHDRAWN

A36

TAMBO BRANCH

“That ICPA Qld Lobby the Department of Education to purchase or provide adequate housing to meet the needs of a varying demographic.”

WITHDRAWN



43. **S11**

SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH

Moved: Sue McDonald (Springsure/Rolleston Branch); **Seconded:** Juliet McConochie (Alpha Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to drop the mandatory COVID 19 vaccination requirements for all staff.”

LOST

44. **S12**

CLARKE CREEK BRANCH

Moved: Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA); **Seconded:** Geoff Bethel (NEBO Branch)

“That ICPA Qld continue to lobby the Department of Education 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

PRESENTATION – by *Amanda Greach* TAFE
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Anneli Day*

11.23am

Portfolio Report – TERTIARY, TRADE and TRAINING
by *Mrs Anneli Day*

11.34am

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

Tertiary, Trade and Training

45. **S23**

CLARKE CREEK BRANCH

Moved: Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA); **Seconded:** Geoff Bethel (NEBO Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Lobby the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT) to provide additional apprenticeship support and easier access to services currently provided.”

CARRIED

46. **S24**

MITCHELL/TOMOO-DUNKELD BRANCH

Moved: Kate Twist (Mitchell/Tomoo-Dunkeld Branch); **Seconded:** Joy McClymont (Longreach Branch)

“That ICPA Qld continues to lobby the Department of Education and the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training, the importance of support networks being provided to Apprentices.”

CARRIED

47. **S25**

QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL

Moved: Anneli Day (Queensland State Council); **Seconded:** Tammie Irons (Queensland State Council)

“That ICPA Qld lobby DESBT to develop a user-friendly platform/app for apprentices and



trainees to enable simplified access to all relevant information pertaining to them.”

CARRIED



48. **S26**

QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL

Moved: Anneli Day (Queensland State Council); **Seconded:** Tammie Irons (Queensland State Council)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Minister for Education to be the voice of change for rural and remote students wishing to further their early childhood studies in the form of Diploma of Childcare (or equivalents) to have the required hours of practical placement to be inclusive of In Home Care work/supervision of children to enable completion of the practical component of course requirements.”

CARRIED



FEDERAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs Lisa Slade, Federal Vice President

Portfolio Report - COMMUNICATIONS

by Mrs Megan Easton

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

9.54am

Communications

49. **A3**

ALPHA BRANCH

Moved: Juliet McConochie (Alpha Branch); **Seconded:** Donna Donaldson (Alpha Branch)

“That ICPA Qld 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.”

WORD CHANGE – remove ‘ICT’ and insert ‘Distance Education Broadband’
The motion now reads -

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

CARRIED

50. **A4**

DAWSON VALLEY BRANCH

Moved: Sarah Cox (Dawson Valley Branch); **Seconded:** Elizabeth Shoecraft (Dawson Valley Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to have trained local IT support personnel or funding available for small schools to buy support time to manage hardware and software issues that arise within the school environment.”

CARRIED



51. **A5**

DAWSON VALLEY BRANCH

Moved: Sarah Cox (Dawson Valley Branch); **Seconded:** Elizabeth Shoecraft (Dawson Valley Branch)

“That ICPA Qld continue lobbying the Department of Education to assist rural schools in having adequate bandwidth/internet speed to ensure the connectivity supports the digital capabilities required by our students to participate in all online lessons and programs.”

CARRIED

A6

NEBO BRANCH

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to ensure that each and every rural and remote school in Queensland is included in the Telstra Exchange Program for Internet Speed Upgrades.”

WITHDRAWN

52. **A7**

NEBO BRANCH

Moved: Geoff Bethel (Nebo Branch); **Seconded:** Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOT)

“That ICPA Qld 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

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AWARD – Mr Jeff Little, Retiring ICT Advisor
by Mrs Kate Bradshaw

Conference arrangements, Mrs Anita Dennis Conference Co-Convenor

Lunch
Conference resumes

12.50pm
1.30pm

PRESENTATION to retiring State Councillor – Mr Robert McArthur
by Mrs Amanda Clark



Portfolio Report – DISTANCE EDUCATION

by Mrs Kate Bradshaw

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

1.41pm

Distance Education



53. **A10**

ALPHA BRANCH

Moved: Juliet McConochie (Alpha Branch); **Seconded:** Donna Donaldson (Alpha Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education and the Minister for Education to ensure Principals at Schools of Distance Education understand the critical importance of grouping geographically isolated children from similar remote areas into the same ‘on air’ classes.”

CARRIED

54. **A11**

ALPHA BRANCH

Moved: Juliet McConochie (Alpha Branch); **Seconded:** Donna Donaldson (Alpha Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education and the Minister for Education to encourage Schools of Distance Education to streamline and reduce the large number of online platforms currently being used to deliver and submit student work and communicate with students and home tutors.”

WORD CHANGE – insert ‘to work with Principals of Schools of Distance Education’
The motion now reads –

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education and the Minister for Education to work with Principals of Schools of Distance Education to encourage Schools of Distance Education to streamline and reduce the large number of online platforms currently being used to deliver and submit student work and communicate with students and home tutors.”

CARRIED

55. **A12**

ALPHA BRANCH

Moved: Juliet McConochie (Alpha Branch); **Seconded:** Donna Donaldson (Alpha Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education and the Minister for 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

56. **A13**

LONGREACH BRANCH

Moved: Joy McClymont (Longreach Branch); **Seconded:** Julie Brown (Longreach Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby Education Queensland to limit the amount of ‘compulsory’ on-air lessons and screen time per day, maintaining an option of *flexible delivery* of lessons for geographically isolated students enrolled in Schools of Distance Education.”

CARRIED

57. **A14**

LONGREACH BRANCH

Moved: Joy McClymont (Longreach Branch); **Seconded:** Julie Brown (Longreach Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby Education Queensland to provide the option of printed curriculum/paper-based lessons (instead of compulsory on-air lessons) for School of Distance Education families, who are not able to participate in all on-air lessons due to extenuating circumstances.”

CARRIED



58. **A15**

ARAMAC/MUTTABURRA BRANCH

Moved: Genevieve Hawkins (Aramac/Muttaborra Branch); **Seconded:** Liz Wehl (Aramac/Muttaborra Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to set clear and flexible guidelines for Distance Education Schools and State Schools to work within, that allows dual enrolments for students.”

WORD CHANGE – remove ‘dual enrolments’ and insert ‘flexible arrangements’
The motion now reads –

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to set clear and flexible guidelines for Distance Education Schools and State Schools to work within, that allows flexible arrangements for students.”

CARRIED

59. **A16**

WINTON BRANCH

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to ensure a simple and efficient process when geographically-isolated students from Schools of Distance Education would like to attend a second school face-to-face, on a regular basis.”

DEEMED COVERED BY A15

60. **A17**

CAPRICORNIA BOTA

Moved: Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA); **Seconded:** Geoff Bethel (Nebo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education and the Minister for Education to ensure that the educational needs of geographically isolated students are not compromised by the exponential increase in Distance Education enrolments.”

CARRIED

61. **A19**

LONGREACH BRANCH

Moved: Joy McClymont (Longreach Branch); **Seconded:** Julie Brown (Longreach Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby Education Queensland to acknowledge the important role Home Tutors play in the delivery of learning, and achieving the best learning outcomes, for students enrolled with Schools of Distance Education.”

CARRIED

62. **A20**

CLERMONT BRANCH

Moved: Sarah Cox (Dawson Valley Branch); **Seconded:** Elizabeth Shoecraft (Dawson Valley Branch)

“That ICPA Qld raise with the Minister for Education and the Department of Education the necessity for staff in distance education schools to have an understanding of the unique circumstances of geographically isolated families, compared to those undertaking distance education by choice.”

CARRIED



63. **A22**

CLERMONT BRANCH

Moved: Sarah Cox (Dawson Valley Branch); **Seconded:** Elizabeth Shoecraft (Dawson Valley Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Minister for Education and Department of Education to address the often unrealistic, unfair, unmanageable and excessive learning expectations placed upon geographically isolated students and their tutors in distance education schoolrooms.”

CARRIED

64. **S4**

ARAMAC/MUTTABURRA BRANCH

Moved: Genevieve Hawkins (Aramac/Muttaburra Branch); **Seconded:** Liz Wehl (Aramac/Muttaburra Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby Distance Education Schools to set clear and flexible guidelines for the ability to deliver content both on and off air, and for the timelines of uploading completed work.”

CARRIED

65. **S5**

SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH

Moved: Sue McDonald (Springsure/Rolleston Branch); **Seconded:** Juliet McConochie (Alpha Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to implement a policy where travelling overseas and one subject DE students are automatically enrolled in a metropolitan campus or campus dedicated solely to these students.”

WORD CHANGE – insert ‘non AIC eligible’ and ‘families’
The motion now reads –

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to implement a policy where Non AIC eligible travelling families, overseas and one subject DE students are automatically enrolled in a metropolitan campus or campus dedicated solely to these students.”

LOST

66. **S6**

SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH

Moved: Sue McDonald (Springsure/Rolleston Branch); **Seconded:** Juliet McConochie (Alpha Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to recognise that Schools of Distance Education are no longer prioritising Geographically Isolated students.”

CARRIED

67. **S7**

QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL

Moved: Dianne Meikle (Queensland State Council); **Seconded:** Tammie Irons (Queensland State Council)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to establish an Enrolment Management Plan for Schools of Distance Education to ensure parity with other State government delivered schooling plans and policies.”

CARRIED



Miscellaneous

68. **A51**

TAMBO BRANCH

Moved: Stacey Ryrle (Tambo Branch); **Seconded:** Tammy Johnson (Tambo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Recreation, Sport and Arts and other relevant departments to develop a funding scheme that helps bring qualified sports coaches into Rural and Remote communities.”

WORD CHANGE – remove ‘Recreation, Sport & Arts’ insert ‘Tourism, Innovation and Sport’ and ‘school’
The motion now reads –

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport and other relevant departments to develop a funding scheme that helps bring qualified sports coaches into Rural and Remote school communities.”

CARRIED

Prize for most attended State Conferences, *Mrs Susie Milson* Conference Co-Convenor

Afternoon Tea	3.12pm
Conference resumes	3.38pm

WEBSITE PRESENTATION by Ms Tammie Irons

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA 3.45pm

Schools

69. **S13**

CLARKE CREEK BRANCH

Moved: Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA); **Seconded:** Geoff Bethel (Nebo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby DOE to revisit the employment arrangements for additional staffing (cleaners, schools’ officers, etc) at small, remote schools in order to develop a more flexible model that better reflects the unique challenges of recruiting and retaining staff in these locations.”

CARRIED

70. **S14**

TAMBO BRANCH

Moved: Stacey Ryrle (Tambo Branch); **Seconded:** Tammy Johnson (Tambo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to provide adequate teacher housing to sufficiently meeting the needs of a varying demographic, particularly in rural and remote communities where ‘teacher’ housing has been reallocated to the Government Employee Housing portfolio.”

CARRIED

71. **S15**

WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH

Moved: Claire Walker (Westmar Inglestone Branch); **Seconded:** Amy Squire (Winton Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to ensure that clusters of small schools in rural and remote areas have relevant and sufficient support in place for Principals who experience situations of trauma and adversity with their students.”

CARRIED



72. **S16**

WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH

Moved: Claire Walker (Westmar Inglestone Branch); **Seconded:** Amy Squire (Winton Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to ensure that in Rural and Remote small schools, where a student enrolls with a physical disability, or if an enrolment changes to include a physical disability, there is an immediate process to ensure that facilities are acceptable and accessible in a timely manner.”

CARRIED

73. **S17**

BOLLON BRANCH

Moved: Karen Gray (Bollon Branch); **Seconded:** Emily Powell (Bollon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to allocate more resources to the mental health of rural and remote students, particularly those engaged in Distance Education.”

CARRIED

74. **S18**

QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL

Moved: Loretta Goodwin (Queensland State Council); **Seconded:** Tammie Irons (Queensland State Council)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Premier of Qld, Education Minister, the Department of Education and Department of Agriculture to work together with Industry to create a state-run agricultural school with boarding facilities in Qld.”

CARRIED

75. **S20**

TAMBO BRANCH

Moved: Stacey Ryrie (Tambo Branch); **Seconded:** Tammy Johnson (Tambo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to ensure students from bypass eligible schools are given priority enrolment over mainstream school students who are choosing to study a subject via Distance Education.”

CARRIED

76. **S21**

TAMBO BRANCH

Moved: Stacey Ryrie (Tambo Branch); **Seconded:** Tammy Johnson (Tambo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld lobby the Department of Education to ensure that students who attend a bypass eligible school, as well as their parents/caregivers, are fully informed of all available avenues, including Distance Education, to access a full suite of suitable curriculum offerings that are available to that student to match their interests and future study/employment aspirations.”

CARRIED

Floor Motions

4:11pm

77. **F1**

SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH

Moved: Sue McDonald (Springsure Rolleston Branch); **Seconded:** Elizabeth Shoecraft (Dawson Valley Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby all relevant authorities to drop the mandatory Covid-19 requirements for all staff of Department of Education, Catholic & Independent schools.”

LOST



PRESENTATION to Fundraising Officer – Mrs Annie McGill
by Mrs Melissa Iland

4.22pm

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AWARD Proof reader – Mrs Noela Wilson
by Mrs Lisa Southern

Vote of thanks to Blackall Conference Convening Committee by Mrs Louise Martin and Mrs Wendy Henning

Conference arrangements and thank you, Mrs Anita Dennis Conference Co-Convenor

Vote of thanks to the Chair by Ms Tammie Irons

2022 ICPA QUEENSLAND INC CONFERENCE CLOSED

4.34pm





QUEENSLAND COUNCIL Conference Attendees

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DELEGATES AND ALTERNATIVE DELEGATES

ALPHA BRANCH: Donna Donaldson, Juliet McConochie, Sandy McKeering, Shannon Rea

ARAMAC/MUTTABURRA BRANCH: Sarah Jane Fysh, Genevieve Hawkins, Liz Wehl

AUGATHELLA BRANCH: Kate Moloney, Gay Petfield

BLACKALL BRANCH: Brigid Allan, Kelly Rollinson, Katherine Scholes, Emma Taylor

BOLLON BRANCH: Karen Gray, Emily Powell

CAPRICORNIA BOTA: Ainsley McArthur

CHARLEVILLE BRANCH: Christy Bredhauer, Louise Winten

CUNNAMULLA BRANCH: Trish McKenzie, Rhiannon Newsham

DAWSON VALLEY BRANCH: Sarah Cox, Elizabeth Shoecraft

HUGHENDEN BRANCH: Shona Larkin, Melissa Neilson

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

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WINTON BRANCH: Amy Squire

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UNITING CARE: Ms Emilie Cameron, Ms Leigh Howard
WINCHESTER FOUNDATION: Mrs Kate Formosa, Mr Richard Hughes, Mrs Judy Harris, Mrs Ruth Bethel, Mr John Smith
YALARI: Mr Waverley Stanley



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Mrs Julia Broad, CHARTERS TOWERS BRANCH

Mr Richard Brosnan, RAY WHITE RURAL ROCKHAMPTON

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Mr Jim D'Castro, MANAGER, INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGIES, DOE

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Mr Michael De'Ath, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF EDUCATION, QUEENSLAND

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Mrs Jill Greenfield, FORMER SA ICPA PRESIDENT

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Mrs Liz McClymont, BUSH CHRISTMAS

Mr Mac McClymont, ICPA QLD LIFE MEMBER



Mrs Libby McPhee, SECRETARY, ICPA NSW

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Mrs Cindy Walsh, CLONCURRY BRANCH



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.

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.



ALANA MOLLER, President, ICPA Australia

In her third 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.

PROFILE: KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

WAVERLEY STANLEY – Yalari

Yalari is a not-for-profit organisation that offers quality, secondary education scholarships at Australia's leading boarding schools for Indigenous children from remote, rural and regional communities.

Waverley travels endlessly to raise funds and awareness about the aim of Yalari - to bring about long-term generational change by giving Indigenous children the opportunity to attend some of the highest achieving schools in Australia.

SEAMUS EVANS - Tourette Syndrome Association of Australia Inc

Conference this year will include a keynote presentation by Seamus Evans, an Ambassador of the Tourette Syndrome Association of Australia Inc (TSAA). In this role Seamus raises awareness and understanding of Tourette Syndrome within schools and among the general public.

Overcoming adversity is something our rural and remote families do everyday, and Seamus will share his journey of acceptance, passion, determination and overcoming his own hurdles.

Your adversity can either be a setback or a gateway..... so turn your 'flaw' into a 'SUPERPOWER'





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Madam Patron, Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM, Federal Vice President Mrs Lisa Slade, Life Member Mrs Daphne Rich OAM, Branch Life Members, Past Councillors, the Blackall Branch convening committee, Distinguished Guests, fellow ICPA members, ladies & gentlemen. It gives me great pleasure to present my 2022 President's Report.

We were extremely lucky and very fortunate that the Cunnamulla conference was held in person, 12 months ago, in amongst covid lockdowns. We have really commiserated with Federal Council and other states as they navigated the pandemic forcing delays in conferences, going online and trail blazing the blended approach. ICPA Qld is truly grateful that we have had a full 12 months between conferences for the first time in 3 years. Delegations and face to face meeting were not without complications with councillors unable to attend in person at a variety of events. Fortunately, with technology and adaptability councillors were able to join most of our meetings virtually. We sincerely hope that we can now put all those challenges behind us and look forward to a more normal future.

Following Cunnamulla conference, we updated our Position Statement with our Key Issues for 2021/2022. It was determined the key issue for the year would be an overview of the lack of equity in education for rural and remote students and highlighted the shortfalls of each portfolio. This document has virtually covered the state, reaching many inboxes far and wide, including all parliamentarians and key stakeholders.

A compact crew of five state councillors descended to Brisbane in August, kick starting the first meetings of the year. Covid again put a dampener on proceedings with the majority of councillor, zooming in from home for our face-to-face meeting as well as departmental meetings. We were fortunately able to meet with a variety of people in person which really made the trip worthwhile. The central issue for discussion was the closing of the accommodation facilities at several schools of distance education, which was debated very passionately at conference. Some progress was made after considered discussion with the department. Other highlights included meeting with the Minister for Agriculture, Mark Furner, broadening the scope of our lobby to seek an increase in the LAFHAS. The debate around the future of the Big Red Truck has closed and we look forward to seeing the truck on the road again which provides such a wonderful service to the central west cluster of schools. A Mini Delegation was held in November resulting in progressive discussions with the Department of Education. Unfortunately, Tony Cook the Director General, one of ICPA's inclusive supporters during the pandemic has, moved on. We were fortunate enough to meet with Craig Kelly, Acting DG and Peter Kelly, DDG State Schools to highlight our key issues. This included expressing our disappointment that the Education Portfolio is not a standalone portfolio and unfortunately incorporates industrial relations and racing under the one umbrella. We were back in Brisbane again in February this year for a face-to-face meeting and delegations with nearly a full council, which was pretty exciting. ICPA Qld met with the newly appointed Director General for Education, Michael De'Ath, who was left without any doubt of the challenges of educating rural and remote children. The Minister for Education, Grace Grace, gave us valuable time to meet and discuss our current key issues. During this meeting, we sincerely thanked the Minister for the assured funding for the Big Red Truck refurbishment. Discussions were held around the increasing concerns that geographically isolated students are being minoritized in the Schools of Distance Education, which were initially purpose built for these students. The concern that rural and remote students could be disadvantaged with NAPLAN testing moving online was also raised with the Minister. For a complete recount of proceedings of State Councils meetings throughout the year, read the full portfolio reports provided by Portfolio leaders in the conference documents on the website.



Thanks again to Dr Regan Neumann, Kym Turner and Julissa Vasquez from the State Schools Rural, Remote and International team for facilitating the meetings with all the relevant departments. Post Conference all the motions are collated and sent to the relevant areas for consideration. This has streamlined our meeting days considerably.

ICPA's relationship with the Department of Education continues to reflect the high value they place on our organization. We are proud to be represented on many stakeholder groups including the Rural and Remote Education Reference Group, Early Years Forum, Qld Schools Ethics Committee and Outside School Hours Care Committee. Over the last 12 months, during the height of the border closures preventing boarding students travelling to and from school, we were very appreciative of being on the Response, Lead, Engagement stakeholder group facilitated by Qld Health. In collaboration, the stakeholder group attained the most practical solutions for crossing borders and management of boarding houses during covid outbreaks. 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. Again, I would like to thank Carmel Nash and the team at the QCEC offices in Brisbane for the continued use of their boardroom and web conferencing facilities for our Council meetings along with the delicious smokos and lunch they provide, it is much appreciated.

ICPA Qld is very proud of the great working relationships we have with our key stakeholders, ABSA, QCAA, Agforce, Telstra, Nbn, QCEC, ISQ, P&C Queensland and others. Knowing that we can communicate with these organisations at any time to assist in our advocacy is invaluable.

In October, we had the most amazing experience in Chillagoe, for our midyear meeting, hosted by the FNQ branch, some of whom travelled further than we did to host the weekend. We took the opportunity to arrive a day earlier, in order for our new council team to get to know each other considering we couldn't all be together in person for our first meeting. We had a lovely time exploring the local tourist attractions on Friday. We then knuckled down for 2 solid days of meetings and strategic planning.

Queensland Council has participated in two joint meetings with Federal Council and the other state councils. We had a zoom meeting in February, and just recently we had an in-person meeting held in Canberra, where all state councils were in attendance. It is such a valuable experience, with each council offering support and the sharing of ideas. Amanda Clark and I were privileged to represent Queensland at the face-to-face meeting. Amanda and I also travelled to Bourke, NSW to attend the 50th New South Wales ICPA conference and celebrations. Alana Moller joined us on the road trip. It was fascinating to listen to the 81 motions presented at the conference as our issues are so similar yet so different. It was a real privilege to be there and meet some of the founding members, including Wally Mitchell.

On behalf of State Council and all the members of ICPA Qld, I must extend our warmest thanks to our sponsors. Year after year your support allows members to come together and share their highs and lows. It is your support that ensures ICPA has the resources necessary to lobby effectively at such a high level without needing to source government funding or grants, enabling the organisation to remain truly apolitical in our advocacy.

To our State Council team, yet again we have ridden the highs and lows throughout the year and we are proud to stand before you here ready to launch in to another conference. Many thanks to every single councillor for your contribution and effort over the past year. I will leave my thanks here very simply as a thanks. As you can all probably tell I get emotional very easily so I have said my piece behind closed doors.

Thank you to branches and delegates who have put motions on the Conference Agenda. I have to say at 6pm on the eve of the motion deadline closing we were wondering if we would even need a conference as so few motions had arrived in the Secretary's inbox. As usual though, by morning there had been a flurry of activity for us to find 51 motions submitted.



A massive thank you to our unsung heroes working behind the scenes in off council positions. Annie McGill from ABC branch, Fundraising Officer, who has now passed the baton on to Christy Bredhauer from Charleville Branch. Judy Treloar from Charleville branch, past councillor and state secretary continues in the Hospital Schools position. Lisa Southern and Jacquie Hemming continue to do a cracking job with the News and Views role, Jeff Little, Yaraka/Isisford branch, our IT advisor, has now retired and I wonder how we will get on interpreting the IT jargon from here on in!! We must also thank Natalie Slack from Westmar/Inglestone branch, who sends out our new members packs on behalf of the branch. Louise Winten, Charleville branch nobly carries on with the Membership role, a mammoth job in itself. Thank you Lou.

To Anita, Susie and the convening committee, thank you for all your hard work and dedication!! The hall looks magnificent, and we are looking forward to the next couple of days here in Blackall.

Branch Life members, Christine Mclean, Mitchell/Tomoo/Dunkeld and Mary Killeen, Yaraka/Isisford took on the job of writing the 50 Years of ICPA Qld history book with gusto and after many many hours of writing, a lot of encouragement and perhaps some coercion the book is complete and printed and for sale here in Blackall.

Finally – thank you to you – the members. It is your passion, your drive and your belief that brings us all here together each year, united in our fight for equity in education for our children. Don't ever forget that you are true educators. It's a constant battle as a parent to try to get the best for your child – after all the best kind of parent is leading by example - and by being here this week, standing together to represent rural and remote education, you are the best kind of role model you can be.

Every day that we, State Councillors, are advocating on behalf of you, our members, we see the lack of understanding of our unique circumstances so we encourage you and other branch members to remain active and involved as this organisation can only thrive with active participation. This year sees our token bloke, Rob McArthur and Jocelyn Freeman depart State Council. We thank you both for your dedication and commitment. Tammie Irons role as IPP is now complete after 2 years. However, you can't keep a good girl down as Tam will continue on with her Website Coordinator Role and conference registrations for the upcoming year. Therefore, we do have vacancies to fill on State Council this year so please consider joining State Council, it is such a rewarding experience on many levels.

Thank you.

Mrs Louise Martin, President ICPA Qld Inc





SECRETARY'S REPORT

Patron Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM, State President Mrs Louise Martin, Fellow State Councillors, Qld Past Councillors and Branch Life Members, Branch Members and Blackall Conference Committee members, it gives me pleasure to present my Secretary's Report for the 2021/2022 year. This is my first report to Conference and what a year of rapid learning it has been! They say learning is lifelong and I have to say, I still have much to learn about ICPA!

I was delighted to be nominated to be a part of the ICPA family and to be able to contribute to its all-important work in advocacy for equality of access, opportunity and support in education for rural and remote children and families, in a different way than my previous life in boarding schools. I have certainly had big shoes to try to fill as I followed Kelly Ostwald with her amazing organisational skills, and I would like to recognise Kel for her work as Secretary and thank her sincerely, for such an organised handover.

When initially approached to ascertain my interest in the role of Secretary, I felt both deeply honoured and filled with trepidation at the same time! I wondered if I could contribute in a meaningful way. Branch members and State Councillors have shown me just how passionate they are, how hard they work, and how fearless they are in their advocacy. My understanding of rural and remote life, along with its joys and challenges has certainly deepened and my admiration for ICPA as a respected organisation has been confirmed.

I thank Louise, Wendy, Kate, Tammie and Amanda on Executive for your unswerving support, training and welcome for this "newbie". Your encouragement, forgiveness, graciousness and support has been truly appreciated and has been peppered with senses of humour and good fun – so essential in effective teams. I want to record and sing the praises of Assistant Secretary, Sonia Spurdle. Sonia deserves our recognition for her quiet work, very much "behind the scenes" – she produces *Qld Compass* and keeps us on task, keeps wonderful records and certainly works above and beyond requirements of her role. Sonia has also been a constant source of encouragement and good humour and I love her unflinching "can do" approach to life. She is also the master of the gif!! This helps us all keep issues in perspective and to have a good laugh! Sonia, you are a wonderful representative of ICPA.

My thanks also to Melissa Iland for her support in all things technological, social media and publicity. She is a whiz! To State Councillors, thank you for welcoming this rookie into your term, for your support and patience and for the opportunity to get to know you all. What a great bunch of people you are, and how much I have enjoyed your enthusiasm and company.

What a 12-month period we have experienced – these months have seen us on social and emotional rollercoasters with the insecurity of living with Covid in Queensland, the on and off lockdowns and "freedoms". The lonely challenges for those with families overseas, interstate and in boarding schools have been enormous and tested our resilience and reserve. The uncertainty of getting children home and then back to school really took its toll. Finally, our borders opened and more certainty for our interstate and international families came to be. Now, we see many infected with Covid and influenza, as we learn to live with these illnesses.

As if Covid wasn't challenging enough, this past year has also seen drought followed by rain and floods for many. Some have been isolated and others have lost crops, or at the very least, had quality affected. And, all the while, families want to provide the best possible opportunities for their children.

I have discovered that life in ICPA and on State Council is extremely busy – in fact it is almost a full-time job and is certainly a way of life! Unfortunately, I was not in attendance at State Conference in Cunnamulla, nor at Federal Conference in Longreach as arrangements for these were made prior to my nomination and then position on State Council. However, I was able to join the post-conference meeting in Cunnamulla briefly, with Kel kindly continuing to cover the Secretary position for me. Thank you, Kel.



I was also able to join Federal Conference in Longreach virtually for Day 2. Federal Conference was postponed from August to November due to border closures, much to the disappointment of the organisers. However, in true resilient style, they re-grouped and a fabulous Federal Conference finally went ahead.

2021 State Conference saw a changing of the guard with Kelly Ostwald and Michelle Freshwater stepping down after wonderful, committed service to ICPA Qld State Council. Dianne Meikle, Loretta Goodwin, Jocelyn Freeman and I were welcomed to State Council for 2021-22. New Councillors were guided by their mentors and embraced their roles with enthusiasm.

Annie McGill took on the important role of Fundraising Officer for the year and has now handed the reins to Christy Bredhauer who has "hit the ground running!" Lisa Southern and Jacque Hemming have been kept busy producing fabulous *News and Views* editions for us all to read. Louise Winten has worked as Membership Officer, overcoming a number of challenges with the new database as she and Amanda worked on membership.

Judy Treloar flew the ICPA Flag with Hospital Schools and I had the joy of meeting Judy at Bush Christmas as she helped sell ICPA Raffle tickets.

Jeff Little has concluded his role as IT Adviser and his contributions to ICPA and to Conferences will definitely be missed.

Sadly, Rob McArthur and Jocelyn Freeman have decided to step down from Council due to their own work commitments and Tammie Irons is also stepping down, after many years as one of the stalwarts of ICPA Qld. Fortunately, Tammie will still be assisting and active in ICPA in a number of ways. We wish these three Councillors, the very best for whatever lies ahead and thank them for their service.

Following State Conference, Delegations were held in mid-August 2022 in Brisbane – due to Covid concerns and last-minute relaxing of restrictions, only five Councillors were able to attend our Face 2 Face Meeting and Delegations in person, with others attending meetings virtually. Whilst we would have preferred to all be together, this was a good compromise and worked very well. We were grateful to the stakeholders with whom we met for accommodating this format. Whilst it was a surreal experience, the interests of rural and remote families were very well represented.

State Council mid-year Meeting was held in Chillagoe – and what an event it was! We heard face to face about the joys and challenges of educating children in FNQ and saw first-hand the fabric of community and support of others in small communities. FNQ members, under the wonderful leadership of Karen Muccignat, travelled huge distances to facilitate our stay and everything ran ever so smoothly and a great deal was achieved. It was a challenging time for these ICPA members, but they did themselves proud, particularly with an extremely successful Saturday evening function and Branch fundraiser, attended by folks from near and far. It was truly a community effort.

State Councillors enjoyed learning about Chillagoe and surrounds. One highlight had to be the Cave Tour along with FNQ Branch members; this allowed us to get to know FNQ Branch members and our Vice- President Wendy to bravely conquer her fear of bats! We delighted in our interactions with local Chillagoe folk and being able to spread the ICPA word and information about the role in advocacy of ICPA. Our Face 2 Face meeting was the first time most of us had been together in 2021 and was extremely successful with some councillors joining virtually.

Mid-year meeting led to mini-delegations in November in Brisbane as Councillors further represented the issues members had debated at State Conference. Borders and the borders continued at the forefront of State Councillors' activity as this highly emotionally charged issue had enormous implications for families and mental health – parents and children alike.



The uncertainty surrounding interstate students being able to return to Queensland for the 2022 school year prompted a large campaign on the part of ICPA Qld with 93 letters being sent to all Queensland State politicians urging them to implore the Queensland Government to endorse the *National Code for Boarding School Students*. As things transpired, the borders opened, creating greater certainty for families and schools.

Delegations set for February were postponed to March in Brisbane (again the victim of Covid, with school commencing later due to outbreaks and then of course, the floods!). If anything has built our resilience over the past years, nothing else has! We are certainly adaptable!

The Department hosted us for a day of meetings with representatives from Department Branches and we were grateful for robust and informative meetings as well as generous hospitality. Catholic School Parents Queensland hosted our face to face meeting and we were welcomed with great support and generosity. Executive Director, Carmel Nash, met with three Councillors to brief us on current issues and developments in Catholic Schools.

Other meetings included:

- P&Cs Qld's – Scott Wiseman and Board Member Sally Whelan
- Independent Schools Queensland
- Catholic Education Commission
- DEBST
- The Hon. Grace Grace MP, Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Racing
- New Director General of Education, Michael De'Arth who replaced Tony Cook in August
- Queensland College of Teachers

Post conference, as per usual, many letters were written and emails sent to various stakeholders regarding the motions passed at our conference. Meetings with Federal and State Presidents and Secretaries were virtual and then finally, in person in Canberra last month! These meetings provide the opportunity to share ideas, happenings and updates, as well as to discuss issues which arise from time to time.

The Secretary receives and sends numerous emails each and every day! These can relate to the organisation of delegations, contact with stakeholders, State Conference, members' issues, monthly meetings, mid-year meeting and campaigns, and communication between State Councillors. There is no rest for the wicked! Thank you letters have been written to our wonderful donors, and letters have also been written to politicians and other stakeholders. Our communication is especially important in developing positive relationships with others, so that we are able to have worthy conversations in the interests of our members and their families.

Blackall Branch Conference Committee members have been working extremely hard to organise conference this year. They have done a superb job in delivering this wonderful conference. Our thanks must go to Anita and Susie, Sarah and Marcelle and all the hardworking members of the committee. Thank you also to Wendy for her constant work in liaising with the Committee and State Council.

ICPA was asked again to be on the judging panel for the Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools (Rural and Remote category). Kate was the Councillor who volunteered to assist in this role. Other portfolio leaders attended meetings and committees in person or virtually – issues included but were not limited to: OSHC, travel and school buses, DE accommodation, financial assistance/allowances, and communication/technology, and of course, boarders and borders!



The 2021-2022 Council year saw branches recognising members who have contributed significantly to ICPA Qld over the years.

Winton Branch Life Membership: Mrs Emma Brodie

Queensland State Life Memberships: Mrs Margaret Greenway and Mrs Jan Gall

Queensland Certificates of Appreciation will be awarded during Day 2 of Conference.

Off council positions this year were held by Fundraising Officer, Annie McGill; News and Views Editors, Lisa Southern and Jacque Hemming and our IT advisor, Jeff Little. Thanks must also go to Natalie Slack for putting together all the new member's packs. Tammie Irons has been our Conference Registration Officer and she has been kept very busy with all the registrations and questions around conference this year. It is certainly a busy time!

Last year Bush Christmas raised over \$13,800.00 to support the work of ICPA. ICPA Qld would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Liz McClymont for the huge effort that she has put into raising funds for ICPA over the years. We hope to continue this relationship with the new owners of Bush Christmas as this is one of our major fundraising events. Please visit Bush Christmas this coming year. The craft and other merchandise are simply a sight to behold and visiting Bush Christmas from the Gold Coast was a wonderful day out with friends.

Once again, Conference Minutes were most ably compiled by Di Selby. This is a task which takes many hours to ensure accuracy and professionalism. We certainly appreciate your organisation and hard work, Di. Noela Wilson is also to be thanked and recognised for proofreading the minutes and other ICPA material.

One large project undertaken by Mary Killeen and Christine McLean is the 50 Year Book, a wonderful record and celebration of the work of ICPA Qld since its inception. This work has taken many hours and great commitment and we urge you to purchase a copy for your own enjoyment.

Rose Philip continues to be our Archivist. This is such important work for the history of ICPA.

Branches are reminded to send a copy of their AGM minutes and Branch Executives forms to the Assistant Secretary, assistantsecretary@icpaqld.com.au. Please also send any updates to membership records to the Membership Officer, membership@icpaqld.com.au, or you can log onto the database to change personal details yourself. This is essential to keep the member data base current and ensure those who join are included and receive all information relevant to them.

In conclusion, I would like to assure members, that State Councillors work extremely hard to represent you and your issues. Please be sure to participate as you can – this can include completing surveys, responding to requests for information, preparing motions, updating information and supporting each other.

Thank you for allowing me to present my Secretary's report.

"I, Annette Boyle, Secretary, Queensland State Council, move that the Secretary's Report be adopted."

Mrs Annette Boyle, Secretary ICPA Qld Inc



TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to be presenting the Treasurer's report and audited financial statements for the 2021 – 2022 financial year.

Finances

Bank Balances at 31 March 2022	
General account	\$ 64,445.59
Fundraising Account	\$ 14,978.00
Maxi Account	\$ 72,255.36
PayPal Account	\$ 2,974.09
Term Deposit	\$101,462.19
Total	<u>\$256,115.23</u>

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 \$34,003.59 and remains in a very stable position with \$101,462.19 invested in a term deposit.

Total funds available as of 31st March 2021 were \$256,115.23. The profit and loss statement outlines a snapshot of the income and expenditure for the 2022 financial year.

A total income of \$209,822.80 was received – donations being the major income at \$115,241.48, with \$2,500.00 from ICPA branches and a substantial donation from the Cunnamulla convening committee from the 2021 State Conference of \$59,192.48. Thank you to the Cunnamulla convening committee and ICPA branches for assisting State Council with donations. Thank you to Julie Collis for her donation of \$10,000 and Nutrien Ag Solutions Rockhampton and Allflex for allowing ICPA Qld to raise money at Beef Week 2021 by selling printed ear tags to contribute to the printing costs of 50 Years of ICPA. Thank you to members who assisted ICPA Qld with the tag machine at Beef Week.

Other substantial donations were received

from Rabobank NQ & NT, Emerald Cooperative Society, Gulf Coast Agricultural Company and member donations. This year ICPA Qld has continued to partner 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 ICPA branches with donations throughout the year. Sincere thanks to all organisations and branches who have supported ICPA Qld this year.

Branch Donations	
Mt Isa BOTA	\$ 500.00
Winton ICPA	\$2,000.00
TOTAL Branch Donations	\$2,500.00
50 Years of ICPA	
Donation – Julie Collis	\$10,000.00
Beef Week Tags	\$ 5,054.00
TOTAL Book Donations	\$15,054.00
Other Donations	
Cunnamulla Committee	\$59,192.48
Rabobank	\$15,000.00
Emerald Cooperative Society	\$10,000.00
Outback Insurance	\$ 9,835.00
Gulf Coast Agricultural Company	\$ 2,000.00
Member Donations	\$ 1,372.00
TOTAL Other Donations	\$97,399.48

ICPA Qld received grant income of \$9,500.00 consisting of a volunteer grant of \$4,500.00 to be used towards the purchase of laptops for State Councillors and a grant of \$5,000.00 from the Charters Towers Regional Council for the Charters Towers Fit for Rural Futures Sports Camp. As the auspicing body this grant money was forwarded onto the Charters Towers ICPA branch.

Other major income included fundraising with Art Union ticket sales at \$17,047.90 and Bush Christmas ticket sales at \$13,824.21. Branch membership state affiliation fees of \$27,580.00 were received. The remaining income received came from Friends of ICPA Qld and News & Views subscriptions, News & Views advertising, Federal Corporate memberships and interest.



Fundraising

A major 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 contributed to Fundraising income throughout the year. Thank-you to all sponsors and supporters of the ICPA Art Union and Bush Christmas. Thank you to Judy Treloar and everyone who assisted with Bush Christmas ticket sales. The continued use of Rafflelink for tickets sales this year for the ICPA Art Union has been successful and an easy option to sell and collate art union ticket sales. Thank-you to the Fundraising Officer, Annie McGill, for assisting ICPA Qld in raising valuable funds. As Annie steps down this year, thank you for all the time and effort committed to fundraising for ICPA Qld. It has been very much appreciated. One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time.

Expenses

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 \$175,819.21 with \$74,341.07 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 \$33,824.84 for News & Views publication & postage, \$11,947.69 for insurance, \$6,274.04 for fundraising expenses and grant/donation expenditure - \$15,004.55 for Fit for Futures Rural Sports Camp, Outback Insurance donations to branches and a donation to Roma branch for conference expenses.

Membership

The 2021 membership year closed with a total of 1,285 members and at the close of the financial year, 31st March 2022, there were 1,112 members. 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. If members renew or join online their membership is on the database as soon as payment is received. There have been many teething problems with the implementation of the new database, but these are decreasing as time goes on.

ICPA Qld instigated a new process for manual payments at the start of the 2022 membership year. All components of manual membership payments are now paid to ICPA Qld to forward the membership details and Federal component onto ICPA Australia. ICPA Qld have implemented a process which is working well with collating information and passing on fees and information to Federal. This process has made it easier for branch treasurers as they only have to make one payment to State. Just a reminder to branch executives, that if submitting 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. ICPA Qld have invoiced branches for BLM and this process is working well as all BLM were paid prior to the 31st March.

A reminder for all members 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.



Thank you to Louise Winten (Qld Membership Officer), Jane O'Brien (Federal Membership Officer), Sue Shotton and Nikki McQueen (Federal database team) for all the hard work and many hours you have put into keeping all our memberships records in order. This year has been a huge year as we have continued to negotiate the new database. 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.

Organisations across Queensland continue to subscribe to Friends of ICPA Qld with numbers as at the 31st March 2022 at 40. Friends of ICPA Qld receive an invitation to the annual conference, editions of ICPA Qld News & Views and ICPA Australia Pedals and the Qld Compass email keeping them updated with ICPA happenings. Friends of ICPA subscription has increased to \$75 this year to assist State Council to cover increased costs associated with lobbying for equity of access to education for our members.

Risk Management

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 the State Treasurer. It is important, that as members, you are covered, along with those attending your events.

It has been great to see the return of many events hosted by ICPA Branches over the 2021 – 2022 financial year as Covid restrictions started to ease. Catering at bull sales, clearing sales, Revfest, local Shows, ACA finals, races, HT seminars and campdrafts were held by Aramac Muttaborra, Charters Towers, Cloncurry, Dawson Valley, Mt Isa BOTA, Nebo, St George, Southern Downs, Talwood, Tambo and Westmar Inglestone. Yarka Isisford sold raffle tickets and worked the bar at the Isisford Sheep & Wool show. Cunnamulla hosted the 2021 ICPA Qld 50th conference. Other events hosted by ICPA branches included Arcadia Valley – tennis day, Charters Towers – pre boarding workshop, Dawson Valley - street party, Hughenden - colour run and Southern Downs - Torture on the Border. The return of ICPA sports camps were supported by many ICPA families with Charters Towers Fit for Rural Futures Camp, Mitchell-Tomoo/Dunkeld Swag Camp, St George Breaker Camp, Tambo's Swim & Art Camp and 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 continued to compile ICPA Qld's quarterly magazine News & Views. It is always exciting to receive this in the mail and sit down with a coffee and read all the articles. Last year, News and Views helped celebrate 50 years of ICPA Qld with commemorative photos and information. This is a publication for all members so make sure you contribute to make it 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.

I would like to thank the Blackall convening committee for all the effort and time invested to host a successful conference. I remember attending one of my first ICPA conferences in Blackall in 2004 with a small baby in tow. Who would have thought all these years later I would be standing here delivering an ICPA Qld Treasurers report?

A thank you to all branch executives for the tireless hours you volunteer to keep your branches running smoothly. As I near the end of my Treasurer's report, thank you to all State Councillors for assisting me in my role as Treasurer. You are an amazing group of volunteers who offer your gift of time, encourage teamwork and extend a helping hand to make a difference to continue lobbying for equality in education for our rural and remote children.

Mrs Amanda Clark, Treasurer ICPA Qld Inc



FEDERAL UPDATE

ICPA Qld Patron Mrs Trish Mitchell, ICPA Queensland President, distinguished guests, Federal Life Members, Blackall and State Life Member Daphne Rich, Queensland State Life members, fellow ICPA members and friends, it is with great pleasure that I present the 2022 Federal Council update.

Before I begin I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the various lands on which we meet today and I pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Greek Philosopher, Epictetus once said, "The key is to keep company with people who uplift you, whose presence calls forth your best".

There is no better company than at an ICPA Conference and I feel proud and uplifted to be speaking at the 2022 Queensland State Conference as Queensland continues to Pave the Way following their 50th anniversary in 2021. Many thanks to the State Council and Conference Convenors for making this event possible.

Our Conferences give us the opportunity to meet together, cement our unity and work towards the common goal of equitable education for our children. This solidarity was on proud display at the 2021 50th anniversary Federal Conference in Longreach, held as a hybrid event in an effort to include as many members and guests as possible after having to postpone from original dates in July. To say pulling off this event was a challenge would be an understatement and thanks must go to the Australian Boarding Schools Association, the Queensland Convenors, the Federal Council team and all who attended online or in person, getting behind the hybrid concept, the online voting platform and so much more. The race to be first to vote certainly became a novelty in the room! I also thank the many Queensland branches who contributed to making this event so special.

With Federal Conference postponed to November due to the pandemic conditions, the 2020-2021 Federal Council year was prolonged and the phenomenal amount of work undertaken and ongoing dedication of Federal Council amidst uncertainty and tribulations is admirable.

Of course, it is impossible to report on the activities of Federal Council this past year without referring to work around the fluid pandemic impacts and ICPA Australia has continued to ensure our geographically isolated students are remembered and supported.

Boarding has been at the coalface of the impact COVID has had on our children. 2021 saw a number of issues arise for interstate boarders which ICPA (Aust) worked on in conjunction with the former Minister for Regional Education Honourable Andrew Gee MP and since July 2021 new Minister for Regional Education Senator the Honourable Bridget McKenzie, State Councils and the Australian Boarding Schools Association 2022 commenced with further heartbreaking and confronting stories of unfair and inequitable directives imposed on already disadvantaged geographically isolated boarding children as the country continues to negotiate the ongoing pandemic, with a concerted effort towards alleviating these challenges.

While this is just one story of inequity for geographically isolated children, it epitomises and reiterates why ICPA continues to be so important 50 years on. For if not for ICPA, who else will ensure our children are considered and their inequities addressed? For ICPA, it is all about the children and all that we do is because they are who really matter.

While we have worked fervently to address the impacts of the pandemic, Federal Council have also focused on the ongoing barriers for geographically isolated students, emphasising that this is a unique disadvantage group who need specialised and targeted assistance and support across all portfolio areas. We welcomed in December 2021, the appointment of the Hon Fiona Nash to the role of Regional Education Commissioner. This is a valuable development for ICPA and Federal Council look forward to working closely with the Commissioner in the future.



The AIC continues to be a core focus, sitting across the Boarding/Hostels/Second Home, Distance Education and Early Childhood Education and Care portfolios, including the need for the Allowance to be increased to reflect the exponential growth in educational expenses, along with requests for a separate category for geographically isolated students within the AIC to ensure their unique needs are recognised and met. We have also been strongly advocating for expansion of eligibility criteria to better support rural and remote families, including eligibility for 3 to 4 year-olds accessing approved distance education early childhood programs. These are all long-term advocacies and have been included in our recent election campaign. We were encouraged by interactions with Services Australia and the Department of Social Services and look forward to enhancing these relationships in order to effectively raise our members' issues in relation to the AIC.

In Communications we participated robustly in the Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee Consultations. We welcomed their report released recently and look forward to positive outcomes from this Review. Federal Council have also been focussed on sourcing internet connection solutions for transient families working in remote areas whose children undertake distance education and are seeking governmental support to achieve this.

In the Curriculum portfolio focus has been on the Australian Curriculum Review, which allowed us to raise key concerns in this space, including the need to consider and provide specialised curriculum in unique rural and remote educational contexts. Education Ministers agreed to the new curriculum version in April. More recently, we have highlighted the need for the unique circumstances and contexts of rural and remote students in the delivery of NAPLAN. The Education Ministers recently announced changes to NAPLAN in 2023, with NAPLAN to be held in term one within a two-week window.

Federal Council have continued its Geographically Isolated Distance Education (GIDE) awareness, with the launch of a longer-term dedicated campaign following our second GIDE Day on the 1 December 2021. We received some very positive responses to our open letter to Members of Parliament, Senators and other education stakeholders advocating for the need for a Distance Education Teaching Allowance (DETA) to remunerate families who dedicate themselves to providing a tutor when their children must be educated by distance education because of where they live. We know there is support out there, especially off the back of many families experiencing the challenges of teaching their children at home while also working during the pandemic and we believe strongly that this momentum needs to be captured. I also welcome the role of State Councils in addressing this topic in recent months. Watch this space for more to come and don't forget to help us build this campaign through sharing your own insights.

Long term advocacy for adequate rural and remote early childhood education and care has also continued, especially in regard to the need for In Home Care (IHC) to be modified to better assist families and for guaranteed future funding for mobile playgroups. Federal Council were heartened to have representatives from the Federal Department of Education, Skills and Employment IHC management team attend conference and hear in person the arduous stories of our families in challenging early childhood education and care situations. We have been able to build on this connection over the past months and encourage members who have a story to tell to please pass it on to us so we can forward it on to the IHC team for consideration. The new Federal Government have indicated their commitment to improving early childhood education and we look forward to the opportunity to ensuring rural and remote situations are acknowledged in this commitment.

Telehealth advocacy within the Specific Education Needs portfolio has been buoyed by citing examples of the use of telehealth during COVID, boosting calls for this service to be more widely available for GI children. Mental health concerns have also been at the forefront for this portfolio and Federal Council have collected a range of resources and links which are on our Specific Education Needs webpage.



Tertiary and training have also continued to be busy areas, with time spent on topics related to the Tertiary Access Payment (TAP), Youth Allowance and the Commonwealth Living Away from Home Allowance. Following a first-year evaluation of the TAP program, which Federal Council were involved in, benefits were improved further, including:

- eligibility extended to eligible inner regional students, and
- application and payment processes for **all** applicants, now to be solely administered by Services Australia. We encourage members to investigate the Tertiary Access Payment further on the Services Australia website. Another welcome development for tertiary is the new Identity Confirmation options, whereby now proof of identity can be completed online or over the phone, not necessarily in person as has previously been the case. While these have been welcome developments, the need for further assistance to ensure our GI students can access a tertiary or training opportunity is clear and this is especially so for young apprentices, for whom very limited support is available despite often having relocation costs equal to tertiary students along with considerable living expenses which they struggle to meet on low apprenticeship wages. This being one of our key election requests, we look forward to raising this with the new federal government.

Across all portfolios, ICPA Federal Council continue to participate in a variety of consultations, meetings and submission opportunities. Submissions have been lodged this past 12 months and our 2022-23 Pre- Budget Submission raised long term requests with costings, highlighting that a relatively small investment in education in rural and remote Australia would make a huge difference in equity of access for our students. With the election of the new government in May, we have and will continue to pursue these advocacies and others. We look forward to working with the new Education Minister, Hon Jason Clare MP, plus other key Ministers including Michelle Rowland MP, Minister for Communications, the Hon Amanda Rishworth MP, Minister for Social Services and Anne Aly MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education Minister for Youth and endeavour to maintain and build links with Services Australia, the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, the Department of Social Services and other key departments, with regular meetings scheduled and direct lines of contact established to ensure members messages can be relayed to those who are at the frontline to address them.

Federal Council also maintain relationships with many organisations, stakeholders and groups who support our cause and I acknowledge their ongoing support and collaboration.

While the days have been short, the task list has been long since Conference and Federal Council hit the ground running, with all motions having been actioned. This was no mean feat, the stats show just how much was achieved by in such a short timeframe. We have been fortunate to hold face to face meetings in May in Canberra, which provided a valuable opportunity to work together and discuss plans ahead.

At the 2021 Federal Conference we farewelled 4 Councillors, whose time and efforts on Federal Council certainly did not go unnoticed and welcomed a number of new faces to our team, including Julia Broad, co-opted prior to Conference, Ali Allison, Wendy Henning, Laura Stalley, Anna McCorkle and Naomi Obst. All new Councillors have brought a wealth of knowledge, passion and dedication to add to an already outstanding team and I feel grateful and honoured to have once again been trusted in the role as President to help guide our ship. I could not however manage this role without their support, encouragement and friendship and am excited for what is ahead for #teamfederalcouncil.

ICPA would not be the incredible organisation it is today without all of our State Councils, who dedicate hundreds of volunteer hours to advocate on members' behalf and I feel a tremendous amount of pleasure when I have the opportunity to work closely with them. Recently we met together in Canberra with representatives from all state Councils to collaborate and share ideas. The ongoing teamwork between all councils has been particularly evidenced in the last 12 months in the boarder/boarder campaign and the development of the new website.



To the 2021-2022 Queensland State Council, I congratulate you on your efforts this past twelve months and look forward to working with the new Council. Louise, well done on another year guiding the Qld council and I trust the coming year is filled with positivity and progress.

To close I would like to once again thank all of you, our members for your dedication to and passion for the organisation and the rural and remote students it represents. You make the work we do so worthwhile and rewarding. It is such a pleasure to get to join you all at events and particularly Conferences. There are a few months to go and we can't be sure what is to come in regard to how it will occur, however I do encourage you to consider joining us for our 2022 Federal Conference, hopefully in Perth on 3 & 4 August – registrations are now open. However between now and then remember being isolated doesn't mean you are alone.

Mrs Alana Moller, President ICPA Australia

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

ICPA Qld Patron Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM, ICPA Federal Vice President Mrs Lisa Slade, Mrs Daphne Rich OAM Queensland and Blackall life member, Branch Life Members, Delegates, Observers and Guests it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here for the 51th Annual State Conference of ICPA Qld here at Blackall.

It was 50 years ago this year in 1972 that the Blackall Branch held the first conference of the organisation. In fact Blackall hosted the first four ICPA Qld conferences and has aspired for some time to hold the conference here 50 years on. We are all thrilled to be here to help celebrate such a momentous occasion for your branch. I am not sure if you would be too keen to host the next three conferences though!! The convening committee has done an amazing job in preparing for conference and making us all feel so welcome. Over the next couple of days we have a great line up of guest speakers and workshops to look forward too as well as debating all the current issues that are on the agenda and I can't wait to get started.

I now call on Julie Belcher to provide the Welcome to Country. Julie is a proud Bidjara woman that has always had a strong connection to her culture. Born in Charleville, she married a Blackall local indigenous man, Roland Blucher. She has 3 children that grew up here and went to school here in Blackall. Thanks Julie.

Thank you for welcoming us today Julie. I respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land on which we are meeting, and pay my respect to Elders, past present and emerging.

I now invite you all to stand for the National Anthem performed by The Blackall State School Choir and students from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

Many thanks for such a rousing rendition of the National Anthem. It is certainly inspiring to see such talent in the central west. Thank you students for making the start of this conference so special. Thanks must also go to Marie Kelly for organising all the student performances we will hear throughout conference. This what we are all here for, it is all about the children and providing them with the best opportunities that we can.

Thank you

Mrs Louise Martin, President ICPA Qld Inc



OFFICIAL OPENING

Good afternoon everyone. It's a pleasure to be able to help celebrate the Isolated Children and Parents' Association (ICPA) Queensland's 51st annual conference.

And it's wonderful to be able to meet with you all in Blackall, one of Queensland's beautiful outback communities.

Hardware subsidy announcement

I'd like to start by announcing some good news for the ICPA and the children and families that you represent. We understand that IT is an ever-present and critical part of your education experience living in remote parts of Queensland or being medically isolated. We also know that we have seen an increased reliance on technology in students' learning in recent years, and this has only intensified during the COVID-19 pandemic.

With these factors in mind, the department's Distance Education ICT Subsidy Scheme has been reviewed and we have made the decision to increase the current IT hardware subsidy by \$150 per student per annum from the start of the 2022/23 financial year. This means from next month each eligible student will receive a \$400 a year subsidy towards their computer hardware, up from the current subsidy amount of \$250 a year.

I would like to thank the ICPA for their representations on this issue and I believe we have arrived at a fair outcome. This increase in the subsidy will support our geographically and medically isolated students to maintain and replace their IT hardware as needed. I'm advised nearly 2,800 students accessed this subsidy during the 2021/22 financial year, so this increase will benefit a significant number of students and their families. This is a permanent increase, with any CPI increases added to the \$400 baseline subsidy moving forwards.

Digital inclusion

Also in the IT space, our rural and remote schools and communities are about to see a significant increase in their internet speeds. We recently announced an exciting \$190 million partnership with Telstra to deliver faster internet for our schools. As part of the deal, Telstra will invest \$110 million on exchange upgrades – around 350 exchanges have been identified for upgrade so far and more will be added to the program. This will benefit schools, as well as local communities and businesses in hundreds of regional and remote locations. Work is already underway, with upgrades having commenced at the start of Term 2, with some schools having already completed their phase one upgrade.

For example:

At Cunnamulla P-12 State School, which has completed its phase one upgrade, its bandwidth is now 200 megabits per second, up from 10 megabits per second previously

At Julia Creek State School, we are in the process of upgrading from 10 megabits per second to 100 megabits per second (currently sitting at 20 megabits per second)

At Karumba State School, we are in the process of upgrading from 4 megabits per second to 50 megabits per second (currently at 20 megabits per second)

Ultimately, this investment will mean internet speeds for state schools up to 200 times faster than present as well as providing improved access to faster speeds for Queensland communities. This will ensure teachers and students have access to the latest digital technologies and tools for their classrooms: everything they need for a world-class education.

Around 40 schools will be connected to fibre optic for the first time, and our more isolated communities will not be left behind. As a result of these upgrades, students from even the most remote parts of Queensland will have better access to quality, high-speed connectivity, and will get to enjoy all the opportunities that come with it. While we are securing the best technology currently available from Telstra, we have future proofed this deal too: as new technologies emerge that can provide an even better service, we can incorporate these into the contract.



Student wellbeing

All Queensland state primary, special and secondary schools continue to be supported directly or indirectly by our occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech language pathology or nursing teams.

These services can be provided face to face, but we have also commenced providing telepractice supports to enable a more timely and responsive service to school and student needs. This service started this year using a bespoke telepractice platform developed here in Queensland, with a focus on our rural and remote schools. The platform was designed to overcome the barriers to digital engagement in rural and remote Queensland. However, we will soon have much faster internet speeds in our rural and remote schools and communities which will help to overcome these barriers.

Kindy Funding Reform

In the early childhood space, we are investing over \$1 billion over five years to improve access, affordability, inclusion and educational outcomes for Queensland's kindergarten-age children.

Over five years, the package includes:

- Free or cheaper kindy for around 40 00 families who need it the most
- Expanding our Kindy Uplift pilot program from 400 to 930 services
- Increased funding for remote and regional services to attract and retain early childhood teachers
- Increased support for families with children who have a disability

I am so proud we are delivering this funding for those children that need it most across our State.

State Delivered Kindergarten

We recently announced another 14 schools are offering free kindy in Queensland communities through our highly successful State Delivered Remote Kindergarten program.

This comes on top of the 20 schools that were added to the program in rural and remote Queensland through our 2020 election commitment. This brings to 134 the total number of kindy programs being delivered across 116 rural and remote schools (and their campuses) in parts of the state where there is no other kindergarten service nearby. This year's expansion means up to 177 extra children will have the opportunity to attend a face-to-face kindy program at their local state school. And up to 800 children may attend State Delivered Kindergarten across Queensland during this year.

We all know how important kindy is for children's learning and development so this is wonderful news for local families in these communities.

I thank the ICPA for their ongoing collaboration and advocacy on this issue.

Advancing rural and remote education in Queensland state schools action plan

As you know, the department's Advancing rural and remote education in Queensland state schools strategy continues to be the driving force behind our commitment to:

- provide every rural and remote student with the opportunity to succeed;
- value our school leaders and staff who serve in rural and remote areas across Queensland; and
- build positive and effective partnerships between rural and remote schools and their communities.

Can I thank ICPA Qld members and the State Council for their ongoing engagement with my department and providing your valuable input and reflections concerning the work completed so far and priorities for the rural and remote education into the future. Like you, I am very pleased to see our four Centres for Learning and Wellbeing located in Atherton, Mount Isa, Emerald and Roma, continuing to provide outstanding professional learning and wellbeing support to rural and remote teachers, school leaders, students and families. Since their establishment to Term 1 this year, the centres have collectively delivered over 119,000 hours of professional learning to over 25,000 teachers and school leaders with participants attending multiple sessions which is wonderful. Earlier in the year the centres focused much of their efforts into building resilience of staff new to rural and remote settings and supporting leadership capability.



Another outstanding achievement is the Housing Improvement Program's progress which has provided 588 teacher housing residences with NBN internet enablement and internal refurbishments to 582 properties as at 31 December 2021.

School communities who are benefiting, include (just to name a few): Aramac; Augathella; Boulia; Anakie; Texas; Eromanga; and Hughenden

The program is now moving onto external refurbishments to further enhance the wellbeing of our rural and remote staff.

Longreach and Capricornia SDE

The safety and wellbeing of students and staff in Queensland schools is of the highest priority for the department.

The department continues to work closely with the Schools of Distance Education to ensure the buildings on site are compliant with the National Construction Code and the needs of the school and community are met. Throughout March 2022, the department visited all SDE sites and reconfirmed its commitment to providing overnight accommodation for the start of 2023. The department conducted workshops at each location at Cairns, Emerald, Charters Towers and Longreach to discuss the operational and design requirements. These design requirements have incorporated feedback from the community and are currently being developed. We will continue to update you as these plans progress.

Conclusion

As always, we remain committed to providing every Queensland child a world-class education regardless of their post code.

Our Rural and Remote team continues to show exceptional leadership of this important work - making sure all students have access to high-quality learning opportunities, tailored to their individual needs.

Thank you to the ICPA for your important leadership and engagement on behalf of rural and remote children and families.

The work you do is so important to informing our work in rural and remote education.
I'm now delighted to declare the 2022 ICPA State Conference officially open.

Hon Grace Grace Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing



WELCOME TO BLACKALL

Good morning! And welcome to this ICPA Conference which has such special significance to Blackall because it is 50 years since we hosted the very first Queensland Conference here in 1972.

(No – it wasn't in this beautiful Cultural Centre. It was in the much more humble CWA Hall which, for those interested, is just a block away in Clematis Street.)

It's with a great deal of pleasure and pride that I share this privilege with Daphne Rich and Diana Schutt, as well as Annette Banks who unfortunately is unable to be with us today. Daphne and Annette, between them, served as Queensland secretaries from 1972 through to 1980, and Daphne's dedication to ICPA brought great honour to our branch when she was awarded Queensland ICPA's first Life Membership.

I remember nominating Diana for Queensland Council quite some time later where she served with great sincerity, dedication and thoughtful deliberation, and it's so good that she could be with us today.

Blackall actually hosted the first four Queensland Conferences, partly because of its central location but mostly because the branch was so heavily involved in the formative years of the Association (The next three were held in the Memorial Hall another block along in Short Street.)

The branch was formed in October 1971 and just three months later, three of our members attended Queensland ICPA's inaugural meeting in Charleville – John Parkinson, Daphne Rich and Gwendoline Vail who was Blackall's first president. Gwen will always be remembered for her quiet, gentle manner as well as her hard work and tenacity in collecting and collating the facts and figures which formed the basis of ICPA's earliest representations to government.

Five of us served on Queensland Council in the 1970s. Gwen who was inaugural vice-president, Daphne and Annette, myself and Meg Mackenzie (Anne Sprague's mother) who was our first Queensland assistant secretary. I must add that there were others who would gladly have joined us; everyone was so keen that on some occasions Blackall conference delegates had to be decided by a vote at branch meetings (I cannot let this moment go by without naming just a few others who gave so much in the early days – Eunice Lloyd who was Blackall's first treasurer and a great communicator; Allison Ovenden who took over from Gwen as our president and always made her family townhouse available whether it was for meetings, catering, or hosting visiting dignitaries; and Jan Mitchelhill who quietly undertook untold hours of voluntary work for the Association; and our spouses without whose support we would not have been able to do all that we did.)

In the beginning it was all about surveys, collecting facts and figures, defining ourselves, our aims and priorities, and formulating policies. There seemed to be never ending letters, submissions, seminars, conferences and government enquiries but much was achieved in that first decade. The AIC Scheme was introduced in '73, a Senior Remote Area Scholarship Scheme in '76; the Isolated Children's Special Education Unit was established, as was the Priority Country Areas Program; home tutor seminars were taking place and trials with paper marking at SOTAS; and plans were underway to introduce a domestic satellite, just to name a few.

I would remind you that all this was done via snail mail (mostly written in longhand), party-line telephones that worked just "some of the time" and manual exchanges open for only limited hours. How much we owe to those exchange girls who often "forgot" to ask every three minutes, "Are you extending?" And to our husbands and families who bore with us despite the ongoing interruptions to meal times because calls were cheaper before 8am and after 6pm.



Most of you will not have heard of the little town of Yalleroi. Sadly it no longer exists but Daphne and Meg both lived in that district in the 1970s and there's many a boast that the amount of ICPA mail in and out of Yalleroi in that time staved off the threatened closure of the Post Office. This branch did much of the "heavy lifting" in that first decade in laying the strong foundations that have enabled ICPA to go forward and become the highly regarded Association that it is today.

Other members have served on Queensland Council since – Ian Crombie, Diana Schutt, Emma Turner and Anita Dennis, and my daughter Sally who edited "News & Views" for two years. And I'm sure there'll be more in the future.

We oldies recognise how different it is for you fifty years down the track. You certainly have greatly improved communications AND much greater educational opportunities for your children, but you still have challenges such as those faced during the Covid epidemic and the School of the Air accommodation debacle. You face the same seasonal and commodity price fluctuations but with a smaller population and a shrinking pool of willing volunteers.

We are proud of those of you who have come together to make this conference a reality, and I'm sure it will be a beauty. We welcome all of you who are visitors to Blackall, and wish you every success in paving the way through this era of advancing technology. Little did we realise during our humble beginnings that, fifty years later, we would be witnessing the operation of such a successful and sophisticated organisation in the bush.

Mrs Jan Gall, with Diana Schutt and Daphne Rich Blackall Branch Life Members





AWARD FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP Mrs Margie Greenway (Augathella Branch)

It is truly my pleasure to stand up here today to award Mrs Margie Greenway with a Queensland Life Membership.

Margie's ICPA journey began in 1980 when she and Ashley first joined the Augathella Branch. She was devoted to raising and teaching her four children on their property and Margie had a genuine belief that we shouldn't be educating our children to leave the bush, so she joined Queensland State Council in 1991. Margie quickly became Assistant Secretary in 1992, State Secretary in 1993 and President in 1996. During her time as President, Margie made sure she was accessible to branches at their local level, travelling vast distances to visit as many as she could. Margie was such a strong advocate for ICPA, particularly Distance Education: she was on the Working Party to plan the Charleville School of Distance Education, she presented a paper at the National Conference – Schooling Distance Education in 1993, as well as representing our organisation on several Ministerial Advisory Committees.

Upon becoming Queensland's Immediate Past President, Margie stepped onto Federal Council in 1999 and was Assistant Secretary from 2001-2002 when she stepped down.

At a local branch level, Margie has always been a dedicated worker and has served as Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and President over the years. She was presented with Branch Life Membership of Augathella in 1998.

Margie was awarded an ICPA Qld Certificate of Appreciation in 2004 – right here in Blackall. Upon this presentation, Margie's close friend Judy Treloar, who has amazingly managed to keep Margie in the dark to get her here this week, reiterated the importance of ICPA being a family affair; as with any of us taking on these roles, family support means everything, and Margie certainly had that at home and on State Council.

Despite Margie officially stepping down from Queensland State Council in 2003, she has always continued to advocate for our organisation and from 2014 – 2020, Margie represented ICPA Qld on the Hospital Schools Advisory Committee. During this time Margie attended numerous meetings and had a great impact for rural and remote families, ensuring that we had a voice at the table. In recognition of this service, Margie was recently awarded the Tribute Medal for recognition of her work on the Committee to promote opportunities for isolated students. Congratulations to you Margie!

Margie, whilst your branch has shown their appreciation by nominating you for Life Membership, they were fully supported by a State Council that is incredibly blessed and appreciative of all the passion and time that you have dedicated to ICPA and its members over the years. You are a truly amazing advocate and thoroughly deserve this honour today.

Congratulations Margie.

By Tammie Irons ICPA Qld Immediate Past President



AWARD FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Mrs Jan Gall (Blackall Branch)

I am absolutely thrilled to be a part of this special moment here today... the presentation of a Queensland Life Membership to the much deserving Mrs Jan Gall. As we have already heard here this morning, Jan's passion for ICPA and rural and remote education runs deep. Despite stepping down from State and Federal Councils all those years ago, she continues to make every effort and take every opportunity to put ICPA at the forefront of the mind of anyone who will listen – even in her retirement in Toowoomba.

Only a few months ago, Jan contacted me asking for an update on current issues as she was to speak to her local Rotary group in Toowoomba. She was very keen to correct many of their assumptions which has come up in discussion and wanted to ensure that her information was also current!

Jan was elected to Queensland Council in 1975 at the fourth annual conference held here in Blackall – her hometown. As Jan proudly spruiked earlier, she served on Council for 9 years in total, twice elected Vice President and later serving as Publicity Officer. During this time, she was heavily involved in the Special Education portfolio and devoted her efforts to the needs of those children doing correspondence. In 1981, Jan was instrumental in the introduction of Distance Education Seminars which spread to all regions across Qld in 1982. Along with papers presented at a National Workshop on Distance Education in Perth in 1983, this led to far greater recognition of the role played by the Home Tutor.

During this time, Jan's passion extended to her continuing her work as an inaugural member of the Blackall branch, acting as President, Vice President, Secretary and Publicity officer over the years. Jan was integral in re-establishing a hostel here in Blackall and what is now the Living Arts Centre.

This wasn't enough for Jan, and obviously with the amazing support of Charlie, she was elected to Federal Council in 1980 and during her four years there she formulated Federal's first policy on Special Education, and ICPA's first formal statement on the needs of Gifted and Talented children in rural and remote areas. Jan then turned her hand to the demanding job of Pedals Editor, and she sent seven editions of the magazine to press!

Jan's close friend Annette Banks nominated Jan for a well-deserved Qld Certificate of Appreciation which was presented at the 1987 Chinchilla State Conference.

Jan, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you over the last few years and have loved hearing the many memories of ICPA gone by.

By Tammie Irons ICPA Qld Immediate Past President



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION Mr Jeff Little (Yaraka/Isisford Branch)

Jeff Little has had a long association with ICPA long before he became the ICT Advisor for Queensland State Council in 2009. Jeff started work in 1964 at the Post Masters General's department as a technician and then went on to work for Telstra and his family lived in various rural locations including Cloncurry, Dalby, Coen and Cunnamulla. It was here at Cunnamulla in 1985 that Jeff attended his first ICPA State Conference as the Supervising Technician for Telstra providing a quantity of DRCS phones for members to test to their full capacity. Which they did and provided Jeff and Telstra with valuable feedback on how they could be improved before they officially rolled out.

Jeff's roles within Telstra include Rural Communications Specialist with Telstra Queensland Country and in 1994 Telstra formed the CAN Electronics Management Centre where he established the Quality Service Visit where technicians were trained especially for rural and remote telecommunications Issues. It was in this role that Jeff attended his first Federal Conference in Broome in 1995. During his time in this role Jeff set up the Radio Management Centre and at a State Conference in Longreach he announced that 1800RRADIO had commenced operations.

During the early 1990s, Jeff also performed a lot of work around Distance Education students moving from HF radio to the radio telephone network which made such a difference to so many rural families.

Jeff's appointment as Area General Manager of Telstra Country Wide Southwest Queensland in 2000 provided him with a high level of autonomy. This structure allowed Jeff's lateral thinking to provide communication solutions to hundreds of rural and remote subscribers. His firsthand knowledge of people's situations has been paramount in the development of workable solutions to problems. Jeff retired from Telstra in 2009.

It was after his retirement that he was approached by Andy Pegler who was the then Communications Portfolio leader to attend a communication meeting at delegations in Brisbane in 2009. Jeff and his wife Marilyn also joined Yaraka/Isisford Branch that year. Shortly after Jeff formally became the ICT adviser to Queensland State Council.

Jeff not only had a good understanding of the technicality of issues, but he was always prepared to go the distance to be part of the solution. He was held in high regard by the DoE IT Team who had enormous respect for his abilities and commitment.

After the debacle of the Interim Satellite, ICPA Qld lobbied for dedicated data capacity specifically for education on the Skymuster system. nbn responded favourably to this request and provided priority use for education which became known as the Education Port. Due to a legislation issue, Education Queensland could not complete the approval process for distance education families needing access to the Ed Port. Jeff spent weeks compiling and cross-checking data to enable families' timely connections to the Ed Port. This was a huge task and directly benefited the education of so many rural children.

In Jeff's 13 years with State Council, he only missed one State Conference, actually since 1998 Jeff has only missed two State Conferences. Jeff stepped down from the role of ICT Adviser at the start of 2022. Our kids' education is all the richer for having Jeff and his great wealth of knowledge on their side and we thank him for his commitment and dedication.

By Kate Bradshaw Qld Vice President



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION Mrs Noela Wilson (Lone Member)

From 1993 to 2005, Ken and Noela Wilson were living on a rural property at Bollon and were members of the Bollon ICPA Branch. It was during this time, whilst having a load of fuel delivered by then ICPA Qld Vice President, Mr Peter Powne, that Noela was approached by Peter who asked her if she would be interested in proofreading the News & Views magazine. That was 2001.

Ken and Noela moved from Bollon in 2005 to live 25km east of Jandowae and News & Views went with her. In 2015 they moved back to Barcardine, News & Views continued to follow Noela and is still with her today. Noela has been a volunteer in this position for 20 years.

Noela trained as a business teacher in the 70's so she had to be very fussy about student errors when teaching and correcting typing, shorthand and accounting in Julia Creek. After marrying Ken and moving to Barcardine (for the first time) she taught Year 6 for 6 years. In her words, Noela said she had to go back and do a very quick crash course to relearn grammar and punctuation from the very basics so that she could be sure she was teaching the correct way. This has stayed with her and I have to admit that she is definitely very precise with her grammar and punctuation. Noela also likes the fact that, thanks to computers, she can proofread at home.

Noela believes that ICPA is a great organisation. Through the sheer hard work of the executives over the years, it has brought about change to education 'in the bush' that is so badly needed. ICPA has built a reputation of 'truth' and never asks for something that is not needed. Just amazing.

On behalf of ICPA Qld I have great pleasure in presenting this Certificate of Appreciation to Noela for her continuing tireless work to support the efforts of ICPA and I am pleased to say I am happy to be only reading this report and Noela does not have to proof it as she would no doubt find some errors.

By Lisa Southern ICPA Qld News & Views Editor





VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING COUNCILLORS

Ms TAMMIE LOUISE IRONS

Tammie Louise Irons. Tam has been on ICPA Qld State Council since she joined in 2012 at the conference in Goondiwindi. Since then, she has held not only a few portfolios as leader along the way but also a few positions too in her 10 years. Tam has now officially clocked up enough years to qualify for long service leave.

As a mother of three small children and a qualified teacher, the introduction of Prep was enough to ignite the passion and her ICPA journey began

- Schools Portfolio Leader
- Early Childhood Portfolio Leader
- Vice-President and Schools & Early Childhood Portfolio Leader for 3 years
- President and Teacher Ed Portfolio Leader for 2 years
- Immediate Past President and Teacher Ed Portfolio Leader
- Immediate Past President and Website Co-Ordinator and Qld Conference Registrations

All this whilst also sitting on multiple other portfolios, dealing with an unfolding pandemic and a few other things in life along the way.

Whilst not only being active on ICPA Qld Tam has also combined this with teaching, raising her children, singing in choirs, dabbling her little toe into expanding her political knowledge, working on 5 conferences are just a few of Tam's interest and commitments.

Education for everyone, quality teachers heading over the range, ICPA Qld knowledge bank, saying yes and having a go are the true signs of strength that have carried Tam through her journey and as per Tam's last presentation, this is not farewell or goodbye from ICPA Qld full time as Tam is stepping off full time council life into the off council roles of Website Co-ordinator and Conference Registrations.

However, Tam will have time to hopefully, enjoy, revel and breathe as you move away from full time ICPA. We wish you well and that you look after yourself, your Preppies will have more time with Mrs Irons. Hallie, Jaxon and Fletcher your precious children will get to have their Mum back from ICPA Qld and I am quite sure they may not remember what it was like to have that.

Your contribution has been priceless and so are you Tam.

By Wendy Henning





Mrs JOCELYN FREEMAN

On June 8th 2021 at the ICPA Qld State Conference in Cunnamulla, Jocelyn Freeman joined State Council. It was Jocelyn's awe of ICPA and their passion for advocating for rural and remote communities, a passion she herself shares, that inspired her to join State Council that day.

I am not really sure Jocelyn was aware of what she was signing up for, but I for one am so glad she did take the plunge that day. Jocelyn's passion, dedication, enthusiasm and quiet efficiency in the background is something she should be proud of and not only was she a great colleague to work with, but she became a great friend.

Jocelyn is not one to sit still and even on delegations you would find her taking an early morning jog to the top of a mountain, her energy is infectious and right from the first day we joined State Council together, we were laughing.

Over the past year we haven't managed to have a lot of face to face gatherings due to COVID and life getting in the way as usual, but no matter what, when or where, Jocelyn was always available on the other end of a computer, phone or device of some description to lend a hand or be a shoulder to cry on. I know with her departure from State Council at the end of this conference, that she will still be there for me, for us...

You are leaving big shoes for someone to fill Jocelyn and on behalf of ICPA Qld State Council I wish you all very best in your future endeavors. We will be right beside you cheering you on the whole way.

By Dianne Meikle

Mr ROBERT McARTHUR

Rob joined State Council at the Virtual Conference in Toowoomba in 2020. I wonder what he thought as he walked into the post conference meeting in Toowoomba to a room full of women. It's a wonder he didn't back pedal into the misty streets of Toowoomba. Rob has fitted well into State Council and his level head has been welcome during meetings. During Rob's time on State Council, he has taken on the leader of the Financial Assistance portfolio and has also been on the Distance Education, Tertiary Trade & Training and Travel portfolios.

Rob has attended delegations and midyear meetings with his joggers in his port ready to run a quick 10k run while the rest of us are still in bed. I am glad he liked running solo as I am not sure he would have had too many takers for a run. Rob has continued to enjoy his many running events while he has been on state council.

Rob has always taken on the main conference dinner theme with robust – We all enjoyed seeing the 70s cricket star appear in Cunnamulla. Rob isn't stepping away from ICPA altogether as he continues to coordinate the Clermont ICPA Sports camp and be bossed around by the admin lady. After all its only a few phone calls so I am sure he will handle the job well. Thank you Ainsley, Tess, Andrew, Lachlan, Hamish, Adelaide and Eliza for letting us borrow Rob for a few years. On behalf of ICPA Qld, I would like to say thank you for the time committed to State Council.

By Amanda Clark

Mrs ANNIE MCGILL

Annie joined ICPA Qld State Council as the fundraising officer in 2020. It was great to welcome Annie to the team. While in the role Annie was busy organising prizes for art union, co-ordinating Bush Christmas ticket sellers and keeping up the sale of ICPA Qld merchandise. Annie engaged in the role with lots of vigour and enthusiasm and we couldn't be happier with her contribution. It was also a great pleasure to spend time getting to know Annie when she joined us at conference in Cunnamulla manning the merchandise stand and taking care of our major fundraiser, the art union. We thank Annie for her time on ICPA Qld in her off-council role of fundraising officer.

By Melissa Iland



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - Sponsors of the 2022 Conference

On behalf of Blackall Branch we would like to thank the following people, businesses and organisations for their cooperation and support.

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Gold Sponsors All Souls St Gabriels School, Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie), Boarding Schools Expo Australia, Brisbane Boys College, Clayfield College, Dalby State High School, Downlands College, GBA Consulting Engineers, Ipswich Grammar School, Kingsley College, Pillow Talk, Rockhampton Girls Grammar School, St Hilda's School Gold Coast, St John's Anglican College, St Joseph's Nudgee College, Stuartholme School, Suncorp, Tec-NQ, Telstra, The Scots PGC College, Toowoomba Grammar School, Western Truck Group, Whitsunday Anglican School

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2022 Financial Statements - Audit

Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc.

ABN 65 411 031 053

For the year ended 31 March 2022

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 2022

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 2022, 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 2022 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



William Iain Ringrose

Auditor's address: 116 Eagle Street
Longreach QLD 4730

Dated: 4 May 2022

Income and Expenditure Statement

Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc.

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
Trading Income		
Sales	7,444.96	1,008.38
Cost of Sales		
Opening Stock	2,175.00	3,099.40
Purchases	5,185.64	95.64
Closing Stock	(3,251.97)	(2,175.00)
Total Cost of Sales	4,108.67	1,020.04
Total Trading Income	3,336.29	(11.66)
Income		
Conference Income	3,789.91	-
Donations	115,241.48	68,634.48
Fundraising	17,047.90	19,364.00
Grant & Sponsorship	9,500.00	4,000.00
Membership & Subscriptions	34,181.77	29,908.63
Total Income	179,761.06	121,907.11
Other Income		
Advertising	12,636.42	7,812.72
Bush Christmas	13,824.21	10,412.60
Interest Income	621.34	1,026.12
Loss on Disposal of Assets	(379.77)	-
Other Revenue	23.25	362.79
Total Other Income	26,725.45	19,614.23
Gross Income	209,822.80	141,509.68
Expenditure		
Accounting Subscriptions - Xero	433.53	407.60
Advertising & Promotion	3,477.73	460.00
Audit Fees	3,400.00	2,500.00
Badges & Certificates	1,560.19	871.49
Bank Fees	145.91	262.50
Conference Costs - Federal	5,117.79	-
Conference Costs - State	68,731.63	55,937.12
Conference Costs - Other	3,967.87	1,847.55
Depreciation	5,869.75	4,829.16
Freight & Courier	39.27	-
Fit for Rural Futures Camp	15,004.55	12,506.37
Fundraising Expenses	6,274.04	7,396.12
Gifts & Floral Tributes	1,588.89	446.17
Insurance	11,947.69	10,296.64
Lone Expenses	88.95	-

	2022	2021
Meeting Expenses	5,496.61	5,072.63
News & Views Expenses	33,824.84	24,171.68
Office Expenses	45.41	70.00
Other / Miscellaneous Expenses	391.88	-
Postage, Printing & Stationery	716.51	1,667.58
Repairs & Maintenance	-	692.57
Software & Podcast Costs	5,176.78	1,627.35
Subscriptions & Publications	2,519.39	2,015.84
Total Expenditure	175,819.21	133,078.37
Net Profit/(Loss)	34,003.59	8,431.31

Balance Sheet

Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc.

As at 31 March 2022

	NOTES	31 MAR 2022	31 MAR 2021
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Westpac General Cheque		64,445.59	14,613.19
Westpac Fundraising Account		14,978.00	16,195.25
Westpac Maxi Investment		72,255.36	87,944.04
Westpac Term Deposit		101,462.19	101,462.19
Paypal		2,947.09	1,700.00
Lone Acc		5,719.95	5,398.80
Westpac Mastercard		881.60	-
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents		262,689.78	227,313.47
Trade and Other Receivables		913.00	652.00
GST Receivable		654.55	1,373.73
Stock on hand		3,251.97	2,175.00
Total Current Assets		267,509.30	231,514.20
Non-Current Assets			
Plant and Equipment		8,030.44	7,755.42
Total Non-Current Assets		8,030.44	7,755.42
Total Assets		275,539.74	239,269.62
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft			
Westpac Mastercard		-	290.97
Total Bank Overdraft		-	290.97
Trade and Other Payables		2,557.50	-
Total Current Liabilities		2,557.50	290.97
Total Liabilities		2,557.50	290.97
Net Assets		272,982.24	238,978.65
Member's Funds			
Capital Reserve		272,982.24	238,978.65
Total Member's Funds		272,982.24	238,978.65

Notes to the Financial Statements

Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc.

For the year ended 31 March 2022

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.

2022 2021

2. Property Plant and Equipment

Plant and Equipment

Plant and Equipment at Cost	30,577.27	41,560.07
Accumulated Depreciation of Plant and Equipment	(22,546.83)	(33,804.65)
Total Plant and Equipment	8,030.44	7,755.42
Total Property Plant and Equipment	8,030.44	7,755.42

Depreciation Schedule

Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc.

For the year ended 31 March 2022

NAME	PURCHASED	COST	OPENING VALUE	PURCHASES	DISPOSALS	RATE	DEPRECIATION	CLOSING VALUE
Plant & Equipment								
3 x Inspiron 14 5000 Laptop - Wendy, Kel & Lou M - AU2006-9854-04032	26 Aug 2020	3,215.40	2,255.18	-	-	50.00%	1,127.59	1,127.59
Acer Swift 3 Computer	15 Aug 2021	1,114.64	-	1,114.64	-	50.00%	349.66	764.98
ASUS P555LJ-X0857TNB X154	9 May 2016	680.00	8.44	-	8.44	66.67%	-	-
Binder	3 May 2019	621.55	406.49	-	-	20.00%	81.30	325.19
Black Notebook Bag	9 Sep 2010	22.73	-	-	-	100.00%	-	-
Canon 950 Photocopier	5 Oct 2005	362.73	1.96	-	-	30.00%	0.59	1.37
Canon EOS 500D & Lens 18-20mm Camera	14 Dec 2012	800.00	127.36	-	127.36	20.00%	-	-
Computer - Lou Martin - HP 15s FQ1055TU	18 Oct 2020	1,259.09	974.50	-	-	50.00%	487.25	487.25
Dell Inspiron 15 - 5000 Series Laptop	7 Jun 2018	1,185.45	60.04	-	-	66.67%	40.03	20.01
Dell Inspiron 15 - 5000 Series Laptop	30 Dec 2018	988.36	91.35	-	-	66.67%	60.90	30.45
Dell Inspiron 15 - 5000 Series Laptop	22 Jun 2018	953.63	51.17	-	-	66.67%	34.12	17.05
Dell Inspiron 15 - 5000 Series Laptop	29 Apr 2018	1,162.72	49.63	-	49.63	66.67%	-	-
Dell Inspiron 15 3000 Series -3593	24 Oct 2019	1,144.55	270.30	-	-	66.67%	180.21	90.09
Dell Inspiron 15 5000 Series - 5570	17 May 2019	1,017.27	141.42	-	-	66.67%	94.28	47.14
Dell Inspiron 15 5000 Series - 5593	6 Feb 2020	1,135.45	340.53	-	-	66.67%	227.03	113.50
Dell Inspiron 15 5000 Series - 5593	7 Feb 2020	1,135.45	341.22	-	-	66.67%	227.49	113.73
Dell Inspiron 15 7000 Series - 7570	21 May 2019	1,080.90	152.89	-	-	66.67%	101.93	50.96
Electric Stapler	1 Jul 1989	200.00	-	-	-	7.50%	-	-
Gorilla Pod Mobile	17 Mar 2022	299.95	-	299.95	-	20.00%	2.47	297.48
Hard drives x 2	18 Oct 2020	172.73	133.69	-	-	50.00%	66.85	66.84
HP Deskjet 3520SN	26 Sep 2013	61.82	1.44	-	1.44	40.00%	-	-
HP Pavilion 13 Computer (incl warranty & briefcase)	8 Jun 2021	919.09	-	919.09	-	50.00%	373.93	545.16
HP Pavilion 13 Computer (incl warranty & sleeve)	8 Jun 2021	923.64	-	923.64	-	50.00%	375.78	547.86

NAME	PURCHASED	COST	OPENING VALUE	PURCHASES	DISPOSALS	RATE	DEPRECIATION	CLOSING VALUE
HP Pavilion 13 Computer (incl warranty & slim sleeve)	9 Jun 2021	877.27	-	877.27	-	50.00%	355.71	521.56
HP Photosmart 5520 Inject Printer	21 May 2013	70.00	1.80	-	1.80	40.00%	-	-
HP15BAD0154A Laptop	1 Apr 2017	498.18	6.11	-	6.11	66.67%	-	-
ICPA Flags	27 Aug 2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inspiron 15 5000 Series 1 (1)	5 Mar 2018	973.64	34.33	-	-	66.67%	22.89	11.44
Inspiron 15 5000 Series (2)	5 Mar 2018	973.64	34.33	-	-	66.67%	22.89	11.44
Laptop Amanda - HP15s-FQ2041TU 15" i7 & extended warranty	26 Feb 2021	1,357.27	1,294.05	-	-	50.00%	647.03	647.02
Leader Companions SC501 Notebooke	10 Feb 2016	726.36	3.44	-	3.44	66.67%	-	-
Lenovo Idea's iPad	7 Feb 2017	862.73	9.67	-	9.67	66.67%	-	-
MacBook Air	2 Nov 2017	1,362.73	36.66	-	-	66.67%	24.44	12.22
MacBook Pro 13.3 Computer & Sleeve	18 Jul 2021	2,389.95	-	2,389.95	-	50.00%	841.39	1,548.56
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%	-	-
Printer & Bag for Secretary - Epson Expression Home XP-4105 Serial #CG335050041	22 Feb 2021	229.70	217.74	-	-	50.00%	108.87	108.87
Rapid 100E Electric Stapler	1 Jul 1993	350.00	-	-	-	13.00%	-	-
Rapid 90EC Eletric Stapler	1 Aug 2013	454.36	9.36	-	-	40.00%	3.74	5.62
Reckon	26 Sep 2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retractable Banner 2nd	17 Aug 2008	609.00	93.20	-	93.20	15.00%	-	-
Retractable Banner System	3 Sep 2007	608.00	66.47	-	66.47	15.00%	-	-
Ricoh Aficio Multifunction SN S9019300404	3 Jan 2012	2,999.00	28.44	-	-	40.00%	11.38	17.06
Samsung R540-JD01AU Notebook & Warranty	9 Sep 2010	990.91	-	-	-	66.67%	-	-
Teleconference Headsets	29 Nov 2004	715.59	2.94	-	2.94	30.00%	-	-
Teleconference Headsets	13 Dec 2004	511.14	1.96	-	1.96	30.00%	-	-
Toshiba L650D/02Y Laptop	19 Feb 2011	635.45	-	-	-	66.67%	-	-
Toshiba Satellite 500T-8008	13 Jun 2014	999.09	0.67	-	0.67	66.67%	-	-

Depreciation Schedule

NAME	PURCHASED	COST	OPENING VALUE	PURCHASES	DISPOSALS	RATE	DEPRECIATION	CLOSING VALUE
Toshiba Satellite 500T-A No. 1	14 Oct 2013	815.45	0.33	-	0.33	66.67%	-	-
Toshiba Satellite 500T-A No. 2	14 Oct 2013	815.45	0.33	-	0.33	66.67%	-	-
Toshiba Satellite 500T-A No. 3	14 Oct 2013	815.45	0.33	-	0.33	66.67%	-	-
Toshiba Satellite 500T-A No. 4	14 Oct 2013	815.45	0.33	-	0.33	66.67%	-	-
Toshiba Satellite 500T-A No. 5	14 Oct 2013	815.46	0.33	-	0.33	66.67%	-	-
Toshiba Satellite L50D-C (2)	3 Nov 2015	680.00	2.33	-	2.33	66.67%	-	-
Toshiba Satellite L50D-C (3)	3 Nov 2015	680.00	2.33	-	2.33	66.67%	-	-
Toshiba Satellite Laptop C500-A	26 Sep 2013	643.64	0.22	-	0.22	66.67%	-	-
Toshiba Satellite Pro 17/4GB	29 Nov 2012	908.18	0.11	-	0.11	66.67%	-	-
Total Plant & Equipment		48,054.78	7,755.42	6,524.54	379.77		5,869.75	8,030.44
Total		48,054.78	7,755.42	6,524.54	379.77		5,869.75	8,030.44

Statement by members of committee

Isolated Children's Parents' Association - Queensland Inc.
For the year ended 31 March 2022

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 1 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 2022 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 by:



Signed: _____

(President)



Signed: _____

(Treasurer)

Dated: 4 May 2022