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## **Lone Members Report**

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**Madam President, distinguished guests, members of ICPA, ladies and gentlemen. It is with great pleasure that I present the Lone Members Report.**

NSW/Vic Lone Members is the one of the biggest group of members within ICPA-NSW. Lone Members are usually members who live too far from a branch to attend meetings and may be involved in educating isolated children or interested in supporting those who do. A number of Boarding Schools in NSW and Victoria also hold membership as many of their boarders come from regional and remote areas and the schools wish to support the aims of ICPA.

Two of the highlights of 2021 for NSW/Vic Lone Members were the awarding of Life Membership to both Lindy Kitto and Caroline McDonald. Caroline was lured to a park for morning tea on the pretext of asking advice but was instead presented with her badge and certificate and Lindy was presented with her badge and certificate at the Hay conference with the attending Lones present. Both were surprised and delighted to be so honoured. Lones have continued to being kept in touch about ICPA happenings and issues via semi regular newsletters. Again as in 2020, we had an influx in numbers with many new Lone members impacted by the border closures. ICPA was able to help many of them resolve issues over movement of students to and from interstate boarding schools.

At the end of 2021 we had a total of 81 family members and 55 school/organisation members.

It has always been a pleasure to talk with a Lone Member, either by email or by phone. It has also been a great privilege to be on State Council and count everyone as special friends. Thank you to all the Council members who have given me so much advice, help and encouragement during 2021 and in previous years. As I prepare to stand down from this position, all the very best for the next NSW/Vic Lone Members Officer.

**Irene Lund**  
**Lone Members Officer**

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