
NSW/Vic Lone Members Report

Madam President, distinguished guests, fellow members of ICPA, ladies and gentlemen. It is with great pleasure on behalf of the Lone Members Officer Amanda McClaren that I present the 2023 NSW/Vic Lone Members Report.

Lone Members are generally individuals or families that do not have a local ICPA branch nearby, are often involved in educating isolated children or are interested in supporting rural educators and ICPA's advocacy.

At the end of 2022, with 141 members, the NSW/Vic Lone members branch is the largest of all in ICPA-NSW. Currently, there are 72 individual lone members in addition to 58 Boarding school members. The boarding schools are located across NSW and Victoria and take a keen interest in ICPA because their students reside in regional and remote areas. It is also pleasing to have a number of key stakeholders who are lone members, we thank CWA of NSW, the Bush Children's Education Foundation, Royal Far West and Dolly's Dream for their membership as we continue to build a collaborative relationship and mutual sharing of information both internally and externally of this unique membership group.

At conference this year, there are obviously many boarding school members here and Lone Members are well represented with life member Lindy Kitto and her husband Dennis, James Armitage, Jessie Donoghue (running around with the camera, thank you Jessie) and State Treasurer Nathan Kitto.

During Covid, there was an influx of membership due to the advocacy that ICPA was doing at the time. We are hopeful that many of these new members will continue to remain members of ICPA well into the future as it is important to continue to build our memberships – in good times and in bad.

Unfortunately, Amanda is unable to continue in this role due to her commitments completing her Masters of Teaching. Amanda came into this role with a passion for education and she played a key role in our advocacy to assist Victorian children to return home when the borders closed during covid. We thank Amanda for her enthusiasm and wish her well.

ICPA-NSW is therefore seeking a replacement Lone Members Officer and ask that those here today seriously consider the rewarding role that it is to be the leader of this group and to be the direct link to State Council. We look forward to the re-establishment of regular informative newsletters and communications within the branch.

ICPA is often represented at regional and rural events such as The Boarding School Expos and local field days if you see any of our ICPA representatives please come and introduce yourself and have a chat we are always ready to listen.

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For Amanda McClaren
Lone Members Convenor**

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