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Meritorious Award for ICPA Devotee.

State Conference was the perfect setting to honor an ICPA high achiever with life membership. Joanna Gibson has been a supporter and strong loyalist to the families of isolated Australia in their quest for a fair and equitable education.

2021 happens to be Joanna's 20th Anniversary of her membership with ICPA and 20 years of continual advocacy and personal growth within the organisation. From humble member of the northwest branch, to branch delegate to branch president onto state councilor, state treasurer, state publicity officer and then further on to federal council in 2013 where Joanna's professionalism and calm demeanor saw her achieve the same high standard that she achieved during her state council times.

Often referred to 'The Brains Trust' of all matters ICPA, we sincerely hope that Joanna can still guide and assist from the sidelines at every conference, and always answer her phone and emails to offer advice to our council or support a struggling member. On behalf of us all, our heartfelt congratulations on your achievement Joanna.

You can follow Joanna's ICPA journey further in this edition. - The editor



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Photo courtesy of Claire Harris @ the Stock Journal.

Boys From the Bush!

What a wonderful snapshot of our own 'Boys from the Bush'. Taken by Stephanie Coombes at the William Creek Gymkhana earlier this year. I can see this being re-created in many years to come as our bush kids tend to have a bond for life, tied together by their unique upbringing and family life on the land.



Pictured L to R is Lawson Rankin, The Twins. Nelson Willis, Arcoona, George Williams, The Peake, Lachie Keogh, Durham Downs, Ryder Rankin, The Twins, Jacob Keogh, Durham Downs and Eli Rankin, The Twins. Photo courtesy of Stephanie Coombes Creative. Thank You for sharing with us Stephanie.



From the President

I have the fire going, have found a quiet moment in between the hustle of mustering, accountant requests, emails, phone calls, washing of dishes, preparing the next feed and just life in general!

Let's start with the most exciting news, Joanna Gibson receiving State Life Membership. It was the best kept secret and those that know Joanna and I it was

the hardest thing for me not to mention it in one of our many conversations over an entire year! Kate Greenfield was given the task of being detective to find out when Joanna started with ICPA, what roles she took on and her achievements throughout her time. I am so pleased for Joanna as she has been an absolute stalwart of ICPA and we look forward to her continued support.

State Conference 2021 was held at Port Augusta on Friday the 12th of March.

There were fourteen motions that were passed at conference. There was debate around topics like Year 7 at School of the Air (SOTA) becoming High school and the impacts that this may have on families and children both emotionally and financially, Child and Family Health Services (CaFHS) and the importance of early identification and intervention and the Telstra mobile phone tower project.

We were entertained by some exceptional local speakers. Ellen Litchfield who opened the conference and Pauly Daniel, the guest speaker both gave us a thought-provoking insight into education in the bush.

There were many wonderful parts to conference including the panel of speakers, Tiarne Saunders from Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS), Jack Pointon from Headspace and Kerry Williams from Specific Learning Difficulties SA (SPELD). And not to mention the excellent PowerPoint presentations, passionate debate, scrumptious food and fabulous venue.

I would like to thank the Marree Air branch for hosting a wonderful conference. A huge thank you to the State Councillors that stepped off from council at the AGM. Your time and efforts have been greatly appreciated.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held after closure of the conference and all positions were filled except the Secretary position. If anyone would like to join State Council as Secretary then please contact myself: sapresident@icpa.com.au

Since conference State Council has written letters, planned appointments and are working on actioning the motions that were passed. A delegation to Adelaide to meet with Minster Gardner is occurring in late June and we look forward to the chance to meet with himself and other relevant bodies in regards to our motions.

State Council submitted a motion asking for an increase to the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) at the online 2020 Federal Conference. Federal Council has advocated for an increase and a 50% increase has been approved. This will mean that students will have more Government funding when choosing to travel to Canberra for a school excursion.

Don't forget Federal Conference is being held in Longreach QLD on the 27th and 28th of July. It is a particularly special conference as it is 50 years of ICPA. We have a contingent of South Aussies flying the flag with some of us doing a road trip to Longreach. The conference program is out so please jump on the website and have a look to see what is on offer.

The new ICPA website has been launched: www.icpa.com.au Federal Council and all webmasters have put an enormous amount of effort into getting this new website up and running. A special thank you to our SA webmaster, Jodie Keogh. She had the onerous task of transferring all the SA data from the old website to the new, plus giving us a facelift with the SA information. If you have any wonderful photos that you feel would be appropriate for the new website then please contact Jodie as she is always on the lookout for eye catching pics.

We have been extremely fortunate to have the Indulkaninna Foundation support our ICPA families once again with a very generous donation. Watch this space for bursaries which can benefit your child's education.

State councillors and members have continued to advocate for rural and remote families' educational needs by attending meetings, liaising with core groups and raising money and the profile of ICPA at local events.

Until next time, Stay warm all. *Jill Greenfield*

From the Editor

It is with great sadness that we pay homage to Janne Warwick, the legacy left behind by our beloved friend, who was a loyal ICPA supporter for most of her life and Flinders Ranges branch Life Member. Janne a fellow Pipeline Editor for many years had a long history with ICPA and will be sadly missed by the association, the community,



friends new and old and most of all, her family. Fellow branch member and longtime friend Kaye Fels has written a lovely tribute to Janne. Our thoughts are with Richard, Beth, Frances, Edith, her Grandchildren and extended family.

As the front cover depicts, we acknowledge Joanna Gibson's Life Membership to SA ICPA. We detail Joanna's contribution to both State and Federal Council inside, captured with photos and a small walk down memory lane. Thanks very much to Glennis Crawford, Jane Gloster and Kate Greenfield for helping me out with this. Putting it together was a great chance to dig around the history books where I came across many familiar albeit younger looking ICPA faces. Hopefully, I can share some of my finds next issue.

I am excited for this print of The Pipeline because looking forward, our very next issue in December will be SA ICPA's 100th edition of our only printed news. I won't delve too much into the history of The Pipeline as I would like to save it for then, but to say I feel lucky to be putting Number 100 together is an understatement. Thanks kindly to those who sent in submissions for this issue, Pipeline wouldn't be much without your contributions. So please, relax and delight in issue Number 99 of The Pipeline. Till next time, enjoy, Lynly Xx.

Vale Janne Warwick 1950 - 2021

It is with extreme regret that we note the passing of Janne Warwick on the 7th June 2021. Janne was a stalwart for education and equity of outback children and served many roles as a member of ICPA. Joining ICPA in the mid 1980's both Janne and Richard were very active members, often combining travelling to conferences all over Australia with their annual holidays, and doing this long before any reimbursements were given for travel and accommodation.

First joining ICPA's Port Augusta Branch, Richard soon rose through the ranks to become South Australian State President in 1994. Richard's role was enhanced by Janne's attention to detail and unwavering support. Janne convened or was on the convening committee of many State Conferences and two Federal Conferences held in Adelaide at Westminster College and Adelaide Oval; just getting on with the job at hand in a calm, quiet professional manner. Many have turned to Janne for support, expertise and knowledge in the ensuing years when organising conferences.

Janne was also the Pipeline Editor for many years, writing detailed reports and following up with photos. A much more daunting task then, than it is today in our digital age with all and sundry now having a camera at their ready and internet to deliver and collate materials.

In 1991 the Flinders Ranges Branch of ICPA was formed and Janne and Richard, Marie Spiers, the McIntosh's, Fels and Fargher families were some of the inaugural members. At one stage we had the most members of any SA branch and the high profile of the branch was in part due to Janne's leadership and promotion. Janne held the roles of secretary, treasurer, president and vice president and in 2006 Janne was awarded Flinders Ranges branch life membership in recognition of her outstanding efforts for ICPA and promoting equity for outback children' education.

Janne was a stickler for the rules but this in turn evaded any discrepancies and kept all parties on an even keel. Despite this Janne was always welcoming, warm hearted and inclusive of all she met. She made time, in particular, for any newcomers making sure they were included and well versed in the objectives of the Association and encouraged their efforts.

The huge gathering at Janne's final farewell which I would estimate to be 300 - 400 people was testament to the life she lived and the love, respect and esteem people felt for this remarkable lady.

I have known Janne as a friend for over 30 years and will always treasure the times we spent together in that era. Janne was always a pleasure to work with and great company. Despite her own personal battles with health over that time she was always strong, uncomplaining and extremely positive in her outlook on life. We will miss her dearly and offer our sincerest sympathies to Richard, Beth, Francis and Edith and their families.

Kaye Fels



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Loving and loved wife of Richard

Cherished mother and mother-in-law of Beth Frances and Luke Edith and Joel

> Treasured Granny of Steven Todd and Stella Jack, William and Sienna

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JOANNA GIBSON SA LIFE MEMBERSHIP

One of the great things about ICPA – in fact, probably the very best thing about the organisation - is the fact that our success comes from the people who make up ICPA. At its heart, ICPA is a grass roots, membership driven group who share a common goal. And one of the best parts of this is being able to celebrate not just our collective successes but also the wonderful individuals who put so much work, time and effort into ICPA. Joanna Gibson is one of those people, and it was with very great pleasure that SA members and guests watched at the 2021 SA ICPA conference as Joanna was awarded her SA Life Membership.

Life membership, at any level, is not an award given lightly or without much deliberation. Simple longevity is not sufficient. It's an award given for great service, in multiple areas, over a significant time. It's about being prepared to take on executive roles and portfolio leadership, about putting your hand up when perhaps it doesn't always suit to do so, about being efficient, on task, well organized and resourceful. I'm sure you will agree that all of these attributes describe Joanna to a tee and that she thoroughly deserves her award.

You'll see in the accompanying timeline the many areas of ICPA to which Joanna has contributed and I can attest to the fact that she made a great success of each endeavor. I know also that Joanna was, and is, more than happy to share her knowledge with others, whether it's about computers, convening conferences or communications, and many SA ICPA members have benefited from her expertise. I can also vouch for the fact that she's great fun to work and travel with, is good at spelling and grammar, and that a quick glass of bubbles to celebrate a day's hard work will always go down well! In addition, I know that Joanna is a humble person and that all this fuss and attention are probably not her preferred option. But Joanna – as a wise person once said – you will just have to put your big girl pants on and deal with it!

Something that many ICPA members know well and will acknowledge is that service of the nature Joanna typifies is not done in a vacuum. Many thanks and much appreciation must also go to James and the children, who have, I'm sure, often felt like they were coming a poor and distant second to ICPA. Your support and assistance have enabled Joanna to do the fabulous job she has done and for that we all thank you too.

Congratulations and well-done Joanna – we have loved working with you and look forward to this continuing into the future. *Jane Gloster*







Always time for fun and a photo booth! Jill and Joanna in Tasmania for Federal Conference 2014.



Joanna was a convenor at the Federal Conference in Adelaide in 2019.



Joanna was a convenor at State Conference at Woomera in 2016. Pictured here with fellow Federal Council Member Jo Murphy.



Joanna receives her life membership badge from Vice President Kate Greenfield this year.

Joanna Gibson: Moments in time and a long history of service to ICPA.

Joanna began as a member of the North West branch after moving to the district to Parakylia Station with husband James Gibson, looking for a social connection for herself and the kids, Amelia, Molly and Charlie.

2001- State Council Delegate for North West Branch

2002- State Council Delegate for North West Branch

2003 - State Council Delegate for North West Branch

A bit of a hiatus for a few years..... maybe too busy teaching kids and moving house to Wilgena Station.

2006 – SA State Council Delegate; ICPA State Conference Peterborough 2006, Joanna was a delegate at conference where she became a member of SA State Council. As she attended the meeting the following morning, Joanna commented, "It was nice to see some new faces!" Maybe she was sick of seeing just James and kids!! She headed up the Distance Ed portfolio and assisted with Early Childhood portfolio during this time. 2007 – SA State Council

2007 – SA State Council

2008 – SA State Council Treasurer 2009 – SA State Council Treasurer 2010 – SA State Council Treasurer 2011 – SA State Council Treasurer 2012 – SA State Council Publicity Officer

2013- SA State Council Publicity Officer

Joanna Joined Federal Council contributing greatly to the Communications Portfolio for many of her years on Federal Council. Joanna was always involved in the Distance Ed / Early Childhood portfolios also until she discovered Communications, and this was an area that Joanna really shone.

2014 - Federal Council

2015 – Federal Council

2016 – Federal Council, awarded life Membership to the North West Branch

2017 – Federal Council

2018 – ICPA Brains Trust for all! 2019 – State Council as Assistant Secretary

2020 – State Council as Assistant Secretary

Joanna continues to be the brains trust for all things ICPA State and Federal. Her knowledge, support and passion will be admired for many years to come, and we think Joanna will always be a huge part of the fabric of our organisation. Thank you, Joanna. Congratulations on your very deserving Life Membership.



2013 Federal Councilors, this was Joanna's first year on Federal Council.



Megan Henderson, Joanna, Jill Greenfield and Petie Rankin at State Conference in Adelaide 2013.



State Conference Convenors Adelaide, 2013. Sharon Nutt, Helen Williams, Belinda Hatcher, Di Thomas, Lisa Hunt, Anneleise Dolphin and Joanna.



Convenors of the Woomera State Conference in 2016 where Joanna received Life Membership to the branch.



Federal Council Members Joanna and Emily Gardner during a delegation.

JOANNA GIBSON SA LIFE MEMBERSHIP



Federal Council bound 2013! Joanna receives her badge from Judy Sinclair.



Joanna and Jill Greenfield at the 2010 State Conference in Penong.



Joanna, Sharon Nutt and Bernadette Giles at State Conference at Wilpena in 2012.



With Federal Council Members at Port Augusta State Conference in 2014, Jane Morton and Jane Gloster.

Life Members

Federal Life Members

Julia Materne Jane Gloster **State Life Members Bob Baker** Lorrayne Balharry **Glennis Crawford** Jane Gloster Julia Materne Lynn Nagel Don Nicholson Sharon Nutt Joanna Gibson **Port Augusta** Lynn Nagel Don Nicholson **Colleen Manning** North East Branch Julia Materne **Glennis Crawford** Jane Gloster **Dot Sandland Roslyn Breeding Flinders Ranges Kaye Fels** Richard and Janne Warwick Sally Henery Marla Oodnadatta **Digby and Bernadette Giles** Helen Williams North West Branch Joanna Gibson

Jill Greenfield

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Marla Oodnadatta Branch News

After an incredibly quiet 2020, 2021 has allowed branch members and the wider community to again get out and about. We have been lucky enough to be able to have some community events which has been great.

In January, the William Creek Gymkhana Club hosted Australia Day at the William Creek Hotel. It was a hot day but was great to see about 30 locals from near and far travel in to catch up after the quiet summer holidays. Our day consisted of street cricket, running races, Connect 4 championships, BBQ tea, bubbles and disco lights and music. A great day/evening was had by all. This day was possible due to an 'Australia Day' grant which was received through Outback Communities Authority. The William Creek Gymkhana Committee successfully received a FRRR Tackling Tough Times Together Grant, which allowed us to successfully host a 2-day horse clinic with Tom Curtain and a following clinic with Esther Crunkshank. These weekends benefited all the kids in our community. They learnt so many fundamental horsemanship skills and collected many tips and techniques from Tom and Esther that will last them a lifetime. We were also so lucky to bring the Katherine Outback Experience Roadshow to William Creek. It was great to have such a truly family show



Little Missy Reynolds.

come to our area. A lot of our members attended, and together with some from other branches, the local community had a great weekend. For many it was the first event since the Covid-19 pandemic.

The William Creek Gymkhana was held April 16th & 17th, lots of our members attended with their families. We were lucky to receive a PIRSA Events Grant and hosted a family fun day which included face painting, jumpy castle, mechanical bull and had Steph Coombes taking photos throughout the day. We feel truly fortunate that we are able to receive these wonderful grants and it goes some way to help keep costs low and affordable for families to attend, along with providing great fun for our kids. Leading Riders - Gymkhana Junior Pippa Reynolds, Gymkhana Juvenile Makenzie Chapman/Harvey Williams, Gymkhana Adult Harvey Williams, Motokhana Junior Eli Rankin, Motokhana Juvenile Harvey Williams, Motokhana Adult Lock Johnson, Gymkhana Leading Horse – Matey (Harvey Williams).

The 130th Oodnadatta Races & Gymkhana was held on the 8th of May 2021. The club is proud to hold Australia's longest running Picnic Races & Gymkhana. Festivities began on the Friday night with the "Back to Oodnadatta" ball with the theme being "1890" attire. Saturday was attended by over 300 spectators and there was something for the whole crowd to enjoy and participate in, from running races, Stepping the Distance, Bullock Tail throwing and having a punt on the races. Leading Riders - Gymkhana Junior George Williams, Gymkhana Juvenile Harvey Williams, Gymkhana Adult Jamie Foster, Motokhana Junior George Williams, Motokhana Juvenile Harvey Williams, Motokhana Adult Justin Nunn, Gymkhana Leading Horse - Matey (Harvey Williams), Leading Jockey Justin Nunn. The Oodnadatta Cup was won by the Macumba Syndicate.

All events in our areas are only possible thanks to generous sponsors, competitors and everyone who attends to enjoy them. Save the dates:

William Creek 500 Miles of Music June 29th.

Oodnadatta local Campdraft and Bronco Branding Saturday July 10th.

William Creek Campdraft and Bronco Branding Saturday August 21st *Hollie Williams*



Olivia Williams can't hide her enjoyment!



Magenta Williams.

Marla Oodnadatta Branch News





Above: Participants at the Tom Curtain horse course at William Creek.

Left: Jack and his Dad Cam Williams giving some tips in quoits.

Right: The VerMeulen family from Todmorden Station at the Oodnadatta Races Ball.

Photos taken at William Creek Gymkhana are courtesy of Stephanie Coombes Creative. Thank You for sharing with us Stephanie.





Esther Clinic Participants.



Harvey Williams with leading horse Matey at Oodnadatta races and gymkhana.



Gracie Williams learns giving it a go all on her own.



Cam Williams, William Creek Gymkhana.



Lucy Williams.



Harvey Williams gives it his all.



Logan Williams heads for the winning post.



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Marree Air Branch News



Above and below: Gorgeous new parents Tom and Lucy Morphett of Callanna Station with baby Wyatt.



The Marree Air branch hosted the 2021 State conference in Port Augusta in March. It was an effort, but it all came together in the end and we had a ball. We had 80 attendees and passed some constructive motions. We had some amazing sponsors and hope everyone had great time and enjoyed the goodie bags! Thanks to State Council for all their support and assistance.

We have had a bit of baby boom in the Marree Air Branch and have welcomed three new babies!!

Craig and Maria at Cowarie welcomed Isabella in March. Matty and Kathleen also at Cowarie, welcomed Grace in April. The two new girls are settling in well.

Tom and Lucy from Callanna welcomed Wyatt in April. He enjoys doing water runs with mum!

The region has experienced some good rainfall totals this year in patches, while others have missed out unfortunately.

The Marree Sports Club held their annual gymkhana and motorkhana in Marree on the June long weekend and were thrilled with the turnout. The number of competitors in the kids' events was outstanding with often three heats in each event! The adults were also hotly contended!

Jess Bell

SA JCPA needs your photos!

We need your help to make a varied catalogue of photos for ous relaunched Website Facebook page and promotional material

We want our ICPA Website, Facebook pages and promotional material to be as varied and inclusive as we can?



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North-East Branch News

Wow! What a difference 12 months can make. From being locked inside our homes for weeks at a time, city people having to home school their kids (oh the horror!), the panic buying toilet paper saga and the headaches we were all getting from the opening and closing of borders around the country, to now!

As this is my very first submission for The Pipeline magazine, after kindly being given the role of Publicity Officer, I'm bloody glad I've got stuff to write about in this issue! SOTA events have happened, ICPA branches have been able to hold face to face meetings and get some fundraising opportunities under their belt with race meetings, gymkhanas and field days finally all given the green light to go ahead, State Conferences were held around the country and so far, everything else seems to be getting back to normal..... (sorry Melbourne, I might have spoken too soon for you guys!) The North-East Branch started off the year with another face-to-face meeting in Yunta, at the best place in town.....the Yunta Hotel. State Conference motions were discussed as well as fundraising opportunities in the coming months. Gifts were presented to Ros Breeding, who stepped down as President and Jane Gloster, who stepped down as Secretary. Thank you, ladies, so much for all your hard work and dedication to the North-East Branch. Your knowledge of all things ICPA will continue to be sought after, I'm sure.

We were also able to secure a fantastic

fundraising opportunity this year, and that was catering for the Manna Hill Field Day, which was hosted by the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board, on 29th of May. We served up morning smoko and lunch to 170 people, which was almost 100 more people than we were first advised to cater for! Smoko consisted of a delicious selection of Kitchener buns, sausage rolls, zucchini slice, vanilla slice, melting moments, coffee and lemon slice, rock buns and Anzac biscuits and lunch was a tough choice between lamb yiros (with all the trimmings) and butter chicken with handmade Naan bread. There were 28 stall holders, 7 presentations, RICE, free kids' activities and even free coffee from the RFDS van. The day yielded us quite a healthy profit and a huge thanks to everyone who contributed to the day, it was a fantastic outcome.

State Conference was able to go ahead again this year on 12th of March in Port Augusta, with Marree Air Branch convening. Fifteen motions focussing on ICPA's key portfolio areas of Distance Education, Specific Education Needs, Early Childhood Education and Care, and Communication were presented and voted on throughout the day. The highlight of the day was the presentation of SA ICPA Life Membership to Joanna Gibson by out-going Vice President Kate Greenfield. Thank you, Marree Air Branch, for putting on a fantastic conference and organising a great pre and post conference dinner in Port Augusta.

SOTA events have also been in full swing

this year. Already, we've had Induction Week, School Camp at the gorgeous Port Hughes and School Experience Week. All of which were fantastic, and the kids had a lot of fun at each event. A big thank you to Lai Kuan, Head of Campus, who did a brilliant job at organising them. Another shout out to Nicole Humphries who has been filling in for Lai Kuan since the end of term 1 while Lai Kuan has been away on personal leave. Nicole has been doing a fantastic job and I think I can safely say from all of us SOTA parents, thank you!

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After 2019 being such a horribly dry year for the North-East - here at Sturt Vale we recorded our lowest rainfall on record with 50.6mm of rain for the year, 2020 was shaping up to be even worse. Luckily towards the end of the year there was starting to be some promise of rain from the heavens above, with some much-needed rain falling around the state. McCoys Well received a handy 48.6mm of rain over two days in September, which filled up their house lagoon and left them with some lovely water views over the summer! Koonamore also got under some rain with one fall producing 49mm. The trend continued into this year with Mother Nature giving us more hope for a wet year ahead. In some places we've already seen 2019's total rainfall broken with some incredible rain falls. Tiverton has seen a total of 166mm this year already!

Mel Lewis, Penny Rasheed, Leisa Breeding and Kim Heinemann ready to start serving smoko.

Katie Robinson



Anna-Belle Hampel, Ava Duthy and Abby Sheridan helping to sell goodies at the ICPA stall.

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Alex Robinson's first day of SOTA at Induction Week and Abby Sheridan looking raring to go.



Ada and Max Rasheed from Koonamore Station after a lovely drop of rain.



Mel Lewis, Katie Robinson, Ros Breeding, Penny Rasheed, Kerry Williams, Glennis Crawford and Jane Gloster at State Conference.

Yunta School News

The Yunta students along with Peterborough Primary School Learning Group 1 students attended an overnight school camp at the Adelaide Zoo on the 3rd-4th of May 2021. They spent 2 days exploring the zoo, the adventure playground and participated in a guided night walk through the zoo.

On Friday 21st of May the Yunta students performed a play "No Lion at All" at the Peterborough Primary School Assembly. This was a great opportunity for the students to experience public speaking and performing to a larger audience.

The students attend the Yunta Campus Monday to Thursday and travel to Peterborough Primary School every Friday, leaving Yunta at 8am and returning to Yunta at 4:15pm. The Peterborough Primary School ensure that main school activities and events, including assemblies, are carried out on the days that the Yunta students are present. This flexibility is greatly appreciated by the Yunta parents. *Mel Lewis, North-East Branch*



Ally Goldsworthy and Ava Duthy from Yunta Primary School on school camp at the Adelaide Zoo

North-East Branch News



The kids all having a fantastic time with plenty of free activities. A favourite being the Bugs n Slugs tent!



Connor and Asher Barry and Alex and Edward Robinson enjoying some fun at Sturt Vale Station.





Kim Heinemann and Michael Goldsworthy from McCoys Well had 3 attempts to try and get their youngest daughter, Mackenzie christened. Here they are with Rev. Sunil (Sunny) Kadaparambil of Frontier Services and their other two daughters, Ally and Evelyn, finally getting the job done!

Left: Ally Goldsworthy making the most of the full house lagoon at McCoys Well.

North West Branch News

2021 has brought a somewhat more eventual year due to minimal COVID restrictions (touch wood for the remainder) in South Australia and the rest of the country. On the 12th of March, Maree Air Branch hosted 2021 SA ICPA Annual Conference in Port Augusta. The day included a highlight of the ongoing issues for remote and isolated families, particularly Commutations, Distance Education, Early Childhood and others. Guest speakers Ellen Litchfield and Pauly Daniels shared their stories of strength learnt from a life on the land to the life they live today.

We had a great North West branch representation for the day. Many thanks to the fantastic efforts from Jill Greenfield, Edwina Bowie, Lynly Kerin, Petie Rankin, and Joanna Gibson. And our newest member Pamela Cuffe attended her first State Conference; here is to many more to come!! Another highlight for the day, was our very own Joanna Gibson awarded SA ICPA State Council Life Membership. Joanna has been an ICPA branch member since the early 2000s and Federal Councillor in 2013 for 4 years, holding the Federal ICPA Communications Portfolio. Joanna your hard work and dedication to all rural and remote families is truly appreciated and even though you have stepped back from ICPA commitments to the North West Branch we are grateful of your continual passion and mentoring for all.

It's been quiet on the fundraising and events front in the North West lately, but plans are in full swing for annual Glendambo Gymkhana on the 9th October 2021.

Port Augusta School of The Air students have been enjoying a few more face to face events this year, filled with a great array of experiences and learning opportunities. Port Hughes School camp was a hit enjoying sea change with beautiful weather included.

In branch member news, Pamela and Brett

Cuffe have moved into the big seat, managing Siam Station just recently with their two children Eli and Memphis. Sam and Winsome Matheson enjoyed the last few weeks of Term 1 in a face-to-face school while Walpole, WA visiting family. Laura Greenfield is currently working on bull Stud near Holbrook, NSW after completing her Agri Business Degree last year at Marcus Oldham Collage. Bridie Greenfield commenced a Stockhorse Breeding and Performance course with Tocal Ag Collage, Maitland NSW. Anna Greenfield is in the final year of Bachelor of Business, Tourism and Event Management at Uni SA.

We recently held our combined NW ICPA branch and Kingoonya Amateur Picnic Race Club mid-year meeting on the 12th of June at the Glendambo race course. *Jess Barry*



Connor Barry enjoying a spot of fishing at SOTA camp, Port Hughes.



Like father like son. Brett and Eli Cuffe, Siam Station, droving at shearing.

North West Branch News



Above: A ladies catchup at William Creek gymkhana.

Right: Asher and Connor Barry, Commonwealth Hill, are all smiles ready for time at SOTA.

Below: Sam and Winsome Matheson, Wilgena Station, often attend Walpole Primary School in WA.





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Port Augusta Branch News

Like many bush and rural events, the volunteers that run these shows wear many different hats. They organise ICPA meetings, delegations and attend meetings and conferences, we are secretaries, treasurers and publicity officers on more than one committee. We teach our kids, drive them in and out of town to school, run an office, have a job, do water runs, the list is endless. Our hats just change for each thing we do, and we all do it for the same thing, for our KIDS. To keep our communities alive, to keep the bush alive (hopefully one day) for our kids, our kids. So, on the 22nd of May 2021 the Port Augusta ICPA committee swapped their hats to gymkhana hats for the day and helped run the local gymkhana with some of the proceeds for the day helping our branch as well. It was amazing to watch our small ones have a go in the events and walk off with big smiles and new friends at the end of the day. What makes us all proud is seeing our young adults getting in there and helping on the grounds, in the kitchen and behind the bar. The apple doesn't fall too far from the tree in some of these cases and it's just so good to see. They did a wonderful job as well. It was a great community day and a very welcome event after not having one last year.

Although we haven't had an official meeting since our AGM in December, we had a great planning day for the State Conference next year. Squeezing our meeting in after a terribly busy week of school experience for the kids. It's great seeing the kids mixing and doing things they don't usually





with the tyranny of distance, like movie night in someone's room, with popcorn, too many lollies and fizzy drinks. I don't think they watched much of the movie, but being there, together, was the most important thing.

Stand by for a honey update, our branch has the hives sitting in Pt Augusta waiting to be picked up and we cannot wait to get them out to our families so they can be immersed in the wonderful world of bees and honey production.

We look forward to hearing about the Annual Federal Conference in Longreach. *Katrina Morris*



Above left: Deb Burge, Siam. Fiona Fagan, Adelaide. Michelle Lord, Kolendo and Kat Morris, Thurlga at the Nonning gymkhana. Above: Bonnie Morris of Thurlga Station is pleased with her winning effort.

Top: Phil Lord, Kolendo. Matt Anderson, Cooyerdoo. Brenton French, Corunna. Paul Greenfield, South Gap and Ian Morris of Thurlga have a catch up.

Australian Government



Pictured is Appointed committee member Kirsty Sparrow BIRRR Co-Founder and long-time ICPA supporter. Photo courtesy of The Courier Mail, CQ News

The Regional Telecommunications Review is an opportunity for people living and working in regional, rural and remote areas of Australia to share their views and experiences using telecommunications services in their area. Every three years the Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee (the Committee) is appointed to conduct the review and to hear people's experiences firsthand. The 2021 Committee was announced by the Honourable Mark Coulton MP on 2 June 2021.

The five members appointed to the Committee are: The Hon Luke Hartsuyker (Chair), Ms Sue Middleton, Ms Kristy Sparrow, Professor Hugh Bradlow and Mr Michael Cosgrave. The members have a broad-ranging knowledge of the telecommunications sector and of regional Australia, they appreciate the needs of regional communities, and they will undertake a thorough examination of regional telecommunication issues that will include an extensive public consultation process.

The Review will be held from June to December and will examine the adequacy of telecommunications services in regional, rural and remote Australia, along with particular issues identified in the Terms of Reference. The Committee must consult publicly and details on consultation will be published shortly. Past Committees have sought views through written submissions in response to an issues paper and through meetings with communities and stakeholders around Australia.

As part of the review, the Committee will deliver a report and may make recommendations to the Australian Government. The Committee has been asked to deliver its report by 31 December 2021 or earlier. For more details go to www.rtirc.gov.au



ICPA LAUNCHES NEW LOOK WEBSITE

ICPA (Aust) is excited to launch our fresh new website, www.icpa.com.au

An incredible amount of volunteer work from a whole lot of people is what makes this website so amazing!! It has been a huge learning curve for someone like myself who isn't trained in using websites or particularly computer savvy, but I have enjoyed the challenge and working with other like minded ICPA Committee Members in other states.

The Home Page takes you directly to the Federal ICPA Website where there a lot of information on a variety of Federal ICPA issues.

SA ICPA has its own dedicated page and can be found by clicking 'Change States' in the top right-hand corner of the website. The site will direct you so choose the State you wish – click on SA, where you will be taken to our SA ICPA homepage.

The website includes links to:

Renew Membership News & Events Resources Branch Information Portfolios Our Team

I hope you enjoy looking at the new look website! Jodie Keogh, SA Lone Member



SOTA School Camp

SOTA School camp 2021 was held at Port Hughes, where we did a variety of amazing activities such as sports, sandcastle competitions, and excursion to the Moonta Mines Historical Site. We even got to play a game of mini golf in Kadina. We wrapped up the camp by having a school dance competition with the winner being the year 4 class with their dance, Ghostbusters. Overall, the SOTA kids had a wonderful time at camp! Thanks to the teachers for all their planning and activities. Elke Kerin

With thanks to Steph Roeske for her photos.



Mareike Best and her creative kite.



Alex Robinson knows the answer!



Martin Best and Charlie Edwards



SOTA students, teachers and supervisors



Year 6/7 students during their dance recital, Elke Kerin, Todd Frahn, Logan Williams and Holly Warnest



Yellow Brumbies looking defeated in the sandcastle comp!



Red Eagles having a beach fossic after their sandcastle comp win.



Asher Barry.



Jack Williams filling up the bucket for the sandcastle comp.



SOTA students enjoying a chance to catch a fish or two.



Abby and Ruby practicing their basketball skills.



Lucy Williams has some luck with her kite.



Mareike Best.



Fishing action with Ruby Willis, Leisa Breeding and Abby Sheriden.



Logan Williams and Abby Sheriden get competitive on the court.



Abby Sheriden and her kite.

JULY 2021

SA State Conference

It's always great to see a group of likeminded people getting together to support our children. The annual state conference hosted by Marree Air Branch in Pt Augusta on March 12th this year was a great gathering of passionate debate and chat.

With inspirational speeches by Pauly Daniel and Ellen Litchfield, it was great to see that they keep their country roots close to their hearts.

We welcomed guest Politicians, boarding schools and Telstra and hoped that they could grasp some of the obstacles that children from remote and rural areas need to do so that they are educated.

Everyone was very engaged with our panel of experts especially the Head Space speaker from Pt Augusta, Jack Pointon.

It was also a chance for our kids who are be together in a classroom setting for the day, with some fun sport and normal playground activity to keep them busy.

Thanks to Stefanie Roeske for providing Pipeline the conference pictures to publish.

Lastly a big congratulations to Joanna Gibson on her lifetime membership a well-deserved accolade. *Katrina Morris*

With thanks to Steph Roeske for her photos.



Conference Convenors Marree Air Branch, (L to R), Lucy Morphett, Dr Ellen Litchfield, Lyn Litchfield, Jess Bell, Anne Morphett (front) and Lisa Edwards.



Joanna Gibson acceptance speech after receiving State Life Membership from Kate Greenfield, seated behind are Kerry Williams and Jill Greenfield.



State Council Executives at Conference, Kerry Williams – Immediate Past President, Jill Greenfield – President, Edwina Bowie – Secretary, Kate Greenfield – Vice President.



North West Branch Members, (L to R), Edwina Bowie, Petie Rankin, Col Greenfield, Joanna Gibson, Pamela Cuffe (front), Jill Greenfield and Lynly Kerin (front).



North East Branch Members, (L to R), Melanie Lewis, Katie Robinson, Ros Breeding, Penny Rasheed, Kerry Williams, Glennis Crawford and Jane Gloster.



Outgoing State Secretary Edwina Bowie.

SA State Conference



State Life Member, North East branch, Jane Gloster.



Opening speaker Dr Ellen Litchfield.



Marree Air Branch Member and helper on the day Anne Morphett.



Federal Member for Grey, Mr. Rowan Ramsey MP.



Federal Vice President Sally Sullivan.



President Jill Greenfield.



State Member for Stuart and Minister for Energy and Mining, Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP.



Immediate Past President Kerry Williams.



Guest Speaker Pauly Daniels.



Vice President Kate Greenfield.



Head Space Councilor Jack Pointon.



North East Branch Member Penny Rasheed.



Simon Shepard, Principal of Westminster College.

SA State Conference



Relaxing after a long day, Kate Greenfield, Penny Rasheed, Lisa Slade and Kerry Williams.



Enjoying the evening are Paul Greenfield and James Gibson.



Port Augusta Branch Secretary and State Council Member Katrina Morris.



North West Branch Secretary Petie Rankin (standing) and branch member Pamela Cuffe (seated).



Newly appointed State Council Member Melanie Lewis.



Flinders Ranges Branch President and State Council Member Belinda Hatcher.



State Council Treasurer Michelle Hilder and President Jill Greenfield awards council badges.



State Council Member Penny Rasheed receives her badge from Jill.



2021/22 State Council Members. (L to R) Melanie Lewis, Penny Rasheed, Jill Greenfield, Michelle Hilder, Lisa Slade, Belinda Hatcher, Kerry Williams and Katrina Morris.

Creative arts competition winners



ICPA artistic talent shone through earlier in the year when we announced a creative arts competition for our members.

Participants were asked to create a new ICPA banner for use on social media, print and other platforms. The challenge was to use the ICPA letters in a creative way, to think outside of the square and really get creative with those letters!

There were 21 entries across the varying age groups and winners were chosen based on imagination, and the winners did not disappoint.

Our winning entries, as published in this edition are;

Up to 10-years Mareike Best 11-to-14-years Jacob Keogh 15 and over Stefanie Roeske

Thank you to all participants who took the time to get creative and our winners for your remarkable efforts. Pictured are Jacob, Mareike and Stef receiving their prizes of art books, paint kits and brushes to continue exploring their artistic side.



Mareike Best



Jacob Keogh



Stephanie Roeske





Government of South Australia

SA Health

The Child and Family Health Service (CaFHS) is a free service for South Australian families with children aged 0-5 years. CaFHS operates at locations all over the state including metropolitan, regional and country areas.

In 2020, COVID-19 together with staff changes caused disruption to CaFHS services in the north of the state. In response to COVID-19 our services were moved online and Telehealth allowed us to continue to offer support to our clients through telephone and video consultations. Telehealth also allows us to connect more easily with our more remote clients and this is something we continue to offer together with face-to-face services which resumed late last year.

We encourage you to call for an appointment on the number below if you need support with:

- feeding
- settling
- sleeping
- health and development
- being a parent
- understand your child's needs
 parents/carers emotional wellbeing
- adjustment to parenting
- child safety
- · parenting groups

CaFHS is also excited to be working with the Royal Flying Doctor Service, offering a Sleeping and Settling session for the Bush Babies Parenting Group that commenced in May. Bush Babies is a remote early parenting group focussing on the first six months of a baby's life but it is also open to families with older children. To find out more, contact Mandy.Smallacombe@flyingdoctor.net.

Regular health checks are very important, and we recommend you make an appointment to check your child's health and development at 1-4 weeks, 6 months, 18 months, and preschool age.

Promoting the best child health, development and emotional wellbeing for infants and children is at the centre of what CaFHS do. If you need help and advice regarding your baby or child's health, development or wellbeing please contact us on 1300 733 606, Monday to Friday 9am – 4.30pm.

You can find out more information about CaFHS and a list of our centres on our website www.cafhs.sa.gov.au

CaFHS will be attending the Bronco Branding in Oodnadatta on 10 July.

Child and Family Health Nurse (CaFHS), Christine McCracken will be attending this event to offer families of children 0-5 years, the opportunity to access growth reviews, child health and development information and parenting support.

TIPS FOR HEALTHY HIPS



Wrapping your baby



TIPS FOR HEALTHY HIPS

Hip dysplasia is a condition where the 'ball and socket' join of the hip does not properly form in babies and young children. Babies are checked for signs of hip dysplasia shortly after birth and it's important your child's hips are checked regularly up until they are five years old.

One in 10 full-term babies have some hip instability which if untreated can lead to hip pain and arthritis.

- Wrapping your baby loosely so their legs aren't restrained is important (see illustration on opposite page).
- Leave enough room in the wrap for the legs to move freely in and out of their natural frog-like position.
- The legs should be able to bend at the hips with the knees apart to help the hips develop normally.

Find out about risk factors and signs of hip dysplasia at the CaFHS website www.cafhs.sa.gov.au.

Infant Mental Health

It's good to remember that babies have feelings too!

• Babies show how they feel right from the start in their own special ways.

• They make little noises, look at you, smile and 'look happy', or cry and let you know they need something. Parents and caregivers usually get to know how their baby feels.

• When you respond promptly, warmly and kindly, babies learn the world is safe and there are people who will look after them.

• They love it when you cuddle them, smile, talk and play with them.

• When babies feel loved, they learn to love you too. You are building a strong foundation for their future wellbeing.

Your feelings are important too. It can take time to adjust to being a parent. If you feel a bit low, talking with a nurse at the Child and Family Health Service can help. Phone 1300 733 606 for an appointment www.cafhs.sa.gov.au

READING WITH BABY

Babies love it when you share books with them. It is never too soon to start, and even though they won't understand your words at first, they can usually see simple, bright pictures and will love the sound of your voice, being close and sharing happy times with you.

TIPS FOR SHARING BOOKS WITH YOUR BABY

• Choose a time when baby is relaxed and calm and hold them on your lap

• Be creative – talk about the pictures, tell stores, sing, make funny noises.

• Use simple words.

• Just a couple of minutes a day can help babies learn to enjoy books and stories. It's something you can both continue to enjoy as they grow up. Parenting SA provides a free first book, 'Right from the Start' to all babies born in SA, through the Child and Family Health Service. A version of the book has been specially developed for Aboriginal families and includes some words translated into languages.

View both books at www.parenting.sa.gov.au/ parenting-sa-shop or email health.parentingsa@ sa.gov.au to request a copy.

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Boarding/Hostels/Second Home

Hollie Williams and Michelle Hilder

• National Boarding Week was celebrated on 17th – 21st May 2021.

• PODCAST ALERT: ABC Nightlife "Bush Kids and Boarding School". A podcast that has been released on ABC which discusses Bush Kids and Boarding School. Have a listen to a podcast https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/nightlife/ id206169790?i=1000520637967

• Student Concierge Services, a new company has been started that proudly supports boarding schools across Australia. https://www. studentconciergeservices.com.au/ SCS has proudly been a partner of ABSA for over 6 years and has supported boarding schools and their families with services, which complement the schools and adds to the overall boarding experience.

• Re: The SA ICPA State Conference Motion number 7: "That SA ICPA State Council work with Federal Council and other states and territories to advocate for a nationally consistent and long-term approach to border restrictions and guidelines for those students who board interstate." A letter of support has been sent by SA ICPA State Council, to be sent to ICPA Federal Council.

• Updated list of contacts has been created for all boarding schools in SA, current April 2021.

Communication

Candice Browne and Belinda Hatcher

• Some SA State Councilors attended an online meeting on the 25th of May 2021 with the Department for Education (Nigel Huxtable, Luke Fraser, Peter Meere, Sarah Rooke) to consult members on the Country Strategy and Digital Strategy.

Country Strategy – to provide the best learning outcomes for every child and student regardless of where they live.

Digital Strategy – Provide digital technologies & approaches as an enabler to world class teaching, learning and site operations.

We made mention of how SOTA (School of the Air) needs to be a starting point for how digital technologies can be used for learning. SOTA was not on the list of schools, but after voicing concerns lets hope it may be looked upon.

• Motions at ICPA SA State Conference 2021

"That SA ICPA continue to work with Telstra to install small cell towers at properties to provide better access to communications which are vital for distance education".

"That SA ICPA State Council work with Telstra to provide satellite small cell networks at properties where they have no mobile service."

A letter has been sent to Mark Bolton (Telstra's Regional General Manager) to discuss further options for improved communication for our rural and remote families. ICPA has been invited and asked to join ACCAN (Australian Communications Consumer Action Network). The membership form has been completed.

• Regional Tech Hub Ed Page, https://regionaltechhub.org.au/ ICPA continues to liaise with this team and the website.

Distance Education

Jess Barry and Jill Greenfield

• Term 2 commenced with a new temporary Port Augusta School of The Air (SOTA) Head of Campus, Nicole Humphries while Lai Kuan Lim is away on personal leave.

• SOTA officially now has a long awaited SSO!! 12 SSO hours have been dedicated to SOTA while 6 hours to Marden. The SSO will also commence MacqLit Training to further assist required students.

• SA ICPA met with the Department for Education for a consultation regarding Country and Digital Strategies. Discussions were raised of the ways of attracting Specialist Teachers to remote and rural areas. And the need for SOTA to be a starting point of how Digital Technologies can be used for learning. The Department for Education will continue speaking with ICPA about these strategies.

• SA ICPA State Conference Distance Education Motions (letters to support the following motions have been sent)

Motion 1

"That SA ICPA work with Federal Council and relent bodies to advocate for a Distance Education Teaching Allowance (DETA) to help with ongoing cost to families, businesses and industry" Motion 2

"The SA ICPA request the Department for Education to enable School of The Air (SOTA) students completing Year 7 to remain eligible to enrol through Port Augusta SOTA beyond the current exemption period."

Motion 3

"That SA ICPA State Council continue to work with Federal Council towards having the AIC extended to 4-year-olds doing kindergarten by distance education."

Motion 4

"That SA ICPA State Council support Federal Council in seeking the establishment of a Distance Education Teaching Allowance (DETA), to recognise the ongoing out of pocket expenses families incur to educate their children via distance education." Motion 5

"That SA ICPA lobbies the Department for Education to provide an allowance for geographically isolated Distance Education (DE) supervisors who students are in receipt of Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)"

Early Childhood

Penny Rasheed

• The Early Childhood portfolio has continued to focus on the key issues of financial support for pre-school educational programs, and health services delivered in rural and remote areas. Letters are currently being written in support of the motions passed at State Conference to raise awareness of the additional financial pressure families absorb when children attend pre-school or kindergarten through Distance Education.

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• SA ICPA is continuing to keep communication channels open with CaFHS with the aim to close gaps in the service for future families living in remote and isolated areas of the state. Unfortunately, some families are still missing out on vital health checks. Members from SA ICPA will be attending a meeting in July to discuss the progress of the issues raised at the State Conference.

Rural Schools and School Travel

Melanie Lewis and Di Thomas

I am new to this role so please bear with me as I fumble my way through my first report.

• Di and I (with the wonderful assistance of Jill G) have compiled a comprehensive list of all small, rural and remote schools in South Australia. We have included all schools that are affiliated with the Small Schools Association of South Australia (SSASA), despite many of them being outside of our branch areas and by no means geographically isolated. However, it is of our opinion that any small school may or will share the same values and passion for this portfolio and will be an asset to our organisation.

• There is currently a Federal Initial Teacher Education (ITE) Review which we have emailed each of our State Branches for feedback. I understand that many of our members are home schooling, however the review does address all forms of educators coming though at a tertiary level, whether employed in a face-to-face school setting or by SOTA, so I encourage everyone to have a say. The initial feedback from some of our members have addressed concerns around what specific information (if any) is being provided about the role that teachers in rural and remote placements have. Is there enough being done to promote and encourage rural and remote teaching placements? Another point that has been raised pertains to discipline and behavioural management procedures. Di and I look forward to hearing from more of our members in the coming month and will follow up with all branches shortly. • We will be establishing a group mail list for the small schools and will make personal contact with the small schools we feel will benefit from our organisation. If there are any schools that any of our members wish us to contact, please let either Di or myself know.

• Yunta students attend their Campus Monday to Thursday and travel to Peterborough Primary School every Friday, leaving Yunta at 8am and returning to Yunta at 4:15pm. The Peterborough Primary School ensure that main school activities and events, including assemblies, are carried out on the days that the Yunta students are present. This flexibility is greatly appreciated by the Yunta parents

SA Webmaster Report

Jodie Keogh

I can safely say the last 6 months have been a remarkably busy and challenging time of learning in the SA ICPA Webmaster role. Anytime that I feel I'm at a reasonable level of understanding enough about the technology I use, something changes and doing the website has certainly challenged my skills!

Nikki Macqueen and Sue Shotton have put in an enormous amount of time and work into the website and their knowledge is invaluable to the rest of the State's Webmasters. Nikki and Sue were always available with any questions I had, and I truly thank them. I have enjoyed working with other Councillors also on the site.

I have moved all the data from the old ICPA website and inputted it into the new website. There is certainly a lot more information to input to make it a 'one stop' shop for links and forms for information and allowances but that will come with time.

I would encourage any new articles relating to ICPA or our members to continue to update and refresh our news feed. These can be emailed to saicpawebmaster@gmail.com

I also am compiling a photo album of images to be able to use on the website relating to relevant articles so please email these through also. I cannot stress enough that they must be High Resolution – sizes between 880KB and 8MB and have consent of all those in images to be used.

I encourage you to all use the Federal and State website as there is a wealth of information on it.

Specific Education Needs

Lisa Slade and Emilee Warnest

• The SA ICPA State Conference Motion number 6: "That SA ICPA State Council requests that the Minister for Education support teachers in rural, regional, and remote areas to implement high quality, evidence-based literacy programs in schools, to ensure all students have the best chance of success." A letter of support has been sent by SA ICPA State Council to the Minister for Education and his shadow minister requesting access for children and supervisors to high quality programs/resources including decodable readers.

• 2021-22 Budget announcement that Universal Telehealth to be extended through 2021.

• Federal Councillors – Briony Sinclair, Sally Sullivan and Suzanne Wilson sit on the Specific Education Needs Portfolio. Briony attends NRHA meetings regularly and reports back to Federal Council anything pertinent to our members. On recent delegations to Canberra, Federal Council continued to request ongoing expansion of the Medicare Telehealth rebate to include access to more Allied Health services (currently limited to Chronic Disease Management).

• We have been fortunate to have received a donation from the Indulkaninna Foundation once again. It has been decided that a proportion of this funding will go towards SPELD bursaries. Please contact sapresdient@icpa.com.au for further information.

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SA Lone Member Report

Jodie Keogh

At the time of writing this report there are currently 6 Financial SA Lone Members.

Despite my intentions to be more proactive with emailing and keeping in touch with member's, time has got away from me and I will endeavour to do better!

All financial SA Lone Members should be receiving the twice-yearly Pipeline Magazine and Mail Chimp updates from both SA ICPA State Council and Federal Council

A reminder to any SA Lone Members that have not renewed for 2021 to do so if you wish to continue receiving Pipeline and email updates. This can be done online at www.icpa.com.au

If you are unsure of how to do this, please do not hesitate to contact me by email salonemembers@gmail.com.

Tertiary Report

Katrina Morris

Tertiary Access Payment

• The Tertiary Access Payment commenced in the 2021 academic year and aims to assist students with the costs of relocating to undertake tertiary study including start-up expenses, cost of living, direct costs of education or training and the cost of traveling home in semester breaks.

Eligibility

• All school leavers from an outer-regional, remote or very remote area (as per the ASGS remoteness classifications)

• Relocate for full-time higher-level tertiary education, Certificate IV or above qualification of at least one-year duration in the year immediately following year 12

• At an institution at least 90 minutes by public transport from their home

• Is means-tested - Parental income threshold of \$250,000.

It is a \$5000 one off payment and can be claimed in addition to YA and Relocation Scholarship.

Applications are open now and students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Students relocating to study at a university should apply through their participating university and students relocating to study at a non-university higher education provider must apply through Services Australia.

Information on the TAP can be found at:

• www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink tertiary-access-payment

• www.dese.gov.au/tertiary-access-payment

• www.dese.gov.au/higher-education/resources/tap-programguidelines-university-students

• www.dese.gov.au/higher-education/resources/tap-programguidelines-vet-and-nuhep-students

Gap year students

YOUTH ALLOWANCE

Significant for rural and remote tertiary students was the Covid-19

provisions for Gap year students applying for YA and ABSTUDY. • Young people from regional and remote areas who are qualifying for Youth Allowance as an independent under the Concessional Workforce Independence Criteria (CWIC) will be automatically considered, for the six-month period between 25 March and 24 September 2020 to have:

- Earned 75 per cent of the National Training Wage Schedule weekly rate (unless in receipt of a higher income); or

- Worked 15 hours per week

Reintroduction of HECS-HELP Upfront payment Discount.

From 1 January 2021 the HECS-HELP upfront payment discount can be claimed. This discount provides an incentive for students to pay their student contribution either partially or fully and receive a 10% discount providing the payment is \$500 or more. This was a motion for quite a few years.

Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships Program

These scholarships remain valued at up to \$18,000, are available to support regional and remote students studying in any discipline from Certificate IV to PhD level with an eligible higher education provider or vocational education and training institution, with a duration of six months full-time and up to 8 years part-time, delivered on campus, or through online and distance education. There is an additional \$500 to support an internship.

Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships program - Department of Education, Skills and Employment, Australian Government (dese.gov.au)

Round 5 is open for 2021 with applications through the RRES Program - QTAC.



The Indulkaninna Foundation bursaries are back!

Bursary applications for Specific Learning Difficulties SA (SPELD) and other educational opportunities

will be out shortly.

Monitor our socials, announcements will be made

via Facebook, Mailchimp and our

Website: www.icpa.com.au

For further information please contact: sapresident@icpa.com.au

RICE NEWS





RICE Director Chloe Hunter.

I am Chloe and I have recently come on board with RICE as the Director. I have a strong family connection to RICE and I am very excited to be apart of this great organisation. I am very passionate about the vision of RICE and where the Board sees us moving forward.

These past 6 weeks have been very full, getting to know staff and familiarising myself with the organisation. It's been great to sit with staff and chat about strategic planning and where we see RICE moving forward as an organisation. The combined passion for the success of RICE is very evident amongst staff and we plan to build on this in the coming months and years.

We are in the final stages of updating our website and I have been lucky enough to assist with the finishing touches. We hope to have it up and running in the coming weeks and I'm sure you'll all love the fresh new look.

I recently attended the Nonning Gymkhana Activity Day. The weather was beautiful, and we were very popular with the children! It was great to get out, see staff in action and the opportunity to chat with parents.

I'm really looking forward to getting out to more events and meeting the parents and children. If you happen to see me out and about, please come say hello.

Chloe Hunter, Director

PLAYDAYS

This year, we have been focusing on providing families with ideas that can be done at home. If you have attended any Playdays this term, you might have noticed that the Educators from the RICE office have been busy making some new resources. These have included sensory bottles, tactile photos frames and discovery bags. These are all items that can be made at home! Term 2 started off with Playdays in Craddock, Fowlers Bay, Blinman and Oodnadatta. It was fantastic to see some new faces, as well as some familiar ones.

Planning for Term 3 is well underway, so to be sure to keep an eye on your emails and the RICE Facebook page for up-to-date information.

If you are interested in hosting a Playday or would like some more information, please contact Heather.

We cannot wait to see you all throughout the rest of the year.

Heather Scanlon, Senior Educator

CRECHE

At creche we have experienced many of our favourite resources and activities, such as cooking, dramatic play, playdough and painting. We are always eager to see what the children do with the planned activities and where their imagination and curiosity takes them. We have welcomed a couple of new children this year, as well as some families on the waitlist for both Orroroo and Hawker.

Tegan Mudge, Creche Team Leader

KINDY

For the 2021 year, there has only been a small group of children enrolled in Kindy (just the 3!). This has been a great opportunity for lots of interactions on lessons, bonding and relationship building. Kindy Experience weeks in Port Augusta provide the basis for deep and meaningful learning experiences. The children are able to interact and play within their environment, and whilst doing so, their learning is scaffolded. It has been amazing to see so much learning from the children in terms 1 and 2.

This year, the children have been shown a real interest in writing, with the term 2 kindy experience week showing their growth and confidence in writing their names. The children extended their interest in writing words in context and in writing numerals. The children continue to present an interest in reading stories and hence we used stories as a platform for developing phonological and letter awareness skills.

The children have initiated their own learning through their play and wonderings. It has been so lovely to see the children show their inquiry and desire to learn.

Megan Hamper, Kindy Teacher

RESOURCE CENTRE

This month, we are spotlighting our "Play Kits", which contain a collection of theme related items that can be used to stimulate and encourage children imaginary play. These kits are an excellent resource as they promote learning through play and often simulate real life experiences. So far, we have created a 'construction' and a 'travel' kit with a lot more ideas to come! If you would like to borrow any of these kits or see any of them at creche, play days or activity days please get in touch and let me know.

We are always accepting donations of toys, games and puzzles for inclusion in the toy library's stock if they are:

in good condition and cleanpainted toys and the paint used is

non-toxic and lead free. • free of rough or splintered surfaces

and where possible nail and screw free (or countersunk)

• free of surfaces that might peel off and be swallowed or inhaled.

• non-brittle to avoid disintegration, sharp edges and cracks.

• not soft or fabric toys that can be easily disinfected or washed. Jasmine Kimber, Resource Educator

KIDS CORNER

Rainbow Pasta INGREDIENTS 1 packet dried spaghetti Various colours of food dye

METHOD

Cook spaghetti noodles according to packet directions.

Strain and separate into bowls (one bowl for each colour).

Add a few drops of food dye to each bowl and mix until noodles are all coloured.

Add a little more dye if they don't seem bright enough.

Teagan Murray, Educator

UPCOMING EVENTS

10 July – Acitivty Day, William Creek Bronco Branding

21 July – Playday, Fowlers Bay Town Hall

4 August – Playday, Oodnadatta Aboriginal School

17 August – Playday, Carrieton Clubrooms

28 August – Activity Day, Innamincka Races

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Jack Williams, Eloise Carmichael & Honey-May Fennell busy at play.

"If you're ever in the neighbourhood ... "

Stephanie Combes – Central Stations & Stephanie Coombes Creative



Jack Williams gets real with me.

The title of this article doesn't read as particularly dangerous, but if you ask Kirsty Williams from Peake Station, she may argue otherwise.

In 2017, the Federal branch of the ICPA sent a call out to all members asking for contributions to the Central Station blog (www.centralstation.net. au). One of the members generous enough to take the time to write down and share a story was Kirsty Williams, who was living at Mt Sarah Station at the time.

The story "Little Boy in a Big Man's World", was a hit with our audience, resulting in the promotional Facebook post going somewhat viral. As the editor of the website, I reached out to Kirsty directly and asked if she would consider further contributions, to which she graciously obliged.

Since then, we've been "email friends" – basically, I email her each year asking (ok, begging) for more stories for our website. A website which aims to be a community engagement tool for the Australian pastoral industry. Kirsty usually sends me something wonderful, and then if all goes well, she doesn't hear from me for another year. In late 2020, I finally ran into Kirsty in the flesh at the Undoolya Bronco Branding in Alice Springs. I spied her through the crowd and had to ask a few people "Are those people over there from Mount Sarah in SA?". I was desperately trying to load emails and the stories she'd written for our website for not only a visual confirmation via photo, but the age-old drama of "Wait, is her name Kirsty, or Kristy? I can't remember!". However, Telstra was not being particularly helpful that afternoon.

Alas, it was Kirsty and her family – and so I mustered up the courage to walk over and say "Hi! I'm Steph from Central Station. I'm the one that's been email stalking you for the past few years!".

It was wonderful to meet Kirsty and the family I'd read so much about. At some point the conversation moved to a discussion about my current travel plans, and how I'd be spending the next 12 months traveling the country to visit friends and meet people who'd contributed to the Central Station website. This is where the dangerous phrase "If you're ever in the neighbourhood" slipped out.

I said I'd come to visit for a week or so in 2021. I usually don't like to commit to much longer than a week, because I've had a handful of experiences where people turn out to be a bit weird, or something isn't quite right, and I don't want to stay much longer than a few days...

However, I ended up at Peake Station (where the family had recently move to) for almost 6 weeks, so I can confirm for anyone wondering – Kirsty and her family are not only "normal", but they're also absolutely gorgeous, we got on like a house on fire, and I didn't really want to leave!

The ICPA members reading this newsletter will be able to appreciate what it's like having your friends and family live so far away. For me, many of my good friends are scattered amongst some of the most remote parts of this country. So, when COVID-19 delayed my overseas travel plans, and my "looks good on paper but was actually soul destroying" job offered me a permanent position – I decided to pack my bags and go spend some quality time with old friends and make new ones.

If there's one thing I've learnt in recent years as many of my friends have transitioned into motherhood – some of the best quality time you'll ever share is when hanging out the washing, cooking tea, or sitting down for smoko. Basically, just doing life – and not being the guest who needs to be entertained. Plus, being a mum on a station – well, I don't need to explain anything about that to this audience – a extra set of hands is always appreciated.

At the time of writing, I've been traveling for just shy of one year – visiting friends to lend a hand and spend quality time together – in amongst some of my own work as a photographer and podcaster.

My one week in SA turned into 2 months, and in that time, I was able to visit 6 stations, a gymkhana and motorkhana, races, and Port Augusta SOTA in-school week. As someone who has spent most of her time in the Pilbara, Kimberley, and top half of the NT, SA has always been a big question mark. What do people down there do? Does it even rain down there? I mean, there's not even any Brahman cattle... how weird... I think there's a massive perception about what cattle station country is, and it's all about the "Top End", big numbers, big stockcamps, live export, and campdrafts and rodeos.

Coming to northern SA where British bred cattle are sent to the domestic market, and gymkhanas, motokhanas and bronco brandings are all the rage, opened me up to a whole new world. I saw beautiful families and staff, who really pull together as a community. Genuine, hard-working people who don't get caught up in how expensive their campdraft horses are, how many cattle they run, and how impressive their set up is. It really was a bit of a culture shock as to how genuine and humble everyone is compared to some of the more northern places.

As I left SA to head to Queensland, I couldn't help but think – "Bloody hell! Now I've got even more people to add to my Christmas Card and visit list! No longer will I be planning trips to visit friends in the NT and Qld, but SA is now firmly on the list!



The Williams kids from The Peake Station, I am pictured here with Lucy, George, Jack and Lenny.



Royal Flying Doctor Service

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Bush Babies

The inaugural Bush Babies support group was launched by the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) at the end of May. The program is via video conferencing, with the aim to connect women in the first six months of parenthood by providing professional and peer support. The program will initially run for a month, however there is hope that parents will continue to maintain contact following program completion. The Bush Babies support group is led by RFDS Community Midwife Caitlyn Keller & supported by numerous PHCT team members, as well as guest speakers from agencies such as Child and Family Health Service (CAFHS). The weekly

sessions will cover topics such as sleep, child development, milestones, mental wellbeing & nutrition.

The sessions will not only have a focus on education, but an emphasis on providing social connection & extended support to the families participating.

The Bush Babies program will initially be offered to South Australian remote families already utilising RFDS service. If you are currently pregnant or have a baby aged 6 months or under & are interested in attending future sessions, please contact the RFDS Community Midwife (08) 8648 9500 or caitlyn.keller@flyingdoctor. net.

Introducing Eloise Davidson, RFDS General Practice Nurse



Originally from Adelaide, I graduated from Flinders University and have completed additional post graduate studies in Remote Health Practice and Primary health care. Wanting to further expertise in remote health care I have travelled and worked in the Northern territory, Western Australia, Far North Queensland and rural remote South Australia. During



Upcoming locations and dates for the BreastScreen SA mobile screening units: Marla: 16 to 18 August 2021 (leaving Port Pirie for a week) Port Pirie: 16 July until 21 October 2021 Whyalla: 8 June until 25 August 2021



this time, I worked closely alongside the RFDS and decided to apply for a position with them to help bridge the current gaps and support the remote area nurses to deliver optimal primary health care. My role within the RFDS has many aspects. I hold several portfolios including the immunisation portfolio, Rheumatic Heart disease portfolio and our Complex Client portfolio. An additional part of my role as Care Coordinator, is to give extra support to our complex care patients across our catchment. I work closely with our doctors at the Port Augusta Base and triage the urgent and non-urgent calls that come through Central Ops to ensure timely and efficient response to our clientele across the catchment. As part of the Champion Nurse Immunisation program at RFDS I will be devoting my time over the coming months to contact the parents of children who may have missed their childhood or school-based immunisations and offering adults that are due or are eligible for booster vaccinations. For any immunisation enquiries, please call me directly on 08 86 489 517.



Education Bursary

Applicants and/or their parents must be a member of the SA ICPA. Available to all students enrolled in Kindergarten, Primary School, Secondary School, Tertiary and Trade Study. The Education Bursary aims to help with a range of costs associated with rural and remote education and may include academic or co-curricular expenses (eg. Music, sporting, camps and academic material). Please return completed form to <u>sapresident@icpa.com.au</u>

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Secondary & Tertiary applicants please attach a Resume of interests & achievements (academic, sporting, cultural, community) and proof of study / course enrolment.

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ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Indulkaninna Foundation SPELD SA Sounds~Write Literacy Clinic Application

Please submit by Thursday 22nd July 2021

Applicants must be a member of SA ICPA. The bursary is valid for 20 sessions, held weekly during school term. A parent contribution of \$25 per session applies and will be billed monthly. Please return completed form to info@speldsa.org.au For more information regarding the clinic, please go to speldsa.org.au/literacy-clinic

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Native Plant Know How



Pictured are (L to R) Andrea Tschirner, Leah Beard, Jess Barry, Mija Reynolds, Emilee Warnest and Katie Robinson.

During School of the Air's school experience week recently, several parents took part in a native plant know how session at the Arid Lands Botanic Garden in Port Augusta, supported by SA Arid Lands, Landscape South Australia.

Andrea Tschirner taught the group how to select, propagate and care for native plants in our arid environment. Andrea is a fantastic teacher and her understanding of plants, our eco system and managing our arid lands is extraordinary.

The workshop was hands on, and we were able to practice our propagating techniques and take home our little practice samplings to see if we can get them to flourish in our gardens eventually. So far so good, and I now have the knowledge to continue growing a greener backyard with time and patience! *Lynly Kerin. North West Branch.*



Bush Kids and Boarding School

On Nightlife with Suzanne Hill www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/nightlife/bush-kids-and-boarding-school Duration: 49min 42sec Broadcast: Fri 7 May 2021, 10:00pm

Were you a boarder at school? Was it tough on you or the best years of your life? Parents understand the emotional journey of the schooling process, but knowing you are sending the children hundreds of kilometres away can be stressful.

Tanya Heaslip, the author of 'Beyond Alice' and Louise Martin of the Isolated Children's Parents Association, spoke with Suzanne Hill about the educational experiences of Aussie bush kids and their parents. The difficulties of learning isolated in the bush, and the heartbreak and tears with the journey of moving away from family to begin life learning in the big smoke.

Tanya has 3 books in her repertoire. Her third memoir Beyond Alice was released in May 2021.



Listen up! Podcast Reviews

Central Station Podcast

We have been lucky enough to have Steph Coombes, creator of the Central Station Website, blog and Podcast in SA these last couple of months so I'd like to recommend this one again.

In the Central Station Podcast, Steph Coombes talks to men and women who live on Australia's most remote cattle stations and hear their diverse stories. The interviews are wide ranging and cover a range of topics and areas. Favourites of mine recently are.

- Spinning Yarns 78 with Helen Kempe about her family's association with Macumba Station, The Peake and Oodnadatta

- *Spinning Yarns 76* with Doug McBean – a thought-provoking interview on how a holistic approach to staff is showing fantastic results with staff retention, safety and wellbeing.

- *Spinning Yarns 79* with Col Greenfield – our very own SA ICPA President's husband Col shares his story.

- Spinning Yarns 81 with Jill Greenfield – SA ICPA President shares her life saving story.

- Spinning Yarns 82 with Peter Rowe – SA's very own Outback Postman, a two-part episode

- *Spinning Yarns 85* with Tony Williams – A pastoral icon in SA, and his story of life, love and loss on the Oodnadatta track





Cattle Classroom

Another fantastic podcast by creator of the Central Station media guru, Steph Coombes. This podcast aims to give technical information about different aspects of the beef industry. Topics include 2-way radio communication, Heifer Management, Trisolfen, Phosphorus and many more.





British Scandal

Scandals bring down governments, change the course of history, overthrow the rich and cause the mighty to fall. This series has just started and promises to get to the heart of British Scandals and who was to blame, why they did it and did it really change things? The series starts with a poisoning of an ex-Russian KGB agent in London.....

The Pineapple Project

A budgeting podcast that tries to save you a whole heap of money! This season they'll look at spending less, spending better and understanding why we buy things in the first place. Easy ways to save money on fashion, pets, travel, cars, phones, food and at the gym (if you are lucky enough to be close to one!)



BOOK REVIEWS

Ghosts by Dolly Alderton

A light easy reading book by British Podcast Host Dolly Alderton. A woman in her early 30s has recently come out of a long relationship and has nervously joined a Dating App. She meets a perfect guy on her first date and follows their story from here. Anyone who knows people in the dating game or are in it themselves will know the recently coined term of 'ghosting'. Nice read with a glass of champagne!

The Family Doctor by Debra Oswald

A novel that starts with a horrific tragedy follows 2 friends and how they navigate life from now on. It has 2 quite different characters and slowly weaves their past stories and their starting friendship with another character. It's a slow burn thriller and comes at a really timely moment with a current issue that is frequently in the news headlines.

I found this a great read, just enough to keep you thinking but not too heavy.

Happy listening & reading.



Jodie Keogh, SA Lone Member



CALLING ALL REMOTE & ISOLATED FAMILIES

Is your child having difficulty with literacy and numeracy, and not making the progress you would expect?

RAISEducation is a non-for-profit organisation who aims to improve educational outcomes for students in remote and isolated areas by providing individualised learning programs which complement programs from the distance education provider.

How does it work?

1. RAISE teacher Miss Kylie will assess the child

2. An individualised program will be developed and sent on a weekly basis

3. The home tutor/parent will receive regular support and guidance to deliver the program

4. Miss Kylie will check in and assess progress regularly to make sure the child's individual needs are being met

How much does it cost?

RAISEducation strongly believes educational support should be free and accessible for all. Their goal is to keep the cost to families at an absolute minimum, so programs are delivered free of charge. Families are only required to purchase a very limited number of resources such as the Decodable Reading App which is \$24.99 per level (20 books in each level).

Who can participate?

RAISEducation is available for any remote or isolated family across Australia, who is undertaking distance education.

About RAISEducation

The RAISE team is made up of four women who share the same beliefs about quality educational experiences for students in remote settings. As a collective, the group has:

• 3x teaching degrees

• 32 years Distance Education experience (parents, governesses, teachers)

• 26 years Teaching experience (in addition to Distance Ed experience)

• School Council Members/Chair, Finance Committees, School Leadership roles, Director on School Board...the list goes on!

Contact Kylie Jones for your free assessment at 0428 356 545 or RAISEducation@outlook.com



RECIPE

An easy crowd pleaser handed down from Nanna Cath, fondly remembered as a child and loved by the Williams's kids and crew at Anna Creek Station.

Chantelle Williams



Lemon Coconut Slice

Ingredients

Base

1 cup self-raising flour

1 cup desiccated or shredded coconut.

³/₄ cup castor sugar

125g butter, melted

2 eggs

1/2 cup milk

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2 cups icing sugar.

1⁄4 cup fresh lemon juice

Desiccated or shredded coconut to decorate

Method

1. Preheat the oven to a moderate 180c. Lightly grease a 30x24x3cm lamington tin and line with baking paper

2. Combine the flour, coconut, sugar and melted butter in a bowl. Mix in eggs and milk.

3. Pour into the lined tin and bake for 20mins or until cooked.

4. Take the slice out of the tin and place on a wire rack, allow to cool.

5. To make the icing; combine icing sugar and lemon juice into a medium bowl. Stir until smooth. Spread over the slice and sprinkle the coconut over the top. Cut into serving pieces.

Boarding Schools in South Australia

Current as of April 2021

Boys					
Prince Alfred College	Dequetteville Terrace, Kent Town	08 8334 1200	Zac Savage	zsavage@pac.edu.au	www.pac.edu.au
Rostrevor College	Glen Stuart Road, Woodforde	08 8364 8240	Michael Vicory	roscoll@rostrevor.sa.edu.au	www.rostrevor.sa.edu.au
St Peter's College	Hackney Road, St Peters	08 8404 0400	Ray Pearson	rpearson@stpeters.sa.edu.au	www.stpeters.sa.edu.au
Girls					
Loreto College	316 Portrush Road, Marryatville	08 8334 4200	Rachel Hentschke	rachel.hentschke@loreto.sa.edu.au	www.loreto.sa.edu.au
Seymour College	546 Portrush Road, Glen Osmond	08 8303 9000	Sally Penn	sjpenn@seymour.sa.edu.au	www.seymour.sa.edu.au
Walford Anglican School	ol				
for Girls	316 Unley Road, Hyde Park	08 272 6555	Louise Skull	lskull@walford.asn.au	www.walford.asn.au
Wilderness School	30 Hawkers Road, Medindie	08 8344 6688	Rosie Broderick	rbroderick@wilderness.com.au	www.wilderness.com.au
Co-Ed					
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Pembroke School	342 The Parade, Kensington Park	08 8366 6217	Leah Blyth	admissions@pembroke.sa.edu.au	www.pembroke.sa.edu.au
Sacred Heart College	195-235 Brighton Road, Somerton Park	08 8294 2988	Shane Hennessy	shanehennessy@shc.sa.edu.au	www.shcs.sa.edu.au
Scotch College SA	Carruth Road, Torrens Park	08 8274 4209	Carie Cousar	ccousar@scotch.sa.edu.au	www.scotch.sa.edu.au
St Joseph's College	14 Mortlock Terrace, Port Lincoln	08 8683 2400	Kate Benjamin	info@sjspl.catholic.edu.au	www.stjoptli.catholic.edu.au/boarders.php
St Marks College	The Terrace, Port Pirie	08 8632 2800	Denise Arbon sales	sianhouse@stmarkspirie.catholic.edu.au	www.stmarkspirie.catholic.edu.au
Westiminster School	Alison Avenue, Marion	08 8276 0276	Darin Betro	dbetro@westminster.sa.edu.au	www.westminster.sa.edu.au
Public					
Burra Hostel	Justice Lane, Burra	08 8892 2164	Alicia Hoodle	houseparent@bigpond.com	www.burracs.sa.edu.au
Cleve Area School					
Boarding House	2 South Terrace, Cleve	08 8628 2627	Sue-Anne Marino	dl.0753.info@schools.sa.edu.au	www.cleveas.sa.edu.au/
Lucindale Area School					
Boarding House	PO Box 212, Lucindale	08 8766 2392	Adrian Maywald	dl.0749.info@schools.sa.edu.au	www.las.sa.edu.au

Allowances for remote and isolated families 2021

Allowance	Who can apply?	How much?
Federal Allowances: Centrelink Assistance for Isolated Children • Boarding Allowance	Parents of geographically isolated school aged students who need to board away from home to attend school. Applies to boarding schools, hostels and private board	\$11,011 per year, made up of 2 components: \$8,557 - basic \$2,454 - additional subject to parental income and actual boarding costs \$8,307 minimum boarding charge threshold for Additional Boarding Allowance
Assistance for Isolated Children • Distance Education Allowance	Geographically isolated and undertaking school- ing via Distance Education	\$4,278 per year.
Assistance for Isolated Children • Second Home Allowance	Geographically isolated and run a second home to access education.	\$6,499 per year paid in fortnightly instalments, for up to three students. \$19,497 maximum second home allowance for each family (three children). www.icpa.com.au TAB: Boarding/Hostels/Second Home
Youth Allowance	Young people from 16-24 years, studying, training or looking for work. Dependant children up to 22 years are subject to Parental Means Test. Rural and regional students can claim the independent rate by earning 75% of Wage Level A in a 14 month period.	Varies by situation. Please call the dedicated hotline: 13 24 90 or see the Centrelink website.
State Allowances: DECD Transport Services Department (08) 8226 2406		
Travel Allowance	School students living five kilometres or more from the nearest public school or school bus run.	Paid per km. Apply through school principal.
State Education Allowance (SEA)	Families in receipt of AIC Basic Boarding Allowance and recipients of AIC Second Home Allowance.	\$4299.98 per year.

Further information regarding the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) Apply through Centrelink

• Dedicated Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) Call Centre: 13 23 18

To qualify for AIC, students must live at least 56km from an appropriate government school, or at least 16km from an appropriate state school and at least 4.5km from the nearest bus route.

The Parental Income Free Area for 2020 above which the Additional Boarding Allowance is reduced to \$54,677.

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