

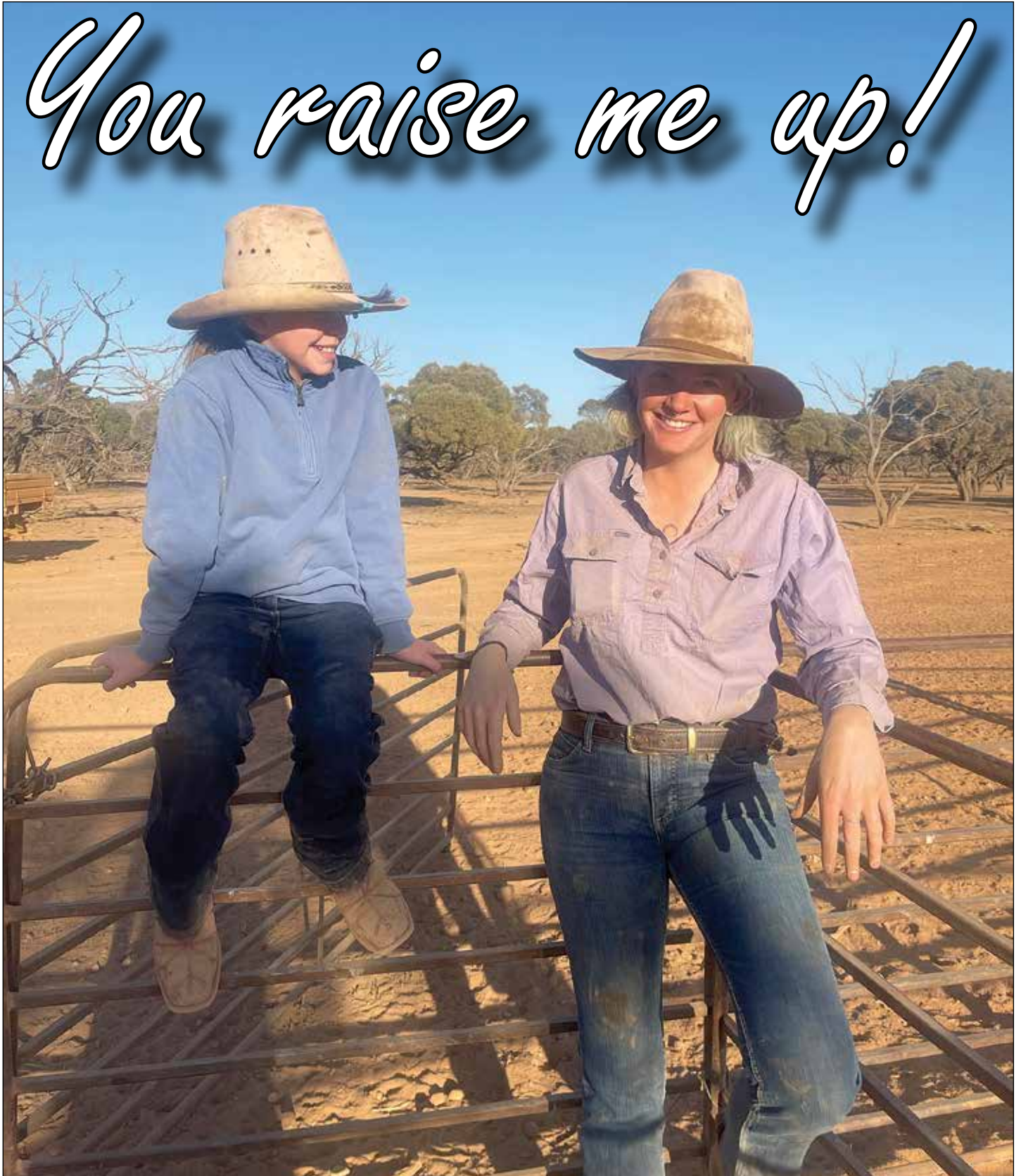
"Advocating for Rural and Remote Education"

THE PIPELINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION - SA

SUMMER 2024

Edition 104



Bonnie Morris, Thurlga Station, enjoyed having her sister Maddie home as her governess in term 4, 2023.



From the President

As I type this I am watching Lily pull down the Christmas Tree and pack the decorations away – a symbolic end to 2023 in our house. By the time this graces your mailboxes and coffee tables, the festive season will have come and gone. I hope that everyone had the chance to do something they enjoy, spend time with family and friends and got to eat some of whatever

your favourite Christmas fare may be. The past 12 months has been a productive one for SA ICPA and all the hard work has helped us build the foundations for an exciting year ahead. Our delegation, grant monies, workshops and council meetings have allowed us to create new and deepen current connections across government and non-government organisations, which I believe will see excellent outcomes for our families and students. As always we must reflect on and appreciate the hard work put in by councillors and members alike, who put in countless voluntary hours supporting our ICPA families.

The past 6 months State Council has been focussed on the Peter Kenyon Workshop and the follow up to that, delegation and motion responses /actions and 2024 Conference preparation. As reported on our website and social media the Peter Kenyon workshop was held successfully in November, attended by a small but enthusiastic groups of attendees. Preliminary ideas and potential outcomes look exciting and after conference we look forward to sharing the final outcome and volunteer document with all members.

The timing of delegation and the education staff industrial action, meant that responses from the Minister for Education, Training and Skills and the Department for Education, has taken a little longer than normal to receive. Motion response letters will be sent out to branches toward the end of January so please keep an eye out for them. Whilst this is not ideal, I think it will give branches a chance to decide if the response to their motion/s was suitable and it should make new/revisited motions easy to come up with so close to conference.

Following on from motions, the 2024 conference planning is coming along well (although it is hard to believe there is only 9 weeks to go!). Don't forget that agenda motions are due by midnight on Friday the 23rd of February and supplementary motions at midnight on Friday the 8th of March. Keep an eye out in your emails, on the website and social media channels for details regarding conference and please don't hesitate to contact any State Councillor if there is information you can't find and would like. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to Quorn in March.

Members should have seen the information that has been widely circulated about the new rolling membership option for membership of ICPA. If anyone has any questions regarding this please don't hesitate to contact myself, Jodie, or Hollie. I imagine there will be a few teething problems initially but there is no doubt that this will make things much easier for all. I would like to acknowledge and offer thanks to all those involved in getting this platform up and running - countless hours and a few sleepless nights have gone into making this work as smooth as possible. A few weeks ago members should have seen the email that went out highlighting the changes that will need to be made to our constitution in order to cover the new membership option. Motions highlighting this will

be circulated at the appropriate time so keep a look out for them. Each year our membership numbers fluctuate as well as the demographics surrounding where our families live and how they are educating their children. This does not mean that one area of membership is more important than another but it highlights the fact that we need our members to bring any issues they would like addressed to either conference or just to your branch representative or a member of the executive council team. We only know what we know and we cannot be all inclusive of our members needs if we don't know what they are facing and how they would like us to help. This diversity will not only strengthen us as a collective group, but it will also help us to keep and even build our membership numbers. So don't forget to get in contact with us if you feel there is something we can help you with, support a new member to sign up if you think they could benefit from being involved and remember that we are here for all members, no matter their educational facility or the place of residence.

I would lastly like to wish our 2024 cohort of students an exciting and productive year. To all the kids just starting out, those heading away to boarding school for the first time, our new and returning uni students and trainees/apprentices and everyone in between, I wish you (and your families) all the very best and look forward to seeing photos and hearing about all your adventures throughout the year.

Take care everyone and enjoy this, our very first full colour edition of The Pipeline.

Belinda

From the Editor

Happy New Year and welcome to the summer edition of The Pipeline. It gave me great pleasure to print this edition in full colour throughout. ICPA SA State Council were successful in obtaining a grant through Beach Energy to print our whole newsletter in colour. Hopefully the colour will add another dimension to the publication so our readership can enjoy seeing all the goings on around the State in colour.

2023 was a hectic year for me as I took on the role of govvie or 'muvvie' in the school room. Surprisingly we managed to complete the school year relatively unscathed. Most of my year was taken up with applying for scholarships for boarding school, ACER, and uni, even up until the 31st December! Now we hurry up and wait. 2024 is looking good. However, a big change for our family this year will be when Aurelia heads off to Wilderness to board. I am nervous, excited for her, and confident all rolled into one. I know the biggest issue I will face will be missing her greatly while she is away. So far, I have ignored this emotion and have not allowed it much thought in my mind. I do hope I'll be able to keep it in check when it comes to the crunch.

We also embark on our final year with SOTA as James enters year 6 and I reprise my supervisor role one last time.

I hope that the year ahead affords you all good health, good seasons, and good times. Please enjoy reading summer edition 104 of The Pipeline.

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2024 SA ICPA STATE CONFERENCE

Quorn, South Australia - Friday 22nd of March 2024

Hosted by the Marla Oodnadatta Branch, the 2024 State Conference planning is in full swing.

Quorn is a real outback railway town just 40 km from Port Augusta in the heart of the Flinders Ranges, a popular backdrop for many films featuring in famous productions such as Gallipoli, The Shiralee, The Tracker, The Water Diviner, Stan series The Tourist and the Wolf Creek mini-series.

Our Branch has tried to make this year's event as family friendly as possible so that the whole family can head to Quorn. There is a great lineup of speakers for the conference, sports and activities for the kids and a cricket match for the blokes.



Thursday 21st March

2-7pm Pool will be open.

(Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by someone >16 years old)

6pm Meet and greet @ the Trans-continental Hotel

8:15pm Silo Light Show. Watch the Quorn Silo begin to glow at sunset and spring to life under the stars with a Son et lumière, featuring fascinating stories of the region followed by a stunning half hour seasonal showcase of local imagery, photography and art.

Friday 22nd March

8:30am State conference @ the Quorn Town Hall

RICE Crèche will be available for non-school aged children @ the Quorn Town Oval

For school aged kids, a Cricket and Netball Clinic and other activities will be run

Post Conference Dinner and Cricket match (ICPA v's Quorn Locals)

Visit www.frc.sa.gov.au for information on what Quorn has to offer. There are beautiful new park walks around town and through the bush garden a fabulous playground and skate park with many great coffee spots including one beside the skate park.

Due to Quorn being a busy tourist town, make sure you get in early with booking your accommodation for conference. Everything in Quorn is within walking distance of the accommodation and conference venue.

Places to Eat & Drink

Great Northern Lodge – First street
Quandong Café – First Street
Teas on the Terrace – Railway Terrace
Corral Coffee & Catering – Railway Terrace

Places to Stay

Great North Lodge, First Street.
0448 486 391

Flinders Ranges Motel (The Old Mill), Railway Terrace.
www.Flindersrangesmotel.com.au/bookings

Quorn Caravan Park, 8 Silo Road
86 486 206
stay@quorncaravanpark.com.au

On behalf of the Marla Oodnadatta Branch, we cannot wait to see you all in Quorn in March.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Dani Chapman

Conference convenor
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Flinders Ranges Branch News

A few things happening around the Flinders Ranges branch.

We have a number of sporting stars in our branch and its been all go with the Orroroo Football Club A Grade team coming from 4th on the ladder to beat the undefeated BMW football club in the grand final. Henry Slade & Josh Hilder played in the winning team while Club President Keith Slade watched on proudly. In addition to winning the footy shield, Lucy Ridsdale was part of the winning Orroroo Netball Club H Grade team who defeated Crystal Brook.

Cricket is now in full swing with our ICPA kids involved in several clubs across the region including Blinman, Copley, Hawker, Quorn Cricket Club and Orroroo Cricket Clubs.

Congratulations to Chloe McInnis, eldest daughter of Allen & Sharon McInnis, who married Travis Thiel on 8th September 2023.

Congratulations to Lachlan Fels who graduated year 12 at Urrbrae Agricultural High School and has secured a Boilermaker apprenticeship in 2024. For the Fels family at Merna Mora Station this is the end of their schooling journey with both Lachlan and his sister Jessica, who has completed her second year in a Bachelor of Agricultural Science attending Urrbrae for their High School education.

Congratulations to Tayla McInnis who graduated year 12 as Dux of Agriculture and received the Matthew Konzag Memorial Award from Trinity College.

Angus McInnis has completed his schooling at Hawker Area School and is off to Trinity College in Gawler.

Aurelia Reynolds and Stella Frahn graduated year 7 at

SOTA, both receiving academic awards. The pair head off to Adelaide boarding schools Wilderness and Scotch College respectively in 2024.

Evie Rasheed & Lucy Ridsdale were selected in the North Eastern SAPSASA Netball Division 1 team and played in Adelaide in late June. The girls were lucky enough to play in the Netball SA Stadium on the same court as the Adelaide Thunderbirds and even managed to meet a couple of the players and get some signatures.

Ben Rasheed was selected in the North Eastern SAPSASA Cricket team and played in Adelaide in November, the team coming away with silver after completing the minor round undefeated.

Some Flinders Ranges ICPA kids travelled to the North West at Glendambo to compete in the Gymkhana & Motokhana in October and again in November at the Carrieton Gymkhana



Lachlan Fels graduated year 12 surrounded by his family.

& Motokhana.

The branch members cooked up a storm to provide a trading table at the 5431 Collective in Orroroo on Friday, 15th September. The baked goods proved very popular and were sold out quickly, some so quickly we couldn't even display them!

On Saturday 11th November, the branch catered an after-

noon team for the Hawker Memorial Hospital Centenary celebrations, again calling on our members to supply baked goods for a high tea.

December has seen some crazy weather, with some of us enjoying some welcome rainfall. We hope our branch members enjoy a relaxed and merry xmas and new year.



Newly weds Travis and Chloe with the McInnis family.

Flinders Ranges Branch News



Above: Tayla McInnis, Dux of Agriculture, Trinity College.



Above Right: Riley Ridsdale receives his Leading Under 16 Motorbike Rider sash at Carrieton Motokhana and Gymkhana.



Right: Riley Ridsdale, Leading Junior Motorbike Rider, Glendambo Motokhana and Gymkhana.



Lisa and Keith Slade got into a 'Bluey' Christmas spirit at Gowan Hills.



Branch members at the 5431 Collective Trading Table, Orroroo.



Aurelia and Stella at their SOTA graduation dinner in Port Augusta.



Lucy Ridsdale (Back row, far left) H Grade Netball Premier player.

Flinders Ranges Branch News

Centenary of the Hawker Memorial Hospital



Hawker Memorial Hospital and the spread catered by Flinders Ranges ICPA Branch members for the Centenary commemoration.

Originally named the Great Northern War Memorial Hospital, as a tribute to those who had served and died during World War I, the first foundation stone was laid on 7 June 1923 by Sir John Bice, a former Mayor of Port Augusta, and Chief Secretary.

A celebration to commemorate the centenary of Hawker Memorial Hospital was held on Saturday 11 November from 1.00 pm. Around 150 people attended the event, with many former staff and residents returning to the community. One attendee, a visitor from Kadina, Mr Jim Smith, said he was born in the Hospital 80 years ago and that he still has relatives living in the district.

A Welcome to Country and speeches were followed by the unveiling of two monuments. The first monument, to recognise the first era of the Hospital when it was known as the Great Northern War Memorial Hospital from 1923 to 1998,

was unveiled by a current aged care resident at the Hospital, Mr Kevin West, assisted by his nephew, Captain David West, of the Royal Australian Navy. The second monument, acknowledging the Hospital as Hawker Memorial Hospital from 1989, was unveiled by Mr Peter McInnis, former life-long resident of the district and a long serving Hospital Board member and chairperson.

A plaque to commemorate 100 years of healthcare and service to the community by the Hawker Memorial Hospital and the Hawker Hospital Auxiliary was unveiled by Doctor Susi Andersson, Hawker's current and long-standing resident doctor. Noreen Pardoe, Hawker Hospital Auxiliary Chairperson, spoke about the numerous contributions, fund raising and work of the Hospital Auxiliary over the past 100 years, detailing the wide range of purchases the Auxiliary has made. Noreen concluded by thanking Doctor Susi

for her many years of committed and dedicated service to the Hawker community and presented her with a gift of appreciation.

The formal events of the afternoon were concluded with a cake cutting by Mrs Jean Solly, whose late husband Norman, was Hospital Board member and chairperson for many years. The beautiful commemorative cake had been made and decorated by Jane Fischer. A delicious afternoon tea, ably provided by the Flinders Ranges Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA), provided a wonderful opportunity for many local and former residents and hospital staff to catch up.

A very special thank you to the ICPA ladies that worked before, after and during the event and to all those that provided food.

Carmel Reynolds

Flinders Ranges Branch News

Hawker Cricket Club Pink Stumps Day

On a perfect summer afternoon in mid December, Hawker Cricket Club hosted a Pink Stumps Day fundraiser for the McGrath Foundation. In an amazing show of community spirit, a crowd of more than 80 players and spectators converged at the Cradock Oval for the social game of the year.

A BBQ was provided with support from Livestock SA and local legend, Monty. Thanks to the team of cooks and bar ladies who ensured everyone was well fed and watered all afternoon. Jane Fischer from Wirreanda Wares donated delicious cupcakes while Aurelia and Stella kept the kids entertained with lucky dips and temporary tattoos.

A sea of pink, with the occasional red and green shirts, dotted the dusty oval and the "12 a side" teams were drawn out of a hat. Cradock rules applied - 1) you can't get out first ball; 2) everyone must bowl 2 overs, which made for some very entertaining cricket!

Cradock won the toss and chose to bat. Big hits were on trend and Shane provided his usual speccy catches! Cradock raced away with 4/72 at drinks. Harry (15 not out) and Alex (32 not out) kept the runs flowing in the middle order before retiring. Gerv and Saul made a handy contribution of 45 between them and Cradock finished their innings on 6/177. Lachie had the best bowling for Hawker with 1/9.

Hawker took chase quite quickly with James (23), Charlie (16) and Ben (25) all finding the boundary while Saul did his best to clear all the prickles off



A sea of pink: Attendees and players gathered for a whole group photo.

the ground with his tumbles! At 4/88, Angus (20) and Lachie patiently waited in the middle while everyone else had an extended drinks break. A few quick wickets after drinks saw the McInnis Brothers, Allen (24 not out) and Brendon (4 not out) finish the innings, out of overs and 28 runs short of victory. Ollie had the best bowling with 2/3.

After the game, Hawker Cricket Club presented Mark McAuley with an Outstanding Contribution Award for his many decades of support to the club. Following the presentation, the lucky gate prizes were drawn, and the winners were – Allen McInnis, Frances Frahn and Beau Webb.



Aurelia Reynolds and Stella Frahn.

Many generous donations were received for our raffle prizes and auction. Thanks to our auctioneer, Jack Coleman from Elders Port Augusta, for entertaining us and encouraging the highest bids possible. The highly sought after Pink Stumps signed by Alex Carey saw fierce competition before

reaching \$450 and sold to Harry McAuley.

With the support of local businesses and individuals, Hawker Cricket Club have raised over \$7000 to donate to the McGrath Foundation. Thank you again to all who supported this great community event.

Sharon McInnis



Sharon McInnis, State President Belinda Hatcher, Jo DuBois and Sasha Andersson with her children help out on the day.

Marla Oodnadatta Branch News

We trust all the SA ICPA Members have had a wonderful Christmas and we wish everyone a happy, healthy, and fun 2024. We hope you enjoy reading what has been happening within our branch and what our members have been up to.

In May Jake and Frankie Fennell travelled to Deia in Mallorca Spain, for Frankies sister's wedding. This was a 4-day whirl wind trip, but they enjoyed catching up with family, experiencing different types of foods and just being away together. They thought Deia was amazing with all the terrace paddocks built into cliffs to maximise productive agricultural land.

In June Eddie and Gerry Nunn celebrated 25 years of their family calling Macumba Station home. A special achievement for the Nunn family who are proud and grateful of this

accomplishment and enjoyed this celebration at Macumba with past and present staff, friends, and family.

Our Branch members had a very successful Bronco Branding competition in September at the National Australian Championships in Marree. Great job to Logan and Harvey Williams for getting 2nd and 3rd in the Novice. Well done to Cam, Matt and Damian Williams who were all part of the Winning Mount Barry Singles team. Congratulations Eddie Nunn who took out the doubles with son Justin apart of his team.

In November Dani Chapman along with daughters Jaquarra and McKenzie holidayed in Bali, they spent time at both Ubad and Seminyak. They visited farming region rice fields and enjoyed the Bali swing over them, saw the Australian

owned Elephant sanctuary and sipped cocktails by the pool. The highlight of the trip was having breakfast with the Orangutans, rafting down rivers and chatting to locals about their culture.

On the 15th of December we held our first face to face AGM meeting after many years at The Peake Station. Although everyone couldn't be there we had members join via Zoom. This also coincided with the district Christmas Show. Always a great fun time of the year celebrating with everyone who has worked in the area over the past year.

Several of our members have reached the end of their secondary school education. In 2024 Harvey Williams is heading off to QLD to work on Connemara Station. Alan Fennel will be doing a heavy diesel mechanic apprenticeship with Rocky

River Ag in Crystal Brook. McKenzie Chapman is planning to head to the NT for a gap year.

Logan Williams is heading to Adelaide for boarding school and will be attending Sacred Heart College. We hope Lucy and Magenta Williams enjoy there last year of SOTA. We wish Lenny and Bonnie Williams all the best as they take their first steps along their schooling journey.

A designated Royal Flying Doctor Service clinic will be built in William Creek in 2024, with completion date around May. This is a great step forward for the future of our community.

Marla Oodnadatta Branch are looking forward to hosting the SA State conference "Making tracks on education" in Quorn on March 22nd, 2024. We look forward to seeing you all there.



SOTA "Wild West" Themed Get Together Marla Oodnadatta Branch Kids & Govies.



Jake and Frankie Fennell in Spain.

Marla Oodnadatta Branch News



Alan Fennell Graduates year 12 from Saint Marks College in Port Pirie.



Best Mates: Emmett (Mount Sarah) & Beau (Wintinna).



Mackenzie Chapman (Mabel Creek Stn), Graduated from Coober Pedy Area School. Making lots of new friends helped her settle & achieve the goal she had set of getting into Equine Science.



Christmas Party: Jack, Lenny Williams and Emmett Coleman.



Lucy Williams (The Peake Station) was awarded the Hon Geoff Brock Parliamentary Award at the SOTA presentations 2023.

Marla Oodnadatta Branch News



Dani, Jaquarra and McKenzie Travelled to Bali.



Trevor Williams celebrated his 70th Birthday in November with family and his much-loved dogs, Ike, Dot and Max.



Christmas Party: Gracie, Olivia, Bonnie Wiliams, Asha, Drew Coleman.

2024
Marla Oodnadatta
Events

- Oodnadatta Cricket Match
19th Febuary
- William Creek Gymkhana
9th March
- Oodnadatta Gymkhana
11th May
- Oodnadatta BroncoBranding
13th July
- Coober Pedy Gymkhana
10th August
- William Creek Bronco Branding
17th August

SA ICPA Marla-Oodnadatta Branch

PHOTO COMPETITION



WHAT DOES YOUR EDUCATION TRACK LOOK LIKE?

EVERYONE'S TRACK IS DIFFERENT.

BE CREATIVE AND INTERPRET THIS HOWEVER YOU WOULD LIKE.

PHOTOS TO BE DISPLAYED AT STATE CONFERENCE.



AGE GROUPS

- UNDER 7
- 7-12
- 13-18
- 18+

Conditions

- Photos must be emailed in high res to Hollie
- hollieruth@hotmail.com (before Feb 22nd),
- Include name, age and a sentence about your educational track
- 1 photo per child
- Photos must be taken by the child entering

Marree Air Branch News

Another year has flown by! We've all been busy with Christmas parties and family fun, as well as chasing waters with the harsh summer heat.

Storms have been very patchy around our area but it's nice to see a green tinge here and there.

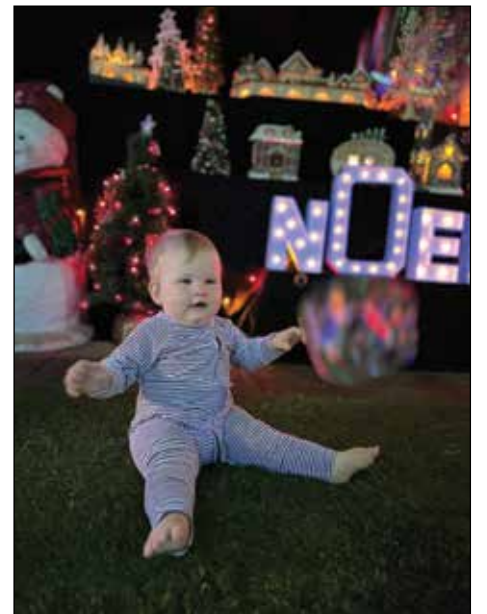
On November 6 Albie Blake Ward was born in a rush weighing 3.86kg. Mum El-

len made it to the hospital in time but Albie wasted no time arriving. The Bell & Edwards kids had a ball at Get Together with Jase enjoying another year of piano lessons. The Cowboy dress up theme was a huge hit (naturally). Our station Christmas party was held on 16th December at Muloorina. It was a great night catching up with friends, they even had a driving range

off the deck which kept kids and adults entertained! Christmas festivities are in full swing and we wish you a safe and Merry Christmas from the Marree Air Branch!

Recommendation for next Xmas- the Magic Cave in Jamestown. Huge display or Christmas decorations and you can get a photo with Santa!

Lucy Morphett



Above: Huxley in the Magic Cave.
Left: kids performance awards at SOTA Get Together
Top Left: 'Wild West' disco - Lara Bell with Jase and Charlotte Edwards.
Top Centre: Wyatt meeting Santa.
Top Right: Ellen Blake, Winston and Albie.

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Isolated Children's Parents' Association



- ICPA advocates for access to an equitable education for all rural and remote students.
- As a member of ICPA you are a member of your Branch, your State ICPA and ICPA Australia.
- If you do not have a Branch near you or your State/Territory does not have an ICPA State Council you can join as a Lone Member.



- ### ICPA BRANCHES
- 101 Branches across Australia.
 - Advocate for local educational issues and are represented by delegates at State and Federal Conferences.
 - Fundraise to send delegates and observers to Conference and to support rural and remote families at a local level.



- ### ICPA IN YOUR STATE OR TERRITORY
- 5 State Councils - NSW, NT, QLD, SA and WA.
 - Advocates to the State or Territory Government and stakeholders for students from rural town schools, distance education, early childhood or boarding as well as state allowances, local bus runs, communications, tertiary, trade, training and more.
 - Holds an annual Conference where Branch delegates put forward State/Territory based motions.



- ### ICPA AUSTRALIA
- Advocates to the Federal Government and stakeholders on Federal education issues. This includes the Assistance for Isolated Children, Youth Allowance, In Home Care, early childhood through to tertiary education and access to adequate telecommunications.
 - Holds an annual Conference where Branch delegates put forward Federal based motions.



Become a member at icpa.com.au/au/membership

North East Branch News

The last 6 months of 2023 have been very quiet for the North East branch. With fairly dry conditions throughout the area and the forecast for a hot, dry summer, I'm sure everyone has been keeping a low profile hoping the Bureau has got it wrong again....

The 2023 school year came to an end and parents and govies all breathed a sigh of relief. It was also the Sheridan family's last year with School of The Air. Abby, from Braemar Station, graduated from SOTA this year and she will be continuing her schooling journey at Burra Community School next year. We wish Abby all the best for next year and the years ahead.

Here's a little snippet of Abby's speech that she presented at the end of year get together in Port Augusta and a few words she's put together about starting high school in 2024:

I started my time at SOTA in 2016. It has been full of fun, laughter, and learning. I have been lucky enough to almost be with the same classmates the whole way through. I had made many good mates while at SOTA, especially those in my

class. I have known most of them since kindy and they have been nothing but wonderful.

My mum taught me right up until year 5 and at the end of the year she said, "nope I'm done with you, you're getting a govie". She didn't actually say that but I think that's how she felt after 6 years in the schoolroom with me. What actually happened was my Mum and Dad said, "we're getting you a governess". I burst out in tears but after one week with my governess Charley, I realised that having a govie was actually a whole lot of fun! I have so many memories from SOTA, I could write a book series!

I would love to say a massive thankyou to all of the SOTA community, including teachers, staff, govies and parents, who have been here supporting me and my fellow students.

In 2024 I will start at Burra Community School. I'm a bit excited about going to school next year so I can see kids every day, have face to face lessons and play sport. I hope I will make some friends and enjoy it but I will miss being on the station every day.

For the last time, cheers!

Recently, we had three of our members, Kristina Crawford, Jane Gloster, and Josephine Williams attend a workshop with Peter Kenyon to discuss how SA ICPA can adapt and grow as an organisation. All agreed that the workshop was invaluable to the branch and all three ladies came away feeling very motivated and inspired to bring back what's important to our branch – our children and our families.

In early December, the Yunta race club held the annual Elders Wool Show. The branch took the opportunity to try and raise some money through a silent auction. Although not a lot of money was raised, by all accounts it was a fantastic night. Thanks to all those members who donated items and to Ros Breeding for overseeing the auction and making sure it ran smoothly.

Now that school has finished (finally!) and the silly season is upon us yet again, I'd like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful new year.



Abby Sheridan accepting her graduation certificate from teacher Mel Clarke.



Edward Robinson is wanted dead or alive at the SOTA 'Wild West' themed disco.

North East Branch News

ICPA WORKSHOP – NOVEMBER 2023

Along with Kristina Crawford and Jo Drennan, I attended the workshop at Pichi Richi Park in early November. As has no doubt been mentioned elsewhere in this issue of 'The Pipeline', this was as a result of a Thriving Communities grant sourced by State Council. And kudos to State Council for their initiative in undertaking the whole process! The aim was to look at reinvigorating ICPA SA, and investigate ways of reigniting the passion and motivation for ICPA, at both state, and branch level, that has perhaps dropped off a bit over the years. State Council engaged Peter Kenyon, from the Bank of Ideas, to run both the preparatory Zoom interviews, and the two day workshop.

Both were really interesting to participate in. I was very conscious of my lack of current knowledge and experience of rural and remote education in SA during the Zoom interview. Hopefully some historical perspective was useful! I felt especially cognizant of being the oldest participant (other than perhaps Peter!) and the longest serving ICPA member during the workshop. Having said that, the NE Branch was very capably represented from that viewpoint by Kristina and Jo, who are talking the talk and walking the walk right now.

Peter handled a room full of (very) talkative, regularly opinion-

ated, frequently noisy, often exuberant, passionate and motivated women with much patience, aplomb and tact. We established early in the workshop that ICPA SA is not that different to many volunteer organisations, particularly in this post-COVID time. A wide variety of questions were canvassed, including our organisational strengths, things that may be stopping people from joining or being more involved, ways to make membership of ICPA more attractive, thoughts around marketing and publicity, how to better mentor and provide a useful induction experience for new members and new State Councilors, and much more. The overriding sentiment at the workshop was that for ICPA SA to continue in a sustainable way, it needs to be FUN. Absolutely, we need to make sure that we're getting the work done, but unless it's engaging and enjoyable, we won't survive.

Unfortunately, I had to leave before the final 'wrap up' session, but I'm sure Peter will provide State Council with a useful and informative blueprint that we can use at both levels of ICPA SA to nurture and grow this terrific organisation. I'm looking forward to chatting with Jo and Kristina and the rest of the NE Branch about this process at our next meeting!

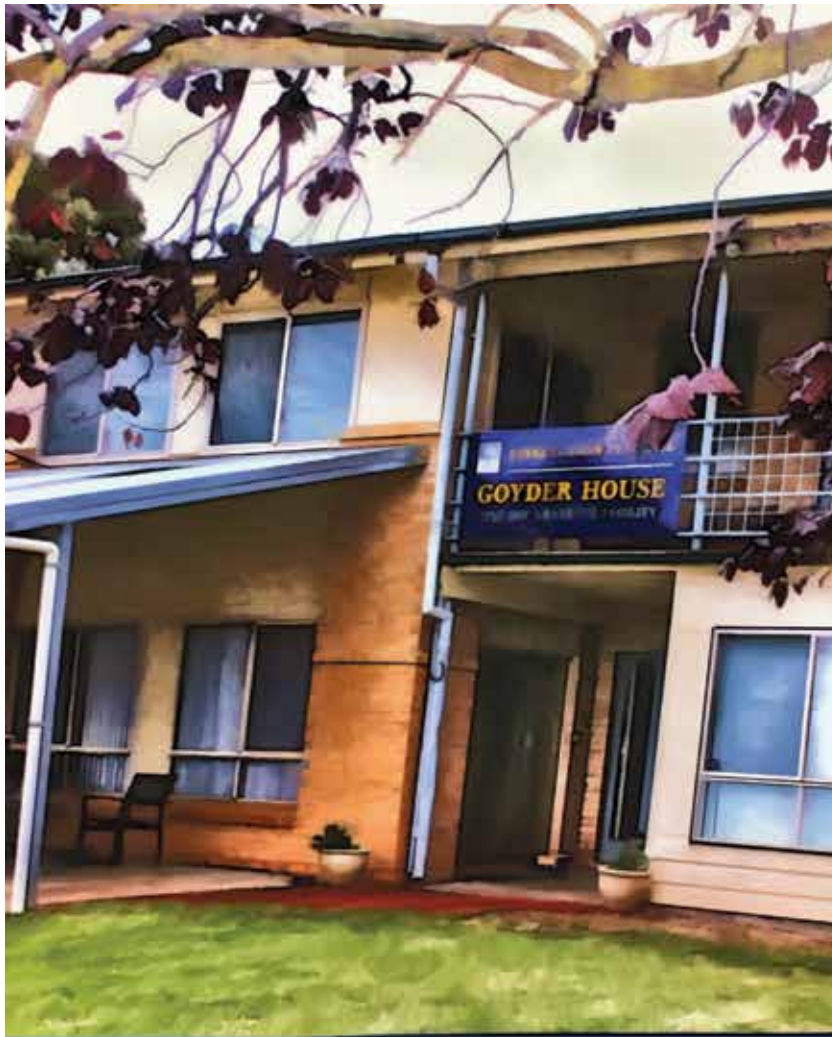
Save the Date:

Annual Federal Conference

To be held at
Doltone House Sydney on the
24th - 25th July
2024



For more info: www.icpa.com.au



BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

The Goyder Boarding House has been in operation for more than 20 years, offering home-like facilities to remote and isolated students, allowing them to access the high standard of learning opportunities at Burra Community School, an R-12 school situated in the picturesque town of Burra.

GOYDER BOARDING HOUSE

Students are provided with comfortable boarding facilities for both 5 and 7 day boarding. The Goyder House provides professional and experienced staff to ensure students feel at home and to assist with living in a country community. Goyder House offers individual and shared rooms.

BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Burra Community School offers a high standard of education, offering a wide array of subject choices including a comprehensive agriculture learning program and the opportunity to undertake VET courses. The school boasts a commercial farm on Brewery Hill with 180 hectares of cropping and grazing country. Enterprises on this property include merinos, prime lambs and cattle.



CANTEEN FACILITIES



Burra Community School are proud to offer a Canteen that provides quality meals to our students and staff, we are open 5 days a week. Online orders can be made through the Flexischools Ap.



ADELAIDE SHOW TEAM



The Royal Adelaide Show provides a unique platform for our young enthusiasts to demonstrate their dedication to livestock care and breeding. Students diligently prepare their animals for competition whilst engaging in education activities, sharing knowledge about their animals and the agricultural practices they've honed. The Royal Adelaide Show not only fosters healthy competition but also serves as a platform for the next generation of ag leaders to learn, grow and celebrate their passion for livestock.



Colour Run 2023

North West Branch News

Most recently the North West experienced a welcome downpour during the weekend of the School of the Air Get Together, setting a positive mood for what is often the busiest time of the year. Personally, I found myself temporarily stranded due to the rain, which threw a spanner in my plans for decorating the Christmas tree and house. However, it was a delightful sight to see the North West properties along the Stuart Highway adorned in lush greenery for the upcoming summer season. Reflecting on this, I can't help but recall the scorching and sticky Christmas days we've experienced during our nine Christmases in the North West. I'm thrilled that this year, the North West will be graced with a mild 27-degree Christmas.

The School of the Air Get Together in 2023, was a memorable event, particularly for several of our North West kids who marked the completion of their primary learning journeys. Farewells were bid by Year 7 students Ruby Willis, Ryder Rankin, and Year 6 student Winsome Matheson to their friends and teachers. A special acknowledgment goes to Ruby, the 2023 Student Council Captain and recipient of the Principal's Award. Candice and Adam must be incredibly proud to have such a high achiever grow from Arcoona Station. 2024 sees Winsome and Ryder off to the big smoke! Best wishes to these two good eggs. Ryder and my son, Sam, are pretty happy to find themselves attending schools nearby. It's heartwarming to see their friendship endure despite being apart for a year and attending different boarding schools. That's the special bond shared among SOTA kids! At the end of November the North West community came together at Mobella Station—quite literally in the heart of nowhere—for a special Christmas Tree event, kindly hosted by station manager Tash Masters. Santa made an appearance, sleighing in from the sky, delighting well-behaved children with presents. Little Will Chamberlain, Paisley Curnow and Tanner Crowell were particularly overjoyed to see him. A big thank you goes out to Tash for coordinating such a wonderful celebration.

Our branch's Annual General Meeting was held at Mobella, with former president, Jill Greenfield, presiding over the proceed-



Joanna Gibson, Meghan Henderson, Jill Greenfield and Candice Brown catering at Glendambo.

ings. The meeting saw Candice Brown inaugurated as our new President! Candice, stepping into Jill's substantial shoes, deserves commendation for taking on this responsibility. And Jill, a heartfelt thank you simply isn't enough to express our gratitude for the incredible work you've done in various roles for the North West SAICPA Branch. You're truly remarkable.

The Glendambo Gymkhana, held on October 14th, drew an incredible crowd with more than 350 people attending and was a resounding success. As always, our North West community came together, and the day was a spectacular display of hard work and action.

Hats off to Petie Rankin for orchestrating a stellar day. As the ringmaster and commentator, Petie, you bring an unparalleled energy that truly makes the event come alive. Your mastery as an MC is extraordinary. If

I ever tie the knot with Ian (which might come as a surprise since I wear a wedding ring, but truth be told, I'm living in sin—quite the ruse with the ring!), you'll definitely be my choice for the MC role.

Despite being a bit delirious from tiredness due to my little Willa's burst eardrum the night before, the moments I recall from that day were nothing short of fantastic. Kudos to Megan Henderson for serving up delicious food. There's always a bustling group of apron-clad women who keep the day running seamlessly and our stomachs content. The weather was perfect, matching the overall fantastic vibe of the day.

A lovely highlight of the day was when our North West Branch of the SAICPA bestowed upon Lorraine Greenfield the honor of Life Membership, a recognition long overdue for her unwavering dedication and support. It was a privilege for our branch



Some of the action at Glendambo Gymkhana/Motorkhana.

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to present Lorraine with this token of appreciation during the event. Lorraine holds a special place in our history as she was among the inaugural members, attending the very first North West SAICPA meeting back in 1984 at Wilgena Station. Remarkably, from that inaugural meeting, Lorraine remains a steadfast and current member, embodying the spirit of commitment within our community.

Huge congratulations to all the competitors, whether on motorbikes or horses, for their remarkable efforts. A special mention goes out to the Iron Gut competitors, Jason and Lucy Ridsdale, a father-daughter duo who brought endless laughs to the day. The auction, as always, was a hit, and the retail stores were a favorite among everyone.

It was great to see two of the awesome young North Wester teens, Max Matheson and Hayden Rankin, running in September's City to Surf Fun Run. I was happy to be able to make it down to Glenelg to see Max run past the finishing line, and it was so nice to hear that he saw Hayden on his 12km trek. Well done Max and Hayden for running in this event, it's probably quite daunting when you've come from the bush and you're competing against some pretty serious and elite runners, but there is nothing better than giving it a go. So well done! It's funny who you bump into, as whilst down at the foreshore I saw some old SAICPA North Easters. Penny Rasheed and her little gang of Max and Ada had also completed the Fun Run, what little cham-



Max Matheson competed in the Relay for Life.

pions those two are.

I can't wait to see all the School of the Air kids who are off to boarding school in 2024 competing in the next Lumary City to Surf Fun Run.

The July school holidays brought an exciting event for several North West families—an engaging circus skills workshop hosted by Lolly Jar Circus in Coober Pedy. The circus workshop rolled up and out and spanned two days, offering kids the chance to delve into a myriad of extraordinary circus skills. From mastering juggling and plate balancing to navigating high stilts and the graceful artistry of aerial ribbon work, the children had SO MUCH FUN!

This experience proved to be an incredible opportunity for our isolated and remote kids to not only have fun but also enhance their fitness levels, foster sharing and participation, and develop both gross and fine motor skills. A couple of us mums got into the hula-hooping, and I gotta say that Kirsty Williams can really juggle some balls! It was pretty evident that the North

West mums will find requests for stilt sets prominently featured on their kids' Santa letters this year!

A huge thanks to the Indulkannina Foundation for bringing this wonderful opportunity to life, and also to Judy Bowden, the owner, and the fantastic team of circus skills instructors who worked tirelessly to make this event a resounding success.

The latter half of the year brought two RICE playdays to the North West, always a cherished occasion by the younger children. Witnessing children's faces when the RICE girls arrive in their car, which is always packed to the brim with an array of toys and gear, is truly special. It's a sight that I will never forget. Mulgathing and Wilgena Station had the opportunity to host these days, much to the delight of Will and Willa.

Early education plays a pivotal role, and having RICE supporting our children here in South Australia is invaluable. Renee Bell, the RICE educator who coordinated both the online and physical playdays, is embarking on a new adventure in Queensland. The North West RICE children will miss her. Renee, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for all your hard work and dedication. Best wishes for your next chapter. From the North West to all the other Pipeliners, we wish you the very best 2024.

Edwina Bowie



Ruby and Winne watch the action at Glenelg Gymkhana.



New NW Branch President Candice Brown with her family.



Winsome Matheson enjoys spinning in the hoop at Lolly Jar Circus.

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Hula Mums: Petie Rankin, Kirsty Williams, Edwina Bowie and Bobby Lou Martin.



Lawson proudly shows his motorkhana medals and bike.



RICE Play Day in the NW.



George Williams and Eli Rankin take in the view from lofty heights.



NW Branch kids at SOTA Sports Day.



Hayden Rankin (centre) after competing in the Relay for Life.



Willi and Tanner.



Taking a submerged road in the North West during rain.



Winne in her new school uniform.



Ruby Willis received the SOTA Principal's Award from Lai Kuan Lim.



RICE Play Day.



Book Week 2023.



Pals catch-up: Jacob Keogh, Sam Matheson and Ryder Rankin.



Ryder in his new school uniform.



Santa stops by the NW Branch to check on who's been naughty and who's been nice.



Eli, Hayden, Lawson, and Ryder Rankin enjoy the footy.

Branch Life Membership for Lorraine Greenfield



Keith and Lorraine Greenfield.

Early 1984 marked the formation of the North West Branch of ICPA in South Australia. Founded from the original Port Augusta branch by President Julia Materne, the first meeting was held at Wilgena Station, not far from Tarcoola. Attended by Julia, Lorraine Greenfield, Ann Halls and others it was decided that they would form their own branch as there was enough interest in advocating for rural and remote families education in the North West.

In its former years, the North West branch covered a huge region, the area to the north and west of Port Augusta and all the way up to the Northern Territory border. Today, our branch incorporates an area north of the Gawler Ranges, up to Coober Pedy and

east across to Woomera.

Of the inaugural members of the North West Branch of ICPA, Lorraine Greenfield is still a current member.

Lorraine and Keith lived at Billa Kalina Station for over 30 years and had two children who both studied via Port Augusta School of the Air and then attended boarding school in Adelaide.

Over the years Lorraine has been an active member holding many positions including that of President for many years, branch treasurer, State Councillor and conference convener.

After many, many years of volunteering and support for the North West branch it is our honour to present Lorraine with long

overdue life membership of the North West Branch of ICPA.



Proud members of the Greenfield family celebrate Lorraine's Life membership.

Port Augusta Branch News

We hope that this finds you well, the Port Augusta Branch has been active on the messenger group keeping everyone informed about what is going on in state council meetings, ICPA in general and things of interest to do with education.

We haven't had many face to face events but look forward to our AGM and get together next week.

Pamela, Chloe and I attended the Peter Kenyon workshop in September and really enjoyed the positive and inspiring work we did with him and the other ICPA girls. It was such a great opportunity to be together and to be able to throw ideas around to get people more inspired. I really feel like that we are going to be able to use these tools in the future, not only in ICPA but our local communities and local organisations and I'm very thankful for that.

Our kids have had a very busy year its so wonderful, what ever age they are to see them grow and learn. Some of our older kids are starting new uni adventures next year in teaching and rural business, some are completing their flight training and taking to the skis. While others are planning on broadening their horizons overseas. Our high school students have really tyried hard in tackling all areas of their education and have been busy out on the rowing lakes improving their times.

Our SOTA kids have had a great time at the end of year get together and although it was a completely different sports day compared to others due to the rain and being inside, it's always wonderful to see the kids inter-

acting, playing and competing.

Thanks so much to Lara and George Woolford along with their Nan Barb for selling their honey at Workshop 26's Christmas market. Here are few words from them;

Last week we got our first harvest.

The bees took a while to get going, it's been about a year since we caught the swarm. Mum has planted lots of bee friendly flowers in the garden, which took a while to get going too.

Now the garden is flowering and so is the scrub, we might be able to harvest some more soon. When i watched the honey flow into the bucket, I felt excited and grateful and felt like saying thank you to the bees.

The honey tastes like a tea tree taste and also tastes sweet like normal honey.

When we were putting the honey from the big bucket into the jars I felt like I was in a honey factory which was exciting and fun, especially when I put the honey in the sun and it turned golden.

From George Woolford

Here are couple of more achievements from some of our members .

The Anderson crew

In her first-year post school life Georgia has commenced study part time for a Bachelor of Agricultural Business Management Degree through Charles Sturt Uni. Has been doing some casual station work around the place and working at home on Cooyerdoo. She was given the opportunity to participate in the SA Junior Heifer Expo this year and learnt a lot from that experience. She received the Glental Achievement Award

which is a scholarship to compete again next year as an encouragement incentive for the industry.

She managed to do a few camp drafts in amongst her busy schedule and received the Southern Camp draft Association Champion Rookie Rider Award for 2023.

The Cuffe Crew

"Our first year on School of the Air has been a great learning experience for all and Eli has had a wonderful year, a very big thanks goes to Miss Tiarn for her amazing work in the schoolroom and we look forward to her returning next year.

Eli competed in his first school sports day and was super proud of his efforts on his Artwork he put into the school art competition and came away with 2nd place.

Memphis started her kindy journey with the midyear intake and has loved it and cannot wait to join Eli in the big school.

Waylon started walking in August and hasn't stopped, Waylon had his first visit to the dentist during school Get Together week with his siblings and wasn't real keen.

As I sit and write this, I'm happy to report we had a lovely 90mm of rain at Siam over Get Together weekend."

We look forward to seeing you all next year and hope that you receive some running water rain in the near future.

Katrina Morris



The kids' sign for honey sales.



George Woolford seeking his first jar of honey.



Pamela, Kat and Chloe at the Peter Kenyon Workshop.

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Eli, Memphis and Waylon dressed and ready for the SOTA 'Wild West' disco.



Waylon makes bubbles.



Memphis got a visit from Santa.



Bonnie with her mailbox.



Lara Woolford and her cousins Indy and Elke Workshop 26 Market.



Eli with his SOTA award and present at Get Together.

Georgia Anderson's eventful year



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**NORTH
MOOLOOLOO
GOLF CLASSIC**

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2023 marked the 13th Biannual North Moolooloo Golf Classic. The weather was much kinder this year and the addition of the woolshed extension worked great for our 200 + crowd. This year we had 25 teams (125 players) tackle the 18-hole course. Winning rights went to a local and returning team, the Golf Fathers. Second place was The Drought Masters team from Marree and third place went to first time attendees Rip it and Sip it from Port Broughton.

David May from Depot Springs Station won the men’s longest drive and the ladies longest drive went to the “Fine” team from the Marree area.

We were not short again on great auction and raffle items donated by the teams. There was some great gear up for grabs – this year’s top auction item was a framed map of North Moolooloo Station, going for a whopping \$4000!

A big thankyou to all our 2023 sponsors and volunteers. It’s a combined effort from many who spare their time to ensure we can donate a decent amount of money to the RFDS.

The RFDS was again represented this year by Adelaide Auxiliary President, Ro Williams and husband Neville, along with Treasurer, Peter Johnston and Susan and Roger Blackwell. The North Moolooloo Golf Classic are proud to say we have donated \$30,000 to the RFDS from the Classic.

North Moolooloo Golf Classic will next be held in October 2025.





SOTA Graduates 2023

Port Augusta School of the Air year 6/7 graduates joined together for their graduation dinner at the Standpipe with Head of Campus Lai Kuan Lim, and class teacher Mel Clarke in December. The dinner was a time for both celebration and reflection on how far they had come as their time with SOTA drew to a close.

In 2024, Ryder, Winsome, Aurelia and Stella head to Adelaide boarding schools to continue their high school education. Ruby Willis will continue her education online, whilst Abby Sheriden will head to Burra for high school. Finally, Jacob Keogh will head up to Toowoomba for boarding school in Queensland.

We wish all graduates the very best in their future schools and studies.

Graduates (L to R): Ryder Rankin, Winsome Matheson, Aurelia Reynolds, Stella Frahn, Ruby Willis, Abby Sheriden and Jacob Keogh.

Rural Aid is Australia's most trusted rural charity. We stand with our farmers when they need us most. Rural Aid provides critical support to farmers affected by natural disaster through financial, wellbeing and fodder assistance. Rural Aid's community programs help create more sustainable communities by building stronger futures for all Australian farmers.

<https://www.ruralaid.org.au/>
Mental Health and Wellbeing

Rural Aid is dedicated to improving the mental health outcomes of rural Australia. The Rural Aid Mental Health and Wellbeing team is made up of experienced counsellors who are based in rural towns across the country.

Rural Aid counsellors offer free, confidential support to farmers and their families. Counselling Intake Line – 1300 175 594

In September 2021, Rural Aid made its biggest investment into regional mental health expanding the counselling service from the original five team members. Rural Aid now has counsellors throughout Australia to help address the gaps in regional healthcare.

Rural Aid offers free, confidential counselling to Rural Aid registered farmers and their family. Rural Aid counsellors catch up with their farmers where they're most comfortable; whether it's on farm, in town, or over the phone. Rural Aid counsellors are professionally trained to support their clients through all kinds of life challenges and come with an understanding of the unique needs of rural people. They can support with practical strategies to help farmers refocus and get back on track.

Dorothy Crosby is based in Quorn. Please feel free to contact to her for more information.



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50 Years Service to SACWA

Mrs Lynn Nagel Life Member of South Australian Isolated Children's Parents Association (ICPA) was presented with 50years Service Badge and Certificate earlier this year recognising 50 years of service to The South Australian Country Women's Association (SACWA).

Lynn has held positions at Branch and Group level plus served on State Committees including three years as State Treasurer in the Association. Lynn is currently President of the Myall Flinders Group. During her years of service to SACWA Lynn also stood as State President of ICPA followed by ten years as CEO of the Remote Isolated Children's Exercise (RICE) in Port Augusta.

Lynn and husband Jim now live in well-earned retirement on a small property at Morchard near Orroroo.

Lorraine Greenfield
– secretary Air Branch SACWA



Isolated Children's Parents' Association

Federal Conference

2025

Adelaide

Will be hosted by SA ICPA

Convenors: Mija Reynolds & Edwina Bowie

Bronco Branding SA



Australian National Singles champions, Mount Barry: Damian Williams, Tony Williams, Matt Williams and Cam Williams.

This year there were 3 Bronco Branding SA events, this included the Australian National Bronco Branding Championships at Marree. The SA Bronco Branding Champions 2022/2023 were announced in July. The Singles Championship was a draw between Bully Booths B41 team & the Mount Barry team, with Macumba 3rd. The Doubles Title went to the Northern Flinders team of Chris Reynolds, Bridie Ferguson, Alistair Sheehan, David May and Harvey Williams with Mount Barry 2nd and Macamba 3rd. Bronco Branding continues to be a popular sport in South Australia and its pleasing to see so many SA ICPA members involved.

Oodnadatta July 15th

Novice
 1st LBW: Logan Williams, Harvey Williams, Robbie Schmidt & Corey Ferguson
 2nd Wooltana: Justin Nunn, Greg Warren, Mrk Neiske and Shandor
 3rd Alice Springs: Craig Cook, Colin Greenfield, Mark Neiske and Graham Bramley



Australian National Doubles champions, Macumba: Eddie Nunn, Justin Nunn, Col Greenfield, Gregg Warren and Mark Nieske.

Singles
 1st B41: Bully Booth, Chris Reynolds, David May & Bridie Ferguson
 2nd Mount Barry: Tony Williams, Matt Williams, Cam Williams, Damian Williams
 3rd Macumba: Eddie Nunn, Justin Nunn, Gregg Warren, Col Greenfield
 Doubles
 1st Mount Barry: Tony Williams, David Hunter, Matt Williams, Cam Williams, Damian Williams
 2nd B41: Bully Booth, Chris Reynolds, David May & Bridie Ferguson
 3rd Macumba: Eddie Nunn, Gregg Warren, Justin Nunn, Col Greenfield, Mark Neiske

William Creek 19th August

Novice
 1st Edge Park: Jamie Foster, Graham Bramley, Lily
 2nd OX5: Harvey Williams, Damian Williams, Chris Reynolds, Bridie Ferguson
 3rd Wooltana: Justin Nunn, Eddie Nunn, Gregg Warren, Dylan Nicholls

Singles

1st Macumba: Eddie Nunn, Justin Nunn, Gregg Warren, Col Greenfield
 2nd Mount Barry: Tony Williams, Matt Williams, Cam Williams, Damian Williams
 3rd B41: Bully Booth, Chris Reynolds, David May & Bridie Ferguson

Doubles

1st Mount Barry: Tony Williams, David Hunter, Matt Williams, Cam Williams, Damian Williams

2nd Macumba: Eddie Nunn, Gregg Warren, Justin Nunn, Col Greenfield, Harvey Williams

3rd Peake Bilt: Cam Williams, Robbie Schmidt, Alistair Sheehan, Damian Williams, Dylan Nicholls

Marree 9th September –

Australian National Championships

Novice

1st Curtain Rural Contractor: Joe Curtain, Boy Geiger, Clint Raymond, Clayton Dolinger

2nd LBW: Logan Williams, Damian Williams, Robbie Schmidt & Cam Williams

3rd OX5: Harvey Williams, Damian Williams, Chris Reynolds, Bridie Ferguson

Singles
 1st Mount Barry: Tony Williams, Matt Williams, Cam Williams, Damian Williams

2nd Maxvale: Corey Ferguson, Joe Curtain, Clint Raymond, Boy Geiger

3rd Billa Kallina: Col Greenfield, Matt Williams, Cam Williams, Ben Hewitt

Doubles

1st Macumba: Eddie Nunn, Gregg Warren, Justin Nunn, Col Greenfield, Mark Nieske

2nd Billa Kallina: Col Greenfield, Bill Willoughby, Matt Williams, Cam Williams, Ben Hewitt

3rd Mount Barry: Tony Williams, David Hunter, Matt Williams, Cam Williams, Damian Williams



Logan Williams roping for LBW in the Novice category at Oodnadatta.



Specific Learning
Difficulties SA

With the support of the Indulkaninna Foundation and Sandy's Memorial Trust, ICPA SA and SPELD SA have worked together to bring quality literacy intervention to outback students, at a subsidised rate. SPELD SA continues to receive funding to provide this service on an as-needs basis, and families are encouraged to apply.

The SPELD SA Literacy Clinic provides 1:1 intervention using a high quality, evidence-based program. Sessions are delivered weekly by experienced teachers who work with students both face-to-face in Adelaide and online.

The Literacy Clinic is suitable for any students who have not mastered reading, regardless of age. It also provides an effective reading and spelling program for students just starting their school journey, to ensure they become confident readers and spellers and to identify any difficulties early.

Applications are taken at any time. To apply, go to the SPELD SA website [Add a little bit of body text](#) click on the services tab, then Literacy Clinic. The application form can be found at the top of the page. We will soon have a dedicated bursary application form, but in the meantime, please write that you are applying for a bursary on your form.



Owning it.

As my time with SOTA comes to a temporary close, well at least until Willa begins reception in a couple of years, I've had the chance to reflect on the fun times and the hard times the kids and I have had over the last eleven years in the schoolroom and on SOTA. Fun times, there have been plenty of them! Oh, my goodness, I enjoyed SOTA when we would all stay at the Outback Centre. Darn COVID for putting a forever spanner in that. The motherly camaraderie was something that I'll never forget. Belinda Hatcher, you were a hoot; I loved staying up late in that kitchen listening to your and other mums' wonderful stories. The kids' antics at night after a full day of school were unforgettable; the room was quite smelly and there were always tears (from mothers and children). Dressing up for the Get Together has always been a highlight of the year for us, sometimes also unforgettable, like the time when I made Flintstone costumes for my family and unfortunately hemmed Ian's Fred dress a little short.

For now, I must close the schoolroom door, put my apron back on, and get back into the cook's role at Wilgena with little Willa at my heels. I'll miss the routine of the schoolroom; I loved getting in there early with the kids and helping get them set up for a successful day. I felt great as I watched them cross off the work that I'd written up for them on the whiteboard. There's an unparalleled satisfaction in effectively teaching your child a concept. Witnessing their grasp of it and their enthusiastic application of that knowledge is an incredible achievement. However, there were also days that I can say now, I'm ashamed of. Very hard days. I, in the role of schoolroom supervisor and as a mother, should have taken a break from the kids and the situation and walked away. Regrettably, there are times when I resemble a pressure cooker's valve, reaching that point where I feel the pressure rising and my emotions burst out like a loud 'trumpet'. In those moments, I can't help but see a glimpse of Trunchbull from 'Matilda' in myself.

It's true, I pushed my kids hard, always wanting them to excel, and often I failed to recognise when to step back. Teaching Winsome, especially with her dyslexia, was particularly challenging. Early on in her reception year, I knew that her learning journey wouldn't mirror that of Sam and Max. I struggled without the necessary support from the school, and the teachers lacked the resources to aid her effectively. Winsome

and I stabbed our way through her learning obstacles together, and her unwavering determination fills me with so much pride. She truly is tenacious. Despite my deep love for her and my best intentions, our time in the schoolroom together was at times detrimental, something I deeply regret. Life is a bumper journey whereby you can't experience good without experiencing the bad and challenging.

I am immensely grateful to two women, Kerry Williams and Jin Douglas, who have been instrumental in offering Winsome invaluable support. When I struggled to provide her with the necessary reinforcement and strategies, Kerry and Jin stepped in, offering Winsome the guidance and positivity she needed. I am also grateful to the Indulkannina Foundation and Sandy's Memorial for generously giving money to SPELD to help aid children from SOTA living in remote and isolated situations, such as Winsome.

Ok, so what I'm trying to get at in my very roundabout way, is accountability. I know that my behaviour has often failed in the classroom, and I have tried to own my unacceptable behaviour as I don't want my kids to think that it's okay to blow a 'trumpet' and ultimately dismiss the incident as nothing. So, for the most part, I have chatted to the kids after my 'Trunchbull' rants, when I've calmed down, and I've run through with them how and why I went bananas, and how it's not okay and how I have to try and do better.

Recently, I've realised the importance of addressing and discussing unacceptable behaviour openly. It's crucial to lead by example, showing children and teens the significance of taking responsibility for their actions. When we fail to do so, it can inadvertently suggest to them that they needn't

be accountable either. Children and teens often test boundaries, and situations can quickly spiral out of control if accountability isn't emphasised. Peer influence in group settings makes it even more challenging, as behaviours tend to mimic each other.

Recognising both the good and the bad, especially taking ownership of mistakes, is vital. It's through acknowledging and addressing our errors that we truly learn and grow. By openly acknowledging my past behaviours that weren't acceptable and not painting an unrealistic picture of a 'rainbows and unicorns' schoolroom experience, I hope I'm teaching my kids the importance of accountability. I acknowledge my imperfections, and I know my kids aren't perfect, but I want my kids to grow up to be better and do better than me.

All in all, teaching my kids has been so very rewarding but also extremely challenging, and it's been especially tricky since I've had Willa. Wilful Willa has been disorganising my drawers and cupboards since she could get her little mitts into them, she's our most loved little tornado. One might say that Willa also has a 'trumpet' with a mighty blow.

My beautiful Winsome starts the new year as a boarder at Walford Anglican School for Girls. I wish for her to be strong and steady, true to herself. I'm nervous for her, and I worry about how much I'll miss her. Willa also calls Winnie her 'mummy,' so Willa will certainly miss her too. Initially, I hadn't wanted Winsome to begin her boarding journey in Year 7, but I now think it's best for her to escape the 'trumpet' blows and enjoy something new and exciting. I know she is about to spread her wings wide and make the most of what she's worked so hard towards.

Edwina Bowie



Wilpoorina Rose Garden



Iceberg.



Black Caviar.



Winx.



China Doll.

How fortunate am I. I have a beautiful rose garden at Wilpoorinna. Yesterday the thermometer was touching 45 degrees C. sometimes it's minus 2 degrees. Still they grow, with plenty of water. When I was ten years old Auntie Dorothy brought me a big bunch of yellow roses. I was in bed sick with tonsillitis. The fragrance and beauty wafting around my bed on our farm at Cleve.

How the bunch of roses transformed the room and lifted my spirit.

When Gordon and I were married in the 70's we moved to Wilpoorinna. I grew roses in pots, very ugly thorny pot plants, drinking loads of precious rainwater, for an occasional wonderful rose bloom.

Adam our son chose Cleve and living with Pop and Nanna for high school. I had sprinklers around the chook yard and coop to keep our chooks cool in the summer, Adam planted lucerne seed from Pops farm. Adam said lucerne plants need lots of fertiliser, so I heaped on the

horse manure. We soon had a lush crop of lucerne. Gordon fenced the area off from Dharma and Alfredi the poddy sheep. Cleaning up the veranda, I decided to cart the never doing much roses down the dump. Passing the lucerne patch, decided to give the roses a go there. In a rush, planted them amongst the lucerne.

Gordon had set up a pressure pump with a rack of leaver taps so very easy to water the lucerne patch.

The thorny sticks grew, soon hundreds of flowers from just a few bushes.

Roses are not able to take bore water so have lost the garden in droughts and restarted when the house dam fills again.

The rose garden is a joy. We still pick weeds or rocket leaves for the chooks. Bunches of roses for family and friends.

Iceberg white are prolific flowering bushes.

Black Caviar and Winx, stunning, like the racehorses they were named after.

Arabia is the cruellest thorny rose I've ever met. But tough



Candle Light.



Arabia.

and produces magnificent fragrant orange blooms.

A hardy wild rose that may have first grown on rocky outcrops crops in the Middle East.

Kate, Adam's wife gave me two Rugosa roses, heavenly scented and attract the native blue banded bees.

Birds fly into the sprinklers, butterflies breed deep down in the quiet green places.

A garden room that with a poetic imagination and shade cloth overhead teleports one to romantic pages of your favourite novel.

Lyn Litchfield



Easter Hunt: Sydney and Olicia Litchfield with their cousin Gussie.



After feeding the chooks green feed from the rose garden Winston caught a chick.



Boots & Bling Ball Fundraiser Success



L to R Back Row: Blythe Harvey, Sophie Hall, Delia Althorp, Kasey Nielsen, Elli Jenzen. Front Row Lexi Reed, Josie Rains Belle Mead.

The Boots & Bling Ball, formally known as the 'DES Governess Ball' has run 3 successful balls in the past as one of the Port Augusta Distance Education Supervisors (DES) fundraisers. The ball is the biggest fundraiser that the DES govies run which provide the Port Augusta School of the Air kids with resources and opportunities towards their learning. At this

year's ball it was encouraging to see the support we gained from business who appreciatively either gave sponsorship or donations towards the ball and of course the support of all those who attended. The DES group were able to fundraise over \$3000 from the ball which was incredible to see and much more than expected. Everyone spent the night celebrating the great cause

with music provided by Diversity Entertainment and getting their glammed-up photos taken by Carly Photography, everyone looked fantastic. We had the great catering done by the Port Augusta Souths Football Club which was also fantastic service. The night was full of fun shenanigans including a quiz which had everyone's brain ticking on how to spell Chattahoochee,

and of course a slow dance from our 'Belle and Beau of the Ball'. It was a great night well spent making memories, catching up with friends and making new ones, all while showing support for our rural and remote kids. We look forward to what next year will bring for our annual 'Boots & Bling Ball'.

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Boarding/Hostels/Second Home

Michelle Hilder, Ellen Litchfield and Mija Reynolds

Since the last report, letters were sent to the Minister for Education, Training and Skills requesting an increase to the State Education Allowance and Remote Travel Allowance. SA ICPA representatives also met with the Minister at delegation which was held on 13th September 2023. A letter has been received from The Hon Blair Boyer MP, Minister for Education, Training and Skills confirming that the State Education Allowance was increased to \$4,872.12, at the beginning of 2023, in recognition of an 8.6 per cent increase in the Consumer Price Index. The Remote Travelling Allowance currently at \$250 annually, will be doubled to \$500 from 2024.

Alana Moller has been appointed as the Boarding/Hostels/Second Home Federal Portfolio Leader for ICPA Australia. Alana sent out an email (10th August 2023) introducing herself and attached and included information of where ICPA Australia are at.

Please see below what the motions that were carried at the Federal Conference were focussed on:

Extract from email: There were 14 Boarding/Hostels/Second Home motions carried at the Federal Conference, the motions focussed on -

- The need for an increase to the AIC Basic Boarding Allowance (BBA) - In recent times an increase to the AIC has been a key recommendation across all categories (DE/BBA/SH) however the increase in boarding fees along with cost of living pressures and also the Direct Measure of Income funding model are having a major impact. We would welcome any supporting case studies on issues families may be having in this space.
- Changes to the AIC application form
- Direct Measure of Income funding model – this is the federal funding model used for independent schools and its characteristics and impacts have potential to increase barriers for access to boarding facilities for our families, both financially and otherwise. I have attached several submissions which explain the concerns with this model more thoroughly.
- Commonwealth Boarding Scholarships - <https://www.education.gov.au/commonwealth-regionalscholarshipprogram#:~:text=This%20program%20will%20offer%20scholarships,students%20from%20low%2Dincome%20families> The government is offering 100 scholarships to assist with boarding fees for families. As you will see from the link, this is still a work in progress and we had one motion regarding criteria/

eligibility for these scholarships this year.

- Motion A13 – seeking funding for students with a disability in residential boarding facilities, so that their needs can be met, and reasonable adjustments and accommodations can be implemented in accordance with The Disability Standards for Education 2005.

An email received from Kate Thompson, ICPA Federal Councillor/ICPA Federal Tertiary Portfolio Leader, advising that a call for submissions and evidence – Covid-19 Response Inquiry has been received from The Covid-19 Response Inquiry Panel consisting of the following: Ms Robyn Kruk AO, Professor Catherine Bennett, and Dr Angelo Jackson.

Extract from letter: This inquiry provides the opportunity to examine what worked well, what have been the longer-term repercussions of some of the policies put in place, and identify where we can make improvements to enhance our preparedness so that we have resilient and effective national systems and institutions to manage a future pandemic event. Closing date for submissions is Friday, 15th December 2023 11.59pm AEDT. Federal Council is in the process of preparing a submission.

Communication

Pamela Cuffe and Helen Williams

SCHOOL BROADBAND INITIATIVE (SSBI)

The Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) launched in January this year was established to grant a year of free home internet access to as many as 30,000 families who have school-aged children and are currently without internet connectivity. The Labor Government is now making it easier for eligible families to access 12 months free broadband over the nbn network with the launch of a new National Referral Centre to support the roll out of the SSBI.

The new National Referral Centre, led by Anglicare Victoria, now allows families to nominate themselves for the program directly.

Eligible families are issued a voucher they can redeem with a participating internet provider to access their free connection. Families can contact the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610 (Monday-Friday 10am-6pm AEDT), by visiting www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet or emailing studentinternet@anglicarevic.org.au.

For more information on the SSBI, visit www.infrastructure.gov.au/SSBI

Since the edition of Federal Focus there has been a further update: The SSBI program providing free home broadband has

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been extended to 2025.

The closing date for applications for eligible families to sign up to the program has now been extended to December 2024. Families already signed up to the program will now remain connected for free until December 2025.

CLOSURE OF THE 3G NETWORK

Please see attached some information links regarding the closure of the 3G network that will help everyone better prepare for the 3G closure.

3G network closing 30 June 2024 - Goodbye 3G (attached)

3G Closure video

Connectivity at Telstra video

Bars of coverage and 4G coverage equivalence

How to identify 3G devices not compatible with Telstra's 4G network (attached)

Telstra TGO repeater – 3G to 4G

Telstra GO Repeaters operate on both 3G and 4G and will not be impacted when 3G closes on 30 June 2024.

However, in some instances they may have been switched manually to only operate on 3G.

To help customers check this, Telstra have prepared some easy-to-follow instructions.

STARLINK

For those who are unaware Starlink offer a mobile payment option, which you can pause payment when not in use and then restart the payments when you want to use it again. Payments are in monthly blocks (30-day cycles). So, if you have a dish setup that you take with you or are thinking about getting a second dish to use in stock camps, camping in general or to take to outback shows that have no mobile service, then this is a great option. Price is a little more extra than the normal plans approx. \$174 per month, whereas permanent dishes on houses are only \$139 per month.

Starlink hardware is now \$599, or you can get a refurbished unit in Australia for \$299 until 1st January 2024.

TELSTRA DISASTER RESPONSE CAMPAIGN

Telstra has announced its Disaster Response campaign which will include a range of new initiatives. Initiatives include:

- Extra data automatically granted for post-paid mobile customers in a disaster affected area.
- The upgrade of 1000 payphones in disaster-prone areas, with free Wi-Fi, USB charging and backup power.
- Reaffirming our commitment to emergency roaming, and our intent to conduct a simulation within our own network as a first step to demonstrate it's possible.
- Launch of the Telstra Response Team – a new way to identify

our teams on the ground or at the end of our dedicated disaster assistance line.

- Trialling portable satellite technology that can help local communities connect when mobile and fixed connections are down in a disaster area.

- This is in addition to the temporary infrastructure, generators, and disaster recovery experts we deploy to help keep our customers and the community connected to Australia's largest mobile network.

More information about these initiatives and how communities can prepare themselves for disasters can be found on Telstra Exchange.

TELSTRA FAULT REPAIRS

Have you reported a fault on your Telstra landline? Has it been repaired?

Federal Communications Portfolio Leader Sally Brindal would like to hear from members if there have recently been any occasions where a fault has been reported, a ticket has been raised and then closed but the repair is not fixed. Please email Sally.

Distance Education

Kirsty Williams

Delegation in September was positive enabling SA ICPA to discuss a number of DE issues with various stakeholders; Open Access College Principal, Strategic Policy and External Relations manager at the Department for Education and the Minister for Education, Blair Boyer at Parliament House.

A new SOTA building being incorporated into the new RFDS building continues to look like a possibility. The department is currently negotiating the contract with the RFDS. If the new building does come to fruition, whilst a smaller site than what SOTA currently has, it is positive for the future of SOTA with new modern facilities.

The cessation of the Cert 3 being offered to supervisors at SOTA in 2023 has been disappointing however, a replacement for the course has been found using Tafe as the provider. This will be available for supervisors to commence in 2024 and can be completed in 6 months as opposed to the previous 12 months.

2023 has seen the return of mid-year intake at Kindy and Reception levels. This places additional pressures on DE schools in regard to staffing and it also comes at an extra cost to families who are required to put their child through an additional 6 months of school should they start mid-year.

CHANGE OF DATE: Geographically Isolated Distance Education (GIDE) Day has previously been held on December 1. To ensure ICPA capture as much interest and energy as possible, the next GIDE day will be held in the first half of 2024. Keep an eye out for an announcement of a new date soon and encourage everyone to get behind our GIDE families! GIDE Day is in recognition

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of the significant role families play in the compulsory education of their children right across remote areas of the country via Distance Education.

A detailed document with current issues that Federal Council have been pursuing in the DE realm can be found in a briefing paper that was released in October at [5555-icpa-aust-distance-education-briefing-paper-2023-24-final_1.pdf](#). A large focus remains on the need for a Distance Education Teaching Allowance (DETA).

Early Childhood Education

Edwina Bowie and Candice Brown

RICE: RICE had quite an eventful term 3 with the enrolment of five new children. Tania did an excellent job managing the two classes, and for 2024, I believe they'll have seven kids continuing in the RICE kindergarten program. Renee Bell introduced an online playday program, which has been a hit, especially for isolated children like Willa. The program includes engaging activities like counting, singing, story time, and various activities. In September, there was a meet and greet at the Arid Lands in Port Augusta, attended by RFDS, SA Landscapes Board, and SOTA.

RDA Far North's Childcare Consultation: RDA Far North has been researching the current and future childcare needs within the community, particularly focusing on Port Augusta and its surroundings. In pursuit of community input, they recently organized an online consultation meeting on November 13th to delve into the challenges and available options regarding childcare in the region. Kirsty Williams and Lucy Morphett participated in this session, offering their valuable views and ideas. The insights shared by Kirsty and Lucy are greatly appreciated.

Federal Council Engagements:

- Meeting with Minister Aly's Office: In October, the Federal Council held a meeting with Minister Aly's office during a delegation. Key discussions likely revolved around Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) concerns and pertinent policy matters.

- The Parenthood's Choiceless Report Launch: Another meeting attended was hosted by The Parenthood during the launch of the Choiceless report. This report may shed light on critical issues within the ECEC sector. Link to the report: [The Parenthood - Choiceless Report](#)

Awaiting Federal Government Responses:

- Reviews of ECEC: There is anticipation for the Federal Government's response to the ongoing reviews of Early Childhood Education and Care. These include the recently released IHC review and other pending reports.

Other Noteworthy Engagements:

- Julia Broad participated in a Grain Growers event before the delegations in October. The focus was on addressing workforce issues related to childcare. Solutions derived from this event

are under development to tackle these challenges in the agriculture sector.

A Federal Request: Julia Broad has requested support regarding motions A30 and A31 from the 2023 federal conference, aiming to establish a national working with children check. There's a history of efforts tied to the National Office for Child Safety implementing priorities from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. This involves overseeing the National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Child Sexual Abuse 2021-2030 and collaborating with regions to create consistent WWCC processes. They plan to use case studies for a uniform approach to child safety.

This year, they want collective support from all State Councils and the Federal Council to address the challenges arising from each state having its own system. They've asked for a summary of our state's current issues and, if possible, a couple of case studies. I'm unsure if we have had issues with our WCCC? They've suggested including this issue in advocacy efforts with each State Government to align them before meeting with the National Office for Child Safety.

Rural Schools and School Travel

Dani Chapman and Di Thomas

At State level the three motions that were raised and carried at State Conference have been actioned. Letters written and concerns discussed at delegation.

One of the biggest costs to families getting the children to and from boarding school is airfares. For some this is the only other means of travel other than driving them there themselves as there is no other travel services, eg bus. This is for some families a nine hour drive one way, taking them away from other commitments.

We are still asking for case studies from parents outlining the costs they incur for flights as well as the cost and time to get them to the plane. Also the time and cost of driving them there to boarding school as well. These can be sent to either Dani Dannielle.chapman7@bigpond.com or Di dogeyes64@gmail.com

During delegation members with MP Geoff Brock. One of the issues raised was the road conditions of outback SA and the importance of them being well maintained for safe travel. If members feel their road is needing attention, please call the Department Traffic Management Centre on 1800 018 313.

A number of meetings with relevant parties involved discussion around teacher recruitment and efforts to retain teachers in rural areas. Whilst the country incentive no longer expires after 5 years for rural teachers, it seems greater measures are required. The need for the government to provide a larger pot of funding and support for teachers and SSO's to attend professional development is necessary to equip teachers/SSO's with the skills required to deal with the ever-increasing number of challenges in a classroom. Currently it seems that schools are not funded

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accordingly to provide the necessary training required.

A small win for SA ICPA was announced during the meeting with Minister Boyer indicating that he is committed to doubling the Road Transport Allowance (RTA) from \$250 to \$500/year and that a further review of this allowance is scheduled.

At the Federal level two motions were submitted at year the 2023 Federal Conference, both were successfully carried and are extremely important.

- Capped Student Fares
- Implementation of Sensor devices on Vehicles that Transport school children

The new Federal Rural School and Travel Portfolio leader is Jen Ruska.

Federal Council will as always continue to advocate for the many levels associated with School Travel within the rural and remote context and we are currently in the process of developing a plan of action regarding the above motions. As always, the federal council welcomes any case studies your state has to support our advocacy on these and any other matters regarding rural, remote and isolated children. We will maintain contact with states and territories regarding these motions.

The conference portfolio report is available on the Rural School / School Travel Portfolio section of the website <http://icpa.com.au/au/portfolios/rural-schools-school-travel>

Specific Education Needs

Josephine Williams

State Council took the sub motions around Students with Additional Needs (SWAN) to delegation. Following a meeting with Minister Boyer it was arranged to have a meeting with the departments Inclusive Practice team to discuss professional development for staff to support students with additional needs and what assistance is available for families. Meeting was held 23/11/23.

With the support of the Indulkaninna Foundation and Sandy's Memorial Trust, ICPA SA and SPELD SA have worked together to bring quality literacy intervention to outback students, at a subsidised rate. SPELD SA continues to receive funding to provide this service on an as-needs basis, and families are encouraged to apply. Information to be circulated to SA ICPA families and updated on the website.

After federal conference I Darwin, Miffy Waugh was elected the portfolio leader for Specific Education needs. ICPA (Aust) members highlighted issues impacting access to equitable education for students with specific learning needs, which are summarised below.

1. Provision of Medicare rebate for telehealth services where this is not already accessible.
2. Provision of travel and accommodation assistance for travel to face-to-face specialist services.
3. Improved staff training for teachers in rural and remote locations.
4. Workshops for rural and remote parents of gifted students.

5. Early identification and intervention for learning difficulties.
6. Provision of additional resources in boarding schools for students with disability.
7. Access for all Australians to federally funded health clinics
8. Incentives to attract qualified health graduates to live and work rural and remote areas.
9. Rebates from Private Health Insurance companies for all Allied Health Services for children.
10. Increase of age-appropriate Mental Health resources and programs for rural and remote children.

Tertiary

Katrina Morris

Fee Free TAFE and vocational education is a joint initiative of the Australian and South Australian Governments providing tuition-free training places to students wanting to train, retrain or upskill.

Over 4,000 additional Fee Free TAFE places will be available at TAFE SA each year for the next three years commencing in 2024. This extension of the initiative represents a significant investment in training delivery in South Australia and will support industries facing skills shortages, growth industries and emerging sectors, creating more opportunities for South Australians to access new and high-level skills in priority areas such as: Care (aged care, childcare, health care, disability care), Hospitality and tourism, Technology and digital, Construction, Agriculture, Sovereign capability (for example manufacturing, and defence), and VET workforce.

The Australian Government Department of Education announced that if you are starting a teaching degree in 2024, you can apply for scholarships of up to \$40,000 to support your studies. Scholarships are available for new undergraduate and new postgraduate students. Applications are encouraged from various groups, including high-achieving students, First Nations students, people with disability, English as an additional language or dialect and those from rural, regional, remote or low socio-economic backgrounds. Applications close on 14 January 2024.

ICPA (Aust) believes that the below 4 issues need to be addressed in order to alleviate barriers for rural and remote tertiary students and the recommendations.

1. Appropriate financial assistance for relocation and ongoing costs associated with living away from home to access tertiary education
2. Access to financial assistance
 - Youth Allowance eligibility barriers including parental income limits.
 - Centrelink Processes
3. The implementation of tertiary measures and recommendations from reviews and election commitments
4. Appropriate Training and Incentives for Rural and Remote Educators and Allied Health Professionals.

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Richard and Janne Warwick

Sally Henery

Marla Oodnadatta

Digby and Bernadette Giles

Helen Williams

North West Branch

Joanna Gibson

Jill Greenfield

Lorraine Greenfield

Podcast Reviews

Jodie Keogh – SA Lone Members

2023 is over and again I can't believe how fast time moves! Here are some podcast suggestions for some downtime over the holiday period.

Rupert: The Last Mogul

Media's most powerful man. This is a six-part series from an investigative journalist charts Rupert Murdoch's rise from a small newspaper in Adelaide to a global media mogul. This is for fans of media and Succession.

Destination Boarding

With this increasingly being a major focus of mine over the next few months and years, this is a podcast for what you need to know about boarding schools and boarding insiders. From everything to packing lists, to waving the kids goodbye and what to expect from a boarder and beyond.

This American Life

A weekly podcast of a different theme and different people. Personal stories, funny moments, big feelings and surprising plot twists. This is a podcast you can dip in and out of, some themes might interest you, some may not. The ones I like are the ones I just hadn't thought about listening to but put on the background and then suddenly I'm intrigued where the story will end up.

Against the Odds

I think I've recommended this before but it really is a good family road trip podcast. It's interesting and also educational and each time I put this on in the car Lachie asks me to turn it up! It is narrated by adventurers and is about stories of survival. So many different scenarios and it's not boring to listen to!

Untrue: An (un) crime podcast for kids

A new kids podcast that's both a fun mystery for kids AND 'true crime' comedy for grown-ups. Now I haven't listened to this as it has just come out and I'm going to save it for my road trip with the kids back to NSW over new year. So hopefully it's good!

Instagram pages to follow

@sytlngyou

Fashion label, stylist, journalist based in Brisbane. Nikki Parkinson's page has fashion tips based on wardrobe basics and how to dress. Nikki's own fashion label Styling You is Australian made and include pieces for curves and comfort

@staceyfordphotography

Stacey lives on a cattle station in the Kimberley's and is an amazing photographer documenting life on the land, cattle stations and rural Australia. Her photos have recently been used in Ariat promotional material

@pollykimmart

Contemporary artist inspired by the Australian Landscape. Just gorgeous pieces of artwork!

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 for Girls	316 Unley Road, Hyde Park	08 272 6555	Louise Skull	lskull@walford.asn.au	www.walford.asn.au
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St Marks College	The Terrace, Port Pirie	08 8632 2800	Denise Arbon	salesianhouse@stmarkspirie.catholic.edu.au	www.stmarkspirie.catholic.edu.au
Westminster School	Alison Avenue, Marion	08 8276 0276	Darin Betro	dbetro@westminster.sa.edu.au	www.westminster.sa.edu.au

Public

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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

2024

Allowance	Who can apply?	How much?
Federal Allowances: Centrelink Assistance for Isolated Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	\$11,396 per year, made up of 2 components: \$8,856 - basic \$2,540 - additional subject to parental income and actual boarding costs \$8,606 minimum boarding charge threshold for Additional Boarding Allowance
Assistance for Isolated Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distance Education Allowance 	Geographically isolated and undertaking schooling via Distance Education	\$4,428 per year.
Assistance for Isolated Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second Home Allowance 	Geographically isolated and run a second home to access education.	\$6,726 per year paid in fortnightly instalments, for up to three students. \$20,178 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.	\$4486.27 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 2023 above which the Additional Boarding Allowance is reduced to \$55,626.

**2024 figures may increase with CPI

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