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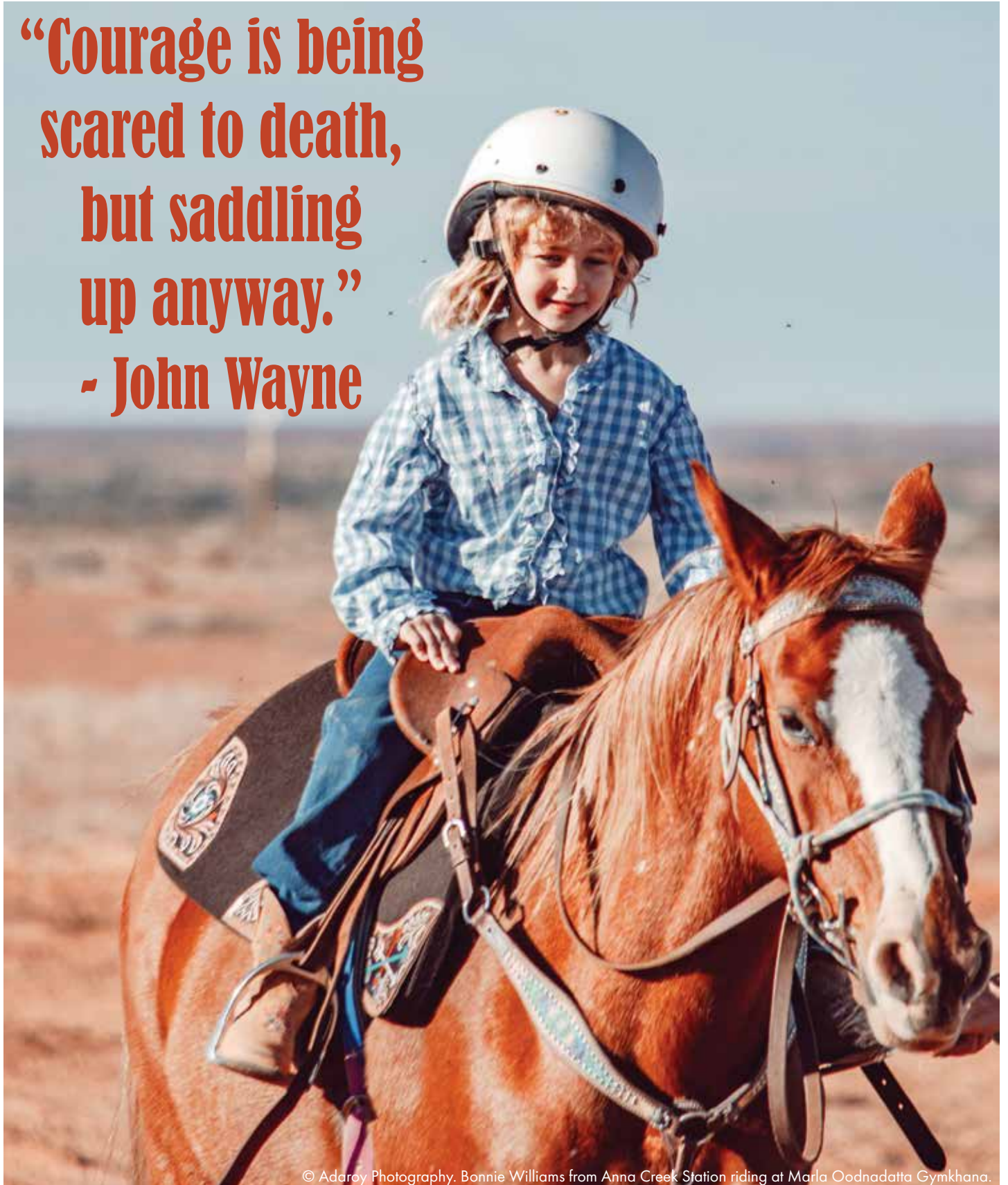
THE PIPELINE

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

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**"Courage is being
scared to death,
but saddling
up anyway."
- John Wayne**



© Adaroy Photography. Bonnie Williams from Anna Creek Station riding at Marla Oodnadatta Gymkhana.



From the President

One hundred and twenty-two – that’s the number of SA ICPA members there currently are in 2024. So I thought it would be a great way to start my report for the 2024 Winter Edition of the Pipeline by making sure I acknowledged each and every one of those members. To those who have encouraged someone new to join, gifted a membership, reminded a friend who

may have forgotten to renew or those who have just renewed like they do every year themselves, I offer you a very big thank you! Our current membership number is the highest it has been for quite some time which is amazing news. I wanted to make special mention of the Marree Air Branch and the Marla Oodnadatta Branch, who have managed to almost double their membership numbers in just 2 years. Our organisation will only continue to benefit from a steady and diverse membership base and I hope we can boost those numbers again over the next few years.

As usual the first half of the year is always focused on State Conference planning and then following through with the process of actioning motions with letters, delegations and advocacy. The 2024 State Conference held in Quorn and hosted by the Marla Oodnadatta branch was a great success. Anne Scammell and Sophie Matterson were wonderful and very fitting guest speakers, all our panellists and speakers throughout the day were interesting and informative and the motions were presented and debated in a passionate and respectful manner. There was a family friendly and relaxed atmosphere at the evening events and the cricket match at the conclusion of the conference was a fitting way to end the proceedings and a good way to remind us of the core reason for ICPA – the families and the kids of rural and remote South Australia. A big thank you to convenor Dani Chapman and all of the helpers from the Marla Oodnadatta branch for organising what was an excellent State Conference.

State Councillors have worked very hard on drafting motion letters and gathering case studies over the past couple of months and they have now been sent to the appropriate parties. We are still waiting to get any feedback from these letters and as soon as we have something to report, we will pass it on. We have however had some great responses from boarding schools in regard to the motions and discussions that were had around enrolments, scholarships and ever-increasing fees. A special thanks to SA ICPA State Secretary Hollie Williams, who has been the driving force behind the push to build greater communication channels between SA ICPA and the boarding schools and facilities across the state. You can read about this and other exciting developments in the Boarding Schools and Second Homes portfolio report in this edition of the Pipeline. We hope to have more details in the very near future about this years delegation and we always welcome any case studies that we can take to the ministers and government departments, that support any of our advocacy for the year. If there is anything you think could help, the please share them with any State Councillor.

In a recent Mailchimp I mentioned that the State Council were lucky enough to receive two grants, that were designed to support State Council in holding a face-to-face meeting and set of workshops designed to improve the skills of all councillors. After a few months of planning, 8 State Councillors met in Clare from the 29th to the 31st of May. We held our meeting on the first night and also

had the councillors who could not be in Clare with us join us on zoom. On Thursday we took part in a public speaking workshop, a meet and greet with the Member for Frome Penny Pratt and in the afternoon we participated in a targeted strategic planning session. It was especially special to have young Willa and baby Albie join us with their mums, who were a constant reminder of why we do what we do and why it is so important to hold these types of events to value and strengthen the commitment of our volunteers. Please take the time to read Publicity Officer Ellen Litchfield’s detailed report in the coming pages.

Speaking of grants, we are excited to say that the Peter Kenyon workshop created Volunteer Handbook has been finished and will be delivered to State Council shortly. We are working on the best way to get them out to members, so keep an eye out in your emails and on our socials as to how you can get your hands on one.

Now that winter is well and truly upon us, I hope that you will all be able to grab a seat by the fire and spend a while reading through this bumper edition of The Pipeline. I also hope that perhaps while you are doing that you are also listening to the sound of rain on the roof!

Belinda

From the Editor

I just love seeing so much content filling the Pipeline in colour! We have had a great response from many branches for this edition. So much so, I have had to leave some content out because these pages were bursting by the end of typesetting. Fear not! I promise I will carry the excess content over to our summer edition. The first half of 2024 has been hectic for our family as we made the transition to having a child go



away to boarding school. Which leaves only one Reynolds critter in the SOTA schoolroom. The adjustment for our family has been relatively smooth with a few bumps here and there. Our boarder is enjoying the daily face to face aspect of school and is loving the access to a variety of sports. My “critter” in the schoolroom has been lonely without his bigger sister here for company and this has proved our biggest adjustment in school life so far. However, we continue to attend as many face to face events within our community to make up somewhat for the isolation. I have personally enjoyed attending our State Conference in Quorn and more recently the Clare State Council face to face event held in May. The value these events bring both personally and professionally for ICPA is immeasurable as far as I am concerned. Gathering with like minded friends to discuss issues that affect our daily lives and families and then workshoping to resolve or reduce negative impacts can be very empowering. If you have not yet attended a State Conference or sat on the State Council I highly encourage it and believe it helps with personal growth and confidence. Shortly, I will be attending this year’s Federal Conference in Sydney and I’m very much looking forward to it. If you are heading over, I can’t wait to catch up! If you are considering going - please do! Meantime, I hope you are rugged up from the cold and have your brew of choice with you whilst you get stuck in to our latest edition. Please enjoy!

P.S. Want to see your kids/grandkids/self/friends in The Pipeline? Don’t forget to send in your content so we can publish your news, events and achievements.

Mija

State Council Workshop



L to R: State Secretary Hollie Williams, Kristina Crawford, Annabelle Homer from Voice It, State President Belinda Hatcher, Edwina Bowie, Di Thomas, Mija Reynolds, Campaign Strategist Isaac Astill, Ellen Litchfield holding son Albie, and Member for Frome Penny Pratt.

In May SA State council headed to the Clare Valley for a two day face to face workshop. It was a fantastic chance to connect and build up our advocacy skills. We acknowledge it is very hard for working women with families (as our members are) to get away but we managed to get 7 of our members there and on the zoom meeting we held whilst there we only had one apology!

We arrived on a Wednesday night with some of our members travelling over 9 hours to attend. That night we had a

great zoom meeting and covered off a lot of our priorities at a state and federal level. Thursday started bright and early with a Pilates zoom session with Mimi Gibson (her mother is a ICPA member).

Annabelle Homer led an interactive and informative session to improve our public speaking skills, a skill often required in advocacy. She gave us some great tips and we were able to notice an improvement straight away. Building confidence to speak about the issues you are passionate about is an invaluable

skill.

Penny Pratt Member for Frome joined us for lunch to chat about how we can best speak with our MPs, who to meet with and how we can engage all areas of parliament.

Our final session was with Isaac Astill, a campaign strategist who helped us to work through some novel concepts. Power mapping and critical pathways helped us highlight what is the most efficient use of our time. As we went around the room many of our members were second generation ICPA members

and this is a huge asset, but it also means we must make sure we are checking that we are being innovative in our approach to issues and not just following in others footsteps.

This workshop was a fantastic way to connect and feel inspired to continue striving for educational equality. The workshop was made possible with support from Beach Energy and Nutrien.

Ellen Litchfield



Discussing and implementing "Critical Paths" with Isaac Astill.



Councillors enjoy some R and R in Clare after a day of public speaking and campaign strategising.

Eyre Branch News



Top left: Di Thomas celebrates turning 60 with husband Johnny.

Middle and bottom left: Jay Johns from Streaky Bay graduated year 12 at Rostrevor and was awarded the coaches trophy for the Rostrevor Firsts football in 2023.

Mick and Sondra Kessell are doubly happy as both of their twins each got engaged this year.

Top right: Sam got engaged in Austria in May.

Middle right: Alexandra got engaged in January.

Flinders Ranges Branch News



Flinders Ranges Branch members Frances Frahn, Sharon McInnis and Amanda Hilder helped with our annual cheese platter fundraiser at the Hawker Races. They were joined by Hawker local Jessica Morgan.



Lily Hatcher attended the Pembroke School Formal.



Linda Haydon served up BBQ food with daughters Jessica and Sarah at the Hawker Races for an ICPA fundraiser.



Francis Frahn, Tracey(friend of Sonya's), Sonya Fels, Philip Fels, and Linda Haydon served at the ICPA fundraiser BBQ.



Matt Reynolds, Paul Noble from Elders, and Kel Haydon cooking the BBQ.

Flinders Ranges Branch News

Congratulations to Flinders Ranges Branch members on their successful cricket season.

Lachlan Hilder
Port Augusta Cricket Association U16 premiership (Central Augusta Cricket Club)
Quorn/Central Augusta Most Improved Player
Port Augusta Cricket Association U14 representative

James Reynolds
Port Augusta Cricket Association U13 premiership (Quorn Cricket Club)

Angus McInnis
2x premierships - Port Augusta Cricket Association U13 (Quorn Cricket Club) & U16 (Central Augusta Cricket Club)
PACA U13 Player Of The Year
PACA U13 Man Of The Match in Grand Final (a casual 5/1)
PACA U13 bowling aggregate
PACA U13 bowling average
PACA U13 batting average
QCC U13 bowling aggregate
Port Augusta Cricket Association U14 representative
Upper North SACA Country Carnival U14 representative

Angus has recently been selected in the U14 team for Northern Districts Cricket Club in the SACA Premier Cricket Competition 2024/25 season.



Angus McInnis (above and below).



James Reynolds.



Flinders Ranges Branch News



State Conference Branch attendees: Sharon Nutt, Lisa Slade, Mija Reynolds, Belinda Hatcher, Michelle Hilder & Sonya Fels. Absent: Bek Rasheed.



Aurelia Reynolds was awarded a certificate of Academic Effort for her first term at Wilderness School.



Marla Oodnadatta Branch News

The cooler months have finally come to the Marla Oodnadatta area, with brisk mornings and evenings and the days proving to be perfect working and mustering weather.

Plenty has been happening in the first 6-months of the year around the area for our small branch, it has been anything but quiet! Here are the highlights which are on top of everyone having been flat out with mustering.

William Creek Gymkhana was held on the 9th March. It was a fairly hot day but lots of fair and fun competition was had throughout the day. Leading horse riders was a family affair going to Reeve Reynolds, Pippa Reynolds and Bridie Ferguson. Lawson Rankin, Riley Ridsdale and Harvey Williams were the leading bike riders for the day. Worth the mention that all leading riders were SA ICPA Members!!!

The William Creek RFDS Clinic was officially opened by the Hon Mark Butler MP, Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care on March 15th, with Helen Williams, a life member of our Branch giving a speech on behalf of the community. Many

of our members were there to see the historic event.

Our branch hosted the SA ICPA State Conference in Quorn on March 22nd. Thanks to Dani Chapman for convening the day and to all our branch members including Kirsty Williams, Helen Williams, Jemma Simpson, Gerry Nunn, Louise Kohler and Hollie Williams who were able to be there and help with a successful day. A highlight for us was making the event a family friendly day with the inclusion of kids' activities and a cricket match at the post conference dinner (Please see Full conference report from Dani Chapman)

Damian, Cam, Harvey and George Williams played in the Northern Flinders Cricket Association Cricket Grand Final. Copley successfully defeated Quorn with ease.

Our MO Branch Cookbook (3rd edition) was launched at the state conference. A mammoth effort for Chantelle and Kirsty who compiled and designed the book from recipes sent in from all of our branch members. If interested in purchasing a cookbook to support our Marla Oodnadatta ICPA

Branch, please email a completed order form to marlaoodnadattaicpa@gmail.com.

On April 14th our MO Branch together with the Oodnadatta Racing and Horse Sports Committee catered for the "Shitbox Rally", feeding 524 people a roast dinner, a cooked breakfast and a packed lunch. A bit of fame came to Oodnadatta with Ambassador Caroline Kennedy on the rally – she bought a cookbook and wanted the kids to sign it!

Quorn Bronco Branding was held on April 27th headed by our branch member Dani Chapman. The Mt Barry team comprised of all Marla Oodnadatta ICPA members (Tony, Cam, Matt & Logan Williams) who came away with 2nd in both the Singles and Doubles. The SOTA Govies provided fun kid and adult activities at the conclusion of the day and into the night.

Oodnadatta Gymkhana was successfully held on May 11th with the weather supplying us with a cracking day! Leading Riders in the horses once again went to Bridie and her daughters, Pippa and Reeve. In the motorbikes, Jack Williams won

his first ever leading junior rider with Logan Williams winning Juvenile and Justin Nunn the Seniors. Again, all SA ICPA Members!!

A huge shout out to the Distance Educator Supervisors (DES) girls for helping at a number of events including the Quorn Bronco Branding and the William Creek and Oodnadatta Gymkhanas. Their enthusiasm and dedication is heartening to see, especially given their aim is to support and provide resources for SOTA kids.

Dani Chapman ventured to Darwin in May to complete a one-week SIM (skills practice) placement for her Bachelor of Nursing (RN) degree, through Charles Darwin University. Dani enjoyed upskilling and interacting with new people whilst learning and listening about their stories from working in the health care system. Quality health care is lacking in many rural and remote areas, so Dani feels her study is very worthwhile so she can help out in different places within rural areas of South Australia.



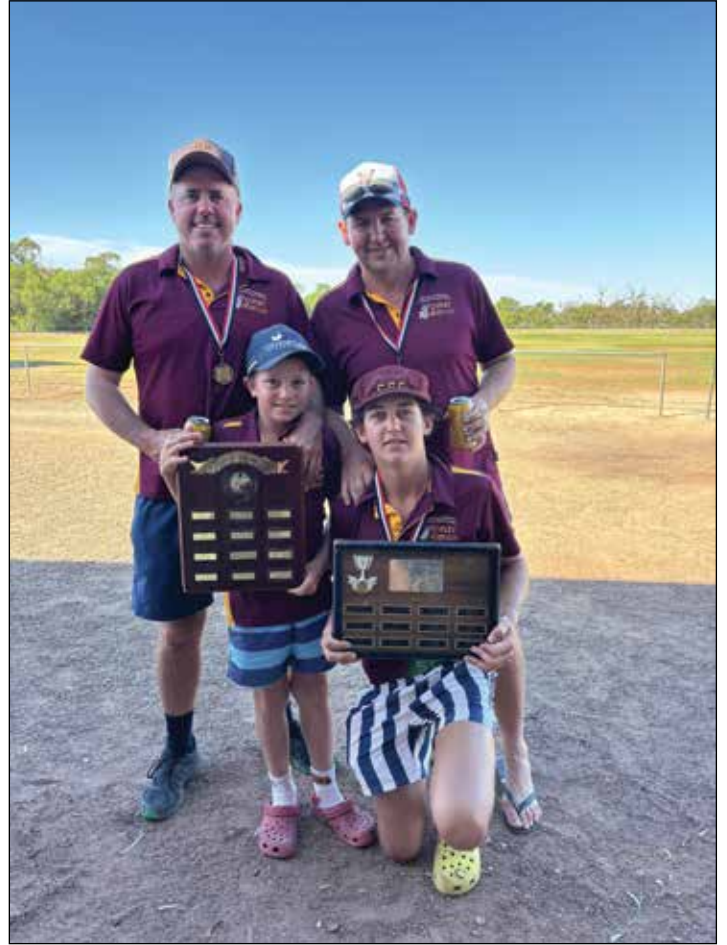
Oodnadatta Gymkhana: A time to hang out with your mates, Lawson Rankin, George Williams, Eli Ranki, Pippa Reynolds, Magenta Williams, Cameron Martin and Missy Reynolds.

**Upcoming Events 2024: Oodnadatta Bronco Branding 13th July
Coober Pedy Gymkhana/Motokhana 10th August
William Creek Bronco Branding 17th August**

Marla Oodnadatta Branch News



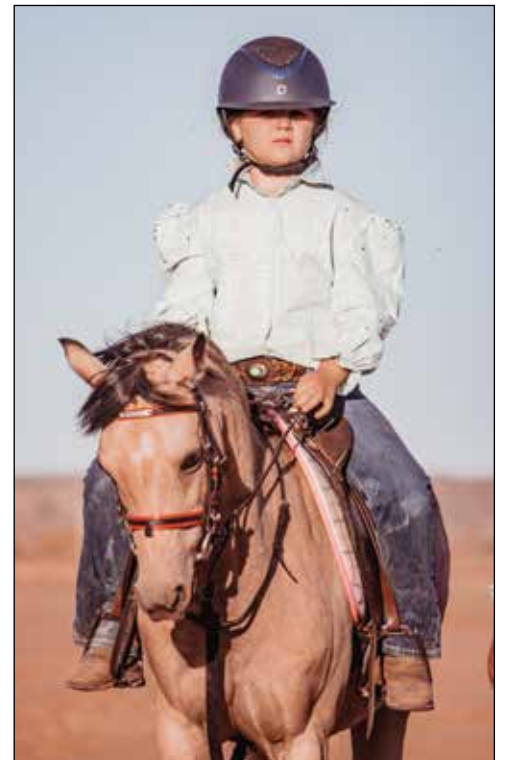
Magenta with her Govie Chloe at sunset after walking cattle.



Copley Cricket Grandfinal: Damian, Cameron, Harvey & George Williams.



William Creek Gymkhana: Lenny Williams, Boot Toss.



William Creek Gymkhana: Honey May Fennell competing in Gymkhana.

Marla Oodnadatta Branch News



RFDS Opening: Williams Children.



Oodnadatta Gymkhana: Jack Williams Junior Bike Leading Rider.

A photo competition was run in conjunction with the 2024 State Conference. The 20 members' entries showed some incredible talent with a huge variety in everyone's take on their educational journey. Each photo was blown up to A3 size and provided the perfect wall decorations at the state conference. The photos received fantastic feedback including ABC reporter Kate Higgins, wanting all the details for a future story. Sophie Matterson, our Guest Speaker who is an adventurer and who also happens to be a photographer, had the tough task of judging the photos. A huge thank you to all those that entered and congratulations to the winners.

See opposite page for winning pictures.

Under 7

1st Lenny Williams: These Machines make BIG Tracks

2nd Eli Cuffe: Every day is different and fun

3rd Missy Reynolds: I wish I could ride my motorbike to school!

Under 12

1st Magenta Williams: My road follows my brothers

2nd Reeva Reynolds: Sunset ride with my big Sis on the road to school.

3rd Lucy Williams: Everyone is good at something! Like Percy our peacock, everyone's bright colours show in different ways.

Under 17

1st Logan Williams: The long road is better on sunset with a Honda

2nd Pippa Reynolds: Clear morning for a ride before school

3rd Abby Sheridan: This is the road that I have been travelling on to Port Augusta SOTA for 8 years. Now I travel on it to go to high school in Burra.

Adults

1st - Katrina Morris: We have to take the golden moments along the way

2nd - Hollie Williams: On the road to somewhere

3rd - Bridie Ferguson: Traffic Jam on the school run

Marla Oodnadatta Branch News

Marla Oodnadatta Branch Photo Competition WINNERS

‘What does your education Track look like?’



U7 1st



U7 2nd



U7 3rd



U12 3rd



U12 1st



U12 2nd



U17 2nd



U17 1st



U17 3rd



Adult 1st



Adult 2nd



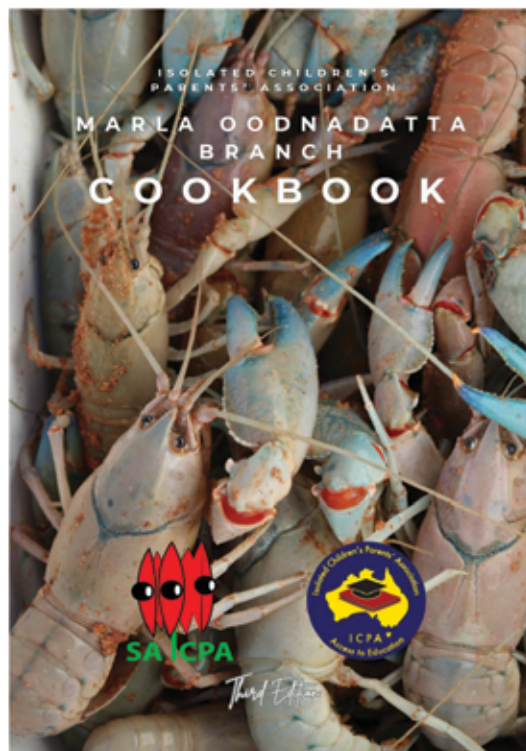
Adult 3rd

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Marree Air Branch News

On 8th May 2024, the Marree Air Branch hosted lunch for 105 adventurers who were participating in the Variety SA Northern Flinders Dreaming 4WD trip. Perfect Autumn weather in a beautiful setting at the Dulkaninna Campground, resulted in many happy travellers remarking how lovely the spot was. Scotch fillet was donated by Rangers Valley Beef and our steak burgers went down a treat! We are grateful to have been approached by Variety SA to cater for them – we all know fundraising opportunities can be few and far between. Daily life has been relatively busy for each branch family between mustering, travelling for events, school events, tourism businesses and volunteer commitments. There has been varying amounts of rain in our sparse area with some families receiving lovely falls toward the end of summer/early autumn. We hope that there's some widespread rain coming soon for all!

Please mark these upcoming events in our area:

**Marree Gymkhana & Motorkhana –
8 & 9th June**

Marree Camel Cup – 6th July

**Innaminka Horse & Bike Gymkhana
& Bush Sprints – 31st Aug & 1st Sep**

Lucy Morphett, President



Bridie and daughters Pippa and Reeva won at both William Creek & Oodnadatta Leading Gymkhana riders in the juniors, juvenile and adult age groups

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Marree Air Branch News



Reeva and Matey.



Ben Rasheed.



Riley Ridsdale.



Justin Nunn.



Roy Nunn.



Pippa on Henry.

Marree Air Branch News

Copley Gymkhana Wrap up

It was a beautiful sunny autumn day on the 13th of April for the 2024 Copley and Districts Gymkhana and Motokhana. With over 200 spectators and competitors through the gate, it was bound to be an action packed day out for the community.

The organising committee was thrilled to have such a great turn out with large numbers nominated in each age group for both horse and motorbike events. Also with recent years being plagued with bad weather, it was exciting to finally land a spectator and competitor friendly day. Committee member Christopher Reynolds said 'it was good to see so many people out for the day to support our event, some travelling a long way to do so.'

With a whopping 91 individual competitors in total, competition was certain to be fierce and many leading rider awards were reached by count back or only separated by a mere point.

Reeva Reynolds of North Moolooloo, aided by pony Matey, won the leading under 10 award. Also of North Moolooloo, Pippa Reynolds on Henry won the under 15 age group. Senior leading rider Emily Nicholls said 'it's a fair bit further to travel for the gymkhana these days, coming from Minlaton, but we look forward to it every year and it's a bonus winning some fuel money'. The gymkhana horse of the day was Henry who had many placings throughout the day in both junior events with Pippa and senior events with his owner Bridie Ferguson.

In the motorbikes, it was Roy Nunn of Wooltana Station who took out the under 8 rider of the day. Ben Rasheed from Minburra Station won the under 12 category and Riley Ridsdale of Appila was named under 16 leading rider. Plenty of dust was raised during the fast and hotly contested senior bike events and it was sometimes hard for the judges to determine winners, often referring to their videos of the finish. Once the dust has settled it was Justin Nunn of



Emily on Warner.

Wooltana Station who was the most successful senior rider.

Not all the events were for the keen horse and motorbike riders though with some decent prize money and bragging rights up for grabs in the egg toss and rooster chase. The kids were kept busy with foot races, games and a lolly toss.

The undercover area started to fill as the sun went down and the event goers enjoyed a cold beverage and lovely warm meal prepared by Helen McLeod of Copley and her helpers. With live AFL matches playing, the crowd got involved by guessing the winning margins for both games played that evening.

The competitions hadn't finished yet with the introduction of the very entertaining 'Circle C Copley Colt ride' created and sponsored by Jonathon 'Chook' Hatcher.

Many contenders tried their luck and tested their balance as they rode a slippery saddled up 44 gallon drum along a length of pipe as quickly as they could. In a slick time of 2.44 seconds, Justin Nunn took home the healthy prize pool and Circle C cap. 'It was a good day of quality competition made better walking away with leading rider and a win on the Copley Colt' said Justin.

An evening auction and a raffle was put on to raise funds for MND South Australia and the committee are proud to have donated a huge \$5000 to the cause this year.

DJ Superstan of Port Augusta kept the dance floor pumping well into the night and party-goers were able to let their hair down after a long day.

Keep an eye out for next year's date to be announced- Catch ya @ Copley 2025!

Kaeli May



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Lone Members News



Lachie - spending lots of time riding 'Princess'.

Thank you to Helen Williams who in 2023 was the Lone Member Officer, I look forward to continuing to share what's going on with our lone members.

Shane and Paddy Rowe of Almerita Station become grandparents to little Alfie William John Nicholls in February.

It was great having 4 Lone members at the State Conference. Thanks to Jodie Keogh and Anna Nunn who took on the delegate roles for the Lone Members and also to Anna who took photos throughout the day. Another thanks to our members Georgy Ewing and Trish Ellen who volunteered their time to help the Marla Oodnadatta Branch and welcomed conference comers on the check-in desk. Georgy and Trish (Revise) also donated a pot of quince jelly to each conference bag.

Justin Nunn played for Copley against Quorn in the Northern Flinders Cricket Grand final – the win making it 4 in a row for Copley!!

A motion was passed at the SA ICPA 2024 AGM that Lone Member Subs be increased to \$50, this was carried, and the increase will come into effect in 2025.

Jacob Keogh started his boarding journey at Downlands College in Toowoomba, it's fair to say he enjoyed getting home for the first school holiday break!!

Lone Member Phil Noble from Prince Alfred College (PAC) has supplied SA ICPA with a letter to all families that wish to look into applying at their school. The letter is very welcoming and a wonderful resource to have.

Jacob, Lachie and Clem Keogh along with



Paddy and Shane Rowe with grandson Alfie.

Roy and Ada Nunn competed at the Copley & Districts Gymkhana. A show of dedication to the Keogh boys with Jodie and Nathan travelling a whopping 1240km round trip so their sons could compete and socialise with their mates. Not to be outdone by the kids Justin Nunn competed in both the horses and bikes and Nathan Keogh in the bikes. Nathan's dad Mike even had a barrel run on his old bike, a vintage Suzuki 175. Well done Roy on winning leading under 8 bike rider and dad Justin on leading adult bike rider!

The Channel Country is having a decent season with some rains and the Cooper Creek has been flowing steadily all year round.

Hollie Williams (Lone Member Officer)



Jacob - Year 8 Downlands College.



Nathan and Lachie Keogh out for a ride.

Handy Home Tip's from your Lones

- When cooking schnitzels or crumbed steak line your pans with baking paper before putting oil in - nothing sticks!
- A large onion ring makes the perfect ring to fry an egg in
- Prepare big batches of biscuit dough and freeze in rolls, then slice and put on a baking tray. Biscuits ready in 20 mins and fresh when needed.
- Newspaper between layers of bagged mince in the freezer will stop them freezing together.
- Don't put up too many signs - no one reads them!
- To clean your shower head, tie a bag of vinegar around it and leave overnight.
- Fold and store bedding inside a pillow-case to keep together
- Spray dirty work clothes with spray & wipe before washing and add a dash of Jasol to the load – Clean and nice smelling work clothes!



Ada is enjoying competing on her horse Baby.

North East Branch News

The weather has been somewhat up and down in the north-east these past few months. We had a week worth of 40 degrees at the end of March, to then have a few chilly mornings in the middle of May. Of note, the -3.5 wasn't particularly nice! The branch held its AGM in January of this year. We were all set for a face-to-face meeting in Yunta, but at the last hour we had to make the call to change it to a Zoom meeting due to thunderstorms rolling in around the area. There were some good falls and little did we know there would be very little after that as we've hit the half way mark of the year with very little rain recorded for the year.

Our 2024 positions were elected:

- President: Leisa Breeding
- Secretary: Jo Williams
- Treasurer: Leisa Breeding
- Publicity Officer: Katie Robinson
- State Council Delegates: Jo Williams and Kristina Crawford.

Thank you again for taking on these positions, we are a very small branch and appreciate your time fulfilling these roles. We had four members attend the 2024 State Conference in Quorn. Leisa, Leah, Kristina, and Byron made the trip to the beautiful town hall. The conference had a lot of motions to work through with some fantastic guest speakers on the day.

A great family orientated day with cricket being a hit with the whole family on the Friday night along with a fundraising auction.

Congratulations to the Oodnadatta Branch for a very successful conference.

Currently the branch has 7 students currently studying through both Port Augusta and Broken Hill SOTA. Three attending Burra Community School and two attending school in Adelaide.

One of those students who has started her high school journey at Burra Community School is Abby Sheridan, from Braemar Station, who has written a few words about her first few months at high school.

"I started year 8 at Bura Community School this year. I'm in my second term now and I have made lots of friends and have loved playing lots of sport. I really like that I get a lot of different opportunities to play sport. This year I have represented Burra in swimming, athletics, basketball, and netball. I also play for the local BBH netball team which I have really enjoyed.

I do miss being at the station, especially when we were shearing but some of it was in the school holidays, so I did get to help out."

Katie Robinson



Charlotte and Riley Drennan feeding the Burra Community School Friesian steers.



Riley Drennan racing at the Morgan Motorcycle Club.



Hanna and Sophie Crawford's prizes for winning Rider of the Day for their age groups at the Yunta Gymkhana.



Abby Sheridan with her U13 champion sports day medal.



Tom Curtain came to Broken Hill SOTA studio and Ella, Hanna and Sophie Crawford from Weekeroo, enjoyed his tunes over teams.

North West Branch News



Wool bale mermaid: Paisley Raie Curnow basks in the sun during Parakylia's shearing.

Hello Pipeliners, from the North West!

It's incredible how time flies—it feels like just yesterday I was sharing updates from the North West. The past six months have been a whirlwind, I guess time flies when you're having fun!

At the start of 2024, heavy rainfall blessed some areas of the North West. Wilgena experienced a good downpour of 30mm shortly after the new year, transforming Tarcoola Road into a temporary river during my return trip from Adelaide. However, the North West has substantially dried up, and it feels like we are all parched for a good drop once again.

The shearing season has been and gone, marking a busy period for families on stations at Arcoona, Wilgena, North Well, Yudnapinna, Parakylia, and Mt Vivian. Despite the heat and intensity of the shearing sheds and yards, shearers and station hands worked tirelessly. Lots

of wool was shorn, and a lot of mouths were well-fed. Our photos capture the fun of the shearing sheds and season, but perhaps not the conditions we stick it out in. At the start of Wilgena's shearing, pilot Paul Williams, an old North East branch SAICPA member, came down from the sky in his Cessna 172. Anyone who knows Paul knows what a character he is. True to his wily form, Paul survived the crash and has been on the road to a full recovery, for which we are super grateful. The start of the year saw our young SOTA students returning to school and marked the beginning of the boarding school journeys for Ryder Rankin, Year 8 at Pembroke, and my daughter Winsome Matheson, Year 7 at Walford. I'm happy to report that both have settled in, despite the challenges of moving away from home and their creature comforts. They are getting into the swing of things

in the big city and making the most of the activities available. It was reassuring to know that they have their older siblings to guide them through their transition.

Meanwhile, some of our younger North West members are growing like weeds. Little Hudson Willis joined his siblings in the schoolroom at Arcoona, while his big sister Ruby Willis excels in her studies in year 8 through Open Access College. Hudson has a special year of kindergarten on RICE with his brother and sister in the classroom at Arcoona, with mum Candice as supervisor, before both older siblings head off to boarding school in 2025. Young Paisley-Raie Curnow from Parakylia Station is set to begin her schooling journey with the mid-year intake for kindergarten. We wish Paisley-Raie the best of luck in the station schoolroom and her mum, Alana, as well. Alana has had plenty of

experience, with many years of governing in Queensland under her belt so she'll take to it like a duck to water.

In the midst of the fun of the first term, some of our older students, Hayden Rankin, Year 11, and Max Matheson, Year 12, celebrated their first formals. It turns out that the school formal is serious business—suit hire, gown purchasing, nails, hair, and all the whizz-bang that goes along with it. Petie made it down to see Hayden off in her beautiful dress, and Ian and I made the trip during shearing to see Max off with his formal date. Sometimes I wonder if our city counterparts understand the efforts we go to in order to see our children and not miss key moments in their lives. Formal aside, both Hayden and Max are now neck-deep in their studies. Years 11 and 12 can be pretty stressful years for our students.

This year's State Conference was attended by five of our members. We all enjoyed the day in Quorn, and I feel that the North West branch, though small, is very active and engaged. On the day, I had the privilege of presenting Jill Greenfield with her State Council Life Membership. It was a lovely honour, as Jill has done so much for our community, branch and State Council. I encourage all members to attend the State Conference, as it is quite rousing, inspiring you through the stories and motions presented. Sometimes, when you're at home in the doldrum of the routine of station life, it feels like nothing will ever change. However, coming together on challenging issues reveals that change is within our grasp, and it's up to us to make it happen.

At the end of May our branch held a zoom meeting, we'd been hoping to come together physically for a 'Paint n Sip' weekend but our busy diaries

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have meant we couldn't make it come together. On the meeting we discussed that Jill and I are heading to Sydney in July to attend the 2024 Federal Conference, where we will represent our small branch as delegates. We have three motions to present, focusing on issues related to the Youth Allowance and the costs associated with compulsory placements for tertiary students.

Congratulations are in order for Megan and David Henderson from Mt Vivian, who welcomed their second grandchild, Hugo—a beautiful brother for Lara. Hugo and Lara will no doubt be spoilt rotten by their grandparents.

Happy 2nd birthday to one of our youngest members, Tanner Crowell from North Well. Tanner recently experienced her first shearing at North Well and is the sweetest little thing with her tight curls. Willa and Tanner recently played together at the Kingoonya Pub during one of their special 'Pizza Nights.'

At the end of February, Tanner, Willa, and Will Chamberlain came together for a RICE playday at Wilgena Station. The end of March marked the end of shearing at Mulgathing Station and also the departure of the Chamberlain family. It was disappointing to see them leave the North West, and we wish them the best of luck. However, it's great to see that young Will has remained on the RICE lessons with his fellow kindergarten friends.

Out and about, Jill Greenfield, along with her husband Col from Billa Kalina Station, and their eldest daughter Laura and son-in-law Ben Hewitt from Pernatty Station, all made the journey to Beef Week in Rockhampton, Queensland. Whilst there Jill sat in on the ICPA session, I'm sure it would have been interesting listening to the Queenslander's thoughts and



Hudson Willis shows off his kindy creation.

views on the issues presented there.

Excitingly, Jill's middle daughter Anna is back at university and is on a career path to teaching, following in her mother's footsteps. Imagine if Anna ends up at SOTA and possibly teaches my little Willa when she starts there, hooray!

I was sad to hear that Joanna Gibson of Yudnapinna Station lost her father in April. He was somewhat famous on Tarcoola Road, as there was a corner named after him—Grumpy's Corner. Our condolences to Joanna and her family.

Joanna's daughter Molly is also back hitting the books at university and is studying nursing while juggling work in the Northern Territory. Like mother, like daughter, as Joanna is a nurse herself. I can see Molly working for the RFDS base in Port in no time.

As always, the remaining Rankin boys from The Twins, who have yet to hit boarding school and the big smoke, have been super busy. I hear that Lawson has been busy competing at motocross events, while Eli has been attending basketball and football clinics, showcasing the sporting prowess that they are both known for.

My little Willa enjoyed a holi-

day in the West with her brothers and sister home from boarding school. She loved joining us out in the dinghy fishing on the inlet. It was a great break for us after juggling shearing, cooking, and school commitments. I'm so grateful for the online playdays RICE has running every Tuesday. I'm especially aware that Willa needs interaction with other kids now that she is my only child at home, with my other older children always having had one another for company when they were young on the station. Caileigh has been doing a great job running the session, and it's lovely to see other young station kids singing nursery rhymes and reading stories.

My trip to the West brings me to my final piece of North West news... Pilates! While I was in WA, I attended some Pilates sessions and found them incredibly enjoyable and beneficial. It felt like all the exercises I had been given by the physio and chiropractor were rolled into one, and it didn't feel too strenuous or chore-like. I mentioned this to the North West girls, and to my surprise, Joanna's eldest daughter, the beautiful Mimi Gibson, is actually a Pilates instructor! Mimi generously offered her services to us, and I am super grateful. Pilates has been immensely beneficial for me—it strengthens the core muscles in my T zone, which I don't have great control of. It's become a fantastic outlet for me, providing some much-needed "me time" while also being beneficial for my body. Unlike my attempts at sticking to yoga routines (Yoga with Adriene), which often fizzle out, Pilates feels different—it feels good and achievable. Perhaps it might be something some of you would enjoy too. Consider joining in with Mimi's Pilates classes if it sounds like something you'd enjoy. Details to join are in the advertisement. Until the next Pipeline, farewell! Perhaps I'll see you at Mimi's Pilates session. xx

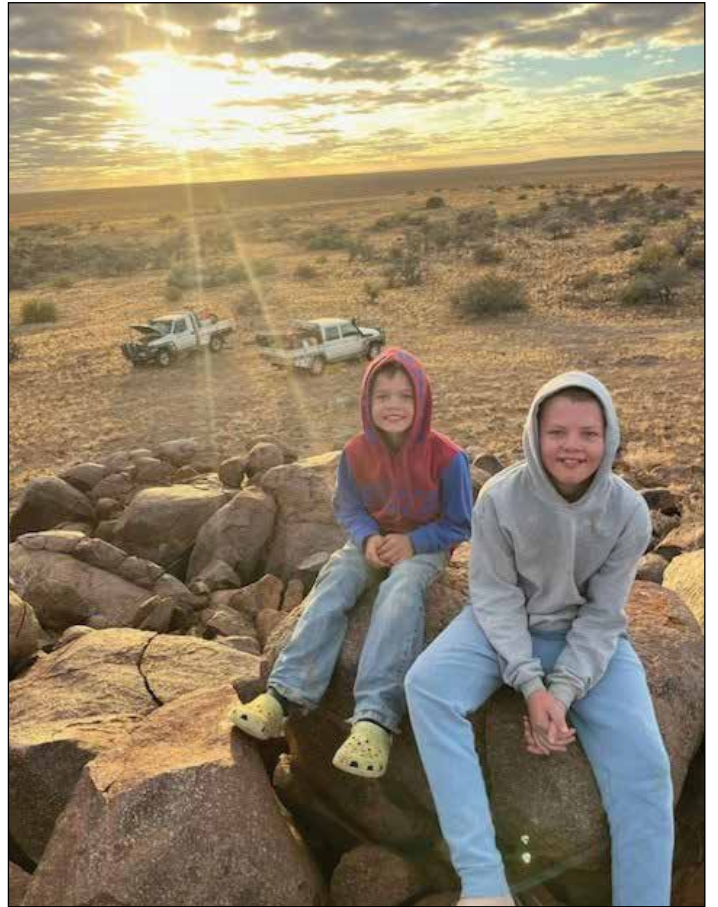


Col Greenfield joined his daughter Laura Hewitt along with wife Jill and Laura's husband Ben at Beef Week.

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Max Matheson 'Matho' and one of his maths awards from this year.



Lawson and Eli Rankin.



Laura Hewitt and Mimi Gibson.



Megan and David Henderson with their newly born grandson Hugo and his sister.

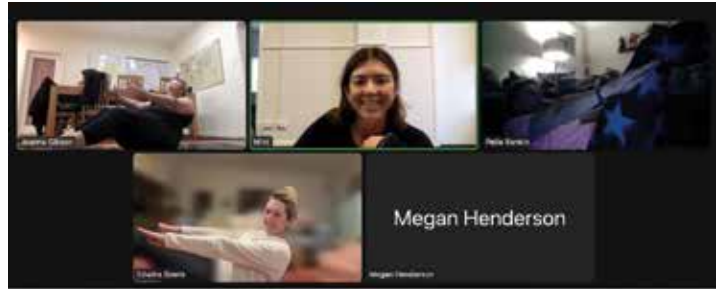
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Max Matheson with his formal date and parents.



NW branch members at state conference.



Little Tanner from North Well helping dad Toby during shearing.

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Winnie Matheson and Lucy Williams at the Pink Concert.



Rankin Tanner and Willa Matheson at pizza night.



Above: The beautiful Hayden Rankin with her brother Ryder off to her first school formal at Pembroke.



Left: Sam Matheson visiting the Rankins at Pembroke.



Tanner and Willa enjoying RICE activities.



Winnie, Sam and Willa Matheson with Aurelia Reynolds at Head of the River.



Nelson, Ruby and Hudson Willis at the start of the school year 2024.

Port Augusta Branch News

The Port Augusta Branch has been busy with our local events, providing excellent opportunities to raise funds for ICPA and other local charities. With many members serving on multiple committees, responsibilities are seamlessly shared among different individuals on event days. The recent Nonning gymkhana proved to be a resounding success, drawing a vibrant crowd of enthusiastic youngsters eager to lend a hand. It was heartening to witness the active participation of numerous families, including parents and children alike, both in helping and competing.

Pamela Cuffe, Chris Fulton, Chloe Hunter, and I had the pleasure of representing our branch at the State conference in Quorn, graciously hosted by the Marla/Oodnadatta branch. It was a refreshing to immerse ourselves in a smaller community again, while advocating for the well-being of our children. Sophie Matterson, with her inspiring and insightful speech, left a lasting impression on us all. The charming old town hall added to the ambiance, and the branch deserves commendation for fostering inclusivity by organizing events like the scavenger hunt and cricket match, which proved to be a fantastic way to engage the entire family.

The bee project remains a continuous learning journey of our branch, fostering unity through various activities. From regular hive inspections to the sale of our honey at community events, each endeavor brings us closer together. With every interaction, both young and old alike deepen their understanding of beekeeping. If you'd like to try some honey, please don't hesitate to contact us – we have plenty of honey to share!

Katrina Morris



Sunset on shearing 2024 at Wilkitana.



Will O'Neill plays in his first year with BMW Junior Colts.



Bonnie Morris and Alex O'Neill competed at the Nonning Gymkhana.

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Left and Above: Port Augusta Branch members in action at the Nonning Gymkhana 2024.

Payton's USA STEM School Tour

I was very fortunate for the STEM tour Walford provided for 10–12s students to go over to America and spend 11 days over there. On our first day, we landed in San Francisco, where we stayed in a hostel facing the Golden Gate Bridge. On our first day, we drove an hour out of San Francisco to an Exploratorium, where we had a tour and got information about electricity and other interesting things. On our second day, we got to explore and walk along the golden gate bridge, which was an unreal experience for me. After we left the golden gate bridge, we got back on our tour bus and headed to the wharf, where we took a ferry to Alcatraz, which was one of my favourite things on the stem tour. We had electronic tours around Alcatraz and the island, and we were allowed to go into the prisoners cells, which felt so weird to be standing where once a prisoner once stood. After our tour of Alcatraz, we got to have a tour around San Francisco and see famous and popular places such as the Palace of Fine Arts and the house off of Full House. After we adventured around, we got to explore Chinatown and get dinner. Once it was dark, I got to experience going down one of the San Francisco cable cars, which was a lot of fun. Once our two days in San Francisco came to an end, we court our next flight into Huntsville, where we spent five days in the Space Camp, where me and many of my friends got to experience simulators and train like astronauts. Once we were all trained up, we were sent off on

a mission on Mars, which took 2 hours to complete, which was one of the most incredible experiences. But space camp wasn't all about simulators and missions; we also had to do scuba diving training, which astronauts do as part of their training too. On our last day, I was put into this large room, which was anti-gravity, where I was able to float around and moon jump, which was so much fun. Once me and the rest of the girls who came on the stem trip graduated from space camp, we hopped back onto our tour bus and drove 2 hours to Nashville, where we unfortunately only spent a night and a day there. Nashville was one of my favourite cities I got to go to while being in America. Once we arrived in Nashville, we went straight to our hotel and got into our rooms to put our bags away. Straight after that, we left our hotel and went and got dinner at Raising Canes, which the group was very excited about. After dinner, we walked down town to Broadway, which was filled with cowboys and western shops and bars. The next day we had a Taylor Swift tour, where we visited Centennial Park and the Blue Bird Café. We also visited the Country Hall of Fame and had a tour there. Once our tour finished, we got onto the bus and headed to the airport to fly into Dallas, Texas, where we unfortunately missed our flight into Sydney. We spent 20 hours in the airport, but overall, I am very grateful for this experience of a lifetime, and I recommend doing a stem tour if you are offered it.



Payton Lord in the USA.



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Meet South Australia's newest State Life Member

Jill grew up in the south east of South Australia on a farm. She attended the local primary and secondary school and then went to boarding school in Adelaide for her final two years.. Following this, Jill went onto complete a Bachelor of Primary Teaching at the University of South Australia, Adelaide. Jill started her journey as a trained teacher in the governess position at Wintinna Station in the state's Far North. Shortly after, Jill met her future husband Col at the William Creek Gymkhana, they later settled at Billa Kalina to manage the family station.

As a mother of three beautiful daughters, Jill herself has faced the unique challenges of raising children in remote and isolated regions, embracing the role of educator, and helping to teach her daughters through the School of the Air during their primary years.

Jill joined ICPA in 1998 and over the past twenty six years, she has held many positions as an ICPA member, including branch secretary (from 2000 to 2018), branch president, branch delegate and was co-convenor of two state conferences. Jill was also on the convening committee 2019 in Adelaide when SA hosted the federal

conference and is again on the committee convening for the 2025 federal conference. Jill was awarded NW Branch life membership in 2017 at the pre state conference dinner.

Jills steadfast support and tireless efforts as our previous SA ICPA State President, Immediate Past President and earlier in the role of State Treasurer, was instrumental in helping to shape our association and advocate for the needs of isolated children and their families across our state.

At the 2024 South Australia Isolated Children's Parents Association (SA ICPA) State conference the SA ICPA State Council proudly recognised Jill Greenfield for her invaluable contributions and awarded her State Life Membership.

Thank you, Jill Greenfield for your years of dedicated service, leadership, and friendship to many. Your unwavering commitment to SA ICPA has touched the lives of many individuals and families, leaving a special mark on our association and our communities. You are a testament to the power of unity and collective action in pursuit of a common goal.



State Council & Portfolio Reports

Boarding/Hostels/Second Home

Hollie Williams

- Hollie Williams is leading the Boarding/Hostels/Second Home Portfolio with the help of Ellen Litchfield & Mija Reynolds
- 4 Motions were raised at the SA ICPA State Conference and letters have been sent.
 - o Increase to the SEA
 - o Availability of year 7 boarding
 - o Designated ICPA bursaries at Adelaide Boarding Schools
 - o Help federal council in their efforts to increase the AIC
- We have had a good response from the boarding schools around scholarships and year 7 intake. We will summarise and send to SA ICPA Members once all responses received. If you are looking to send your child to boarding school, it is best to look at scholarship applications and closing dates ASAP.
- National Boarding Week 2024 was May 12-18. National Boarding week 2025 May 11-17.
- Federal Council have included in their Pre-Budget Submission 2024-2025: An increase to the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) Second Home Allowance and the Basic Boarding Allowance of at least \$4000.00 and alignment to the CPI Education. They also sent an open letter to the federal government in March calling for an urgent increase to the AIC (this letter can be found on the ICPA website)
- Reminder: If you meet the criteria for Basic Boarding Allowance or the Second Home Allowance for secondary students you also meet the requirements for the State Education Allowance (SEA)

Communication

Pamela Cuffe

- Pamela Cuffe is leading Communications portfolio with the help of Dani Chapman.
- No motions were presented at the SA ICPA State Conference in March. Telstra, NBN and Regional Tech Hub were all in attendance and had handouts/information for our members
- Telstra 3G service will be closing (August 31st 2024)
 - o In areas with 3G, Telstra is committed to providing 4G after the shutdown.
 - o If you have a Starlink Kit, you can transfer it to a new Telstra Satellite Internet plan.
 - o For more details visit Starlink Support and search 'transfer to a reseller'
- There is no mandate for the removal of landlines. Telstra are obliged to provide, maintain and repair landlines. Some customers are being offered a NGWL (Next G Wireless Link) service instead of repairing the landline, but this service requires power. Please let me know of any case studies where CSG are not being fulfilled or where members are being pushed into alternative services.
- NBN are continuing working with ICPA members by having monthly online sessions (see Facebook page for information around sessions)

Distance Education

Kirsty Williams

- The Distance Education Portfolio is led by Kirsty Williams and aided by Kristina Crawford.
- 7 Motions were raised at the SA ICPA State Conference and letters have been sent. Three were carried, two were deemed covered and one was withdrawn. A floor motion was presented and carried.
 - o Adding Geographically Isolated remote families to PATS Guidelines
 - o Distance Education Home Supervisor Subsidy (3 Motions)
 - o Need to provide Student Support Officer (SSO) in remote classrooms
 - o An increase in travel amount per km provided to SOTA families
 - o Inclusion of RICE in the new RFDS Building (along with SOTA)
- At the Joint states council meeting (Feb in Darwin) the idea of DETA advocacy was 'thrown up in the air,' how to reframe subject? States went away and brainstormed how to handle it, and ideas were shared of focusing advocacy at a state level and focusing on a 'supervisor subsidy'.
- SA State Council will take a motion to Federal Conference in regard to a supervisor subsidy
- SOTA are in the progress of signing the contract with the new RFDS building. The estimated building completion date is 2026. R/1 teaching position has not been filled. Recruitment for a new head of campus has begun.

Early Childhood Education

Edwina Bowie

- Edwina Bowie is leading the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Portfolio with the help of Louise Kohler.
- ECEC portfolio holders from across the states and federal are currently trying to come together to discuss topics related to the ECEC sector.
- Following a successful State Conference, motion letters were sent out regarding the seven ECEC motions presented at the conference.
 - o Ongoing issues with Child and Family Health Services (CaFHS)
 - o Out-of-pocket expenses related to the ECEC classroom setup
 - o Travel subsidy for essential face-to-face kindergarten experience
 - o The AIC DE allowance to include kindergarten students
 - o Childcare deficits in outback areas
- An ECEC motion has been written for the upcoming Sydney Federal Conference. The motion requested the Federal Council to continue its advocacy efforts to ensure the AIC Distance Education Allowance includes pre-compulsory school students enrolled in registered preschool programs.
- Minister's Early Childhood Advisory Forum (MECAF): The SA ICPA was invited to nominate a member to join the Minister's forum.
 - o Edwina attended a meeting in Adelaide on the 17th of May where Kim Little, Chief Executive, the Office for Early Childhood

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Development (OECD) set the scene on working together to deliver the next chapter in early childhood development in South Australia.

- o 2nd MECAF Meeting (June) to be held by the Minister for Education and the Office for Early Childhood Development.
- o An overview of the roll-out plan for the new model for preschool
- o Growing and supporting the early childhood workforce
- o Fostering collaborative approaches to system reform.
- The first mid-year intake of Reception students is crossing over from the 4-year-old kindergarten intake.
- o School of the Air (SOTA) will have 4 mid-year reception students. Only one of these students is from a new family.
- o RICE will be commencing its second mid-year intake for kindergarten. Currently, 2 children are enrolled to commence from Term 3. The RICE kindergarten will have a total of 7 children enrolled for the second semester.

REVISE

Georgy Ewing

It's hard to believe we are already at the end of Week Two, the term (and the year) are racing away. I am enjoying the relative warmth of Adelaide, I have just had four weeks visiting family in New Zealand. It was zero degrees most nights and not above twelve during the day!

Last term we had no station visits, but I was able to support one of the families who were in Adelaide for a week. The students, govvie and myself worked, in the library at Marden, with the fantastic Zoe and her staff. A great opportunity for the students to see the day to day workings of the library and also to appear on the library session.

I was also able to visit the Reynold's family at Upalinna for a morning (in the middle of a bike ride around the Flinders.)

If you would like some support from REVISE either on the station or in town, please get in touch. Alternatively, have a chat to LaiKwan Lim at SOTA.

My email is ladygewing@gmail.com, Phone 0408897818

Rural Schools and School Travel

Di Thomas

- The Rural Schols & School Travel Portfolio is led by Di Thomas and assisted by Belinda Hatcher & Michelle Hilder
- 4 Motions were put forward at the SA ICPA State Conference and letters have been sent, and motions will be discussed at delegation later in the year.
- o Need for a safe and functional road system for rural and remote students
- o Subsidy for students accessing flights
- o Bus Drivers
- o Incentives to entice SSO's to work in rural and remote areas
- Case Studies from your family would be appreciated and would come in helpful in any of the above areas. Please contact Hollie

sasecretary@icpa.com.au

- SA would like to push for a student flight subsidy similar to QLD Bush to Boarding
- Federal Key issues in both Rural School and School Tavel can be found on the ICPA (Aust) webpage

Specific Education Needs

Hollie Williams

- The Specific Needs Portfolio is led by Hollie Williams and assisted by Candice Brown and Josephine Drennan
- No motions were presented in this portfolio at the SA ICPA state conference. However, within the Rural Schools portfolio there was a motion on the importance of having SSO's in rural and remote classrooms (SSO's can make a substantial difference in a child with specific needs schooling journey).
- Resources
- o Autism SA's mission is "to be the first choice for individuals on the autism spectrum, supporting them to turn their potential into reality". <https://autismsa.org.au/supports-services/#> is a great resource.
- o Head Space: Based in Port Augusta provide early intervention for mental health services for 12-25-year-olds.
- o CaFHS: Parents in SA can call the parents help line 1300 364 100 for information and support 24/7.
- Reminder of SPELD SA Bursaries available for ICPA Families – Contact Speld Directly <https://speldsa.org.au/>

Tertiary

Katrina Morris

- This portfolio is led by Katrina Morris with the help of Jodie Keogh and Dani Chapman
- Final report of University Accord has come out which was a review into higher education in Australia
- o 47 recommendations were made (Govt need to accept them)
- o Expansion of regional university hubs
- o Removing requirement of students to go to uni from Year 12 – gap year students would benefit from this
- o Increasing parental income assessment
- o Expand youth allowance eligibility to students who work part time
- o Recommendation for mandatory unpaid work placements
- Many members experiencing Centrelink issues
- Any case studies of any issues with Tertiary and Trade please send through
- The SA State government are doing a push for girls to enter non-traditional trades, including Animal Husbandry Technician, Boat Builder, Aquaculture, Butcher. They have prepared a booklet and information package for interested parties and will help connect them to appropriate pathways. Contact Sue Settre 0879057254 for more information.

RFDS PRIMARY HEALTH FLY-IN CLINIC PROGRAM CHANGE

From 1 July, the Royal Flying Doctor Service Primary Health team will start visiting SA outback communities on a new rolling four-week program.

This differs from the current monthly fly-in schedule where, for instance, a Central Region Bush Run was consistently fixed for the first Wednesday of the month.

Through this change, the RFDS aims to offer outback communities enhanced frequency and access to Primary Health & Allied Health services. See below how the new rolling program will serve your community in July 2024.

For a full downloadable calendar for the rest of 2024, visit the **Outback Community Health Services** page at www.flyingdoctor.org.au/sant.

JULY 2024	PRIMARY HEALTH	ALLIED HEALTH
WEEK 1		
Monday, 1 July	Innamincka	Andamooka & Blinman
Tuesday, 2 July	Bush Run – Western	Andamooka
Wednesday, 3 July	Bush Run – Central (overnight William Creek)	Marree
Thursday, 4 July	Bush Run – North East Yunta	
Friday, 5 July		
WEEK 2		
Monday, 8 July	Andamooka	Coorabie & Nullarbor
Tuesday, 9 July	Oodnadatta	Kingoonya & Glendambo
Wednesday, 10 July	Marree & Marla	Marla
Thursday, 11 July	Yalata & Coorabie	Yunta
Friday, 12 July		Oodnadatta
WEEK 3		
Monday, 15 July	Innamincka	Andamooka
Tuesday, 16 July	Oodnadatta & Blinman	Andamooka
Wednesday, 17 July	Oak Valley	Marree
Thursday, 18 July	Yalata & Yunta	
Friday, 19 July		
WEEK 4		
Monday, 22 July	Andamooka	Yalata
Tuesday, 23 July	Oodnadatta	Oak Valley
Wednesday, 24 July	Marree & Marla	Oodnadatta & Marla
Thursday, 25 July	Yalata & Nullarbor	Bush Run - TBC
Friday, 26 July		
RETURN TO WEEK 1		
Monday, 29 July	Innamincka	Andamooka & Blinman
Tuesday, 30 July	Bush Run – Western	Andamooka
Wednesday, 31 July	Bush Run – Central (overnight William Creek)	Marree
COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC LOCATIONS		
Gawler Ranges: Cook, Maralinga, Hiltaba, Lake Everard, Mt Ive, Kingoonya		
North West: Billa Kalina, Glendambo, Mt Eba, Mulgathing, Mobella, Bulgunnia, Ingomar, McDouall Peak, Commonwealth Hill, Cadney Homestead, Todmorden, The Peake, twins, Nilpinna, William Creek, Arckaringa		
Central: Clifton Hills, Cowarie, Kalamurina, Mungerannie, Etadunna, Dulkaninna, Muloorina, Mt Lyndhurst, Murnpeowie, Blinman, Balcanoona		

MEET OUR TEAM >



MANDY SMALLACOMBE
Manager, Primary Health Care

Coordinates a team of doctors, specialist nurses and allied health professionals to deliver comprehensive primary health care to people in the far west and north of SA – an area of 840,000 square kilometres.



KATELAN BURY
Chronic Disease Coordinator

Delivers care, support and education to patients with chronic disease, promoting self-management strategies and coordinating treatment plans to better manage health conditions.



TESSA BENNETT
Chronic Disease Nurse

Facilitates primary health care through health promotion and disease prevention, travelling to remote clinics to educate and assist patients in managing chronic and complex diseases and illnesses effectively.



CAITLYN KELLER
Community Midwife

Passionate about providing quality, personalised health care and advocating for those living rural and remote areas. Strong interest in maternal and infant health and wellbeing.



JACQUI MERKEL
Community Midwife

Works across all manner of nursing, supporting pregnant women with antenatal and postnatal care in rural and remote SA.



MARY PACKARD
Community Midwife

Provides all manner of nursing, midwifery, immunisations and care coordination to patients in rural and remote SA.



VIVIEN RIDGWAY
Mental Health Service Manager

Provides wellbeing support to help people manage their life challenges, and more complex care for mental illnesses such as depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or psychosis.



FIONA JOHNSTON
Mental Health Occupational Therapist

Trained as an occupational therapist, Fiona has dedicated her career to helping others in New Zealand serving for many years in an acute mental health service and community mental health settings.



MYLES ATKINSON
Mental Health Social Worker

Accredited Mental Health Social Worker with experience working in country South Australia and the Victorian Highlands. Works alongside people to develop strategies to self-manage their wellbeing and mental health.



EVA GILL-MINERO
Mental Health Nurse

Extensive experience in emergency and crisis intervention and strives to improve accessibility of quality mental health care, early intervention and tailored therapies. Has a special interest in ADHD and ASD.



STEPHEN HOCKEY
Physiotherapist

Provides assessment and treatment services for people living in rural and remote SA with focus on chronic pain and arthritis to optimise health outcomes and improved quality of life.



RACHAEL BENTLEY
Occupational Therapist

Provides a wide scope of support, with experience in areas such as pain management, chronic fatigue, housing modifications, and working with children with developmental and learning issues.



RACHEL LI
Dietician

Helps people to lead healthier lives, using Nutrition Therapy to set goals and manage conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, gastrointestinal issues, weight management.



DENISE MARTIN
Aboriginal Health Coordinator

Assists remote patients with transport, accommodation and support with appointments – ensuring you and your families receive the care you need.



KRISTEN BESANT
Aboriginal Health Practitioner

Works alongside patients with chronic disease to better knowledge and health outcomes, including Adult Health Checks to ensure you feel as good on the inside as you do on the outside.



TARNYA EGGLETON
Child & Family Health Nurse

Provides culturally sensitive guidance and support to parents and caregivers on child health, nutrition, and developmental milestones.



GRACE FORREST
Primary Health Care Administration

Runs the daily administration of our Community Health Services, coordinating clinic flights and appointments for patients at the Port Augusta Base and in remote communities.



DENISE WILLIAMSON-KNOEF
Clinical Pharmacist

Provides support to remote area clinics and patients, ensuring outbreak communities get optimal treatment and timely access to medication – can answer any questions regarding your medications.



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Do it for Dolly Day 2024 was on May 10th. Do It For Dolly Day is a day local communities across Australia come together to remember Dolly, a young girl who tragically took her own life after an extended period of bullying and cyber bullying. Dolly's story shook the nation and prompted her family to take a stand against bullying. Dolly's Dream addresses the impact of bullying, anxiety, depression and youth suicide, through education and can give direct support to young people and families.

The Dolly's Dream Website has a wealth of information on it and well worth checking out <https://www.dollysdream.org.au/>

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Podcast & Series Reviews

Jodie Keogh – SA Lone Members

2024 is flying by, this is by far the quickest I have felt the year go by. Juggling kids in 2 different states has been as difficult as I imagined so I am glad I didn't have higher expectations! Life has been a bit of a whirlwind so I haven't been reading a lot but I have done THOUSANDS of km's in the car so lots of listening!

MID, by Mamamia

Made by the Mamamia Podcast group and hosted by Holly Wainwright, my favourite of the Mamamia Outloud hosts is for mid-life women! There has only been one episode released as I write this but it is thought provocative and insightful. It is an interview style podcast which promises an impressive line-up of well-loved names, in the second act of life who share it all. Julie Goodwin is the first guest – she's had some ups and downs and is not afraid to share them

The Price of Paradise, by Wondery

An intriguing podcast I'm only a few episodes in, about a woman who buys a desert island online! It seems to have everything – greed, corruption, death, justice and monumental stupidity and ignorance. I'm looking forward to seeing where it leads.

I Catch Killers – The Tyrannosaurus Waltz: Trent Dalton – Part 1 and 2

I know the title is a little jarring but bear with me! Trent Dalton is seriously one of the best interviewees to listen to. He is so enthusiastic and honestly sounds like he loves every person that interviews him. Gary Jubelin chats to Trent about his childhood and his award-winning book 'Boy Swallows Universe'

Series to Watch

'Boy Swallows Universe' on Netflix

While we are talking about Trent Dalton please go and watch Trent's book adaptation on Netflix. This Australian series is so great, set back in around the 80s/90s and follows the fictionalised youth of author Trent Dalton. It's really well made and just a great series to sink your teeth into.

'After the Party' on ABC iView

This series on ABC has a very heavy topic (trigger warning) but is so well made. It follows Penny who loses everything when she accuses her husband of a crime, and no one believes her. It is typically great Australia/NZ drama and you are not quite sure who/what to believe until the very last episode.

Outback Ladies Muster 2024

Women from across outback South Australia who have felt the effects of drought are invited to an event in the SA Arid Lands designed to strengthen their social resilience and build their capacity.

The Outback Ladies Muster will be held in Hawker on 14-15 October. Hosted by the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board, it will offer a mix of personal and professional development sessions, speakers, creative workshops and networking activities, specifically designed for women.

The event's keynote speaker is Mia Handshin, a qualified lawyer, newspaper columnist, Federal political candidate and the youngest woman to chair the SA Environment Protection Authority. It took a mid-twenties burnout for Mia to realise she needed to use her energy more wisely to make a sustainable difference. Mia will share the wisdom she gained from the powerful life lessons that followed which helped her stop the super hero act. She will show you how to question what is depleting, diminishing or dimming your light to avoid overdoing and self-doubt.

Mia will be joined by presenters Emily Riggs, Heidi Wright, Bridget Johns and the founders of the 5431 Collective.

Emily Riggs, the founder of Iris and Wool first found fashion at nine years old, learning later that fashion afforded her an outlet for creative freedom. After

marrying a fifth generation Merino sheep farmer, she merged her love of fashion with Merino Wood and will share the journey of Iris and Wool, a Farm to Fashion story.

Heidi Wright is the director Wright social, a team of social media marketing experts. She will share some key tips to creating content that captivates and converts to build your business and brand in 2024.

The founder of Be Simply Free, Bridget Johns' will teach you how to go from being time poor to time rich

by decluttering your home, phone, calendar and mind so you can have more space in your home and time in your calendar to collect moments, not things.

The concept for the 5431 Collective was dreamed up in 2022, in the midst of a heartbreaking drought. The not-for-profit community enterprise was designed to connect, collaborate and create a community space for locals and visitors to enjoy and learn the story behind the products and their creators. Hear their story of community spirit.

Tickets for this event are heavily subsidised with support from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and funding from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund, BHP and Heathgate Resources. The ticket price is inclusive of all meals, speakers, workshop materials and transport during the event.

You can find more information about the sessions and workshops and book your tickets to the Outback Ladies Muster at <https://events.humanitix.com/outback-ladies-muster>

PROGRAM

Monday 14 October - Flinders Food Co.

- 5:00pm Registrations, Cocktail Evening & Couch Conversation

Tuesday 15 October - Hawker Institute (Hall)

- Early Morning Yoga (optional - will take bookings closer)
- Welcome Breakfast
- Keynote Speaker - 'Power Pausing' with Mia Handshin
- Speaker Sessions - Iris & Wool, Wright Social, 5431 Collective & Be Simply Free
- Lunch
- Workshops - (choice of two)
 - Upcycling and styling with indoor plants.
 - Breadmaking- ways to use dough
 - Pot plant painting
 - Defining your personal style
- Formal Dinner at Rawnsley Park Station (buses to/from Hawker included)



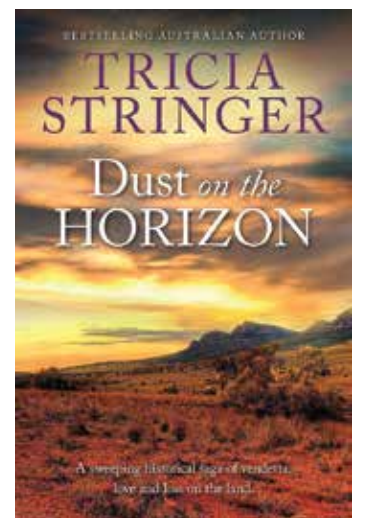
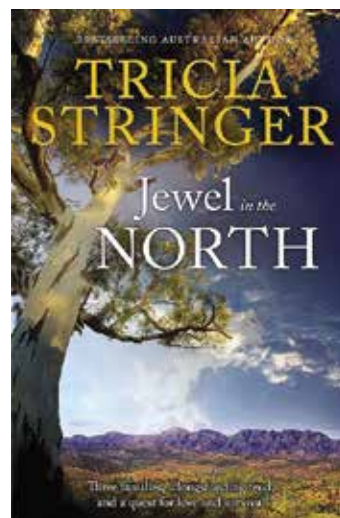
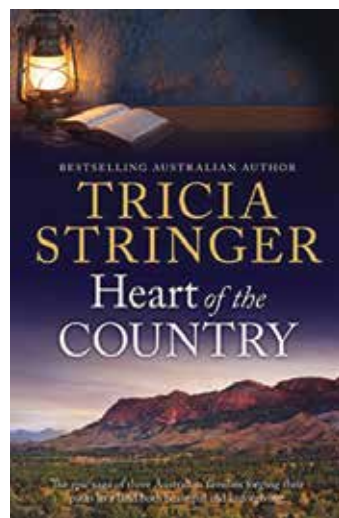
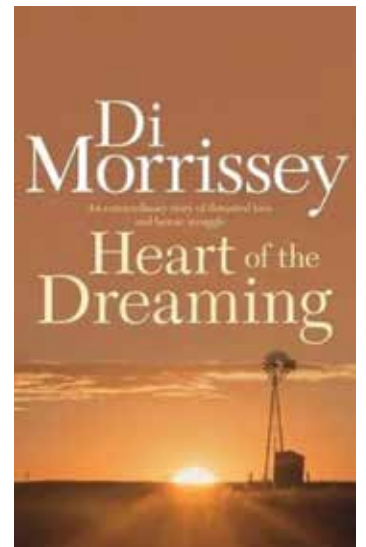
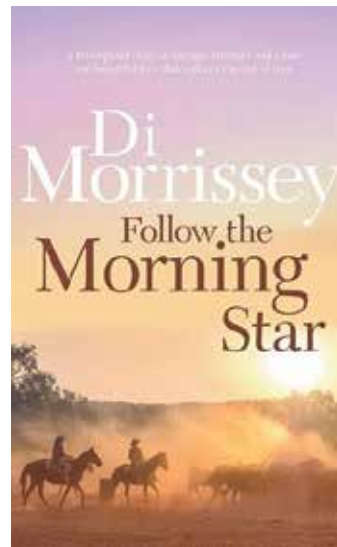
Borrow Box

Borrow Box: Libraries SA App that allow you to borrow both books to read or audio books to listen to and download on your device. All you need is a library membership at any SA library.

eBooks Recommendation: Tricia Stringer 3 book series, Heart of the Country, Dust on the Horizon & Jewel in the North. Set in the Flinders Ranges from 1881, through to 1914. The 3 books follow three families who have a long standing feud, delving into their search for love and survival.

eAudios Recommendation: Di Morrissey 2 book series, Heart of the Dreaming & Follow the Morning Star. Set in Outback Queensland on a

sheep station “Tingulla” starting in the 1960’s. Follow the life of Queenie Hanlon from a 21 year old girl right through to a lady in her 40’s. An extraordinary story of one woman’s courage and her determination to take on the world and win after having so much thrown at her.



Congratulations

EDWINA BOWIE

A special shoutout to Edwina Bowie who has accepted an invitation from the Hon Blair Boyer MP to be a member of the inaugural Minister’s Early Childhood Advisory Forum (MECAF). Edwina will represent SA ICPA and will no doubt, do us all proud and ensure our voices and concerns regarding rural and remote Early Childhood issues are heard.

Thank you Edwina for your continued dedication towards ICPA.



Distance Education Supervisors in the Community

Hello from DES Port Augusta. A bit about us: DES stands for Distance Education Supervisors and we're a committee of governesses. We put together fundraisers and events to raise money for the students at Port Augusta School of The Air. The money raised is then put into resources and experiences for the children. We pride ourselves on creating lasting memories and rich learning experiences for our students. DES has been busy at work this year giving

our time at community events in return for a donation of the cubs choosing to DES. So far we have helped at William Creek gymkhana running the bar so the club committee members could enjoy a few hours watching their children. At Oodnadatta gymkhana we ran the novelty events for the children over lunch time. As our term 1 fundraiser DES ran the novelty events at the Quorn Bronco Branding where we raised a little over \$1,000. We

plan for the money raised to go towards purchasing new readers to add to the schools supply. DES have also recently purchased a new set of face paints to add to our repertoire of things we can do to raise money for our amazing students. If you have a community event coming up that you might like some face paints for email us on desgoverness@gmail.com



Try this fun sand craft

You will need: Sand, PVA Glue, Blank Paper
(we often use scrap paper)

How to:

with your glue, paint a picture onto your paper.

We like to do drawings like lizards, starfish, snails or even a self portrait.

Once you have painted your picture with the glue, sprinkle your sand over the top.

This could get messy so maybe doing this step outside might be a good idea.

Cover your painting in the sand and shake off the excess. Leave to dry and you have your very own sand pictures that you can bring inside.



Try this colour experiment

You will need; 6 cups, 6 pieces of paper towel, Water, RED, YELLOW, BLUE food dye.

How to; pour water into each cup till they're about a quarter full, place the cups in a circle.

Place red food dye into one cup leave the next one empty, place yellow food dye in the next cup, again skip a cup and put blue in the last one. You should end up with RED, Empty, YELLOW, Empty, BLUE Empty. Fold your paper towel concertina (Like a paper fan) and place one end in a colour and the other in the empty cup. Repeat this for all paper towel.

What do you think will happen?

Why not write a hypothesis and record your results.

State Conference Wrap 2024

SA State Conference was held in the beautiful Quorn, hosted by the Marla Oodnadatta Branch on Friday March 22nd. The conference proceedings started with a 'Meet and Greet' at the Transcontinental Hotel with a great turn out. A huge thank you to ABSA for their sponsorship towards the light refreshments. The evening finished off with the Silo light show, showing an amazing display of local history on the grain Silos.

The conference day began on Friday with the children heading to the community oval for a planned day of fun activities including a treasure hunt around the township supported by local businesses. Thank you to Rural Aid for organising this. After some games and craft at the oval, they were off to the local swimming pool, followed by cricket and netball clinics. Thank you to RICE for taking care of the Preschool children. From the reports, all of the children had a fantastic day. We hope families found the organised activities worthwhile, so they could attend conference stress free without finding alternative care arrangements.

The 2024 State Conference itself had good attendance with great speakers, panels, video presentations and informative discussions. 23 motions were put forward by delegates covering a variety of aspects including but not limited to; the need for improving boarding accessibility for Year 7 students, increasing a number of allowances, a need for a subsidy for the home-tutor for distant families and better Child and Family Health Services (CaFHS) for rural and remote families. Sophie Matterson provided a fantastic talk on the gains and pains of hiking across outback Australia from Shark Bay, WA to Byron Bay, NSW with 5 young camels. A fascinating story that she has now written a book about.

The conference bags were proudly sponsored by Connellan Airways and we were thrilled with how they turned out and the amount of goodies that we were able to secure to put in them. We hope that all con-



Marla Oodnadatta Branch 2024 State Conference convening committee.

ference goers are all still putting their bags to good use.

The post-conference dinner was hosted by the Quorn Sporting Club at the Quorn Community oval and included a 20/20 cricket match between the ICPA men and Quorn locals with the victory going to ICPA. There were also market stalls, face painting, hair braiders and an auction – thank you to Keith Slade for his stellar auctioneering.

A huge shout out must go to all of the 2024 conference sponsors. It is their generous support that allows the ICPA to remain

dedicated to ensuring rural and remote students have equity of access to a continuing and appropriate education.

The aim of the 2024 conference was to make it a family-friendly event that was relaxing and enjoyable for everyone. The feedback was very positive all-round, some stating "it was one of the best conferences they had been to!"

We look forward to seeing you all at the Flinders Ranges State Conference in 2025!

Dani Chapman, Conference Convenor



The victorious ICPA men's cricket team at Quorn oval.



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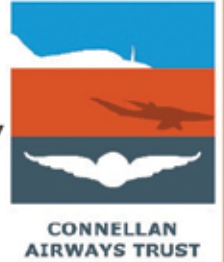
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Allowances for remote and isolated families

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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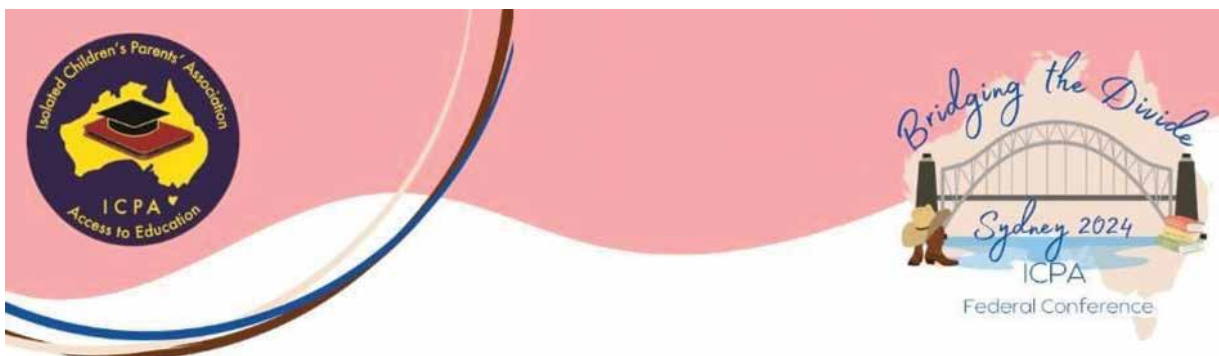
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