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# THE PIPELINE

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## Summer Lovin'





## From the President

By the time this edition of The Pipeline has made its way to your mailbox and onto your reading pile, we will have said farewell to 2024 and had a chance to reflect on everything that has unfolded in our children's lives for the year. There will have been graduations, award ceremonies, catch ups, farewells and planning for what

is to come in 2025. The educational experiences of our members and their children are varied and so unique and it is such a wonderful thing to be able to celebrate all the achievements they have had during their learning journey for this year. The start of the 2025 school year will be upon us very soon and I would like to wish all our families the very best as they set about navigating what that this year will bring for their children. SA ICPA look forward to supporting members provide their students with the very best education that they can get.

For us personally January 28th will be our very last drop off at boarding school ever, as Lily begins her final year of school and tackles Year 12. It marks the 10th year of boarding and the 18th as a rural and remote education family. It has been the most amazing community to be a part of and the experiences, opportunities and friends that we have made along the way are irreplaceable and something we will cherish forever. There has been lots of highs, a few lows and many fun times in between and we are grateful to SA ICPA and the support, knowledge and skills they helped provide us as we guided our kids through all of it.

There are plenty of articles, reports and photos in this edition that outline what State Council and SA ICPA members have been up to over the past 6 months. Everything from delegation; updates on the upcoming State Conference; graduations and formals; sporting and social events; branch and portfolio updates and State Council business. A lot of work goes into writing, editing, formatting and publishing everything that you see in our fantastic newsletter and it goes without saying that the effort put in by all who contribute is most appreciated and always enjoyable. Thank you to those who have contributed.

With the 2025 State Conference only 13 weeks away, the Flinders Ranges Branch has been busy putting together what is sure to be another outstanding and inspiring day. We have some excellent speakers lined up so keep an eye out on our socials and your inbox for the details as they come to hand. Motions for conference are due at midnight on the 21st of February 2025, so please discuss with your branch any ideas you have for motions as soon as you can. Your issues and stories are important to us as we continue to work with our stakeholders to improve the outcomes for SA ICPA members.

Please enjoy the 106th edition of The Pipeline and I look forward to catching up with as many of you as I can in the coming year.

Belinda

## From the Editor

Wow! 2024 zoomed by and now I find myself preparing my youngest child for boarding school this year. Where did the time go? I hope you all enjoyed a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As I ready myself to sew what feels like a million Cash's name labels on new uniforms, I pray that my kids will still fit in their clothes by the end of the first term. Last year saw the end of our family's SOTA journey as



year 7 will no longer be taught at the school. A mixed bag of emotions is filtering through as we ready ourselves for the next chapter. However, excitement is definitely at the top. For everyone out there embarking on a new journey or adjusting to changes in circumstances remember just how resilient and adaptable you are. You got this! I'd like to thank all of our contributors to this edition. Once again we are able to produce a dynamic newsletter brimming with content. I hope you enjoy reading this edition of The Pipeline. Hope to see most of you at our State Conference 21st March in Port Augusta and our Federal Conference 30th - 31st July at EOS Skycity in Adelaide!

Mija

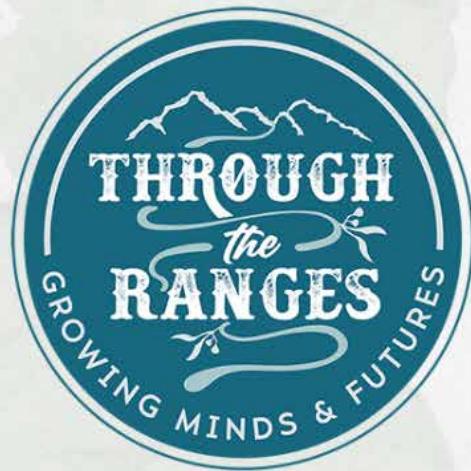
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**Isabella Slade**

‘Sucks at Farming, ok at  
Doctoring’!

Isabella grew up on Moolooloo Station in the Flinders Ranges, she made her way through School of the Air, Boarding School and University and now works in Cairns as a Medical Registrar in the Oncology Department.



**Jessica Trengove**

Jessica’s passion for running was ignited as a child in her hometown of Naracoorte in SA’s south east. Throughout her junior years she was heavily involved in a variety of sports. Becoming an Olympian was a childhood dream. It was Jess’s two siblings Abbie and Jack who through their sporting successes, inspired her to chase this goal in her early twenties. <https://www.jessicatrengove.com.au>

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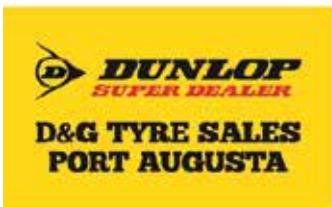


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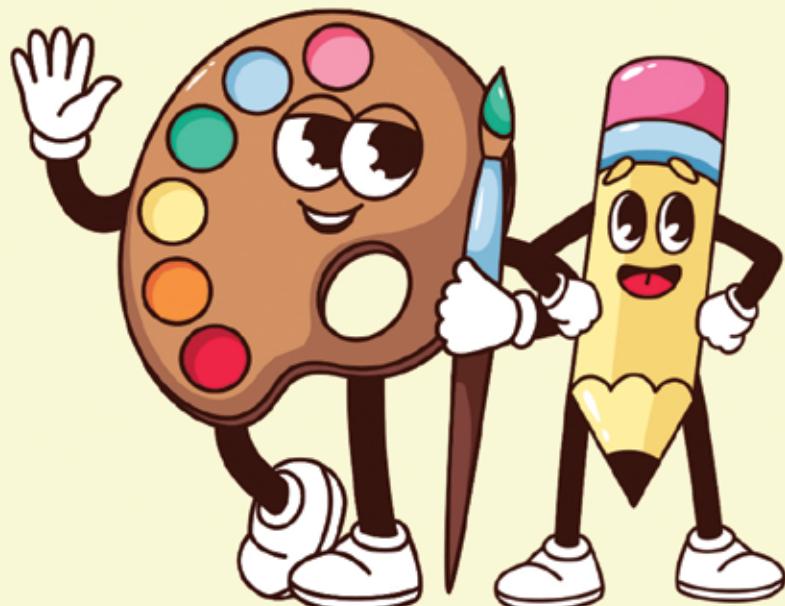


## SA ICPA - Flinders Ranges Branch

# Art Competition

2025

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- Under 7
- 7 – 12
- 13 – 18
- 18+

Please provide an accompanying sentence to explain your future education journey

Include name & age on back of each artwork

### Conditions

#### Format

Paint, pencil or collage

#### Entry

1 entry per person

#### Deadline

All entries must be given to the Convenors no later than the day prior to Conference (20th March 2025). Please contact Lisa or Michelle on email below to let us know to expect your entry and/or for further information. Thank you, happy creating!

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# Eyre Branch News

It's been a tough year on Eyre this year with the season being so dry.

We will have our AGM in the new year with membership staying about the same.

A new family are interested in joining with the oldest boy about to embark on a new venture at boarding school.

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to what the new year brings.

*Di Thomas.*

*Helping with shearing: Camille Whillas, 2 years old; Henry Whillas, 5 years old; Charlie Whillas, 7 years old.*



# Flinders Ranges Branch News

With the Flinders Ranges branch hosting the 2025 State Conference, our convening committee has been very busy sourcing sponsorship and pulling together all that's needed to see these events to fruition.

We were lucky to have 2 branch members attend the ICPA Federal Conference in Sydney this year, thank you to Mija Reynolds and Tracey Dewell for attending and volunteering your time as our branch delegates.

This year has seen one family complete their distance education journey and we wish James Reynolds all the best as he heads off to school in the city in 2025.

Corey Hilder has completed

Year 12 and is looking to secure a mechanical apprenticeship, congratulations Corey on finishing school and well done Michelle & Denis on seeing your 3 boys through their schooling, enjoy the next chapter! Corey was also the recipient of the Eyre Trading Award for his efforts in Material Solutions.

Some congratulations are in order for our tertiary students. After 3 years studying a degree in Agricultural Science, Jessica Fels recently graduated from University SA and has secured employment in the industry.

Charlie Hatcher has completed a mechanical apprenticeship in Port Augusta and awarded

Business Port Augusta's Apprentice of the Year in 2024. James McInnis who has completed a boilermaker apprenticeship in Adelaide. We wish all 3 well in the future.

Josh Hilder has recently begun an Electrical apprenticeship in Adelaide, we wish him well for the years ahead.

Some of our kids are involved in sport and 2024 was a busy year with many achievements, well done to all those who have achieved sporting growth this year and also the parents who put in so much time and travel to get them there.

We welcomed a new baby to the branch, congratulations Rachel and Dicky on the arrival of

Joey, a brother for Archie and Molly. We also welcomed the Du Bois and Solly families to our branch.

Some areas have been lucky enough to get decent rainfall in recent weeks, so pleasing to see some feed around after some of our families were hit by the wind that went through a couple of months ago causing extensive damage to station infrastructure in areas.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe festive season and we look toward 2025 and the State Conference with great enthusiasm!

Jo Ridsdale



Angus McInnis received the 'Best Batsman' award for his cricket team at Trinity College; and his sister Callie was awarded a College Pocket for football.



Congratulations to Allen McInnis, winner of the Rowan Ramsey School Community Award for 2024. This award was in recognition of his many years of service to the Governing Council of Hawker Area School. Allen received his award from Daren O'Neill which was provided by the office of Rowan Ramsey, Federal Member for Grey.

# Marla Oodnadatta Branch News

2024 has sailed by and 2025 will be here before this edition of the pipeline is out

- Our branch publicity officer and state council's secretary, Hollie Williams attended the ICPA Federal conference in Sydney in July. Marla Oodnadatta Branch are keen to get many of our members the 2025 Conference in Adelaide.

- Events in the district over the last few months have included Oodnadatta Campdraft and Bronco Branding, the Coober Pedy Gymkhana, William Creek Campdraft and Bronco Branding and the Oodnadatta Football match. These events although small bring our vast spread community together and we always have a great time at them. Some families from our district also travelled to other events all over SA and into the NT including the Innamincka Gymkhana, Aileron Australian Bronco Branding Championships, Alice Springs Rodeo, Glendambo Gymkhana and Carrieton Gymkhana.

Many place getters and leading riders were awarded to our talented pool of youth and skilful riders on horses and bikes at all of these events – excellent riding kids, it is awesome to see the bush competitive streak and fierce skills of you all at these events, not to mention the 5 branch members that are 2024 Australian national Bronco Branding Champions!!

- Jake and Frankie Fennell and the kids took a trip to Thailand earlier this year. They enjoyed spending time with family, going zip lining, bathing with elephants and fishing under lights to catch squid. We congratulate Jake and Frankie who welcomed their 4th child Mary-May born 2nd December 7.8lb.
- Congratulations to Gillian Fennell who



Christmas Party at Anna Creek.

was recently appointed as Chair of Livestock SA. Gillian is also a Cattle Australia board member and is also a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. We wish her well in her new role.

- Kirsty and Cam Williams enjoyed a 4-week family holiday travelling from Perth to Broome in May/June. Reports of an unforgettable trip that involved swimming with the whale sharks, snorkelling Ningaloo Reef, hiking and swimming in Kalbarri and Karijini National Parks, watching the ships at Port Hedland and riding a camel along Cable Beach in Broome.
- Young George Williams has had a few great achievements of late. George entered the 2024 Bungala Sun & Solar Exhibition at the Arid Lands Port Augusta with a sculpture named 'Ol Lady Emu'. His creative skills paid off with him winning the People's Choice Award. George was also picked in the Northern District SAPSASA

Cricket squad that played in Adelaide at the beginning of November. Well done George - keep aiming high.

- Louise Kohler, Paulaine Vermeulen, Frankie Fennell and Katy Hayes all attended the Outback Ladies Muster in Hawker in October which happened to fall on International Rural Women's Day. The ladies reported on wonderful engaging speakers, networking, delicious food and spending quality time with each other all as highlights.
- The William Creek Progress Association together with Peter Kenyon from "The Bank of Ideas" and Rural Aid are putting together a Community Development Plan. This is very exciting for our small community and we can't wait to see the final document and some projects come to fruition.
- Jackie Williams from Mount Barry Station has officially retired from the Department for Education after 43 years. We wish Jackie all the very best on her retirement from teaching.
- We farewell Jem, Justin, Emmie and Lexie Simpson from Mount Clarence Station who have moved to Motpena Station in the Flinders Ranges. We wish them all the best at their new home.
- The end of Distance Education is has arrived for 4 of our ICPA children members. Aaron Hayes, Lucy Williams, PJ Vermeulen and Magenta Williams are all heading away to start their secondary education. Aaron is heading to Prince Alfred College, Lucy to Seymour College, PJ to Burra Community School and Magenta to Orroroo Area School. On the other end of the scale, Asha Coleman started reception with a mid-year intake at SOTA and Loretta-May will join



Outback Ladies Muster – Louise, Kate, Paulaine, Connie, Frankie, Katy.

**Events 2025:** William Creek Gymkhana 15th March \* Oodnadatta Gymkhana 10th May  
 \* Oodnadatta Bronco Branding 12th July \* Coober Pedy Gymkhana 9th August  
 \* William Creek Bronco Branding 16th August

# Marla Oodnadatta Branch News

her siblings in the classroom as she starts pre-school through RICE next year.

- We would like to thank and farewell a few wonderful governesses from our area. Completing 2 years is Tayla from Anna Creek, Molly from Todmorden, Belle from Mount Sarah and Blythe who is off after 2 ½ years at The Peake Station. They will all be sorely missed and we thank each of them for their contribution to our homes and the wider community. We wish all of them only good things moving forward.
- Our Marla Oodnadatta Branch Cookbook has been a great success as we are on our 3rd print run. Thank you to all those that have

supported us in purchasing a book. Books can still be purchased for \$20ea by emailing [office@annacreek.com.au](mailto:office@annacreek.com.au)

2024 hadn't been the best seasonal year with only scattered showers up until late November where our area finally received a fairly wide-spread and significant downpour with many properties receiving between 30 – 50mm. We can only hope this is the start of a wet 2025!! The Marla Oodnadatta Branch hope that all readers of the Pipeline had a very Merry Christmas and wish you all a happy and healthy 2025.

*Hollie Williams*



*Glendambo Gymkhana – Magenta Leading Juvenile Horse, Ryder Leading Juvenile Bikes, Logan Leading Adult Horse.*



*The Fennell siblings with their new baby sister Mary-May Fennell.*



*George at Sapsassa Cricket.*



*Fennell family in Thailand Zip Lining.*



*The Williams' enjoyed a family holiday in Western Australia.*

# Jackie Williams Teaching Career



Jackie Williams.

As the 2024 school year draws to a close, so does my career spanning more than 43 years in public education.

Following the completion of a three-year Diploma of Teaching, I commenced my teaching career on June 29th, 1981. I was a timid and diminutive 20-year-old, assigned to a class of 31 Year 6/7s at Hamley Bridge Primary School. I survived, and went on to accept contract positions in a number of locations including Moonta, Cambrai, Karoonda and a couple of city schools.

In 1985 I was appointed to a permanent position at Willsden Primary School in Port Augusta, where I enjoyed three amazing years of professional growth. Port Augusta in the 80s was a thriving city and I was so fortunate to have made many lifelong friendships during my

time there.

I returned to Adelaide in 1988, where I was appointed to Hallett Cove R-10 School. This was a newly opened, rapidly growing and progressive location, and I was certainly kept on my toes. My passion for literacy improvement and curriculum development enabled me to dabble in some entry level leadership as Curriculum Coordinator in 1995. This in turn led to another curriculum leadership position at Glenelg PS. These ten years represented an era of curriculum renewal in South Australian education, and I feel privileged to have been so involved in this work. In 1998, I was appointed as principal for the first time, at Mt Bryan School, north of Burra. I can so vividly recall driving up the Barrier Highway, full of fear and self-doubt, wondering

what on earth I was doing and why I had been appointed in the first place. Mt Bryan had an enrolment of 27 when I arrived and has long since closed. I learnt an incredible amount in this role, and from the staff and community around me.

Two years later I was appointed as principal to Riverton Primary School, where I remained for nine years. What an incredible experience! I loved every minute of my time working in such an amazing community. I have so many fond memories of the students, staff and community, and enjoy catching up on news as those students grow up and move onto careers of their own. My daughter completed her schooling in Riverton and when she was ready to go to university, it was time for me to return to Adelaide. In 2009 I was appointed as principal to Sheidow Park School, south of Adelaide. Once again, I was fortunate to have been able to work in a school with great teachers, a supportive community and enthusiastic students. However, in March of that year, on a chance visit to Coober Pedy, I met Tony Williams. At the end of that year, I relinquished my principalship and moved to live at Mt Barry, halfway between Coober Pedy and Oodnadatta. With luck on my side, again, I was able to secure a teaching position for two days a week at Oodnadatta Aboriginal School. This was a 100 km drive, on dirt, and thankfully I was able to stay overnight in Oodnadatta. In my first year there I provided classroom support, and then for the next four years, I taught Spanish. This opened up a world of opportunity for the students. We had a Spanish language assistant spend one term working in the school, the Spanish advisors based in Adelaide visited, we had a sis-

ter school programme with a school in Cuenca, east of Madrid, and had planned a trip to Spain, which sadly never evenuated. To this day, many of the students, now in their 20s can recall these lessons and say a few words.

In 2016, I was appointed to Coober Pedy Area School, also two days a week, a 100 km drive and an overnight stay. I taught some cooking, but most of my role was in literacy intervention. In 2018, I moved back into a part time leadership position, in intervention and support. Over this time, I led and implemented literacy improvement programmes that saw a profound improvement in the literacy skills of so many students. I also coordinated the intervention programs for students with learning difficulties. I am so pleased that it was here that I concluded my career, knowing that I had been instrumental in helping so many to achieve.

As I reflect on the last four decades, I can only be thankful that I have been able to do what I love, and to have had some positive impact on individuals, schools and communities. It has been a privilege to have worked in public education, with more than thirty of those years in rural and remote locations. Working in public education has afforded me so many opportunities, both in SA and abroad. I cannot recommend highly enough education as a career for anyone with a passion to make a difference and to support communities, and in particular rural and remote communities.



# St Ann's College

St Ann's College is a non-denominational, independently owned tertiary residential college in North Adelaide that provides a supportive living and learning community for students who relocate to Adelaide to complete their tertiary studies.

At St Ann's they focus on the academic and personal development of each student, providing wellbeing and academic support. They also offer access to a range of sporting, cultural, community and social activities.

A room in St Ann's, North Adelaide, costs \$616 per week for a 34-week contract or \$20,944 per year. This cost includes the room with utilities and insurance, all meals, weekly cleaning, air-conditioning,

electricity, and Wi-Fi, along with peer-to-peer tuition and an Academic Program.

## WHO CAN APPLY

To be considered for a place at St Ann's College, applicants must have a view to secure a place in either; One of Adelaide's three universities, One of Adelaide's international, national or private universities, One of Adelaide's Colleges of higher learning or TAFESA/ equivalent education provider 2025 Scholarships and bursaries are currently open, application deadline is 8 January. These awards help diverse students and support those facing challenges and your application is your canvas to showcase your potential and aspirations. Students from regional, rural, and remote areas are encouraged to apply.



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- Parent and infant/child mental health



**Tanya Eggleton**  
Child & Family Health Nurse

Tanya has 19 years' experience as a Child & Family Health Nurse, working with and supporting families, enabling them to participate in the care and decision-making around their child's health and development.

Tanya is a certified Lactation Consultant and Allergy Nurse, with a professional interest in childhood eczema and skin issues.



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## **Uni Hub Spencer Gulf gives regional and rural people a chance to study university without the need to move away from home.**

If you mention university study to most people, they will immediately think of the typical metropolitan university campus with its sprawling grounds, large lecture theatres and hundreds of students bustling from one building to the next.

For some people, going to university is a right of passage. It is the next step in their educational journey as they prepare for their eventual career. For others it is part of their ongoing professional development in a job they have already dedicated years towards. And for many it is a chance to switch careers and try something new.

But what happens when you don't live in a metropolitan area; or life and financial pressures don't allow the luxury of uprooting and moving closer to a university campus? What happens when you simply don't want to move away from the place you call home?

For the past five years Uni Hub Spencer Gulf has been providing regional and rural people with the chance to study university without the need to move away from home.

The Uni Hub is not a university, but it works with its university partners to deliver degrees – particularly those that address skill shortages in the region. This means students study in areas with strong job and career opportunities right in the region.

University courses are delivered by the university partners online. However, studying online can bring its own challenges. It assumes you have (1) access to decent internet, (2) a quiet space and (3) the motivation to study unsupported – and you don't need to sit down and talk to a real person at any time throughout your degree.

This is where the Uni Hub really comes into its own. Students can take advantage of the Uni Hub's four university centres – located in Kadina, Port Pirie, Port Augusta and Port Lincoln, as well as its outreach service at Roxby Downs.

Here students are provided with high-speed internet, quiet study spaces and access to staff to assist them throughout their university journey. The Uni Hub provides academic and course support for degrees offered by partner universities including enrolment support, local residential schools and tutorials, help with placements and student mentoring.

In a nutshell the Uni Hub's goal is to give students the best chance of success in their online studies. In fact, the Uni Hub is now supporting more than 300 students across its five locations.

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# Uni Hub

## Spencer Gulf

The real measure of the Uni Hub's success is the growing number of graduates that are now working in their chosen careers in their local communities. These graduates successfully completed their degrees fields of nursing, teaching, social work, accounting and psychological science.

The next few years will see these fields of expertise expand to include graduates in engineering, allied health (physiotherapy, speech pathology, occupational therapy), business, surveying, construction and urban and regional planning – just to name a few.

And there is a strong employer demand for these graduates in the region. In fact, every Uni Hub graduate from 2023 gained employment in their new profession.

The continued growth in student numbers and courses on offer not only proves that there is a strong demand for locally accessible and locally supported university study, but trust in the model Uni Hub is delivering for the community.

**CASE STUDY:** Jess Axon, 23, was one of the first students to study through the Uni Hub's university centre at Port Pirie.

Jess studied early childhood education and, following a successful placement at Airdale Primary School, was offered a full-time role. She has been teaching since mid-2022, even before she graduated from the four-year Bachelor degree, and recently received a permanent teaching role.

"The Uni Hub opening was perfect timing for me," Jess said.

"I didn't want to leave home to study. I'm a country girl and I didn't want to live in the city.

"The Uni Hub has a welcoming environment for both school leavers and for older people who want to study and stay in the area."



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# Marree Air Branch News

## NEW YEAR, NEW SCHOOL

With 2024 ending, many of our children are looking forward to 2025 and the changes it will bring with schooling. A handful will be starting their schooling life at preschool/kindy, some will be leaving their primary school or SOTA classroom to venture south to boarding school and some are looking forward to meeting their newly appointed governesses and teachers in the new year. Wyatt Morphett, Callanna Station, will be starting preschool at Marree Aboriginal School with younger brother, Huxley, tagging along. The boys have been enjoying two days a week during 2024 at the school's creche so will be ready to return following the summer holidays.

Sydney Litchfield, Mt Lyndhurst Station, will be heading off to Scotch College in Adelaide to start year 7. Sydney and sister, Olivia, have been commuting to Leigh Creek Area School each school day up until now. Recently Sydney went to his first boarding experience at the college to get familiar with his new school and boarding house.



Sydney Litchfield with sister Olivia at his first day at LCAS.



Sydney and Olivia at his last day at LCAS.



Wyatt and Huxley Morphett at Marree creche.

## GETTING AWAY

Some of our lucky members have been able to get away and have some time off property or out of their small towns to either have a holiday, visit family afar or compete in gymkhanas during 2024. James and Isabella Oldfield, Cowarie Station, jetted off to Denmark in February to see family and were lucky to witness some snow and make snowmen! Ella Ridsdale, Copley, had her first flights interstate this year, heading to



Ella Ridsdale sits with her first plane to Melbourne.

Victoria. Ella enjoys flying and seeing the big smoke of Melbourne with her grandparents who reside there. Dusty and Daisy May, Depot Springs Station, headed to NSW for a holiday in July to visit family and friends. They were thrilled to go to the Bathurst Winter Festival where they got to go ice-skating and eat ice-cream on the Ferris wheel. Jase and Charlotte Edwards, Muloorina Station, headed to Adelaide to celebrate Jase's 10th birthday with sister Charlotte and friends Cody, Lara and Daniel Bell, Dulkaninna Station. They enjoyed movies, ice-cream cake, the Cirque Du Soleil circus and bowling. Remy, Airlie and Albie Rose, Alton Downs Station, made the trip to Betoota gymkhana to compete with their ponies 'Tilly' and 'Kerry'. Pippa, Reeva and Missy Reynold, North Moolooloo Station, were lucky to attend William Creek, Copley, Oodnadatta, Blinman and Carrieton gymkhanas this year, often picking up leading rider awards along the way. Pippa also got to join her friend, Zahli, on their family holiday to Exmouth, WA. With the new year just around the corner and a bit of rain in most parts recently, hopefully many upcoming trips for our families and children will be getting planned for 2025.

## FARINA CRICKET

Each year in winter, pastoralist Kevin and Anne Dawes host hundreds of visitors to their property with many making an annual pilgrimage to the tiny town of Farina to



James, Isabella and Mum Maria with one of their Danish snowmen.

# Marree Air Branch News

help restore the historic ruins and underground bakery. The underground bakery has been restored to the point of being able to produce baked goods which are sold while the bakery is open briefly in June/July. Annually, they hold a cricket game between the team of Farina, composed of players from locals and surrounding station people, versus the posing team of 'the rest of the world'. It is a chance to have some fun in an isolated region while there are plenty of people in the area. Sydney Litchfield, Mt Lyndhurst Station, played on the Farina team with his granddad and fellow cricket enthusiast, Gordon Litchfield, Wilpoorina Station. Farina won in a fun and competitive game.

## CHRISTMAS 2024

During the Christmas festivities Wyatt and Huxley Morphett and Winston and Albie Ward got a visit from Father Christmas in Marree where he bought yummy snacks and presents for everyone.

## TOP TIP!

Are you struggling with 'Ditching the Dummy'? When Isabella Oldfield turned three, Mum, Maria, decided to invite the dummy fairies to help out. Isabella buried her dummies in the garden and using their 'fairy dust' (glitter), the fairies turned the buried dummies into colourful flower cake pops!



Wyatt and Huxley Morphett and Winston and Albie Litchfield meet Father Christmas in Marree.



Sydney Litchfield with the winning cricket team.



Daisy and Dusty May enjoy icecreams with cousins Archer, Poppy and Harriet.

# Lone Members News

• Lots of changes for the Durham Downs Keogh Boys. Jacob is coming to the end of his first year at Downlands College in Toowoomba and next year he (Year 9) will be joined by his brother Lachie who is heading into Year 7. Clem will make the transition from Port Augusta SOTA to Charleville SODE, for the start of Year 4. This ends the family's schooling journey in SA, we wish them all the best with their QLD education. Jodie should be commended for her commitment to the tens of thousands of kilometres she has travelled over her 10-year time in the South Australian Education system. They also farewell Megan their governess for the past 2 ½ years.

• Lachie Keogh was given the Hon Geoff Brock MP Parliamentary School award at the recent SOTA get together in Port Augusta. Lachie received this award for his exceptional all-round achievements throughout his school years.



Anna Nunn.

Balancing his academic and student council responsibilities with initiative and dedication, he exemplifies the values of respect, inclusion, and leadership, making him a role model to his peers – well done and well-deserved Lachie!!

• Congratulations to Clem Keogh who was the winner of the 2024 Wool Show 8-10 "Sunrise or Sunset" photography competition.

• Anna Nunn has been busy snapping away with her camera and was the winner of one of the ICPA photo prizes from RREd day and taken photos for RB Sellars. Several of her photos have been included in different 2025 calendars and she has a photo story in the Kickin up Dust magazine. If you get a chance check out her website [adaroyphotography.pixieset.com](http://adaroyphotography.pixieset.com). As they farewell there govie of 2 years Elli, Roy will be heading into Year 2 in 2025 and will be joined in the school room by his sister Ada who has started her schooling trek with transition into RICE Kindy.

• Shane Rowe represented Station Stays SA at the recent SA Tourism Industry Awards, who won silver in the category "Tourism Marketing & Campaigns". Almerta Station restored Henders House on their property which is now available for hire along with their Shearers Quarters and Campsites, check out <https://almertastation.com.au/>. Shane and Paddy have opened their home again in 2025 and will be welcoming Magenta to start her schooling at Orroroo.

• Emma Easter from Marion Bay completed Year 11 at Westminster School.

Westminster Boarding embarked on a trip to Vietnam in October to undertake a service-learning project, on the



Lachie Keogh with Cody Bell and Geoff Brock – recipients of the parliamentary Award.

Mekong Delta, building a house for a family in need. This opportunity built on the ideals of Leadership, Service and Adventure, as well as the principles of Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. Emma enjoyed exploring Vietnam and experiencing the Vietnamese culture. Emma earned a position in the Westminster A netball team and enjoyed her year 11 formal.

• Georgie Ewing has recently been involved in two Christmas Pageants in Adelaide, which has been lots of work, but also a lot of fun. She reports it's always a joy to see the looks on children's faces when they see the floats, and especially Father Christmas. Children grow up so quickly, we need to cherish and appreciate the time when they are young. Georgie attended the end of year SOTA get together event in Port Augusta in December.

• Phil Noble, Head of Boarding at Prince Alfred College will have 3 SA ICPA students in 2025 at the boarding house. It is credit to PAC how they have embraced the SA ICPA community.

Hollie Williams  
(Lone Member Officer)



Emma Easter: Netball Open A Westminster.



Emma Easter in Vietnam enjoying refreshing coconut water and a pottery class.



Jacob Keogh with steer Queerbidie.

# Lone Members News

## Meet our Lones that are State Life Members

**Lorrayne Balharry:** Lorrayne is a Branch Life Member of the former Far West Branch and was also presented with State Life Membership at the 1999 Annual State Conference. Lorrayne Balharry was from the now in recession branch of the Far West, who represented Penong, Ceduna and Coorabie. She was the foundation President of the Far West Branch and held Branch and State positions during her many years of travelling long distances to meetings, State and Federal Conferences. (Jenny Gosling)

**Bob Baker:** Bob was elected as President of the SA ICPA State Council 1983. Later that year, he also became President of the North East Branch of ICPA. Bob's leadership was the catalyst for great change. The State Council began to hold regular quarterly

meetings and all branches were encouraged to be represented at State level. The Council itself became more formally structured- portfolios were allotted, a position was created for a Publicity Officer and a constitution, and policies were formulated. Bob was elected to ICPA federal Council in 1984, his commitment and great knowledge of the Distance Education scene soon came to the attention of his fellow Federal Councilors and he was elected to the position of Federal President at the 1988 Federal Conference in Katherine. Isolated children in Australia, are now reaping the benefits of the efforts of Bob Baker, who injected a huge degree of enthusiasm and professionalism into all the aspects of ICPA he was involved with and, at the same time, maintained the credibility that has been the cornerstone of the Association's beliefs and ideals since its inception.

*Dot Sandland*



Lachie and Clem Keogh RRED.



Roy and Ada Nunn RRed.



Clem's Photography Winner Shot.



The Keogh family enjoyed their last SOTA Get Together in 2024.

# North East Branch News

The 'Silly Season' is upon us again and I must say that parts of the North East are looking mighty green at the moment. With some gauges registering up to 100mm around the run, it has certainly put a smile on a lot of faces.

Not a lot has been happening around the North East in the last half of the year. The Yunta Wool Show was held on Friday 6th December at the Yunta Race Club. It was a good turn out with Braemar Station taking out first prize in the Fine Wool Ewe category.

The Olary Christmas Party was once again a big hit with all the station kids. It was the perfect night for it, and everyone had a fantastic time. Thanks to the Olary Progress Association for organising the wonderful event.

Burra Christmas Fair and Pageant was a big success for the community this year with lots of fun, free entertainment for the kids, market stalls, 25 floats and 26 kids decorating their push bikes and scooters to lead the pageant. Past North East members, Deb and Paul Williams took part in the pageant with grandchildren, Charlotte, and Riley Drennan.

The end of the 2024 school year has seen two students from the branch graduate primary school. Micah Beard, from Taylorville, graduated from Port Augusta SOTA, finishing off his year with the Principal's Award. Micah will be doing Open Access College next year. Ella Crawford, from Weekeroo Station graduated from Broken Hill SOTA, finishing her year off with the Darren Zanker Memorial Award. Ella is off to boarding school at Westminster in Adelaide. Congratulations and best of luck to you both as you enter the next chapter of your schooling journey!

We also saw Charlotte Dren-

nan finishing up her schooling at Burra Community School. Charlotte is off to Clare High-school next year and we wish her all the best.

At the Broken Hill SOTA end of year awards, Hanna Crawford was awarded the Primary Citizenship Award and Sophie Crawford was voted in as one of the 2025 SRC. Hanna also represented Barrier at the NSW Primary Schools Sports Association being picked to run in the 100m relay. Well done girls!

The Burra Community School Boarding House, Goyder House, has had a fabulous year with five full time students. They are excited to welcome two new students to the boarding house family next year. Students will range from year 6 to year 12, with them venturing to Burra from the likes of Coober Pedy, Yunta and Olary. It's great to see the boarding house grow in numbers after a few quiet years with only one or two students there.

With State conference in Port Augusta and Federal conference in Adelaide, it will be a great year to catch up with friends near and far. Here's to 2025!

*Katie Robinson*



*Chloe Smith (Devonborough Downs) and Hanna Crawford representing Barrier at the NSW PSSA.*



*Emily Smith (Devonborough Downs) and Ella Crawford at their year 6 graduation.*



*Micah Beard, Nelson Willis and James Reynold at their year 6 graduation.*



*Deb and Paul Williams with their Burra Pageant Christmas float.*

# North East Branch News



Charlotte Drennan's last day of year 7 and last day at BCS and Riley Drennan's last day of year 3.



The Burra Christmas Fair and Pageant was a great success.



Olary Christmas Party.



Hanna, Sophie, and Ella Crawford with their awards.



Abby Sheriden

2024 seemed to go by in a flash. Abby completed her first year in a face-to-face school at Burra Community School and moves into Year 9 in 2025.

Abby and I lived in Burra during the school week which to be honest went smoother than I had anticipated although of course there were ups and downs but overall, she fitted in really well. She signed up for every sport on offer and her grades were outstanding finishing the year with the Principals award for years 7 -9 and two Year 8 class awards.

After boarding myself for my high school years in Adelaide I can safely say I didn't go forward in leaps and bounds as she has, so I'm very relieved and proud of her to take it on and not withdraw as it is tough adjusting to relocating and a new school.

Really the reasoning behind Josh and I deciding that I will go with Abby was just to take one new adjustment out of a big year and although not easy trying to be in two places at once it I think was well worth it.

Now we have a good routine set up we will continue with the same set up in 2025 and hope she continues grabbing every opportunity that comes along.

Leisa Breeding

## Josephine's Easy Dip Recipe

Spread 2 tubs of spreadable Philly Cream Cheese in a pie dish or platter dish with sides.

Dice a red onion, 2 ripe but firm avocados and 2 tomatoes.

Sprinkle over the top of the cream cheese.

Drizzle a healthy amount of Sweet Chilli sauce over the top. Enjoy with corn chips (Doritos Cheese Supreme are the best!).

# North West Branch News

Well, hello again, Pipeliners. As I type this, the queen of procrastination, no doubt driving editor Mija a little bit wild with my last-minute submissions, I glance across the mounds of clean washing waiting to be folded. All three teens are home from their time away at boarding school this year, and I see my Christmas tree lights flashing in the pre-evening twilight. It strikes me that I'm very close to a milestone: almost 10 years of living in the North West. But, the past six months have flown by, and I'll do my best to share all the latest news from our busy North West Branch. First up, we have some exciting news to share! A huge congratulations to the lovely Laura Hewitt and her husband Ben, from Pernatty Station, along with proud grandparents Col and Jill Greenfield. The family is overjoyed to welcome a beautiful baby girl, Ava Pearl Hewitt, born on the 9th of December. She is the sweetest little gumdrop. Both mum and bub are doing well, and we couldn't be

happier for them!

Further wonderful baby news comes from Shona Amos and Toby Crowell of North Well Station, who are expecting a new bub in early January. We wish them all the very best as their family grows, with little Tanner getting ready to take on her new role as a big sister. Congratulations are in order for Anna Greenfield of Billa Kalina Station, who has successfully completed a Master of Learning and Teaching (Primary) online through the University of Southern Queensland. Over the 18-month course, Anna lived on the family station, balancing both work and study. All Anna's placements were completed at rural schools, and she is keen to teach in remote and rural schools across Australia. We are absolutely thrilled for Anna, and I am very hopeful she may one day return to the Port Augusta School of the Air as a teacher.

Another congratulations is in order for Charlie Gibson of Yudnapinna Station, who com-



North West branch members at Glendambo gymkhana.

pleted his Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology while working FIFO at a mine in Queensland. Over the 18-month course, Anna lived on the family station, balancing both work and study. All Anna's placements were completed at rural schools, and she is keen to teach in remote and rural schools across Australia. We are absolutely thrilled for Anna, and I am very hopeful she may one day return to the Port Augusta School of the Air as a teacher.

On a personal note, my eldest son, Max, has just completed year 12, and we are very proud of his study efforts. Max is having a gap year to earn enough money to be awarded the independent youth allowance before heading off to uni in 2026. He is hopeful that he will get into medicine.

A big shout-out goes to the wonderful governess Josie Rains, of The Twins Station, who has been wrangling the Rankin brood for the past three years. Miss Josie has grown into a valued member of our North-west community and whilst it's sad to see her go, we're thrilled for her as she takes on her next adventure, a full-time SSO position at Harvest Christian College. We wish her the very best of luck in her new role.

A year has now passed with Ryder Rankin away at boarding school, and I'm pleased to say he has settled into boarding life and is loving school. Hayden Rankin is heading into a serious stage of schooling as she begins Year 12 in 2025. We want to

wish Hayden the very best of luck with this final year away boarding. She is a conscientious student with her sights set on starting a nursing degree at university in 2026. Hayden is a determined character, and I know she will succeed in whatever she sets her sights on.

Big changes are ahead for the Willis family of Arcoona Station, with both Ruby (heading into Year 9) and Nelson (starting Year 7) off to board at Pembroke School. This marks an exciting new chapter for the siblings but will leave a big gap for Candice and Adam back at home. Thankfully, young Hudson, starting Reception with Port Augusta School of the Air, will keep Candice busy. Having sent my own kids off, I know how tough it can be, and I can't imagine how hard it will be for Candice and Adam to send two in one go. We send them all our love and best wishes on this boarding journey, and I'm sure there won't be a dry eye in sight at the start of the 2025 school year!

It seems an age ago now, but back in July, Jill Greenfield and I left our station duties behind for the big smoke of Sydney to attend the ICPA Federal Conference. As always, it was a mammoth effort to get away. I was in the last days of cooking for lamb marking, packing my kids for term 3 of boarding



Jill Greenfield with daughter Laura and granddaughter Ava.

# North West Branch News

school, and making what felt like a gazillion freezer meals for the station crew. But somehow, it all came together, and I sighed a big sigh of relief as I stepped aboard the plane.

It was lovely to spend time with the wonderful ladies who attended the conference. I enjoyed getting to know ICPA members from across Australia. Listening to their stories and hearing about the issues they face was truly inspiring. I know it sounds a bit corny, but it truly is. The Federal Conference is such an important platform for raising the challenges that matter most to us, without our voices, change simply wouldn't happen.

The Northwest Branch had three motions presented at the Federal Conference. The first addressed Youth Allowance and the long wait times associated with Services Australia assistance. The other two motions focused on tertiary issues: one called for the Minister to investigate the true costs associated with remote students completing compulsory placements during their degrees, while the other sought to fast-track Commonwealth Prac Payments. All three motions were carried, marking a step forward for these issues.

A huge congratulations goes to Jill Greenfield, who was nominated and accepted a federal position. Jill juggles many roles and responsibilities, I'm inspired by her calmness under pressure (and honestly, Jill, how do you stay up so late when there's a rum to be had and remain so sharp?).

As for me, I managed to embarrass myself quite spectacularly by standing up and speaking emotionally for a motion, only to realise later that I had been addressing the wrong one. Don't ask me how I manage such feats of confusion so reg-



*North West Christmas Tree at Mabel Creek.*

ularly, but let's just say I nearly died of embarrassment that day. Thankfully, the other attendees were super kind about it, and I'm grateful for what a jolly, supportive bunch of ladies they were.

The next big newsworthy item from the North West was our Glendambo Gymkhana held in October. It was a big weekend, with more than 350 people attending, and an incredible effort from everyone involved to plan and execute such a fun filled event. A special thanks goes to the MC extraordinaire, Petie Rankin, who kept us all informed seamlessly throughout the day with her extraordinary talent. No one delivers event and rider updates quite like Petie!

The North West ICPA ladies donned their aprons once again and put on the most fantastic feast, well done Megan Henderson for catering to so many needs with ease. I must apologise (again) for skipping out on this role—though my excuse in Willa may not hold for much longer!

RICE (Remote & Isolated Children's Exercise) was there, and it was just lovely to see all the kids enjoying the activities provided by the wonderful RICE ladies. The presence of the

la-Oodnadatta branch families. It was a fabulous get-together, with special night lights adding to the Christmas magic. Santa Pickles and Elf Kenz made the children very happy with a special entrance on horseback. A big thanks to both Dani and Corey for hosting us.

Finally, you're probably all a bit sick of reading my Dead Sea Scroll, so I do apologise for writing so much, but I have to let you all know how much fun the North West ladies have been having attending the beautiful Mimi Gibson's Pilates classes. Oh, my goodness, it's absolutely the best thing ever as my lower back is so much better for the Pilates workouts. Thank you so much, Mimi. Please note this is open to all ladies, the more, the merrier. Mimi is about to take off on a travelling adventure around Australia with her partner Hughie, but she'll keep the classes going. So come on, put Mimi's Pilates on your New Year's resolution list!

Again, a little corny of me but I just want to mention here how special it is to see the community come together at a gymkhana. My Winnie was especially nervous on the morning of the gymkhana, but the ladies in the adjudicators' box

early that day were so kind to Winnie, and to me. Thank you, Dani and Becky, for calming our nerves, and thanks also to the wonderful Williams ladies, who always make horse eventing so friendly. I'm proud of my Winnie for riding this year at two gymkhana. She may not win ribbons, but I just love watching her and Lucy Williams' strength of character out on the field.

Most recently, the North West came together at Mabel Creek Station, where Dani and Corey Chapman hosted the Christmas tree for us and some of the Mar-

*Edwina Bowie*



*Max Matheson on his last day of school at PAC with parents Ian and Edwina.*

# Port Augusta Branch News

When I was in Year 4, one of my teachers once told me, 'As we get older, the years seem to fly by faster and faster.' At the time, my 9-year-old self couldn't imagine that being true. Yet here I am, nearly 50, and in the blink of an eye, the year is over (and, yes, I feel old). The kids are growing up so quickly—they've left Australia for new adventures, returned to university after some time away, and completed Year 4. While we want to keep them close, it's also wonderful to see them explore the world. Many of our young adults in our branch are doing just that, not only traveling overseas but also heading north within our state and across Australia. They're diving into different facets of the agricultural industry, returning during breaks to lend a hand on the property, and even exploring smaller agricultural operations while studying in Adelaide. Every experience counts, contributes, and makes a difference. While some of our students are navigating the challenges of high school, working hard to complete their studies, and trying out so many different areas in sport and extra-curricular activities. Our young primary-aged students have had another amazing school year. The excitement

of starting school, especially for those joining through the mid-year intake, has carried through to the end of the year, with an incredible amount of learning taking place. Our Year 1 students and beyond have excelled, giving their all in everything they've tried, from the Premier's Reading Challenge to art competitions, sports day, netball, and gymkhanas. Their hard work has paid off with excellent marks and well-deserved prizes. It's so wonderful to see, and I am still so impressed by how they all the kids encourage each other while competing and putting in their best effort.

Our pre kindy and kindy kids are super excited to have their older sibling's home for the holidays again, while stretching their boundaries with teasing and play fighting, joining in water runs and getting a good laugh out of beeping the wildlife out the way and maybe that just gives mum 5 mins peace and quiet while they are out and about.

Our community continues to thrive, adapting to the ever-changing demands of keeping our committees running. Our ICPA group has been busy participating in state council meetings and organizing the federal conference, while Ian

and I gained a lot from attending the delegation in Adelaide, with Pam joining some meetings via Zoom. Our mascot for the day, Bonnie, was dutifully shuffled from one meeting to the next, as I'm sure others have been in the past. She quietly read her book, soaking it all in. Hopefully, we've inspired the next generation to care about their communities and work towards achieving the best possible outcomes for them. We also congratulate Pam on becoming the new RICE Chairperson, while continuing to serve as secretary for several other committees.

Our bee project is steadily progressing in the background, with some fine-tuning planned for 2025. We've received great publicity in SA Life and across social media, which we hope has helped raise awareness of ICPA and spread the word further.

Although there are many perils of social media for young people, in our house it has been a wonderful way for kids in far reaches to draw closer together and to encourage each other



Ian, Bonnie, George, Lara, Elke and Indie checking out the bee hive.



Hi from Cody in Canada.



Hudson, Payton, Georgia, Steve, Hamish and Phil helping at shearing time



Payton and Maddie helping at Nonning.

# Port Augusta Branch News

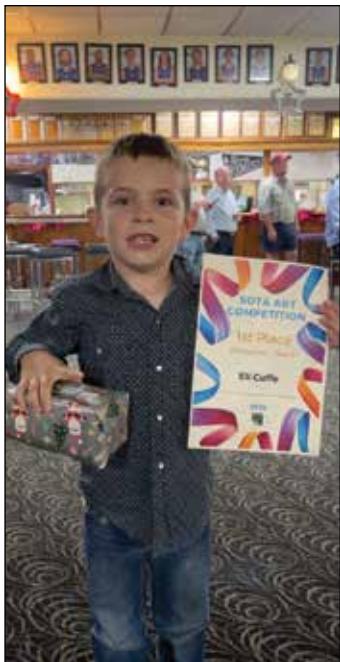
to nag parents to attend many an event. It's been a wonderful way to visit all areas of our state. On that note, we hope to see you all at our branch and community's next event in the new year, the 'Winter Wonderland Outback Ball.' While you might not need to pack your winter woollies, we're hoping to bring some fun and dancing to the hot weather. With the new

renovations to the shed, we've enlisted the help of committee members, including the kids, to make it feel a bit cooler. So, get your best representation of snow outfits and dancing shoes ready for the 22nd of February, 2025, at the GRPA community shed on Nonning Station! Happy New Year everyone, may the rains bless your doors. Cheers.

Katrina Morris



Pamela, and Waylon Cuffe.



Eli Cuffe at SOTA Get-Together.



Hudson, Cody, Bailey and Hamish helping at Nonning.



Pamela, Katrina, Chris and Chloe at this years state conference.



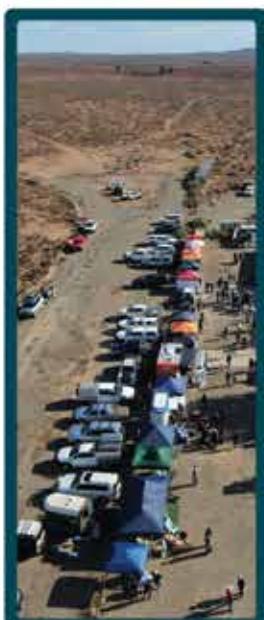
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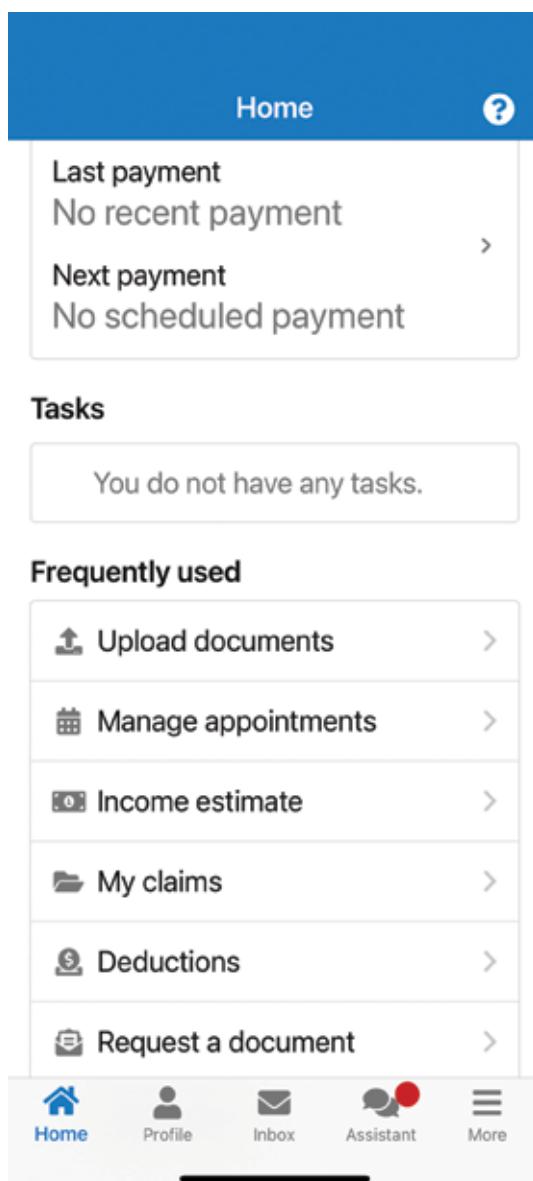
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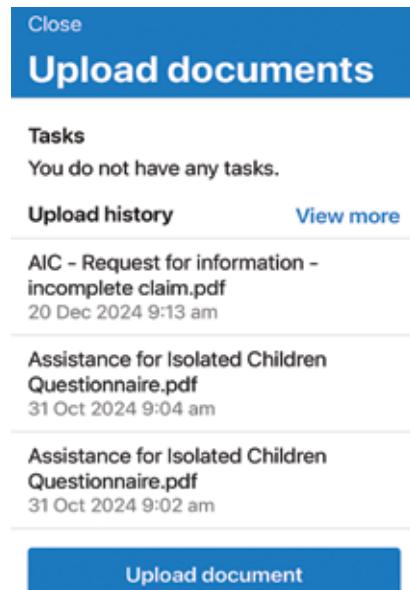


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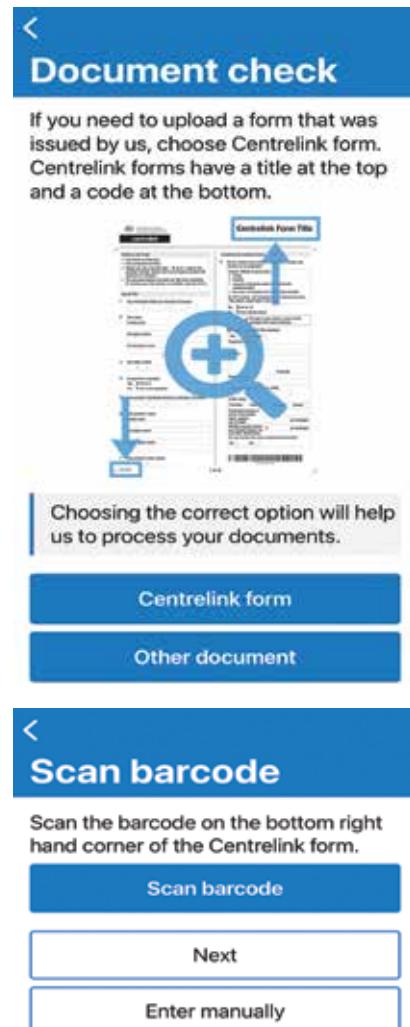
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# Formals and graduations



Above: Max Matheson with partner, Year 12 formal, PAC.

Right: Callie McInnis, Year 11 formal, Trinity.

Far Right: Emma Easter, Year 11 formal, Westminster.

Below: Alex O'Neill, Year 11 graduation, St Marks.

Below Right: Petie and daughter Hayden Rankin, Year 11 formal, Pembroke.



# Formals and graduations



Port Augusta SOTA graduates 2024: James Reynolds (Year 6), Nelson Willis (Year 6), Micah Beard (Year 7), Cody Bell (Year 7), Anakin Harbour (Year 6), PJ Vermeulen (Year 6), Magenta Williams (Year 6), Lucy Williams (Year 7) and Lily Harbour (Year 7).



Corey Hilder with parents Dennis and Michelle, Year 12 graduation, Orroroo Area School.



Belinda Hatcher with Daughter Lily, Clip Joint Certificate 2 in Salon Assistant VET Course graduation.

# SA ICPA Bronco Branders shine in the Territory

On Thursday 12th September, a convoy of keen South Australian Bronco Branders and supporters descended on Marla Bore for an overnight stay to rest horses before journeying up to Aileron, 135km north of Alice Springs for the Australian National Bronco Branding Championships for 2024.

It was the Northern Territory's turn to host the championships with Craig & Sarah Cook (Alice Springs ICPA Branch) taking the lead with the help of other local volunteers to put on a wonderful, well-run event.

In total, SA ICPA had 13 members competing, 6 members spectating as well as 12 member children all in attendance. There were 10 other competitors from South Australia and many more supporters.

The day kicked off with the Novice competition. Team Connemara (Harvey Willliams) clearly won the event with the fastest time of the whole day (3:24.21). Undoolya came in second (5:44.27) and Craig Cook's Ambalindum team came in 3rd (5:53) with North West Branch's Anna Greenfield as the brander. Hollie Williams' Nilpinna team had the 4th fastest time (6:53.54) and Kae-li May's Patsy Springs team came in 7th (8:00.80).

25 Singles teams competed to be the Single Champions for 2024. With only the 6 fastest teams going through to the final, it was a tough battle. Northern Flinders' Chris Reynolds (3:44.30), Billa Kalina's Col Greenfield (4:03.67) and Mount Barry's Tony Williams (4:35.43) all made it through. Bad luck to Cam Williams (4:54.98) and Bridie Ferguson (5:28.32) who just missed out. After being the last team into the finals, Tony came out on fire and with the support of his experienced ground crew of Matt, Cam & Logan Williams



*Tony Willilams on Tin Tin who was the winning Catcher for Singles.*

he notched up his 3rd National Championship Singles title with an aggregated time of 8:17.81. Chris Reynolds and his team of Harvey Williams, David May and Dylan Nicholls came in 2nd place with an

aggregated time of 8:40.36. Rounding out the place getters was team Maxvale (Corey Ferguson/ICPA QLD Chanel Country) with his team of Harvey Williams and Queenslanders Clint Rayment and La-

chie Hoddle, with an aggregated time of 8:43.68.

16 teams entered the Doubles competition, again with the top 6 teams headed into the finals featuring 3 SA teams. Sitting in 1st going into the finals was



*Harvey Williams on the front leg - winner, Best Grounds Person of the day.*

# SA ICPA Bronco Branders shine in the Territory

team Maxvale (4:03.70) with an Uncle/Nephew combination of Corey and Harvey. SA teams into the final were Chris & Bridie's Northern Flinders' team (4.13.68), the Jones/Wil- liams team with Jason Jones and Logan Williams as catchers (5:14.97) and Tony's Mount Barry team with partner David Hunter (5:42.75).

Team Maxvale kept their noses in front to take out the National Championship title, Corey's second title in doubles and Harvey's first ever as catchers, with ground team of Clint, Lachie and Cam (9:00.46). Second place went to NT/QLD Team East Mac Contractors (9:44.58) and Northern Flinders took out 3rd place (11:41.09).

Some special awards were also presented on the day; Kaeli May won the greenhide rope competition for the rope she made. Cameron Williams won both the singles (back leg) and doubles (brander) titles and his horse 'Darky' won the Horse of the Day! Grounds person of the day went to Harvey Williams who you could say had a day most would dream about. He competed on his own horse 'Bruce', won the novice competition as a catcher, was a place getter in the singles on both front leg and back leg, a doubles front leg placing and also became the youngest catcher to win an Australian Doubles Title.

Overall, a fantastic weekend was had by everyone involved and it's fair to say that many of our SA ICPA members from the Marree Air, North West and Marla Oodnadatta Branches love the sport of the outback, Bronco Branding.

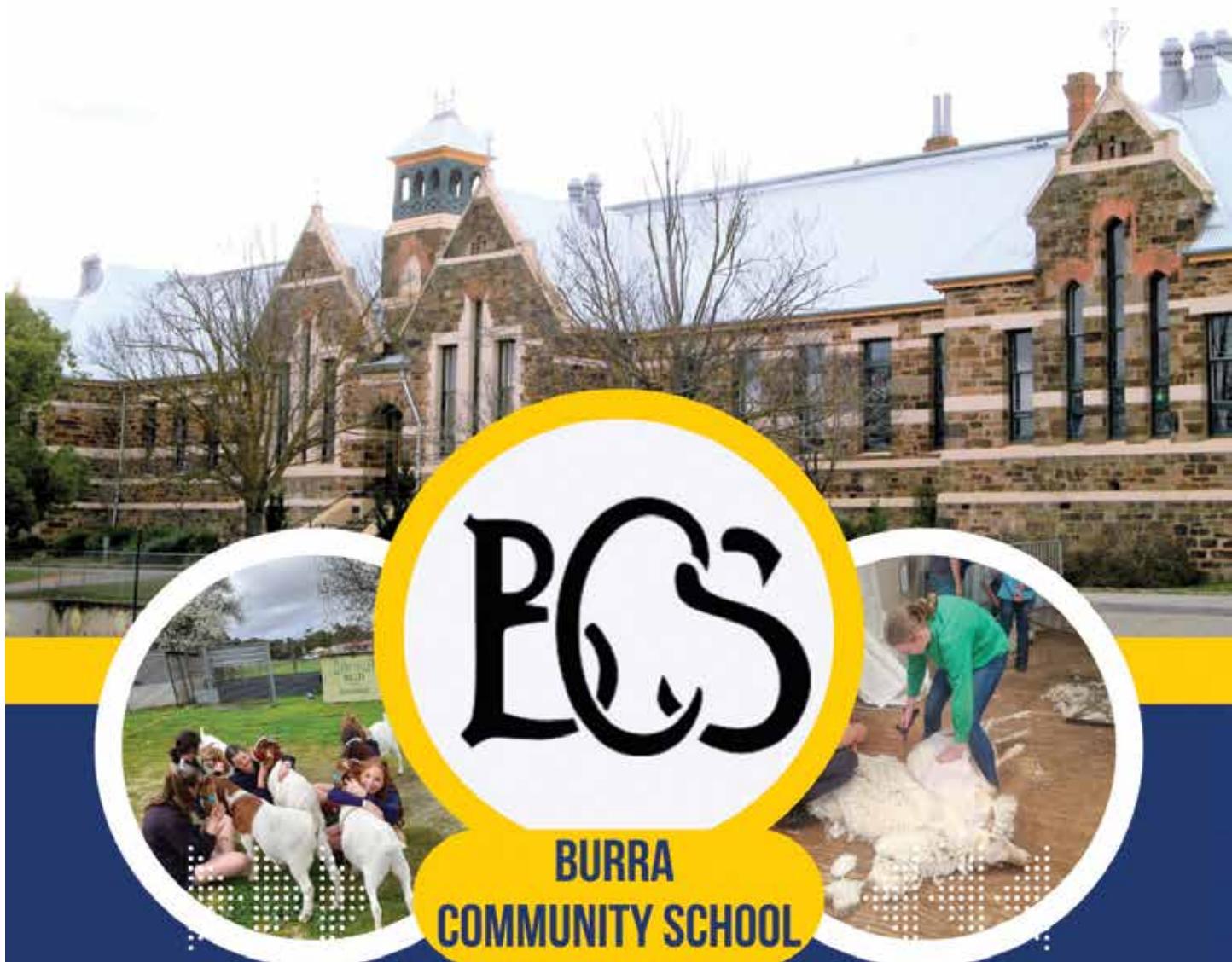
*Hollie Williams*



*The Northern Flinders team celebrate 3rd place in the Doubles.*



*Logan Williams on Darky in the Doubles finals.*



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# Life Members

## Federal Life Members

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Lynn Nagel

Don Nicholson

Sharon Nutt

Joanna Gibson

Jill Greenfield

## Port Augusta

Lynn Nagel

Don Nicholson

Colleen Manning

## North East Branch

Julia Materne

Glennis Crawford

Jane Gloster

Dot Sandland

Roslyn Breeding

## Flinders Ranges

Kaye Fels

Richard Warwick

Sally Henery

## Marla Oodnadatta

Digby and Bernadette Giles

Helen Williams

## North West Branch

Joanna Gibson

Jill Greenfield

Lorraine Greenfield

# Podcast & Series Reviews

*Jodie Keogh – SA Lone Members*

Well 2025 is upon us and lots of changes are coming up for our family, which we are both excited and nervous about.

### Deadly Mirage, by Dateline

For true crime enthusiasts Dateline produces great podcasts! They do one episode shows but they really shine when they feature a murder in more detail. Deadly Mirage is about a seemingly perfect couple & family but things aren't always as they seem!

### Good Weekend Talks

Based on long form journalism from the Sydney Morning Herald and The Age is picks an article, reads it and discusses along the way. Some great subjects and always an interesting and informative listen

### Just Married, The Anthea Bradshaw Mystery

Anthea Bradshaw was a young, married, teacher with everything going for her. She grew up in Adelaide and married her high school sweetheart and was just about to embark on moving to Brunei to teach while her husband worked at the Royal Hospital. During a visit to Brunei to secure work she was brutally murdered in her husband's staff provided accommodation. No-one has ever been charged with her death and this story stuck with an Adelaide reporter for all of these years. He has now done a deep dive into the case and its failings to see if any new developments can be made

### Series to Watch

#### ‘High Country’ on Foxtel / Binge

When Sergeant Andrea ‘Andie’ Whitford is transferred to the town of Brokenridge in the Victorian High Country, she realises the mysterious cases of five missing people who have disappeared into the wilderness might be linked. As she delves further into the investigation, she begins to uncover a complex web of murder, deceit and revenge. Stars Leah Purcell, an amazing Australian actress

#### ‘Bump’ on Stan

Australian comedy/drama at its best. This series has been around awhile now and a new series gets released every year on Boxing Day. It follows Oly, an ambitious & studious girl in Year 11 who has a surprise baby. It follows her journey into motherhood, navigating a relationship with the father of the baby and centres around both the families coming together to help the teens. Season 5 (final season) was released this Boxing day and while it was a balmy 47 degrees here was some welcome viewing! Highly recommend

### Audiobook

#### ‘The Whole Truth’ by Jackie O

Many people probably only know Jackie O and Kyle Sandilands from scandals you hear about on the news at times – they have the most successful radio show in the country. Jackie often gets overshadowed by Kyle and his antics but this autobiography from Jackie O is an excellent listen. It is from her early life and how she stumbled into radio and all the trials and tribulations in between. I really enjoyed listening to this book and now occasionally listen to their show on podcast – its funny, but can be quite rude at times but always gives me a laugh.

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# IT shortcuts, tips and tricks

Meaning	Shortcut	Explanation
Copy	Ctrl + C	
Cut	Ctrl + X	
Paste	Ctrl + V	
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Go one step back in Word	Ctrl + Z	WORD
<b>Make selected text bold</b>	Ctrl + B	WORD
<u>Underline selected text</u>	Ctrl + U	WORD
<i>Make selected Text italic</i>	Ctrl + I	WORD
Delete all words to the left	Ctrl + Backspace	WORD
Delete all words to the right	Ctrl + Del	WORD
Find text/word	Ctrl + F	This works wherever you are (document, word, Website etc.)
Find and replace text	Ctrl + H	WORD
Page break	Shift + Enter	When you are done on one page and you don't want to press enter 10 times to start a new page, just put in this shortcut
Go to the end of current line	End	WORD
Go to beginning of current line	Home	WORD
Get up menu wherever your cursor is	Normally click in bottom right corner Or Tap with two fingers at same time in touchpad	
Maximize Window	F11 or Windows logo key + Up arrow	
Put Window to left or right side (half)	Windows logo key + left/right arrow	
Open Task View	Windows logo key + Tab Or Swipe three fingers upwards on touchpad	To see all the open windows you currently have
Switch between open Tabs	Alt + Tab	
Lock your PC	Windows logo key + L	
Cycle + ESC	Cycle through open Windows	
Open Settings	Windows logo key + U	

# Delegation 2024

On Monday the 2nd of December 2024, Belinda Hatcher, Katrina Morris and Ian Morris attended 3 meetings in Adelaide as part of this year's delegation. There were a short, sweet group of meetings, but ones that will benefit SA ICPA with their advocacy for 2025.

We met with Blair Boyer MP – Minister for Education, Training and Skills, Clare Scrivens MLC – Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and Luke Fraser – Executive Director of Strategic Policy and External Relations, Department for Education.

We had the opportunity to discuss the motions raised by members at the 2024 State Conference as well as other issues that have been raised by members throughout the year. Things that were spoken about included:

- Rapidly increasing boarding school fees and the need for an increase to the State Education Allowance to support families navigating this.
- The new technical college being built in Port Augusta and how it will be able to support rural and remote students in years 10, 11 and 12, especially those who are looking towards a more practical style of learning as well as the possibility of including an agricultural line of learning in the educational opportunities that will be provided there.
- The government's commitment to improving teacher housing in country areas.
- How the creation of a Distance Education Supervisor allowance / subsidy would benefit distance ed families and how it could look and be administered.
- Incentives are needed for the attraction and retention of teachers and support staff at rural schools as well as bus driver shortages.
- How we are trying to make contact with airlines about creating a student fare subsidy / price cap for flights to and from school out of regional areas.
- Regional and remote roads and the impact that the 'downsizing' of road gangs and maintenance schedules can have on families

travelling to school and school events.

- The recent Drought Support package announced by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions.
- How the areas of advocacy in education and agriculture are of similar nature and how they often affect similar groups of people.
- The Country Education Strategy and how SA ICPA would love the opportunity to be able to contribute to the key focus areas in the future.
- The relocation of Port Augusta School of the Air to the new Royal Flying Doctor Service clinic space in 2026.

An immediate follow up from these meetings has been Minister Boyer's advisor providing a direct contact for REX Airlines in South Australian, as well as an invitation for members in the new year to meet with Minister Boyer and be his guest for dinner at Parliament House.

All of the meetings were well received, but the one with Minister Boyer was especially beneficial. It took place at a café in Port Adelaide and the casual nature of the setting provided an opportunity to be candid with Mr Boyer and relay the personal stories of members and the reasoning behind motions being put forward. We were able to speak freely with him and in return he encouraged us to continue to advocate the way we are and that even if some of our requests are not being actioned in the way that we would like that they are still being taken seriously and haven't fallen on deaf ears.

Ian and Katrina's daughter Bonnie was the 'mascot' for SA ICPA during our meetings and it was great to have Minister Boyer witness and take particular note of how she was sitting quietly while reading a huge novel during our meeting. This was such a positive reflection on how amazing our bush educated kids are and the very reason why we were meeting with him in the first place.

*Belinda Hatcher*



# A note from State Council....

## SA STATE CONFERENCE:

We look forward to seeing many members at the 2025 State Conference on 21st March 2025. A Conference webpage has been created and details can be found here <https://icpa.com.au/sa/conference>. A formal invitation will be emailed out in February with registrations available through the SA ICPA website.

## SA STATE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE VACANCIES:

We are actively looking to fill the Treasurer and Secretary roles, both to commence after the state conference. These roles are incredibly rewarding and you will be helping all ICPA members. If wanting to know more about either of the roles, please get in touch with Jodie for Treasurer ([satresurer@icpa.com.au](mailto:satresurer@icpa.com.au)) or Hollie for Secretary ([sasecretary@icpa.com.au](mailto:sasecretary@icpa.com.au)).

## SA STATE WEB MASTER:

We are seeking a person to fill this off-council role to commence after conference. The Web Master looks after the website by updating information, publishing news feeds and managing the conference registration page. This is a small role that allows flexibility. If you know your way around a computer or are quick learner, this could be the perfect role for you to contribute. To enquire and find out more about the role contact Lisa Slade [sawebmaster@icpa.com.au](mailto:sawebmaster@icpa.com.au).

## BRANCH DELEGATES:

Have you considered joining State Council?

Nominate at your branch AGM. State Council Delegates must;

- ~ Be a productive member of State Council, willing to take on portfolios in areas of specific interest and be a State Council representative on committees.

- ~ Be an open line of communication between your branch and State Council ensuring that State Council matters are brought back to your branch and vice versa.

- ~ Attend State Conference and State Council meetings (every 6-8 weeks).

- ~ Consider being part of the annual delegation to Adelaide, (an important item on the calendar to familiarise Politicians and people of influence of the needs of isolated students).

**AGM:** The purpose of an AGM

is to elect office bearers and delegates to state council, table and move end of year reports including Presidents and financial/treasurer reports, decide on any subscriptions and/or donations, and confirm auditor details necessary for the function of the committee. Any other business needs to be conducted in a separate general meeting which can be run directly before/after your AGM. Branch minutes and Financials / Treasurer's report must be forwarded to SA ICPA Secretary. Branch AGM's are to be held after 1st January and prior to state conference of the current year.

**MOTIONS 2024:** A motion response document has been created. This document outlines work that has been done around motions that were presented and carried at the 2024 SA ICPA State Conference. This document was emailed to your branch president and secretary to distribute to members 21/12/2024. Please do not hesitate to contact State Council should you require any further information on the motion progress.

**MOTIONS 2025:** What are the important issues that affect you and your region? Do you have a motion that your branch can present? Motion template was sent to branches 21/12/24. 2025 Motions will be due on 21/02/2025 by 11.59pm.

A motion is a proposal put to state conference for discussion, recommending or requesting that State Council take a particular course of action. If a motion is carried, the outcome forms the basis for actions and decisions by Council to carry out the business of the organisation.

**WEBSITE BRANCH UPDATES:** Has there been any changes in your branch (after your AGM)? Email [sawebmaster@icpa.com](mailto:sawebmaster@icpa.com) What's required: an image (Portrait jpeg file in high resolution), and a short bio of all branch executives and state council delegates.

**ZOOM:** SA State Secretary can provide zoom details using the SA ICPA Subscription, to host any online meeting or catchup – please contact Hollie [sasecretary@icpa.com](mailto:sasecretary@icpa.com)

[secretary@icpa.com.au](mailto:secretary@icpa.com.au) by message or email to organise.

**CONSTITUTION:** The updated constitution with changes adopted at the 2024 AGM is now available on the website.

**POLICY UPDATE:** SA ICPA Portfolio Policies are governed by motions brought to State Conference each year by members. All policies have been looked at and updated. The SA ICPA new policies document has been emailed out and will be motioned to approve document changes at the 2025 state conference. A huge thanks must go to two of our life members Jill Greenfield and Joanna Gibson for their hours of time spent fine tuning and editing. Your hard work in this area is greatly appreciated.

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** Do not try and renew your membership before your membership expires as you won't be able to with the new rolling membership. A renewal notice will be emailed to you on the day of expiry.

**ICPA TECH TEAM:** Any tech issues reach out directly to the tech team as they are happy to help. [ICPATechteam.database@au](mailto:ICPATechteam.database@au)

[icpa.com.au](http://icpa.com.au)

**PEDALS:** Content for the next issue is due 15th February for the April edition. It is great to see SA news so please have your Branch contribute where possible. [pedalseditor@icpa.com.au](mailto:pedalseditor@icpa.com.au)

**IN-HOME CARE:** In Home Care Program (IHC) is provided to families who can demonstrate that other types of approved childcare are not suitable or available and where one or more of the following criteria apply:

- ~ Parents or carers are working non-standard or variable hours, outside normal childcare service hours

- ~ Parents or carers are geographically isolated from other types of approved childcare, particularly in rural or remote locations

- ~ The family has challenging or complex needs, including where families are experiencing challenging situations, and other approved childcare services are not able to meet the needs of the child or the family

Contact Kelly or Mandy for further information [ihc@australiasleadinghomecareagency.com.au](mailto:ihc@australiasleadinghomecareagency.com.au)



Jill Greenfield (Left) on Federal Council Delegation in Canberra

# State Council & Portfolio Reports

## Boarding/Hostels/Second Home

*Hollie Williams*

- Amber Driver is new Federal leader. Hollie attended a federal/ state zoom meeting in November.
- Boarding questionnaire was sent out to families in November to help federal council collate information to present to ministers. Thanks to the SA families who filled it in and returned it.
- 14 motions presented and passed at Federal Conference in Sydney.
- ICPA Aust – update from delegation can be found on the ICPA Aust website.
- All SA boarding schools will be invited to the 2025 State & Federal Conference.
- If you’re thinking about sending your child to boarding school check out the individual school webpages that outline scholarships and bursaries that you can apply for.



*St Mark's College Port Pirie have built a new boarding facility, secured for completion this coming March.*

## Communication

*Pamela Cuffe*

- The federal Council Communications team is well equipped with Sally Brindal leading the portfolio.
- The Telstra 3g shut down is complete.
- Federal Council met with the Universal Services Branch (USB) of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications while on delegations in Canberra. The following issues were raised, Reduced network coverage, Call dropouts, Fortuitous coverage, Next G Wireless Link (NGWL) transition, Remote school network coverage, Power requirements for new technologies and the Department announced that they are undertaking their own trials of new technologies including Starlink at 50 sites around Australia.
- For long-term connectivity, Telstra recommends fixed internet solutions, such as NBN or Starlink, to reduce reliance on mobile networks during outages.

## Distance Education

*Kirsty Williams*

- A huge congratulations to Jill Greenfield who has joined Federal Council this year and is the new DE Portfolio leader.
- Lai Kuan Lim concluded her role as HOC at the end of 2024 after seeing through her whole tenure. A huge thank you must go to Lai Kuan for her dedication and commitment to the school over the past 5 years.
- Rachael Russel has been appointed the new School of the Air (SOTA) Head of Campus (HOC) on a 1-year contract. A number of SOTA teachers are returning this year along with a few new teachers giving SOTA a full-teaching staff commencing the 2025 school year which is fantastic for consistency.
- The new SOTA building with the RFDS is moving ahead and earthworks have started. Building completion is hoped for 2026. Negotiations around a shared play space are happening with the Port Augusta Council.
- Mid-year Reception in-take happened for the first time this year. AIC for these students was granted after some initial complications. This small win shows the importance of members speaking up and the strength of ICPA to overcome hurdles.
- 2024 marked the end of an era with the last cohort of Year 7's attending SOTA Port Augusta. From 2025 SOTA will be R-6 only which is likely to affect funding and teaching allocations into the future.
- A costing review is being completed by Federal Council for an increase in the AIC- Distance Education allowance. Federal Council have had discussions with the Department of Education (DoE) regarding:
  - DE schools meeting their obligations for learning and well-being for all students. It was discussed at length that all schools, including DE schools need to meet their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act.
  - School Resource Standards (SRS) for our Geographically Isolated (GI) students, focusing on the location of the DE school and the location of the student.
  - In-Home Care to include a clause to provide the ability for the employment of a supervisor for school aged children in the DE classroom. If you are in this situation, please send a case study (your story) to [Jill.Greenfield@icpacfc.org.au](mailto:Jill.Greenfield@icpacfc.org.au) as this will support our advocacy.

## Early Childhood Education

*Edwina Bowie*

- Edwina Bowie is leading the Early Childhood Education and • Julia Broad is again leading the Early Childhood Education Federal team.
- 14 motions were carried or deemed covered at conference covering the following issues: AIC for pre-compulsory, In Home Care, ECEC staff pay parity, Universal access to ECEC, Infrastructure and operational funding of rural and remote ECEC centres, Mobile early learning, Working Holiday Maker Visa program
- Teacher pay parity, the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) for preschool and challenges with In-Home Care are among the key top-

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ics for federal council. These issues, highlight the critical gaps in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) across regional and isolated areas and were discussed at recent delegation.

- Introduction of the AIC Distance Education Allowance to be extended to the year before school, was also discussed in depth with the Minister for ECEC's office. As well as ongoing issues with In-Home Care, particularly the challenges faced by families in remote areas.

- Discussions with the National Farmers Federation (NFF) helped align our advocacy efforts, and we greatly appreciate their support in advancing these critical ECEC issues.

- Office for Early Childhood Development Funding: South Australian residents studying Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) eligible early childhood qualifications can now access financial support to offset costs related to their study. There are three Streams to the QualifySA in Early Childhood Program: teacher support, educator support and aboriginal pathways. For further information and eligibility criteria visit: <https://www.earlychildhood.sa.gov.au/working-in-early-childhood/financial-support>.

## REVISE

*Georgy Ewing*

Hello everyone, 2024 seems to have disappeared very quickly. REVISE has had no station placements, but we have been able to support a couple of families when they have been down in Adelaide. Zoe, in the librarian at Marden, has very kindly let us work in the library which was a lot of fun. Interesting for the students, and for REVISE teachers, to be at the delivery end of library sessions. Also for instant access to information – on several occasions Zoe produced books relating to what we were taking about. A tip for Christmas Eve - to help Santa find his way, sprinkle some reindeer food along where you want him to land his sleigh! Equal parts of glitter and oatmeal (but I guess any cereal would do), the glitter helps light the way for him. This really works, the reindeer pooh across my daughter's front lawn and driveway prove it! From the REVISE family to all of your families, a safe and happy Christmas and New Year, may 2025 bring you many blessings. My email is ladyewing@gmail.com, Phone 0408897818

## Rural Schools and School Travel

*Di Thomas*

- On a federal level Nikki Mahony is the Rural and Remote Schools leader and Jennifer Ruska the School Travel. Hollie attended a federal/state zoom meeting in December.
- It was great to see so many small schools across the country getting into the spirit and flooding social media with their #WearRRED day posts. Hoping this initiative grows and encourage even more classrooms to be RRED Ready for 2025.
- Australian Government announced an \$80m financing facility to support the continued operations of the Rex network and their intention to extend the Federal Government Regional Flight Booking Guarantee. These developments represent a big step forward for the regional network that connects rural and remote communities.
- \$100 Sport Vouchers Program: The Sports Voucher Program pro-

vides a discount of up to \$100 on sport, dance, music or learn to swim fees for children living in South Australia. Sports vouchers will double to two \$100 vouchers per child, per year this year. For further information visit: [www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au](http://www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au).

## Specific Education Needs

*Hollie Williams*

- Ali Allison is the new federal leader.
- 4 Specific Needs motions were presented and passed at the federal conference in Sydney.
- Wait time to see specialists including tele health and allied health is a huge problem across rural and remote Australia.

## Tertiary

*Katrina Morris*

- Tim Fletcher is now leading the Tertiary Education federal team and Anna McCorkle is still driving the Training team.
  - o During recent delegations in Canberra, ICPA Australia met with the Minister and Assistant Minister for Education, the Department of Education, Services Australia, and the Department of Social Services to discuss key motions surrounding the Tertiary Access Payment (TAP).
- The Minister confirmed that TAP, initially funded for four years (2021–2024), will now become a permanent program. ICPA Aust highlighted the under use of the funding and need to extend eligibility to students taking a gap year.
- Services Australia has committed to providing ICPA with an application "cheat sheet" to simplify the process.
- The issue of HECS fee reductions for education and allied health students who are required to complete compulsory placements in remote and geographically isolated areas was raised. Concerns were reiterated about the significant burden placed on regional and remote students who must travel long distances for practical sessions.
- Rural And Regional Enterprise Scholarships Program: The Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarship Program improves access to and completion of tertiary education courses. The scholarships are open to students from regional and remote areas in Australia.
- For further information visit: [Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships Program - Scholarships - Intranet - University of South Australia \(unisa.edu.au\)](http://www.unisa.edu.au)
- The Commonwealth Teaching Scholarships Program: School leavers and career changers who enrol full-time in initial teacher education (ITE) programs commencing in the first semester/study period of 2025 may be eligible for up to \$40,000 from the Australian Government to support them in their studies. The Commonwealth Teaching Scholarships Program aims to attract more high-achieving and diverse candidates into teaching by supporting new undergraduate and post-graduate ITE students to meet the costs of their study in exchange for teaching in government schools or government-run early learning settings for a time equivalent to the length of their ITE program. Up to 1,000 scholarships per year will be offered over five years between 2024 – 2028.
- Apply using the online form at [education.gov.au/teaching-scholarships](http://www.education.gov.au/teaching-scholarships) Close Date & Time: 13-Jan-2025.

# Allowances for remote and isolated families

## 2024

Allowance	Who can apply?	How much?
<b>Federal Allowances: Centrelink</b>		
Assistance for Isolated Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boarding Allowance</li> </ul>	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"> <li>• Distance Education Allowance</li> </ul>	Geographically isolated and undertaking schooling via Distance Education	\$4,428 per year.
Assistance for Isolated Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second Home Allowance</li> </ul>	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). <a href="http://www.ipca.com.au">www.ipca.com.au</a> 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.
<b>State Allowances:</b> <b>DECD Transport Services</b> <b>Department (08) 8226 2406</b>		
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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 Early Childhood Education    Edwina Bowie, Louise Kohler  
 Rural Schools/School Travel    Di Thomas, Michelle Hilder, Belinda Hatcher  
 Communications    Pamela Cuffe, Dani Chapman

Distance Education    Kirsty Williams, Kristina Crawford  
 Specific Education    Hollie Williams, Josephine Drennan, Candice Brown  
 Tertiary Education/Career Pathways    Katrina Morris, Jodie Keogh, Dani Chapman

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