

Are you considering a role on State Council?

Are you able to be a productive member of the Qld State Council team and be prepared to contribute to the overall effectiveness? If so, you can be guaranteed involvement in a fantastic, professional organisation that has our rural and remote children at its core. The rewards for your commitment are great, benefit the wider community and also allow for personal upskilling and growth. The achievements of this organisation are the results of the combined effort of each State Councillor as an individual.

All new councillors are given a Mentor and the whole team promises an abundance of support and encouragement. You are part of two teams – State Council and your Portfolio – you are not on your own!

Ok...so what are the responsibilities?

To be the best team member you can be:

- ✚ Be familiar with ICPA policies. These are the roadmap that serves as the voice of our members and guides our lobby.
- ✚ Communication is key! State Council 'talks' via email – there can be times when there is a lot of traffic, so staying on top of it helps to remain in the loop and up to date with discussions. *Your opinion matters and your responses are valued – so hit reply all!*
- ✚ Attend State Conference
- ✚ Participate in monthly Council teleconferences where discussions are had and decisions made.
- ✚ Attend the annual mid-year meeting – this is extremely important and strongly encouraged. This meeting is one of the very few times the State Council team meet face to face. Strategic, operational and portfolio issues are dealt with and attendance is so beneficial for a healthy portfolio.

To lead a strong portfolio that works well:

- ✚ Take ownership of your role as Portfolio leader and be an active member to the others you are a member of (usually 2-4). Portfolios that are alive, thrive!
- ✚ Liaise with relevant representatives appropriate to your Portfolio and create and maintain worthwhile relationships. This may take some time, however previous leaders have usually nurtured these contacts and the benefits of maintaining these networks are incredibly valuable.
- ✚ Make the effort to have comprehensive administration practices of your Portfolio. This will make the creating of necessary documents, reporting to members, contributing to submissions and thorough preparation for delegations easier.
- ✚ Attend meetings or teleconferences where relevant to your Portfolio wherever possible. Be prepared!
- ✚ Attend delegations in Brisbane when required. This includes meetings with Department representatives and Ministerial officers. Not all Councillors need to attend each delegation.
- ✚ Maintain involvement in reference groups or other education forums where beneficial to your Portfolio, and provide Council with reports following.
- ✚ Ask for help! If you don't know, someone else on Council will!

You will be provided with an ICPA laptop and be able to claim any ICPA related expenses.

ICPA Qld has been a successful lobby group for over 45 years. It is well respected, proficient and specialised – such a valuable team to be a part of! New faces and fresh ideas are always welcome! If you have positive energy to contribute and believe that a role as an ICPA Qld State Councillor is for you – then please contact us today!