
Secretary's report

Madam President, Invited Guests, Federal Councillors, State Councillors, Life members and members,

It does give me great pleasure to present the Secretary's report for the 2023 year.

It has been another busy year attending to the secretarial work for the organisation. State Council had a very successful week in Sydney in June for our main deputation week. Forty meetings were attended to take the organisations policies, and the issues that have come to make these policies from you, the members. These meetings were with the State Government, Departments, and other stakeholders. In October the Executive spent a day in Sydney following up on the issues with some of the Government representatives and stakeholders that we had seen in June.

Letters for all the motions passed at last year's conference were written. We are trying to keep you abreast of the responses to these letters by our motions update in each Top Wire. I do hope you are reading this piece and finding it helpful, especially when it comes to thinking about branch motions for the next conference.

Throughout the year many submissions have been sent to relevant inquiries.

The handbook for State Councillors is still a work in progress, unfortunately.

All branches that asked for promotional banners should have received them in the mail.

It was truly an honour back in November to be able to celebrate back the Walgett branches 50+ years of service to their members. There is so much to celebrate when you think of the volunteer capacity throughout the branches and what has collectively been achieved. Well done, Walgett.

The ICPA flyer in your folders explaining the organisation's structure hopefully will be a useful tool to assist with fully understanding the structure of the organisation. We have plenty of ICPA-NSW flyers that branches are encouraged to take back to their branches to assist with gaining new members. We are only as strong as our membership, and we want to represent you all.

ICPA-NSW members are very lucky to have the current team on State Council. They are a dedicated team with a passion to improve equity of access to education for all rural and remote students from Early Childhood to Tertiary.

We have been working on developing and organising Governance, Management and Microsoft training for the State Council and I am pleased to report that we are all staying back on Friday to do this training whilst we are all in Dubbo. We did receive a small amount of funding from Connellan Airways to assist with this training. Many branches have assisted the organisation by donating funds to assist with our activities.

Throughout the year we have many virtual meetings. Apart from our monthly meeting with the RRREP, we meet with CWA of NSW and NSW Farmers, Telstra, NBN and ACCAN,

Parents Experience, Disabilities Strategy Group, Bursary and Scholarship panels, just to name a few.

The year ahead looks very busy, and I look forward to assisting you all. Thank you very much to you all for what you do either on State Council or at a branch level.

A special thank you to the Dubbo Conference convening committee who have delighted us with a wonderful few days in Dubbo.

All the best

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