

## **TERTIARY, TRADE & TRAINING PORTFOLIO CONFERENCE REPORT – June 2021**

### **DELEGATIONS – February 2021**

Delegations are always such a great opportunity to make connections within portfolios and that was the case with the VETiS team. They were very giving of their time and information in what is a very complex area. Sitting within the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training rather than Education it is a great contact to have made and while we will never understand all the intricacies, we now know the people that do!

ICPA Qld also met with Agforce and discussed the Schools to Industry Partnership Program and the Gateway to Industry Schools program of which there are now 52 schools involved. These schools are creating hubs and including other schools in their areas. TAFE discussions are always ongoing and we thank all our contacts at TAFE for the information that they pass on.

**Country University Colleges** – At the 2020 State Conference the TTT motions were around support for Tertiary and Trade students in rural and remote areas. CUC Maranoa and Balonne are now open and are helping to bridge the gap in rural and remote areas for Tertiary and VET students. Students are able to go to these centres and make use of study spaces, internet, printing, tutorial assistance and to meet in small study groups. We look forward to hearing of more hubs opening in the near future.

### **Queensland Agricultural Colleges**

Following the 2019 Conference in Charters Towers, there were 3 new motions for the Tertiary, Trade & Training portfolio to progress all involving ICPA Qld following the pathways for the Longreach and Emerald Pastoral Colleges.

The Colleges have now been passed on to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for future management until occupancy is established with various entities. 2020 saw little momentum due mainly to COVID but we will continue to gather any new information as it arises for our members.

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