

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN  
ISOLATED CHILDREN'S  
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**Current key focus areas of SA ICPA**

SA ICPA actively advocates to improve the lives and education of children in rural and remote South Australia. Our current priorities include:

- Enhancing the Travel Allowance Scheme and State Education Allowance (SEA)
- The inception of a subsidy for distance education supervisors in geographically remote class rooms
- Ensuring rural and remote roads are maintained to a standard that ensure safe access to schools and universities
- Ensuring adequate Child and Family Health Services (CaFHS) are available for country communities
- The implementation of additional incentives to attract teachers and Student Support Officers (SSOs) to rural and remote schools
- The establishment of a bursary at boarding schools and colleges for rural/remote children
- The establishment of a student fare for flights to and from home for school and tertiary students

These focus areas reflect our commitment to equity, access, and opportunity for all children living in isolated communities.

**Stay Informed & Get Involved**  
To stay up to date with everything you need to know about **educating children in rural and remote areas**, join SA ICPA today:

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Become part of a community advocating for equitable access to education and supporting families across South Australia.



**ADVOCATING  
FOR RURAL  
AND REMOTE  
EDUCATION**

## What is ICPA?

ICPA's aim is to gain equity of access to educational opportunities for children living in rural and remote areas of Australia

Since its formation in 1971, the Isolated Children's Parents' Association has grown into a national organisation with over 3,000 member families. In South Australia, we have a combined number of more than 100 member families in the following branches:  
**North West, Port Augusta, Eyre Peninsula, Marree Air, Marla-Oodnadatta, Flinders Ranges, North East and Lone Members.**

## Membership Benefits

As an ICPA member, you receive:

- 'The Pipeline' – SA ICPA's bi-annual magazine
- 'Pedals' – Federal Council's quarterly magazine
- Regular emails and e-newsletters from State Council and Branches
  - Branch Bulletin – monthly updates
- Access to SA ICPA online with secure login for additional resources

These communications keep you informed about:

- Upcoming events and conferences
- State and national education issues
- Available allowances and scholarships
- Branch and State reports
- Conference recaps
- ...and more!

Even the kids and families enjoy reading the magazines!

## The three tiers of ICPA

### Branch | State | Federal

ICPA operates through three interconnected tiers, working together to ensure the voices of rural, remote and isolated families are represented at every level.

#### Branch Level

Each Branch is led by a **President, Secretary and Treasurer**. Branches are represented on State Council by delegates chosen from within their Branch membership. Branches are the heart of ICPA — connecting local families, identifying issues, and contributing to advocacy efforts.

#### State Level

State Office Bearers are appointed by ICPA members at the **State Annual General Meeting (AGM)**. The State body represents Branch concerns at a broader level, advocating directly with State education departments and relevant authorities.

#### Federal Level

At each **Federal Conference and AGM**, Federal Directors are elected from the wider ICPA membership. The Federal body represents members nationally, advocating on key issues impacting rural and remote education across Australia.

#### Working Together

All three tiers are made up of dedicated ICPA volunteers who generously contribute their time to advocate on behalf of members and their Branches. Through strong cooperation between Branch, State and Federal levels, ICPA ensures the collective voice of rural, remote and isolated families is heard at both State and National levels.

## Who should join SA ICPA?

- ✓ Families living in rural or remote SA with school-aged children or tertiary students
- ✓ Parents using **distance education or boarding schooling**
- ✓ People wanting to **shape education policy** affecting remote families
- ✓ Those who enjoy or benefit from community involvement and networking

### ✓ 1. Have a real voice in education advocacy

Membership gives you a say in **issues affecting rural/remote students** (distance ed, boarding, schools, allowances) and lets your voice be part of a larger collective pushing for change.

### ✓ 2. Access to information & networks

You'll receive newsletters like The Pipeline and invitations to **state and federal conferences**, where policy and priorities are discussed — great for staying informed and connected.

### ✓ 3. Community connection

Branches often run meetings, events and social activities where members share advice and support — useful if you're raising children in isolated areas and want to connect with families in similar situations.

### ✓ 4. Support for practical needs

Through advocacy the ICPA has historically contributed to **education allowances, services like itinerant teachers, scholarships, improved distance ed services and more** — members can influence future priorities.