



WHAT IS ICPA?

'Our aim is to gain equity of access to educational opportunity 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.

As an ICPA member, you will receive:

- SA ICPA's bi-annual publication, *The Pipeline*. This features news from State Council and Branches, with plenty of useful information about state education issues, allowance information and scholarship details, along with photos and reports from our members.
- Federal Council's informative quarterly magazine, *Pedals*, which includes information about federal education matters and allowance updates.
- Regular email and E-Newsletter updates from State Council and Branches, containing details of upcoming events in our local areas, at Rural Schools, School of the Air and the Remote and Isolated Children's Exercise.
- Federal Council's monthly *Branch Bulletin* which highlights issues affecting members across Australia, and how to find out more information about them.
- Access to the ICPA website, with secure log-in to update membership details and access additional information.
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Joining ICPA is a wonderful way to become active in your community and get involved in ensuring your children have access to the best education available. Many ICPA members are second or third generation, with networks in rural education across Australia, which can provide opportunities to create life-long friendships through their active involvement. We welcome membership from families, individuals, schools, and organisations with an interest in rural and remote education.



The three tiers of ICPA - Branch, State and Federal

- Each Branch has a President, Secretary and Treasurer and is represented on State Council. The State executive team is appointed by ICPA members at the State AGM.
- At each Federal Conference & AGM, Federal Councillors are elected from the broad ICPA membership base.
- These bodies are made up of ICPA volunteers who can dedicate a portion of their time to advocating for issues concerning members and their branches.
- The co-operation of the three tiers of ICPA allows for the voices of rural, remote and isolated members to be heard at a Federal level.

State and Federal Conferences

- ICPA Branches select delegates to attend the annual State and Federal Conferences. Motions concerning our children's education are presented and debated with all members being able to have direct input into issues discussed.
- There is no obligation for active participation, however ICPA encourages input and works towards creating an environment where all members feel their concerns are listened to with respect.

Current issues

Some issues State and Federal ICPA are currently advocating for:

- Increasing allowances available to families associated with the cost of education such as the Travel Allowance Scheme and the State Education Allowance (SEA)
- *A subsidy to assist with the cost of supervisors working in Distance Education classrooms in geographically isolated locations*
- Ensuring rural and remote roads are functional ensuring our members are able to access vital educational opportunities
- Ensuring new mothers and their families have access to appropriate and adequate Child and Family Health services
- Seeking additional support and training for School Support Officers (SSOs) to adequately support students who access their education through a rural school or distance education
- Extending the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) allowance to kindergarten children

TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EDUCATING YOUR CHILDREN IN RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS

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