

# Celebrating 175 ISSUES

## Reflections from a Former Pedals Editor

*The April 2025 issue of Pedals is quite a special one—its 175th issue. As a way to celebrate, I reached out to former editors to share their memories, laughs, and lessons from their time at the helm. One of those editors is a familiar name to many of our readers, Raelene Hall, who edited Pedals from 2005 to 2022. Now retired from station life and living in Perth, she took a walk down memory lane to mark the momentous occasion.*

Raelene and I first met in person at the 2022 Federal Conference in Perth. We'd been emailing back and forth while working on the October issue, so I could learn the ropes. When we finally met, her passion for Pedals Magazine was immediately obvious. She adored the art of storytelling, and as we flicked through past editions, she shared anecdotes about the people behind the pages.

At one point, she pointed to a cover featuring a bride in a wedding dress. "See that girl?" she said, before pulling out an issue from the mid-2000s. "That's her in primary school." The bright-eyed student with an infectious smile had grown up and was now walking down the aisle.

The magazines Raelene compiled were more than just publications; they're time capsules

of the lives of bush kids growing up, forging their paths, and pursuing fulfilling educational journeys—despite the challenges of geographic isolation.

### A Passion for Words and Community

"I'm not sure if it was a persuasive person or simply my love of all things reading and writing," she says when asked why she took on the role back in 2005. "But I knew I wanted to contribute to such a fantastic organisation."

Her years as editor were filled with meaningful connections, especially through member interactions and attending Federal Conferences across the country. "Celebrating milestone issues and recognising the hard work of past editors were definitely highlights," she recalls.

### Fax Machines and Name Mix-Ups

Editing a national magazine over the years brought its fair share of challenges—and laughs. "In the early days, the publisher and I had to rely on fax machines to review page layouts," she says, "It seems almost comical now when you think of today's technology."

But her favourite anecdote? "In my first issue, I accidentally mixed up a girl's name with that of a dog. Thankfully, we caught it just in time before it went to print. That was a heart-stopping moment!"

### Words of Wisdom for Future Editors

When asked for advice to pass on to the next generation of Pedals editors, she offers a simple but powerful mantra: "Feel the fear and do it anyway. You won't regret it." These words reflect not just her editorial journey but also the spirit of Pedals Magazine as an extension of ICPA—a group that has supported, celebrated, and chronicled the stories of geographically isolated families for 175 issues and counting.

**by Hannah Calcino – Pedals Editor**



Previous Pedals Editor - Raelene Hall

# My Journey as Pedals Editor

## Lyn Cadzow – Past Pedals Editor

I can't believe how time has flown since I was editor of this fantastic magazine. I was Editor for 4 years (2001-2005).

My name is Lyn Cadzow and I live at Alice Downs, Morven, Qld with my husband, Neil on our goat/cattle station. We have 4 adult children and now 10 grandchildren. I now spend my time helping on the property and enjoy reading (a lot), after having retired (23 years) from my away job of Business Services Manager at our local state school.

I was a member of our Charleville Branch and was attending Federal Conference as a delegate in Adelaide when the previous Editor, Helen Miller, was retiring. At the conference Helen was calling for a volunteer to take up the position as no one had put their hand up. I thought about it and after consulting my husband that night, over the phone, spoke to Helen the next day. After that it was a fait accompli.

I thoroughly enjoyed putting the magazine together and certainly enjoyed talking to ICPA members from all over Australia. While it was hectic at times, I look back now and realise how lucky I was to connect

with all corners of our country.

If I had any advice to branch Publicity Officers and contributors, I would encourage them to send in articles early as it makes life a little bit easier for the Editor to collate as it is always a rush getting the finished product to the publishers.



Previous Pedals Editor - Lyn Cadzow

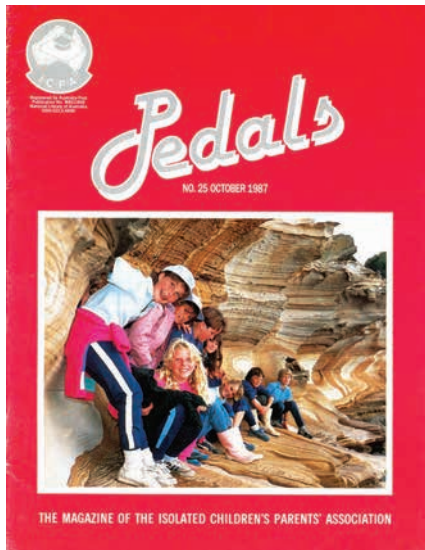
## PEDALS EDITORS TO DATE

1981 – 1983	Mrs Jill Carter (WA) (Passed away 2015)
1983 – 1985	Mrs Jan Gall (QLD)
1985 – 1989	Mrs Gwen Walton (WA)
1989 - 1993	Mrs Marlene Mayfield (WA)
1993 – 1995	Mrs Carmel Chalmers (QLD) (Passed Away 2019 )
1995- 2001	Mrs Helen Miller (QLD)
2001 – 2005	Mrs Lyn Cadzlow (QLD)
2005- 2022	Mrs Raelene Hall (WA)
2022 - Current	Miss Hannah Calcino (QLD)

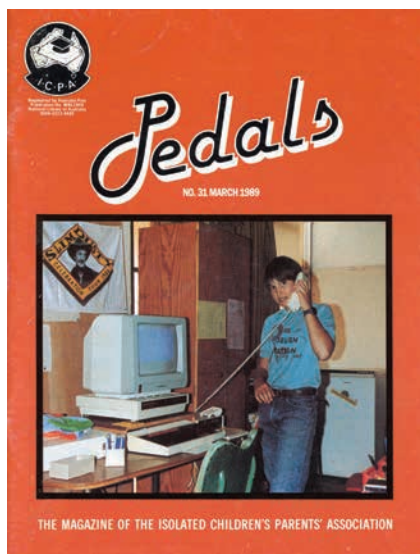
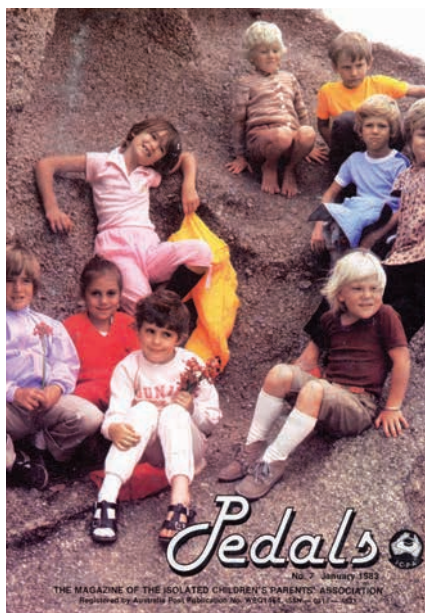
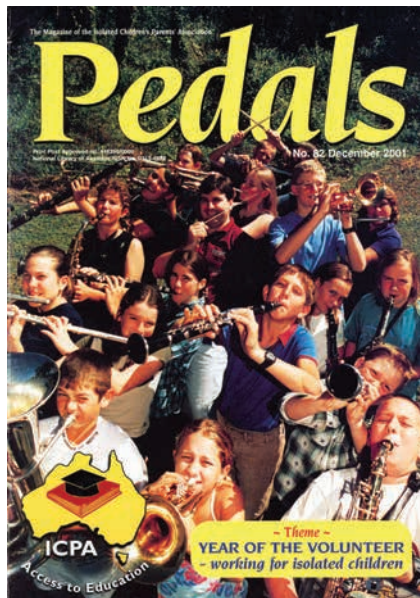
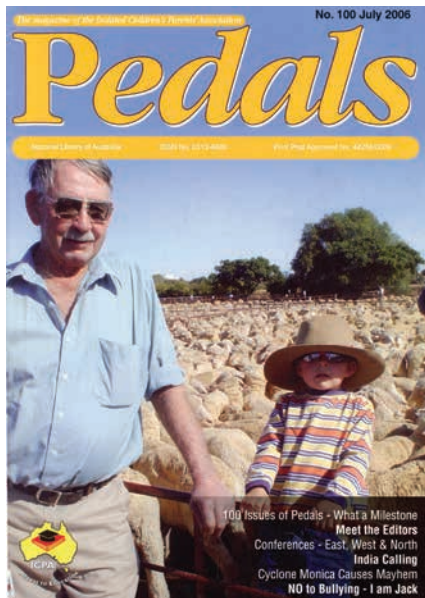
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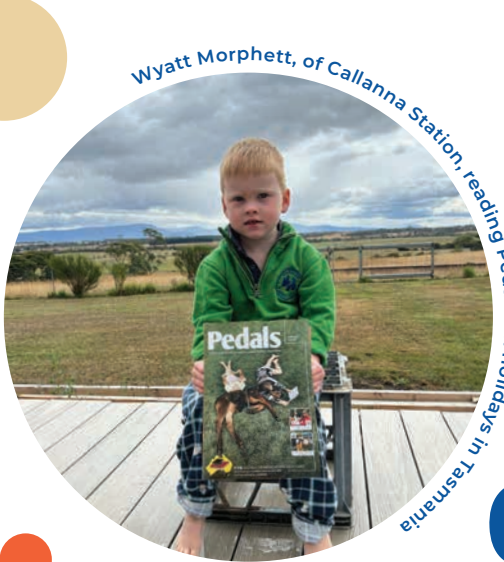
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## Pedals Magazine







Wyatt Morphet, of Callanna Station, reading Pedals on holidays in Tasmania



Olivia Litchfield, of Mt Lyndhurst Station, with friend Reeva Reynolds, of North, read Pedals



Max from Wilgena Station reading Pedals out and about



Dusty and Daisy May, of Depot Springs Station, with their pony Jukebox reading pedals in the horse paddock



Ella Riddale, of Copley, enjoys finding pictures of herself and friends in Pedals and SA state magazine pipeline



Lilly and Cameron reading the Pedals magazine in their school room at Ingomar Station

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