

TERTIARY, TRADE AND TRAINING

1. **A38.** BLACKALL BRANCH

“That ICPA Inc. continue to work with the Queensland Agricultural Transition Committee and the Local Community Stakeholder Committee, to seek alternative vocational pathways for the continuation of the Longreach and Emerald Pastoral Colleges.”

Carried

Explanation: At the end of 2019, QATC will cease operating the Longreach and Emerald Pastoral Colleges. The Queensland Agricultural Transition Committee have been given the task of finding an economically viable solution to keep the colleges operating as a vocational education centre. They are working with the local community, universities and a variety of industry bodies to try to ensure a positive outcome for the facilities. The Colleges have excellent infrastructure for agricultural operations, and an extensive boarding facility. This facility has great potential to be a learning centre for all trades and practical learning, for secondary students, VET and that of the wider community.

2. **A39.** TAMBO BRANCH

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the relevant bodies to ensure the Queensland Agricultural Colleges remain open and provide relevant and meaningful courses for the local communities in which they are based.”

Carried

Explanation: It is paramount that Queensland Agricultural Colleges remain open to students and continue to provide relevant and meaningful courses to ensure our Agricultural future is supported and sustainable for future generations. There is an increasing need for educational options that is practical and hands on, giving students an opportunity to be job ready by the time they have finished school. The agricultural colleges also provide a pathway for urban students to begin a career in agriculture.

3. **A40.** DIRRANBANDI BRANCH

“That ICPA Qld Inc. lobby relevant bodies to continue the Queensland Agricultural Colleges and related programs.”

Carried

Explanation: Agricultural Colleges are vital as a learning pathway for agricultural learning. Dirranbandi P-10 State School has fundraised extensively (and in collaboration with local partnerships such as the Dirranbandi Show Society) in order to provide an Ag program for our school so that students can develop skills necessary for gaining future employment in rural and remote areas. These partnerships are important because there is a united approach to furthering local pathways in agriculture. Agricultural Colleges are furthering skilling to retain youth in local pathways. Our local Ag program has proven to be incredibly successful in this regard. Ag Colleges such as Longreach do the same thing at a tertiary level.