

EARLY CHILDHOOD

A10. JULIA CREEK BRANCH

“That ICPA Qld approach relevant authorities to request the introduction of a new scheme, like In-Home Care, be introduced to help with the cost of Home Tutors who are employed to assist in the education of children in isolated situations.”

CARRIED

Explanation: One of the biggest challengers for families in isolation is the education of their children. Many families struggle with this expense.

A11. SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH

“That ICPA Qld approach relevant authorities to request that governesses teaching children on isolated rural properties, be a deductible business expense.”

CARRIED

Explanation: If governesses' wages were tax deductible it would make more families able to afford help teaching their children.

A12. ST GEORGE BRANCH

“That ICPA Qld State Council lobby the Department of Education to continue providing Early Years Coaches, that support State delivered Kindy, past 2020.”

CARRIED

Explanation: Many small rural and remote schools now deliver Kindy as part of the State Delivered Kindy Program. Early Years Coaches provide mentoring, support and feedback to all staff to assist them with the running of the Kindy Program in their school. Teacher Aides have limited access to Professional Development, so this mentoring and support is invaluable to the development of skills and knowledge needed for Kindy. The coaches' extensive knowledge of pedagogy, governance and curriculum is a great support for teachers and principals. It is imperative for this coaching to continue for future years to ensure successful implementation of Kindy Programs in small rural and remote schools.

S4. ARCADIA VALLEY BRANCH

“That Qld ICPA lobby DET for the Implementation of the Education Qld Teacher Transfer Points System to be recognised in securing Employment Opportunities for Rural Remote Early Childhood Centres.”

CARRIED

Explanation: Early Learning Centres regardless of location are required to employ an Education Queensland Qualified Early Childhood Trained Registered Teacher to ensure that Early Childhood Centres remain operational. The barriers in Rural and Remote areas in securing the necessary Qualified Teachers are further impeded by not being able to acquire the Transfer points would offer further employment Incentives to these Rural Locations. Early Learning Centres are facing the real prospect of closure due to the legal requirements in Qld that state that all Learning Centres must have an Education Qld registered Teacher Employed or have access to a Registered Teacher to keep their doors open.

F1. TAMBO BRANCH

“That a vote of thanks be given to ICPA Qld Inc. for the assistance and support in bringing State Delivered Kindy to rural and remote schools.”

CARRIED

Explanation: The Tambo community is sincerely grateful for the support and advocacy that ICPA Qld Inc. provided in ensuring that a long term solution was resolved for Kindy in Tambo.