

Established in 1971, the Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA) is a national organisation representing rural students and their families at all stages of education and has a large network of branches throughout Australia.

ICPA WA works within the community to provide support and assistance to rural and regional families across Western Australia. We advocate and lobby to assist families to access appropriate education for their children.

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'Building a Better World, One Student at a Time'

#Regional Students Matter

Isolated Children's Parents Association WA 48th ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

Friday, 13th March, The Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough

The Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Western Australia (ICPA WA) expects more than 100 delegates and guests from all over Western Australia to attend its Annual State Conference to be held at the Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough on March 13th, 2020.

This year's theme will be 'Building a Better World, One Student at a Time'. With the recent droughts and fires throughout the whole of Australia it is a timely reminder of the challenges faced by regional families. "Access to equitable education should not add to these challenges, but unfortunately it does," said ICPA (WA) State President, Tash Johns.

"The education of every single child is of the utmost importance, and every one of those children should have access to equitable education. It is in these times of adversity that rural communities come together, and this highlights the importance of keeping families together in regional areas. It is imperative that educators in our regional schools continue to receive the necessary support in the deliverance of education services."

The conference is an excellent opportunity for members to voice their concerns on education issues and the effect the Regional Education Cuts continue to have on regional areas, plus discuss other important education issues

"Attendees will debate motions put forward by members as well as engage with stakeholders and speakers. The conference plays a crucial role in providing support to families in regional areas, providing a voice for their concerns, making new connections and reconnecting with others. Members are united in their quest of educating their children and that commonality provides a great deal of comfort to families that are spread throughout our vast state." Ms Johns said. "ICPA (WA) is their voice for regional education."

The Minister for Education, Hon. Sue Ellery is attending the conference to speak. This will give ICPA members the opportunity to hear firsthand the updates in relation to changes that have been made throughout the process of the Regional Education Cuts

Keynote speaker is Claire Eaton, ROC mindset coach for youth and parents. With 25 years' experience as an Educator, Speaker and ROC mindset Coach for adolescents and their families, Claire will share some of her knowledge, tools and tips to help build Resilience, Optimism and Confidence in our children, especially considering how we have to parent and educate from a distance.

There will also be many politicians and media in attendance, this will help to highlight how the education cuts continue to affect so many West Australians.

“ICPA provides many levels of support to its’ members both at a State and Federal level through its assistance for allowances, teacher training, student travel and connectivity. ICPA advocates on behalf of parents with children aged from early childhood to post compulsory. ICPA believe every child has the right to an education and should not be disadvantaged by the tyranny of distance; be that distance physical or for some other means. Our children are our future, they have the chance to make our world a better place.

Conference topics will include the recent changes to the application of the Road Travel Subsidy, the reduction of the Boarding Away from Home Allowance, Conveyancing Allowances and the management of the regional Camp Schools.

Major sponsors of the event are Telstra.

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For more information go to:

<https://wa.icpa.com.au/events/view/39/wa-state-conference>



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