## **Lone Members Report**

Madam President, distinguished guests, members of ICPA, ladies and gentlemen. It is with great pleasure that I present the Lone Members Report.

NSW/Vic Lone Members is the one of the biggest group of members within ICPA-NSW. Lone Members are usually members who live too far from a branch to attend meetings and may be involved in educating isolated children or interested in supporting those who do. A number of Boarding Schools in NSW and Victoria also hold membership as many of their boarders come from regional and remote areas and the schools wish to support the aims of ICPA.

With Covid 19 causing events such as Boarding Schools Expos to be cancelled, there was very little in person contact with members but we continued to be in touch via regular newsletters. We had an influx in numbers in the second half of the year with many new Lone members impacted by the border closures. ICPA was able to help many of them resolve issues over movement of students to and from interstate boarding schools.

At the end of 2020 we had a total of 72 family members and 54 school/organisation members.

It is always a pleasure to talk with a Lone Member, either by email or by phone. It is also a great privilege to be on State Council and count everyone as special friends. Thank you to all the Council members who have given me so much advice, help and encouragement during 2020 and in previous years.

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