

# **ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

# **QUEENSLAND** Inc

# MINUTES

OF THE

# FORTY FOURTH

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE

CLONCURRY

2015



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9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2015

# **Cloncurry Community Precinct**

# CLONCURRY, QLD



Hosted By: Cloncurry Branch

Convenor: Mrs Penny McMillan

# 44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ICPA STATE CONFERENCE PROGRAM 2015 CLONCURRY

Tricia Munn

Eyes Open Social Media

Andrew Pegler & Kim Hughes

Tuesday 8	8th	September	2015
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3.30pm	Workshop
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- 5.30pm Delegates Workshop
- Wednesday 9th September 2015
- 7.30am Registration
- 8.30amNATIONAL ANTHEMSt Joseph's Catholic School8.45amWELCOMEMayor of Cloncurry Shire8.55amIntroduction of Guests<br/>Branch Delegates<br/>QId Life Members<br/>Executive Roll Call &<br/>Distribution of Voting CardsMrs Kim Donaldson<br/>Mrs Kate Twist

Secretary's start to conference & Apologies

Confirmation of 2014 Townsville minutes

9.10am	OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE	Mrs Christine McDonald Inaugural Secretary, Cloncurry Branch	
9.20am	Motions on Agenda	inaugural Secretary, Cloncurry Branch	
9.45am	PRESIDENTS REPORT	Mr Andrew Pegler	
9.55am	Conference Arrangements	Mrs Penny McMillan	
10.00am	Morning Tea		
10.30am	Conference Resumes CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION	Mt Isa School of the Air Students	
10.40am	GUEST SPEAKER	Mrs Tricia Munn	
11.10am	Motions on Agenda	Eyes Open Social Media	
12.20pm	FEDERAL COUNCIL REPORT	Mrs Wendy Hick Federal ICPA President	
12.30pm	Lunch	reactar ici A i resident	
1.30pm	Conference Resumes CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION	Mt Isa School of the Air Students	
1.40pm	GUEST SPEAKER	<b>Mr Brian O'Neill</b> SPERA	
<b>2.00</b> pm	Motions on Agenda	SIEKA	
2.35pm	PRESENTATION		
2.40pm	WEBMASTERS REPORT	<b>Mrs Kim Donaldson</b> on behalf of Mrs Lynelle Urquhart	
2.50pm	Motions on Agenda	wits Eynene Orquitate	
3.20pm	PRESENTATION		
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea		
4.00pm	Conference Resumes Motions on Agenda		
5.05pm	PRESENTATION		
5.15pm	Conference Arrangements	Mrs Penny McMillan	
5.20pm	Conference Adjourns		
7.00pm	Conference Dinner in the Cloncurry Community Precinct Supper room		

# 44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ICPA STATE CONFERENCE PROGRAM 2015 CLONCURRY

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Se	eptember 2015	
7.45am	Registration (If required)	
8.00am	Conference Resumes Delegates & Executive Roll Call & Distribution of Voting Cards	Mrs Kate Twist
8.10am	Announcement of AGM	Mr Andrew Pegler
	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of ICPA – QLD INC	C
	Secretary's Report	Mrs Kate Twist
	Treasurer's Report <ul> <li>Adoption of Financial Statement</li> <li>Setting of Affiliations Fees for 2016</li> <li>Appointment of Auditor</li> </ul>	Mrs Sue Pegler
	Election of Office Bearers and Committee	<b>Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM</b> Qld ICPA Patron
	Welcome new State Council	Mrs Kim Hughes
8.45am	Conference Arrangements	Mrs Penny McMillan
8.55am	GUEST SPEAKER	Ms Lalla McKenzie National Broadband Network National Community Stakeholder Relations Manager
9.30am	Motions on Agenda	
10.15am	GUEST SPEAKER	Mr Richard Stokes Australian Boarding Schools Association
10.30am	Morning Tea	
11.00am	Conference Resumes CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION	Cloncurry State Primary School Students
11.10am	GUEST SPEAKER	Mrs Carol Markie-Dadds Triple P
11.40am	Motions on Agenda	
12.00pm	MINISTER'S ADDRESS	Hon Kate Jones MP Minister for Education & Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business & the Commonwealth Games
1.00pm	LUNCH	
2.00pm	Conference Resumes PRESENTATION	
2.10pm	Motions on Agenda	
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea	
4.00pm	Conference Resumes Motions on Agenda	
4.55pm	Presentation to Convening Branch	

This program is subject to change at the discretion of the Chair.

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## Isolated Children's Parents' Association – Queensland Inc 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Cloncurry Community Precinct Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Day 1

Conference Opened	8.33am
Present:	
Delegates	48
Queensland Councillors	13
Life Members	1
Federal Councillors	3
Total Voting Delegates	64
Observers	25
Guests	<u>102</u>
Total Attendance	255

National Anthem Prayer and Performance Vote of Thanks by Mrs Wendy Hick

Welcome to Cloncurry

**Introduction of Guests** 

Executive & Delegates Roll Call Distribution of Voting Cards

#### Apologies

MovedMrs Kate TwistSecondedMrs Kim Donaldson**'That the apologies as listed be accepted.'**CARRIED

#### **Confirmation of 2014 Townsville Minutes**

MovedMrs Kate TwistSecondedMrs Kim Donaldson**'That the Minutes of the 2014 Conference held in Townsville be accepted.'**CARRIED

Business Arising: Nil

## St Joseph's Catholic School Children

Mrs Jane McMillan Acting Mayor Cloncurry Shire

Mrs Kim Donaldson

## Mrs Kate Twist

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#### OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE by Mrs Christine McDonald 9.19am

Introduced by Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM, Patron ICPA Qld Inc Thanked by Mr Andrew Pegler

#### Performance

Millie McDonald

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA 9.35am

# **Distance Education**

**1.** A1 WINTON BRANCH

Moved Teena Elliott (Winton Branch)

Seconded Cathy White (Winton Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc seeks assurance from DET that they will continue to liaise with the C2C Reference Group to ensure advisement and input into the ongoing improvements to the C2C distance education materials."

CARRIED

**2.** A2 WINTON BRANCH

Vote of Thanks by Mrs Emma Brodie

Moved Cathy White (Winton Branch) Seconded Teena Elliott (Winton Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc continue to lobby DET to deliver a curriculum to Distance Education families that can be confidently delivered by Distance Education Home Tutors in the rural and remote home schoolroom without the need for SDE teachers to systematically modify lesson content."

CARRIED

**3.** A3 BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH

Moved Zabby Appleton (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

Seconded Tascha Sibson (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies Education Qld that it be compulsory for all Distance Education schools to provide DE families with a telephone with conferencing capabilities." CARRIED

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** Mr Andrew Pegler, President (Queensland Council) President's Report received with acclamation

Conference Arrangements		Mrs Penny McMillan
Morning Tea	10.09am	
Conference Resumes	10.50am	
GUEST SPEAKER		<b>Mrs Tricia Munn</b> Eyes Open Social Media
Introduced by Mrs Emma Brodie		5 <u>I</u>

#### MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA 11.29am

#### **4.** S2 RICHMOND BRANCH

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the DET to ensure that schools of distance education continue to provide telephones for families so reliable contact can still be made between students and teachers for the instruction of lessons via audio." DEEMED COVERED BY A3

Travel

**5.** A27 A/B/C BRANCH

Moved Jane Coe (A/B/C Branch)

Seconded Cath Fairbairn (A/B/C Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DETE, Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and Translink for a return of pre-2015 services to Band 5 schools, where the year 7 moving to high school has caused disruption to the delivery of schooling, and major changes to school bus routes."

**WORD CHANGE** – remove 'a return of pre-2015 services' The motion now reads-

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DETE, Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and Translink for Band 5 schools, where the year 7 moving to high school has caused major changes to school bus routes." CARRIED

6. A28 A/B/C BRANCH Moved Jane Coe (A/B/C Branch) Seconded Cath Fairbairn (A/B/C Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET, and Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) to simplify and make transparent the formula used to arrive at the current student bus numbers." CARRIED

7. A29 BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH

Moved Zabby Appleton (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

Seconded Tascha Sibson (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the Queensland Transport Department to create a student subsidised travel scheme to provide four free return flights per calendar year for geographically isolated students. This allowance is needed for secondary and tertiary students travelling from home to attend educational institutions."

**WORD CHANGE** – remove 'to provide four free return flights per calendar year The motion now reads-

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the Queensland Transport Department to create a student subsidised travel scheme for geographically isolated students. This allowance is needed for students travelling from home to attend educational institutions." CARRIED **8.** S21 QUEENSLAND COUNCIL

Moved Emma Brodie (Queensland Council)

Seconded Jacqui Beale (Queensland Council)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the State Government to have student concessional travel available on all subsidised passenger services in Queensland."

CARRIED

## **Financial Assistance**

**9.** A4 **RICHMOND BRANCH** 

Moved Susan Bellingham (Richmond Branch)

Seconded Tricia Batt (Richmond Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the relevant Minister to provide additional LAFHAS assistance as part of the drought relief package for recipients who reside in drought declared areas." CARRIED

## **10.** A5 TAMBO BRANCH

**"That ICPA Qld Inc continues to lobby the relevant ministers to introduce an educational drought relief assistance package, in addition to the existing LAFHAS."** DEEMED COVERED BY A4

**11.** A6 BOLLON BRANCH

Moved Christie Goddard (Bollon Branch)

Seconded Kerry Cribb (Bollon Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc vigorously lobby the Ministers for Agriculture and Education and Training for an urgent and substantial increase in the Living Away From Home Allowance (LAHFAS) to enable families in rural and remote Australia equitable access to education." CARRIED

**12.** A7 MOUNT ISA BRANCH OF THE AIR

Moved Nicki Kennedy (Mt Isa BOTA)

Seconded Tina Barrett (Mt Isa BOTA)

"That ICPA Qld Inc continue to raise the disparity with State Government between available State allowances and the actual cost of boarding school and the implications on families with little viable alternative but to send their children to boarding school in order to access appropriate educational opportunities."

#### AMENDMENT

Moved Sarah Bridgeman (Alpha Branch)

Seconded Carole Landsdowne (Alpha Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc continue to raise the issue of disparity with State Government between available State allowances and the actual cost of boarding school and the implications on families with little viable alternative but to send their children to boarding school in order to access appropriate educational opportunities."

The amendment was LOST and vote was on the original motion. CARRIED **13.** A8 BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH

Moved Zabby Appleton (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

Seconded Tascha Sibson (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the Education, Training and Employment Department to ensure the Living Away From Home Allowance is increased and then indexed to the Education Sub-Index of the Consumer Price Index to more closely reflect the real increase in costs of boarding school fees."

CARRIED

**14.** A9 RICHMOND BRANCH

Moved Tricia Batt (Richmond Branch)

Seconded Susie Bellingham (Richmond Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc continues to give full support and acknowledges Federal Council's efforts in lobbying the relevant federal ministers to recognise that all rural and remote students should be automatically eligible for the Tertiary Access Allowance." CARRIED

**15.** A10 BOLLON BRANCH

Moved Christie Goddard (Bollon Branch)

Seconded Kerrie Cribb (Bollon Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc continue to support ICPA Federal Council for an urgent and substantial increase in the Allowance for Isolated Children (AIC) to enable families in rural and remote Australia equitable access to education."

CARRIED

**16.** A11 MOUNT ISA BRANCH OF THE AIR

Moved Tina Barrett (Mt Isa BOTA)

Seconded Nicky Kennedy (Mt Isa BOTA)

"That ICPA Qld Inc continue to support ICPA (Aust) Inc in its efforts to address the disparity in the applicable Federal educational allowances with the Federal Government." CARRIED

FEDERAL COUNCIL UPDATEMrs Wendy HickFederal President

Lunch

12.48pm

Conference resumes 1.47pm

PERFORMANCE by Mt Isa School of the Air Students

Introduced by Mrs Rebecca Greenway Vote of Thanks by Mrs Rebecca Greenway

# **GUEST SPEAKER**

## Mr Brian O'Neill

Society for the Provision of Education in Rural Australia

Introduced by Mrs Louise Martin Vote of thanks by Mrs Louise Martin

#### MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA 2.19pm

## **Financial Assistance**

17. A12TAROOM BRANCHMovedSally West (Arcadia Valley Branch)SecondedEmma Brodie (Queensland Council)"That ICPA Old Inc lobby the relevant authorities"

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the relevant authorities to review the educational allowances to align Year 10 with Years 11 and 12 (Senior Schooling) in small rural areas with only P - 10 Schooling."

WORD CHANGE – remove 'with only P – 10 Schooling'

The motion now reads-

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the relevant authorities to review the educational allowances to align Year 10 with Years 11 and 12 (Senior Schooling) in small rural areas." CARRIED

#### S7 BLACKALL BRANCH

Sarah Pearson asked permission of conference to withdraw motion

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby Qld Minister for Education for the introduction of an individual criteria to be included in LAFHAS allowance." WITHDRAWN

**18.** S8 ARAMAC/MUTTABURRA BRANCH

Moved Louise Martin (Queensland Council)

Seconded Jacqui Beale (Queensland Council)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the Qld Minister for Social Services to include living away from home financial assistance in the Government's drought relief schemes for rural families in drought declared regions."

**WORD CHANGE** – remove 'Qld Minister for Social Services' and insert 'relevant Ministers' The motion now reads-

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the relevant Ministers to include living away from home financial assistance in the Government's drought relief schemes for rural families in drought declared regions."

CARRIED

## Schools

**19.** A18 ALPHA BRANCH

Moved Sarah Bridgeman (Alpha Branch)

Seconded Carol Landsdowne (Alpha Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby Education Queensland to ensure that EQ staff and teachers, particularly in regional and remote state schools, understand that students may not have access to a reliable internet connection or large data plans, and do not set unrealistic homework and research tasks reliant on internet usage." CARRIED

**20.** A19A/B/C BRANCHMovedJane Coe (A/B/C Branch)SecondedCath Fairbairn (A/B/C Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to provide a guarantee those small schools with a high percentage of children in the P-3 cohort be provided with the pre-2015 level of in-class support, following the reduced student numbers in school in 2015 as a result of the Year 7 moving to high school."

CARRIED

 21. A20
 MOONIE BRANCH

 Moved
 Penny Boland (Moonie Branch)

 Seconded
 Annie Duffield (Moonie Branch)

 "That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DETE to provide adequate learning support staff including guidance officers in rural and remote areas."

 CARRIED

# PRESENTATION to MRS REBECCA BURGE and STACEY KIRKWOOD by Mrs Tammie Irons

## WEBMASTERS REPORT

Mrs Kim Donaldson

**22.** A21 WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH

Moved Wendy Henning (Westmar / Inglestone Branch)

Seconded Marg Hurst (Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Minister for Education and Training and the Department of Education to ensure that there is accountability for Teaching Principals' performance in terms of curriculum planning and implementation as well as teaching performance in the classroom." CARRIED

**23.** A22 WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH

Moved Wendy Henning (Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

Seconded Marg Hurst (Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to provide more up to date, relevant and ongoing technology support technicians in small rural and remote schools." CARRIED

**24.** S10 KINDON BRANCH

Moved Bryan Lahey (Kindon Branch)

Seconded Tascha Sibson (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

"Kindon ICPA Branch thanks ICPA Qld Inc for their support in lobbying DETE to develop the Multi-level Digital guide, enabling band progression (as opposed to year level progression). This enables multi-age classes direct access to unit plans, assessment tasks, lessons and resources and also supports teachers to align and organise the materials to suit their specific context."

CARRIED

#### **25.** S11 SOUTHERN DOWNS BRANCH

Moved Kate Gray (Southern Downs Branch)

Seconded Kelly Ostwald (Southern Downs Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc requests that DETE readjust the discrepancies and inequities between the current teacher-aide allocation model of secondary schools and primary schools so that the primary model is based on the same amount of hours as the secondary allocation." LOST

**26.** S12 TAMBO BRANCH

Moved Melissa Iland (Tambo Branch)

Seconded Nicole Green (Tambo Branch)

"That ICPA QLD Inc continues to work with DET to implement a suitable and safe reporting channel whereby parents can report issues of concern relating to school principals and staff in a safe and confidential environment with no negative repercussions at school level." CARRIED

## PRESENTATION to MRS WENDY HICK by Mr Andrew Pegler

Afternoon Tea 3.30pm

Conference Resumes 4.16pm

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

## Schools

**27.** S13 SOUTHERN DOWNS BRANCH

Moved Kelly Ostwald (Southern Downs Branch)

Seconded Kate Gray (Southern Downs Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc requests that DETE provide all schools with at least 1 person classified as an A03 to assist with the increased demands of administration within our small schools." CARRIED

**28.** S14 CHARTERS TOWERS BRANCH

Moved Richard Burge (Charters Towers Branch)

Seconded Sally West (Arcadia Valley Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby Queensland Health to ensure that the School Dental service be accessible to rural and remote schools to do dental checks on all students annually." CARRIED

**29.** S15 CHARTERS TOWERS BRANCH

Moved Richard Burge (Charters Towers Branch)

Seconded Sally West (Arcadia Valley Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby for Allied Health personal to be accessible to Rural and Remote schools to do Sight, Hearing and Speech testing on all students annually."

#### WORD CHANGE – remove 'Allied'

The motion now reads-

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby for Health personnel to be accessible to Rural and Remote schools to do Sight, Hearing and Speech testing on all students annually." CARRIED

**30.** S16 CLONCURRY BRANCH

Moved Christine McDonald (Cloncurry Branch)

Seconded Melissa Iland (Tambo Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the relevant bodies to align all school holidays to run at the same time."

**WORD CHANGE** – remove **'relevant bodies'** and insert **'all Qld boarding schools'** The motion now reads-

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby all Qld boarding schools to align school holidays to run at the same time." CARRIED

# PRESENTATION to MRS EMMA BRODIE by Mrs Kate Twist

Conference arrangements

Mrs Penny McMillan

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS 4.52pm

# 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Cloncurry Community Precinct Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015

DAY 2

Conference Resumes 8.08am

Executive & Delegates Roll Call Distribution of Voting Cards Mrs Kate Twist

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association – Qld Inc

## Held at 8.13am 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 in Cloncurry

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Moved Mrs Kate Twist, Secretary (Queensland Council) Secretary's Report received with acclamation.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved Mrs Sue Pegler, Treasurer (Queensland Council) Seconded Mrs Kim Hughes, Vice President (Queensland Council) Treasurer's Report received with acclamation.

#### **Adoption of Financial Statements**

MovedMrs Sue Pegler, Treasurer (Queensland Council)SecondedMrs Kim Donaldson, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)"That the Treasurer's report be received and Audited Financial Statement for the Financialyear 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015 as presented to the NPSE branches at conference beadopted."CARRIED

#### Setting of 2016 Subscriptions

MovedMrs Sue Pegler, Treasurer (Queensland Council)SecondedMrs Kim Donaldson, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)'That the Membership Fee for 2016 be set at \$18 inclusive of GST".CARRIED

#### **Election of Auditor**

MovedMrs Sue Pegler, Treasurer (Queensland Council)SecondedMrs Kim Donaldson, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)'That Central Western Taxation Services, Longreach be appointed auditors for the coming<br/>year.'CARRIED

31. A30. ALPHA BRANCH
Moved Sarah Bridgeman (Alpha Branch)
Seconded Gayle Donaldson (Alpha Branch)
"That the Alpha branch host the 2016 ICPA Qld Inc annual state conference in Alpha."

WORD CHANGE – remove 'in Alpha'

The motion now reads -

# **"That the Alpha branch host the 2016 ICPA Qld Inc annual state conference."** CARRIED

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE**

All positions were declared vacant and Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM, Patron ICPA Qld Inc, took the chair.

PRESIDENT:	Mrs Kim Hughes nominated by Mrs Tricia Batt DECLARED ELECTED
VICE PRESIDENTS:	Mrs Tammie Irons nominated by Mrs Marg Hurst DECLARED ELECTED
	Mrs Louise Martin nominated by Mrs Melissa Iland DECLARED ELECTED
SECRETARY:	Mrs Kate Twist nominated by Mrs Sally Campbell DECLARED ELECTED
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	Mrs Kim Donaldson nominated by Mrs Rebecca Burge DECLARED ELECTED
TREASURER:	Mrs Sue Pegler nominated by Mrs Kate Twist DECLARED ELECTED
PUBLICITY OFFICER:	Mrs Gillian Semple nominated by Mrs Jacqui Beale DECLARED ELECTED

EX-OFFICIO PAST PRESIDENT: Mr Andrew Pegler

COMMITTEE:

Mrs Rebecca Greenway nominated by Mrs Deborah Boot Mrs Natalie Kenny nominated by Mrs Zappy Appleton Mrs Jacqui Beale nominated by Mrs Kate Twist Mrs Kylie Camp nominated by Mrs Tina Barrett Mrs Wendy Henning nominated by Mrs Marg Hurst Mrs Catharine Fernie nominated by Mrs Andrea Moller Mrs Kellie Ostwald nominated by Mrs Jo Clark DECLARED ELECTED

Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM thanked by Mr Andrew Pegler

#### Mr Andrew Pegler resumed the Chair

#### **CLOSURE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 8.47am**

#### **Conference Arrangements**

Mrs Penny McMillan

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Introduced by Mrs Kim Hughes Vote of thanks by Mrs Kim Hughes Ms Lalla McKenzie National Broadband Network

# MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA 9.51am

# **Special Needs**

**32.** S17 RICHMOND BRANCH

Moved Susan Bellingham (Richmond Branch)

Seconded Tricia Batt (Richmond Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to consult and co-ordinate with appropriate organisations (such as Dyslexia Australia, Autism Australia or The Gifted and talented Association) to bring together experts in the field of specialised learning to provide rural and remote schools, students and families workshops in rural and remote locations." CARRIED

**33.** S18 RICHMOND BRANCH

Moved Tricia Batt (Richmond Branch)

Seconded Susan Bellingham (Richmond Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to provide funding so schools can engage private speech language pathologists to provide services to students in rural and remote areas where DET SLPs are unable to meet the need." CARRIED

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 34. S19
 BLACKALL BRANCH

 Moved
 Sarah Pearson (Blackall Branch)

 Seconded
 Penny Boland (Moonie Branch)

 "That ICPA Qld Inc lobby Qld Minister for Education to investigate the possibility of a Specialist Education Truck."

**WORD CHANGE** – remove 'Qld Minister for Education' and insert 'the relevant departments' The motion now reads-

**"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the relevant departments to investigate the possibility of a mobile Specialist Education Assessment Team."** CARRIED

# Information Technology

**35.** A13 MOUNT ISA BRANCH OF THE AIR Moved Tina Barrett (Mt Isa BOTA)

Seconded Nicky Kennedy (Mt Isa BOTA)

"That ICPA Qld Inc be thanked for its telecommunications position paper and its constant, ongoing efforts in raising the issue to redress the current inadequacies in internet provision available to rural and remote communities and their families and students." CARRIED

## Curriculum

**36.** S1 ST GEORGE BRANCH

Moved Michelle Freshwater (St George Branch)

Seconded Vicki Priest (St George Branch)

"That ICPA QLD Inc lobby DET to ensure that any implementation of the Safe Schools Program by schools is only considered after consultation with the school P and C." CARRIED

MINISTERS ADDRESS	Hon Kate Jones
	Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games

Introduced by Mr Andrew Pegler Vote of Thanks by Mr Andrew Pegler

Morning Tea 10.42am

Conference Resumes 11.42am

PERFORMANCE by Cloncurry State Primary School Students

Introduced by Mrs Natalie Kenny Vote of Thanks by Mrs Natalie Kenny

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

**Mrs Carol Markie - Dadds** Triple P

Introduced by Mrs Tammie Irons Vote of thanks by Mrs Tammie Irons

#### MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA 12.24pm

# Information Technology

**37.** A14 YARAKA/ISISFORD BRANCH

Moved Sandra Dieterich-Silvera (Yaraka/Isisford Branch)

Seconded Mary Killeen (Yaraka/Isisford Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc gives the Minister for Education thanks for the efforts both in the expansion of communication facilities to schools in Queensland, plus the lobbing that the Department has carried out with the Federal Government to improve communication services for Students of Distance Education."

CARRIED

**38.** A15 MOUNT ISA BRANCH OF THE AIR

Moved Nicky Kennedy (Mt Isa BOTA)

Seconded Tina Barrett (Mt Isa BOTA)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby all relevant stakeholders – governmental and others - to ensure realistic levels of access to internet both in terms of data and speeds are provided to DE students in order to enable full engagement with the national curriculum materials as envisaged by the program writers."

CARRIED

**39.** A16 ALPHA BRANCH

Moved Sarah Bridgemann (Alpha Branch)

Seconded Gayle Donaldson (Alpha Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc continue to lobby the Queensland Minister for Education, DETE and other relevant personnel, to ensure they are working towards a solution to provide all distance education students with access to a reliable internet connection, that includes an adequate data allowance, that is capable of delivering all of the required online educational resources and materials effectively."

CARRIED

Lunch	12.41pm

Conference resumes

1.40pm

**Raffle Draw** 

Mrs Penny McMillan

PRESENTATION

**Mr Jeff Munce** Dept of Education & Training. C2C

#### PRESENTATION to MR ANDREW PEGLER by Mrs Kim Hughes

 PRESENTATION
 Mr Richard Stokes

 Australian Boarding School Association

## MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA 2.15pm

# Information Technology

**40.** A17 BOLLON BRANCH

Moved Christie Goddard (Bollon Branch)

Seconded Fiona Cameron (Bollon Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc continues to support Federal Council to ensure adequate, affordable access to quality satellite Internet services for remote Australians."

CARRIED

**41.** S9 WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH

Moved Wendy Henning (Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

Seconded Marg Hurst (Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to establish a dedicated service support line within the service centre to support staff experiencing technology difficulties specific to Apple devices in schools." CARRIED

# **Special Needs**

**42.** A23 RICHMOND BRANCH

Moved Tricia Batt (Richmond Branch)

Seconded Susan Bellingham (Richmond Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc thank DET for trialing the 'telepractice model' to deliver speech language therapy to rural and remote students."

CARRIED

**43.** A24 WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH

Moved Wendy Henning (Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

Seconded Marg Hurst (Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to ensure children who have a current Independent Education Plan (IEP) have that IEP implemented and monitored, regardless of changes to classroom teachers and principals."

CARRIED

**44.** A25 WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH

Moved Wendy Henning (Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

Seconded Marg Hurst (Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to ensure that in a small school environment the Head of Special Education (HOSE) attached to the school has the authority to ensure that the allocated hours specific to the student/s with a verified Independent Education Plan (IEP) are implemented." CARRIED

# **Teacher Education**

**45.** A26 BOLLON BRANCH Moved Christie Goddard (Bollon Branch) Seconded Fiona Cameron (Bollon Branch) "That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education and Training to recognise and allow distance education tutoring as contributing to a credible teaching experience for the purpose of practicum assessment."

CARRIED

# **Distance Education**

**46.** S3 BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH Moved Zabby Appleton (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch) Seconded Tascha Sibson (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch) "That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DETE to ensure that the eTeach Project is funded until completion." CARRIED

**47.** S4 **RICHMOND BRANCH** 

Moved Susan Bellingham (Richmond Branch)

Seconded Tricia Batt (Richmond Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc continues to lobby DET to ensure paper based C2C materials continue to be provided as a resource for children studying through distance education." CARRIED

# Early Childhood

**48.** S5 QUEENSLAND COUNCIL

Moved Tammie Irons (Queensland Council)

Natalie Kenny (Queensland Council) Seconded

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Minister for Education for state schools to be the kindergarten service provider in communities where no other provider exists." CARRIED

# **Financial Assistance**

**49.** S6 QUEENSLAND COUNCIL

Moved Louise Martin (Queensland Council)

Jacqui Beale (Queensland Council) Seconded

"That ICPA QLD Inc thank the Queensland Government for the one off 7% increase in the Living Away From Home Allowance Scheme (LAFHAS) announced on 19th January 2015" CARRIED

# **Teacher Education**

**50.** S20TAMBO BRANCHMovedMelissa Iland (Tambo Branch)SecondedNicole Green (Tambo Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc investigates the ability to add a dedicated section to their new website where rural and remote communities can reach out to pre-service teachers by providing details on accommodation options, financial incentives, community contacts and local ICPA branch information."

CARRIED

#### **FLOOR MOTIONS**

**51.** F2 TAMBO BRANCH

Moved Melissa Iland (Tambo Branch)

Seconded Nicole Green (Tambo Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the relevant ministers to introduce an educational drought relief assistance package as part of the existing DRAS"

CARRIED

**52.** F3 ALPHA BRANCH

Moved Sarah Bridgeman (Alpha Branch)

Seconded Gayle Donaldson (Alpha Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to make instrumental music programmes more equitable across Queensland State Schools"

CARRIED

**53.** F4 BLACKALL BRANCH

Moved Sarah Pearson (Blackall Branch)

Seconded Penny Boland (Moonie Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Transport and Main Roads to review the distance based assistance for secondary students and make it in line with the distance assistance for primary students"

CARRIED

**54.** F5 BLACKALL BRANCH

Moved Sarah Pearson (Blackall Branch)

Seconded Penny Boland (Moonie Branch)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Qld Minister for Education to form a task force to review the special circumstances criteria within Living Away for Home Allowance and to include a representative from ICPA on this task force" CARRIED

**55.** F6 BOLLON BRANCH

Moved Christie Goddard (Bollon Branch)

Seconded Fiona Cameron (Bollon Branch)

"That ICPA Qld lobby DET to implement a policy that all Distance Education Schools have a mandatory dedicated field team to service geographically isolated enrolments" LOST

Afternoon Tea	3.40pm

Conference Resumes 4.10pm

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

56. F7QUEENSLAND COUNCILMovedEmma Brodie (Queensland Council)SecondedTammie Irons (Queensland Council)

"That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education and Training (DET) and the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) to ensure rural and remote bus runs servicing drought declared areas are not closed during or in the 12 months following the end of those drought declarations"

CARRIED

**57.** F8 CLONCURRY BRANCH

Moved Tamara Scholes (Cloncurry Branch)

Seconded Bernadette Lyttle (McKinlay Branch)

"That ICPA Qld ask ICPA Australia to lobby the Minister for Communications to include country town ADSL as a valid technology to provide nbn broad band thus removing these users from the need to access the LTSS"

CARRIED

**58.** F1 ARCADIA VALLEY BRANCH

Moved Sally West (Arcadia Valley Branch)

Seconded Tina Barrett (Mt Isa BOTA)

"That ICPA Qld Inc continue to lobby all relevant stakeholders to ensure that post compulsory education through Qld Agricultural Colleges (Emerald and Longreach Campuses) are provided with resources and funding needed to adequately enhance learning outcomes" CARRIED

# **PRESENTATION to Cloncurry Branch** by Mr Andrew Pegler

Vote of thanks to Chair by Mrs Kim Hughes

## 2015 ICPA QUEENSLAND INC CONFERENCE CLOSED 4.21pm

# Isolated Children's Parents' Association – Queensland Inc.

# **QUEENSLAND COUNCIL:** Conference Attendees 2015

PRESIDENT:	Mr Andrew Pegler
VICE PRESIDENT:	Mrs Kim Hughes
VICE PRESIDENT	Mrs Wendy Hick
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	Mrs Emma Brodie
	Mrs Rebecca Greenway
	Mrs Jacqui Beale
	Mrs Natalie Kenny
	Mrs Louise Martin

# 2015 QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE - CLONCURRY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES

A/B/C BRANCH

ARCADIA VALLEY BRANCH

ALPHA BRANCH

AUGATHELLA BRANCH

B/B/B BRANCH

BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH

BLACKALL BRANCH

BOLLON BRANCH

CHARLEVILLE B.O.T.A.

CHARTERS TOWERS BRANCH

CLERMONT BRANCH

CLONCURRY BRANCH

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH

HUGHENDEN BRANCH

JULIA CREEK BRANCH

KINDON BRANCH

Jane McLaughlin Cath Fairbairn

Sally West

Carole Lansdowne Sarah Bridgeman Gayle Donaldson

Deborah Boot

Rebecka Britton Jane Smith

Zabby Appleton Tascha Sibson

Sarah Pearson

Fiona Cameron Kerrie Cribb Christie Goddard Alex Donoghue

Deirdre Williams

Richard Burge

Andrea Moller Cathie Fernie

Chris McDonald Tamara Scholes Gillian Bryant

Jill Friend Veronica Wilson

Jody Murray Cherie Gilmore

Helen Lynch

Bryan Lahey

# **DELEGATES AND ALTERNATIVE DELEGATES 2015 (Cont.)**

LONGREACH BRANCH

MITCHELL-TOMOO/DUNKELD BRANCH

MOONIE BRANCH

MT ISA BOTA

RICHMOND BRANCH

SOUTHERN DOWNS BRANCH

ST GEORGE BRANCH

TAMBO BRANCH

WESTERN DOWNS BRANCH

WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH

WINTON BRANCH

YARAKA/ISISFORD BRANCH

ICPA FEDERAL COUNCIL

Joy McClymont

Sally Campbell Paula Harrison

Penny Boland Annie Duffield

Tina Barrett Nicky Kennedy

Tricia Batt Susan Bellingham

Kate Gray Kelly Ostwald

Michelle Freshwater Vicki Priest

Melissa Iland Nicole Green

Kristen Coggan

Wendy Henning Marg Hurst

Tina Elliott Philippa Whitehead Cathy White

Mary Killeen Sandra Dieterich-Silvera

Jane Morton Nikki Macqueen

# 2015 QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE - CLONCURRY BRANCH OBSERVERS

CLONCURRY BRANCH	Rhonda Braithwaithe Susan McDonald Penny McMillan Julie McDonald Chelsea McMillan Annie Hacon Anita Telford Nevenka Muller Bec Coffey Naomi Douglas Susan Dowling Gabe Kennedy Paula Chaplain Chris Chaplain
JULIA CREEK BRANCH	Cherie Stanger Tania Curr Jennie Bridges
McKINLAY BRANCH	Janice Fleming Bernadette Lyttle Fiona McConachy
MT ISA BOTA	Hannah Hacon Heidi Smith
RICHMOND BRANCH	Renae Kohler
SOUTHERN DOWNS BRANCH	Alan Forest
WINTON BRANCH	Virginia Elliott

## 2015 QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE - CLONCURRY GUEST'S

Mr Gordon Royall Mr Mark Oliphant Mr Richard Stokes Mr Thomas Dunsmore Mr Nigel Fairbairn Mr Ken Symonds Mr Simon Hill Mr Paul Poole Mr Ian Gamic Mr Jock Walker-Campbell Mr Ross Jones Mrs Tracey Langton Ms Diane Kerr Mr Ross Thomson Mr Dan Kyle Mrs Michelle Burns Mrs Amanda Shandley Mr Nick Long Ms Karen Edwards Mr Warwick Hamilton Mr Mark Hind Mr Jeff Munce Mr Brad Smith Ms Sharon Schimming Mrs Tracey Skaanvad Mr Stephen McIllhatton Mr Ian Bulkin Mrs Tricia Munn Mrs Linda Evans Ms Marguerite Dunne Mr Ian Andersen Mrs Bernadette Kreutzer Mrs Judy Newton

All Souls & St Gabriel's School Anglican Church Grammar School Australian Boarding Schools Association Australian Boarding Schools Association Blackheath & Thornburgh College Blackheath & Thornburgh College Brisbane Grammar School Burke Shire Council Cathedral School of St Anne's & St James Cathedral School of St Anne's & St James Catholic Education Office - Rockhampton Child Association Lets Talk Clayfield College Clayfield College Columba Catholic College Columba Catholic College CPC Dept of Education & Training Dept Transport and Main Roads Downlands College Downlands College Eyes Open Social Media Fairholme College Fairholme College Fairholme College Federation of P & F Assoc. ICPA Federal Council

Mrs Suzi McQueen Mr Jeff Little Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM Mrs Kylie Camp Mrs Carole Ward Mr John Beaumont Mrs Sabrina Knight Ms Linda Hygate Mr Norm Kerley Mr Jaye Beutel Mr Peter McLoughlin Mrs Jane McMillan Mr Rob Katter Mr Tim Moes Ms Lalla Mackenzie Ms Kylie Lindsay Mr Adam Vesnaver Mrs Rebecca Burge Mr Rick Old Mrs Jenny Old Mrs Karen Smith Mrs Eva Pagett Mrs Vera Zappala Mrs Sue Kloeden Mr Kevin Bates Mrs Maureen Duffy Ms Tracy Muller Mr Stewart Norford Mr Tim Mander Mrs Sarah Cook Mrs Sally Towne Mrs Karen Price Mrs Florence Kearney Mrs Pamela Hodgetts Mr Brian O'Neill

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Mrs Wendy Wockner Mrs Kerryl Sedon Ms Margie McGregor Mrs Gayle Churchill Mr Peter Fullagar Mr Stephen Meara Ms Roslyn Curtis Mrs Lesa Fowler Ms Julie Plath Mr Wesley Meurant Mrs Sinead Ray Mr Stuart Delaney Mrs Kim Holman Mrs Ann Marie Pawsey Mrs Jan Pearman Mrs Jeni Dunn Mrs Helen Sinclair Mrs Andree Rice Ms Jennifer Trybula Mr Chris Lyons Mr Ron Armstrong Mr Steve Warren Mr Simon Shepherd Mr Greg Wacker Mr Daniel Brown Mr Tony Watt Ms Tricia Telford Mr Simon Lees Mr Ian Basset Mr Peter Hauser Mr Ben Foley Mrs Kristell Scott Ms Carol Markie-Dadds Mr John Bourke Mr Bruce Keys

Stanbroke Pastoral Stanbroke Pastoral St Hilda's School St Hilda's School St Joseph's Nudgee College St Joseph's Nudgee College St Margaret's Anglican Girls' School St. Margaret's Anglican Girls' School St Patricks College St. Peters Lutheran College St Peters Lutheran College St Peters Lutheran College St. Peters Lutheran College St. Ursula's College Toowoomba St. Ursula's College Toowoomba St. Ursula's College Yeppoon Stuartholme School Stuartholme School TechNQ The Cathedral College The Cathedral College The Glennie School The Scots PGC College The Scots PGC College The Southport School The Southport School TMT Deportment Toowoomba Anglican College & Preparatory School Toowoomba Anglican College & Preparatory School Toowoomba Grammar School Toowoomba Grammar School Townsville Grammar School Triple P International Westpac Whitsunday Anglican School

Mrs Beryl Neilson Mrs Judy Harris Mrs Ruth Bethel Hon Kate Jones Winchester Foundation Winchester Foundation Winchester Foundation Minister for Education

# 2015 QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE - CLONCURRY APOLOGIES

Hon Yvette D'Ath Dr Jim Watterston Mrs Patrea Walton Ms Gabrielle Sinclair Mrs Deb Kember His Excellency Paul de Jersey Mrs Donna Pendergast Mrs Emily Gardner Mrs Anita Dennis Mrs Lindy Kitto Mrs Kate Treeweke Mrs Andi Bracey Mrs Teressa Cobb Mr Mark Stoneman Mrs Lynelle Urquhart Mrs Liz Sudlow Mrs Jane McLaughlin Prof. David Robertson Mrs Margaret Black Mr Kevan Goodworth Mr Chris Rider Mr John Ryan Mrs Wendy Ashley-Cooper Ms Anna Dean

Attorney General & Minister for Justice & Minister for Training & Skills Dept of Education & Training Governor of Queensland Griffith University, Mt Gravatt Campus, ICPA Federal Council ICPA Federal Council ICPA New South Wales ICPA New South Wales ICPA Northern Territory ICPA Qld Life Member ICPA Qld Life Member ICPA Qld Webmaster ICPA Western Australia ICPA Qld A/B/C Branch Independent Schools Queensland P&C's Qld P&C's Qld Qld Curriculum & Assessment Authority Queensland College of Teachers The Glennie School University of Southern Qld

# PROFILES

#### ANDREW PEGLER, President ICPA Qld Inc

Andrew grew up on his parent's property "Trinidad" Quilpie and completed his primary education through the Primary Correspondence School and Charleville School of the Air. He spent year 7 as a boarder at Downlands College while attending St Joseph's College, then moved to Downlands to complete the rest of his high schooling.

From 1978 Andrew worked in the rural industry as a jackaroo/stockman then in 1982 he spent eight months working and travelling in Canada. On his return he joined a family partnership running stock and operating earth-moving equipment on seismic exploration and oilrig jobs. He later leased a "rough country" block and ran merino sheep. In 1993 Andrew moved to Yaraka working as a rural contractor. From 1994 – 1996 Andrew lived at "Diamond Downs" with his family, partner Mary and their two daughters Annie Greer and Andi-Claire where he also operated the school bus run. Both Annie Greer and Andi-Claire where he also operated the school bus run. Both Annie Greer and Andi-Claire were educated through the Yaraka State School and completed their high school years at boarding school. It was at "Diamond Downs" that the water tank delivery business *Outback Aqua* was established. The business revolves around the delivery and installation of poly water tanks and all other water requisites, such as poly pipe, pumps and fittings. It was in 1997 that Andy and Mary purchased "Navarra" from Mary's parents, where they now run merino sheep, cattle and feral goats, as well as continue to run their business *Outback Aqua*.

Andrew holds a Diploma Rural Business Management – University of Queensland – Gatton Campus. Andrew was elected to ICPA Federal Council in 2002 and served as Federal Vice-President from 2005-

2009. At the 2009 conference held in Winton he was elected to Qld Council as Vice-President.

Andrew was a member of the Isisford Shire Council for two and half terms until the shire was removed via compulsory shire amalgamations. He was a member of AgForce Vegetation Management Review Panel and of the Longreach Regional Council Wild Dog Baiting Control Committee. He is also a member of numerous local Yaraka/Isisford community organisations. His other interests are motor bikes (having successfully completed the Finke Desert Race three times), reading, travel and Sudoku. Andrew is a passionate believer in and advocate for a sustainable and viable future for rural and remote Australia.

## PATRICIA MITCHELL OAM, Patron ICPA Qld Inc

Mrs Patricia Mitchell is Patron and Life Member of ICPA-Qld Inc. She was instrumental in forming the Augathella ICPA Branch in 1973, was inaugural Secretary of Charleville School of the Air P&C ICPA Branch when it formed in 1976 and is a Life Member of Cloncurry Branch ICPA.

In 1977, Trish was elected to Queensland Council ICPA and was Queensland President from 1982 till 1986. From 1982 –1985 she was a Federal ICPA councillor and Federal President from 1985-1988.

As President of Queensland ICPA she was a member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Distance Education in Queensland which recommended the formation of a School of Distance Education from the existing four Correspondence Schools and five Schools of the Air. She was then on a number of committees that implemented the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and planned new Schools of Distance Education. During this time, she was also Commissioner on the Commonwealth Schools Commission and member of the Catholic Education Commission Committee for the Education of Country Children, member of the Home Schooling State Review Committee and numerous other State and Federal committees. As well as her ongoing commitment to education in rural and regional Australia Trish has been very involved with the arts. She is a Vice Patron and a former President of Regional Arts Australia as well as being a Life Member and former President of Queensland Arts Council (now Artslink Queensland). She helped establish Arts House in Canberra and Chaired the Regional Arts Fund Panel in Queensland. Because of her experience in these fields Trish was appointed to the Council of the Australian War Memorial from 1997 – 2004.

Patricia was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) on Australia Day 1996 for service to rural education and the arts.

#### **PROFILE: GUEST SPEAKERS**

#### **TRICIA MUNN**

Through her business Eyes Open Social Media, Tricia Munn has been presenting social media safety sessions and workshops in schools, community care organisations and businesses since early 2012. The information sessions offer education around the risks involved with unmonitored and uneducated use of social networking and highlight the difference simple changes to the settings and content being shared can make to the level of risk involved. The workshops then provide application of security settings on popular sites, practical steps and information that families can apply to better protect themselves, whilst still enjoying the aspects of social networking that promote enhanced communication and connectedness. An extension of the safety aspect of Eyes Open Social Media, has been the recent regional work that Tricia has done for Uniting Care Country Callback, working with councils, businesses and rotary groups to assist with drought relief through the use of better education and promotion using social media marketing. During the regional workshops Tricia still offered the safety applications to ensure effective communication was enabled, whilst still protecting the individuals privacy. If their hands were not full enough -Tricia and her team have also recently launched information sessions and research around online gaming, social media and device overuse and addiction. Eyes Open Social Media promotes healthy use of social networking to enhance our everyday life.

#### **CAROL MARKIE-DADDS**

Carol holds a Masters Degree in Clinical Psychology and is a foundation author of the Triple P system of intervention. She was Deputy Director of the Parenting and Family Support Centre, a Triple P Trainer, and Coordinator for the statewide roll out of Triple P through Queensland's Child Health services in the late 1990s. She joined the Queensland Government in 2001 working in strategic policy, research and implementation roles in the Departments of Education and Training and the Premier and Cabinet. She was Executive Director for 5 years with the Office for Early Childhood Education and Care where she was responsible for early years policy and implementation of statewide reforms. She led Queensland's successful strategy for achieving universal access to kindergarten programs and was responsible for the regulation of Queensland's early childhood education and care services.

Since 2013, Carol has been Head of Strategic Policy with Triple P International and operates her own consulting business.

#### **BRIAN O'NEILL**

Brian O'Neill was born in Normanton and was educated at the Normanton State School, All Souls' School (Charters Towers) and the Secondary Correspondence School. He worked as a teachers' aide at Normanton while he completed his senior by correspondence.

Brian graduated from the James Cook University with a Bachelor of Education degree in 1982. He graduated from the Central Queensland University with a Master of Learning Management in 2009 and is currently researching for his Doctor of Education, the focus of which is principals' conceptions of success in rural P-12 schools.

In 2014 Brian was elected to the position of National President of the Society for the Provision of Education in Rural Australia (SPERA) and he is the principal of the Calen District State College, a position he has held for sixteen years. Prior to this he was Deputy Principal at Sarina SHS (2 yrs), Head of Department (English) at Mirani SHS (8yrs), English, Economics and History teacher at Isis District SHS (6yrs) after he commenced his teaching career in Normanton.

Brian has written and published three books: A Unique School in the Gulf; Taming the Isis; and Education on the Baffle. He has also written an article "Success and Sutainability in Rural P-12 Schools" which was published in the Australian and International Journal of Rural Education.

#### Honourable KATE JONES, MP

Kate Jones is the Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism and Major Events in the Queensland Government.

She is passionate about ensuring access to quality education for everyone, no matter where they live. Kate has served as Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism and Major Events, since the 16 February 2015, following the election of the Palaszczuk Government. She also holds the Commonwealth Games and Small Business portfolios in the Palaszczuk Government and served as

Minister for Environment and Natural Resources in the Bligh Government.

Kate was elected to the seat of Ashgrove in 2015, having previously held the seat between 2006 and 2012. Kate worked at a family-run grocery store and as an advisor in the Beattie Government before entering parliament. She attended Kelvin Grove State High School and completed a Bachelor of Arts in Politics and Journalism at the Queensland University of Technology and a Masters in Environmental Law at Australian National University.

Kate lives in Ashgrove with her husband, Paul, and their two children.

## **RICHARD STOKES**

Richard Stokes is the current Executive Director of Australian Boarding Schools Association (ABSA). He first worked in boarding in 1979 in Adelaide at Immanuel College as a full-time supervisor, and upon completing his BA and Dip Ed he moved to Brisbane in 1982. At St Peter's Lutheran College he took on the role of Assistant Senior Boarding Master, and in subsequent years became co-ordinator of boarding at St Peter's.

In 1996 he took on the new challenge of Dean of Residential Care at St Joseph's Nudgee College, a boarding school of nearly 600 boys, and held that role until he retired from a direct boarding role at the end of 2005.

Richard has been involved in ABSA or its previous versions since 1985, holding positions including Treasurer, Secretary and President and was appointed the first part-time Executive Director for the newly formed Australian Boarding Schools Association in 2007. The role became a full-time one in 2011.

Richard is happily married to Karen, and has two adult children who both enjoyed growing up in the boarding environment.

# ICPA Qld Inc PRESIDENT'S REPORT Cloncurry 2015

Madam Patron, distinguished guests, delegates and observers, ladies and gentlemen; it is a pleasure to welcome you all to Cloncurry, where the convening committee, Cloncurry branch, have worked tirelessly to ensure that you will all have an enjoyable and memorable conference experience.

This year is the branch's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday. From 1975 to 2015 is some distance however the branch continues to work together for Equity of Access to Education for all Students who live in Rural and Remote Australia. To quote Jane Austin, "The distance is nothing when one has a motive."

This is my fourth and final President's Report which I am very proud to deliver. Proud to be a part of ICPA, and proud to represent an absolutely fantastic team. This is a team that has been totally dedicated to improving educational access and experiences for rural, remote and isolated children across the state, working both diligently and creatively as an efficient and effective lobby group. Their individual efforts make me very proud and I am equally proud of just what a supportive and dynamic squad they are. As council is an all-star team I have not named and acknowledged individual members of council or I would eulogise forever.

However it would be remiss of me not to mention Mt Isa BOTA member and Queensland Vice President Mrs Wendy Hick who was recently elected to the position of ICPA Federal President. Having had the great pleasure of working with Wendy since her election to Queensland Council in 2010, I have absolute faith in her ability to capably lead Federal Council. Wendy brings to the position of Federal President tenacity, meticulous attention to detail and a passionate desire to improve educational outcomes for rural and remote students. Congratulations Wendy!

Involvement in ICPA at a council level has ramifications for all of our families. Mary has supported my involvement over the thirteen years in all manner of ways, from proof-reading to coping with my absences. It would be extremely difficult to undertake this role without such support, and I continue to appreciate this. On behalf of all of the team, I also extend our thanks to all of the families who support us.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1971, at Corones Hotel in Charleville, Queensland State Council was formed as a lobby group. Forty-four years later, it continues to be an effective lobby group which ensures current issues are both known and understood. It continues to build strong relationships with people who can contribute towards the desired outcomes. State Council does this extremely well, and also works collaboratively with Education Queensland to improve both educational opportunities and outcomes.

The portfolio reports contain details of council's efforts for the year, and I strongly suggest you take the time to read these. These combined reports are a snapshot of countless hours of effort, and a record of achievements and progress made.

In these endeavours Council has been supported by numerous dedicated people, whose individual contributions should not go unheralded. Our Patron, Mrs Patricia Mitchell, OAM, continues to promote and support this organisation very well, while being a mentor for all councillors. During my time as President Trish's advice, assistance and friendship has been invaluable.

ICPA was instrumental in forming the Queensland Hospital Schools Advisory Committee, and has always been a very active member. Our thanks go to Trish for representing ICPA in this role for six years. She has recently passed the baton to another name well known to ICPA, previous State President Margie Greenway. Welcome back Margie!

Jeff Little supports Council in the role of I.C.T. advisor, and his knowledge and contacts are invaluable. Quite simply, while I am the nominal head of the I.T. portfolio, I could not do what I do without his advice and assistance. This help is given very generously, with numerous beneficiaries including ICPA members and Education Queensland. Jeff and I participate in monthly teleconferences with the I.T. team in the department, where his input is far more constructive than mine. The State Fundraising Officer, Suzi McQueen continues to astound us with the income she generates which contributes to the effective operation of ICPA. Funds raised from the annual Art Union, sale of ICPA Souvenirs and the annual Bush Christmas Art Union contribute a substantial amount to Council coffers. On behalf of all ICPA members, I would like to acknowledge and thank all those companies and individuals who have sponsored and continue to sponsor the Art Union. The on-going support that ICPA receives from Mrs Liz McClymont of Bush Christmas must also be recognised.

Whilst it is essential that members of Council are able to attend delegations, meetings and appointments during the year, travel and accommodation are expensive. The funds generated by Suzi's various ventures greatly assist with payment of these expenses. As ICPA is an apolitical organisation, in order to maintain its integrity and neutrality, Council receives no government funding or government grants.

Council however does benefit substantially from income generated by branch donations including generous donations from branches which convene profitable state conferences. It is with great pleasure that I can inform you that the convening committee for this the 44th state conference have raised over \$100,000.00 in sponsorship. Given the current economic circumstances this is nothing short of amazing and I believe an all-time record.

ICPA's song "The Life of a Country Kid" by Mr Josh Arnold continues to generate income. Once again, Council wishes to acknowledge Josh's generosity in gifting these royalties to ICPA.

News and Views editing has been a combined effort of Rebecca Burge and Stacey Kirkwood, who have initiated several changes. Colour printing has allowed a much classier looking magazine, while introducing advertising has been quite lucrative. As indicated in the June edition, these ladies are stepping down from this position, and they will depart with our warmest thanks. Importantly, council still urgently need a replacement, so please consider if you could contribute in this role.

Lynelle Urquhart continues to be the Queensland webmaster, and is eagerly awaiting the completion of the new website. Roles such as this, and the Portfolio Research Officer which is undertaken by Kylie Camp, are quite low-profile, but still an invaluable addition to this organisation. Similarly, assistance from members with information, participating in the C2C reference group, or in any other manner helps enable quality outcomes. Thanks to all those who contribute, as without this assistance council would struggle to achieve.

On the third of December I was a guest at Government House in Brisbane, where the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland, and Mrs Kaye de Jersey hosted a dinner honouring leaders in Education. While I was absolutely delighted to be included, this recognition was due to the whole team's endeavours I am sure.

Many of the issues detrimental to the lives of our members should also be of concern to other organisations. In the belief that many voices form a louder chorus and have more chance of being heard, council has been working towards closer relationships with groups such as AgForce, the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network, Broadband for the Bush, the Local Government Association of Queensland, the Country Women's Association, the Society for Provision of Education in Rural Australia, as well as the other ICPA councils. This closer collaboration has the potential for very positive outcomes.

It has been an honour to serve four years as President. When the then President Lorraine McGinnis first approached me to be part of council's succession strategy, I never anticipated either that I would remain in this position this long, or that I would find it just so rewarding. While opportunities such as dinner at government house and meeting and conversing with Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall have been appreciated and are very memorable, the greatest pleasure has been as a member of a fantastic group of people dedicated to making a difference.

ICPA has a rich history, built by numerous hard-working people over forty-four years and I have tried to encompass a respect for this history while looking to the future and embracing opportunities. Facebook and twitter have given us tools of communication that strengthen our message, but at all times we must remember this is the members' organisation, and council's role is to serve our members.

Relationships with media have been strengthened, with great results. The formative years of ICPA was greatly assisted by promotion by the great ABC radio personality, Colin Munro. Colin hosted "Always on Sunday" and has been credited with being instrumental in the rapid growth of ICPA across Australia. The media can still be a vital partner when seeking change and my term has coincided with some dynamic Publicity Officers, who have really built on these partnerships.

Prior to the state election, Council highlighted issues we wanted addressed in government policy. Early Childhood, Allowances and Special Needs for children in rural and remote areas were focused upon with candidates as these are areas where a government policy change could be beneficial. Candidates were also given a Position Statement document by ICPA Qld Inc. State Council which covered all portfolios and issues ICPA Qld is working on for its members.

Then Minister Mr John-Paul Langbroek announced a 10.2% increase in this state's Living Away From Home Assistance Scheme Remote Area Tuition Allowance in January 2015, while also acknowledging further increases were necessary. While most appreciative of this increase, which is 7% above the expected C.P. I. increase, the inadequacy of combined State and Federal government financial assistance continues to motivate population drift from geographically isolated areas.

Following the election, ICPA members contacted all members of the government and key opposition members with a short summation of our organisation and issues. While many have urban electorates, they are jointly governing for all of Queensland. Council enjoys productive and inclusive relationships with Minister Kate Jones, members of her staff and senior Education Queensland personnel. However stronger links must be forged with many other politicians.

In my 2014 president's report, I questioned the future for remote and isolated regions. While some gains have been made, much more is urgently needed. If gains identified by the Australian Government's White Paper on Developing Northern Australia and also the Agricultural White Paper are to be recognised, much social infrastructure needs investment.

In Queensland we have eight shires, collectively over 20% of the state, without even a single high school. Many rural residents and smaller communities in other shires also have no access to such a facility. These people comprise the only cohort of the population without access to a government funded education. Averaged charges for board and tuition across Queensland's residential schools in 2015 are \$28, 661.00 while maximum government assistance is \$14, 305.00. Most families reliant on a wage simply cannot afford to live in these areas. While we are appreciative of the recent LAFHAS increase, governments, both state and federal, should accept their responsibilities.

During the Broadband for the Bush forum (held in Darwin in July), a presentation from Gavin Williams, Executive General Manager nbn (Wireless and Satellite) included the following information;

- Restrictions for the nbn LTSS (Long Term Satellite Service) will include capping standard plans to 25 GB per month
- One only ground installation to be allowed per individual addressable permanently inhabited dwelling
- Distance education pupils will have an additional data allocation of 20 GB per month for each primary student
- Distance education pupils will have an additional data allocation of 50 GB per month per secondary or external tertiary student.
- Student data usage may be via a separate portal on the nbn modem, with signal priority if congestion occurs.

While nbn LTSS predicted performance is usually quoted as "peak speeds" of 25mbps download and 5 mbps upload, Mr Williams informed the forum that actual design speeds are fifty percent of peak speeds. For web conferencing and telehealth, what is relevant is the minimum speed. Upload speed is the critical issue for videoconferencing (VC) which is the most essential medical tool the bush needs for Telehealth going forward. VC needs good upload bandwidth. Most Queensland health sites work on 4 Mbps links for proper quality VC.

Queensland will have sixty-eight extra mobile phone towers as a result of the Mobile Black Spot program. While this will be a boon for those within the coverage area, it will have the added benefit of potentially reducing the total number of people reliant on the nbn satellite service. With average Australian data usage of nearly 60 GB per month for each person (Australian Bureau of Statistics data) and the average household use listed as 175 GB per month in 2014 (Queensland Courier Mail) congestion on the nbn LTSS seems assured. Average data usage is increasing by 22% per year. At this rate, average data usage per person will be over 160 GB in five years. Because satellites are a limited capacity system, expansion of the wireless coverage area is imperative to assist with managing capacity with increasing demand.

Service delivery in areas such as assistance for children with special needs must be reformed. Families should be supported by government-provided services equitably, irrespective of their address. Average educational outcomes should not be influenced by your postcode.

Take a moment to reflect on what your region needs. A true barometer of community health is primary school enrolments. While we can't end the drought, we can try and influence other factors impacting on families in our regions. Consider standing for council, or possibly assisting in an off- council position. Two quotes from the great Mahatma Gandhi, *"The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problem." and "You must be the change you want to see in the world."* 

In closing, thank you all for the trust, the privilege, the opportunities, and the friendships. ICPA is truly an organization I am very proud to be a small part of. As I now move to the role of Immediate Past President, you have not seen the last of me!!

Mr Andrew Pegler

## ICPA Qld Inc SECRETARY'S REPORT Cloncurry 2015

Mr President, Patron Mrs Patricia Mitchell, Federal President Mrs Wendy Hick, fellow Councillors, Guests, Members of the Cloncurry branch and branch Delegates. It is with pleasure that I present my Secretary's report for the 2014- 2015 year.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support and dedicated effort throughout the year. It has been another trying year outside of ICPA with the ongoing drought and all that that entails, but it hasn't changed the focus and dedication of all Councillors to ensure that ICPA is seen and heard.

Sadly two wonderful Council members stepped down in 2014. Unfortunately no new nominations were received to fill the positions vacated at the AGM. Fortunately though, due to the fact that we had a Council filled to capacity the previous year, we were still able to operate constitutionally for another year without the vacated position being filled. At the post conference meeting general housekeeping, proposed delegations and preparations for the coming year were all discussed at this our first face to face meeting of the new council. All duly elected Councillors were able to attend the post conference meeting, and were ready to jump into the new ICPA year. Since the 2014 AGM State Council has had four face to face meetings and seven teleconferences.

Council met in Brisbane in November for their second face to face meeting and first round of delegations. At these delegations Council met with the then Education Minister, Mr John Paul Langbroek, DG, Dr Jim Watterston, the ADG Mrs Patria Walton, various personnel from the Department of Education, including Early Childhood, State Schools Division, the C2C Team and the Information and Technologies Branch. Meetings were also had with Agforce, Transport & Main Roads Department, The Qld College of Teachers, and Allied Health.

The second round of delegations where held in May. Councillors met again with the Director General, Dr Watterston, Assistant Director General Patrea Walton, Regional Director Sharyn Donald and various personnel from the department including Early Childhood, Information and Technologies Branch, the C2C Team, Human Resources and State Schools Division. Meetings were also had with Ms Leanne Linard, Member for Nudgee, P&C's Qld, Qld Catholic Education Commission, and Shadow Education Minister Mr Tim Mander.

Whilst in Brisbane in May Councillors were able to catch up again with our wonderful Patron, Trish Mitchell. Trish as usual, spent her time asking about all things ICPA. She is still truly passionate about rural and remote education. Trish has represented ICPA on the Hospital Schools Advisory Council for many years and has overseen the move to the new Lady Cilento Children's Hospital at South Bank. This year Trish decided to step down from the position. Thank you Trish for all your efforts with this committee. Our new representative is another diehard ICPA'er, and past President, Mrs Margie Greenway. Thank you Margie for taking on this role. It's wonderful to know that ICPA will still be a strong voice on this committee. You will see in Margie's report that she is well and truly embraced the position.

Meetings and teleconferences have been held with: Prime Minister Tony Abbott; Hon Malcolm Turnbull, Minister for Communications; Mr Paul Fletcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications; the Minister for Education, Hon Kate Jones; Lawrence Springborg, Leader of the Opposition and Deb Frecklington; C2C Developers; Rural & Remote Education Reference Group; Qld Consortium for Professional Experience in Pre-Service Teacher Education; Joint Parent Committee; Building Infrastructure Services; Digital Services DET; the Education Advisor to the Premier; Senior Advisor to Minister Jones; Qld Curriculum and Assessment Authority; Queensland College of Teachers as well as teleconferences with Education Queensland. Forums and Workshops included: Federation White Paper Roundtable, Solid Partners Solid Future Forum, Early Years Forum, Early Years Framework Forum, Early Years Stakeholder Forum with Minister Jones and Premier Palaszcauk. Two Councillors participated in the RTIRC Webinar and our President attended the Broadband for the Bush Conference in Darwin as well as a black tie function at Government House.

President Andrew participated in a Federal/State teleconference. Andrew and myself attended the Federal/State meeting prior to Federal Conference. As the Federal ICPA Conference was held in Brisbane this year, most of Council took the time to attend. President Andrew Pegler and Vice President Kim Hughes represented State Council at the Conference. State Council had 6 motions to be presented and debated at this conference. Councillors have attended many of their mentor branch meetings as well. State Council has presented three submissions; Submission to the Senate Inquiry into the current levels of access and attainment for students with disability in the school system, and the impact on students and families associated with inadequate levels of support; The Regional Telecommunications Review and a submission to the Review of Queensland Government Drought Assistance Measures

93 inward correspondence and 50 outward items of correspondence have been itemised this year.

The Western town of Tambo was the location for our Mid-Year meeting. The venue was the "Grasslands" Arts Centre. Our meetings were conducted in the art gallery surrounded by extraordinary works of art. The Branch did a wonderful job of making us feel very welcome. It was a long couple of days of meetings for Councillors but they were made much more bearable when we were able to meet and converse with many members of the branch during breaks and at the barbeque and dinner. We felt honoured to be attending the Branch dinner where Tambo branch stalwart, Fay Nugent was awarded Branch Life Membership. We are looking forward to meeting the members of the next branch who will host the 2015 meeting. Travelling out to different communities and meeting other members of ICPA is a fantastic way to stay in touch, and for members to put faces to names.

Some Branches have undergone changes this year. The Dunkeld Branch amalgamated with the Mitchell-Tomoo Branch, to form the Mitchell-Tomoo/Dunkeld Branch. A mouthful, but this decision was made so the former Dunkeld Branch did not just disappear. It was a proud branch with a rich history. This amalgamation now takes our total to 46 branches across Qld. Condamine/Western Downs Branch will now be the Western Downs Branch, a name that better reflects the membership base. Branches are asked to please make sure that after you hold your AGM that your Minutes are forwarded to Assistant Secretary, Kim Donaldson to be microfiched, and that your new committee details are forwarded as well. If there are changes to your executive throughout the year please inform Kim of the changes, so branch details are kept current.

Many thanks must go to Di Selby for collating the minutes of the 2014 Townsville conference. This is a huge task which Di has undertaken for the past couple of years, and we are most grateful for her time and support.

The off council positions of Fundraising Officer held by Suzi McQueen, Webmaster held by Lynelle Urquhart and News & Views Editor held jointly by Rebecca Burge and Stacey Kirkwood have all been capably handled again this year. This has been a year of great change for all these positions. Fundraising has had the addition of the capability of purchasing souvenirs via the ICPA App using PayPal. The website is in the process of undergoing a complete overhaul. Lynelle has been working with Qld State Council to produce a dynamic site for our Queensland members. The introduction of paid advertising to offset the cost of producing the colour version of News and Views has been trialled this year. Rebecca and Stacey have taken this task on and have managed it well. Sadly Rebecca & Stacey have decided to stand down as Editors. Council would like to thank you for your efforts and enterprise. Your dedication is truly appreciated by all.

Natalie Slack from the Westmar/Inglestone Branch coordinated the new member packs in 2014/2015. Thank you all for your time and effort, it is much appreciated. Many thanks must go to Liz McClymont for continuing to involve ICPA in Bush Christmas and to Carmel Elliott who coordinated the banking and ticket sales from this event last year. Ticket sales from Bush Christmas are another major fundraiser for State Council, so the importance of the support by these two ladies is immeasurable.

ICPA State Council have presented five Rural Practicum awards to graduating teachers who have chosen to complete their pre-service in a rural area. We thank Councillor Louise Martin for coordinating the awards with the Universities.

During the 2014/2015 year three Branch Life Memberships have been awarded to very deserving branch members. We congratulate Pauline Brunkhorst from the Yaraka/Isisford Branch and Fay Nugent and Ruth D'Hennin from Tambo Branch for this wonderful achievement.

With sadness three of our Councillors are stepping down. We say goodbye to long standing councillors Wendy Hick and Emma Brodie. ICPA have benefited greatly from their expertise which they have gladly contributed to State Council and has been given with genuine regard to what ICPA is trying to achieve. Thank you both for your contribution to State Council and the ICPA family. You are definitely going to be missed. Of course I did say three were stepping down. Andy is stepping down as President, but will remain on council as the Immediate Past President for the next two years. Thanks Andy for the wonderful leadership you have provided and support to all of Council.

On behalf of all of State Council, I thank Penny, Julie and the convening committee for arranging this "Love the Road Ahead" Conference. They have been a pleasure to work with. In an area still suffering the effects of drought, it is amazing that the branch has been so successful in convening such an uplifting conference. I put it down to their belief in where they are, their focus, looking beyond what is now and loving the road ahead.

I present my report for adoption.

Mrs Kate Twist

## ICPA Qld Inc TREASURER'S REPORT Cloncurry 2015

Mr President, State Life Members, distinguished guests, delegates and fellow members, I am pleased to present my second Treasurer's Report.

At the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015 memberships stood at 1212 including 7 State Life Members which is 36 more than the same time last year. An additional 9 families have joined up to the end of August which brings memberships now to 1221. With 167 new memberships being received from January to August, I would like to take this opportunity to thank these new members for joining this wonderful organisation and also to commend the effort made by branches to maintain a solid membership base under adverse circumstances for many. To me this means that ICPA must be remaining relevant to the families it represents. This year has seen Dunkeld amalgamate with Mitchell/Tomoo to form Mitchell-Tomoo/Dunkeld which has brought the number of branches back to 45 plus the Lone Members. We have 1 branch that is unfinancial as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015 due to low numbers. Please remember that for a branch to be considered financial, it is required to have 5 members paid at all levels. State and Federal fees for Branch Life members must also be paid every year and are the responsibility of the relevant branches. It is also very important for members to keep their postal and email addresses up to date as this makes the delivery of information and publications easier for all.

ICPA Qld Inc continues to operate in a sound financial position although a loss of about \$22000.00 was incurred for the 2014-2015 year. Even though income was up considerably from the previous year so were expenses. As you can see from the financials it requires a substantial amount of money each year for State Council representatives to attend meetings and lobby government departments to achieve a better educational outcome for members' children. Raising this money is achieved in a number of ways with memberships, donations (from both branches and outside organisations) and the two art unions being the main contributors. Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch contributed \$23,000.00 from the Townsville Conference proceeds so a big thanks to the branch for their sizable donation. During this financial year we also had two very generous donations from outside sources: \$6000.00 from Suncorp Bank and \$8000.00 from The Cathedral School in Townsville. You may recall the front page of the March edition of News & Views featured a story regarding the donation from The Cathedral School. State Council also appreciates the generous donations from branches which this year totalled \$2,400.00 coming mainly from the Winton and Longreach branches.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of our Fundraising Officer, Suzi McQueen, this arm of ICPA Qld Inc has been run efficiently and profitably over the last four years. As noted above it raises an important chunk of our income each year and this year was no exception with art unions making approx. \$28500.00 and souvenir sales bringing in \$1,200.00 with the new print of greeting cards being very popular. So if you haven't already seen or purchased any of these lovely cards please take the opportunity to do so during conference. Suzi works tirelessly throughout the year sourcing sponsorship for and organising the Minor Art Union as well overseeing the Bush Christmas Art Union which is held in Toowoomba each year in November/December. The purchase and sale of souvenirs also takes up a considerable amount of time so I would like to commend Suzi on her commitment to making all this happen.

As usual the main expense for the year was for councillors to attend both State and Federal Conference as well as delegations and other relevant meetings during the year. Even after taking into account the \$23000.00 donation from the convening branch after the 2014 State Conference, State Council still had to pay out around \$8,000.00 to hold State Conference in 2014. Insurance continues to be a large expense at about \$12,000.00 for the year as well as the printing and postage of our quarterly publication, News & Views which also costs around \$12,000.00.

News and Views has again been in good hands with News & Views editors, Rebecca Burge and Stacey Kirkwood, continuing to put together an appealing magazine each quarter for members. This year has seen the addition of advertising in our magazine - this has given businesses another avenue to reach their target audience of people in rural and remote areas - as well as helping to cover the cost of printing and postage. The mailing list for this publication relies on members and Branch Treasurers keeping up to date with member details and passing information on to me as soon as possible. Thank you to Mrs Natalie Slack from Westmar/Inglestone branch, for continuing as New Members coordinator this year, and compiling & posting out the New Members' Packs.

The State Treasurer is also the Risk Management Officer so if you have any queries please don't hesitate to ask me for help. As the Risk Management form is updated from time to time, please ensure you use the most recent form which will be sent out to branch treasurers and secretaries whenever there is any change.

Finally I would like to thank all those in ICPA who make my job easier, mainly the many Branch Treasurers who put in time and effort to keep memberships current - thank you one and all. It has been a very tight turn around for the audit this year as well so I would like to thank Paula Brun from Central Western Taxation Services in Longreach for getting everything done in a timely fashion. Thank you Mr President, I would like to move my report for adoption.

Mrs Sue Pegler

## FEDERAL COUNCIL REPORT

**Cloncurry 2015** 

Mrs. Patricia Mitchell OAM Patron of ICPA Qld, Mr Andrew Pegler Qld President, Qld State Council, fellow ICPA members and distinguished guests.

Thank you for the opportunity to update members and guests on the recent work of Federal Council. As some of you know, I have been working on both our Queensland State Council and Federal Council for the last few months and at the recent Federal Conference held in Brisbane at the end of July, I was elected President of ICPA Australia.

It gives me tremendous pleasure to present my first Federal Council Report, not only in my home state of Queensland, but also right here in Cloncurry and the Northwest, so very close to where I live. It certainly has been another busy year for Federal Council.

Until recently, Federal Council's victories over the last few years in the battle to reduce educational barriers associated with isolation and remoteness, have seemed few. So we were very surprised with announcements in the Federal Government's 2015-16 Budget, aiming to promote regional growth and deliver a strong economy, which should see improvements in access to tertiary education for rural and remote students. We applaud the Federal Government for the reviews that have taken place over the last year and new programs being introduced pertaining to education, welfare and communication. Federal Council has considered these 'once in a lifetime' opportunities to have a say on issues which affect rural and remote education. Federal Council have responded to the reviews taking place from early learning through to Tertiary. The Education White paper allowed us to pull together the issues that impact our children into one document.

Since Federal Conference only a few weeks ago, we have lodged submissions into the Australia Temporary Work Visa Program, the Distance Education and Broadband Working Group, Department of Social Services' Nanny Pilot Programme Implementation, and funding for Students with Disability. As we see the results of some of these reviews being rolled out, we welcome the contribution that the Coalition's Backbench Committee on Education have had and continues to have when considering the needs for rural and isolated students. Federal Council met with quite a few of these Backbenchers, many of whom are your local Federal Members, and found them to be sympathetic and understanding of the impact isolation has on our children. They were happy to support ICPA's thinking that tertiary access should not be reliant on accessing a welfare allowance. We were surprised and delighted to see that government has taken on ICPA's long standing request to remove the Family Assets Test and the Family Actual Means Test for students applying for dependent Youth Allowance and needing to relocate. We are yet to see this legislated, but anticipate it will see many more students able to access financial assistance in order to attend university. (side note- we've heard that this could be voted on in Parliament this week and we are anxiously awaiting news of the results- so you'll need to watch those Twitter and Facebook feeds...) The Coalition's Backbench Committee on Education, led by Senator Bridget McKenzie is currently travelling the country, holding Regional Higher Education Forums. Federal Council has attended these forums in Tasmania, Queensland and South Australia. We look forward to hearing about the outcomes of these forums. The Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme also came under review this year. The final report indicated that this allowance, the AIC, introduced more than forty years is as vital today as it was when first introduced. Currently however, convincing either State or Federal governments that funding must address the changing needs of the modern family, is proving most difficult due to it being a federally funded allowance provided to families to address the costs of state delivered education programs. ICPA continues to advocate at every given opportunity for adjustment of the AIC to more accurately reflect the cost of educating our rural and remote students. In May, Education Ministers agreed to move NAPLAN on-line. There will be significant educational benefits for students, including faster turnaround of results for parents and teachers and more accurate assessment of each child's strengths and weaknesses, which will give NAPLAN even greater effectiveness as a diagnostic tool in classrooms. Notwithstanding these benefits, the Education Council noted the need for a carefully planned transition from paper-based testing to address the risks and costs associated with this move.

NAPLAN online will be implemented from 2017 as an opt-in basis over two to three years and will come into effect no later than 2019. To ensure an effective and efficient transition, implementation will be determined by jurisdictions, school systems and schools based on their readiness. While the schools have a few years to prepare for this change, Federal Council encourages members to find out how your school plans to make this change to online NAPLAN.

Not being able to access sufficient internet usage is seriously impacting students studying by distance education who are dependent on online lessons to access core learning. This problem is being experienced right around Australia and Federal Council has been working with all State Councils to have this rectified as a matter of urgency. Joanna Gibson our Communications Leader must be congratulated for her dedication to this issue. Through Joanna's efforts, ICPA looks forward to working with and providing information to the Distance Education and Broadband Working Committee set up by the Minister for Communications, to overcome the problems currently being experienced. Internet speed on the Interim Satellite Service has also been problematic and nbn co. has offered to set up test probes at various ICPA member's locations to gather information on internet usage and the speeds actually being received. As a follow up to last year and this year's Federal Conferences, Telstra Country Wide has announced that they will offer unmeter key educational websites used by distance education students on both Telstra and Bigpond mobile broadband plans. We welcome this announcement and 38 sites have become unmetered so far with more being considered. While these changes will not assist students who use the Interim Satellite Service, Federal Council will be working with internet service providers in the hope that they will follow the Telstra Country Wide lead and hopefully be able to offer similar unmetered education sites for satellite internet users in the future as well. Telstra is also offering a discount on their smart antennae and Yagi antennae for ICPA members. Federal Council was pleased to promote nbn's "Shoot for the Stars" competition to name the first Long Term Satellite and have a drawing placed on the nose cone of the rocket. Alice Springs SODE succeeded in naming the Satellite "Sky Muster" and six year old Bailey Brooks from the NT will have her artwork displayed on the nose cone of the rocket to be launched in a few weeks' time. Other highlights in the area of communication for Federal Council over the last year would be the re-development of the ICPA website and the inclusion of a Facebook page. Despite a number of delays, the Federal website went live in June, with the NSW site coming online a few weeks ago and Tasmania set to go live in the next week or so. Work now continues to have each state's website developed and integrated into the Federal website. Thanks go to the Web Committee, Sue Shotton our Web Manager, Roxanne Morrissey, Judy Newton and Joanna Gibson for their dedication and commitment to see this project come to fruition.

Another exciting project during 2015 was the revamp of our national magazine, 'Pedals'. Editor, Raelene Hall takes great pride in ensuring all members and subscribers receive a quality publication each quarter and I commend Raelene's dedication to ensure the magazine remains a relevant, enticing read.

Over the last eighteen months Roxanne Morrissey (former Immediate Past President) has worked with the group overseeing the development of the Standards Australia document for boarding schools. Recently the standards have been finalised and published and are now out in the public arena for use by schools.

A major highpoint each year is the annual Federal Conference. It was held this year in Brisbane and hosted by Queensland Council. I thank the conveners, Gillian Meppem-Mott and Wendy Henning and Treasurer Tammie Irons for their dedicated work, and the work of their Westmar- Inglestone Branch committee in assisting with conference arrangements. With Federal President, Judy Newton's four year term concluding at conference, we saw a number of position changes at the AGM. I feel very honoured to have been elected President and look forward to working with, and for ICPA members throughout Australia. Kate Thompson from Tasmania fills the position of Vice President and Nikki Macqueen has taken on the Publicity Officers role. We have two new councillors who've joined Federal Council, Kate Gray and Lynise Conaghan, both from Queensland. At the Federal Conference, Federal Council was honoured to present Jane Gloster with Federal Life Membership. While Jane's longevity was taken into consideration for the nomination of Federal Life Membership, it is her commitment to council, the high

standards she set and her willingness to support and guide fellow councillors over this time that was also acknowledged. We received a record number of motions at Federal Conference this year, which saw 130 motions presented and debated. Results can be found on the Federal Council website. Work is well underway to action these motions, with focus on communication issues, increasing the AIC Boarding allowance, extending the AIC Distance Education allowance to include children taking part in eKindy programs, recognition of the role home tutors play in the distance education classroom by seeking the introduction of the Distance Education Teaching Allowance (DETA) and advocating for the Tertiary Access Allowance. With our Federal Publicity Officer absent from conference, Federal Council were pleased with the media presence that we had, which was nothing short of sensational. We owe much of this to the efforts of Qld Publicity Officer, Gillian Semple. Thank you Gillian for assisting in raising the profile on the many education issues our families are challenged with. Thank you also to the members who told their stories and spoke to the numerous journalists and reporters attending conference about the issues you face in educating your children. Before Conference, Federal Council commissioned the creation of a five minute Distance Education Teaching Allowance (DETA) promotional video. The video's production occurred amidst the conference hype and included influential guest speakers and passionate ICPA members eager to voice their thoughts and highlighting the significance of this lobby. Once the video was released on social media, we were thrilled to see the views reach more than 5000 in just a couple of days.

I would like to share this short video with conference at the end of my report.

We have five Federal Councillors here for the duration of Qld Conference, Judy Newton, Jane Morton, Nikki McQueen are all representing Federal Council and Kate Gray is here representing her Branch and also myself. If you would like to find out more about what Federal Council is working on, please make yourself known to one of us, we are more than happy to chat with you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing Qld President, Andrew Peglar for his leadership and tireless efforts to increase the credibility and visibility of ICPA over the last three years. Federal Council have welcomed the collaboration with ICPA Qld over this time, which has seen us work on a number of issues together. Andy, Federal Council wish you all the very best in your future endeavours and we look forward to your ongoing involvement in ICPA. I would like to wish the new State Council success in their efforts for the coming year and congratulations to convenor Penny McMillan, Treasurer Julie McDonald and the Cloncurry Branch convening committee for hosting a very enjoyable conference. I'd also like to wish Cloncurry Branch Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

I hope to see many of you in Perth for Federal Conference next August.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Queensland State Council for being so tremendously supportive of me while I took on a Federal Councillor role and as I move into the next chapter of my ICPA journey. Federal Council DETA video shown.

Mrs Wendy Hick President ICPA Australia

## Vote of Thanks to Retiring Councillors

## **Mr ANDREW PEGLER**

ICPA Patron Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM, Mr President, ICPA Federal President Mrs Wendy Hick, delegates, Cloncurry Branch, distinguished guests, ladies & gentlemen.

It is with pleasure that I make this presentation to our outgoing President Andrew Pegler. Andrew has a long association with ICPA stretching back to the nineties. Thank-you Mary for taking a trip down memory lane to provide me with the details of Andrew's early history with ICPA.

Andrew's involvement with ICPA is quite accidental. The very first Queensland Conference Andrew attended was at the RSL Club in Mt Isa in 1993. Mary and Fiona Owens were delegates for Yaraka/ Isisford Branch and Andrew was sent to baby sit Annie. He was kept company by Joe Owens, who was baby- sitting his own kids Ben & Susan. The two men did spend some time in the conference room and Andrew was somewhat impressed at the efficient way the conference was run and how the debate was organised. Then along came Andi-Claire and once again, Andrew was on baby-sitting duties, this time at the Charleville State Conference in 1996. Andrew continued his backseat interest with one ear on the conference procedure whilst on nappy duty to Andi-Claire, who was only a couple of months old. Andrew's foray from baby-sitting to actually being on the conference floor came in 2001 when he accompanied Mary to the Adelaide Federal Conference as a first time delegate. On the flight to Adelaide, Andrew complained the whole time to Mary that she had railroaded him into being a delegate and 'he knew nothing about what he was talking about!" Nonetheless Andrew held his own and got a good taste of how ICPA operated. Fast forward to Federal Conference in Charleville in 2002. A number of longserving and very experienced councillors stood down at this conference and there were very few members standing for council. The AGM came and went and there wasn't enough nominations to form a constitutional council at the day's end. Upon returning after lunch on day 2, delegates found nomination forms in all of their places. Andrew and Mary were sitting near the middle aisle – and a very worried Jack Beach was sitting on Mary's left. Andrew waved the nomination form under Mary's nose and said "You've always wanted to be on State Council - here is your big chance to be on Federal Council." Mary replied, "If you are so keen on someone being on Federal Council, why don't you fill out the form and get up there yourself!!" Never in her wildest dreams did she think he would, but Andrew simply replied, "Well I think I will." Jack said "Quick give me that paper and we'll fill it out before he changes his mind!!" And the rest, as they say, is history. Jack also said that Andrew would only need to stay for a short time and that being a new councillor, he would NOT have to lead a portfolio. JACK LIED!!! At 5.20 p.m. the following afternoon, and head of at least two portfolios, Andrew came out of the meeting and he and Mary drove all the way back to Yaraka that night!!!

Andrew remained on Federal Council for seven years, and was Vice President for the last four. Andrew stood down at the Longreach Federal Conference in 2009. That same year Qld President Lorraine McGinnes asked Andrew to come onto Qld Council at Winton, so he was "off council" for about 6 weeks and then back on again. Andrew took over from Lorraine as Qld President at the Rockhampton State Conference in 2011. He was the only man on an all-female council. I also stepped on to State Council at this conference (albeit after being co-opted by a very persuasive councillor). My first encounter with Andy was back in 2006 at the Mt Isa State Conference. He was the then very knowledgeable Federal Vice President and I was a very nervous first time delegate who was having difficulty stringing two words together when handed the microphone. Fast forward, I must say that I was somewhat (embarrassingly) in awe as I took on this new position alongside him in 2011.

Nerves aside, I couldn't have asked for a better mentor. Andy has been an incredible support to me and everyone on council. He has instilled in all of us a solid work ethic, and a strong respect and belief in ICPA and all that it stands for - always reminding us to give the past the utmost consideration, and to remember all of the volunteers who have paved the way before us to provide the educational opportunities our children now have.

Andy's common sense male perspective is not only humorous at times, but also refreshing. His ability to wade through all the information and sum up a situation in one sentence, while the rest of us are madly typing long winded analysis of the good, the bad and the ugly, is an important dynamic in the way our council operates. A simple 'all good, take care' gets us all back on track and reminds us of the black and white rather than all the shades in between.

As you may know Andy also has a 'day job' by way of a solar pump business. He can often be found at the top of a windmill talking on his mobile phone giving a media interview, speaking to Department Personnel or giving advice to State Councillors. He also does long hours on the road and it is nothing for him to come home to 100 plus emails on his ICPA laptop in the evening. Andy has given his all to ICPA. When business responsibilities and running a cattle property in drought could have easily consumed his focus, he has never let these pressures overshadow the leadership he gives our team and the effort he puts into our member's issues.

For a number of years Andy has lead the Information Technology portfolio. As the issues of access to reasonable internet connections for our rural and remote members continue to accelerate, Andy has done a magnificent job keeping abreast of this extremely complex portfolio. USOs, CSGs, NBN ISS, LTSS, HCRCs, high latency, low latency and double hopping, have become Andy's second language as he endeavours to get the message through to government that rural and remote Queensland cannot and should not be left with a sub-standard service that our mainstream counterparts would never accept.

Andy will continue on the executive as the Immediate Past President for the next two years, so, thankfully for us, we will still be able to tap into his experience, knowledge and guidance as we move into the next phase of ICPA Qld Council. Andy is one of a long line of Presidents and State Councillors who have all contributed to instilling the solid ethic which defines Queensland, based on integrity, respect for our past and excitement for our future. Please join me in thanking Andy for his service to ICPA and congratulating him on his achievements for this organisation.

Mrs Kim Hughes

## Mrs WENDY HICK

I should say it gives me great pleasure to make this presentation, but it gives me very little pleasure at all because it means we are losing a fantastic member of council and someone I have really enjoyed working with. Someone who in my time as President has been a tremendous support, someone who has been totally reliable, someone who I could not have asked more from. Wendy Hick, would you like to come up please.

Wendy has been one of those people that when you have a difficult job, a portfolio that was difficult to fill, you always knew that Wendy would take it on. When you had a whole bunch of new councillors like we had after the Toowoomba Conference, I think we had 7 new people in the team, Wendy took on the role of mentoring all of those new people and did it amazingly well, like she has done every other job she has done on ICPA.

ICPA has gained a lot from the years of involvement that Wendy's had. Wendy came on to Queensland Council the year after I did, and she came on in 2010 in Charters Towers and I'm not sure who nominated Wendy now, I can't remember, I can't remember who seconded her nomination form, but all of the membership owe you a lot, and anyone who may have nudged her along and said this is a good idea and you would be good at it, thank you, because she has been absolutely fantastic.

Mr Andrew Pegler

## Mrs EMMA BRODIE

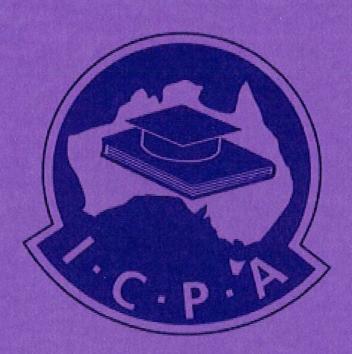
Emma, Emma, Emma - what to say about Emma. This girl from Winton has been a discovery trail - not of dinosaurs, but of her phobias, her talents as Tina Turner and her passion for rural and remote education.

Emma joined State Council in 2011 at the Rockhampton State Conference. While she has been on Council Emma has led the portfolios of travel, post-compulsory and schools. The last 4 years have been a roller coaster ride with many ups and downs, but lots of laughter and squealing along the tracks. Whilst Emma is well known for enjoying the odd bevvy, when seriousness was required her considered opinion was always offered with a lot of thought.

Emma we thank you for your uniqueness - your humour, your thoughtfulness and your kind and generous nature. We thank you for being you! Please come forward Emma with a Question!!

Mrs Kate Twist

## ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATON QLD INC ABN 65 411 031 053



Audit Report For the year ended 31 July 2015

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7 September 2015

The Members of Isolated Children's Parents' Association Qld Inc. C/- Mrs Sue Pegler 'Alni' WINTON QLD 4735

Dear Members,

## **RE: AUDIT REPORT**

I wish to congratulate the committee on achieving the goals for the organisation for the year. Congratulations must go to your Treasurer who has undertaken the job and has taken on board any suggestions previously suggested There are several things that need to be brought to the attention of the committee and the Treasurer, for you to discuss

- 1. We have prepared the financials as we have included a Balance Sheet and Depreciation Schedule. I would like to thank the Committee for going through the Depreciation Schedule and writing off items and including that list in the data for the auditor and for noting it in their minutes. If there is anything else that needs removing or adding please advise at the next audit.
- 2. Whilst going through the Depreciation Schedule I have found there are things listed on your list that are not on the Depreciation Schedule this includes Quicken updates etc, these have been claimed outright thus they are not reflected on the depreciation schedule, I have shown any new equipment purchased valued at less than \$300 as expensed equipment if you want this on your depreciation schedule please advise.
- 3. I would like to thank the Treasurer and the Fund Raising Treasurer for writing the receipt numbers on the deposit slips this has made the job of checking the deposits that much easier.
- 4. Re the sale of Merchandise, congratulations on making a small profit this year all items purchased and sold could be identified, congratulations must go to both Treasurers. Quite a few items of stock are now either written of or no longer being stocked and this is reflected in your financial statements.
- 5. The Fund Raising Treasurer has ensured that the Receipt Books reflect the actual amounts deposited into the Fundraising Account, congratulations to the Treasurers for all their hard work.

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- 6. There were a few discrepancies in relation to the GST (GST claimed when the invoice did not reflect GST charged) however they were small and have been reflected in the GST Adjustment account.
- 7. This has not been a profitable year for the Association this is due to several factors, they are as follows:
- Donations and Sponsorship have decreased this year.
- Meeting expenses have varied this year, and there have been additional costs.
- State and Federal Conference expenses were greater this year

Your audit has been **qualified** due to a lack of internal controls over income and expenditure. This means that I have been unable to establish that all income, i.e. cash, has been received and receipted and that all cheques, and cash, have been used correctly.

I am here to help the Treasurer at anytime so if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact this office on the above number, by fax or email.

Yours faithfully,

Paula in Grun

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To the Members of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association Inc.

## Scope

We have audited the accompanying financial report being a special purpose financial report of the **Isolated Children's Parents' Association Inc.** which comprises of the Committee's Report, Trading Account, Income and Expenditure Statement, Detailed Balance Sheet, Depreciation Schedule, Statement by Members of the Committee, Certificate by Member of the Committee, Notes to the Financial Statements and Compilation Report for the year ended **31 July 2015**.

The Isolated Children's Parents' Association Inc. Committee of Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financials report, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the constitution and the *Associations Incorporations Act 1981* and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee of Managements' responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by the committee of management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee of Managements financial reporting responsibilities under the constitution and the *Associations Incorporations Act 1981*.

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We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

## **Qualification**

As the organisation is entirely dependent on the internal controls exercised by the management committee and members, no warrant can be given that all entitlements of revenue have been received or that all services or goods paid for have been utilised for the **Isolated Children's Parents' Association Inc.** The **Isolated Children's Parents'** Association Inc. The Isolated Children's Parents' Association Inc. has determined that it is impractical to establish control over the revenue received or that all services of goods paid have been utilised for the Isolated Children's Parents' Association Inc. Our audit of income and expense account items extends only to vouching the receipts and payments. We have not sighted cash on hand, stock on hand or assets owned by the association but have relied on a statement by the committee as to their existence. We have relied on a committee statement that there are no mortgages and charges over the assets of the association. Our audit was conducted on the records of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association Inc.

## **<u>Qualified</u>** Audit Opinion

In our opinion, subject to the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report of **Isolated Children's Parents'** Association Inc. is in accordance with the constitution and the *Associations Incorporations Act 1981*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of Isolated Children's Parents' Association Inc. financial position for the year end 31 July 2015 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1; and
- b) complying with the Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and complying with the constitution and the *Associations Incorporations Act 1981*.

## Basis of accounting and restriction on distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling **Isolated Children's Parents' Association Inc.** reporting responsibilities under the *Associations Incorporations Act 1981*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

7 September 2015

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## ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.

ABN 65 411 031 053

Financial Statements For the year ended 31 July 2015

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## **ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.**

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## Committee's Report

For the year ended 31 July 2015

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC. for the financial year ended 31 July 2015.

## **Committee Members**

The names of committee members at the date of this report are:

Andrew Pegler Sue Pegler Kate Twist Wendy Hick Kim Hughes Kim Donaldson Gillian Semple Rebecca Burge Stacey Kirkwood Emma Brodie Tammie Irons Jacqui Beale Rebecca Greenway Natalie Kenny Louise Martin Suzi McQueen Lynelle Urguhart Jeffrey Little Kylie Camp

## **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were: Raising Funds and Awareness of Isolated Children and Parents.

## **Significant Changes**

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

## **Operating Result**

The deficit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

Year ended	Year ended
31 July 2015	31 July 2014
\$	\$
(28,814.51)	3,829.31

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## ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC. ABN 65 411 031 053 Committee's Report For the year ended 31 July 2015

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on:

Andrew Pegler

SG Pegles Sue Pegles

## ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.

## ABN 65 411 031 053

**Trading Account** 

## For the year ended 31 July 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Trading Income		
Sales - Badges	31.82	36.36
Sale - Pens	21.82	10.91
Sales - Stubby Coolers	181.82	56.36
Sales - Coffee Mugs	254.55	712.73
Sales - Ties		13.64
Sales - Greeting Cards & Envelopes	1,603.64	556.36
Sales - USB Flash Drives	390.01	142.29
Sales - Lanyards	149.54	25.91
Sales - Smencils	5.45	41.64
ales - Embossed Badges		7.27
ales - Recipe CD		18.18
Sales - Aprons	163.64	236.36
ales - Handtowels		63.64
Sales - Goats Milk Soap	13.64	68.18
ales - Dennis Scanlon Book	81.82	1,116.41
Sales - Frames	159.09	31.82
Sales - Tea Towels	54.55	36.36
Sales - Tatto Sheets (Boys)	3.64	
ales - Tattoo Sheets (Girls)	3.64	
ostage Paid	84.74	
Cotal Trading Income	3,203.41	3,174.42

## **Cost of Sales**

## ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC. ABN 65 411 031 053 Trading Account For the year ended 31 July 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Add:		
Opening Stock - Badges	240.00	300.00
Opening Stock - Pens	143.28	
Opening Stock - Ties		20.00
Opening Stock - Coffee Mugs	1,566.81	2,113.95
Opening Stock - Stubby Coolers	630.00	732.00
Opening Stock - Greetings Cards	196.10	210.90
Opening Stock - USB Flash Drive	1,035.09	1,111.41
Opening Stock - Lanyards	390.25	404.25
Opening Stock- Smencils	68.40	48.80
Opening Stock - Embossed Badges	855.12	860.21
Opening Stock - Aprons		13.63
Opening Stock - Handtowels		9.55
Opening Stock - Woodframe & Logo	50.28	75.42
Opening Stock - Tea Towels	21.84	36.40
Opening Stock - Goats Milk Soap	9.00	
Purchases - Pens		149.25
Purchases - Greeting Cards and Envelopes	948.18	265.45
Purchases - Aprons	141.79	209.95
Purchases - Wooden Frames	70.90	
Purchases - Goats Milk Soap		49.09
Purchases - Tattoo Sheets (Boys)	30.00	
Purchases - Tattoo Sheets (Grils)	30.00	
	6,427.04	6,610.26

## ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC. ABN 65 411 031 053 Trading Account

	2015 \$	2014 \$
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Less:		
Closing Stock - Badges	240.00	240.00
Closing Stock - Pens	113.43	143.28
Closing Stock - Coffee Mugs	1,351.27	1,566.81
Closing Stock - Stubby Coolers		630.00
Closing Stock - Greeting Cards	340.40	196.10
Closing Stock - USB Flash Drives	772.74	1,035.09
Clsoing Stock - Lanyards	302.75	390.25
Closing Stock - Smencils	45.60	68.40
Closing Stock - Embossed Badges	855.12	855.12
Closing Stock - Handtowels	54.52	
Closing Stock - Woodframe & logo	25.14	50.28
Closing Stock - Tea Towels		21.84
Closing Stock - Goats Milk Soap		9.00
Closing Stock - Tattoo Sheets (Boys)	27.50	
Closing Stock - Tattoo Sheets (Girls)	27.50	
	4,155.97	5,206.17
Cost of Sales	2,271.07	1,404.09
Gross Profit from Trading	932.34	1,770.33

## **ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.**

ABN 65 411 031 053

**Income and Expenditure Statement** 

For the year ended 31 July 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Income		
Trading profit	932.34	1,770.33
Advertising	4,850.00	
Sponsorship	6,500.00	7,150.00
Donations - Branches	2,400.00	10,400.00
Donations - Other	14,017.00	220.00
Donations - Conference Branch	23,000.00	30,000.00
Fundraising - Art Union Ticket Sales	19,380.00	13,458.00
Fundraising - Minor Art Union, Raffle et	11,799.05	12,437.00
Interest received - WBC General Account	38.53	42.40
Interest Received - WBC Fundraising Acct	23.57	25.25
Interest Received - WBC Maxi Acct	2,152.34	3,038.94
Other income		13.64
Subscriptions	19,997.94	20,231.90
News and Views Subscriptions	240.00	230.00
Total income	105,330.77	99,017.46
Expenses		
Archival Information	50.00	
Audit fees	2,774.50	2,644.25
Badges & Certificates	308.55	105.00
Bank Fees And Charges	182.25	330.05
Conference Committee Advance		2,000.00
Conference Expenses - Promotion Bags etc		14.91
Federal Conference Exps- Registrations	3,150.00	859.09
Federal Conference Exps - Travel & Accom	6,686.84	1,358.53
Federal Conference - Incidentals	155.91	464.06
Federal Conference - Kilometric Travel	333.89	135.00
State Conference Expenses - Registration	9,681.81	1,350.00
State Conference Exps - Gifts		424.00
State Conference Exps - Guest Speaker et	3,279.28	1,910.00
State Conference Exps - Incidentals	1,635.54	172.73
State Conference Exps - Annual Report		1,490.55

## ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.

ABN 65 411 031 053

Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 31 July 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
State Conference Exps - Patron's Expense	309.09	
State Conference Exps - Minutes	745.45	
State Conference Expenses - Travel etc	17,194.01	9,699.75
Other Conferences	227.27	
Delivery		99.67
Depreciation - other	3,128.00	4,744.00
Gifts and Floral Tributes	604.17	650.72
Insurance - Liability	11,976.63	11,976.63
Internet Expenses	367.85	654.89
Licences, Registrations, Permits - Incor	48.25	96.60
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	265.86	108.81
Meeting Expenses - Allowance Meals	1,345.45	707.28
Meeting Expenses - Hire Expenses		150.00
Meeting Expenses - Kilometric Travel	7,660.35	3,446.43
Meeting Expenses - Meals & Accommodation	14,633.82	9,513.92
Meeting Expenses - Taxi	2,308.76	1,278.91
Meeting Expenses - Travel	16,510.95	14,363.27
Meeting Expenses - Incidental Expenses	1,953.91	495.45
Meeting Expenses - Tele & Internet	45.45	
News & Views Magazines	8,298.43	9,806.38
Postage	4,840.26	3,311.82
Publicity & Promotion	1,907.53	1,733.90
Raffle & Minor Art Union - Tickets	1,141.17	672.73
Raffle & Minor Art Union - Prizes Purch	7,150.00	6,900.00
Repairs & maintenance - Computer	150.00	
Repairs & maintenance - Softwear		281.82
Replacements Equipment	300.91	343.27
Stationary and Office Supplies	1,346.05	738.32
Subscriptions & Publications	98.18	81.82
Telephone - Phone and Facsimile	148.91	73.59
Workshops & Training	1,200.00	
Total expenses	134,145.28	95,188.15
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax	(28,814.51)	3,829.31
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		

## ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC. ABN 65 411 031 053 Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 31 July 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(28,814.51)	3,829.31
Total changes in equity of the association	(28,814.51)	3,829.31
Opening retained profits	177,969.03	174,139.72
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(28,814.51)	3,829.31
Closing retained profits	149,154.52	177,969.03

These financial statements are unaudited. They must be read in conjunction with the attached Accountant's Compilation Report and Notes which form part of these financial statements.

## **ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.**

## ABN 65 411 031 053

## Detailed Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2015

	Note	2015 <u>\$</u>	2014 \$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
Cash At Bank - General Account		9,930.19	19,209.07
Cash at Bank - Fundraising Account		19,086.24	1,221.39
Maxi Investment		111,621.28	144,483.94
Cash on hand - Fundraising Petty Cash		200.00	200.00
		140,837.71	165,114.40
inventories			
Stock on Hand - Badges		240.00	240.00
Stock on Hand - Pens		113.43	143.28
Stock on Hand - Coffee Mugs		1,351.27	1,566.81
Stock on Hand - Stubby Coolers			630.00
Stock on Hand - Greeting Cards		340.40	196.10
Stock on Hand - USB Flash Drive		772.74	1,035.09
Stock on Hand - Lanyards		302.75	390.25
Stock on Hand - Smencils		45.60	68.40
Stock on Hand - Emblem Badges		855.12	855.12
Stock on Hand - Aprons		54.52	
Stock on Hand - Woodframe & Logo		25.14	50.28
Stock on Hand - Tea Towels			21.84
Stock on Hand - Goats Milk Cheese			9.00
Stock on Hand - Tatto Sheets (Boys)		27.50	
Stock on Hand - Tattoo Sheets (Girls)		27.50	
		4,155.97	5,206.17
Current Tax Assets			
GST payable control account		1,693.39	1,570.33
GST payable adjustment control account		1,331.93	1,297.21
		3,025.32	2,867.54
Total Current Assets		148,019.00	173,188.11

## ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.

## ABN 65 411 031 053

## Detailed Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment			
Plant & equipment - at cost		22,456.53	24,556.39
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(19,185.67)	(17,891.67)
		3,270.86	6,664.72
Total Non-Current Assets		3,270.86	6,664.72
Total Assets		151,289.86	179,852.83
Current Liabilities			
Financial Liabilities			
Unsecured:			
ICPA Qld Inc Mastercard		371.44	119.90
		371.44	119.90
Total Current Liabilities		371.44	119.90
Total Liabilities		371.44	119.90
Net Assets		150,918.42	179,732.93
Members' Funds			
Reserves			
General reserve		1,763.90	1,7 <b>6</b> 3.90
Accumulated surplus (deficit)		149,154.52	177,969.03
Total Members' Funds		150,918.42	179,732.93

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## ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC. ABN 65 411 031 053 Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 31 July, 2015

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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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# ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC. ABN 65 411 031 053

Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 31 July, 2015

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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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## ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC. ABN 65 411 031 053 Statement by Members of the Committee For the year ended 31 July 2015

The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

- Presents fairly the financial position of ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC. as at 31 July 2015 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Andrew Pegler President

Sue Pegler Treasurer

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## ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC. ABN 65 411 031 053 Certificate by Member of the Committee For the year ended 31 July 2015

I, Andrew Pegler of Yaraka, and I, Sue Pegler of Winton certify that:

a. We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on .

b. The financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2015 were submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Dated

Andrew Pegler Committee Member

Pegle Sue Pegler

Committee Member

## ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.

ABN 65 411 031 053

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2015

## Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

## (a) Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

## (b) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

## (c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

## (d) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

## These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report of Central Western Taxation Services.

## ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC. ABN 65 411 031 053 Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2015

## (e) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the assets and liabilities statement are shown inclusive of GST.

## ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC. ABN 65 411 031 053

## Compilation Report to ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC., which comprise the Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2015, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is to provide financial information to the committee of management.

## The Responsibility of the Committee of Management

The committee of management is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements and has determined that the basis of accounting adopted is appropriate to meet the needs of the committee of management for the purpose of complying with the association's constitution.

## Our Responsibility

On the basis of the information provided by the committee of management, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information which the committee of management provided, in compiling the financial statements. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the committee of management. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

Paula Me Brun

Central Western Taxation Services PO Box 145 Longreach Old

7 September, 2015



ACCOUNTANT

128 IBIS STREET PO Box 145 Longreach QLD 4730 Phone: 07 4658 2524 Fax: 07 4658 2545

> Enquiries: mail@cwts.net.au

> > ABN 41 623 106 344

03 August 2015

ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENT'S ASSOCIATION QLD INC Mrs Sue Pegler "Alni" Winton Qld 4735

Dear Mrs Pegler,

## Re: ENGAGEMENT OF OUR SERVICES

Scope

You have requested that we audit the financial report of the ISOLATED CHILDREN'S **PARENTS' ASSOCIATION INC** as of and for the year ending **31 July 2015**. We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this engagement by means of this letter. Our audit will be conducted pursuant to the Corporations Act 2001 with the objective of expressing an opinion on the financial report.

We will conduct our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures will include examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures will be undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Australian accounting standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements [and Corporations Act 2001] so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION INC Financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows to the members of ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.

The work undertaken by us to form an opinion involves judgement, in particular regarding the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures for gathering of audit evidence and the drawing of conclusions based on the audit evidence gathered.

In addition, there are inherent limitations in any audit, and these include the use of testing, the inherent limitations of any internal control structure, the possibility of collusion and the fact that most audit evidence is persuasive rather than conclusive. As a result, our audit can only provide reasonable – not absolute – assurance that the financial report is free of material misstatement.

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation

I will disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on the report or on the financial statements to which the report will relate, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it will be prepared.

In addition to our report on the financial report, we expect to provide you with a separate letter concerning any material weaknesses in the internal control structure that come to our notice.

We remind you that the responsibility for the preparation of the financial report, including adequate disclosure, is that of the governing body of the **ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.** This includes the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal control structure, the selection and application of accounting policies, and the safeguarding of the assets of the **ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.** As part of our audit process, we will request from management written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit.

The conduct of our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards means that information acquired by us in the course of our audit is subject to strict confidentiality requirements. Information will not be disclosed by us to other parties except as required or allowed for by law or professional standards, or with your express consent. Our audit files may, however, be subject to review as part of the quality control review program of CPA Australia which monitors compliance with professional standards by its members. We advise you that by signing this letter you acknowledge that, if requested, our audit files relating to this audit will be made available under this program. Should this occur, we will advise you. The same strict confidentiality requirements apply under this program as apply to us as your auditor.

<u>Other</u>

This letter will be effective for the 2015 financial year only.

Please sign and return the attached copy of this letter to indicate that it is in accordance with your understanding of the arrangements for our audit of the financial report.

If you would like to discuss any matters in relation to the terms of our engagement or the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07 4658 2524.

Yours faithfully

Paula Me Brun

**CENTRAL WESTERN TAXATION SERVICES** 

Acknowledged on behalf of the ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION INC By

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MRS SUE PEGLER

## Isolated Children's Parents' Association Qld Inc

"Alni" Winton Old 4735

03 August 2015.

## Attn: Paula Brun

Central Western Taxation Services PO Box 145 128 Ibis Street Longreach Q 4730

Dear Paula,

## RE: Representation - Incorporated Association

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial report of the Isolated Children's Parents Association Qld Inc for the year ended 31 July 2015 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial report is, in all material respects, presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and UIG Consensus Views, the Queensland Association Incorporation Act 1981 and the constitution the Isolated Children's Parents Association Qld Inc . We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations made to you during our audit.

We acknowledge our responsibility for ensuring that the financial report is in accordance with the Accounting Standards and UIG Consensus Views, the Queensland Association Incorporation Act 1981 and the Isolated Children's Parents Association Qld Inc constitution and confirm that the financial report is free of material misstatements, including omissions.

## General

- 1. All financial records and related data have been made available for inspection. All material transactions have been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial report. An accurate and complete list of members has been provided.
- 2. There have been no irregularities involving any member of management or other members of the Association that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

- 3. There have been no:
  - Violations or possible violations of law or regulations, the effect of which should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a contingent loss; or
  - Communications from regulatory authorities concerning non-compliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.

## Assets

- 4. Adequate provision has been made for allowances which may be given and for losses which may be sustained in connection with the collection of accounts receivable and non-trade receivables.
- 5. There were no deficiencies or encumbrances attaching to the title of the Association's assets at reporting date other than those reflected in the financial statements.
- 6. There are no agreements to repurchase assets previously recorded in the accounting records as sold.
- 7. Adequate provision has been made in the financial report for any permanent diminution in the value to the Association of any non-current assets.

## Liabilities

- 8. All liabilities which have arisen or which will arise out of the activities of the Association to the end of the financial year have been included in the financial report.
- 9. There were no contractual commitments for capital expenditure at reporting date not included in the financial report of the notes thereto.
- 10. There were no contingent liabilities, including guarantees, at reporting date which are not disclosed in the financial report or the notes thereto.

## Other

- 11. No events have occurred subsequent to reporting date which would require adjustment or disclosure in the financial report.
- 12. The Association has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the book value classification of assets and liabilities at reporting date.
- 13. All details concerning related party transactions and related amounts receivable or payable (including purchases, loans and guarantees) have been correctly recorded in the accounting records and have been properly disclosed in the Association's financial report or the notes thereto, either where required by statute or where such disclosure is necessary for the fair presentation of the Association's financial report.

- 14. Other than as detailed in the Association's financial report, the Association is not aware of any breach or non-compliance with the terms of any contractual arrangements, however caused, which could initiate claims on the Association which would have an effect in the Association's financial report.
- 15. The Association has an established procedure whereby the adequacy of insurance cover on all assets and insurable risks is reviewed. This review has been performed, and where it is considered appropriate, assets and insurable risks of the Association are adequately covered by insurance.
- 16. The minutes of committee meetings made available to you are a complete and authentic record of all meetings from **01** August **2014** to the date of this letter. All statutory records were properly kept during the period.
- 17. Records maintained during the period were in accordance with the Queensland Association Incorporation Act 1981.
- 18. We have responded fully to all inquiries made to us during the course of your examination.
- 19. Nothing has come to our attention that would indicate that the financial report is inaccurate, incomplete or otherwise misleading

Date: 3 - 8 - 15 Signed: E & Regler

**MRS SUE PEGLER** 

BRANCH	Jul- 14	Jul- 15
A/B/C	39	29
Alpha	23	35
Aramac Muttaburra	29	27
Arcadia Valley	14	12
Augathella	7	9
Belyando/Mt. Coolon	41	40
Blackall	31	38
Bollon	21	15
Boulia/Bedourie/Birdsville	11	17
Capricornia BOTA	20	17
Channel Country	5	8
Charleville	21	19
Charleville BOTA	11	10
Charters Towers	44	47
Clarke Creek	13	12
Clermont	73	84
Cloncurry	9	12
Condamine/Western Downs	29	34
Cunnamulla	14	11
Dawson Valley	18	17
Dirranbandi	29	26
Dunkeld (Amalgamated with Mitchell/Tomoo)	0	0
Eidsvold/Cracow	7	0
Far North Qld	32	35
Hughenden	31	31
Julia Creek	28	26
Kindon	25	28
Lone Members	26	31
Longreach	40	41
McKinlay	9	9
Mitchell/Tomoo/Dunkeld	35	37
Moonie	29	29
Mt. Isa BOTA	26	30
Nebo	12	13
Quilpie	17	20
Richmond	22	23
Roma	24	26
Springsure/Rollestone	18	10
Southern Downs	29	39
St. George	41	39
Talwood	33	33
Tambo	27	33
Taroom/Wandoan	36	33
Thargomindah	11	6
Westmar/Inglestone	51	54
Winton	37	37
Yaraka/Isisford	28	30
	1176	1212
N & V's Subscibers	23	22
Complimentary N & V's	62	59

TOTAL

## ICPA QLD INC. MEMBERSHIPS & DONATIONS 2015 Jul- Jul-14 15

## **BRANCH DONATIONS**

1st August 2014 - 31st July 2015

Branch	Donation	
Winton		\$1,000.00
Longreach		\$1,000.00
Arcadia Valley		\$200.00
Belyando/Mt Coolon		\$23,000.00
Richmond		\$200.00
TOTAL	\$	25,400.00

OTHER DONATIONS	
Suncorp Bank	\$6,000.00
The Cathedral School	\$8,000.00
Total	\$14,000.00

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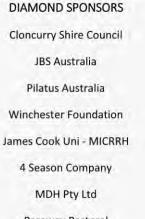
## Acknowledgements

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## **Cloncurry Conference Convening Committee**

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