



**ISOLATED CHILDREN'S
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**
QUEENSLAND Inc

Minutes of the Forty - Fifth Annual Conference
6th and 7th September, 2016

Alpha Town Hall
ALPHA, QLD

Hosted by: Alpha Branch
Convenor: Mrs Kristy Sparrow



Mustering the Opportunities

— ALPHA 2016 —



Alpha State Conference Convening Committee 2016

Kristy Sparrow, Anna Appleton, Angie Bettridge, Gayle Donaldson, Renae Kohler, Carole Lansdowne, Donna Donaldson, Loretta Goodwin, Vonda Kimber, Julie Bauman, Ang Mulcahy and Sarah Bridgeman

Monday 5th September 2016

12.00pm	Digital Workshops	Mr Tim Gentle , Think Digital
3.30pm	Workshop	Ms Danielle Lloyd , Royal Far West
5.30pm	Delegates Workshop	Mrs Kim Hughes

Tuesday 6th September 2016

7.30am	Registration	
8.30am	NATIONAL ANTHEM	
8:35am Member	WELCOME	Mrs Sharleen Bettridge , Alpha Branch Life
8.45am	Introduction of Guests Branch Delegates Qld Life Members Executive Roll Call & Distribution of Voting Cards Secretary's start to conference & Apologies	Mrs Kim Donaldson Mrs Kate Twist

Confirmation of 2015 Cloncurry minutes

9.05am Inc	OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE	Mrs Rosemary Philp , Life Member – ICPA Qld
9.15am Inc	Minute Silence & Address – Lady Pearl Logan	Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM , Patron – ICPA Qld
9.20am	Motions on Agenda	
9.40am	President's Report	Mrs Kim Hughes
9.55am	Conference Arrangements	Mrs Kristy Sparrow
10.00am	Morning Tea	
10.30am	Conference Resumes CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION	Alpha State School
10.40am Service	GUEST SPEAKER	Mrs Helen McCullagh , State Schools Nursing
11.30am	Motions on Agenda	
12.20pm	FEDERAL COUNCIL REPORT	Mrs Wendy Hick , Federal ICPA President
12.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	Conference Resumes CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION	Local Schools Presentation
1.40pm	PRESENTATION	
1.50pm	P&Cs Qld Q & A	Mrs Margaret Leary P&Cs Qld
2.35pm	Motions on Agenda	
3.05pm	GUEST SPEAKER	Mr Chris Lassig , Autism Hub & Reading Centre
3.20pm	PRESENTATION	
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea	
4.00pm	Conference Resumes Motions on Agenda	
5.15pm	Conference Arrangements	Mrs Kristy Sparrow
5.20pm	Conference Adjourns	
7.00pm	Conference Dinner at Fordham Park, Alpha Racecourse, Capricorn Highway, Alpha	

45th ANNUAL ICPA STATE CONFERENCE PROGRAM 2016**Wednesday 7th September 2016**

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	Mrs Kim Hughes
	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of ICPA – Qld Inc	
	Secretary's Report	Mrs Kate Twist
	Treasurer's Report	Mrs Sue Pegler
	- Adoption of Financial Statement	
	- Setting of Affiliations Fees for 2016	
	- Appointment of Auditor	
	Election of Office Bearers and Committee	Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM, Qld ICPA Patron
	Welcome new State Council	Mrs Kim Hughes
8.45am	Conference Arrangements	Mrs Kristy Sparrow
8.55am	Motions on Agenda	
9.30am	GUEST SPEAKER	Mrs Rosalie Ham, Author
10.30am	Morning Tea	
11.00am	CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION	Alpha State School
11.10am	PRESENTATION	
11.20am	Motions on Agenda	
11.55am	PRESENTATION	
12.05pm	GUEST SPEAKER	Mr Tim Gentle Think Digital
12.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	Conference Resumes	
	CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION	Local Schools Presentation
1.40pm	PRESENTATION	
1.50pm	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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CURRICULUM

38(A12) 39(A13) 40(S4) 41(S5) 42(S6) 43(S7) 44(S8) 45(S9)

DISTANCE EDUCATION

1(A14) 2(A15) 3(A16) 4(A17) 5(A18) 6(A19) 7(A20) 8(A21) 9(S10) 10(S11)

EARLY CHILDHOOD

46(S12) 47(S13)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

14 (A22) 15(A23) 16(A24) 17(A25) 18(A26) 19(A27) 65(A28) 22(A29) 21(A30) Withdrawn (A31) 22(S14) 66(F1)

SCHOOLS

48(A32) 49(A33) 50(A34) 51(A35) 52(A36) Withdrawn (A37) 53(A38) 54(A39) 55(A40) 56(S15) 57(S16)

SPECIFIC NEEDS

11(A41) 12(A42) 13(S17)

TEACHER EDUCATION

59(A43)

TERTIARY, TRADE & TRAINING

60(A44)

TRAVEL

61(A45) 62(A46) 63(A47) Withdrawn (A48) 64(A49) 67(F2)

MISCELLANEOUS

58(A50)

AGM

37(S18)

Conference Opened 8.37am

Present:

Delegates.....64

Queensland Councillors.....14

Life Members/Patron.....2

Federal Councillors..... 2

Total Voting Delegates.....82

Observers.....34

Guests.....139

Total Attendance 255

National Anthem - *Mistake Creek State School* (Pre-recorded)Vote of Thanks by *Mrs Kate Twist***Welcome to Alpha** - *Mrs Sharleen Bettridge*
Alpha Branch Life Member**Introduction of Guests** - *Mrs Kim Donaldson***Executive & Delegates Roll Call** - *Mrs Kate Twist*
Distribution of Voting Cards**Apologies**Moved: *Mrs Kate Twist*; Seconded: *Mrs Kim Donaldson*

'That the apologies as listed be accepted.'

CARRIED

Confirmation of 2015 Cloncurry MinutesMoved: *Mrs Kate Twist*; Seconded: *Mrs Kim Donaldson*

'That the Minutes of the 2015 Conference held in Cloncurry be accepted.'

CARRIED

Business Arising: Nil

Isolated Children's
Parents' Association –
Queensland Inc

45th Annual
Conference

Alpha Town Hall

Tuesday 6th September

2016

Day 1



OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE by Mrs Rosemary Philp
9.09am Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Kim Hughes*

ADDRESS IN REMEMBRANCE OF LADY PEARL LOGAN, MBE
by Mrs Patricia Mitchell, OAM

MINUTES SILENCE FOR LADY PEARL LOGAN, MBE

Mrs Patricia Mitchell, Patron ICPA Qld Inc
Thanked by *Mrs Kim Hughes*



MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

9.28am

Distance Education

1. A14

ARCADIA VALLEY BRANCH

Moved: *Sally West* (Arcadia Valley Branch); Seconded: *Anna Sylvester* (Arcadia Valley Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to ensure that when HOSE (Head of Special Education) are transferred from a Distance Education school and there is no replacement, that students with current IEP (Individual Education Plan) with specification of approved support are given precedence with approval for support from Learning Support Teachers, especially when the only other support the child can receive is from a Home Tutor.”

WORD CHANGE – remove ‘HOSE (Head of Special Education)’ and insert ‘Student with Disability Teachers (SWD)’. Also remove ‘with current IEP (Individual Education Plan)’ and insert ‘who are verified and’
The motion now reads-

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to ensure that when Student with Disability Teachers (SWD) are transferred from a Distance Education school and there is no replacement, that students who are verified and with specification of approved support are given precedence with approval for support from Learning Support Teachers, especially when the only other support the child can receive is from a Home Tutor.”

CARRIED

2. **A15****QUEENSLAND COUNCIL**

Moved: *Natalie Kenny* (Queensland Council); Seconded: *Kelly Ostwald* (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc consider the needs of geographically isolated Non-Government SDE students and Home Education Unit students when lobbying for equity of education for rural and remote students.”

CARRIED

3. **A16****CHARTERS TOWERS BRANCH**

Moved: *Kylie Stretton* (Charters Towers Branch); Seconded: *Kim Donaldson* (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET so that geographically isolated Home Education Unit and Private Distance Education Students can receive the Internet and Hardware Subsidy currently available to State Distance Education students.”

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs Kim Hughes
President ICPA Qld Inc

Received with acclamation



Conference Arrangements, *Mrs Kristy Sparrow*
Morning Tea
Conference Resumes

10.03am
10.35am

Performance

by Alpha State School Children
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Natalie Kenny*



GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs Helen McCullagh on behalf of the State Schools Nursing Service
<http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/learning/disability/specialists/eqns/docs/nursing-services-brochure.pdf>
Introduced by *Mrs Cathie Fernie* - Vote of Thanks by *Mrs Sue Pegler*

PREMIERS MESSAGE

Kim Hughes read message of support from Premier *Annastacia Palaszczuk*

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

11.26am

Distance Education

4. A17

RICHMOND BRANCH

Moved: *Camilla Rodgers* (Richmond Branch); Seconded: *June Kuhl* (Richmond Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc convey support to the Department of Education and Training for an ‘opt in’ Loan Hire Scheme across all regional SDE’s.”

CARRIED

5. A18

RICHMOND BRANCH

Moved: *Camilla Rodgers* (Richmond Branch); Seconded: *June Kuhl* (Richmond Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education and Training to ensure the provision of a uniform telephone capable of carrying clear, reliable, two-way voice teleconferencing for on-air lessons for distance education students.”

CARRIED

6. A19

BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH

Moved: *Amanda Clark* (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch); Seconded: *Kate Ashton* (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies DE/TE to implement a policy that it be compulsory for all Distance Education schools to provide DE families with a telephone with conferencing capabilities.”

CARRIED

7. **A20****CLERMONT BRANCH**

Moved: *Alana Moller* (Clermont Branch); Seconded: *Christy Moller* (Clermont Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to have a policy which prescribes that a replacement teacher is put in place if a distance education teacher is absent after a given period of time.”

AMENDMENT

Moved: *Kerry Turnbull* (Winton Branch); Seconded: *Kate Bradshaw* (Winton Branch)

The Amendment was CARRIED and became the motion.

The motion now reads –

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to have a policy which prescribes that a replacement teacher is put in place if a distance education teacher is absent.”

CARRIED

8. **A21****BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH**

Moved: *Amanda Clark* (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch); Seconded: *Kate Ashton* (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies DETE to implement a policy in relation to class sizes of telelessons/iconnect lessons within distance education schools.”

CARRIED

9. **S10****CAPRICORNIA BOTA**

Moved: *Trudy Mace* (Capricornia BOTA); Seconded: *Ainsley McArthur* (Capricornia BOTA)

“Capricornia Branch of the Air would like to thank ICPA State Council for their continued effort in liaising with DETE to secure adequate facilities and a separate area for students and teachers at the Capricornia School of Distance Education, Rockhampton campus.”

CARRIED

10. **S11****CAPRICORNIA BOTA**

Moved: *Trudy Mace* (Capricornia BOTA) Seconded: *Ainsley McArthur* (Capricornia BOTA)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DETE for an increase in the computer hardware subsidy to assist with purchasing, replacing and upgrading of computer hardware, including printers and supplies in the Distance Education schoolroom for geographically isolated students.”

CARRIED

Special Needs

11. **A41****WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH**

Moved: *Natalie Slack* (Westmar/Inglestone Branch); Seconded: *Marg Hurst*
(Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc thank DE/TE for trialing the Autism Hub and Reading Centre to assist all students regardless of their geographical location or learning centre within Qld.”

CARRIED

12. **A42****RICHMOND BRANCH**

Moved: *Camilla Rodgers* (Richmond Branch); Seconded: *June Kuhl* (Richmond Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education & Training to provide more regional positions for support staff and therapists.”

CARRIED

13. **S17****LONE MEMBERS BRANCH**

Moved: *Noela Wilson* (Lone Members Branch); Seconded: *Rose Philp* (ICPA Qld Inc Life Member)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the relevant departments to provide funding for the delivery of workshops for teachers and parents of gifted students living in rural and remote areas of Queensland.”

CARRIED

FEDERAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Mrs Wendy Hick, Federal President

Conference Arrangements, *Mrs Kristy Sparrow*

Lunch

12.40pm

Conference resumes

1.35pm

PRESENTATIONS

CSDE - Distance Education Slideshow Presentation

BSDE - Distance Education Slideshow Presentation

ICPA Qld Inc CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

awarded to

MRS CARMEL ELLIOTT

Presented by Mr Alex Stuart



Q & A FORUM - P & C's Qld

Mrs Margaret Leary, P & C's Qld
Mrs Sally Whelan, Central Qld Area Coordinator

Facilitated and thanked by *Mrs Rebecca Greenway*

Welcome to conference to the Acting Director General (Rural and Remote Education)
by *Kim Hughes*

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

2.26pm

Financial Assistance

14. **A22****CLERMONT BRANCH**

Moved: *Christy Moller* (Clermont Branch); Seconded: *Alana Moller* (Clermont Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc thank the Queensland Government for the increase in the Living Away From Home Allowance Subsidy as announced in this year’s State Budget for families in drought-affected areas.”

CARRIED

15. **A23****RICHMOND BRANCH**

Moved: *Camilla Rodgers* (Richmond Branch); Seconded: *June Kuhl* (Richmond Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc be thanked for lobbying and contributing to the Rural Debt and Drought Taskforce recommendations which resulted in residents who receive LAFHA and reside in drought declared areas to receive an additional \$1250/student/annum for up to three years. Your work and these additional funds are much appreciated.”

CARRIED

16. **A24****BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH**

Moved: *Amanda Clark* (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch); Seconded: *Kate Ashton* (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc thank the Minister for Agriculture for the inclusion in the state budget of \$3.7m over the next three years to assist with the cost of boarding school fees.”

CARRIED

17. **A25****BOLLON BRANCH**

Moved: *Therese Sevil* (Bollon Branch); Seconded: *Ron Sevil* (Bollon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc continue to lobby the Ministers for Agriculture, Social Services, and Education and Training for an urgent and substantial increase in the Living Away from Home Allowance and to align it with the Education Sub-Index of the Consumer Price Index.”

WORD CHANGE – remove ‘Ministers for Agriculture, Social Services, and Education and Training’ and insert ‘relevant Ministers’

The motion now reads -

“That ICPA QLD Inc continue to lobby the relevant Ministers for an urgent and substantial increase in the Living Away from Home Allowance and to align it with the Education Sub-Index of the Consumer Price Index.”

CARRIED

18. **A26****BELYANDO/MTCOOLON BRANCH**

Moved: *Kate Ashton* (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch); Seconded: *Amanda Clark* (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the Education, Training and Employment Department to ensure the travel component of the Living Away From Home Allowance is annually increased and then indexed to the Education Sub-Index of the Consumer Price Index to more closely reflect the real increase in costs of travel expenses.”

CARRIED

19. **A27****CLERMONT BRANCH**

Moved: *Christy Moller* (Clermont Branch); Seconded: *Alana Moller* (Clermont Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc continue to raise with State Government the disparity between available State allowances and the actual cost of boarding school.”

CARRIED

A28**ARAMAC/MUTTABURRA BRANCH**

Moved: *Milynda Rogers* (Aramac/Muttaborra Branch); Seconded: *Jane McClelland* (Aramac/Muttaborra Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the relevant ministers to extend the scope of recipients for the proposed financial assistance for students residing in drought affected areas.”

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: *June Kuhl* (Richmond Branch); Seconded: *Camilla Rogers* (Richmond Branch)

“That the motion lie on the table”

20. **A29****BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH**

Moved: *Kate Ashton* (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch); Seconded: *Amanda Clark* (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc continue to lobby the Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Education, to implement a permanent drought allowance within the LAFHA for recipients who reside in drought declared shires or Independently Drought Declared Properties (IDP).”

CARRIED

21. **A30****BOLLON BRANCH**

Moved: *Ron Sevil* (Bollon Branch); Seconded: *Therese Sevil* (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) and to align it with the Education Sub-Index of the Consumer Price Index so families in rural and remote Australia can access an equitable education.”

CARRIED

A31**ARAMAC/MUTTABURRA BRANCH**

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Minister for Education to review the Queensland school bypass criteria.”

WITHDRAWN

22. **S14****ARAMAC/MUTTABURRA BRANCH**

Moved: *Milynda Rogers* (Aramac/Muttaborra Branch); Seconded: *Jane McClelland* (Aramac/Muttaborra Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Minister for Education to classify all very remote combined primary and secondary (P-10 and P-12) schools in Queensland as bypass schools for years 7-12.”

LOST

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr Chris Lassig - Autism Hub & Reading Centre
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Wendy Henning*

Afternoon Tea
Conference Resumes

3.44pm
4.17pm

PRESENTATION

to MRS REBECCA GREENWAY by *Mrs Louise Martin*

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

4.20pm

Communications

23. A1 **YARAKA/ISISFORD BRANCH**

Moved: *Dianne Pidgeon* (Yaraka/Isisford Branch); Seconded: *Mary Killeen* (Yaraka/Isisford Branch)

“That Yaraka/Isisford Branch wishes to thank ICPA Queensland Council, in particular Jeff Little, Kim Hughes and Andrew Pegler for all the time and dedication which they have devoted (and continue to devote) to ensuring that the nbn Skymuster Service meets members’ requirements.”

CARRIED

24. A2 **QUEENSLAND COUNCIL**

Moved: *Andrew Peglar* (Queensland Council); Seconded: *Wendy Henning* (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc thank Jeff Little for the countless hours expended assisting SDE families with the nbn Skymuster priority access program.”

CARRIED

25. A3 **QUEENSLAND COUNCIL**

Moved: *Andrew Peglar* (Queensland Council); Seconded: *Wendy Henning* (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc thank Jacob King and nbn for the assistance given to ICPA (Qld) with the nbn Skymuster priority access program.”

CARRIED

26. A4 **QUEENSLAND COUNCIL**

Moved: *Andrew Peglar* (Queensland Council); Seconded: *Wendy Henning* (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc thank DET for their assistance with the Telstra Unmetered Access program and the Skymuster Early Access program.”

CARRIED

27. A5 **QUEENSLAND COUNCIL**

Moved: *Andrew Peglar* (Queensland Council); Seconded: *Wendy Henning* (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc thank the team behind ‘Better Internet for Rural, Regional and Remote Australia’ for the countless volunteer hours they are spending helping Rural, Regional and Remote Australian access internet.”

CARRIED

28. **A6****WESTERN DOWNS BRANCH**

Moved: *Adele Hughes* (Western Downs Branch); Seconded: *Roslyn Smith* (Western Downs Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc continues to support ICPA (Aust) and BIRRR in its efforts to ensure that rural and remote students have adequate internet access with regard to speed, quality, capabilities and cost of service, and that the service and products offered by the National Broadband Network (nbn™) keep pace with educational needs and technology.”

CARRIED

29. **A7****MOONIE BRANCH**

Moved: *Jo Savill* (Moonie Branch); Seconded: *Di Selby* (Moonie Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc thank the Better Internet for Rural, Regional and Remote Australia (BIRRR) administration team for their continual voluntary work to better rural and remote internet.”

CARRIED

30. **A8****DIRRANBANDI BRANCH**

Moved: *Jessie Persse* (Dirranbandi Branch); Seconded: *Ron Sevil* (Bollon Branch)

“That ICPA QLD lobby DET to ensure all teachers have internet access in teacher accommodation.”

CARRIED

31. **A9****ARAMAC/MUTTABURRA BRANCH**

Moved: *Jane McClelland* (Aramac/Muttaborra Branch); Seconded: *Milynda Rogers* (Aramac/Muttaborra Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the Queensland Minister for Education, DETE and any other relevant bodies to ensure priority internet repairs for Distance Education students residing in rural and remote areas.”

CARRIED

32. **A10****CHARTERS TOWERS BRANCH**

Moved: *Kylie Stretton* (Charters Towers Branch); Seconded: *Kim Donaldson* (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to make the Office 365 licences available to geographically isolated Home Education Unit and Private Distance Education Students the same as it is available to all Qld State School Students.”

CARRIED

33. **A11****MOONIE BRANCH**Moved: *Jo Savill* (Moonie Branch); Seconded: *Di Selby* (Moonie Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DE/TE to provide adequate Technology Support Technician days to rural and remote schools.”

CARRIED

34. **S1****YARAKA/ISISFORD BRANCH**Moved: *Mary Killeen* (Yaraka/Isisford Branch); Seconded: *Dianne Pidgeon* (Yaraka/Isisford Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc support ICPA (Aust) Inc in their lobby to gain access to the Sky Muster education port for tertiary students who wish to study externally while living in rural and remote regions.”

CARRIED

35. **S2****QUEENSLAND COUNCIL**Moved: *Andrew Peglar* (Queensland Council); Seconded: *Wendy Henning* (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc support ICPA (Aust) Inc in their lobby to have nbn location zoning and restoration target times (3 days- Urban, 4 days - Regional, 10 days - Remote, 90 days - Isolated areas) for Sky Muster services changed to align to the Telstra Restoration times of 1 Working day - Urban, 2 Working days - Regional, 3 Working days-Remote, Isolated areas - 10 Working days.”

CARRIED

36. **S3****QUEENSLAND COUNCIL**Moved: *Andrew Peglar* (Queensland Council); Seconded: *Wendy Henning* (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc request ICPA (Aust) work with nbn, RSPs and other suppliers to investigate utilities that will allow non time critical downloads to be carried out during Sky Muster's off peak usage window.”

CARRIED

Conference Arrangements, *Mrs Kristy Sparrow***CONFERENCE ADJOURNS**

5.21pm





Isolated Children's
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Wednesday 7th
September

2016

Day 2

Conference resumes

8.06am

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



ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND Inc



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 8.14am 7th September, 2016

ALPHA, QLD

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved Mrs Sue Pegler, Treasurer (Queensland Council)
 Seconded Mrs Kim Donaldson, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)
 Treasurer's Report received with acclamation.

Adoption of Financial Statements

Moved Mrs Sue Pegler, Treasurer (Queensland Council)
 Seconded Mrs Kim Donaldson, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)
"That the Treasurer's report be received and Audited Financial Statement for the Financial Year 1st August 2015 to 31st July 2016 as presented to the NPSE branches at conference be adopted."
 CARRIED

Setting of 2016 Subscriptions

Moved Mrs Sue Pegler, Treasurer (Queensland Council)
 Seconded Mrs Kim Donaldson, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)
'That the Membership Fee for 2017 be set at \$18 inclusive of GST'.
 CARRIED

Election of Auditor

Moved Mrs Sue Pegler, Treasurer (Queensland Council)
 Seconded Mrs Kim Donaldson, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)
'That Central Western Taxation Services, Longreach be appointed auditors for the coming year.'
 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 Kate Twist DECLARED ELECTED
VICE PRESIDENTS:	Mrs Tammie Irons nominated by Mrs Marg Hurst DECLARED ELECTED
	Mrs Louise Martin nominated by Mrs Stacey Ryrice DECLARED ELECTED
SECRETARY:	Mrs Gillian Semple nominated by Mrs Kelly Ostwald DECLARED ELECTED
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	Mrs Kim Donaldson nominated by Mrs Kylie Stretton DECLARED ELECTED
TREASURER:	Mrs Anna Appleton nominated by Mrs Kristy Heelan DECLARED ELECTED
PUBLICITY OFFICER:	Mrs Natalie Kenny nominated by Mrs Amanda Clark DECLARED ELECTED
COMMITTEE:	Mrs Jacqui Beale nominated by Mrs Rebecca Greenway Mrs Kylie Camp nominated by Mrs Wendy Hick Mrs Wendy Henning nominated by Mrs Kelly Ostwald Mrs Kate Twist nominated by Mrs Jane Maudsley Mrs Kellie Ostwald nominated by Mrs Carmel Elliott Mrs Louise Winten nominated by Mrs Patricia Cameron Mrs Edwina Hick nominated by Mrs Camilla Rogers DECLARED ELECTED

EX-OFFICIO PAST PRESIDENT: Mr Andrew Pegler

Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM thanked by Mrs Kim Hughes

Mrs Kim Hughes resumed the Chair

Welcome new State Council by Mrs Kim Hughes

Constitutional change

Moved: Sue Peglar (Queensland Council); Seconded: Kim Donaldson (Queensland Council)
"That from 2017, the financial year of the Association shall close on the 31st of March"
 CARRIED

Miscellaneous

37. **S18**

ST GEORGE BRANCH

Moved: *Michelle Freshwater* (St George Branch); Seconded: *Brie Boyle* (St George Branch)

"That the St George Branch host the 2017 ICPA Qld Inc Annual State Conference in St George."

WORD CHANGE – insert 'on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th June 2017'

"That the St George Branch host the 2017 ICPA Qld Inc Annual State Conference in St George on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th June 2017."

CARRIED

CLOSURE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8.46am



Conference Arrangements, *Mrs Kristy Sparrow*

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

8.50am

Curriculum

38. A12

ALPHA BRANCH

Moved: *Shannon Rea* (Alpha branch); Seconded: *Sandy McKeering* (Alpha branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc request Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority to urgently provide detailed information on OP to ATAR changes to Secondary Schools and current Year 9 parents.”

CARRIED

39. A13

CLERMONT BRANCH

Moved: *Alana Moller* (Clermont Branch); Seconded: *Christy Moller* (Clermont Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc request DET to deliver a phonics program in the Prep curriculum.”

WORD CHANGE – insert ‘Distance Education’

The motion now reads-

“That ICPA Qld Inc request DET to deliver a phonics program in the Distance Education Prep curriculum.”

CARRIED

40. **S4****RICHMOND BRANCH**

Moved: *Camilla Rogers* (Richmond Branch); Seconded: *Selena O'Sullivan* (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc thank the Education Minister the Hon. Kate Jones for initiating the QCAA Core P-10 Australian Curriculum Report in response to student and education stakeholder concerns.”

CARRIED

41. **S5****RICHMOND BRANCH**

Moved: *Camilla Rogers* (Richmond Branch); Seconded: *Selena O'Sullivan* (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc thank QCAA for widespread consultation with students and education stakeholders culminating in the Core P-10 Australian Curriculum Report.”

CARRIED

42. **S6****SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH**

Moved: *Susan McDonald* (Springsure/Rolleston Branch); Seconded: *Bernadette Paine* (Springsure/Rolleston Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc request information from the Department of Education and Training and the Association of Independent Schools on the exact status of SAFE SCHOOLS in Queensland and how parents are being kept informed.”

CARRIED

43. **S7****SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH**

Moved: *Susan McDonald* (Springsure/Rolleston Branch); Seconded: *Bernadette Paine* (Springsure/Rolleston Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc request that the Department of Education & Training and the Association of Independent Schools develop an educational program to be distributed to all parents prior to any introduction of any content pertaining to SAFE SCHOOLS detailing exactly which resources/content will be delivered to their children's classrooms and/or school environment.”

LOST



Mrs Rosalie Ham, Author

Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Tammie Irons*

MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

10.26am

Curriculum

44. **S8** **SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH**
 Moved: *Susan McDonald* (Springsure/Rolleston Branch); Seconded: *Bernadette Paine*
 (Springsure/Rolleston Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc approach the Department of Education & Training and the Association of Independent Schools to request a list of individual schools currently implementing SAFE SCHOOLS in Queensland so it can be distributed to members.”

LOST

45. **S9** **SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH**
 Moved: *Susan McDonald* (Springsure/Rolleston Branch); Seconded: *Bernadette Paine*
 (Springsure/Rolleston Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc approach the Department of Education & Training and the Association of Independent Schools for information on how schools are ensuring teachers are accountable for any personal opinions they may introduce into the classroom as a result of SAFE SCHOOLS.”

LOST

Announcement of Art Union winners

Morning Tea

10.32am

Conference Resumes

11.05am

PERFORMANCE

Performance by Alpha State School Children
 Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Louise Martin*

PRESENTATION

Presentation to MRS SUE PEGLER by *Mr Andrew Pegler*

Video presentation – QCAA**MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA**

10.26am

Early Childhood

46. **S12** **QUEENSLAND COUNCIL**
 Moved: *Tammie Irons* (Queensland Council); Seconded: *Natalie Kenny* (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc extend thanks to the Department of Education’s Early Childhood and Community Engagement DDG Ms Gabrielle Sinclair and the Programs and Services team for their innovative work on the Rural Kindergarten Pilot and the associated working group.”

WORD CHANGE – insert ‘along with the BSDE’

The motion now reads –

“That ICPA Qld Inc extend thanks to the Department of Education’s Early Childhood and Community Engagement DDG Ms Gabrielle Sinclair and the Programs and Services team along with the BSDE for their innovative work on the Rural Kindergarten Pilot and the associated working group.”

CARRIED

47. **S13**

AUGATHELLA BRANCH

Moved: *Rebecca McKeering* (Augathella Branch); Seconded: *Lisa Creevey* (Augathella Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc thank DET for the introduction of the Rural Kindergarten Pilot and seek assurance it will continue in 2017.”

CARRIED

Schools

48. **A32**

DIRRANBANDI BRANCH

Moved: *Jessie Persse* (Dirranbandi Branch); Seconded: *Therese Sevil* (Bollon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc express concern with DET allowing graduates to gain employment without a teacher rating.”

CARRIED

49. **A33**

DIRRANBANDI BRANCH

Moved: *Jessie Persse* (Dirranbandi Branch); Seconded: *Therese Sevil* (Dirranbandi Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc to express concern to DET about the ongoing and long term Acting Principal situation.”

CARRIED

50. **A34**

ALPHA BRANCH

Moved: *Sandy McKeering* (Alpha Branch); Seconded: *Shannon Rea* (Alpha Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET, Catholic Education and Independent Schools to ensure schools DO NOT use NAPLAN practice for assessment and reporting purposes.”

CARRIED

51. **A35**

DIRRANBANDI BRANCH

Moved: *Jessie Persse* (Dirranbandi Branch); Seconded: *Therese Sevil* (Bollon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to reinstate the Locally Hosted Senior Distance Education for the initially selected P-10 State Schools.”

CARRIED

52. **A36****LONGREACH BRANCH**Moved: *Joy McClymont* (Longreach Branch); Seconded: *Louise Brown* (Longreach Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc recommend to the Department of Education & Training to make the full senior curriculum available via a combination of delivery methods both school based and distance education subjects, to all students in rural and remote secondary schools with appropriate in-school support and supervision.”

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONPresentation to MRS CATHIE FERNIE by *Mrs Natalie Kenny***GUEST SPEAKER**

Mr Tim Gentle, Think Digital

Introduced and thanked by *Mr Andrew Pegler*Conference Arrangements, *Mrs Vonda Kimber*

Lunch

12.37pm

Conference Resumes

1.37pm

PERFORMANCE

Performance by Mistake Creek State School, Longreach SDE

Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Kate Twist***MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA**

1.46pm

Schools

A37**ALPHA BRANCH**

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to provide funding to allow instrumental music programmes to be run through all Qld Schools of Distance Education.”

WITHDRAWN

53. **A38****TAMBO BRANCH**Moved: *Jenny Bucknell* (Tambo Branch); Seconded: *Stacey Ryrie* (Tambo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the Department of Education to fund a mobile music program for rural and remote small schools, that could be shared amongst a region, to deliver weekly or regularly scheduled access to music for rural and remote students.”

CARRIED

54. **A39****MOONIE BRANCH**Moved: *Jo Savill* (Moonie Branch); Seconded: *Di Selby* (Moonie Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DETE to provide additional teacher aide time to implement in class learning support recommendations made by specialist support staff for students in rural and remote areas.”

CARRIED

55. **A40****LONGREACH BRANCH**Moved: *Joy McClymont* (Longreach Branch); Seconded: *Louise Brown* (Longreach Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education and Training to reassess teacher-student ratios in rural and remote high schools.”

WORD CHANGE – remove ‘high’ and insert ‘secondary’
The motion now reads –

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education and Training to reassess teacher-student ratios in rural and remote secondary schools.”

CARRIED

56. **S15****SOUTHERN DOWNS BRANCH**Moved: *Kelly Ostwald* (Queensland Council); Seconded: *Natalie Kenny* (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc thank the Department of Education for undertaking the Review of State School Administration Staff (RoSAS), increasing the funding for resourcing administration and support staff and increasing the classification levels of administration officers from AO2 to AO3 in our small rural and remote schools.”

CARRIED

57. **S16****WESTERN DOWNS BRANCH**Moved: *Roslyn Smith* (Western Downs Branch); Seconded: *Joanne Bell* (Western Downs 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

Miscellaneous

58. **A50****ARCADIA VALLEY**Moved: *Sally West* (Arcadia Valley Branch); Seconded: *Anna Sylvester* (Arcadia Valley Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA) and associated Government departments to fast track application for the Queensland Blue Card for applicants who already have a current valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) or its equivalent in other states of Australia to hasten the approval times of the Blue Card approval in Queensland.”

CARRIED

Teacher Education

59. **A43**

LONGREACH BRANCH

Moved: *Joy McClymont* (Longreach Branch); Seconded: *Louise Brown* (Longreach Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc collaborate with Universities and the Department of Education and Training to review best practice and develop a model to assist student teachers and graduate teachers engage in rural and remote education and communities.”

CARRIED

Tertiary, Trade & Training

60. **A44**

DIRRANBANDI BRANCH

Moved: *Jessie Persse* (Dirranbandi Branch); Seconded: *Jane Morton* (B/B/B Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby with DET and TAFE for flexible VET opportunities for secondary students in rural and remote areas.”

CARRIED

Travel

61. **A45**

WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH

Moved: *Natalie Slack* (Westmar/Inglestone Branch); Seconded: *Marg Hurst* (Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Transport Minister, Department of Transport and Translink to allow relevant bus conveyancing committees and schools in rural and remote areas to have greater input and improved consultation in the decision making process regarding bus routes and runs.”

CARRIED

62. **A46**

TAMBO BRANCH

Moved: *Stacey Ryrie* (Tambo Branch); Seconded: *Jennie Bucknell* (Tambo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the Department of Transport to have the conveyance allowance calculated from the home garage not the property boundary in rural and remote areas.”

CARRIED

63. **A47**

WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH

Moved: *Marg Hurst* (Westmar/Inglestone Branch); Seconded: *Natalie Slack* (Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Transport Minister, Department of Transport and Translink to ensure that the vehicles committed for bus routes and runs in isolated areas are suitable for the rural road conditions and community need - not allocated purely based on financial decisions.”

CARRIED

A48**WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH**

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Transport Minister, Department of Transport and Translink to implement a pre-qualification standard for operators of regional bus routes.”

WITHDRAWN

64. **A49****TAMBO BRANCH**

Moved: *Jennie Bucknell* (Tambo Branch); Seconded: *Stacey Ryrrie* (Tambo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing to increase the Young Athletes Travel Subsidy Program (Travel Subsidy) for Rural and Remote Students.”

CARRIED

The Chair reopened debate on motion A28 which was ‘on the table’

Financial Assistance

65. **A28****ARAMAC/MUTTABURRA BRANCH**

Moved: *Milynda Rogers* (Aramac/Muttaborra Branch); Seconded: *Jane McClelland* (Aramac/Muttaborra Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the relevant ministers to extend the scope of recipients for the proposed financial assistance for students residing in drought affected areas.”

LOST

FLOOR MOTIONS

66. **F1****BLACKALL BRANCH**

Moved: *Marcelle Chandler* (Blackall Branch); Seconded: *Sarah Pearson* (Blackall Branch)

“That ICPA (Qld) lobbies the State Government to address the inequities faced by families who live in or near very remote rural communities, where secondary schools are not able to meet the educational needs of individual students by allowing them to access education allowances.”

CARRIED

67. **F2****WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH**

Moved: *Natalie Slack* (Westmar/Inglestone Branch); Seconded: *Marg Hurst* (Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Premiers Department and all other relevant authorities to ensure that the flow on effects for community sustainability not be impaired with the closure of school bus runs.”

CARRIED

68. F3

WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH

Moved: *Natalie Slack* (Westmar/Inglestone Branch); Seconded: *Marg Hurst* (Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby all relevant authorities to provide adequate Technology Support Technicians to rural and remote clusters.”

CARRIED

NBN Q&A session

3:04pm

PRESENTATION to Alpha Branch Convening Committee by Mrs Kim Hughes



VOTE OF THANKS to Convening Committee and Sponsors
By Mrs Kristy Sparrow

PRESENTATION

Presentation to Alpha Branch by *Mrs Kim Hughes*

Vote of thanks to Convening Committee and Sponsors by *Mrs Kristy Sparrow*

Vote of thanks to Chair by *Mr Andrew Pegler*

2016 ICPA QUEENSLAND INC CONFERENCE CLOSED

3.50pm

QUEENSLAND COUNCIL Conference Attendees

PRESIDENT:	Mrs Kim Hughes
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:	Mr Andrew Pegler
VICE PRESIDENT:	Mrs Tammie Irons
VICE PRESIDENT:	Mrs Louise Martin
SECRETARY:	Mrs Kate Twist
TREASURER:	Mrs Sue Pegler
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	Mrs Kim Donaldson
PUBLICITY OFFICER:	Mrs Gillian Semple
COMMITTEE:	Mrs Rebecca Greenway Mrs Jacqui Beale Mrs Natalie Kenny Mrs Cathie Fernie Mrs Kelly Oswald Mrs Wendy Henning

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DELEGATES AND ALTERNATIVE DELEGATES

A/B/C/ BRANCH: Janet Powne, Peter Powne

ALPHA BRANCH: Juliet McConochie, Sally McKeering, Shannon Rea, Sandy McKeering

ARAMAC/MUTTABURRA BRANCH: Milynda Rogers, Jane McClelland

ARCADIA VALLEY: Sally West, Anna Sylvester

AUGATHELLA BRANCH: Deborah Boot, Karen Elmes, Rebecca McKeering, Lisa Creevey

BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH: Selena O'Sullivan, Amanda Clark, Alison Kirkwood, Kate Ashton

BLACKALL BRANCH: Marcelle Chandler, Annette Gillies, Sarah Pearson

BOLLON BRANCH: Ron Sevil, Therese Sevil

B/B/B BRANCH: Jane Morton

CAPRICORNIA B.O.T.A: Ainsley McArthur, Trudy Mace

CHARLEVILLE BRANCH: Louise Winten

CHARLEVILLE B.O.T.A: Veronica Williams

CHARTERS TOWERS BRANCH: Kylie Stretton

CLARKE CREEK BRANCH: Anneli Day, Jo Luck

CLERMONT BRANCH: Alana Moller, Christy Moller

DIRRANBANDI BRANCH: Jessie Persse

HUGHENDEN BRANCH: Sharon Jonsson

JULIA CREEK BRANCH: Edwina Hick

LONE MEMBERS BRANCH: Noela Wilson

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATIVE DELEGATES (cont.)

LONGREACH BRANCH: Joy McClymont, Louise Brown

MITCHELL-TOMOO/DUNKELD BRANCH: Jane Maudsley

MOONIE BRANCH: Di Selby, Jo Savill

MT ISA B.O.T.A: Lorraine McGinnis

NEBO BRANCH: Alex Stuart, Anne Stuart

RICHMOND BRANCH: Camilla Rogers, June Kuhl

SOUTHERN DOWNS BRANCH: Carmel Elliott

SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON: Bernadette Paine, Sue McDonald

ST GEORGE BRANCH: Michelle Freshwater, Brie Boyle, Merilee Owen

TAMBO BRANCH: Stacey Ryrrie, Amanda Walker, Jennie Bucknell

WESTERN DOWNS BRANCH: Roslyn Smith, Joanne Bell, Adele Hughes

WESTMAR / INGLESTONE BRANCH: Marg Hurst, Natalie Slack

WINTON BRANCH: Kate Bradshaw, Kerry Turnbull

YARAKA/ISISFORD BRANCH: Dianne Pidgeon, Mary Killeen

ICPA FEDERAL COUNCIL: Wendy Hick, Kate Gray

BRANCH OBSERVERS

ALPHA BRANCH: Anna Appleton, Gayle Donaldson, Loretta Goodwin, Vonda Kimber, Donna Donaldson, Andrew Donaldson, Angela Mulcahy, Angie Bettridge, Brant Bettridge, Julie Bauman, Renae Kohler, Sarah Bridgeman, Kristy Sparrow, Alex Sparrow, Robert Donaldson, Noel Goodwin, Fred Appleton, Carole Landsdowne, Kate Moller, Keith Bettridge, Sharleen Bettridge, Jennifer Thorn.

BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH: Lorissa Dennis

BLACKALL BRANCH: Anne Sprague

CHARLEVILLE BRANCH: Sue McDonald

CLERMONT BRANCH: Andrea Moller, Kasie Scott, Carla Nichol, Sharon Conachan

LONGREACH BRANCH: Sharon Tindall

SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH: Kelly McDonald

TAMBO BRANCH: Nina Mayne, Nicole Green, Ruth D'Hennin

CONFERENCE GUESTS

Ms Lydia Burton	ABC Western Queensland
Miss Karen Atherton	Achmea Australia
Mr David Pickstone	Achmea Australia
Miss Candice Stower	Advisor to Mr Littleproud, Member for Maranoa
Mr Carl Moller	AgForce Qld
Mr Grant Maudsley	AgForce Qld
Mrs Alison Briggs	AgForce Qld
Mrs Sharon Howard	AgForce Qld
Mr Darren Fleming	All Souls St Gabriels School
Mrs Judy Acutt	Alpha Merchandise
Mrs Rachel Bryce	Alpha Merchandise
Mr George Clutton	Anglican Church Grammar School
Mr Richard Stokes	Australian Boarding Schools Association
Mr Tom Dunsmore	Australian Boarding Schools Association
Mr Chris Lassig	Autism Hub and Reading Centre
Cr Sean Dillon	Barcaldine Regional Council
Mrs Kristen Coggan	Better Internet for Rural, Regional & Remote Australia (BIRRR)
Mrs Vynka Greenhalgh	Blackall News
Mr Ken Symonds	Blackheath & Thornburgh College
Mr Nigel Fairbairn	Blackheath & Thornburgh College
Mrs Sonya Comiskey	Born Country
Mr Jamie Smith	Brisbane Grammar School
Mr Roger Ilgen	Caltex Energy
Ms Jessica Harding	Capricornia In Home Care
Ms Samara Thomas	Capricornia In Home Care
Mr John Kennedy	Catholic Education, Diocese of Rockhampton
Mr Jamie Small	Central West Hospital & Health Service
Mr Jonathan Schoone	Central West Hospital & Health Service
Mrs Kathy Bishop	Clayfield College
Ms Diane Kerr	Clayfield College

CONFERENCE GUESTS (CONT.)

Mrs Sally Goodwin	Cremorne Cattle Company
Mr Ross Switzer	Cromwell College
Mr Brad Smith	Curriculum into the Classroom
Mr Jeff Munce	Curriculum into the Classroom
Mr Jim D'Castro	Department of Education and Training
Mr John Lockhart	Department of Education and Training
Mr Nick Long	Department of Education and Training
Ms Kim Fredericks	Department of Education and Training
Mr Regan Neumann	Department of Education and Training
Mr Nick Easton	Downlands College
Ms Patsy Thomasson	Ellenmave Vintage and Antique
Mr Graeme Johnston	Emerald Christian College
Dr Linda Evans	Fairholme College
Ms Marguerite Dunne	Fairholme College
Mr David Littleproud	Federal Member for Maranoa
Mr Scott Buchholz	Federal Member for Wright
Mrs Susan Shay	Federation of Parents & Friends
Ms Andrea Crothers	Freelance Journalist, Writer & Photographer
Miss Claire Dunne	Graziher
Ms Rosalie Ham	Guest Speaker
Mr Geoff Anson	Harbour ISP
Mrs Kate Gray	ICPA Federal Council
Mrs Wendy Hick	ICPA Federal Council
Mrs Patricia Mitchell, OAM	ICPA Qld Inc - Patron
Mrs Rosemary Philp	ICPA Qld Inc Life Member
Mr Jeffrey Little	ICT Advisor – ICPA Qld Inc
Mrs Jodie Sypher	J & J Sypher Contracting
Mr Jaye Beutel	John Paul College
Mrs Jan Macnamara	John Paul College
Mrs Lisa Strudwick	John Paul College
Mrs Kerrie Hayes	Kennedy & Grace @ Genesis
Ms Sonia Burton	LNP Education Policy Committee
Ms Karen Smith	Longreach Pastoral College
Mrs Deanne Jones	Longreach School of Distance Education
Mrs Rowena Arthur	Longreach School of Distance Education
Ms Lisa Lonsdale	Lonsdale Agribusiness
Mr James Metzeling	Marist College Ashgrove
Mr Hamilton Donaldson	Medway Grazing

CONFERENCE GUESTS (CONT.)

Hannah Searle	Medway Grazing
Mr Jacob King	nbn Co
Ms Kylie Lindsay	nbn Co
Mrs Sally Whelan	P&Cs Qld
Ms Margaret Leary	P&Cs Qld
Ms Louise Bisaro	Qld Agricultural Training College
Miss Vera Zappala	Queensland Catholic Education Commission
Ms Sally Cripps	Queensland Country Life
Ellen Dyer	Queensland Health
Ms Joanne Harris	Queensland Health
Mrs Sue Kloeden	Queensland Independent Schools Parents Network
Mr John Moor	Resource Consulting Services
Ms Katie Crozier	Resource Consulting Services
Mrs Bernadette Hyde-Mewburn	Rockhampton Girls Grammar School
Mrs Christine Hills	Rockhampton Girls Grammar School
Ms Danielle Lloyd	Royal Far West
Mr Simon Shepherd	SCOTS PGC College
Mrs Michelle Brown	SCOTS PGC College
Ms Megan Canfell	Secret Girls Stuff
Ms Laura Canfell	Secret Girls Stuff
Mrs Florence Kearney	Somerville House
Mrs Pamela Hodgetts	Somerville House
Mr Lachlan Millar	State Member for Gregory
Mrs Peta Millar	
Mrs Tracy Davis	State Member for Aspley & Shadow Minister for Education
Ms Verity Barton	State Member for Broadwater
Mrs Kylie Hedges	St Brendan's College
Ms Tanya Callaghan	St Brendan's College
Mrs Annette Boyle	St Hilda's School, Gold Coast
Ms Margie McGregor	St Hilda's School, Gold Coast
Mr Stephen Meara	St Joseph's Nudgee College
Ms Lesa Fowler	St Margaret's Anglican Girls School
Ms Ros Curtis	St Margaret's Anglican Girls School
Mr Stuart Delaney	St Peters Lutheran College
Mr Wes Meurant	St Peters Lutheran College
Mrs Kim Holman	St Peters Lutheran College
Mrs Sinead Ray	St Peters Lutheran College

CONFERENCE GUESTS (CONT.)

Miss Erin Lee	St Ursula's College
Mrs Catherine Warwick	St Ursula's College
Mrs Ann Marie Pawsey	St Ursula's College, Toowoomba
Mrs Kathy Sperling	St Ursula's College, Toowoomba
Mrs Helen McCullagh	State Schools Nursing Service
Mrs Lyn Robinson	Stuartholme School
Ms Andree Rice	Stuartholme School
Ms Kristen Sharpe	Stuartholme School
Mrs Fiona Russell	Swan Hill Cattle Co
Mrs Kristy Heelan	Teach Outback
Mr Anthony Orr	Telstra Country Wide
Mr Darren Clark	Telstra Country Wide
Mr Chris Lyons	The Cathedral College Boarding
Mr Ronald Armstrong	The Cathedral College Boarding
Mrs Toni Lanphier	The Cathedral School, Townsville
Mrs Jo Matherson	The Glennie School
Mrs Wendy Ashley-Cooper	The Glennie School
Dr Phillip Moulds	The Rockhampton Grammar School
Mr Michael Donahue	The Rockhampton Grammar School
Mr Stewart Norford	The Rockhampton Grammar School
Ms Lisa Kibblewhite	The Rockhampton Grammar School
Mr Richard Dobrenov	The Southport School
Mr Tony Watt	The Southport School
Mrs Judy Harris	The Winchester Foundation
Mrs Ruth Bethel	The Winchester Foundation
Mrs Beryl Neilsen	The Winchester Foundation
Mr Tim Gentle	Think Digital
Mr Gordon Oldham	Toowoomba Anglican College and Preparatory School
Mr John Hill	Toowoomba Anglican College and Preparatory School
Mr Simon Lees	Toowoomba Anglican College and Preparatory School
Ms Tanya Hopgood	Toowoomba Anglican College and Preparatory School
Mr Ben Foley	Toowoomba Grammar School
Mr Peter Hauser	Toowoomba Grammar School
Mr Roderick Fogarty	University of Southern Queensland
Mr Bruce H Keys	Whitsunday Anglican School

CONFERENCE APOLOGIES

Mr Ross Jones	Catholic Education Office, Rockhampton
Dr Jim Watterston	Department of Education and Training
Ms Leanne Nixon	Department of Education and Training
Mr Perry Trattos	Department of Education and Training
Mrs Gabrielle Sinclair	Department of Education and Training
Mr Bevan Brennan	Department of Education and Training
Mrs Cathy O'Malley	Department of Education and Training
Mr Don Anderson	Djarragun College, Gordonvale
Mr Ken O'Dowd MP	Federal Member for Flynn
Mr Bunny Powne	ICPA Qld Life Member
Mr Mac McClymont	ICPA Qld Life Member
Mrs Daphne Rich	ICPA Qld Life Member
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Mrs Frances Frahn	ICPA SA State Council
Mrs Lisa Slade	ICPA SA State Council
Mrs Kate Thompson	ICPA Federal Council
Ms Anne Leahy MP	Member for Warrego
Minister Kate Jones	Minister for Education, Tourism & Major Events
Senator Hon Matt Canavan	Minister for Resources and Northern Australia
Hon Annastacia Palaszczuk	Premier of Queensland
Dr Lee-Anne Perry	Qld Catholic Education Commission
Mr John Ryan	Qld College of Teachers
Mr Kevin Bates	Qld Teachers Union
Mr Brian O'Neill	P-10/12 Association

PROFILES

KIM HUGHES, President ICPA Qld Inc

Kim has lived with her husband Brian and their three children on 'Harrogate', a cattle property between Richmond and Julia Creek in NW Qld for the past 14 years. Her children were educated via Charters Towers SDE and then Mt Isa School of the Air and are currently boarding at The Cathedral School in Townsville in Yr 7, 9 & 12 respectively.

Kim became a member of the Richmond ICPA branch thirteen years ago, primarily to connect with a network of mums living similar experiences and educating their children in the bush. She held executive positions as Publicity Officer and Secretary (a position which has just passed on at the recent branch AGM). Kim attended her first conference as a delegate for her branch in 2006 in Mt Isa. It was here that she realised the lobby process of the organisation, its relevance to government and the change that a branch motion passed at conference could bring about.

Kim joined State Council at the Rockhampton Conference in 2011 where she took over the Distance Education (DE) portfolio. The following year saw the implementation of the Curriculum into the Classroom, which caused significant upheaval for many distance education families as they made the huge transition to an extremely hands on, complex and digital curriculum. The next three years saw the DE portfolio heavily involved with the C2C Writing Team to seek improvements and modifications to materials to make them more suitable for delivery by a tutor in the home schoolroom. The feedback of DE home tutors in this process was crucial and continues to effect change today.

Kim was elected State Vice President in 2012 and held that position for 3 years before becoming President at the 2015 Cloncurry Conference. Kim has a number of goals she would like to achieve in this role to continue where previous presidents left off. Raising the ICPA profile and ensuring there is a strong connection between branch members and state council representatives is important to Kim, as well as encouraging the next generation of members and ICPA representatives to ensure the longevity of the organisation. Strongly encouraging members to bring issues forward that impact on the daily lives of their children and their educational experience is close to Kim's heart and critical for ICPA to remain relevant at the grass roots level, today and into the future.

WENDY HICK, President ICPA Australia

Wendy and her husband, Lloyd, live on their family owned and run cattle property "Thorntonia Station", approximately 110 kms north-east of Camooweal near the Queensland/Northern Territory border.

Their two sons began their schooling with distance education through Mount Isa School of the Air with Wendy as their home tutor. The boys then went on to boarding school with one son currently in Year 12 and the other in his second year of university study. While her children were learning via distance education, Wendy was involved in Schools of Distance Education Alliance (SODEA), The Materials Development Forum (MDF) and the Strategic Planning Team (SPT) in Qld.

Wendy has been involved with ICPA since her sons were a very young age and she looked forward to the day that her children would finally start formal schooling so that the family would receive a School of the Air radio, which enabled her to finally join in the Mount Isa Branch of the Air ICPA meetings. Wendy was the President and Secretary of the branch for several terms and was on the Sports for Bush Kids Committee, helping run the sports week for rural and remote students which the branch organizes each year. Wendy became a Queensland State Councillor in 2010. She held the position as one of the Qld State Council Vice Presidents for four years and joined Federal Council in 2015 also becoming Federal President that year.

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.

ROSEMARY PHILP, Life Member ICPA Qld Inc

Rose grew up in south west Queensland on properties west of Charleville and completed most of her primary education through the Primary Correspondence School before boarding at St Mary's Convent in Charleville until Year 10. An illness in the family meant a move to Brisbane where she attended Mackillop College for her senior years.

From 1975 to 1978, Rose worked at the Lands Department in Brisbane before returning to the bush west of Longreach when she married Norman. They had four daughters all of whom she taught for their primary years through the Brisbane Correspondence School and Charleville SOTA and then the Longreach School of Distance Education when it opened in 1988 before all the girls went on for their secondary schooling at St Ursula's College, Yeppoon.

Rose was involved in the Longreach SDE P&C holding many committee positions as well as Secretary and President. She was awarded Life Membership of the Longreach SDE P&C in 2000. At the same time, she was heavily involved with the local Branch of ICPA holding positions of Treasurer, Secretary and President before being elected to State Council in 1988 where she also held positions of Committee, State Secretary and President; standing down from Queensland Council in 2008. Rose was awarded Life Membership of the Longreach Branch ICPA in 2009, received a Certificate of Appreciation from ICPA-Qld Inc in 2009 and Life Membership of ICPA Qld Inc in 2014.

She still remains passionate that to attract young families to the bush then they must have access to a sound education. Her other interests now lie in gardening, scrapbooking, patchwork and spending time with her adorable grandchildren.

PROFILE: GUEST SPEAKERS

DANIELLE LLOYD

Danielle commenced working at Royal Far West in 2008 as an Occupational Therapist. She demonstrated a passion for developmental paediatric work and developing the capacity of families and local practitioners. Danielle has an understanding of business principals and leadership that enabled her to successfully lead a team of Occupational Therapists, Dietitian and Orthoptist. In this time, Royal Far West developed several Telecare services including Grab It! and Sensory Assessment programs. Danielle values the multidiscipline team at Royal Far West and was honoured to be appointed as the Clinical Services Manager in 2014. Danielle is a team player and has worked with staff members at Royal Far West on Mandatory Training.

Danielle has worked as a Paediatric Occupational Therapist since 2005. She entered into the workforce working at a child care centre in Manly Vale as part of an early intervention team. Danielle was privileged to work at St Lucy's School leading their Sensory Program with a group of 5 challenging students. The group saw outcomes in the areas of emotional regulation, social interaction, participate in learning activities and attention. Danielle has also completed a Locum at ADHC in the Early Intervention team and has worked in an Occupational Therapy private practice.

HELEN MCCULLAGH

Helen has been nursing for almost 30 years and is passionate about supporting students, families and schools in all areas of Queensland through her role with the Department of Education and Training's State Schools Nursing Service. Over the past 9 years, she has worked with families and schools in regional, rural and remote Queensland to support students with specialised health needs. Her current role is Clinical Nurse Consultant for Central, North and Far North Queensland Regions.

CHRISTOPHER LASSIG

Chris Lassig is the Executive Director of the Autism Hub and Reading Centre established by the Queensland Government Department of Education and Training this year. Chris has over 20 years school and educational leadership experience as a teacher, principal and not-for-profit CEO. He has extensive experience in secondary and special school settings, across a range of contexts. Chris has a strong interest in maximising the engagement of students with disabilities in learning, particularly through a positive approach to supporting behaviour. Chris has drawn on his experience as a Teaching and Learning Auditor to support schools on their improvement journeys, most recently as Executive Director, School Autonomy and Improvement, State Schools - Performance.

ROSALIE HAM

Rosalie Ham was born and raised in Jerilderie, a small country town in New South Wales. Returning to Australia after seeing the world, Rosalie 'rushed to university because Gough Whitlam made it possible', enrolling in Drama and Literature. But it was the story that ignited her flame and, having moved on to creative writing, Rosalie 'skewed a few accumulated secrets' and wrote her first novel, [The Dressmaker](#) (published in 2000). [Summer at Mount Hope](#) (2005) and [There Should be More Dancing](#) (2011) followed, and her novels have now sold over 150,000 copies in Australia and internationally.

Described as a 'gifted storyteller' with ideas that are 'fresh, unusual and entertaining', Rosalie's stories are new, but recognisable beyond Australia. Using the stereotype to subvert the cliché, and always seeking to surprise the reader, she sheds new light on universal verities.

[The Dressmaker](#) has since been brought to life on screen, in the award winning [film](#) produced and directed by Sue Maslin and Jocelyn Moorhouse. It stars Kate Winslet, Judy Davis, Liam Hemsworth and Hugo Weaving along with a many other fine Australian performers including Sarah Snook, Sacha Horler and Rebecca Gibney.

Rosalie lives in Melbourne and, when she is not writing, teaches literature. She holds a BA in Education and a Master of Arts in Creative Writing.

MARGARET LEARY

Training and Development Officer, Past P&Cs Qld President, Immediate Past President ACSSO

Margaret's P&C 'career' began back in 1997 when her son was in pre-school. She was Chair of the pre-school subcommittee at Balaclava State School (SS), founding President of Bentley Park College, founding member Isabella SS. When we had Regional Councils, over the years, Margaret held the positions of President, Treasurer, Secretary and State Executive Member before moving to State Treasurer and then State President leading us through the change to a Company Limited by Guarantee. Margaret is a Life Member of Bentley Park College P&C (2012) and also a Life Member of P&Cs Qld (2013) and retired as the National President of the Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO) in Sept 2015.

Margaret likes talking, travelling, shopping and enjoying good food and wine with friends. She also enjoys meeting fabulous P&C people and supporting them to have an amazing P&C experience.

TIM GENTLE

Think Digital Bus

Tim Gentle is a courageous digital strategist, educator and entrepreneur with a passion for building business and regional lifestyle.

Tim is a sought after thought leader, presenting nationally and internationally, delivering practical online strategy and solutions to audiences that are not only current and cutting edge, but easy to understand.

Tim has a reputation for running excellent workshops. He uses live examples on the internet to ensure his presentations are current, relevant and engaging for small businesses and community organisations. He involves the audience, evokes discussion and makes technical terms easy to understand.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ICPA Patron Mrs Patricia Mitchell, Federal President Wendy Hick, Queensland Life Member Mrs Rose Philp, the Alpha Branch convening committee, dignified guests, fellow ICPA members, ladies & gentlemen. It gives me great pleasure to present my President's Report.

As I approach the twelve month mark in the President's role, what can I say? It has been overwhelming, uncomfortable, scary and challenging, all the while, being extremely rewarding, wonderfully funny, and completely awesome! I have benefited greatly from the experience and advice of our Immediate Past President Andrew Pegler, as well as our fabulous Secretary Kate Twist, who has an amazing amount of common sense and integrity. As comedian Ellen DeGeneres puts it, "When you take risks you learn that there will be times when you succeed and there will be times when you fail, and both are equally important."

State Council's ability to support each other and the commitment they make on a daily basis to keep the organisation as effective as what it has become known for, is inspiring and truly valued. To all the volunteers who make up State Council, as well as those on off council positions (Jeff, Suzi, Lynelle, Zabby), I thank you all sincerely and wholeheartedly. This appreciation is also extended to all Queensland members and branches, who keep state council well informed regarding issues that are affecting their communities, ensuring the issues we lobby remain relevant and up to date.

At the Cloncurry Conference, the Queensland Education Minister, the Hon. Kate Jones announced a 5% increase above CPI to the Living Away From Home Allowance Scheme. Coupled with the earlier increase of 7% (excluding CPI) announced in January 2015 by the previous Education Minister, this equated to a 12% increase within 12 months. The tuition subsidy for a secondary student attending boarding school in 2016 is now \$5,217. The average tuition fees in Queensland Boarding Schools this year is \$11,793.00. These increases have been welcomed by Queensland recipients. On the whole average boarding school fees in Queensland have risen to \$29,629.00 this year with out of pocket expenses increasing to \$16,397 after the AIC and LAFHAS are taken into account. Queensland has 43 independent boarding schools and 2 state boarding facilities.

Queensland has also had success with an allocation in the recent State Budget of \$3.7m over 3 years for students living in drought declared shires or individually drought declared properties to assist with boarding school fees. This allocation was in response to a recommendation from the Rural Debt & Drought Taskforce (RDDT) that assistance for education for drought affected families should be forthcoming. Queensland Council made a submission to the RDDT in this regard early this year, as did the Bollon Branch. We understand that the funding will be available to LAFHAS recipients and will equate to \$1,250 per student per annum whilst the shire or property is drought declared.

ICPA Qld has written to the Department of Agriculture conveying our appreciation and seeking the opportunity to work with the department to ensure that an inclusive model is adopted so that all drought affected families can benefit from this funding, including those utilising the state boarding facilities in Queensland. This outcome displays a cross-departmental response to the impact on education affordability during drought and has been applauded by ICPA Qld.

Significant traction has been gained over the last year around universal access to kindergarten in Queensland. There has always been obstacles in place for children to access kindergarten in areas where no early childhood centre exists, as State legislation restricts kindergarten being provided by state schools. As a result, local clusters have been growing in numbers, and the standard model has been that the community partners with the local council and utilises the Distance Education eKindy resource, sometimes using a vacant facility at the local state school.

Based on this need, in December 2015 Minister Jones announced the introduction of a Rural Kindergarten Pilot Program. At present 11 state schools are participating, and the model brings kindy

aged children into the Prep classroom for 15 hours per week. Should this Pilot be successful, it is envisaged that it will be implemented in other schools which fulfil the criteria, which is that the school must be more than 50km from the nearest early childhood service provider.

One of our Vice Presidents and Early Childhood Portfolio leader Tammie Irons sits on the Rural Kindergarten Pilot Program Working Group, and ICPA is the only non-departmental stakeholder acting in this capacity.

Queensland is presently undergoing a transition which will introduce new systems for senior assessment and tertiary entrance, to be implemented in 2018 for students entering Year 11. ICPA Qld is a stakeholder on the Senior Secondary Assessment Taskforce, which is providing input to the design of the new system. The Taskforce has been meeting monthly since October 2015 and its Terms of Reference include the provision of a new approach to senior assessment which will combine school-based and external assessment. Given that a system of 100% school-based assessment has operated in Queensland for more than 40 years, this will be a significant change. Terms of Reference also include a transition for students seeking tertiary entrance to an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), replacing the current Overall Position (OP). The OP system has been the official measure of overall student achievement used to rank school leavers in Queensland since 1992, so this conversion is monumental for education in our State.

At the most recent Taskforce meeting, the Taskforce provided general support for student ATAR calculations to be based on five senior Authority subjects; or four senior Authority subjects plus either a completed VET qualification at Certificate III or above, or a QCAA subject based on a Subject Area Syllabus (SAS). It is believed that this approach will recognise the important role that VET plays in senior studies.

ICPA Qld's key consideration is to ensure that any future model will not disadvantage rural and remote students or schools and that pathways will remain flexible to enable all students to access the career of their choice.

Queensland Distance Education students have been the first to benefit from the Education Port feature on the Sky Muster service. Our Communications Adviser Jeff Little has been working tirelessly to ensure that students requiring the service for education can receive priority installation. At the time of writing this report, approx. 400 students had registered through ICPA Qld, and continued assistance from Kristy Sparrow and the BIRRR team have also added to this number.

Jeff and Communications portfolio leader Andrew Pegler are continuing to work with Jacob King from nbn and Education Queensland to troubleshoot connection issues to ensure full optimisation of the Sky Muster satellite on the distance education platform. The fact that Queensland has been the first to break ground is, in part, due to the Queensland Education Department's willingness to support the concept from the outset.

Whilst there have been a number of success stories for families now on the Education Port, much work needs to be done to streamline the installation process as well as the reporting process for connectivity issues. Due to the sheer number of connections needed to be accomplished in the specified time period, the system is clogged to capacity and priority installation of access for education has become unworkable. ICPA Qld appreciates the opportunity to work with nbn to address these very problematic issues.

Whilst recognising that things are far from perfect thus far, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Jeff and Andrew, ICPA Federal Council, and Kristy Sparrow and the BIRRR team, who have placed telecommunications in the bush at the forefront of the political agenda like never before. The collective voice has been impossible to ignore and is a true example of people and communities banding together to seek the services they deserve.

We continue to bring to the department's attention the issues in Queensland for our small schools where the tyranny of distance unfortunately continues to promote disadvantage. The lack of

resourcing for regional support staff including Guidance Officers and therapists, as well as a shortage of IT technicians is an ongoing issue.

The need for a more adequate transition for children receiving care through Queensland Health for developmental issues upon their entrance to the school system also needs urgent attention. Students risk falling through the cracks as the requirement to verify students again with different education criteria continues to cause delays and confusion for everyone involved.

We were, however, encouraged by a State Budget allocation this year to re-classify and update state school staffing models. This will see administration staff in rural and remote schools provided with extra support and resourcing to continue to do the multi-faceted job they do in small schools, when quite often they are the only support mechanism to the principal.

In February this year Queensland State Secretary Kate Twist and I were grateful for the opportunity to travel to Canberra for face to face meetings with other State Councils and Federal ICPA. It was very valuable to discuss the issues which affect each council, and come up with ways to work together to enhance our effectiveness as an organisation. As a result of feedback from these meetings, ICPA Qld decided to add a day onto our delegations in May this year to meet with Members of Parliament (both government and opposition) at Parliament House in Brisbane. We found this to be a very successful exercise which enabled us to establish relationships and strengthen existing connections. We were extremely encouraged by the general interest and willingness to assist the organisation conveyed by members of parliament. It is wonderful to see Shadow Education Minister Ms Tracy David, Member for Gregory Lachlan Millar, Member for Broadwater Miss Verity Barwon, along with Federal Member for Wright, Mr Scott Buchholz and Member for Maranoa in attendance today. We will be looking at incorporating a day at Parliament House into at least one delegations per year in the future.

Over the next twelve months Queensland Council has a commitment to raising the organisation's profile, attracting the next generation of members and increasing the communication and connection between council and its branches, members, and potential members. We hear frequently that there is a perception that ICPA is only for distance education and financial assistance for boarding school, where, as everyone at this conference knows, it is so much more than that. However, our challenge is to make the organisation relevant for all who are affected by equity of access due to where they live. As people are busy with daily life, career and other volunteer roles that more often than not are part of the job description of living west of the divide, we must give people a reason to get on board. The strength and longevity of this incredible organisation is only as good as those coming after us, and having passionate people to take up the baton and keep running full steam ahead is about informing, engaging and inspiring! This is something every single member can contribute to. Sustainable, vibrant and progressive communities hinge on access to a quality educational. We need to compensate for the lack of large population by advocating smartly and passionately, using every tool that is at our disposal. The power of a few can make a huge difference to many, SO LET'S 'SADDLE UP & MUSTER THE OPPORTUNITIES'!!

It has been a pleasure to work with the team of volunteers who make up Queensland Council, as well as our 46 branches all over Queensland. ICPA runs as effectively as the people in it, and we continue to benefit from volunteers who bring their own flair, talent and unique personalities to the jobs at hand. I am sure I can speak for us all on State Council in saying that we have enjoyed the journey, and the growth and learning which has come with it. I for one look forward to many more hours of 'ICPA'ing' with existing and new team members in the future.

I would like to congratulate Kristy and the Alpha convening committee on putting together a fantastic conference, and all attendees for their dedication to flying the flag for the next generation consistently, passionately and vehemently.

Mrs Kim Hughes

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs President Kim Hughes, Patron Mrs Patricia Mitchell, Federal President Mrs Wendy Hick, Federal Members of Parliament Mr David Littleproud and Mr Scott Buchholz, Member for Gregory Mr Lachlan Miller, fellow Councillors, Guests, Members of the Alpha Branch and branch Delegates. It is with pleasure that I present my report for the 2015- 2016 year, and my final as State Secretary.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support and dedicated effort throughout the year. The 2015/2016 year has been a mixed bag, one filled with successes, surprises, more drought, and some rain which has brightened the outlook a little. All Councillors have dedicated their time to ensuring that what members have asked for is being lobbied for. I count myself very lucky to have worked with and been supported by such a fantastic group of people.

State Council sadly lost two wonderful Council members in 2015, but were very grateful when four lovely ladies put their hand up to fill the open positions at the AGM. It was with pleasure that we welcomed Kylie Camp, Wendy Henning, Kelly Ostwald and Cathie Fernie to Council.

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. Unfortunately, the newly elected Councillors were unable to attend this meeting, so they definitely had to jump in the deep end when they were informed of their portfolios. Since the 2015 AGM State Council has had four face to face meetings and eight 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 Shadow Education Minister, Mr Tim Mander, 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, Translink, the Qld Catholic Education Commission, the Australian Boarding Schools Association, P&Cs Qld, and the Qld Department of Health.

A mini delegation was held in March, which was Council's first opportunity to meet face to face with Minister Jones since her election. Meetings were also had with DET personnel, P&Cs Qld, the Qld Curriculum Assessment Authority and the Qld Consortium for Professional Experience in Pre-Service Teacher Education.

The second larger round of delegations were held in May. Some twenty meetings were held with Ministers, Shadow Ministers, MP's, various Department of Education personnel, the Qld Curriculum Assessment Authority, Translink, AgForce, Justin Spanner from Gifted and Talented and Minister Jones' Chief of Staff, Don Wilson.

Whilst in Brisbane in November 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 is such a wonderful support to ICPA and I would like to thank her personally for all the help she has been to me. I have at various times needed some pointers on protocols, had constitutional and all manner of questions which she has answered without preamble and honesty. Trish I trust your advice implicitly.

Meetings and teleconferences have been held with: The Minister for Education, Hon Kate Jones; DG, Dr Jim Watterston; ADG Mrs Patrea Walton; C2C Developers; Qld Consortium for Professional Experience in Pre-Service Teacher Education; Building Infrastructure Services; Digital Services DET;

Senior Advisor to Minister Jones; Qld Curriculum and Assessment Authority; the Qld State School Resourcing Review Taskforce; the Remote Kindergarten Pilot Working Group; Translink; Regional Development Australia; C2C Reference Group; Queensland College of Teachers; Federal/State Tertiary Portfolio teleconference as well as teleconferences with Education Queensland.

Forums and Conferences included: The Parliamentary Review Committee into DRAS Forum; Parliamentary Hearing DRAS; Grow Qld Forum; QCEC Forum; Royal Far West Telehealth Forum; SPERA Conference, North West Organisation of Councils Meeting; Qld Local Government Association Conference and the Broadband for the Bush Conference. President Kim Hughes was a panellist at the Grow Qld Forum.

President Kim Hughes and myself travelled to Canberra to attend the Federal/State face to face meeting in February. Kim and Vice President Louise Martin represented Qld State Council at Federal Conference and attended the Federal/State meeting prior to Conference. State Council had 7 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 Qld State Schools Resourcing Review; submission to the Qld Government Rural Debt and Drought Taskforce and a submission to the Telecommunications Universal Service Obligation Inquiry Productivity Commission. Two feedback submissions were also presented; Submission on the Draft Education Amendment Bill and a submission to the Qld Curriculum Assessment Authority Consultation – Core Curriculum in Qld.

66 items of inward correspondence and 84 outward items of correspondence have been itemised this year.

State Councillors travelled to the far northern reaches of our State for the mid-year meeting. The Mt Isa Branch of the Air were our hosts in the delightful little town of Burketown. 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 enjoyable when we were able to meet and converse with many members of the branch during breaks. The Governor, His Excellency, Paul De Jersey happened to be visiting Burketown when we were there and he took the time to come and meet with Council. Councillors also attended a community afternoon tea with the Governor and townspeople. We are looking forward to meeting the members of the next branch who will host the 2017 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.

Another branch has undergone a name change this year. The Eidsvold/Cracow Branch will now be called the North Burnett 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 2015 Cloncurry conference. This is a huge task which Di has undertaken for the past few 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 by Zabby Appleton have all been capably handled again this year. Zabby has just completed her first year as editor and has done a wonderful job. Margie Greenway has been our representative on the Hospital Schools Advisory Committee and has spent her first year on this committee with the new Lady Cilento Children's Hospital. Natalie Slack from the Westmar/Inglestone branch coordinated the new member packs again in 2015/2016. Council would like to thank you all for your efforts and enterprise. Your dedication is truly appreciated by all.

Many thanks must go to Liz McClymont for continuing to involve ICPA in Bush Christmas and to Heather Redgen, Margot Jenkins and Margie Greenway 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 ladies is immeasurable.

ICPA State Council have presented three Rural Practicum awards to graduating teachers who have chosen to complete their pre-service in a rural area. We thank Vice President Tammie Irons for coordinating the awards with the Universities, and to Trish Mitchell and Kim Donaldson who represented and presented the awards on behalf of ICPA.

With sadness three of our Councillors are stepping down. We say goodbye to our treasured Treasurer, Sue Pegler and councillors Rebecca Greenway and Cathie Fernie. 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 ladies for your contribution to State Council and the ICPA family. You are definitely going to be missed.

On behalf of all of State Council, I thank Kristy, Anna and the Convening Committee for arranging this "Mustering the Opportunities" conference. They have been an absolute dream and pleasure to work with. This Branch has put on an outstanding conference – one to be remembered. They have made sure that every need is met and that everyone who is attending this conference understands that remoteness does not diminish the opportunity to achieve. This Branch have indeed mustered every opportunity, as does ICPA, to prove that distance and remoteness is no barrier to absolute success.

I present my report for adoption.

Mrs Kate Twist

TREASURER'S REPORT

Madam President, fellow councillors, Life Members, distinguished guests, delegates and members, I am pleased to present what is my third and final report to you all. It has been a pleasure to fulfil this role over this time and to work alongside all the enthusiastic and dedicated State Councillors.

As at the 31st July 2016 memberships stood at 1243 which is 18 more than the same time last year. A total of 194 new memberships have been received since July 31st last year which is a great outcome for ICPA Qld. I would like to encourage these new members to support ICPA in any way possible because member involvement is what makes this such a strong organisation. Please do not sit back and assume there will always be someone else to do a job or fill a position as this is not always the case. This is the first year since I have been in this position that all branches have been financial at the end of July and this has been made possible by people stepping up to ensure their branch will be stronger going forward. I congratulate these people for their initiative. Eidsvold/Cracow have also had a name change and are now called North Burnett as they feel this name is a better representation of their present membership base.

Branches with Branch Life Members need to be aware that State and Federal fees for these members are the responsibility of the branch and must be paid every year - something for new Treasurers to be aware of. It is also very important for all members to keep their postal and email addresses up to date as this makes the delivery of information and News & Views that much easier and effective. Now the Branch Bulletin is going out directly from State Council to members via email, current email addresses are more relevant than ever. Kim Donaldson has done a great job this year chasing up email addresses for people but her job could be made a lot easier if we had up to date information. If there are members who do not wish to receive all these emails, please notify us and you will be removed from the list.

After a very large and generous donation of \$97,683.00 from Cloncurry Branch out of the 2015 Conference proceeds (and a huge thank you from all of ICPA Qld to their hard working committee) ICPA Qld Inc has run at a profit this year with income being approximately \$40,000.00 more than expenses. Apart from conference proceeds, these funds came from memberships, \$10,200.00 from branch donations including \$5,000.00 from Clermont Branch, two donations totaling \$1,200.00 from Anthony Squires Fine Clothing and QCWA Southern Coast and \$31,000.00 from our minor art unions and Bush Xmas ticket sales.

As noted above fundraising, which includes the running of two art unions along with the purchase and sale of souvenirs, is a large contributor to our income each year. The job of Fundraising Officer is mainly done behind the scenes so I would just like to acknowledge the time and effort Suzi McQueen puts into ensuring this part of ICPA runs smoothly and efficiently. The new greeting card designs have been very popular and I am sure that Suzi has some on hand for members and guests to purchase during conference. It has been a pleasure to work with Suzi over the last 3 years and I am sure I am going to miss our chats on the phone.

Notwithstanding our profit for the year, expenses continue to rise and it requires a large 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. Over the years ICPA has gained considerable respect within educational circles which has opened up different avenues of lobby but all this comes at a cost as councillors spend more time travelling to and attending meetings for the most part many miles from home. As usual the main expense of \$87,000.00 for the year was for Councillors to attend both State and Federal conference as well as delegations and other relevant meetings during the year. Insurance continues to be a large expense for the year at about \$12,000.00. For those of you who do not like wading through pages of figures in the audit report the graphs at the bottom of this document provide a snapshot of our main income and expenditure for the year ending 31st July 2016.

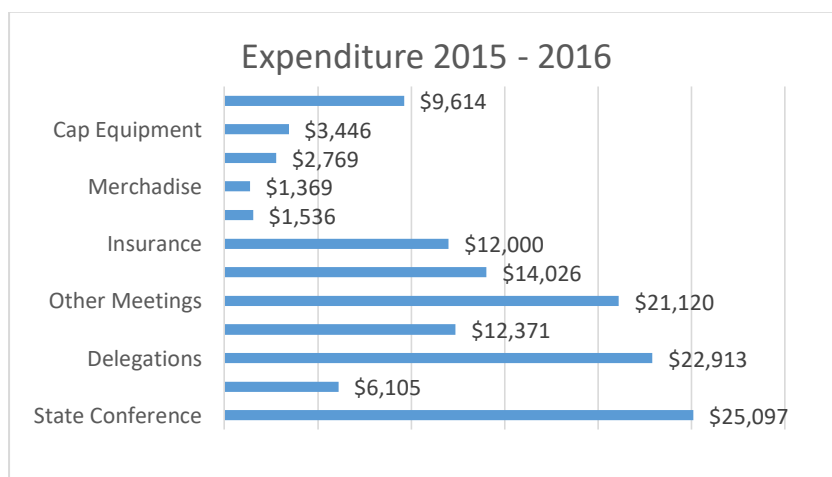
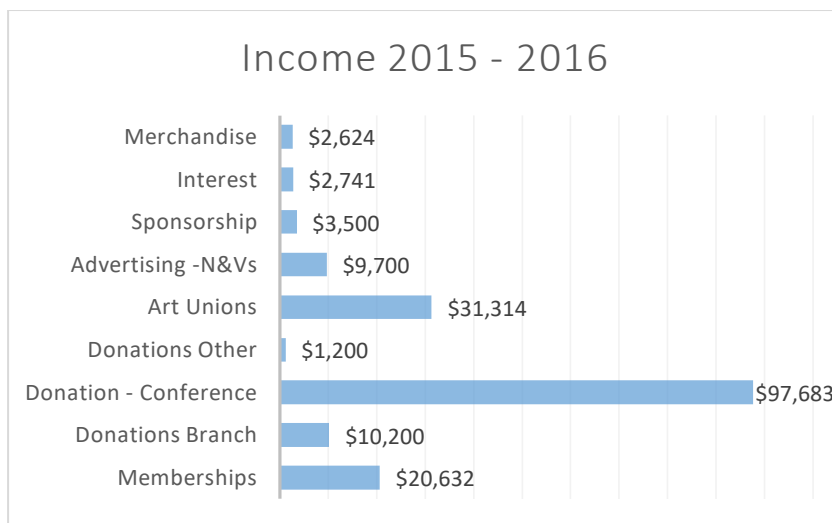
Our new News & Views Editor, Zabby Appleton, has stepped into the role quietly and competently and has continued to put together an informative and interesting magazine each quarter for members. She has also retained advertising in our magazine, which is mainly taken up by boarding schools, which brings down the printing and distribution costs of News & Views. 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 – there have been a lot of them.

The State Treasurer is also the Risk Management officer so if you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me for help. Please get RM forms in 2 weeks prior to your event and ensure the most recent Risk Management form is used as this reflects the information we need to satisfy our insurance cover. If in doubt, please email the treasurer for the updated version before holding an event.

Finally, I would like to thank all those in ICPA who have helped make my job easier over the last 3 years, especially my fellow councillors for their support and friendship and of course the many branch executives who work behind the scenes to keep things ticking over at branch level. Due to the timing of conference it has been a very tight turn around for the audit again this year so I would like to thank Paula Brun from Central Western Taxation Services in Longreach for getting our audit completed in time for conference.

Thank you Madam President, I would like to move my report for adoption.

Mrs Sue Pegler



FEDERAL COUNCIL REPORT

Mrs. Patricia Mitchell OAM Patron of ICPA Qld, Mrs Rose Philp Qld Life Member, Qld ICPA President Mrs. Kim Hughes, Mr. David Littleproud Federal Member for Maranoa, Mr. Scott Buchholz Federal Member for Wright, Ms Tracy Davis, Shadow Minister for Education, Mr. Lachlan Millar State Member for Groom (and his wife Peta Millar), Ms Verity Barton State Member for Broadwater (Gold Coast), Qld State Council, fellow members and distinguished guests.

I'd like to first of all congratulate Kristy Sparrow and the convening Alpha branch on bringing us together here in Alpha for such a great conference. Well done.

Thank you for the opportunity to update members and guests on the work of Federal Council. A lot has happened since I last spoke to Qld members at last year's Qld Conference in Cloncurry. Despite a federal government leadership change soon after the last Queensland Conference, two Cabinet reshuffles and recently an extended federal election all occurring within twelve months, we've been able to keep ICPA out in front of those in government and our issues talked about. Federal Council continues to work closely with the federal government and other organisations striving to continue to build relationships so that we are able to put forward our issues and explain the challenges our rural and remote students and their families face.

Federal Council have tried a few new ways to pursue this and we've also worked very closely on several issues with all of the state councils. We thank Queensland Council, as well as the other states for their support and efforts in these collaborations. I'd also like to thank our members for their contact and contributions, case studies and response to our surveys. Having your comment and input has been a tremendous help and gives ICPA Councils widespread feedback which stands us in good stead when speaking with others and putting forward our issues. Because of the participation of our members, Federal Council's Distance Education Teaching Allowance Survey, collection of case studies in the areas of Communications and Tertiary Study and the Boarding School Survey, all undertaken in the last ten months, have been extremely beneficial and very well received by those we have presented them to during delegations and further afield.

At the recent 45th annual Federal Conference held in Perth on August 10 and 11, members, delegates and guests were warmly welcomed by the Western Australian Convening committee as they made their way from all over the country to discuss our issues, debate the motions and share information. 140 motions were presented at the conference, which indicates that there are still many concerns that our members wish to raise regarding equity of access to education for our rural and remote children. After the conference AGM elections, I was honoured to remain your Federal President for another year. Kate Thompson continues as Vice President, Jane Morton as Federal Secretary and Nikki Macqueen as Publicity Officer. Kate Gray was elected Federal Treasurer and Emily Gardner Assistant Secretary. Councillors re-elected were Lynise Conaghan, Joanna Gibson and Jane O'Brien and Judy Sinclair-Newton continues as Immediate Past President. Two new councillors, Beck Britton from Queensland and Ameer Porter from the Northern Territory, were elected to Federal Council and two others, Sally Sullivan from the Northern Territory and Jean Cashmore from Western Australia, joined Federal Council shortly after the conference by way of co-opting, giving us a nearly full Federal Council and representatives from all member states.

Three councillors retired from Council at the conference, Anita Dennis, Tracie Blair and Joanne Murphy, all of whom will be sorely missed as each of these ladies brought something special to our Federal Council team. We thank them all for their time and contributions in their work on Federal Council.

Congratulations were also expressed at the conference as previous ICPA Federal President Roxanne Morrissey, who served on Federal Council for thirteen years, was presented with a surprise Federal Life Membership.

Some of the issues that were reiterated at the Federal Conference were:

- The failure of the Assistance for Isolated Children Allowance (AIC) to keep pace with the true cost of boarding;
- The enormous impact that the lack of affordable, adequate and reliable internet is having on families, distance education and small schools;
- Concern for the continuation of funding for mobile playgroup services and difficulties in accessing early childhood care in rural and remote areas;
- Lack of recognition of the work and commitment of distance education tutors in home schoolrooms across Australia.

ICPA (Aust) continues to look at new ways to get the message out about the pursuit of equity of access to education. At the conference, a new Distance Education Resource Video created by Federal Council was launched. The video shows the role Home Tutors play in the distance education classroom and stars two of our Queensland families, the Lockes and Hacons from the north west of the state. The video was received extremely well and amassed an incredible 26000 views in just a few days after it was first shown at conference. If you haven't seen it yet, the video is available on the ICPA website or on the ICPA Australia Facebook page.

Another approach saw post cards highlighting the Distance Education Teaching Allowance lobby given out to all conference delegates and a chance to support the lobby by signing and sending the cards to the Ministers of Education, Social Services and Women was offered to members. Postcards have been included in the outer wrapping of the next issue of Pedals also and we hope readers from all over Australia will support us by posting them. Federal Council has some of the postcards with us here if members would like to sign and send them. Councillor Kate Gray and myself will be in attendance throughout the conference so please find us through the breaks. We thank Hughenden branch for supporting this initiative and sponsoring the first batch of the postcards ordered.

Thanks to the efforts of our Publicity Officer Nikki Macqueen, we've had quite a bit of media coverage this year including a story on the cost that boarding school bears on families which aired on ABC's Landline back in April. The federal conference generated even more interest in ICPA and our members' issues. Quite a few media requests followed - including a feature article in QANTAS' on board travel magazine "Spirit" which is due for release on November 1st reaching 2.3 million passengers each month. We thank all of our members who have participated in interviews and generously given of their time, sharing their stories to help get the message out there.

Some pretty exciting developments have happened for our rural and remote families over the course of the year and there is cause to celebrate.

Federal Councilors were very excited to be in Canberra when the passing of the Bill that brought about significant changes to Youth Allowance was announced last November. The changes which included the removal of the family assets and means testing from the eligibility criteria, have made Youth Allowance more available to many rural and remote students and enabled some of them a form of financial assistance to attend university, where before the family farm or business often prevented this. That means more of our children are able to get to university! This was a huge win, as all levels of ICPA, Federal, State and Branch members have been advocating for these changes for many years and worked together to achieve this outcome.

nbn's Sky Muster education service is another accomplishment for members. While the nbn rollout has not gone as smoothly as most would like, having a separate internet service for education so that families no longer have to divide essential data between home, business, staff and schooling, is something that has not been available before. ICPA Australia continues to work with the Communications Ministers, nbn, the Distance Education Broadband Working Group and others, including Better Internet for Rural Remote and Regional Australia (BIRRR) on the rollout and difficulties faced.

Leading up to the federal election, Federal Council put forward an election strategy designed around a calculator and urged federal candidates to "Do the Maths". Two weeks before the election a media release entitled "Where's the Rural Education Conversation?" was sent out urging our nation's leaders in the various parties to indicate their plans for ensuring all rural and remote children have equitable access to education. That was June 20th.....

On June 22, Deputy Prime Minister, the Honorable Barnaby Joyce, announced during a televised session at The Press Club that the Coalition would commit to:

1. ***\$44.7 million towards isolated children, which includes an increase of 50 percent to the Assistance for Isolated Children's (AIC) Additional Boarding Allowance to bring this assistance more in line with the costs of education for isolated families.*** The Additional Boarding Allowance is the means-tested portion of the AIC Boarding Allowance
2. ***\$83 million to reduce the period students need to be employed under the self-supporting criteria under Youth Allowance and ABSTUDY living allowance from 18 months to 14 months for regional and remote students.*** This will mean that a student is able to meet the relevant earnings criteria to prove independence within one GAP year, as opposed to having to work for longer and delay their university commencement as previously has been the case.
3. ***\$24 million for 1,200 new Rural and Regional Enterprise scholarships for undergraduate, postgraduate and vocational education students to undertake STEM studies.*** The scholarships will be valued at up to \$20,000 each.
4. ***An independent comprehensive review into equity of educational access for rural and regional students to seek fresh ideas and thinking in order to bridge the divide.***

Pretty amazing. Look at those figures. Election commitments are pretty rare for rural and remote education and this is possibly one of the biggest announcements for our geographically isolated children in a long time. We thank the Coalition Government for making this announcement and commitment to rural and remote education. It has been extremely encouraging to see geographically isolated students supported in this way.

It has been a very long time since rural and remote education has received so much direct attention - the Youth Allowance changes, the Sky Muster education service and these election promises, as well as the developments in Queensland regarding educational drought assistance, Living Away from Home Allowance and kindergarten programs, are achievements well worth celebrating.

A small group of councillors attended delegations in Canberra just last week, which was the first sitting week of the new 45th Parliament to ensure that ICPA was involved in discussions right from the onset of this new government and to follow up on these election commitments made to geographically isolated children.

Australians are taking interest and wanting to see things improved for those living in the bush. Over the past twelve months, Federal Council has had the opportunity to work with people in government who also truly want to see changes made and it is testimony to this with the attendance of two Federal Members of Parliament, Mr. Scott Buchholz and Mr. David Littleproud, here at the Queensland State Conference alongside state representatives. We appreciate you both attending and listening to the issues brought forward by our members.

In the past year, Federal Council has seen a change in the meetings we have with government. Our visits to Canberra have had a different tone. We've been able to move on from just pounding the pavement in Parliament House and "busking" our issues, trying to convince government that these are worthy of attention, and instead seeing a new level of commitment by some to "make things happen" with regards to rural and remote education. Many of our discussions now revolve around exploring solutions- what can be done and how can it be done. It has been inspirational to meet with some of these people in government who want to listen and investigate what can be done around the issues facing families trying to educate their children and living outside of the cities. It's reassuring to see some of our government leaders so determined and passionate about trying to improve things.

While discussing our issues and the areas that still require change, I'd like to encourage us all to remember to also bring forward solutions to be explored as well as thanks and appreciation for the recognition and support our rural and remote children are receiving on some fronts.

ICPA is reaching goals and with the help of members and those we work with, we can continue to muster the opportunities for our rural and remote children so that they can succeed no matter where they live.

Mrs Wendy Hick President ICPA Australia

Vote of Thanks to Retiring Councillors



Mrs REBECCA GREENWAY

From 1 second generation councillor to another, congratulations Rebecca Greenway on your 3 years on State Council. You have put a huge amount of effort in to ICPA over the years in particular your portfolios of Specific Needs and Schools. Your vast experience and knowledge of the health system has been a great asset for all of us to draw on.

Bec came on to council in Toowoomba along with Jacqui Beale, Nat Kenny, Emma Turner and myself. We all had Wendy Hick as our mentor and she took us capably under her wing, guided us and nurtured us – giving us confidence to strive for the best. Bec immediately took on the Special Needs portfolio and using her intimate knowledge of Queensland's health system was able to pick up and run with it with little difficulty.

Little did Bec realise that almost immediately after she stepped onto council she was to learn that her and husband Dugald were expecting their 4th child, the gorgeous Hudson. With two children at boarding school and Dugald and another two at home, it has been a testament of Bec's dedication to, and Dugald's support of, the cause that saw her take it all in her stride, with a little assistance from her mother, the amazing Margie Greenway, former State President.

Now that Bec is a VIP in Augathella having taken on the DON's job at the Augathella hospital the time has come to retire from state council.

Bec's thoughtful insights and use of big words will be sorely missed by all of us on council. Thank you Bec for all your hard work and I don't know how I will manage in those meetings without you when I might need to step out at no moments notice!!!

Mrs Louise Martin

Mrs SUE PEGLER

I have been given the job of farewelling our wonderful Treasurer, Sue. Sue has been on council for three years, stepping on at the Toowoomba conference. In that time, she has quietly done her job very, very well. She has usually known the answer to any question asked of her, and if she can't answer it, she gets back to you very quickly with a response. Sue is organised and diligent which has meant the job she has done has been spot on.

Back when I first approached Sue about taking on Treasurer, she said she would do it for a few years and that she thought she could handle the task – she sure has done that very well!

Her Winton branch are very proud of her representation on state council – they know how good she is – and they wanted me to acknowledge this for them, publicly.

Thank you Sue for your years of commitment to the Treasurers position. You will be missed.

Mr Andrew Pegler

Mrs CATHIE FERNIE

This year we are saying goodbye to a few councillors as they step off council and move onto new things. This afternoon, I would like to ask Cathie to come up here on to the stage. Cathie Fernie joined Council at Cloncurry and has very confidently and diligently taken on the portfolio of Tertiary, Trade and Training or triple 'T' as we call it and council will like to thank you Cath for your valuable contribution and we wish your next step.

Mrs Natalie Kenny

CONFERENCE OPENING ADDRESS

Good morning Madam President, Patron Trish Mitchell, Qld councillors, delegates and guests
Thank you for the invitation to open this 45th Conference of ICPA-Qld. It is a great honour and privilege to do so.

Earlier this year I was told that Alpha Branch was hosting this year's conference. "Great" I thought; "Fantastic of a small Branch to take on the job. I wonder where it will be thinking perhaps Emerald, Rockhampton or may be Yeppoon". When I learnt that they were holding it in Alpha, I thought "YES. This will be one fantastic conference." Then I read where the mid-year meeting was held in Burketown and realised that ICPA is alive and strong." Congratulations Kim and State Council for making the effort and having the courage to believe in and support our small, remote communities.

There is no greater lesson than to experiencing a situation to help you understand some of the issues of living there. This brings me to a story from the Birdsville conference held in 1989. Whether it was the uniqueness of the venue or the support that ICPA received in those days from government, but a plane arrived from the city with minister, media and government officials on board. The minister was observed walking in with the newspaper tucked under his arm when a certain local walked past and asked if it was 'today's paper?' The story goes that he relieved the Minister of it and auctioned it off under the title "Today's paper TODAY in Birdsville" bringing in bids of well over \$100. Now I bet that Minister and plane full of officials never ever looked at the daily paper again without realising that it was an unheard of luxury in remote Australia. A lesson to them all of the tyranny of distance.

Likewise, I know that the Alpha Branch is passionate about fixing the "digital divide" so I am hoping that by hosting this conference and allowing guests and visitors to firsthand experience your everyday frustrations that you will educate and make those outside the bush understand the harsh reality of telecommunications (or the lack thereof) in rural and remote areas.

It is also heartening to learn that Alpha is still part of an ICPA initiative, bypassing, which, under certain guidelines, allows a choice to an appropriate education for rural and remote students. When this was first discussed back in 2001, this community carefully considered all options before opting in. The then ICPA President, Jack Beach was gruelled at the consultation meeting by one of the local Councillors, Jack Dillon, who asked many questions to ensure that this was in the best interest of his local community.

There is much background work that goes on at conference. When I joined state council in 1998, it is best to describe my computer skills as non-existent. After taking over the role of State Secretary at the 2000 conference, I headed home with a car loaded to the hilt with filing cabinet, photocopier, laptop and enough other office gear to scare the wits off anybody. Then President Jack Beach casually informed me that the laptop would become my filing cabinet and all the other gear would be unnecessary. Little did he know that I didn't even know how to turn the laptop on let alone use it. I will always be grateful to my predecessor Judy Treloar who had set it up in a very logical method, and for Jack's never-ending patience and faith as State Council warily embraced the IT era.

Back then all new Councillors were expected to do a stint on the minutes table at conference. This involved reams of paper, much physical cutting and pasting and at times, the halting of conference while the minutes table caught up. Each motion was on a separate page, had to be renumbered in the order it was debated, recorded who moved & seconded, if it was passed, amended, lost, lay on the table etc. After conference, this pile of paper was then put together to become the conference

minutes. God help you if anything was out of order! One conference, during much passionate debate, delegates were debating an amended motion with two other amendments foreshadowed when a fourth amendment was proposed. By this time, the minutes table threw their hands in the air and more or less threatened to walk out. Later we introduced a system where all amendments had to be written out in triplicate (one for the minutes table, one for the data projector operator and one for the top table) and handed in before the amendment could be debated. Amendments halved that year when the mover faced the paper work instead of the minutes table!

Faced with this success, the following conference we “tried” the electronic recording of the minutes. With a confident, computer savvy councillor, a borrowed laptop and two floppy discs with all the motions already on them and set out to a certain template, a back-up paper list of the numbering of order of each motion and who moved and seconded it, we heaved a huge sigh of relief at the end of the first day of conference when it had all gone smoothly. Conference dinner was to be in the hall where conference was held so everything was packed up and we retired to the bar for a well earned drink. The next morning, those two floppy discs had both mysteriously disappeared. Not a good start into the electronic recording of the minutes! Much later in the day, after the minutes had been redone from the scant paper notes, we received a phone call from another Councillor who had been called away urgently during the night and yes, guess what he had found in his satchel – the missing floppy discs!!

It has always amused me that somehow I seem to have been credited with moving ICPA into the computer age.....I who still shudder if I have to use the computer for more than an electronic typewriter.

Sadly, looking at the list of delegates one could almost think that it was a CWA conference. Where are all the Dad's? I know the past few years have been horrendous (to say the least) for most of rural Queensland but what can be more important than the education of your children, our most valuable resource. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see more fathers involved and on State Council; they do see things from a different perspective as well as can sometimes add a calming influence to passionate debate!

The powerful influence that you, delegates, hold over the next two days as you debate and inform conference of the issues of importance must not be taken lightly. Each motion that you pass forms policy for the next 12 months. Think carefully about each issue. Is it worthy of your vote? How could the matter be taken forward by State Council? You really are the VIPs here – without you, this conference would simply not go ahead. If the President suddenly took ill, then the Vice Presidents would step in, likewise if any of the councillors had to leave suddenly, their presence would be covered by others. The departure of the Convenor might cause a major panic but I am sure the Branch would cope and we would all still be fed and have a bed to sleep in tonight. Guests and guest speakers are an important part of conference but conference would still go ahead if they were unable to attend. BUT if no delegates attended, well there would be no conference so in my eyes that makes you the most important people here – the VIPs! Use that responsibility wisely over the coming two days and I challenge you not to go home with a necessary comment left unsaid or a question unasked. Be informed and share information.

It gives me great pleasure to declare this 45th conference of ICPA-Qld Inc open. May it be a productive and enjoyable two days for everyone.

Mrs Rosemary Philp Life member ICPA Qld Inc

ADDRESS IN REMEMBRANCE OF LADY PEARL LOGAN, MBE

Madam President, thank you for asking me to speak about our former member and wonderful early member who happened to die this year, Lady Pearl Logan, MBE.

Pearl who died on April the 19th at the age 91, has been described as one of the most influential contributors to the life in Queensland, a description I thoroughly endorse having known her for all those years. Born in Malanda and educated at Blackheath Girls College in Charters Towers, Pearl was preparing to study at Queensland University in Brisbane in 1941, when the principal of Blackheath prevailed upon her to join the teaching staff at Blackheath to help fill the shortages caused by the war time enlistments. This experience was to be a great foundation for much of the campaigning she was to do in later life.

In 1944 Pearl married Douglas Logan on his return from service as a spitfire pilot in England. And it was at Richmond Downs where they moved and lived for more than 50 years that Pearl began to teach her children through the Queensland Primary Correspondence School and was confronted by the difficulties experienced by all women teaching their own children.

With her own experience as a teacher, she was confident that there had to be a better way and in consultation with other like-minded parents and educationalist, she was instrumental in the setting up of the first School of the Air in Queensland at Cloncurry in 1959 and in later years she was very instrumental in the founding of Queensland's second university in Townsville rather than in Toowoomba where it had been considered the next best place but she pointed out that there was a lot of Queensland north of Toowoomba. Then later she was also instrumental in the setting up of the medical school in that university.

Along the way there were many other organisations and causes which gained her invaluable support if she felt they advanced the welfare of people and communities in the regional and remote areas of Australia. One of these was the Isolated Children's Parents' Association. When ICPA was founded in Burke in 1971, Pearl was already working for children in remote areas through the CWA and the Bush Children's health scheme in Queensland. She immediately grasped the potential of the new organisation and supported it enthusiastically.

She was instrumental in the formation of a number of North Queensland branches including Richmond her hometown of which she was the inaugural president and was made a life member in 1984. In 1972 she was elected to the first federal council of ICPA which is almost unique in having begun as a federal organisation with state organisations and councils following, something I have always considered to be a great strength of the organisation.

In 1973, Pearl was elected to Queensland Council and was a Vice-President from 1974 to 1982. The wealth of knowledge, experience and the wide range of contacts she brought to the positions were invaluable to the fledgling organisation. Her experience networking in political and bureaucratic circles was a major factor in enabling the ICPA to be so successful so quickly in the implementation of its initial aims, thus the provision of a Living Away From Home Allowance set down as the number 1 aim of the new Federal Council on the 2nd of October 1971 was actually introduced as the Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme in January 1973, 18 months later. The process was expedited largely because of her powerful connections.

In 1975 while still serving as a member of both Federal and Queensland Councils, Pearl was awarded an MBE for notable services assisting children living in remote areas and for community services.

My first meeting with Pearl was at the 1974 Queensland Conference in Blackall, when I was a first time delegate from the quite newly formed Augathella Branch, and which I was the totally inexperienced President. Her support and encouragement then and over the ensuing years was of great assistance to me. She was a great moral model and I have in turn endeavoured to follow her example to not leave any stone unturned that might help benefit those people in rural and regional Australia who are in danger of being left behind in a rapidly changing society as they were in Pearl's day. She was consistently thinking of possible new projects or ways that might be of assistance in achieving those aims. We can draw strength and inspiration by reflecting on the courage and persistence of our predecessors.

Let's now pause for a minute's silence to honour the memory of Pearl's contribution to the achievements of ICPA.

Mrs Patricia Mitchell, OAM Patron ICPA Qld Inc

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTATION

Mrs CARMEL ELLIOTT by Mr Alex Stuart

Many people know Carmel Elliott either personally or by phone when ringing her to get help in solving their computer problems, or they have fallen for one of her many pranks, such as having their beds short-sheeted or having the contents of their suit cases changed.

Everyone has a special Carmel memory. Carmel has helped so many people with their computer and IT problems. I have rung her with a small problem and some of the calls have lasted for up to 2 hours. She came on council at Atherton State Conference in 2002.

One of the many cost saving things she did for council was when they were given about 1 dozen laptop computers and Carmel loaded all of them up with the necessary programs. She began her ICPA journey as Assistant Secretary with the communications between State Council and members was by and large paper based delivery by fax machine and telephones. Photo copies were relatively new and were affected by humidity and the auto pick up failed to work so she had to hand feed every page.

This was only one of the many problems Carmel took in her stride and covered. Believe it or not, Carmel had not quite finished her studies. Later this year she will finish her course in family history which she has found very interesting to say the least. Ladies and Gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to present to Carmel, on behalf of Qld ICPA a Certificate of Appreciation.



Kim Hughes, Kate Twist,
Carmel Elliott and
Alex Stuart



MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

I wish all delegates attending the 45th Annual State Conference of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA) Queensland a most productive and enjoyable time in Alpha.

Queenslanders deserve access to services no matter where they live. My strong personal belief that we are a government for all Queenslanders is one of the reasons I have made regional visits a priority.

As Premier, I have visited some of the most far flung areas of our vast State to hear firsthand the priorities, concerns and aspirations of Queenslanders from all walks of life.

I commend ICPA Queensland for the strong and professional representations you have made to governments over the years, and for your dedication in ensuring rural and remote students have equity of access to a continuing and appropriate education.

The Queensland Government recognises the significant challenges families face in rural and remote locations. For the 2016 school year, we provided a one-off five per cent increase to elements of the Living Away from Home Allowances Scheme to assist eligible families with the costs of educating students who must board away from home to attend school. As part of the 2016–17 State Budget, the Queensland Government has also allocated \$3.7 million to assist rural school students in drought-affected communities.

I wish your annual conference every success and I applaud you for your selfless efforts in improving educational opportunities and conditions for children in isolated areas of our State.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Annastacia Palaszczuk".

**ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND
MINISTER FOR THE ARTS**

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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. 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.
3. Re the sale of Merchandise, congratulations on making a larger profit than last year. All items purchased and sold could be identified after a little bit of investigation, congratulations must go to both Treasurers. The turnover of stock is reflected in your trading statement and you will see that stock is only replaced when required or new items are purchased. The Cards have been a great success.
4. 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.
5. 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.

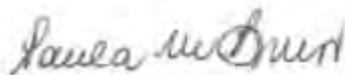
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6. This has been a very profitable year for the Association this is due to the large donation made by the previous Conference Committee congratulations, this has been a very challenging year and you have risen above adversity.

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,



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To the Members of the
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Scope

We have audited the accompanying financial report being a special purpose financial report of the **Isolated Children's Parent's Association Qld 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 and Certificate by Member of the Committee for the year ended **31 July 2016**.

The **Isolated Children's Parent's Association Qld 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 *Qld - 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 *Qld - Associations Incorporations Act 1981*.

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation

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 Parent's Association Qld Inc.** The **Isolated Children's Parent's Association Qld Inc.** has determined that it is impractical to establish control over the revenue received or that all services or goods paid have been utilised for the **Isolated Children's Parent's Association Qld 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 Parent's Association Qld Inc.**

Qualified 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 Parent's Association Qld Inc.** is in accordance with the constitution and the *Qld - Associations Incorporations Act 1981*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of **Isolated Children's Parent's Association Qld Inc.** financial position for the year end **31 July 2016** 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 *Qld - 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 Parent's Association Qld Inc.** reporting responsibilities under the *Qld - Associations Incorporations Act 1981*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

3 September 2016

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LONGREACH QLD 4730


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ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.

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Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 July 2016



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Committee's Report

For the year ended 31 July 2016

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC. for the financial year ended 31 July 2016.

Committee Members

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

Kim Hughes
Sue Pegler
Kate Twist
Tatmie Irons
Andrew Pegler
Louise Martin
Kim Donaldson
Gillian Semple
Zabby Appleton
Jacqui Beale
Natalie Kenny
Rebecca Greenway
Kylie Camp
Cathie Fernie
Wendy Henning
Kelly Ostwald
Suzi McQueen
Lynelle Urquhardt
Jeffery Little

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 profit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

Year ended	Year ended
31 July 2016	31 July 2015
\$	\$
39,597.58	(28,814.51)

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ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.

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Committee's Report

For the year ended 31 July 2016

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



Kim Hughes



Sue Pegler

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ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.

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Trading Account

For the year ended 31 July 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Trading Income		
Sales - Badges	36.36	31.82
Sale - Pens	87.27	21.82
Sales - Stubby Coolers		181.82
Sales - Coffee Mugs	207.27	254.55
Sales - Greeting Cards & Envelopes	930.91	1,603.64
Sales - USB Flash Drives	60.91	390.01
Sales - Lanyards	19.09	149.54
Sales - Smencils	10.91	5.45
Sales - Embossed Badges	29.09	
Sales - Recipe CD	4.55	
Sales - Aprons	409.09	163.64
Sales - Goats Milk Soap		13.64
Sales - Dennis Scanlon Book		81.82
Sales - Frames	63.64	159.09
Sales - Tea Towels		54.55
Sales - Tatto Sheets (Boys)	21.82	3.64
Sales - Tatto Sheets (Girls)	25.45	3.64
Sales - Notecards Pk 1 & 2	1,176.36	
Postage Paid	114.07	84.74
Total Trading Income	3,196.79	3,203.41

Cost of Sales

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Trading Account

For the year ended 31 July 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Add:		
Opening Stock	54.52	
Opening Stock - Badges	240.00	240.00
Opening Stock - Pens	113.43	143.28
Opening Stock - Coffee Mugs	1,351.27	1,566.81
Opening Stock - Stubby Coolers		630.00
Opening Stock - Greetings Cards	340.40	196.10
Opening Stock - USB Flash Drive	772.74	1,035.09
Opening Stock - Lanyards	302.75	390.25
Opening Stock - Smencils	45.60	68.40
Opening Stock - Embossed Badges	855.12	855.12
Opening Stock - Woodframe & Logo	25.14	50.28
Opening Stock - Tea Towels		21.84
Opening Stock - Goats Milk Soap		9.00
Opening Stock - Dennis Scanlon Book	27.50	
Opening Stock - Tattoo Sheets (Boys)	27.50	
Purchases - Greeting Cards and Envelopes		948.18
Purchases - Aprons	333.33	141.79
Purchases - Wooden Frames		70.90
Purchases - Tattoo Sheets (Boys)		30.00
Purchases - Tattoo Sheets (Girls)		30.00
Purchases - Note Cards Pk 1 & 2	960.75	
Purchases - Bush Kids Books	136.36	
	<u>5,586.41</u>	<u>6,427.04</u>

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ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.

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Trading Account

For the year ended 31 July 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Less:		
Closing Stock - Badges	210.00	240.00
Closing Stock - Pens	95.52	113.43
Closing Stock - Coffee Mugs	1,218.63	1,351.27
Closing Stock - Greeting Cards		340.40
Closing Stock - USB Flash Drives	744.12	772.74
Closing Stock - Lanyards	292.25	302.75
Closing Stock - Smencils		45.60
Closing Stock - Embossed Badges	834.76	855.12
Closing Stock - Handtowels	95.41	54.52
Closing Stock - Woodframe & logo		25.14
Closing Stock - Tattoo Sheets (Boys)	12.50	27.50
Closing Stock - Tattoo Sheets (Girls)	10.00	27.50
Closing Stock - Business Card Holders	55.89	
Closing Stock - Notecards Pk 1 & 2	387.00	
Closing Stock - Bush Kids Books	136.38	
	<u>4,092.46</u>	<u>4,155.97</u>
Cost of Sales	1,493.95	2,271.07
Gross Profit from Trading	<u>1,702.84</u>	<u>932.34</u>

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ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.

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Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 31 July 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Income		
Trading profit	1,702.84	932.34
Advertising	9,700.00	4,850.00
Sponsorship	3,500.00	6,500.00
Donations - Branches	11,200.00	2,400.00
Donations - Other	250.00	14,017.00
Donations - Conference Branch	97,683.63	23,000.00
Fundraising - Art Union Ticket Sales	18,934.00	19,380.00
Fundraising - Minor Art Union, Raffle et	11,740.90	11,799.05
Interest received - WBC General Account	35.56	38.53
Interest Received - WBC Fundraising Acct	9.76	23.57
Interest Received - WBC Term Deposit	1,733.15	
Interest Received - WBC Maxi Acct	963.02	2,152.34
Subscriptions	20,621.65	19,997.94
News and Views Subscriptions	250.00	240.00
Total income	<u>178,324.51</u>	<u>105,330.77</u>
Expenses		
Archival Information		50.00
Audit fees	2,769.00	2,774.50
Badges & Certificates	377.40	308.55
Bank Fees And Charges	263.89	182.25
Federal Conference Expenses		
Federal Conference Exps- Registrations	900.00	3,150.00
Federal Conference Exps - Travel & Accom	2,943.25	6,686.84
Federal Conference - Incidentals	389.55	155.91
Federal Conference - Kilometric Travel	1,872.65	333.89
State Conference Expenses - Registration	5,383.95	9,681.81
State Conference Expenses - Other		
State Conference Exps - Gifts	235.00	
State Conference Exps - Guest Speaker et	1,763.73	3,279.28
State Conference Exps - Incidentals	100.00	1,635.54
State Conference Exps - Patron's Expense		309.09

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Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 31 July 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
State Conference Exps - Minutes	796.81	745.45
State Conference Expenses - Travel etc	17,682.14	17,194.01
Other Conferences	1,851.41	227.27
Delivery	46.00	
Depreciation - other	2,467.00	3,128.00
Gifts and Floral Tributes	430.36	604.17
Hire/rent of Plant & Equipment	200.00	
Insurance - Liability	11,976.63	11,976.63
Internet Expenses	93.50	367.85
Licences, Registrations, Permits - Incor	49.95	48.25
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	14.22	265.86
Meeting Expenses		
Meeting Expenses - Allowance Meals	1,877.45	1,345.45
Meeting Expenses - Hire Expenses	253.75	
Meeting Expenses - Kilometric Travel	13,167.84	7,660.35
Meeting Expenses - Meals & Accommodation	19,204.81	14,633.82
Meeting Expenses - Taxi	2,059.84	2,308.76
Meeting Expenses - Travel	18,216.59	16,510.95
Meeting Expenses - Incidental Expenses	1,707.10	1,953.91
Meeting Expenses - Tele & Internet		45.45
Memberships	200.00	
News & Views Magazines	9,626.60	8,298.43
Postage	5,936.34	4,840.26
Pre-Services Teacher Resources	252.73	
Publicity & Promotion	358.18	1,907.53
Raffle & Minor Art Union - Tickets	1,614.28	1,141.17
Raffle & Minor Art Union - Prizes Purch	8,000.00	7,150.00
Repairs & maintenance - Computer Etc		
Repairs & maintenance - Computer	43.18	150.00
Replacements Equipment	35.45	300.91
Sponsorship	300.00	
Stationary and Office Supplies	1,431.65	1,346.05
Subscriptions & Publications	29.00	98.18
Telephone - Phone and Facsimile	22.73	148.91
Workshops & Training	64.32	1,200.00
Web & App Expenses	1,718.65	

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ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.

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Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 31 July 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Total expenses	138,726.93	134,145.28
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	39,597.58	(28,814.51)
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit attributable to the association	39,597.58	(28,814.51)
Total changes in equity of the association	39,597.58	(28,814.51)
Opening retained profits	149,154.52	177,969.03
Net profit attributable to the association	39,597.58	(28,814.51)
Closing retained profits	188,752.10	149,154.52

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ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.

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Detailed Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
Cash At Bank - General Account		13,127.71	9,930.19
Cash at Bank - Fundraising Account		12,785.38	19,086.24
Maxi Investment		52,579.30	111,621.28
Term Deposit 24 2432		101,733.15	
Pay Pal Account		87.36	
Cash on hand - Fundraising Petty Cash		200.00	200.00
		<u>180,512.90</u>	<u>140,837.71</u>
Inventories			
Stock on Hand - Badges		210.00	240.00
Stock on Hand - Pens		95.52	113.43
Stock on Hand - Coffee Mugs		1,218.63	1,351.27
Stock on Hand - Greeting Cards			340.40
Stock on Hand - USB Flash Drive		744.12	772.74
Stock on Hand - Lanyards		292.25	302.75
Stock on Hand - Smencils			45.60
Stock on Hand - Emblem Badges		834.76	855.12
Stock on Hand - Aprons		95.41	54.52
Stock on Hand - Woodframe & Logo			25.14
Stock on Hand - Tatto Sheets (Boys)		12.50	27.50
Stock on Hand - Tattoo Sheets (Girls)		10.00	27.50
Stock on Hand - Business Cards		55.89	
Stock on Hand - Notecards Pk 1 & 2		387.00	
Stock on Hand - Bush Kids Books		136.38	
		<u>4,092.46</u>	<u>4,155.97</u>
Current Tax Assets			
GST payable control account		683.87	1,693.39
GST payable adjustment control account		1,281.52	1,331.93
		<u>1,965.39</u>	<u>3,025.32</u>
Total Current Assets		186,570.75	148,019.00

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Detailed Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment			
Plant & equipment - at cost		21,742.55	22,456.53
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(17,506.55)	(19,185.67)
		<u>4,236.00</u>	<u>3,270.86</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>4,236.00</u>	<u>3,270.86</u>
Total Assets		<u>190,806.75</u>	<u>151,289.86</u>
Current Liabilities			
Payables			
Unsecured:			
Trade creditors		60.75	
		<u>60.75</u>	
Financial Liabilities			
Unsecured:			
iCPA Qld Inc. - Mastercard		230.00	371.44
		<u>230.00</u>	<u>371.44</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>290.75</u>	<u>371.44</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>290.75</u>	<u>371.44</u>
Net Assets		<u>190,516.00</u>	<u>150,918.42</u>

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ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.

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Detailed Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2016

	Note	2016	2015
		\$	\$
Members' Funds			
Reserves			
General reserve		1,763.90	1,763.90
Accumulated surplus (deficit)		188,752.10	149,154.52
Total Members' Funds		190,516.00	150,918.42

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ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.
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Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 31 July, 2016

	DISPOSAL			ADDITION			DEPRECIATION			PROFIT		LOSS	
	Total	Priv	CWDTV	Date	Cost	Value	Rate	Deprec	Priv	CWDTV	Uptd + Above	Total	Priv
Plant & Equipment													
2 Electric Stapler (News and Views)	200	0.00	0	0	0	0	7.50	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Microfilm Reader (News and Views)	350	0.00	0	0	0	0	10.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Rapid 100E Electric Stapler	350	0.00	0	0	0	0	15.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Microfilm Records	600	0.00	600	0	0	500	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
34 Canon BJC65 Printer	374	0.00	1	31/07/10	0	0	37.50	0	0	0	0	0	0
44 Microcut Office	310	0.00	0	0	0	0	40.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 Canon F100	60	0.00	2	31/07/16	0	0	30.00	1	0	0	0	0	0
46 Teleconference Headsets	716	0.00	16	0	0	16	50.00	8	0	0	0	0	0
47 Teleconference Headsets	611	0.00	12	0	0	12	30.00	4	0	0	0	0	0
53 Canon PC900 Photocopier	363	0.00	11	0	0	11	50.00	5	0	0	0	0	0
60 Removable Hammer System	609	0.00	168	0	0	168	15.00	25	0	143	5	0	0
67 Dell Inspiron Laptop	1,122	0.00	0	31/07/16	0	0	60.07	0	0	0	0	0	0
68 Retractable Banner 2nd	608	0.00	224	0	0	224	15.00	34	0	195	0	0	0
62 Dell Latitude E5500, Dual-4G Modem, USB	1,189	0.00	3	31/07/16	0	0	60.07	3	0	0	0	0	0
63 Samsung R540-J001AU Notebook + warranty	991	0.00	8	0	0	8	60.07	3	0	2	0	0	0
64 Black Notebook Bag	28	0.00	0	0	0	0	100.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 DU-502M USB External Mouse	64	0.00	0	31/07/16	0	0	100.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
66 Microsoft Home & Business 2010 software	245	0.00	0	0	0	0	100.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
67 Quicken accounting 2010/11 software	201	0.00	0	31/07/16	0	0	100.00	0	0	0	0	0	0

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 31 July, 2016

	Total	Priv	OWNDV	DISPOSAL		ADDITION		DEPRECIATION		CWDV	PRFIT	LOBS	
				Date	Consd	Date	Cost	Value T	Rate			Deprec	Up/ls + Above
66 Toshiba L6500i02V Laptop	635	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	6.0	66.67	2	0	0	0
69 Toshiba L7500i0K	617	0.00	10	31/07/16	0	0	10.0	66.67	7	0	0	3	0
5NBB436340W													
70 Toshiba L7500i0K	517	0.00	10	31/07/16	0	0	10.0	66.67	7	0	0	3	0
5NBB436340W													
71 Ricoh Aficio Multifunction 2N 50019300404	2,000	0.00	408		0	0	408.0	40.00	180	0	0	0	0
73 Toshiba Satellite UltraBook P5LUA8A	603	0.00	48		0	0	48.0	66.67	32	0	0	0	0
74 Toshiba Satellite Pro F74G2	608	0.00	56		0	0	56.0	66.67	37	0	0	0	0
75 Canon EOS 5000 and Lens 18-20mm Camera	800	0.00	447		0	0	447.0	20.00	89	0	0	0	0
76 HP Photomart 5625 Injet Printer	70	0.00	23		0	0	23.0	40.00	9	0	0	0	0
77 Rapid 60EC Electro Staples	454	0.00	163		0	0	163.0	40.00	65	0	0	0	0
78 ICMA Flags	0	0.00	0		0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
79 Reckitt	0	0.00	0		0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
80 Toshiba Satellite Laptop C6600-A	844	0.00	94		0	0	94.0	66.67	50	0	0	0	0
81 HP Deskjet 3520SN	52	0.00	25		0	0	25.0	40.00	10	0	0	0	0
82 Toshiba Satellite 500-A No 1	810	0.00	127		0	0	127.0	66.67	89	0	0	0	0
83 Toshiba Satellite 500-A No 2	815	0.00	127		0	0	127.0	66.67	85	0	0	0	0
84 Toshiba Satellite 500-A No 3	815	0.00	127		0	0	127.0	66.67	85	0	0	0	0
85 Toshiba Satellite 500-A No 4	815	0.00	127		0	0	127.0	66.67	85	0	0	0	0
86 Toshiba Satellite 550-A No 5	815	0.00	127		0	0	127.0	66.67	89	0	0	0	0
87 Toshiba Satellite 500-10028	999	0.00	303		0	0	303.0	66.67	202	0	0	0	0

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Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 31 July, 2016

	Total	Prv	OWDV	DISPOSAL			ADDITION			DEPRECIATION			Prv	CWDV	PROFIT		LOSS	
				Date	Condid	Diff	Cost	Value	Rate	Deprec	Uplo	Above			Total	Prty		
85 Toaliba Satellite L500-C (1)	680	0.00	0	0	03/11/15	680	0	68.07	337	0	343	0	0	0	0	0	0	
90 Toaliba Satellite L500-C (2)	680	0.00	0	0	03/11/15	680	0	68.07	337	0	343	0	0	0	0	0	0	
91 Toaliba Satellite L500-C (3)	680	0.00	0	0	03/11/15	680	0	68.07	337	0	343	0	0	0	0	0	0	
92 Asus P55LJ-00007T M3 X154	680	0.00	0	0	08/05/16	680	0	0.00	0	0	680	0	0	0	0	0	0	
93 Leader Computers 552661 Notebook	726	0.00	0	0	10/02/16	726	0	68.07	229	0	407	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<u>35,900</u>		<u>3,287</u>			<u>3,448</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,713</u>	<u>3,487</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-4,295</u>							
								Debtcd Provision	0									
								Net Depreciation	<u>-3,487</u>									

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ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.

ABN 65 411 031 053

Statement by Members of the Committee

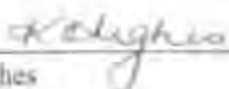
For the year ended 31 July 2016

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.

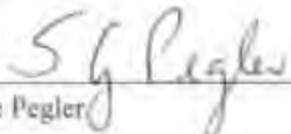
In the opinion of the Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC. as at 31 July 2016 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:



Kim Hughes
President



Sue Pegler
Treasurer

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.

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Certificate by Member of the Committee

For the year ended 31 July 2016

I, Kim Hughes of Richmond, and I, Sue Pegler of Winton certify that:

- a. We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on 7th September 2016 .
- b. The financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2016 were submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Dated



Kim Hughes
Committee Member



Sue Pegler
Committee Member

Note 1 to the financial statements

This special purpose financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members to fulfil the Committee of Management's financial reporting requirements under the **Isolated Children's Parent's Association Qld Inc.** constitution and the *Queensland Associations Incorporations Act 1981*. The accounting policies used in the preparation of this report, as described below, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of **Isolated Children's Parent's Association Qld Inc.** constitution and the *Queensland Associations Incorporations Act 1981* and with previous years, and are, in the opinion of the Committee of Management, appropriate to meet the needs of members.

- (a) The financial report has been prepared on a cash basis of accounting.
- (b) The requirements of Australian Accounting Standards and Statements of Accounting Concepts promulgated by the Certified Practising Accountants of Australia and The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia do not have mandatory applicability to the **Isolated Children's Parent's Association Qld Inc.** in relation to the year ended **31 July 2016**, because the entity is not a "reporting entity" as defined therein. The Committee of Management has, however, prepared the financial report in accordance with all Australian Accounting Standards Board with the following exceptions:
 - (i) Income Tax (AASB 112): the taxes payable method is used;
 - (ii) Depreciation (AASB 116): buildings are not depreciated and tax rate of depreciation are used for other non-current assets;
 - (iii) Leases (AASB 117): Finance leases have not been capitalised; and
 - (iv) Related Party Disclosures (AASB 124): there is no disclosure of transactions with related parties.

The requirements of Statements of Accounting Concepts have been complied with only to the extent that they coincide with the accounting policies described in this.



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02 August 2016

ISOLATED CHILDRENS 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 PARENT'S ASSOCIATION INC** as of and for the year ending **31 July 2016**. 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 *Associations Incorporations Act 1981* 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 *Associations Incorporations Act 1981* so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the **ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENT'S ASSOCIATION INC** Financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows to the members of the **ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENT'S 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.

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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 PARENT'S 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 PARENT'S 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.

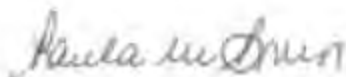
Other

This letter will be effective for the 2016 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.

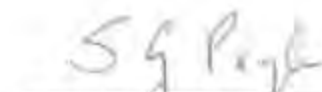
If you would like to discuss any matters in relation to the terms of our engagement or the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07 4658 2524.

Yours faithfully



CENTRAL WESTERN TAXATION SERVICES

Acknowledged on behalf of the **ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENT'S ASSOCIATION INC**



MRS SUE PEGLER

**ISOLATED CHILDRENS PARENTS
ASSOCIATION QLD INC**

"Alni"

Winton Qld 4735

02 August 2016

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 PARENT'S ASSOCIATION INC** for the year ended **31 July 2016** 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 PARENT'S ASSOCIATION 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 **ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENT'S ASSOCIATION 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 2015** 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

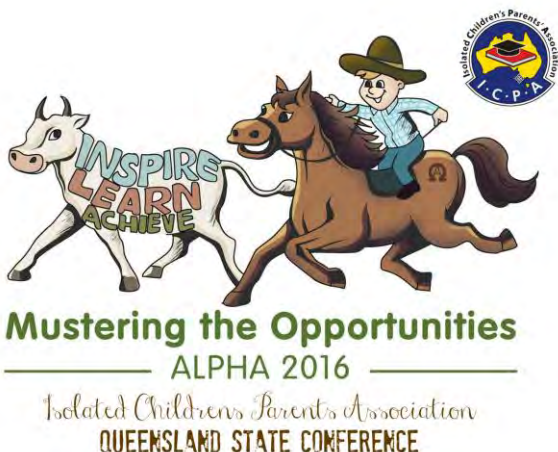
Date:

Signed:

Sg Pegler

MRS SUE PEGLER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



On behalf of ICPA Qld Inc. and the Alpha Branch, we would like to thank the following sponsors, businesses, and organisations for their co-operation and support of the 2016 Qld ICPA Conference, held in Alpha.

A special thanks to Clermont ICPA Branch for their financial contribution.

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The Convening Committee would also like to acknowledge and thank ICPA Qld Inc State Council 2016 for their help and support in preparation of this conference.

Alpha State Conference Convening Committee 2016



Kristy Sparrow, Anna Appleton, Angie Bettridge, Gayle Donaldson, Renae Kohler, Carole Lansdowne, Donna Donaldson, Loretta Goodwin, Vonda Kimber, Julie Bauman, Ang Mulcahy and Sarah Bridgeman

Thank you sincerely to the conference convening committee, volunteers and our amazing community. The dedication, organization and enthusiasm from such a talented group of women and their families has been incredible.

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