



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

Minutes of the Forty - Sixth Annual Conference  
8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

St George Cultural Centre  
**ST GEORGE, QLD**

**Hosted by: St George Branch  
Convenors: Mrs Michelle Freshwater  
and Mrs Wendy Henning**



### St George State Conference Convening Committee 2017

Michelle Freshwater, Wendy Henning, Tammie Irons, Brie Boyle, Lisa Southern,  
Vicki Priest, Sue Hurford, Sharon Schultz, Gabriele Underwood, Sally Rigney,  
Jennifer Schwennesen, Gaylene Stanford, Jacque Hemming, Rebecca Southern,  
Justin Schultz



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St George - 2017

ICPA QLD

## ICPA Qld Inc Executive 2016 - 2017



## 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ICPA STATE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**Registrations open at 2.00pm at Balonne Cultural Centre  
Pre-Conference Workshops**

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017

- 3.30pm 'iBrainMap' with Rita McInnes (RFDS Clinical Counsellor)
- 4.00pm 'Your Gut Defines Your Strut!' with Megan Watterston (Clinical Naturopath/Nutritionist)
- 5.30pm Delegates Workshop with Qld State Council
- 6.00pm Pre-Conference function and Lone Members Dart Competition

**Conference, Day 1****Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**

7.30am	Registrations open
<b>RFDS PitStop</b>	Operating prior to the start of conference. Doctors will be offering basic skin checks and skin awareness. Nurses will be offering blood pressure tests etc.
8.30am	President's Welcome
8.35am	<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b> performed by St George State School Senior Choir
8.40am	<b>Welcome to Conference</b> from Mr Richard Knights
8.50am	<b>Introduction of Branch Delegates, Qld Life Members, Executive Roll Call and Distribution of Voting Cards</b> <b>Confirmation of 2016 Alpha Minutes and Apologies</b>
9.00am	<b>OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE</b> His Excellency the Honourable Paul De Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland
9.05am	<b>Motions on Agenda</b>
9.25am	<b>Conference Arrangements</b> from Convenor
9.30am	<b>Morning Tea</b>
10.00am	<b>School performance</b> – Bollon State School
10.10am	<b>Acknowledgement of Guests</b>
10.15am	<b>President's Report</b>
10.25am	<b>Motions on the Agenda</b>
11.30am	<b>Keynote Address - JILL RIGNEY – The Right Mind International</b> <i>Nurturing the potential - the making of an adult</i>
12.30am	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>RFDS PitStop</b>	Operating during the lunchbreak. Doctors will be offering basic skin checks and skin awareness. Nurses will be offering blood pressure tests etc.
1.30pm	<b>School performance</b> – <i>Charleville School of Distance Education</i>
1.40pm	<b>Motions on the Agenda</b>
2.05pm	<b>Presentation</b>
2.10pm	<b>Guest Speaker – RITA McINNES – RFDS</b> <i>Taking Care of Mother Brain for Family Wellbeing</i>
2.45pm	<b>nbn™ Update and Q &amp; A</b> presented by Ryan Williams
3.10pm	<b>Motions on the Agenda</b>
3.25pm	<b>Presentation</b>
3.30pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
4.00pm	<b>School Performance</b> – St George High School Clarinet Quartet
4.10pm	<b>Motions on Agenda</b>
4.40pm	<b>Launch #iamICPA Campaign</b>
4.55pm	<b>Conference arrangements</b> from Convenor
5.00pm	<b>Conference adjourns</b>
6.30pm	<b>Pre-dinner drinks</b> – St George Showgrounds
7.00pm	<b>DENIM AND DIAMONDS CONFERENCE DINNER</b> The Pavilion, St George Showgrounds

## Conference, Day 2

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

7.00am	Registrations open (if required)
RFDS PitStop	Operating prior to the start of conference. Physiotherapists will be offering basic back health and awareness. Nurses will be offering blood pressure tests etc.
8.00am	Conference Resumes
	Delegates and Executive Roll Call and Distribution of Voting Cards
8.10am	Announcement of AGM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ICPA QLD INC
	- Secretary's Report
	- Treasurer's Report
	- AGM Motions
	Election of Office Bearers and Committee Patron of QLD ICPA, Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM
8.55am	Conference Arrangements from Convenor
9.00am	Presentation
9.05am	Motions on the Agenda
9.45am	Presentation – JACQUI WILTON and PHILLIP ANTHONY – QCAA and QTAC <i>Changes to Senior Assessment Information and Q&amp;A</i>
10.30am	Morning Tea
11.00am	School Performance – St Patrick's School Choir
11.10am	Presentation
11.15am	Motions on the Agenda
11.30am	Keynote Address – EMILY MARTIN – Local Author <i>'The Gift'</i>
12.30pm	Lunch
RFDS PitStop	Operating during the lunch break. Physiotherapists will be offering basic back health and awareness. Nurses will be offering blood pressure tests etc.
1.30pm	School Performance – St George State School Junior Choir
1.40pm	Presentation – DDSW Professional Learning Hub
1.50pm	Motions on the Agenda
3.20pm	Federal ICPA President's Report – presented by Mrs Wendy Hick
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea
4.00pm	Ballet Performance – Maranoa Performing Arts
4.10pm	Motions on the Agenda
4.50pm	Presentation to Convening Branch
5.00pm	Conference adjourns
6.30pm	Post Conference Dinner at Riversands Winery – bus available

*This program is subject to change at the discretion of the chair*

*Thank you for being here. Safe travels home.  
Wishing you all, Inspiration Through Education!*

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

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**CURRICULUM**

**49(S4) 50(S5)**

**DISTANCE EDUCATION**

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42(S9)**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD**

**58(S10) 59(S11)**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**51(A14) 52(A15) 53(A16) 54(S12) 55(S13) 56(S14) 57(S15)**

**SCHOOLS**

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11(S22) 68(F1)**

**SPECIFIC NEEDS**

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**TEACHER EDUCATION**

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**TERTIARY, TRADE & TRAINING**

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**TRAVEL**

**64(A30) 65(S33) 66(A31) 67(S34)**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**60(A32) 61(S35) 62(S36) 63(S37)**

**AGM**

**30(A33)**

**Conference Opened 8.37am**

Present:

Delegates.....61

Queensland Councillors.....14

Life Members/Patron.....1

Federal Councillors.....2

**Total Voting Delegates.....78**

Observers.....31

Guests.....122

**Total Attendance.....231**

All stand 8.30am

**Governor Of Queensland – His Excellency the  
Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, and Mrs de Jersey****Welcome to Dignitaries, Guests and Delegates***Mrs Kim Hughes***National Anthem – St George State School Choir**Vote of Thanks by *Mrs Kim Hughes***Welcome to Conference – Mr Richard Knights**

ICPA Qld Inc Past Councillor and State President

**Executive & Delegates Roll Call - Mrs Gillian Semple  
Distribution of Voting Cards****Apologies**Moved: *Mrs Gillian Semple*; Seconded: *Mrs Kate Twist*

'That the apologies as listed be accepted.'

CARRIED

**Confirmation of 2016 Cloncurry Minutes**Moved: *Mrs Gillian Semple*; Seconded: *Mrs Kate Twist*

'That the Minutes of the 2016 Conference held in Alpha be accepted.'

CARRIED



Isolated Children's  
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Queensland Inc

46<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Conference

St George  
Cultural Centre

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June

2017

Day 1





**Business Arising:** Nil

**OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE**

9.00am

His Excellency the Honourable **Paul de Jersey** AC  
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Kim Hughes*

**Welcome to conference to Senator Pauline Hanson**  
by *Kim Hughes*

**Portfolio snapshot - SCHOOLS**  
by Mrs Tammie Irons

**MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA**

9.05am

Schools

1. **S23**

**CLARKE CREEK BRANCH**

Moved: Tammie Irons (Queensland Council); Seconded: Wendy Henning (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc acknowledge the incredible efforts of the Department of Education and Training to rebuild Clarke Creek State School following extensive damage caused by Cyclone Debbie.”

CARRIED

2. **A18**

**ROMA BRANCH**

Moved: Kate Scott (Roma Branch); Seconded: Linda Hacker (Roma Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the Minister for Education to ensure that Qld School Sports includes rural and remote Sports regions, such as South West region as a location for state sports carnivals.”

CARRIED

3. **A19**

**KINDON BRANCH**

Moved: Dianne Skene (Kindon Branch); Seconded: Nikki Macqueen (Kindon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the State Government that all schools in Queensland should be considered for allocation of Government funding for installation, upgrade or replacement of air-conditioning systems in teaching spaces.”

CARRIED

4. **A20****SOUTHERN DOWNS BRANCH**

Moved: Jo Clarke (Southern Downs Branch); Seconded: Shona Clark-Dickson (Southern Downs Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc requests that DET re-adjust the discrepancies and inequities between the current teacher-aide allocation model of secondary schools and primary schools so that the primary allocation is based on similar amounts of hours as the secondary allocation.”

CARRIED

5. **S16****MOONIE BRANCH**

Moved: Melinda White (Moonie Branch); Seconded: Penny Boland (Moonie Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to provide and encourage greater accessibility to non-sporting extracurricular activity and competition within clusters, districts, regions and state.”

CARRIED

Conference Arrangements, *Mrs Michelle Freshwater and Mrs Wendy Henning*

Morning Tea

9.29am

Conference Resumes

10.04am

**PERFORMANCE**

Performance by Bollon State School Boys Years 3 – 6

“Jackie and the Potato Stalk”

Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Kim Hughes*

**Introduction of Guests** - *Mrs Kim Donaldson*

## MINUTES SILENCE FOR Mrs JUDY CAMM

*Mrs Kim Donaldson*



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Mrs Kim Hughes*  
President ICPA Qld Inc

Received with acclamation



**David Littleproud MP**, Member for Maranoa  
**Wendy Hick**, ICPA Federal President  
**Kim Hughes**, ICPA Qld Inc President  
**Senator Fiona Nash**, Minister for Regional Development,  
Minister for Local Government and Territories, Minister for  
Regional Communications.

### Announcement

Mrs Kim Hughes acknowledges the IT Dept are in attendance to assist

#### 6. S17

#### SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH

Moved: Rachel Pierce (Springsure/Rolleston Branch); Seconded: Trish Gretton  
(Springsure/Rolleston Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to provide an information sheet accessible to parents which outlines the recommended process and contact information for grievances in all regions.”

CARRIED

#### 7. S18

#### SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH

Moved: Rachel Pierce (Springsure/Rolleston Branch); Seconded: Trish Gretton  
(Springsure/Rolleston Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education and Training to carefully assess and react to the difficulties faced by small isolated schools accessing supply teachers and put policies in place to overcome this problem.”

CARRIED

8. **S19** **CHARLEVILLE BRANCH**

Moved: Robyn Donohoe (Charleville Branch); Seconded: Louise Winten (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc request DET to undertake a review of the Rural and Remote Education Access Program or RREAP.”

CARRIED

9. **S20** **SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH**

Moved: Trish Gretton (Springsure/Rolleston Branch); Seconded: Rachel Pierce (Springsure/Rolleston Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education and Training and tertiary institutions to stress the importance of making teaching principals aware of just what is involved when taking on a position at these schools.”

CARRIED

10. **S21** **SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH**

Moved: Trish Gretton (Springsure/Rolleston Branch); Seconded: Rachel Pierce (Springsure/Rolleston Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the Department of Education and Training for a more realistic time frame for Acting positions particularly within small schools.”

CARRIED

11. **S22** **BOLLON BRANCH**

Moved: Alex Donaghue (Bollon Branch); Seconded: Ron Sevil (Bollon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to investigate more opportunities to upskill teacher aides, identified as being willing, able and invested in the school community, to be able to take on more responsibility at their schools.”

CARRIED

## Portfolio snapshot – TEACHER EDUCATION

by Mrs Tammie Irons

## Teacher Education

12. **A24****TAMBO BRANCH**

Moved: Kimberley Rains (Tambo Branch); Seconded: Heather Turnbull (Tambo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the relevant universities, which offer teaching degrees, to remove the criteria of pre-service teachers being unable to complete their prac units at schools where they currently work or have their own children attending.”

WORD CHANGE – insert ‘some of’  
The motion now reads-

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the relevant universities, which offer teaching degrees, to remove the criteria of pre-service teachers being unable to complete some of their prac units at schools where they currently work or have their own children attending.”

CARRIED

13. **A25****TAMBO BRANCH**

Moved: Heather Turnbull (Tambo Branch); Seconded: Kimberley Rains (Tambo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the relevant ministers to add a clause to the Beyond the Range – Professional Experience Grants that includes the ability for Rural and Remote studying uni students to be eligible to apply for a Beyond the Range grant to attend an alternative school outside of their local rural or remote region.”

CARRIED

14. **A26****QUEENSLAND COUNCIL**

Moved: Tammie Irons (Queensland Council); Seconded: Kelly Ostwald (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to increase the number of annual Additional Emergent Leave days allocated to beginning teachers in rural and remote schools as part of the Remote Area Incentive Scheme (RAIS) benefits.”

LOST

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awarded to

**MRS DI SELBY**

Presented by Mrs Kim Hughes



### GUEST SPEAKER

*Ms Jill Rigney - The Right Mind International*  
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Kelly Ostwald*

Conference Arrangements, *Mrs Michelle Freshwater and Mrs Wendy Henning*

Lunch 12.39pm

Conference Resumes 1.34pm

### PERFORMANCES

Performance by Charleville School of Distance Education Children  
Violin Solo by Daniel Goddard and Lily Allen  
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Kate Twist*

### MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

1.45pm

15. A27

QUEENSLAND COUNCIL

Moved: Tammie Irons (Queensland Council); Seconded: Kelly Ostwald (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Minister for Education and DET to provide a program similar to RATEP whereby rural and remote teacher aides and distance education tutors can receive recognition toward a degree using their current employment roles and responsibilities.”

CARRIED

16. **A28****DIRRANBANDI BRANCH**

Moved: Edwina Graham (Dirranbandi Branch); Seconded: Nikki Macqueen (Kindon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc continue to recommend to EQ Rural and Remote review team and most importantly lobby State Government for an acceptable standard of teacher housing with a focus on internet access, security measures and general upgrade of existing housing.”

CARRIED

### Tertiary, Trade and Training

17. **S28****QUEENSLAND COUNCIL**

Moved: Tammie Irons (Queensland Council); Seconded: Kelly Ostwald (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to provide timely, accessible upskilling and professional development for VET teachers in rural and remote areas to ensure they have the appropriate qualifications required for course delivery.”

CARRIED

18. **A29****DIRRANBANDI BRANCH**

Moved: Jessie Persse (Dirranbandi Branch); Seconded: Edwina Graham (Dirranbandi Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc continue to lobby TAFE and other VET providers to think flexibly for the delivery of Certificate studies in P-10 State Schools.”

CARRIED

19. **S29****RICHMOND BRANCH**

Moved: Susan Bellingham (Richmond Branch); Seconded: Kym McFarlane (St George Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby relevant departments to ensure appropriate support is given to post compulsory students with identified learning difficulties to enable successful access and completion of VET courses.”

CARRIED

20. **S30**

RICHMOND BRANCH

Moved: Susan Bellingham (Richmond Branch); Seconded: Kym McFarlane (St George Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby relevant departments to ensure that appropriate support is given to students with identified learning difficulties, and their employers, to enable successful transitioning into the workplace.”

CARRIED

**GUEST SPEAKER**

2.07pm

*Ms Rita McInnes*, RFDS Clinical Counsellor – Taking care of Mother Brain for Family Wellbeing.

Introduced and thanked by *Mr Andrew Pegler*

**MINISTER'S ADDRESS**

2.34pm

*Minister Fiona Nash* Deputy Leader of the National Party  
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Kim Hughes*

**nbn™ Update and Q & A session**

*Mr Ryan Williams*

Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Louise Martin*

**MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA**

2.45pm

## Communications

21. **A2**

RICHMOND BRANCH

Moved: Susan Bellingham (Richmond Branch); Seconded: Kym McFarlane (St George Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc support ICPA Australia to lobby the Federal Government to ensure the Universal Services Obligation is retained.”

CARRIED

22. **A3**

RICHMOND BRANCH

Moved: Susan Bellingham (Richmond Branch); Seconded: Kym MacFarlane (St George Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Queensland Government for a whole of government approach to invest in connecting all rural and remote schools to adequate internet which allows full access to virtual classrooms.”

CARRIED



23. **A4****MOONIE BRANCH**

Moved: Melinda White (Moonie Branch); Seconded: Penny Boland (Moonie Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET, and request ICPA Federal Council lobby for, reliable provision of telecommunication and technology to all educational settings to ensure a quality curriculum is delivered to all children regardless of isolation or academic attainment.”

CARRIED

Afternoon Tea  
Conference Resumes

3.32pm  
4.00pm

**PERFORMANCE**

St George High School Clarinet Quartet  
Introduced and thanked by *Mr Andrew Peglar*

**MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA**

4.11pm

24. **A5****KINDON BRANCH**

Moved: Di Skene (Kindon Branch); Seconded: Nikki Macqueen (Kindon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Queensland Department of Education and Training (DET) and continues to support ICPA Australia with their lobby, to ensure that priority is given to reliable internet for all rural and remote students.”

CARRIED

25. **A6****DIRRANBANDI BRANCH**

Moved: Jessie Persse (Dirranbandi Branch); Seconded: Edwina Graham (Dirranbandi Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc continues to support and strongly advocate ICPA (Australia) 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 nbn™ keep pace with educational needs and technology.”

CARRIED

26. **S1** **TAMBO BRANCH**  
 Moved: Kimberley Rains (Tambo Branch); Seconded: Heather Turnbull (Tambo Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Minister for Education to raise awareness with the Federal Minister for Communication of the long installation waiting times for telephone connections in rural and remote Distance Education classrooms.”

CARRIED

27. **S2** **RICHMOND BRANCH**  
 Moved: Susan Bellingham (Richmond Branch); Seconded: Vicki Priest (St George Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc request that DET and ICPA Australia lobby the relevant Federal Ministers who manage the Federal Governments Mobile Black Spot program to include an additional loading in the criteria for small schools that do not have mobile coverage.”

CARRIED

**S3** **YARAKA/ISISFORD BRANCH**

“That ICPA Qld Inc ask the Department of Education and Training if it is possible to obtain statistics on dropouts from the Optus Teleconference bridge used by SDE Students.”

WITHDRAWN

## Tertiary, Trade and Training

28. **S31** **QUEENSLAND COUNCIL**  
 Moved: Wendy Henning (Queensland Council); Seconded: Jacqui Beale (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to provide access to virtual classrooms to supplement VET course delivery where a paucity of suitably qualified teachers exists.”

CARRIED

29. S32

QUEENSLAND COUNCIL

Moved: Wendy Henning (Queensland Council); Seconded: Jacqui Beale (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc request that Dept of Skills and Training, following completion of the current inquiry into the future of VET in Qld, establish a VET consultative group to ensure timely adoption and adaption of plans and policies to suit emerging industries/opportunities as well as the needs of all students regardless of location and circumstance and that ICPA Qld Inc request a seat on that consultative group.”

CARRIED

**Portfolio snapshot – TERTIARY, TRADE AND TRAINING**  
by Mrs Kate Twist

4.34pm

## ICPA Qld Inc CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

awarded to

**MRS LIZ McCLYMONT**

Presented by Mrs Louise Martin

**ICPA QLD Launch #iamicpa**

By Mrs Natalie Kenny Publicity Officer

4.46pm



Conference Arrangements, Mrs Michelle Freshwater and Mrs Wendy Henning

**CONFERENCE ADJOURNS**

4.54pm



Conference resumes

8.04am

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Executive & Delegates Roll Call - *Mrs Gillian Semple*  
Distribution of Voting Cards



# ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND Inc



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Held at 8.08am 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

## ST GEORGE, QLD

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

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

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

### Adoption of Financial Statements

Moved Mrs Anna Appleton, 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 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016 as presented to the NPSE (non-profit sub entities) branches at conference be adopted"**

WORD CHANGE – Change '2015' to '2016' and '31<sup>st</sup> July 2016' to '31<sup>st</sup> March 2017'

**"That the Treasurer's report be received and Audited Financial Statement for the Financial year 1st August 2016 to 31st March 2017 as presented to the NPSE branches at conference be adopted."**

CARRIED

### Setting of 2018 Subscriptions

Moved Mrs Anna Appleton, Treasurer (Queensland Council)  
Seconded Mrs Kim Donaldson, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)  
**"That the membership fee for 2017 be set at \$18 inclusive of GST"**

WORD CHANGE – change '2017' to '2018'

The motion now reads -

**"That the Membership fee for 2018 be set at \$18 Inclusive of GST."**

CARRIED

**Election of Auditor**

Moved Mrs Anna Appleton, 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

**Constitutional change**

Moved Mrs Anna Appleton, Treasurer (Queensland Council)

Seconded Mrs Kim Donaldson, Assistant Secretary (Queensland Council)

**"That the new constitution of 'The Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Queensland Incorporated' be adopted, as circulated to members in the required time-frame."**

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 Susan Bellingham  
DECLARED ELECTED

Mrs Louise Martin nominated by Mr Andrew Pegler  
DECLARED ELECTED

SECRETARY: Mrs Gillian Semple nominated by Mrs Sally Rigney  
DECLARED ELECTED

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Mrs Kim Donaldson nominated by Mrs Kate Twist  
DECLARED ELECTED

TREASURER: Mrs Anna Appleton nominated by Mrs Kim Donaldson  
DECLARED ELECTED

PUBLICITY OFFICER: Mrs Natalie Kenny nominated by Mrs Louise Martin  
DECLARED ELECTED

COMMITTEE: Mrs Kylie Camp nominated by Mrs Wendy Hick  
Mrs Wendy Henning nominated by Mrs Kelly Ostwald  
Mrs Kelly Ostwald nominated by Mrs Anna Appleton  
Mrs Louise Winten nominated by Mrs Michelle Freshwater  
Mrs Edwina Hick nominated by Mrs Patricia Fea  
Mrs Kate Twist nominated by Mrs Wendy Henning  
Mrs Jessie Persse nominated by Mrs Edwina Graham  
Mrs Susan Bellingham nominated by Mrs Tara Locke  
DECLARED ELECTED

## Miscellaneous

30. **A33****WINTON BRANCH**

Moved: Emma Brodie (Winton Branch); Seconded: Phillipa Whitehead (Winton Branch)

“That the Winton branch host the 2018 ICPA Qld Inc Annual State Conference in Winton.”

WORD CHANGE – insert ‘June next year.’

The motion now reads -

“That the Winton branch host the 2018 ICPA Qld Inc Annual State Conference in Winton in June next year.”

CARRIED

Mrs Patricia Mitchell OAM thanked by Mrs Kim Hughes

Mrs Kim Hughes resumed the Chair

Welcome new State Council by Mrs Kim Hughes

**Video presentation** – Winton Branch**CLOSURE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

8.54am



Conference Arrangements

*Mrs Wendy Henning*

### Acknowledgment and Vote of thanks to the Boarding Schools

By *Mrs Kim Hughes*

### PRESENTATION

Presentation to MR ANDREW PEGLER by *Mrs Tammie Irons*



### PREMIER'S MESSAGE

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

### Portfolio snapshot – DISTANCE EDUCATION

9.07am

by *Mrs Edwina Hick*

### Announcement - Loan Hire Scheme for Distance Ed families

By *Mrs Kim Hughes*

### MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA

9.13am

### Distance Education

31. **A11**

**CAPRICORNIA BOTA**

Moved: Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA); Seconded: Claire Mactaggart (Capricornia BOTA)

“That ICPA Qld Inc continue to lobby DETE to fund and deliver a C2C product that is up to date with the current version of the Australian Curriculum and that this product is able to be delivered by a Home Tutor in a rural and remote classroom.”

CARRIED

32. **A7**

**BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH**

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies Department of Education and Training to ensure the C2C Independent Learning Materials (ILM's) are continually updated to ensure they are in line with the current version of the C2C materials being used across the state.”

DEEMED COVERED A11



33. **A8****BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH**

Moved: Kate Ashton (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch); Seconded: Goscelyn Sullivan  
(Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc continues to lobby Department of Education and Training to implement a policy in relation to class sizes of telelessons/iconnect lessons within distance education schools.”

CARRIED

34. **A9****BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH**

Moved: Kate Ashton (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch); Seconded: Goscelyn Sullivan  
(Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc requests Department of Education and Training to update and rewrite the Independent Learning Materials used in the Prep curriculum to enhance children's learning and reflect the learning requirements needed for entry into Year One.”

CARRIED

35. **A10****BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH**

Moved: Kate Ashton (Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch); Seconded: Goscelyn Sullivan  
(Belyando/Mt Coolon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies Department of Education and Training to include a phonics program in the Prep and Year One C2C Independent Learning Materials.”

CARRIED

36. **A12****RICHMOND BRANCH**

Moved: Susan Bellingham (Richmond Branch); Seconded: Gabriele Underwood (St George Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to ensure that all Distance Education materials, now and into the future, be supported by an alternative paper based product to deliver the Australian Curriculum.”

CARRIED

37. **A13****MITCHELL-TOMOO/DUNKELD BRANCH**

Moved: Paula Harrison (Mitchell-Tomoo/Dunkeld Branch); Seconded: Bec Allen (Mitchell-Tomoo/Dunkeld Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Minister for Education and Training to fully subsidise the installation and connection cost of a secondary telephone line for on-air lessons for geographically isolated distance education students.”

CARRIED

**GUEST SPEAKERS and Q & A** - Changes to Senior Assessment*Mrs Jacqui Wilton - QCAA**Mr Phillip Anthony - QTAC*Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Kate Twist*

Morning Tea

10.40am

Conference Resumes

11.04am

**PERFORMANCE**

Performance by St Patrick's School Choir

Introduced by *Mrs Kim Hughes* and thanked by *Mrs Kim Donaldson***PRESENTATION**to MRS JACQUI BEALE by *Mrs Kim Donaldson***MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA**

11.15am

## Specific Needs

38. **A23****CUNNAMULLA BRANCH**

Moved: Kirsty Schmidt (Cunnamulla Branch); Seconded: Tanya Gilligan (Cunnamulla Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the necessary department to ensure that any child with special needs has access to essential support such as speech pathology and occupational therapy.”

WORD CHANGE – remove ‘any child’ and insert ‘school aged children’  
The motion now reads-

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies the necessary department to ensure that school aged children with special needs has access to essential support such as speech pathology and occupational therapy.”

CARRIED

## Distance Education

39. S7

ST GEORGE BRANCH

Moved: Sharon Schultz (St George Branch); Seconded: Gabriele Underwood (St George Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies DET and the Schools of Distance Education to stipulate in new Parent Information that 2 phone lines or more may be needed in a multiage schoolroom due to the increase of on-air lessons provided for each grade.”

CARRIED

40. S6

CAPRICORNIA BOTA

Moved: Claire Mactaggart (Capricornia BOTA); Seconded: Ainsley McArthur (Capricornia BOTA)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DETE to provide Schools of Distance Education with sufficient infrastructure for children when attending school clusters/minischool on campus.”

CARRIED

**GUEST SPEAKER**

11.32am

Mrs Emily Martin, Author “The Gift”  
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Tammie Irons*

Conference Arrangements, *Mrs Michelle Freshwater and Mrs Wendy Henning*

Lunch 12.29pm

Conference Resumes 1.33pm

Vote of thanks to major sponsors of conference dinner, Balonne Steel and

Rural Supplies

By *Mrs Kim Hughes*

**PERFORMANCE**

Performance by St George School Junior Choir  
Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Louise Winten*



**GUEST SPEAKER**

Mr Gary Flower, DDSW Professional Learning Hub - Placing high quality teachers in rural and remote schools.

Introduced and thanked by *Mrs Louise Winten*

**Acknowledgment of the** presence of Kate Treweeke (NSW State Council ICPA President) and Grant Maudsley (Ag Force President).

By *Mrs Kim Hughes*

**MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA**

1.58pm

41. **S8****ST GEORGE BRANCH**

Moved: Sharon Schultz (St George Branch); Seconded: Gabriele Underwood (St George Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies DET and the Schools of Distance Education to adapt and use the CLC Units written for Small Schools in Science, History and Geography in the multiage classrooms for Distance Education families.”

CARRIED

42. **S9****BOLLON BRANCH**

Moved: Alex Donaghue (Bollon Branch); Seconded: Ron Sevil (Bollon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies DET to investigate the implementation of subject specific learning materials which align with the Australian curriculum and are suitable for use in multi-age settings for Distance Education families.”

CARRIED

**Portfolio snapshot – SPECIFIC NEEDS**

2.05pm

by Mrs Wendy Henning

**Specific Needs**43. **A21****YARAKA/ISISFORD BRANCH**

Moved: Mary Killen (Yaraka/Isisford Branch); Seconded: Andrew Pegler (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc request the Qld Minister for Health to advise if the free after hours Telehealth program run by ReadyCare and the Darling Downs and West Moreton Public Health Network (a Federal Govt Initiative) will be rolled out to all areas of Qld and in Rural & Remote areas be available full time to isolated families.”

CARRIED

44. **A22****SOUTHERN DOWNS BRANCH**

Moved: Sonya Finlay (Southern Downs Branch); Seconded: Rachel Pierce  
(Springsure/Rolleston Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc continue to lobby DET for improved allied health services by increasing the amount of positions for support staff and therapists in rural and remote areas as currently scheduled visits from speech pathologists, guidance officers, physiotherapists and occupational therapists are infrequent and inconsistent.”

CARRIED

45. **S24****WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH**

Moved: Karen Penfold (Westmar/Inglestone Branch); Seconded: Trish Fea  
(Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET to provide greater accessibility to information in the area of gifted and talented education within their website.”

CARRIED

46. **S25****WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH**

Moved: Karen Penfold (Westmar/Inglestone Branch); Seconded: Trish Fea  
(Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Minister for Education and DET to provide a centre of expertise and support for the purpose of gifted and talented Education.”

CARRIED

47. **S26****WESTMAR/INGLESTONE BRANCH**

Moved: Karen Penfold (Westmar/Inglestone Branch); Seconded: Trish Fea  
(Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Minister for Education, Minister for Health and the Minister for Disability Services to work collaboratively to ensure students receive timely access to Allied Health Services and Mental Health support.”

AMENDMENT

Moved: Andrew Peglar (Queensland Council); Seconded: Mary Killen  
(Yaraka/Isisford Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Minister for Education, Minister for Health and the Minister for Disability Services and other relevant service providers to work collaboratively to ensure students receive timely access to Allied Health Services and Mental Health support.”

CARRIED

48. S27

ARCADIA VALLEY BRANCH

Moved: Sally West (Arcadia Valley Branch); Seconded: Wendy Henning  
(Westmar/Inglestone Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the necessary bodies to ensure that Verified Queensland School Students who had previously received funding from Community Support organisations are not restricted financially from Activities and Services which are deemed educational by NDIS but which are not covered by DET.”

WORD CHANGE – insert ‘including NDIA’

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the necessary bodies including NDIA to ensure that Verified Queensland School Students who had previously received funding from Community Support organisations are not restricted financially from Activities and Services which are deemed educational by NDIS but which are not covered by DET.”

CARRIED

### Portfolio snapshot – BOARDING SCHOOLS AND HOSTELS

2.37pm

by Mrs Jacqui Beale

Mr Ron Sevil updated conference of no changes to the Bollon Hostel.

Mrs Nikki Macqueen, ICPA Federal Council, thanked Jacqui Beale for her work with the portfolio.

### Boarding Schools

A1

QUEENSLAND COUNCIL

“That ICPA Qld Inc request Queensland boarding schools increase their responsibility toward families to ensure that any family enrolled at their school receiving LAFHAS and AIC are made aware if these payments suddenly cease.”

WITHDRAWN

### Portfolio snapshot – CURRICULUM

2.44pm

by Mrs Kate Twist

## Curriculum

49. **S4****SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH**

Moved: Trish Gretton (Springsure/Rolleston Branch); Seconded: Rachel Pierce (Springsure/Rolleston Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc carefully monitor the status of the “Safe Schools Coalition” in Qld State and Independent Schools.”

CARRIED

50. **S5****ST GEORGE BRANCH**

Moved: Sharon Schultz (St George Branch); Seconded: Gabriele Underwood (St George Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies DET to abolish assessment tasks in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 CLC Units and replace them with monitoring tasks to create a positive learning experience for students.”

WORD CHANGE – Change ‘CLC’ to ‘C2C’

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies DET to abolish assessment tasks in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 C2C Units and replace them with monitoring tasks to create a positive learning experience for students.”

CARRIED

**Portfolio snapshot – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

2.52pm

by Mrs Louise Martin

## Financial Assistance

51. **A14****CAPRICORNIA BOTA**

Moved: Susan Bellingham (Richmond Branch); Seconded: Gabriele Underwood (St George Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DETE to streamline access to LAFHAS and ensure that turnaround times are no longer than 28 days.”

CARRIED

52. **A15****QUEENSLAND COUNCIL**

Moved: Louise Martin (Queensland Council); Seconded: Andrew Pegler (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education and Training to streamline the LAFHAS application process and provide reminders to recipients as per the AIC process.”

CARRIED

53. **A16****TAMBO BRANCH**

Moved: Heather Turnbull (Tambo Branch); Seconded: Kimberley Rains (Tambo 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

**A17****MT ISA BOTA**

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education, Training and Employment to include students whose families receive the AIC- Second Home Allowance as eligible for the travel component of the Living Away from Home Allowance.”

WITHDRAWN

54. **S12****BOLLON BRANCH**

Moved: Ron Sevil (Bollon Branch); Seconded: Alex Donoghue (Bollon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc continue to support ICPA Federal Council in lobbying for ongoing increases in 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 affordable equitable education.”

CARRIED

**FEDERAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*Mrs Wendy Hick, Federal President*

Conference Arrangements, *Mrs Michelle Freshwater and Mrs Wendy Henning*

Afternoon Tea

3.36pm



**PERFORMANCE**

Maranoa Performing Arts Ballet Performance. Introduced by *Mrs Michelle Freshwater*  
Conference resumes 4.09pm

**MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA**

55. **S13** **BOLLON BRANCH**  
Moved: Alex Donaghue (Bollon Branch); Seconded: Ron Sevil (Bollon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the relevant minister to continue supporting remote families who apply for LAFHA under ‘Special Circumstances – Medical Conditions’ for accessing support for dyslexia.”

CARRIED

56. **S14** **MT ISA BOTA**  
Moved: Sancia Fegan (Mt Isa BOTA); Seconded: Tina Barrett (Mt Isa BOTA)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the Department of Education, Training and Employment and other relevant bodies to establish a travel allowance for geographically isolated families who have no reasonable daily access to appropriate education and live away from home to access schooling.”

CARRIED

57. **S15** **BOLLON BRANCH**  
Moved: Ron Sevil (Bollon Branch); Seconded: Alex Donaghue (Bollon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby DET and other relevant ministers to continue to address the ever-growing shortfall of the Living Away from Home Allowance and align it with the Education Sub- Index of the Consumer Price Index.”

CARRIED

**Portfolio snapshot – EARLY CHILDHOOD**  
by Mrs Louise Winten

4.23pm

## Early Childhood

58. **S10****QUEENSLAND COUNCIL**

Moved: Louise Winten (Queensland Council); Seconded: Tammie Irons (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the State Government to prioritise funding options for the Remote Kindy Pilot Program to ensure its continuation into 2018 and beyond should the Federal Government no longer fund the program under the Universal Access Agreement.”

CARRIED

59. **S11****YARAKA/ISISFORD BRANCH**

Moved: Mary Killen (Yaraka/Isisford Branch); Seconded: Andrew Pegler (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc urgently seek from Uniting Care Queensland clarification regarding the future structure and delivery of the Remote Area Families Service (RAFS) programme in Queensland.”

CARRIED

## Miscellaneous

60. **A32****BOLLON BRANCH**

Moved: Ron Sevil (Bollon Branch); Seconded: Bec Allen (Mitchell-Tomoo/Dunkeld Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc thanks local businesses in the South West that have contributed to fundraising for the 2017 QLD State conference in St George, showing a direct investment into supporting advocacy for education for rural and remote students.”

CARRIED

61. **S35****TAMBO BRANCH**

Moved: Andrew Pegler (Queensland Council); Seconded: Mary Killen (Yaraka/Isisford Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc conveys support and offers assistance to Volunteers for Isolated Students' Education (VISE) to ensure the VISE program continues post 2017.”

CARRIED

62. S36

ST GEORGE BRANCH

“That ICPA Qld Inc work with VISE to ensure the continuation of the VISE program after 2017.”

DEEMED COVERED S35

63. S37

QUILPIE BRANCH

Moved: Andrew Pegler (Queensland Council); Seconded: Mary Killen (Yaraka/Isisford Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc support and work with Volunteers for Isolated Children's Education (VISE) to resolve the problems resulting in the announcement of the closure of the organisation as at 20 December 2017. Failing this, we support the continuation of volunteer services via a different platform.”

CARRIED

### Portfolio snapshot – TRAVEL

4.43pm

by Mrs Kelly Ostwald

### Travel

64. A30

TAMBO BRANCH

Moved: Andrew Pegler (Queensland Council); Seconded: Mary Killeen (Yaraka/Isisford Branch)

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

CARRIED



65. S33

QUEENSLAND COUNCIL

Moved: Kelly Ostwald (Queensland Council); Seconded: Jacqui Beale (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the transport Minister to provide Student Discounts on regular passenger transport air services to ensure that students have access to quality education for Secondary, Tertiary and Agricultural studies.”

WORD CHANGE – insert ‘Primary’

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobby the transport Minister to provide Student Discounts on regular passenger transport air services to ensure that students have access to quality education for Primary, Secondary, Tertiary and Agricultural studies.”

CARRIED

66. A31

MT ISA BOTA

Moved: Tina Barrett (Mt Isa BOTA); Seconded: Sancia Fegan (Mt Isa BOTA)

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies relevant government departments to provide student concession for geographically isolated students to travel to and from boarding school.”

WORD CHANGE – change ‘concession’ to ‘concessional’ and insert ‘airfares’

“That ICPA Qld Inc lobbies relevant government departments to provide student concessional airfares for geographically isolated students to travel to and from boarding school.”

CARRIED

67. S34

DIRRANBANDI BRANCH

Moved: Jessie Persse (Dirranbandi Branch); Seconded: Nikki Macqueen (Kindon Branch)

“That ICPA Qld Inc to lobby QLD Department of Transport and DET in rural and remote locations to allow the transport of students who are not enrolled with Education Queensland, but attend Government approved training centres (e.g. Gateway to Training) to and from their Vocational training location which delivers their Certificate Courses.”

CARRIED

**FLOOR MOTION**

## Boarding Schools

68. F1

QUEENSLAND COUNCIL

Moved: Jacqui Beale (Queensland Council); Seconded: Kelly Ostwald (Queensland Council)

“That ICPA Qld Inc seek assistance from QLD Boarding Schools to raise awareness of the allowances available to Geographically Isolated students.”

CARRIED

**Vote of thanks** to Chair by *Mrs Wendy Henning***Silent Auction result** announced by *Mrs Wendy Henning***PRESENTATION**Presentation to St George Branch by *Mrs Gillian Semple and Mrs Kim Hughes***Vote of thanks** to Councillors and members by *Mrs Kim Hughes*

2017 ICPA QUEENSLAND INC CONFERENCE CLOSED

5.16pm

## QUEENSLAND COUNCIL Conference Attendees

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<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Mrs Kim Hughes
<b>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:</b>	Mr Andrew Pegler
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	Mrs Tammie Irons
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	Mrs Louise Martin
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Mrs Gillian Semple
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Mrs Anna Appleton
<b>ASSISTANT SECRETARY:</b>	Mrs Kim Donaldson
<b>PUBLICITY OFFICER:</b>	Mrs Natalie Kenny
<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Mrs Wendy Henning
	Mrs Kelly Ostwald
	Mrs Jacqui Beale
	Mrs Kate Twist
	Mrs Louise Winten
	Mrs Edwina Hick

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## DELEGATES AND ALTERNATIVE DELEGATES

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**ALPHA BRANCH:** Donna Donaldson

**ARAMAC/MUTTABURRA BRANCH:** Jill Dyer, Sarah Jane Fysh

**ARCADIA VALLEY BRANCH:** Sally West

**AUGATHELLA BRANCH:** Lisa Creevey, Rebecca McKeering

**BELYANDO/MT COOLON BRANCH:** Kate Ashton, Goscelyn Sullivan

**BOLLON BRANCH:** Ron Sevil, Alex Donoghue

**CAPRICORNIA B.O.T.A:** Ainsley McArthur, Claire Mactaggart

**CHARLEVILLE BRANCH:** Robyn Donohoe

**CHARLEVILLE B.O.T.A:** Anne-Marie Flynn

**CHARTERS TOWERS BRANCH:** Fiona Murray, Sonia Spurdle

**CLONCURRY BRANCH:** Tara Locke

**CUNNAMULLA BRANCH:** Kirsty Schmidt, Tannas Godfrey, Tanya Gilligan

**DIRRANBANDI BRANCH:** Jessie Persse, Edwina Graham, Lachlan Watts

**KINDON BRANCH:** Nikki Macqueen, Diane Skene

**MITCHELL-TOMOO/DUNKELD BRANCH:** Bec Allen, Paula Harrison

**MOONIE BRANCH:** Melinda White, Penny Boland

**MT ISA B.O.T.A:** Tina Barrett, Sancia Fegan

## DELEGATES AND ALTERNATIVE DELEGATES (cont.)

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**RICHMOND BRANCH:** Susan Bellingham

**ROMA BRANCH:** Linda Hacker, Kate Scott, Katrina Body

**SOUTHERN DOWNS BRANCH:** Jo Clark, Sonja Finlay

**SPRINGSURE/ROLLESTON BRANCH:** Trish Gretton, Rachel Pierce

**ST GEORGE BRANCH:** Vicki Priest, Kym McFarlane, Gabriele Underwood, Sharon Schultz

**TALWOOD BRANCH:** Ginny Turvey, Kellie Mitchell, Jocelyn Freeman

**TAMBO BRANCH:** Heather Turnbull, Kimberley Rains

**TAROOM/WANDOAN BRANCH:** Amanda Batterham, Amber Baker, Naomi Golden

**WESTERN DOWNS BRANCH:** Kristen Coggan, Briony Sinclair

**WESTMAR / INGLESTONE BRANCH:** Fiona Brown, Jen McCormack, Karen Penfold, Trish Fea

**WINTON BRANCH:** Phillipa Whitehead, Emma Brodie

**YARAKA/ISISFORD BRANCH:** Mary Killeen

**ICPA FEDERAL COUNCIL:** Wendy Hick, Kate Gray



## BRANCH OBSERVERS

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**AUGATHELLA BRANCH:** Rebecca Greenway, Karen Elmes

**CUNNAMULLA BRANCH:** Colleen McIntosh, Lauren Schmidt, Trish McKenzie

**DIRRANBANDI BRANCH:** Amelia Sevil

**MITCHELL-TOMOO/DUNKELD BRANCH:** Jane Maudsley, Sally McGilvray, Sally Campbell

**MOONIE BRANCH:** Di Selby

**ST GEORGE BRANCH:** Michelle Freshwater, Brie Boyle, Lisa Southern, Sue Hurford, Jennifer Schwennesen, Sally Rigney, Jacque Hemming, Gaylene Stanford, Tracey Armstrong, Belinda Gordon, Rebecca Southern, Binnie Eley, Mary McIntyre, Therese Stewart, Justin Schultz, Kerry Suttor, Cindy Doonan, Fiona Carrigan

**SOUTHERN DOWNS BRANCH:** Shona Clark-Dickson

**SPRINGSURE-ROLLESTON BRANCH:** Dean Gretton

**WESTMAR-INGLESTONE BRANCH:** James Coggan, Edwina Coggan, Cheryl Salter, Julie Hatherall, Brendan Hatherall, Paige Devenish, Fiona Hill, Melissa Austin

## CONFERENCE GUESTS

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### SCHOOLS

All Souls St Gabriels School	Mr Jon Teichmann
Anglican Church Grammar School	Mr Mark Oliphant
Australian Christian College - Moreton	Miss Michelle Flood
Blackheath Thornburgh College	Mr Nigel Fairbairn
Bollon State School	Ms Vanessa Sumner
Brisbane Grammar School	Mr Berian Williams-Jones
Brisbane School of Distance Education	Mrs Judy Menary
Charleville School of Distance Education	Mrs Jenny Swadling
	Mrs Helen Cook
Clayfield College	Mrs Kathryn Searle
	Mrs Di Kerr
	Mrs Kathy Bishop
Downlands College	Mr Stephen McIlhatton
	Mr Garrick Morgan
	Mr Ian Bulkin
Fairholme College	Dr Linda Evans
	Ms Marguerite Dunne
	Mr Ian Anderson
Ipswich Girls Grammar School	Mrs Carole Ward
	Mr Joe ward
John Paul College	Mr Sean Cox
	Ms Sue Homann
Marist College Ashgrove	Mr Peter McLoughlin
	Mr James Metzeling
Scots PGC College	Mrs Michelle Brown
	Miss Carolyn Spina
Somerville House	Mrs Pamela Hodgetts
	Mr David Hodgetts
St Brendan's College	Mrs Kylie Hedges
	Ms Cathy Minto
St George State School	Mr Luke Todd
St Hilda's School	Dr Julie Wilson Reynolds
	Mrs Annette Boyle
St Joseph's Nudgee College	Mr Christian Oneto
	Ms Susan Shakespeare
St Margaret's Anglican Girls School	Ms Lesa Fowler
	Ms Ros Curtis

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School	Mr Brendan Redinger Mrs Majella Morris
St Peters Lutheran College	Mr Tim Kotzur Mr Stuart Delaney Mrs Kim Holman Mrs Sinead Ray Mr Wes Meurant Mrs Kathy Sperling Mrs Ann Marie Pawsey Mrs Jan Pearman Ms Kristen Sharpe Ms Natasha Skelly Ms Ellen McLean Mr Andrew Stein Mr Ron Armstrong Mrs Kim Cohen Mrs Gill Reynoldson Mr Stewart Norford Mr Tony Watt Mr Andrew Hawkins
St Ursula's College, Toowoomba	
Stuartholme School	
The Cathedral College	
The Glennie School	
The Rockhampton Grammar School	
The Southport School	
Toowoomba Anglican College & Preparatory School	Mr Simon Lees Mr Gordon Oldham Mr Ian Basset Mrs Bianca Lingard Mrs Brooke Cleary Mr Jim Noble Mr Ben Foley Mr Bruce Keys
Toowoomba Grammar School	
Whitsunday Anglican School	



## GUESTS

ABC Toowoomba	Ms Jodie Gunders
Achmea Australia	Miss Karla Caldicott
	Mr Greg Peet
	Mr Richard Officer
AgForce Qld	Mr Grant Maudsley
	Mrs Ali Briggs
	Mrs Robyn Bryant
	Ms Tanya Nagle
Australian Boarding Schools Association	Mr Richard Stokes
	Mr Josh Drahm
Balonne Beacon	Ms Laura Telford
Balonne Steel & Rural Supplies	Mrs Lauren Frith
Bollon Branch	Mr Richard Knights
Department of Education & Training	Mr Robert Whittaker
	Ms Leanne Wright
	Dr Regan Neumann
Department of Education & Training (Information & Technology Branch)	Mr Nick Long
	Mr John Lockhart
	Mr Jim D'Castro
	Mr Cosmos Marendy
	Mr Mitchell O'Shea-Kemp
	Mr David Bryant
Federal Government	Mr David Littleproud MP
	Minister Fiona Nash
	Mr Les White
	Ms Stephanie McKew
	Ms Eloise Handly
Fed. Of Parents and Friends Catholic Schools Qld	Mr John Beaton
ICPA QLD Inc – Patron	Mrs Patricia Mitchell, OAM
ICPA QLD Inc – IT Advisor	Mr Jeff Little
ICPA QLD Inc - Fundraising	Mrs Liz McClymont
ICPA QLD Inc – Webmaster	Mrs Lynelle Urquhart
ICPA NSW State Council	Mrs Kate Treweeke
nbn Co	Mr Ryan Williams
Panda Pearls	Ms Amanda Stein
	Miss Jessica Nasmyth
Queensland Country Life	Mrs Sally Cripps
Qld Agricultural Training Colleges	Mrs Julie McKerrow
	Mr Neil Croker
Qld Curriculum & Assessment Authority	Ms Jacqueline Wilton
Qld Tertiary Admissions Centre	Mr Phillip Anthony
Queensland Government	Ms Ann Leahy
	Mrs Tracy Davis
	Ms Verity Barton
RFDS	Mrs Patricia McKenzie
	Mrs Liz Hill
	Ms Rita McInnes
	Dr Jacqueline Stewart
Rural Health Connect	Mrs Megan Gomez
Senator Pauline Hanson	Senator Pauline Hanson
	Ms Patricia Hancock

**GUESTS (Cont.)**

SPELD Qld  
TAFE Qld South West  
Telstra  
The Right Mind International  
The Winchester Foundation

TopX

University of Southern Qld  
White Cottage Designs  
The Handmade Shop  
Author  
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Ms Marion McMahon  
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Mr Darren Clark  
Mrs Jill Rigney  
Mrs Beryl Neilsen  
Mrs Judy Harris  
Mrs Ruth Bethel  
Miss Roz Presho  
Mr Jason Russell  
Mr Rod Fogarty  
Ms Katelyn Dwyer  
Ms Emily Kresew  
Mrs Emily Martin  
Mrs Megan Watterston



## CONFERENCE APOLOGIES

Attorney-General Hon. Yvette D'Ath	Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills
Dr Dale Miller	Agforce
Dr Deb Kember	Department of Education and Training
Dr Jim Watterston	Department of Education and Training
Dr Lee-Anne Perry	Qld Catholic Education Commission
Minister Kate Jones	Minister for Education, Tourism and Major Events
Mr Bruce Paynter	ICPA NSW State Council
Mr Bunny Powne	ICPA Qld Life Member
Mr Chris Wilson	Townsville Grammar School
Mr David Reilly	P and Cs Qld
Mr Ian Herbert	Department of Transport
Mr Kevin Bates	Queensland Teachers Union
Mr Mac McClymont	ICPA Qld Life Member
Mr Peter Hauser	Toowoomba Grammar School
Mr Richard Fairley	Townsville Grammar School
Mr Selwyn Button	Department of Education and Training
Mrs Cathy O'Malley	Department of Education and Training
Mrs Elyce Donaghy	ICPA WA State Council
Mrs Frances Frahn	ICPA SA State Council
Mrs Jane Morton	ICPA Federal Council
Mrs Kate Thompson	ICPA Federal Council
Mrs Kerry Williams	ICPA SA State Council
Mrs Kristell Scott	Townsville Grammar School
Mrs Kylie Camp	ICPA Qld State Council
Mrs Lisa Slade	ICPA SA State Council
Mrs Lynise Conaghan	ICPA Federal Council
Mrs Mandy Anderson	Qld Catholic Education Commission
Mrs Rose Philp	ICPA Qld Life Member
Mrs Sally Sullivan	ICPA Federal Council
Mrs Sharon Schimming	Department of Education and Training
Mrs Stacie Hansel	Department of Education and Training
Mrs Suzi McQueen	ICPA Qld Fundraising Officer
Mrs Tash Johns	ICPA WA State Council
Ms Anita Andersen	Department of Transport
Ms Lucia Craig	Department of Transport
Ms Patrea Walton	Department of Education and Training
Ms Vera Zappala	Qld Catholic Education Commission
Senator Hon. Matthew Canavan	Minister for Resources and Northern Australia
Mrs Megan McNicholl	ICPA Aust Past President
Mr Mark Stoneman	ICPA Qld Inc Life Member

## 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. Kim and Brian's children were educated via Charters Towers SDE and then Mt Isa School of the Air and the youngest two are currently at boarding school in Townsville. The eldest finished Yr 12 last year and has returned home for a gap year.

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 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 Hick 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, followed by university. 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.

**PROFILE: GUEST SPEAKERS****RICHARD KNIGHTS**

Richard Knights lived with his wife, Maureen near Bollon for all their working life and had their first contact with ICPA with the Bollon branch during the 1980's. At the time they had their two children attending the Bollon State School and they boarded at The Bollon District Children's Residence for five days a week. They then went to boarding school and university. Richard attended his first conference in Roma and was elected to State Council. He spent eight years on State Council with two of those years as State President. Maureen and Richard now live near Toowoomba.

**RITA MCINNES**

Rita McInnes is a psychologist with almost thirty years of experience throughout rural Australia. She is currently working with the Royal Flying Doctor Service as a Senior Clinical Counsellor.

Over many years in clinical practice Rita developed the integrated brain map (i-brainmap) a practical tool to assist people in understanding and changing their brain when it gets stuck on stress or SOS brain.

The ibrainmap teaches the key principles of how the brain can change itself and how each of us, young and old(er), can utilise this capacity for freeing our brain for happiness.

For more information about Rita's work you can visit her website: [www.ibrainmap.com.au](http://www.ibrainmap.com.au)



## JILL RIGNEY

Jill Rigney grew up on a mixed farming business west of Goondiwindi. Professionally she commenced her career in business support and in this role managed national benchmarking projects in a wide range of industries.

Her extreme perceptiveness has resulted in her now being recognised as a national leader in group facilitation and leadership. She is able to deftly recognise and work with the needs of each individual during her training or meeting sessions.

Jill's training activities include the co-design of The Rural Leader's Bootcamp, SteppingUP and most recently she completed a 2-year series of internal training programs in Communication and Leadership for 130 staff in a publically listed company. She has been a presenter of the Australian Catholic University's Graduate Certificate in Negotiation.

She is highly sought after as a facilitator of Family Business Meetings to ensure continuity in succession.

Jill is a Certified Professional member of the Australian Human Resource Institute and a member of the Australian Institute of Training and Development. She is also a qualified wilderness medic.

## EMILY MARTIN

Emily Martin had a rural upbringing, boarding school education, followed by a Bachelor of Applied Science (Rural Management), as a solid platform from which to continue life's journey.

Early challenges included taking a ship stockman's job in order to document the beef supply chain for Australian cattle in the Philippines, and setting up her own consultancy business, enabling her to work with agricultural supply chains Australia wide.

Marriage, three children and the Business Manager's role at Maranoa Mechanical (a business she purchased with husband, Brad) all followed. Her passion became developing team culture.

Recovering from an acquired brain injury following a cycling accident in early 2015, Emily decided to document her journey, for her children, but also to pay tribute to the social fabric in small rural communities. Her book, 'The Gift', a fundraiser for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit (PA Hospital), was launched on the anniversary of her accident, 21st Feb 2016, and is inspiring many to make the most of the journey that is life, whatever it may hold.

## PHILLIP ANTHONY

Chief Technical Officer, QTAC

QTAC is the predominant service provider for prospective university and TAFE applicants in Queensland and northern New South Wales.

Phillip has over two decades as Manager of Assessment Services, and has recently been appointed as the Chief Technical Officer at QTAC. In this role he is responsible for oversight of QTAC's technical capability, including a special focus on ensuring record veracity, designing education comparability, and complex problem solving on behalf of institutions.

Phillip has led QTAC's response to significant changes which have occurred in education in Queensland, including the replacement of the Tertiary Entrance Score with the Overall Position, and now the replacement of the Overall Position with the ATAR.

Phillip holds a Masters degree in International Relations and Asian Politics from The University of Queensland, and is a member of the Association for Tertiary Education Management (ATEM).

## JACQUI WILTON

Director of the Curriculum Services Division within Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA).

## MEGAN WATTERSTON

Megan Watterston holds a Bachelor of Health Science in Naturopathy, Herbal Medicine and Nutrition, is an accredited member of the Australian Natural Therapists Association (ANTA) and is an apple cider vinegar fanatic!

After completing her studies in Brisbane, Megan returned to her home town, Biloela in Central Queensland to take her knowledge back to her roots. She operates a robust Clinical Naturopathic business within a pharmacy which is extremely pro natural health care. What started as a 'post study trial until she found her feet' has evolved into a busy country practice, providing the opportunity to educate and empower clients about holistic healthcare on a daily basis. She shares her passion for 'teaching healthy children to become healthy adults' and hosts local health and nutrition workshops and has been a speaker for school functions. Her clientele extends throughout western and southern Queensland.

Megan has a refreshingly realistic approach to food and insists REAL food should be appreciated and enjoyed. She lives by her mantra; EAT FOOD, THAT MUST BE CHEWED, THAT IS GROWN IN CONTACT WITH DIRT AND IS EXPOSED TO SUNLIGHT...THESE FOODS ARE ALIVE!"

Together with her husband and two young children, they live on a small cattle property, growing their own food, raising and killing their own meat as much as possible. "Not to say that my children don't enjoy licking icing off the cake like anybody else, but we like to know they have an understanding and appreciation for their food."

Megan also loves to run! She has completed marathons, half marathons, countless endurance trail runs and hosts regular local running events. She has also completed many Olympic distance, and two half ironman triathlons.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Madam Patron, Federal President Mrs Wendy Hick, the St George Branch convening committee, distinguished guests, fellow ICPA members, ladies & gentlemen. It gives me great pleasure to present my 2017 President's Report:

It seems like only yesterday that I was delivering my first President's Report in Alpha, and now here we are again! Where has the time gone? Admittedly the turnaround has been tight, so I feel like I've cheated a little bit. Nonetheless, as I approach the completion of my second year in the President's role, I have to say, I think I'm getting it! Phew! I have been incredibly fortunate to have a Council who have been dedicated and united to working as a team, respecting and supporting each other and also deeply respecting the organisation they are a part of. The underlying instinct that every person on Council has is to always do 'what's right' for the integrity and credibility of the organisation. As we modernise, move with the times and exist in a world of Snap Chats, hashtags, Instagram and tweets, there is a true commitment to always honouring the values and ethos of the organisation. I have also been incredibly lucky to have an Immediate Past President, Andrew Pegler, who has let me find my feet and do it my way, but has always been there to give advice and support when I've needed it, without 'telling me what to do'. I have really appreciated that, and I hope that when I become the IPP in the future, that I can be half as solid and non-judgemental as he has been for me. Thanks Andy.

I'll take the opportunity now to update you all on some initiatives State Council has been working on since last year's conference.

We have been very conscious that branch members are all busy volunteers, and as a Council we need to provide the tools and support for branches to operate as effectively as possible in the time poor environment we all exist in. We have recently distributed a range of Fact Sheets, outlining simple guidelines on various Executive Roles and Branch Hints and more links have been added to the website's 'Branch Toolkit' tab. This is a work in progress, and our aim is to make as many resources available on the website as possible. If members have further suggestions on things we can do to assist you as a branch, please pop us a note or talk to someone on Council over the next couple of days.

At tomorrow's AGM delegates will be discussing and voting on amendments to the ICPA Qld Constitution, which has been distributed to branches prior to conference and is also in your satchels. Thank-you to all members who provided input and feedback to the proposed draft. As the Constitution hasn't been reviewed since 1996, except for a change to the end of financial year in 2016, there are various additions and amendments which will see the constitution align with the latest Model Rules, allow for online membership and support where the organisation is today and into the future. I truly feel that the document will lead us into the future, while respecting the organisations history and foundations.

At last year's conference we announced that the Department had created a Rural and Remote Education Branch and appointed Dr Regan Neumann as Assistant Director General. We obviously haven't let this great gift go under-utilised, and I would like to acknowledge Regan and his team for their enthusiasm and willingness to work closely with State Council on the issues affecting our members. The establishment of the RRE Branch has certainly streamlined the way we action our motions and has meant that, regardless of which section of the department we may be dealing with, Regan and his team are briefed on everything, which adds a great deal of continuity and effectiveness to the way we forward the issues on behalf of our members.

Since the 2016 conference in Alpha, State Council, and in particular our Publicity Officer Nat Kenny, has been working on a social media campaign to promote the incredibly important role the organisation plays in ensuring students get the best education possible, wherever they call home. If you are social media savvy, I'm sure you will have seen the regular videos being posted from grandparents, local business owners, uni students, media personalities and children, who have been touched in some way by ICPA. The aim is to send the message that whoever you are, if you have an interest in rural and remote Queensland, then ICPA is for you. The Key Issue underlying this campaign, and basically everything we do, is that access to education is at the core of every small community, and without it, nothing works. Industry, innovation, development, all things necessary to keep the bush alive are underpinned by the need to keep families here, and to attract the next generation back. Education is the silver bullet, and ICPA is the only organisation whose sole interest is access to education for our children. When put like that, who could afford NOT to be involved!!

This year we have taken the opportunity to visit Parliament House and meet with Members on all sides of Government. We have put forward a number of Key Issues, which we believe, if achieved, would make a huge difference to the educational experience in small communities as a whole. These include access to a full senior curriculum and VET opportunities for high school students, more support for students with specific learning needs (including collaborations between Qld Health and Qld Education) and the need to attract more quality teachers to our wonderful small schools. However, the issue which underpins all of this progress, is CONNECTIVITY. Adequate internet access for every rural and remote student is the cornerstone of educational equity. This requires a whole of government approach, at a state and federal level, and must be a major priority if we are ever to markedly close the gap between rural and remote and metropolitan educational offerings.

I would like to acknowledge our State Members of Parliament here today, Shadow Minister for Education Tracy Davis, Member for Warrego Ann Leahy and Member for Broadwater Verity Barton. We are also honoured to have Federal representation here over the course of Conference. Member for Maranoa David Littleproud is here and Federal Senator the Honourable Fiona Nash will be joining us this afternoon. Earlier today Senator Pauline Hanson was also in attendance, and she too will be joining us again this afternoon.

Since the start of this year, I have had the opportunity to be involved in the Telstra Regional Advisory Council, which is made up of a number of stakeholders across Queensland, representing health, education and agriculture, who have a vested interest in telecommunications in the bush. The Council was established to provide grassroots feedback to Telstra Country Wide on the challenges for rural and remote customers, as well as putting forward solutions around ways to better service the rural and remote demographic. The most recent meeting was held in Longreach, and quite a bit of time was spent at the Longreach School of Distance Education. Telstra Country Wide had the opportunity to sit in on various on air lessons, consult with parents and teachers, and experience first-hand the dependence on reliable, quality phone lines (not VOIP). The message was very clear – a reliable fixed landline is the most important tool within a Distance Education home schoolroom. Ironically, back in 1978, ICPA was asked at a National Conference in Canberra what were ICPA's priorities for the use of a Domestic Satellite for Australia. No, it wasn't a clear picture on the telly, it was

**First:** A Telephone.

**Second:** A telephone that works, and

**Third** A telephone that works all the time.”

It is unthinkable that if the outcome of the Productivity Commission's Inquiry into the Universal Services Obligation results in the abolishment of the right to all Australians to have a fixed landline, this may once again become ICPA's mantra! Let's hope that this isn't the case.

A Conference of this magnitude doesn't happen overnight. For those of you who may not know, our annual State Conference is organised by a volunteer branch each year, and not by professional conveners. The beauty of this is that branches get to showcase their communities their way, and the true essence of ICPA is captured uniquely and personally. This is tremendously beneficial for ICPA as an organisation, and that personal element is what ICPA conferences are known for. However, it comes with a tremendous amount of dedication and hard work from the conference convening branch. What you see here today is a result of months of volunteer hours, ensuring every aspect of conference, from the photocopying to the trade displays to the accommodation to the sponsorship has been attended to. It is a true demonstration of what ICPA, and children in the bush, mean to all of our 46 branches across Queensland. I would like to congratulate Michelle Freshwater, Wendy Henning and the entire St George committee for your passion and inspirational dedication to this organisation.

We are also extremely grateful to our generous sponsors. Your support and generosity make Conference possible, and also contribute to ensuring that ICPA has the resources to lobby as effectively as possible. It costs a lot to run an organisation like ICPA, where geographical isolation is not just restricted to our children. Face to face meetings, delegations and ensuring ICPA is represented widely and frequently is expensive when there are literally, thousands of kilometres to be travelled. We wholeheartedly thank our loyal sponsors, as well as our dedicated Branches, who fundraise tirelessly so that the organisation can be as proactive as possible.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our delegates. I am extremely proud of each and every one of you, and first time delegates – YOU ROCK!! It is not comfortable for many of you to have a microphone thrust in your face in a room full of people and have to stand up and speak. I can assure you it's not comfortable for me either, and it's not comfortable for most of our State Councillors. But I can guarantee one thing. On the other side of the 'uncomfortableness' is tremendous growth, and the satisfaction of being a VOICE for your community and your children, when they otherwise may not have had one, is huge. Everyone is here to help and support each other, and there is no such thing as mistakes. I am completely committed to ensuring that every single member in attendance gets what they need out of this next two days, and for you to leave with something under your belt that you didn't have when you arrived. So on that note, here's to an enjoyable, inspirational conference, and let's kick some GOALS! AND REMEMBER – YOU ARE HASHTAG ICPA!

Mrs Kim Hughes

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

State President, Mrs Kim Hughes, Patron Mrs Patricia Mitchell, Federal President Mrs Wendy Hick, distinguished guests, fellow Councillors, members of the St George Branch and Qld Branch members, I present the Secretary's report for the 2016/17 year, and my first in this position.

Given the change to the ICPA Qld financial year that was adopted at the Alpha conference, there has only been 9 months since we all gathered for the 15/16 AGM – and what a gallop it's been! There are some new faces in the Councillor ranks with Edwina Hick from the Julia Creek Branch and Louise Winten from the Charleville branch. It's great to have these ladies on-board. Anna Appleton, Alpha branch, added the Treasurer's role to her 'to-do' list. With a little reshuffling, Natalie Kenny took charge of the Canon and the PO role.

The new-look Council met for the post conference meeting in Alpha, the first face-to-face for the Council year. This meeting traditionally handles general administration, proposed delegations and preparations for the coming year. With the short time ahead, and a new conference date in June, Council knew we would have to get cracking. For those with new positions, it has been a somewhat fierce baptism!

The following month, Council met in Brisbane for the first round of delegations. This time was also used for another face-to-face meeting where important policy revision discussion was on the agenda. Another notable item was the decision to engage PR company, Cox Inall to begin a review of communication activities to identify how ICPA can relate and engage better with the member base and the wider community. The meetings arranged kicked off the lobby-year for ICPA Qld and included time with the Minister for Education, Hon. Kate Jones's office, the Department of Education and the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority - QCAA.

November/December saw the beginning of the review of the Constitution and Bylaws and the rapid fill of Council inboxes – it also began the slow decline in the sanity of our esteemed President! Kim definitely earned full colours for the way she managed all the communication, the alterations, suggestions, deletions and the countless drafts to bring our constitution into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Council prepared two submissions: one for the Qld Disability Review and the other regarding the Teacher Transfer Renewal Process.

All roads led to the deep south in February as we converged on Dirranbandi for the 'not-so-midyear' Midyear meeting. This face-to-face meeting was wonderful. Despite Qld turning on her hottest day, the Dirranbandi branch members were cool in their organisation and ensured we could get the greatest benefit from being together again. Thank you to the Dirran crew, it was just great to meet you in your community. Mid-year meeting is important – it is preparation time for delegations and conference discussion. It was with somewhat alarm, Council realised conference was a mere four months away – no time to waste! Just as well there was a gun convening committee on the job!

We welcomed Dr Regan Neumann, ADG State Schools – Rural and Remote division to our meeting where we were given a front seat opportunity to discuss member issues.

This year, a third day was blocked out to consider what steps to take as a result of the communications review. We spent a pleasant, very productive day with Megan Woodward from Cox Inall and after many hours, #iamICPA was born! The campaign launches an exciting new chapter for this proud, fabulous organisation – you are invited to help write it!

A submission was prepared for the Telecommunications USO Draft Enquiry Report.

The conference minutes were available in both hardcopy and digital versions. The digital copy got a face lift this year, the result was very creative! Great thanks to Di Selby (with some help from daughter Jacqui) for once again tackling the job of pulling all the information together. The effort she spent this year on 'jooshing' up the digital copy, adding images and plenty of colour was very well received – everyone loves the new look – after all, let's face it, minutes aren't the most exciting read! Well before the final copy, there is the small team of proof-readers who cast their educated eye over the material and check it is all right to go. Thank you Noela Wilson, Rose Philp and Adele Hughes for your meticulous attention to detail. Preparing the minutes was one of the first jobs I had as Secretary...let me tell you, I was scared! However, working with the ladies 'who just knew what to do' was invaluable.

Two rural practicum awards were presented this year to graduating teachers who chose to complete their pre-service in a rural area. Thank you to Tammie Irons for coordinating the awards with Universities. The concept is another avenue to raise awareness of the need for quality teachers in rural and remote students and the stories received from pre-service teachers highlight it is working.

March was a mammoth month on the Council calendar. With two sets of delegations, everyone had to be organised and ready. Mini-delegations involved only four Councillors but the meetings were anything but mini. It was a great opportunity to be able to meet once more with the Minister for Education. Among others, valuable meetings included the IT division of the Department of Education and P&C's Qld.

It was a case of 'get home, change bags and go again' for some Councillors as the major March delegations were on the horizon. This time, all hands on deck were required as the timetable mapped out a full 2 ½ days of appointments. In addition to further meetings with those previously seen, Council met with Agforce, Telstra, Local Government Association of Qld, Translink and TAFE Qld. Again, Minister Jones had time in her schedule for ICPA. The opportunity also provided some Councillors with a chance to tour the Creative Industries and Science/Maths/Technology campuses of Qld Academies.

Delegations aren't all work – we get to catch up with our wonderful Patron, Trish Mitchell. As always, Trish is a joy to spend time with. Her unwavering passion for and wonderful support of ICPA is undeniable and it's always lovely to spend time with her.

Submissions were prepared for the QFCC Review of the Blue Card System and for the Draft Consultation into a Strategy for VET in Qld.

It was back to Brisbane in May for Parliamentary delegations. The new approach, adopted last year, where Council travels to Brisbane during a Parliamentary sitting week enables meetings with both sides of Government while Members of Parliament are also in Brisbane – this has proved a successful strategy. Pre-requisites for Council is a comfortable pair of shoes and a good breakfast because the days are BIG! During the brief period in town, Councillors meet with 21 politicians and 9 Department representatives. The agenda for each meeting outlined the current key issues for ICPA Qld. This was supported with a comprehensive document which included in-depth portfolio information and desired outcomes.

The Off-Council positions of Fundraising Officer so capably held by Suzi McQueen, Webmaster held by Lynelle Urquhart and News and Views Editor held by Zabby Appleton have all been well handled again this year. Thank you for the time you give to ICPA. Jeff Little remains the walking-talking encyclopedia of IT – without him, many of us might assume a slightly longer acronym to mean, the area is Impossible To Understand!

The Bush Christmas raffle, held in conjunction with the annual event in Toowoomba is a major fundraiser for State Council. Again, a huge thank you must go to Liz McClymont for including ICPA in the event and the ladies who coordinate the ticket sales and do the hours at the front door. I have done some shopping at Bush Christmas a couple of times, it's always a nice familiarity to be greeted by ICPA members!

There have been 105 items of inwards correspondence and 68 items of outwards correspondence noted in the minutes.

A reminder to Branches to please send a copy of your AGM minutes to Assistant Secretary, Kim Donaldson. Please also provide an updated copy of your branch executive throughout the year if there are changes – it is important we keep the database current.

If ICPA awarded Girl Guide style badges for committee and reference group participation, then State Council might need a bigger vest. This year has seen countless invitations to have input to many influential groups. This might sound like bragging but I think we should be proud the opinion of ICPA Qld continues to be so valued. Currently, members of Council sit on: the Teacher Transfer Renewal Project Reference Group, Qld State School Resourcing Review, Six Full Cohort Stakeholder Group, Education Placements Qld, Rural and Remote Stakeholder Reference Group, North Queensland Region Training Reference Group, Remote Kindy Working Group, Telstra Rural Advisory Council and the Darling Downs South West Professional Learning Hub Governance Committee, the USQ Board of Education Study and ACCAN – that's all quite a mouth full....you should see my minute taking during meetings, abbreviation overload – and then I need a cheat sheet to decipher it!

In addition to this impressive list, ICPA Qld has had a presence at: the P&C's Qld Conference, the Northern Beef Expo, a face-to-face meeting with Federal Council in Adelaide, the Early Years Forum, the Rockhampton City Travel meeting, a USO Enquiry and communications review, the Boarding Schools Expo, the USQ Board of Education Study meetings, Gifted and Talented Conference and the SPELD Breakfast.

Yesterday, we awarded two very worthy ladies with Certificates of Appreciation – Di Selby and Liz McClymont.

Today we farewell two Councillors who have given so much of themselves to ICPA. Jacqui Beale heads the Boarding School and Hostels portfolio and has certainly made her mark on them. The relationships Jacqui has built with the schools is a wonderful testament to her passion for ensuring our children have a great home away from home. It is also time to say goodbye to Andrew Pegler. Andy has been a familiar face, a wealth of knowledge, the wise sage. The mental image of a sage is that of a classical bearded thinker...Andy aligns with that image perfectly! Thank you to both of you for being a significant part of all that is great about being involved on State Council.

On behalf of State Council, I thank Co Convenors, Michelle and Wendy, Registrations Guru, Tammie and the entire convening committee for coordinating this *Inspiration through Education* conference. When set the task of pulling off something spectacular in only 9 months, these ladies (and gent) grasped the opportunity and have succeeded magnificently. I must make a special mention of Brie Boyle, the photocopying lady – Brie has suffered because I have her number on speed dial! Over the last few weeks, she has graciously done as I have asked...often having to deal with conflicting messages; 'Hit Start', 'No, wait hit pause', 'Ok, good to go', 'Oh no, I noticed an error', 'Reprint!' Thanks Brie, I will leave you in peace now!



As each job has been so capably handled, it has reminded me that ICPA is all about everyday people doing remarkable things. It is the ultimate collaboration, an organisation combining the numerous skills of individuals who are all working towards a common goal – now that is Inspiration!

I must thank two more people before I finish. Kate Twist for being unflappable amidst my constant queries. She is an awesome lady and has helped me feel like I can do this job. And Kim Hughes for setting the bar and encouraging me. My trainer wheels have had a work out because, boy, have I made some really big doozies but Kim reminds me that I'm only human and we can't be perfect. The whole of council have supported this learning phase and I thank you all for this. The second phase of learning begins now – it's going to take me a while!

It is through being educated that we can be inspired. Our challenge is to never stop learning. In the context of all ICPA stands for, this means providing our children with every opportunity to learn so they too can have *Inspiration Through Education* – how exciting!

I present my report for adoption.

Mrs Gillian Semple

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Madam President, fellow councillors, Life Members, distinguished guests, delegates and members, I am pleased to present my first report to you all. This has been a short year, of only 8 months, with the change of our financial year, now ending 31<sup>st</sup> March. I am still finding my feet in the role, and am very grateful for a supportive council, and members, with their patience as I settle in.

The 2016 membership year saw a total of 1274 members, and as at the 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2017 memberships stood at 979, and memberships are expecting to continue flowing in as the year progresses. There have been 129 new members this year, so I would like to encourage branches to engage with their new members, and get them involved in any way possible to support ICPA, as this is what makes us such a strong organisation.

A reminder to branches, it would be fantastic if you could get your memberships submitted before the 31<sup>st</sup> March each year, and that if your branch has Branch Life members, both State and Federal fees for these members are the responsibility, and must be paid each year. It is also very important for all members to keep their postal and email addresses up to date, this makes the delivery of information and News & Views to you much more effective.

ICPA Qld Inc has run at a loss this year, of approximately \$17,500, however it still sits in a financial stable position, with over \$100,000 resting in a term deposit. 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, and bank balances, for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

With an income of \$68,000, the 2016 State Conference, hosted by the Alpha branch, donated \$16,736, whilst very generous donations have been received for \$5,000 from the Roma branch, \$3,000 from the Clermont branch, \$1,000 from the Winton branch, \$500 from the Kindon branch, and \$200 from the Richmond branch. Remaining income came from advertising in the News & Views magazine, art union ticket sales, sponsorship, souvenir sales, and of course branch memberships at \$11,514.

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.

A significant amount of funds are required each year for State Council representatives to attend meetings, and lobby government departments, to achieve a better educational outcome for our 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, out of \$85,996, for the year was for councillors to attend both State and Federal conference as well as delegations and other relevant meetings, and insurance continues to be a large expense for the year at close to \$12,000.

Thank you to our News & Views editor, Zabby Appleton, as she has continued to compile an informative and interesting magazine each quarter for members. Zabby 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.

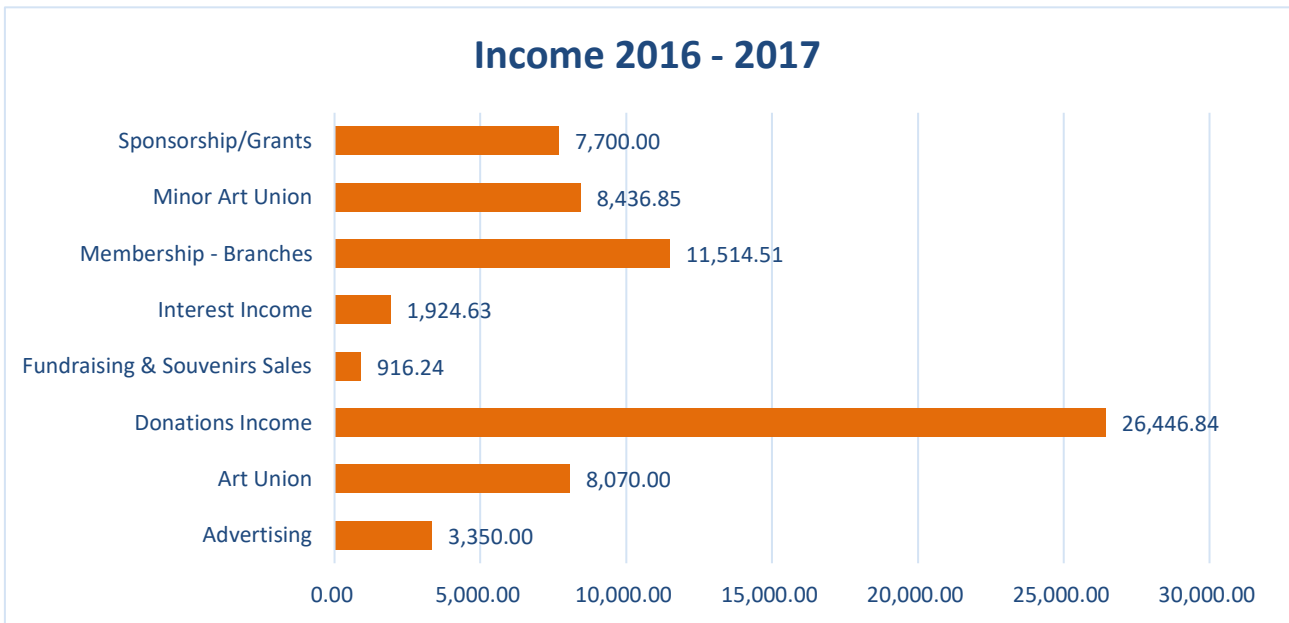
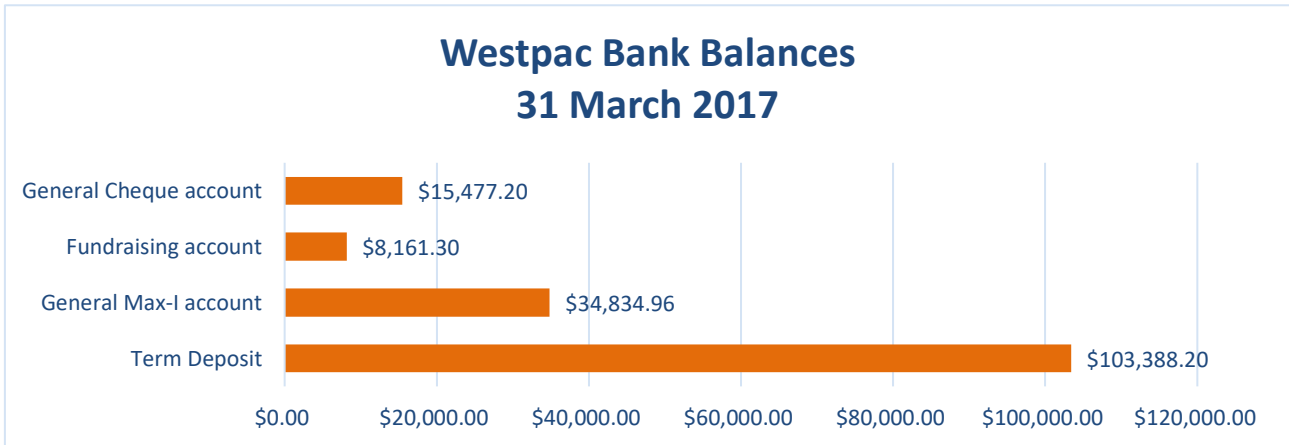
And, thanks also to Natalie Slack, from the Westmar/Inglestone branch, for continuing as New Member's coordinator this year, and compiling & posting out the new members' packs.

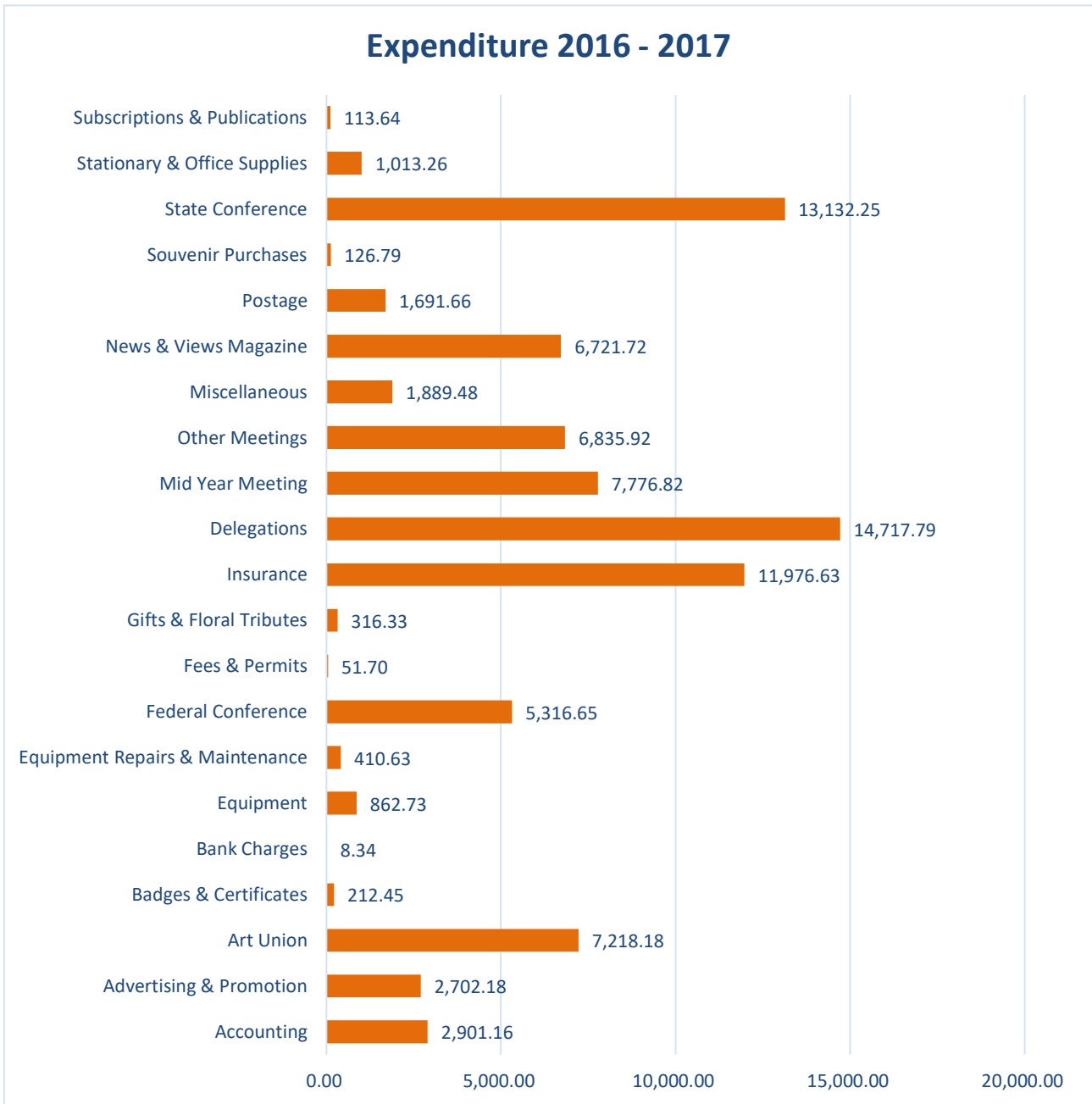
As state treasurer, I am also the Risk Management officer, so please remember that if your branch is undertaking any activities be sure to have a risk management form completed, and returned to me at least 2 weeks prior to the event. If in doubt, do not hesitate to let me know, we are here to help.

Finally, I would like to thank St George for hosting the 2017 ICPA Qld Inc State Conference.

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

Mrs Anna Appleton





## FEDERAL COUNCIL REPORT

Madam President, Queensland State Council, fellow ICPA members and guests, thank you for the opportunity to update you on the work of Federal Council. It has been another busy year, with tremendous momentum on a number of our lobbies.

Immediately following Federal Conference in Perth last year, Federal Council set to work actioning the 140 motions that were carried at the conference. The sheer number of motions presented at that conference 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. The Federal Motion Update, was distributed to members in mid-March and outlines how the motions have been actioned, outcomes achieved and future plans.

Last year's federal election brought a significant commitment by the government towards regional, rural and remote education. This is one of the few times we've seen an outspoken commitment of such magnitude for our children. \$152 million (dollars) over 4 years has been promised, to improve access to educational opportunities for rural and regional students and overcome the inequities they face when accessing education. This is a huge win for ICPA families.

The election announcement contained 4 components which I mentioned in my report at the last Queensland Conference but to refresh:

- **\$44.7 million towards isolated children, which includes an increase of 50% to the Assistance for Isolated Children's (AIC) Additional Boarding Allowance**

Increasing the AIC Additional Boarding Allowance, which is the means tested component of the AIC Boarding Allowance, by 50% has been welcomed by ICPA and the families who have qualified for this increase. The increase has been implemented in time for the 2017 school year. However, a large number of families receiving AIC Boarding Allowance don't meet the eligibility criteria for the Additional Boarding Allowance, so this assistance hasn't reached all families. Federal Council has been advocating for the remaining portion of this promised funding to include increases to all AIC components: Basic Boarding Allowance, Distance Education Allowance and the Second Home Allowance to assist a larger portion of geographically isolated families.

Federal Council are aware of a number of issues with AIC this year and some members not receiving theirs in a timely manner. If you or someone you know has not received their AIC payment, please contact us as we work directly with the Department of Human Services and can help assist members.

- **\$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 for YA within one GAP year. This criteria will commence January 2018, so 2016 school leavers will be able to benefit from this change which is another big win for the portion of our tertiary cohort who apply for independent YA and a measure that members have been asking for, for years.

- **\$24 million for 1,200 new Rural and Regional Enterprise scholarships for undergraduate, postgraduate and vocational education students to undertake STEM studies.**

Tertiary access will be boosted for regional and remote students undertaking studies in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). It is anticipated the first of these scholarships will be awarded in 2018.

- **An independent comprehensive review into equity of educational access for rural and regional Students.**

On March 2, 2017 the Honourable Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training announced this review. The submission and consultation process will allow ICPA (Aust) to include and address many of the issues and motions raised by members, as well as an opportunity to put forward suggestions of solutions to achieve even better outcomes for our students. Submissions are expected to be called for in June 2017 and Federal Council has begun preparations for this submission. We have also been asked to meet with Professor Halsey who is chairing the Review, and some of us will be travelling to Adelaide next week to meet with him.

While we will be putting forward the issues ICPA members have raised, the Review will be looking for new and innovative ideas to improve regional, rural and remote education, and not necessarily concepts that require funding. Federal Council is encouraging State Councils and members who may have suggestions or ideas which may not have been presented before to discuss these with Federal Council so that we can ensure that as many sound ideas as possible are included in our submission.

To say the least, ICPA has been excited for our members by these promises, an election commitment specifically for rural and remote education. This is possibly one of the biggest announcements for our geographically isolated children in a long time. ICPA (Aust) has welcomed the opportunity to speak with those in government about this election commitment to ensure each component is implemented in full and **will** benefit our rural and remote children.

Federal Council continues to build relationships and work closely with the Federal Government, Government Departments and other organisations to forward our issues and explain the challenges faced by our rural and remote students and their families.

Federal Council has once again lodged numerous submissions to Government seeking increased collaboration, engagement and achieving effective forwarding of our issues. Submissions written recently have addressed Communications, Tertiary Study, Early Childhood and Working Holiday Visa concerns.

Over the months since Federal Conference, the communications sphere has been busy. The Communication portfolio continues to have representation on the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN) and the government's Distance Education and Broadband Working Group. ICPA members should be reassured that the communications portfolio is regularly in discussions with **nbn** around installation issues, consistency of service, price and capacity, and the issues being experienced with the new **nbn** Sky Muster satellite network.

On a positive note, **nbn**'s Sky Muster Education Service is another accomplishment for members, having a separate internet service for education so families no longer have to divide essential data between home, business, staff and schooling. The education port is in use in Queensland, SA and WA and trials are taking place to further improve the delivery of educational materials over Sky Muster.

ICPA (Aust) has been able to assist with expediting installation requests with **nbn** for families who did not have their Sky Muster service installed prior to the ISS being switched off on Feb 28. The one strong message that we'd like to pass on to members is that **nbn** and also Telstra cannot fix a problem if they do not know about it. ICPA can help address some of these problems if members contact us.

Our collaboration around communications was boosted in December 2016 when ICPA (Aust) joined other like-minded organisations in the newly formed Regional, Rural and Remote Communications Coalition (RRRCC). Together with strong rural member organisations, our collective voices are being heard across the country. The RRRCC went to Canberra in March, walking the halls of Parliament House where we had more than 50 meetings and took the message loud and clear to those in government that the communication needs for those living in rural and remote Australia cannot be ignored.

ICPA (Aust) continues to look at new ways to get our messages out. During the 2016 Federal Conference, Distance Education Teaching Allowance postcards, addressed to the Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Social Services and Minister for Women, were circulated highlighting the DETA lobby with the main statistics from the ICPA Aust DETA Survey. We also brought these postcards to last year's Qld State Conference. Conference delegates and Pedals receivers were asked to support the lobby by signing and posting the cards. The tsunami of DETA postcards that arrived in Canberra was certainly noticed and mentioned during our next delegations.

Another initiative, the Distance Education Resource video, that was filmed at the homes and schoolrooms of two ICPA members, and launched at the Federal Conference, has been shared far and wide. The video aims to increase an understanding of how distance education classrooms function and the role the tutors play. It is also being utilised as an educational resource by several groups. If you haven't had a chance to see this video, or would like to see it again, it's on the ICPA website.

Also released at the Federal Conference was the Boarder Parent Handbook by Dr. Kate Hadwen who spoke at the conference. The book was written with input from ICPA and contains a lot of helpful information. Dr. Hadwen has kindly donated the proceeds from this book back to ICPA and we have a few copies of the book here if anyone would like to purchase them.

In the Early Childhood and Care portfolio, ICPA is disappointed that the Nanny Pilot Programme has been unable to meet the needs of rural and remote families for child care, one of the groups it was intended to assist. The pilot will run until 30 June 2018 and will be independently evaluated to guide future policy for child care in the home. ICPA members have loudly expressed that:

- the In Home Care Scheme needs to be retained and maintained to run alongside the Nanny Pilot Programme (or its replacement),
- In Home Care places for rural and remote families need to be increased and
- Existing places need to be reallocated and distributed to where the need is.

Concern was raised last year around Mobile children's services such as playgroups, being affected by the federal government funding for child care services migrating to the new Jobs for Families Childcare Package system. ICPA joined forces with a number of key stakeholders, to increase the publicity around this issue. ICPA has had assurance from Federal Government that these services will continue to be supported. In mid-February, representatives from all State and Federal Councils met in Adelaide for face to face meetings. It was a very productive few days and very rewarding with all ICPA councils looking at ways to:

- facilitate the opportunities for the councils to work together,
- share information,
- exchange ideas and
- plan ways forward on various issues to support our members.

Federal Council would like to thank the Queensland State Council for their ongoing support of federal issues and their dedication and commitment.

ICPA relies on the support of our members. Strong involvement from our members makes for strong councils and strong advocacy. At this year's Federal Conference, we will have several key councillors and executives stepping down from their roles. At the federal level, executives can only serve a 4 year maximum term and Jane Morton, our amazing "can do" secretary, must now step down. We also have people stepping out of the roles of Vice President, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. At this stage, we have been unable to find anyone currently on Council to step into the role of Secretary or Treasurer, and I'd like to put the call out to members to consider whether or not you can help in one of these positions. There are plenty of people to help and support as someone learns these roles and we have a great group on our Federal Council. We've had some interest in the position of Treasurer recently, but so far no one approaching us around being the Secretary. If we are unable to fill the Secretary position we will not be Constitutional and limited to how we can proceed. Some very positive things have been happening in our lobbies, but we need members to consider taking up these positions so the great work ICPA does can continue.

ICPA (Aust) welcomes the new Qld State Council elected at the AGM and wish you success in your future endeavours. Federal Council looks forward to continuing to work with state councils, branches and members.

Congratulations must go to St George Branch, Michelle Freshwater and Wendy Henning for convening such an enjoyable conference here in St George and making us all feel so welcome.

Federal Council hopes to see many of you at this year's Federal Conference in Alice Springs, hosted by the Northern Territory and convened by Alice Springs branch on August 2 and 3, which once again promises members the opportunity to hear from a great line up of speakers, meet ICPA members from all over Australia and allows you to have a say on federal issues that impact our rural and remote families and their children's education. If you need any more enticement to attend, the Conference Gala Dinner is going to be something else and is being held at the Old Outback Quarry with a view of the sunset over the MacDonnell ranges.

ICPA is reaching goals. With the help of members, partnering with like-minded organisations, and fostering an understanding of the realities of living outside urban areas, we can create awareness and support. With a united front, we can bring about further change for rural education. By being strong and resilient, and inspiring through education, we can ensure that our children can succeed no matter where they live.

Thank you.

Mrs Wendy Hick          President ICPA Australia



## VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING COUNCILLORS

### Mr ANDREW PEGLER

It certainly is with great honour and pleasure that I make this presentation to Mr Andrew Pegler as he steps off State Council after many, many, many years of association with ICPA. Andy has been on State Council since Winton in 2009, stepping up to the State President's role in Rockhampton in 2011. For the past two years Andy has been a supportive presence to all of Council in the role of Immediate Past President, and the word 'supportive' really does epitomise this man to a T. Being the only male presence on State Council for many years, Andy has sat through many conversations regarding clothing choices, emotions, shoes and their related feet woes, not to mention the odd moan about husbands! Throughout all of the high drama involved with working closely with 15 strong females, Andy has remained supportive... he is always there when you need advice, when you need a shoulder and particularly when we need a history lesson on anything ICPA related.

All of these things will be greatly missed – the name Andrew Pegler has been synonymous with ICPA Qld for so long. The Andy & Mary connection has been an integral part of all State Council events and happenings – Mary has even been known to iron my clothes!!

We will miss your presence, but we remain calm in the knowledge that your association with ICPA will continue in the future in some form, and that this is not goodbye, but rather 'see you later'.

Mrs Tammie Irons



## Mrs JACQUI BEALE

In 2013 at the Toowoomba ICPA State Conference Jacqui Beale joined State Council following family tradition with her involvement with ICPA and eager to direct her energies towards the ICPA motto: equitable access to educational opportunities for rural and remote students.

ICPA has always been present in Jacqui's life, starting in childhood when she would accompany her mother to meetings of the Boulia/Bedourie/Birdsville branch. Her mother was a very active member and Jacqui has many strong memories of hours spent backwards and forwards to meetings and events from her home south of Boulia. These experiences, at a young age, cemented for Jacqui, how great and influential an organisation ICPA is, and where these experiences could have put her off becoming involved herself, instead, convinced her to eventually step up and put her own mark on the organisation. Though, as an adult, Jacqui was initially reluctant to join her local Mitchell/Tomoo branch – she kept looking at all the young mother and thinking, 'I have been going to ICPA meetings before some of you were a twinkle in your parents eyes!' However, having her own children, and educating them, bought home how important ICPA is – she joined the branch in 2008 and hasn't looked back!

Having been educated via Distance Education, through Brisbane and Mt Isa School of the Air, before heading off to boarding school in Brisbane from year five, she had personal understanding of what it takes to get an education as an isolated student. Then, as the mother of two children, who have had various educational experiences, from a small school, a large catholic school, via distance education and boarding school, Jacqui, was equipped with first hand experiences to know and understand the challenges facing families as they navigate the education freeway, so was therefore a great asset joining the team.

In recent years Jacqui has extended her considerable talents to help run a local sawmill and all that entails, particularly when the owner was injured and she was dropped in the deep end keeping it running in his absence. This meant her time was stretched almost to its limit but she still took it in her stride juggling work place dramas, accidents and permanent visa application for the workers with her role as the Boarding School and Hostel Portfolios head.

In her 4 years in this role, Jacqui has made some great connections and contacts and really made it her own, leaving some big boots to fill now she is stepping down. Her boarding school and hostel contacts will miss their yearly call from Jacqui, just as we on State Council will miss her involvement with the ICPA at this level.

Jacqui, thank you for all your hard work over the past 4 years and know you and your down to earth common sense and practical attitude will be missed. You truly followed through with your commitment to achieve the aim of the motto - Working together for Equity of Access to Education for all Students who live in Rural and Remote Australia.

Mrs Kim Donaldson

## CONFERENCE WELCOME ADDRESS

Good Morning everyone, most people here today don't know me and could be wondering why I am standing up here. So just a little history for explanation. I was born in St George quite some time ago, at the Hospital up the street and did eight years of primary school at the State School just here in Grey Street.

However I don't have much more to say about St George as I am quite sure that at some time over the next two days some more political type will jump to their feet and wax lyrical about the virtues of this town. Towards the end of my schooling here our family moved to just past Bollon, I went off to boarding school and then spent most of the next fifty-eight years at Bollon.

My wife, Maureen, was also born in St George but I didn't know much about that for some time. We lived at "Acme Downs" and our two daughters were also born in St George. The two girls grew and very quickly the issue of formal education came along so it was off to the children's hostel, later to become 'The Bollon District Children's Residence,' in Bollon for five days a week at the age of five. This may have appeared to be a solution at the time but we now know that this decision has had lifelong implications. Soon it was off to boarding school, university and life goes on.

In those early days a number of cars would drive along our road to Bollon each Monday morning delivering children to the hostel and the school. There were about twenty-five children staying at the hostel for most of this time. By the time we left Bollon there were no cars taking children to school from our road and I hear on the grapevine that numbers at the BDCR Inc. are about one or two. I tell the tale that for most of the last several years, only one family lived on one of the neighbouring six properties to us, the rest vacant, and he was even older than me. He's now left as well. Not really a joke.

During this time the feelings of frustration and anguish at what was happening in education soon led us into ICPA and then for me eight years, two years in the chair, on State Council, from the Bollon Branch, following notable people from the branch and then out the other end, the black hole and on with the rest of life. Entering State Council, mainly from the small schools and hostels perspective, was quite a shock for me and maybe some others but I entered a very steep learning curve and came to work with a dedicated, hardworking group of people. No other organisation out there can come near to ICPA in providing camaraderie, friendship and the feeling of doing something worthwhile.

I can provide little comment on the issues that occupy branches and delegates these days other than to refer to some history. Nearly fifty years ago when the forefathers and mothers of ICPA sat on the banks of the Barwon at Bourke and under the Coolabah trees at Augathella the pervading mantra of the organisation was developed, 'To provide equality of access to education and educational services for geographically isolated students'. At the time half of these people didn't have access to a telephone and the correspondence papers were occasionally delivered through the mail. Some people in the Gulf could be isolated for several months in the wet and HF radio was the Facebook of the time for the people.

I came into ICPA about half way back through its history. The philosophy was still the same 'To provide equality of access to education and educational services for geographically isolated students'. Sometimes I thought half the motions at conference were about maintaining and upgrading the HF radio system. The modern technologies of the day were fax machines with heat sensitive paper in rolls, plain paper would never come the tech. people said, the FISH recording system, the caravan for storing paper records which I never saw, I understood it needed new tyres at one stage, don't know what happened to it. Then we experimented with a scanner, caused Mac a heap of anguish, didn't really work. The secretariat worked overtime to keep up with the paper work. I remember seeing Jack Beach with the first mobile phone, it was as big as a suitcase.

At this time we agonised over what might be a transition from the HF radio to something that would come out of a socket on the wall. Could not envisage WiFi, the net, email etc. and now the other stuff you use which I don't understand. During a State Council meeting in Longreach I wandered off at smoko time and wound up in a room that was probably off limits, or was it, it turned out to be the HF on air room, School of the Air, or probably a studio. On the desk was a book, quick look over the shoulder, opened the book and it was the call log for the teachers attempting to use the HF system for lessons. It was a sad litany of the calls and failed calls of the teachers trying to make contact with the students. It showed me the future of HF radio. I can't remember the exact wording of a motion I was involved with at the time but it was along the lines of not spending heaps of money on the HF system and using that money to promote some new way. Bit adventurous and the motion was lost. At another conference in Clermont another piece of revolutionary technology was demonstrated, it was a loud speaking phone, we were fascinated.

Sometimes the organisation becomes quite frustrated by what it sees as the lack of progress with its policies. You can bang the drum loudly and no one appears to be listening. However ICPA has to remember that it has the capacity to develop new ideas and directions, from the grass roots, that most other organisations can only dream about. You are not restricted by politics, the public service or the responsibility to serve other masters. Unfortunately for those present their time within the system has often expired before their heartfelt aspirations come to fruition. The raw ideas are expressed here and when carried the members of State Council have to nut out whether the issues are already covered by policy or some new policy has to be created. Many outside people follow the ideas presented by delegates to these conferences and try to have them included in future plans. Remember that politicians when they bring plans forward are never going to give credit to or acknowledge anyone else.

A few months ago your current President put out a press release, maybe it was just prior to delegations to the various bodies, but that doesn't really matter. In the release the same mantra was present, 'To provide equality of access to education and educational services for geographically isolated students'. Did the forefathers and mothers have it right fifty years ago? Do the educational services that the students now receive, those services that the organisation has strived for, provide the required outcomes? What is it that we now require for the future of the geographically isolated areas of Queensland?

To all the delegates, their family members who may be present, the visitors and representatives, the hard working State Council, The State President, I welcome you to the forty seventh annual State Conference of the Isolated Children's Parents Association of Queensland.

Mr Richard Knights

## MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

To all delegates attending the 46th Annual State Conference of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA), I hope you have a meaningful event at St. George.

Conferences like these are fantastic opportunities to begin dialogues and share ideas that can go on to create real change for Queensland's regional and rural communities.

My Government appreciates the challenges that families in remote locations face and we have implemented a number of strategies to work towards solving these issues. Through the \$200 million *Advancing Queensland Schools* initiative, we are delivering more than 90 projects to schools to improve their learning experiences and outcomes. This initiative will provide funding to build and upgrade a number of school halls. It will also provide more than 60 additional schools with a range of capital works, including upgrades to existing classrooms, administration facilities, special education facilities and new shade structures. My Government has also increased the Living Away from Home Allowances Scheme in order to assist students who must board away from home.

All children have the right to free and accessible education services. My Government is committed to working closely with organisations like yours so that this continues to be the case in all areas of Queensland.

To everyone who works tirelessly at ICPA to represent our rural communities, I thank you for your ongoing dedication and commitment.

I hope you have a successful conference and implore you to continue your fantastic work towards improving educational opportunities and conditions for families in isolated areas.

Annastacia Palaszczuk MP

## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTATIONS

### **Mrs Di SELBY** by Mrs Kim Hughes

I first came across this lady at the 2011 Rocky Conference. As a very nervous delegate, I was in awe of Di Selby, in her role as State Secretary. She spent a lot of time up on the podium reading out the delegates role call and various other procedural information which came with her duties as Secretary. Di's quietly spoken poise and her confidence behind the microphone always gave me such confidence that things were running according to plan. I'm not sure if they were, but she definitely made it look that way.

When I joined State Council that same year, I was welcomed with open, supportive arms by Di. What I always remember was Di's genuine interest in every member, and every branch. Di was always the first to put her hand up to mentor branches. In fact, if she was given the opportunity, I think she would have volunteered to mentor every branch in Queensland, such was her desire to connect, spend time with, and support the many volunteers this organisation is lucky to have.

Di has dedicated many years to ICPA at a branch and Council level. She has been an active member of the Moonie Branch for many years and joined State Council in 2006. 12 months later she was elected as Secretary, a position she held until 2011. During this time Di's commitment to maintaining the long-held professionalism of the organisation and the belief that portfolios should operate self-sufficiently is still firmly ingrained in the State Council today. Di spent a year as Vice President before stepping down in 2012. Since then, far from riding off into the sunset, Di has been busy compiling State Conference Minutes and is also in the process of digitally archiving the State Council documents.

Di's infectious enthusiasm, her unwavering commitment and genuine desire to ensure each and every member is touched in some way by ICPA is why she is an extremely worthy recipient of this Qld Certificate of Appreciation Award.

### **Mrs Liz McCLYMONT** by Mrs Louise Martin

Bush Christmas started in 1997 when a group of women in Western Queensland saw talent lying unnoticed in rural and remote areas.

Before moving to the Darling Downs, Bush Christmas organiser, Liz McClymont lived in Western Queensland for 22 years. During that time, she was a member of Outback Creations in Cunnamulla where local artisans sold their works. Encouraged by the success of Outback Creations, it became obvious that rural artisans needed another opportunity to showcase the talent from the bush that is not often seen away from its origin.

As a result, Bush Christmas was born and it has achieved a degree of recognition and promotion never thought possible at its conception. It has gone a small step further in bridging the gap between city and country and has opened many doors to a greater understanding and interest in the bush and its people. When Liz started Bush Christmas 20 years ago (1997), they only had 17 exhibitors, now they have over 100. Bush Christmas has opened many doors for a lot of people, and that's what it was set up to do, with some of the exhibitors having had great business opportunities from being involved. Last year's exhibition was a tremendous success, with over 4,000 people attending and 15,000 works finding their way under Christmas trees all over the nation and overseas.

Over the years Liz has offered the opportunity to different organisations to sell raffle tickets in prizes comprised of items donated by artisans selling their wares at Bush Christmas. In 2005, Liz offered ICPA Qld Inc the opportunity to run the raffle to fundraise for the organisation. Mary Killeen was the Fundraiser Officer at the time and took up the offer and an ongoing partnership was formed.

ICPA Qld Inc is indebted to Liz for her generosity in allowing ICPA to basically have exclusive rights to run the raffle which has now become a minor art union and which makes considerable dollars each year for ICPA Qld. She has been amazing with her support of ICPA for the past 12 years with approximately \$100 000 having been raised for ICPA Qld Inc during that time.

As a token of our appreciation I would like to present to you, Liz, a Queensland Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of all the members of ICPA Qld. We truly appreciate your generosity in supporting ICPA, and the funds raised has enabled us to continue to lobby vigorously for the equity in education for our rural and remote kids.

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Balonne Shire Council, Begonia Primary School, Blenheim Backpackers, Bollon ICPA Branch, Brown's Office Choice Toowoomba, Charleville School of Distance Ed, Delicate St George, Dirranbandi CWA, Dirranbandi ICPA Branch, Don and Pam Crothers, Dust'n'Boots, Elders St George, Farmhouse St George, St George State High School, St George State Primary School, St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Stevie Jeans, Sue Prince, Tony Greig at Caltex, Twig Baby Wear.

The St George Conference Convening Committee also thank Bollon and Dirranbandi branches for catering the lunch and smokos during conference.

**St George Conference Convening Committee:** Michelle Freshwater, Wendy Henning, Tammie Irons, Brie Boyle, Lisa Southern, Vicki Priest, Sue Hurford, Sharon Schultz, Gabriele Underwood, Sally Rigney, Jennifer Schwennesen, Gaylene Stanford, Jacque Hemming, Rebecca Southern, Justin Schultz.



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2 June 2017

The Members of  
Isolated Children's Parents' Association Qld Inc.  
Cl- Mrs Anna Apple ton ' Islay Plains'  
Private Bag 9007  
ALPHA QLD 4724

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. 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 checki ng the deposits that much easier.
3. Re the sale of Merchandise, un fortunately no profit this period, this would be due to the USB's being written off. 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 rep laced when required or new items are purchased. The Cards have been a great success again this year.
4. There were a few discrepancies in relation to the GST (GST claimed when the invoice did not reflect GST charged) and GST claimed on the Cash Prizes from the Art Union, GST will have to be adjusted in the next quart e r to reflect the changes and I will advise the Treasurer of the amount.
5. There was an event that happened this year in relation to the scamming of money. Statutory Declarations in relation to this event are on file and the police notified (there is a continuing investigation into the Scammers). The money has been repaid in good faith.



6. This has been a challenging period as this is the changeover year so there has been no profit this period as only 8 months is accounted for in comparison to 12 last years, this is reflected in the income and expenditure, particularly you will see Donations from Conference and Subscriptions are down. This has been a very challenging year and you have risen above adversity congratulations.

7. You will note that Art Union Money differs to the Fundraising spreadsheet but this is due to a cheque that was presented and then rejected by the bank, thus the decrease by \$40.

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 any time so if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact this office on the above number, by fax or email.

Yours faithfully,



Paula M Brun B Bus FCPA FIPA Tax Agent  
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### Independent Audit Report

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

### Scope

We have audited the accompanying financial report being a special purpose financial report of the **Isolated Children's Parents' 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, Certificate by Members of the Committee and Notes to the Financial Statements for the period **1 August 2016 to 31 March 2017.**

### 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 Parents' Association Qld Inc.** gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the **Isolated Children's Parents' Association Qld Inc.** as at **31 March 2017** and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended is in accordance with the constitution and the *Queensland Associations Incorporations Act 1981*,

### Basis of Qualified Opinion

As the organisation is entirely dependent on the internal controls exercised by the management committee and members, no warrant can be given that all entitlements of revenue have been received or that all services or goods paid for have been utilised for the **Isolated Children's Parents' Association Qld Inc.** The **Isolated Children's Parents' Association Qld Inc.** has determined that it is impractical to establish control over the revenue received or that all services of goods paid have been utilised for the **Isolated Children's Parents' Association 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 or assets owned by the association but have relied on a statement by the committee as to their existence. We have relied on a committee statement that there are no mortgages and charges over the assets of the association. Our audit was conducted on the records of the **Isolated Children's Parents' Association Qld Inc.**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

**Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling **Isolated Children's Parents' Association Qld Inc.** reporting responsibilities under the *Queensland Associations Incorporations Act 1981*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report**

The **Isolated Children's Parents' Association Qld Inc.** Committee of Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the *Queensland Associations Incorporations Act 1981* and for such internal control as the **Isolated Children's Parents' Association Qld Inc.** Committee of Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report **Isolated Children's Parents' Association Qld Inc.** Committee of Management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless **Isolated Children's Parents' Association Qld Inc.** Committee of Management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

6 September 2017

Central Western Taxation Services

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

**ABN 65 411 031 053**

Financial Statements

For the period from 1 August 2016 to 31 March 2017

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**ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.**  
**ABN 65 411 031 053**  
**Committee's Report**  
**For the period 1 August 2016 to 31 March 2017**

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC. for the period 1 August 2016 to 31 March 2017.

### **Committee Members**

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

Kim Hughes  
 Anna Appleton  
 Gillian Semple  
 Tammie Irons  
 Andrew Pegler  
 Louise Martin  
 Kim Donaldson  
 Natalie Kenny  
 Kylie Camp  
 Jacqui Beale  
 Kelly Ostwald  
 Kate Twist  
 Louise Winten  
 Edwina Hick  
 Wendy Henning  
 Zabby Appleton  
 Suzi McQueen  
 Lynelle Urquhardt  
 Jeffery Little  
 Margie Greenway

### **Principal Activities**

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

### **Significant Changes**

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

### **Operating Result**

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

Year ended	Year ended
31 March 2017	31 July 2016
\$	\$
(19,711.00)	39,597.58

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ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.  
ABN 65 411 031 053  
Committee's Report  
For the period 1 August 2016 to 31 March 2017

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

*Kim Hughes*

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Kim Hughes

*Anna Appleton*

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Anna Appleton

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**ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.**  
**ABN 65 411 031 053**  
**Trading Account**  
**For the period 1 August 2016 to 31 March 2017**

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>Trading Income</b>		
Sales	824.55	3,082.72
Postage Paid	12.27	114.07
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>836.82</b>	<b>3,196.79</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
<b>Add:</b>		
Opening Stock	4,092.46	4,155.97
Purchases	71.56	1,430.44
	4,164.02	5,586.41
<b>Less:</b>		
Closing Stock	2,947.52	4,092.46
	2,947.52	4,092.46
<b>Cost of Sales</b>	<b>1,216.50</b>	<b>1,493.95</b>
<b>Gross Loss from Trading</b>	<b>(379.68)</b>	<b>1,702.84</b>

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

ABN 65 411 031 053

## Income and Expenditure Statement

For the period 1 August 2016 to 31 March 2017

2017		2016
\$		\$
<b>Income</b>		
Trading profit (loss)	(379.68)	1,702.84
Advertising	3,350.00	9,700.00
Sponsorship	7,700.00	3,500.00
Donations - Branches	9,700.00	11,200.00
Donations - Other	10.00	250.00
Donations - Conference Branch	16,736.84	97,683.63
Fundraising - Art Union Ticket Sales	8,030.00	18,934.00
Fundraising - Minor Art Union, Raffle et	8,436.85	11,740.90
Interest received - WBC General Account	6.60	35.56
Interest Received - WBC Fundraising Acct	7.32	9.76
Interest Received - WBC Term Deposit	1,655.05	1,733.15
Interest Received - WBC Maxi Acct	255.66	963.02
Subscriptions	11,514.51	20,621.65
News and Views Subscriptions		250.00
Total income	67,023.15	178,324.51
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising and promotion	181.82	
Archival Information	45.45	
Audit fees	2,901.16	2,769.00
Badges & Certificates	212.45	377.40
Bank Fees And Charges	8.34	263.89
Federal Conference Expenses	5,316.65	6,105.45
State Conference Expenses - Registration		5,383.95
State Conference Expenses - Other	5,054.94	2,895.54
State Conference Expenses - Travel etc	8,077.31	17,682.14
Other Conferences	410.00	1,851.41
Delivery		46.00
Depreciation - other	1,131.00	2,467.00
Gifts and Floral Tributes	316.33	430.36
Hire/rent of Plant & Equipment		200.00
Insurance - Liability	11,976.63	11,976.63
Internet Expenses		93.50
Legal fees	1,500.00	
Licences, Registrations, Permits - Incor	51.70	49.95
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets		14.22
Meeting Expenses	28,920.53	56,487.38

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**ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.**  
**ABN 65 411 031 053**  
**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
**For the period 1 August 2016 to 31 March 2017**

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Memberships		200.00
News & Views Magazines	6,721.72	9,626.60
Postage	1,691.66	5,936.34
Pre-Services Teacher Resources		252.73
Publicity & Promotion	2,702.18	358.18
Raffle & Minor Art Union - Tickets	854.54	1,614.28
Raffle & Minor Art Union - Prizes Purch	7,000.00	8,000.00
Repairs & maintenance - Computer Etc	410.63	43.18
Replacements Equipment		35.45
Sponsorship		300.00
Stationary and Office Supplies	1,013.26	1,431.65
Subscriptions & Publications	113.64	29.00
Telephone - Phone and Facsimile		22.73
Workshops & Training		64.32
Web & App Expenses	122.21	1,718.65
Total expenses	86,734.15	138,726.93
<b>Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax</b>		
	<b>(19,711.00)</b>	<b>39,597.58</b>
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
<b>Net profit (loss) attributable to the association</b>		
	<b>(19,711.00)</b>	<b>39,597.58</b>
<b>Total changes in equity of the association</b>	<b>(19,711.00)</b>	<b>39,597.58</b>
Opening retained profits	188,752.10	149,154.52
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(19,711.00)	39,597.58
<b>Closing retained profits</b>	<b>169,041.10</b>	<b>188,752.10</b>

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

ABN 65 411 031 053

## Detailed Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2017

Note	2017	2016
\$		\$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
Cash At Bank - General Account	15,477.20	13,127.71
Cash at Bank - Fundraising Account	8,161.30	12,785.38
Maxi Investment	34,834.96	52,579.30
Term Deposit 24 2432	103,388.20	101,733.15
Pay Pal Account		87.36
Cash on hand - Fundraising Petty Cash	200.00	200.00
162,061.66		180,512.90
<b>Inventories</b>		
Stock on Hand	2,947.52	4,092.46
2,947.52		4,092.46
<b>Current Tax Assets</b>		
GST payable control account	1,160.00	683.87
GST payable adjustment control account	668.09	1,281.52
1,828.09		1,965.39
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>166,837.27</b>	<b>186,570.75</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Plant & equipment - at cost	22,605.28	21,742.55
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(18,637.55)	(17,506.55)
3,967.73		4,236.00
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>3,967.73</b>	<b>4,236.00</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>170,805.00</b>	<b>190,806.75</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Payables</b>		
<b>Unsecured:</b>		
Trade creditors		60.75
60.75		
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>		
<b>Unsecured:</b>		
ICPA Qld Inc. - Mastercard		230.00
230.00		
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>290.75</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>290.75</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>170,805.00</b>	<b>190,516.00</b>
<b>Members' Funds</b>		

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**ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.**  
**ABN 65 411 031 053**  
**Detailed Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Reserves</b>			
General reserve		1,763.90	1,763.90
Accumulated surplus (deficit)		169,041.10	188,752.10
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>		<b>170,805.00</b>	<b>190,516.00</b>

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

ABN 65 411 031 053

## Depreciation Schedule for the period 1 August, 2016 to 31 March, 2017

	Total	Priv	OWDV	Date	DISPOSAL	Consid	Date	ADDITION	Cost	Value	T	DEPRECIATION		CWDV	PROFIT		LOSS		
												Rate	Deprec		Upto	+ Above	Total	-	
<b>Plant &amp; Equipment</b>																			
2 Electric Stapler (News and Views) OO	200.00	01/07/89	200	0.00	0	0.00	0	P	7.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Microfische Reader S/N NM1514SL OO	350.00	01/07/90	350	0.00	0	0.00	0	P	10.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Rapid 100E Electric Stapler OO	350.00	01/07/93	350	0.00	0	0.00	0	P	13.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Microfilm Records 500.00 01/07/86	500	0.00	500	0	0	500 P	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44 Microsoft Office 319.09 02/12/03	319	0.00	0	0	0	40.00 OP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
46 Teleconference Headsets OO	715.59	29/11/04	716	0.00	11	0.00	11	D	30.00	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
47 Teleconference Headsets OO	511.14	13/12/04	511	0.00	8	0.00	8	D	30.00	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
52 Canon PC950 Photocopier OO	362.73	05/10/05	363	0.00	8	0.00	8	D	30.00	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
56 Retractable Banner System OO	608.00	03/09/07	608	0.00	143	0.00	143	D	15.00	16	0	127	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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63 Samsung RS540-JD01AU Notebook + warranty990.9109/09/10 OO	991	0.00	0.00	0.00	2	0.00	2	D	66.67	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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71 Ricoh Aficio Multifunction SN S90193004042.999.0003/01/12 OO	2,999	0.00	0.00	0.00	299	0.00	299	D	40.00	79	0	220	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
73 Toshiba Satellite Ultrabook PSUJARA 862.73 29/10/12 OO	863	862.73	29/10/12	863	0.00	16	0.00	16	D	66.67	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
74 Toshiba Satellite Pro i7/4Gb OO	908	908.18	29/11/12	908	0.00	19	0.00	19	D	66.67	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75 Canon EOS 500D and Lens 18-20mm Camera800.0014/12/12 OO	800	0.00	0.00	0.00	358	0.00	358	D	20.00	47	0	311	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76 HP Photosmart 5520 Inject Printer OO	70	70.00	21/05/13	70	0.00	14	0.00	14	D	40.00	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
77 Rapid 90EC Electric Stapler OO	454	454.36	01/08/13	454	0.00	98	0.00	98	D	40.00	24	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
78 ICPA Flags 0.00 27/08/13	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



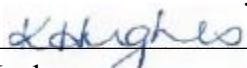
**ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.**  
**ABN 65 411 031 053**  
**Statement by Members of the Committee**  
**For the period 1 August 2016 to 31 March 2017**

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 March 2017 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:

  
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Kim Hughes

President

  
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Anna Appleton

Treasurer

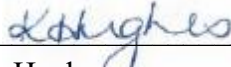
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**ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD INC.**  
**ABN 65 411 031 053**  
**Certificate by Member of the Committee**  
**For the period 1 August 2016 to 31 March 2017**

I, Kim Hughes of Richmond, and I, Anna Appleton of Alpha certify that:

- a. We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on 8 June 2017 .
- b. The financial statements for the period 1 August 2016 to 31 March 2017 were submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Dated 9 June 2018

  
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Kim Hughes

Committee Member

  
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Anna Appleton

Committee Member

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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**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(b) Impairment of Assets**

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

**(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

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

**(d) Revenue and Other Income**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(f) Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period, which remain unpaid.

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The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.