

Media Release

ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QLD



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ICPA CONFERENCE - WAY OUT WEST AT WINTON

In just over two weeks the Isolated Children's Parents Association will convene for the annual conference, this year being held in the western Queensland town of Winton. On Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th June 250 delegates and guests will gather to discuss the needs of regional and remote students.

Delegates will discuss various issues, including small schools, distance education, communications and financial assistance. ICPA Qld president, Mrs Kim Hughes explained that "there are motions across all portfolios this year, some addressing longstanding ICPA lobbies like the need for adequate internet in rural and remote schools, as well as new ideas like the suggestion of a primary production unit within the curriculum"

Conference attendees will also hear from a great line up of guest speakers. Award winning singer/songwriter Sara Storer and columnist Kathleen Noonan will sit down with journalist Andrea Crothers to discuss their country origins and careers. ICPA Qld will likewise welcome Mr Philip Mason, Assistant Secretary for USO Taskforce, who is making the trip from Canberra. Mr Mason will share information on the USO, and would like to hear the stories of rural and remote communities and their need for landlines.

A wide array of trade displays will be open over the two days. Boarding schools, allied health groups, Telstra, and nbn Local are just some of the groups who will be available to meet with delegates. The Department of Education will also have an IT support desk on hand where a technician will run a health check over your device.

ICPA Qld is looking forward to spending time in Winton, hearing about both the triumphs and struggles of rural and remote education, and enjoying the hospitality of an iconic western Queensland town.

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