

TERTIARY, TRADE & TRAINING PORTFOLIO CONFERENCE REPORT – 2020

QUEENSLAND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES

Following the 2019 Conference in Charters Towers, there were 3 new motions for the Tertiary, Trade & Training portfolio to progress all involving ICPA Qld continuing to work with the Queensland Agricultural Transition Committee and the Local Community Stakeholder Committees regarding the pathways for the Longreach and Emerald Pastoral Colleges.

ICPA Qld have been fortunate to have Louise Martin as a member of the Longreach Community Stakeholder Committee and has been able to provide a voice in these meetings for Rural and Remote Students and their families.

The Colleges have now been passed on to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for future management until occupancy is established with various other entities.

At this stage the latest update for the Longreach Facility is that an agreement with the Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD) to occupy part of the former Longreach campus for community events, training and commercial interests has been put in place. Then COVID-19 hit and RAPAD was unable to facilitate many of the activities they had planned for the selected buildings and areas. The agreement is a short term one until the end of the year as more comprehensive modelling is being undertaken by RAPAD through the development of a comprehensive business plan for the Longreach facility.

At Emerald there is continued undertaking of cropping research and development at the facility and they are in the process of expanding this operation. Also working with the Central Highlands Regional Council on options and the Central Highlands Development Corporation to undertake a site Strategic Occupancy Review of the campus area on the facility.

DELEGATIONS – March 2020

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions some meetings could not take place but we were very fortunate to be able to have great discussions with TAFE Qld around their delivery of courses and options available for R&R Students and also those attending Boarding Schools.

COVID 19 has forced many changes and adjustments in the Tertiary, Trade and Training sector and all have worked tirelessly to adapt and move forward for their students.

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