

Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia Advocating for equitable access to education for students in rural and remote Australia

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2020 ICPA Australia Federal Conference Update

The Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA) Australia is saddened, though confident in its decision, to enact necessary changes to the format of the 2020 ICPA Federal Conference and AGM in order to still hold the event this year. Unfortunately, the 49th Annual Federal Conference that was to be held in Hobart, Tasmania on 5 and 6 August this year will need to be cancelled.

With the current unpredictable COVID-19 pandemic isolation measures and travel restrictions in place across Australia, Federal Council is not able to move forward with the conference as initially planned.

We realise the impact of this decision will affect our members, partners, stakeholders and presenters, many of whom have been planning and looking forward to their attendance for months.

ICPA (Aust) is presently exploring all options available to come to an informed decision regarding the best alternative solution to conduct our annual AGM and Conference through a platform which will still connect us with our members, Branches, Councils and supporters.

We appreciate the need to advise our valued members and stakeholders as promptly as possible the details of dates and formats for the 2020 event. However, we want to ensure we find the right solution that will allow for as many of our members as possible to attend within the constraints of our regional, remote and rural locations. Federal Council will continue to update members and supporters as our plans proceed.

We would like to thank our sponsors and supporters for their investment in the year's event thus far and for their understanding during this challenging time as we work to find the best way forward.

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