

PEDALS REPORT 2020

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Greetings, and welcome, to everyone, on this beautiful winter's day in Hobart. Oh.... Sorry rewind. We were meant to be in Hobart, but COVID-19 put paid to that. Still, never let it be said that any pandemic stopped ICPA from holding their annual Federal Conference.

So, instead of listening to me talk from the podium, you can read this Pedals report online.

The past 12 months has seen another 4 issues of Pedals magazine published for our members and other interested readers. I do hope you have all been enjoying the content of the magazine when, or if, you find time to read it.

Whilst you may not think of it this way, Pedals is actually a collaboration between the contributors, the editor and the publisher. Without one of those core roles there would be no magazine, so never doubt the importance of the contributions that you make to Pedals.

I know you probably get really, really tired of emails turning up telling you another Pedals magazine is about to be put together and your contributions would really be welcomed, which actually means, 'please, please, please send the editor some material'!

It never ceases to amaze me, as editor, the range of articles I receive from contributors, the majority of them ICPA members. The challenges that are overcome, the innovative ideas trialled, the achievements of our rural, regional and remote people across this vast land and the support to others who may be in similar situations to some of our contributors.

The most recent issue, published in July, was an incredible journey across Australia, learning how people were dealing with COVID-19, the impact, or not, that it's having on their lives and businesses and how they see the future. I believe that this issue of Pedals, July 2020, will be just one of many ways the history of 2020 and the pandemic will be recorded for posterity.

Likewise, the journey of Pedals over the years is very much a history of ICPA and, its journey, over the years since the first magazine was printed. Our thanks must go to the ICPA Federal archivist Julia Materne, for maintaining the full compilation of Pedals magazine, among other archiving duties. It's a very big job.

My thanks go to Alana Moller, our Federal President, Nikki Macqueen, past Publicity Officer and Jo Camilleri, current Publicity Officer, for their input to each issue. It is never easy, especially when circumstances are constantly changing, as has been the case in 2020.

I would also like to congratulate and thank Nikki Macqueen for her work in ensuring each cover and a selection of articles from each issue of Pedals is put up on the website.

I consider it a privilege to be the Editor of our national magazine and I thank all of Federal Council for entrusting me with this role. I look forward to bringing you more fabulous reading in future Pedals magazines.

Hopefully, I will see many of you, face to face, at the 2021 conference.