



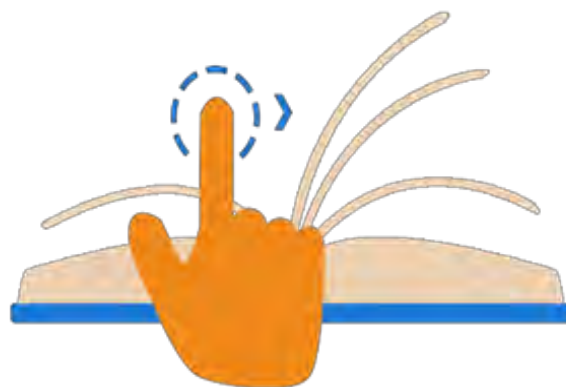
ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Advocating for rural and remote education

SA ICPA

48th Annual State Conference

Minutes

2019



Swipe Right for Education

Conference Attendees

SA ICPA State Council

President: Kerry Williams
Vice-President: Belinda Hatcher
Secretary: Joanna Gibson
Treasurer: Jill Greenfield
Immediate Past President: Lisa Slade
Publicity Officer: Mijanou Reynolds

Councillors: Sonya Fels
Jodie Keogh
Lynly Kerin
Petie Rankin
Helen Williams
Kirsty Williams
Lisa Hunt

Conference Convenor: Kate Greenfield

SA ICPA Branch Delegates

Flinders Ranges: Michelle Hilder, Belinda Hatcher
Marla Oodnadatta: Helen Williams, Paulaine Vermeulen
Marree Air: Jodie Keogh, Lisa Edwards
North East: Leisa Breeding, Penny Rasheed
North West: Lynly Kerin, Petie Rankin
Port Augusta: Kate Greenfield, Katrina Morris
Lone Members: Lisa Hunt

SA ICPA Branch Observers

Flinders Ranges: Lisa McIntosh, Linda Haydon
Marla Oodnadatta: Gillian Fennell, Kirsty Williams
Marree Air: Kate Litchfield
North East: Jane Gloster, Kirsty Glacken
North West: Edwina Bowie, Candice Brown, Jess Barry
Port Augusta: Ian Morris

Conference Attendees

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Mr David Ensor	Director External Relations, Department for Education
Mr Nigel Huxtable	External Relations, Department for Education
Ms Karen Humphries	Procurement & Transport Directorate, Department for Education.
Ms Katie Crombach	Head of Campus, Open Access College

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Mrs Wendy Hick	Federal President
Mrs Jane Morton	Assistant Secretary, Federal Council
Mrs Alana Moller	Federal Councillor
Mrs Nikki Macqueen	Publicity Officer, Federal Council
Mrs Irene Lund	Lone Member Officer, NSW /Victoria, ICPA NSW

ICPA LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs Jane Gloster	Federal Life Member, State Life Member
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INVITED GUESTS AND ATTENDEES

Ms Heather Barron	Director, Child and Family Health Service
Ms Trish Ellin	REVISE
Ms Georgy Ewing	REVISE
Ms Kathi Sumner	A/Advanced Nurse Unit Manager, Country North, Child and Family Health Service
Jessica French	Remote and Isolated Children's Exercise
Samantha Mundy	Remote and Isolated Children's Exercise
Mrs Kristy Sparrow	Guest Speaker, Better Internet for Rural, Regional & Remote Australia (BIRRR)

MEDIA

Ms Claire Harris	Stock Journal
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Apologies List

POLITICIANS

Premier Steven Marshall	Premier of South Australia
The Hon John Gardner MP	Minister for Education, Member for Morialta
The Hon John Dawkins MLC	Parliamentary Secretary to Liberal Leader
Mr Dan van Holst Pellekaan	Member for Stuart, Minister for Energy and Mining
The Hon Peter Malinauskas MP	Member for Croydon, Leader of the Opposition

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Mr Robin Harkin	Education Director, Far North
Ms Julie Taylor	Principal, Open Access College

ICPA

Mrs Emily Gardner	President, TAS ICPA
Ms Amanda Nixon	State Secretary, WA ICPA
Mrs Megan Henderson	North West Branch
Mrs Lyn Nagel	Port Augusta Branch - SLM
Mrs Amanda Michael	Port Augusta Branch

INVITED GUESTS

Ms Carolyn Grantsklans	CEO, Association of Independent Schools SA
Mr Mark Sutton	Director, Outback Communities Authority
Ms Cecilia Woolford	Chair, Outback Communities Authority
Ms Sandy Russo	Director, SPELD SA
Ms Kaye Clapin	Executive Officer, Connellan Airways Trust
Mrs Roslyn Schumann	State President, The South Australian Country Women's Association Inc



SA ICPA 2019 Conference programme

9:40am	Log in to Webex	Branch photo presentations
10:00	<i>Conference Commences</i> National Anthem/School of the Air Song President's Welcome Webex Tutorial Introduction of Guests	SOTA Students Kerry Williams SOTA Students Joanna Gibson
10:30	Official Opening of Conference	Kristy Sparrow
10:50	Morning Tea	Branch photo presentations
11:00	Agenda Motions Motions 1 – 14	
11.40	Federal Council Report Floor motions – if applicable	
12:00	AGM	
12:15	Close of conference	

Presidents Report

Kerry Williams

Members and guests of the South Australian Isolated Children's Parents' Association.

We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we are meeting upon here today. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal peoples to Country. We also pay our respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal peoples attending from other areas of South Australia present here today.

On behalf of the SAICPA State Council I'd like to welcome you all to the 48th Annual State Conference, and it also gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the first state conference to be delivered via the internet. A big thank you to the SOTA students present here in the studio for sharing their school song, which has heralded the start of the school day for generations of isolated students. If you are feeling somewhat out of your depth with the format today, remember that these children have been navigating online platforms since their early years of schooling, and so we thought it would be appropriate for them to show us the ropes. We'll ask them back in a moment to help you orientate your way around the screen.

The idea of hosting an online conference came about when trying to come up with ways to reduce both the cost and burden of planning and organising conferences for our hardworking volunteers. Through email updates and The Pipeline, State Council requested feedback from our branch members in 2017 and as this was mostly positive, we presented a motion which was passed at last year's state conference. While we can see the benefits of this format, everyone agrees that coming together face to face is always going to be more effective at keeping our community connected and sharing our passion for rural and remote education. With this in mind, we hope that you will consider joining us at the 2019 Federal Conference in Adelaide, to be held on 31st July and 1st August. Thank you to Katrina Morris and the convening team who have been working hard to ensure it will be an event worth attending! Further details will be circulated in the coming months. The theme of our conference today, Swipe Right for Education, might sound like a reference to the Tinder dating app, but in this context, it is asking our members and friends here today to consider how they can Swipe Right for Education, and take positive action to ensure the best possible educational outcomes for rural and remote children.

In keeping with our theme, we asked branches to submit slides that celebrate achievements and showcase how they have "Swiped Right" for Education. We hope you enjoyed this snapshot into our wonderful rural and remote communities. Times have been particularly tough for many of our families and communities, with some areas experiencing the worst drought on record. It is through the tough times that feeling part of a supportive community is even more crucial. ICPA plays an important role in not only advocating for our children, but giving families a voice, providing opportunities for friendship and the strong sense of community gained by sharing common struggles.

Since our last state conference in May 2018, SA State Council has been busy following up on motions, writing submissions and grant applications and attending various meetings and conferences. These have been covered in more detail in our Mailchimp updates and my President's reports to Pipeline. Please take the time to read the Portfolio reports that cover each area in more detail. Over the years we have formed positive working relationships with many key stakeholders, including:

- The Department for Education
- The Minister for Education, Hon John Gardner
- Member for Stuart, Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan
- Outback Communities Authority (OCA)
- Remote and Isolated Children's Exercise (RICE)

- Open Access College
- Port Augusta School of the Air
- Australian Boarding Schools Association
- Telstra
- NBN
- The SACE Board
- TAFE SA and Livestock SA (with the 2019 launch of the Certificate III in Rural Operations!)

We are grateful for the support and involvement of all these people and organisations, for listening to the needs of members, inviting us to provide input and being part of ongoing discussions throughout the year. As a grassroots, member-driven organisation, SA ICPA would not exist without the support of branch members throughout rural and remote SA, who generously volunteer their time to keep their local branches going and to organise local events, fundraising and get-togethers. Thank you to everyone who has taken positive action to support our organisation and our communities over the past year.

To keep proceedings as short as possible, reports will be accessible on the ICPA website rather than being read out today. Please take the time to read what is happening in the different portfolio areas. Floor motions and nominations for executive positions need to be received by the secretary, Joanna Gibson, before the end of the Federal Council report. They can be emailed to Joanna at SASecretary@icpa.com.au Please remember that you will need to arrange someone from your branch to second any floor motions.

We will now go to back to the SOTA students who will talk you through how to use Webex, and we will also be giving instructions for how to vote and respond as we move through the proceedings. We will then go to our Secretary, Joanna Gibson, who will introduce the attendees, followed by our inspiring guest speaker, Kristy Sparrow, co-founder of Better Internet for Rural, Regional and Remote Australia (BIRRR).

Acknowledgements

Thanks to everyone for attending today and for those branches who presented motions that will guide our work over the coming year.

I'd also like to thank State Council for their support over my two-year term as President, and particularly to the executive for taking on additional responsibility and being so committed to their roles. I was very fortunate to have been preceded by Lisa Slade, who has been a great support as Immediate Past President, despite always taking on too much yet somehow getting it all done! I hope I can offer the same to the next President. We were very lucky to have Joanna Gibson step in as Secretary when we were unable to fill the role last year. Joanna came with a wealth of knowledge and experience of ICPA and I have really enjoyed working with her – she's done a great job! The Treasurer's position has been a pretty complex one for Jill Greenfield, with the shift to online memberships and some complex grant administration and acquittals. Thank you, Jill, for just getting on with it, with at times admirable determination! I'd also like to acknowledge the work of Publicity Officer Mija Reynolds and Pipeline Editor Lynly Kerin who have worked hard to keep the community connected through The Pipeline newsletter. Mija has also kept us connected with media and always seems to end up fielding those dreaded phone interviews!

Finally, thank you to the convening team, Kate Greenfield, Mija Reynolds, Lisa Slade, Lisa Hunt and myself for pioneering the first online conference! There are many more people I could list that have made significant contributions throughout the year, attending meetings and delegation, keeping on top of portfolios and writing articles. On behalf of SA ICPA I'd like to thank you all for your generosity in supporting ICPA.

MOTIONS

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Motion 1 Marree Air Branch

“That SA ICPA lobby Child and Family Health Services and the Department for Health and Wellbeing to reinstate a full-time CaFHS nurse to service remote and outback areas, not just rural areas.

Moved: *Lisa Edwards*

Seconded: *Jodie Keough*

Explanation

It was advised in late 2018 that commencing 2019 CaFHS will employ the child health nurse as a dedicated remote service with regular clinics in Hawker and Quorn locations to assist those living in remote areas along with a telephone number to access. Previously Remote & Isolated Children’s Exercise (RICE) had a nurse that travelled to remote and outback properties that was funded 0.4 by CaFHS. Our concern is that there are a number of families with new babies and other children requiring child health and development checks that cannot easily access these clinics due to the distance needed to travel. Families in our branch would need to travel up to 780kms to access the closest clinic and mothers with new babies and children should not feel the daunting experience of having to travel hundreds of kilometres to get their new baby or child health development checks. It is understood that the RFDS has been doing a lot of these checks due to no local visiting CaFHS nurse. We have families in our branch that are not serviced by RFDS Central Operations based out of Port Augusta but by RFDS Broken Hill which are not aligned to the SA Health service and therefore records are not shared. It is not expected that the RFDS should be doing our checks if it is a SA Government supplied service unless they are funded for this.

COMMENT: Kathi Sumner. Would like to provide further information. It is certainly correct that we have reinstated the clinics at Hawker and Quorn. They were an immediate response for something we had the capacity for, as a recommendation from RICE, with the view that we would be recruiting a remote area nurse and that we would be looking to expand regular services in Marree, Oodnadatta and Leigh Creek. It has been bit of a process to finalise the recruitment and someone has been appointed to that position, based in Port Augusta and working full time. This is a broad service for remote and rural, not just rural, and I want to apologise for the delay in being able to explain that properly and explain the recruitment process.

COMMENT: Mija Reynolds, State Publicity Officer. Commenting for the motion. In 2014 I was diagnosed with severe malnutrition, exhaustion and post-natal depression, it was the RICE nurse who advocated for me and really helped me get through it. My concern is that now it has moved to CaFHS, and away from RICE, people further out that don’t have access to these clinics will miss out. I know everybody is different but if I had to go clinic I would have established a less close relationship with my CaFHS nurse than when she came out to my home and could see what was going on the home and how I was coping or not coping. It is really important that everyone has access and not just via a clinic a couple of hundred kilometres away.

COMMENT: Jodie Keogh, Marree Air Branch. Thankyou Cathy for the information and the email sent through to ICPA on the 14th which arrived after we formed this motion. I just want to reiterate that I think it is great that you have put in the extra facilities in Marree, Oodnadatta and Leigh Creek but I live at Innamincka, 480km on a dirt road down to Leigh Creek. I want to make sure that people in our area don’t miss out. You have the clinics in remote locations, but people live further out than that who cannot access these clinics easily.

COMMENT: Kirsty Williams, Marla Oodnadatta Branch. Three weeks after the birth of my last baby I was contacted by phone to see if I was still in Adelaide for a visit. Of course, I wasn't. Recently contacted by the CaFHS nurse who visits Oodnadatta, she is actually in Oodnadatta today. It is difficult when clinics are on a set date. If you can't make it on that set date, then another month goes by. Families could be approached, as the RICE nurse used to, to find a suitable date. It is disappointing that the nurse will no longer visit our homes. I have a 160km round trip to visit the clinic. People living in towns get home visits, it seems the further out you are the more the services get cut. I fully support this motion.

COMMENT: Kate Greenfield, Port Augusta Branch. I fully support this motion. My second child screamed in the car from the moment we put him in his car seat until the time we turned the car seat around. Having him and a young toddler and driving and 1 ½ hours to town for a clinic at an appointed time would have been a very difficult thing in our situation. We were very, very grateful to the RICE nurse for coming to our home so I didn't have a 3-hour car trip with a tiny little child who had screamed for 3 hours of that day.

COMMENT: Kathi Sumner. We have funded the remote nurse position 0.4FTE. I'm hoping now we have employed someone full time we have increased capacity to be able to travel. Initially we are looking to partner with RFDS and Adelaide Health Flights to do the outreach clinics. We do have a nurse in Oodnadatta today but that is to meet with the community and re-establish a clinic. The vehicle we had allocated to the RICE role is based in Port Augusta and we certainly will have a nurse doing home visits and we are working towards doing visits in partnership with RICE, we just had to wait until we had a nurse recruited to the position to be able to move forward with that. We are looking to re-establish those remote clinics and be responsive to families and travel when required for home visits.

COMMENT: Paulaine Vermeulen Marla Oodnadatta Branch. I'm for the motion. I'm not from Australia, I arrived about seven years ago, became a parent a year later. Being in a foreign country and having a new baby was very daunting. In the beginning I was scared to travel the long dirt roads, RICE contacted me and explained that the health nurse would travel out and visit my family. The information about the clinics hasn't been distributed through the community, I didn't know that there is a CaFHS nurse in Oodnadatta today.

COMMENT: Kirsty Williams Marla Oodnadatta Branch. Cathy how will people be contacted. Pauline wasn't contacted, obviously because she doesn't have a baby, how is that going to work. RICE had the connection with the families with young children whereas CaFHS is contacting those with new babies. There is obviously a lost link there already in the communication process. How is that going to be addressed?

COMMENT: Kathi Summer. With CaFHS no matter where you birth your baby, you sign a consent form which gives us consent to contact anyone who has had a recent baby. That practice was the same in RICE but they would contact the families when they knew they were travelling to include that visit. That process will remain the same. We have attempted to contact families initially while they were in Port Augusta or further south for birthing but as I have heard that hasn't worked particularly successfully. With the clinics, we are just scoping them out. Today was the first visit to Oodnadatta to check out the clinic environment, was it suitable, what else did we need. When we know that we can be operational on a monthly basis we plan to do a communique to all the families. Christine McCracken, the most recent RICE nurse handed over all the families she had been seeing and we will be in contact when we can establish those regular clinics so families do know when they are on and we have the schedule for when health check is due and we will be proactive and contact families with dates to organise that.

COMMENT: Heather Barron, CaFHS. I want to reiterate that previously CaFHS funded 0.4 of the position within RICE not the entire FTE for that position. We have added to this new position,

previously it was 2 days per week now it is 5 days per week in that position. We are meeting the motion you are proposing we are actually completing that already by filling that position full time. If you look at the functions the RICE nurse carried out while having that position full time it was only two days a week CaFHS function, the remaining duties were RICE duties not CaFHS duties.

CARRIED

Motion 2 SA State Council

“That SA ICPA lobbies the Minister for Health and Wellbeing to provide funding and support for a dedicated child health nurse to be part of the RICE team to service remote and isolated families.”

Moved: Lisa Slade

Seconded: Belinda Hatcher

Explanation:

On the 13 December 2018, ICPA SA were notified by the Project Officer (Communications) for Child and Family Health Service (CaFHS) that *commencing from January 2019, all child health checks for remote and isolated families would be undertaken by a CaFHS Nurse, employed by CaFHS and not RICE and could we update our web page to reflect that information.*

CaFHS has since removed their contribution of funding and support from RICE and employed a child health nurse, employed by CaFHS, in a so called dedicated remote services role.

CaFHS have also advised that they will be offering regular clinics and providing quality services in Hawker and Quorn locations to further assist - This is of little assistance to those isolated and remote families leaving them with no reliable service unless they are able to travel many hundreds of kilometres. The RICE nurse was a full-time position that was a lifeline for mothers and families living remotely.

RICE is perfectly placed to continue to deliver the CaFHS services as part of their holistic approach to assisting families with young children that live in some of the remotest regions of the state.

It would be detrimental for families in isolation to lose this service. We urge the Minister for Health and Wellbeing to reconsider this decision.

COMMENT: Kathi Sumner, CaFHS, I guess we have covered a lot with the previous motion but some of the process of redefining the role to a CaFHS based role was to supply further professional and clinical support to the nurse. We found that the nurse was working in isolation professionally and we felt from a professional and clinical governance perspective the role fitted better within the CaFHS team in Port Augusta to support their professional working and to meet their legislative requirements. In terms of the email that said we had reinstated regular clinics to Hawker and Quorn is in no means limited to that, but it is just where we have started, and we were expanding a much broader service to the far north area. I can take on board the concerns around Innamincka, that is in the area where NSW interfaces and we are going to be working with them to how we can access more families by plane but also, it is a reality that is a driving service response. The full-time person based in Port Augusta will have a lot of modality about how they provide a service response and it won't be limited to only those clinics we have talked about.

CARRIED

Official Opening of Conference

Kristy Sparrow

MOTIONS RESUMED

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Motion 3 North East Branch

“That SA State Council write to the Minister for Education asking that the RICE kindy teacher position be converted from a contract to a permanent position.”

Moved: Penny Rasheed

Seconded: Leisa Breeding

Explanation:

Attracting staff to any rural or remote South Australian school or pre-school is difficult at the best of times. When a position is on an ongoing contract basis, this task is made even more complex and challenging. Throw in the uniqueness of RICE, and the mission becomes almost overwhelming. By converting this important position from a contract to a permanent position, prospective employees would have much more certainty around their tenure and their career stability. It would also allow RICE management much greater clarity around their annual and ongoing planning. Given that RICE delivers pre-school education to the vast majority of SOTA Reception students, the stability and continuity of the delivery of this program is vital for our children’s education.

COMMENT: Sam Munday, Director of RICE. Last week I had a meeting with the Director for Education, he advised that any suggestions regarding attracting teachers to the area to be put in writing and sent to his office, so I agree with this motion.

CARRIED

DISTANCE EDUCATION

Motion 4 North East Branch

“That SA State Council continue its efforts to pursue the very important goal of autonomy for the Port Augusta SOTA.”

Moved: Leisa Breeding

Seconded: Roslyn Breeding

Explanation:

The NE branch would like to thank State Council for the work they have been doing around this issue, which is close to the hearts of many SA ICPA members. The NE branch wishes to endorse this work to date and urge State Council to continue their efforts to engage any and all relevant parties.

CARRIED

Motion 5 Flinders Ranges Branch

“That SA ICPA continue to ask the Department for Education to undertake an investigation into the feasibility of the Port Augusta School of the Air becoming a standalone school.”

Moved: Michelle Hilder

Seconded: Belinda Hatcher

Explanation:

At the 2018 SA ICPA State Conference motions were raised like the one that is being put forward by the Flinders Ranges branch today. The response from the SOTA community was overwhelmingly positive and fully supportive of an investigation into SOTA becoming its own independent school again. Unfortunately, this has not been the case from those who have addressed the motions within the Department for Education. Whilst there has been some discussion surrounding this idea, there has been no real headway made regarding an initial investigation into the feasibility and logistics of returning SOTA to a stand-alone school.

What the Flinders Ranges branch is asking with this motion is that the Department for Education conduct a quantified and appropriate investigation into this matter. The community of South Australian families who have, currently are and who may educate their children through Distance Education are wanting to see SOTA return to a school that is driven and supported by SOTA families, remote and rural communities and SOTA’s rich history.

CARRIED

Motion 6 North West Branch

“SA ICPA lobby the Minister for Education to investigate the reinstatement of the Port Augusta School of the Air to be a stand-alone school.”

Moved: Lynly Kerin

Seconded: Petie Rankin

Explanation:

Last year our members requested that the Minister of Education investigate the merits of reinstating the Port Augusta School of the Air to be a stand-alone school. We are told that it would not be economically feasible. We would like the department to work with SA ICPA to provide costing figures that sustain this. Our members still have strong concerns that the current arrangement of Port Augusta School of the Air managed under the umbrella of Open Access College is no longer beneficial or in the best educational interests of our students, the staff and school community.

CARRIED

Motion 7 North West Branch

“That SA ICPA lobbies the Minister for Education to ensure that the Department for Education has a strategy in place to refill a teaching position which is vacated by the applicant leaving to pursue another teaching position elsewhere.”

Moved: Lynly Kerin

Seconded: Petie Rankin

Explanation:

In recent times School of the Air has had the unfortunate event that a teacher has been appointed a class at the beginning of the school year only to be offered another position at another school and

left immediately to pursue that role. This has left OAC and SOTA to hastily undertake the task of filling the vacated position before the school term starts, with at times an unsuitable applicant. Similarly, this year kindergarten students learning through the Remote and Isolated Children's Exercise Inc kindergarten program were left without a teacher at the beginning of the school year as the incumbent teacher found out that she had won another position two days before first term started.

Although this is not isolated to the realm of distance education, and is most certainly a problem for many other schools, distance education is at more of a disadvantage as the pool of teachers willing to take on these positions, and familiar with the delivery method, is far smaller than that of face to face schools.

We would like to see a policy put in place that protects schools & their students from these instances by ensuring a teacher who agrees to take on the position has to give sufficient notice before vacating that role. In this time the teacher can still undertake planning and delivery of lessons while the school has more time to fill the role with a suitable applicant.

COMMENT: Jane Gloster, a question to the North West Branch, what would you suggest is sufficient time?

COMMENT: Petie Moore, I would think 3-4 weeks would suit.

COMMENT: Lisa Slade SA State Council, in the past a relief teacher, often an ex SOTA teacher, fluent in the programming were called in if class teachers were going to be absent for the day. No service delivery or impact on the children for the day.

COMMENT: Penny Rasheed, North East Branch. Why is there not a permanent relief teacher that could be trained to deliver this as well? In every other state school there are permanent relief teachers who can come in in such events.

COMMENT: Jane Gloster. There are permanent relief teachers who can deliver distance education lessons, there are some that come up here to our school here and they know how to use the technology. Permanent relief teachers have to be booked a term or more in advance, so if this sort of thing happens, they will be difficult to get.

COMMENT: Katie Cromabach Head of Campus OAC, at this point I can't comment but I will raise this with Julie Taylor, Principal OAC.

CARRIED

Motion 8 North West Branch

"That SA ICPA lobbies the Minister for Education to assist providers of distance education to have access to relief teachers trained in the delivery of distance education to assist in any shortfall of staff."

Moved: Lynly Kerin

Seconded: Petie Rankin

Explanation:

In order for our distance education students to receive continuity of their education, we feel that having a pool of relief or short term contracted teachers who have appropriate training and knowledge in the delivery of Distance Education, would help alleviate the pressure SOTA and RICE are under to fill short- and long-term absences of teachers.

CARRIED

BOARDING SCHOOLS & HOSTELS:

Motion 9 Flinders Ranges Branch

“That SAICPA write to Government and Non-Government Boarding schools to highlight the difficulties faced by drought affected rural and remote families meeting school fee payments in times of hardship and to ask them to consider flexible payment arrangements for these families moving forward.”

Moved: Michelle Hilder

Seconded: Belinda Hatcher

Explanation:

Boarding school is not a ‘choice’ for many of our members, but rather a ‘necessity’ due to geographical isolation. Many families currently affected by drought are facing crippling financial hardship. Families will often be hesitant, or too proud, to approach their boarding schools to ask for help with fees. They may not know who the best contact person would be to discuss such issues. If schools could be considerate, and perhaps be proactive in contacting their families that live in drought affected areas, that would be a way of starting the conversation and a welcome token of support.

COMMENT: Jill Greenfield, if this motion passes and a letter is written we need to consider that some schools may already be doing this. Not sure how we find this out without asking the schools.

COMMENT: Joanna Gibson, State Council. I have a message from Richard Stokes, Director of the Australia Boarding Schools Association who has emailed a comment in response to these motions

“On behalf of our member boarding schools I make the following comments to cover all of the boarding school motions:

Our boarding schools very much understand the difficulty country families face - we even discuss this as part of our Duty of Care workshops. Every school goes out of their way to assist those struggling with fees, and whilst these are kept completely confidential in support of the family, there are very few country families who have discussed their situation honestly with the schools who do not get substantial assistance in covering their boarding fees.

Further, there is a clear understanding of the well-being of the country boarders - an understanding of their need to go home sometimes to assist with work around the property as well as extra support to help with developing their resiliency whilst at boarding school. Staff are trained in this, and have it reinforced often. As an Association we believe State Governments have a clear role to support country families to have the choice to send their children to a boarding school if they wish, and that a well-resourced living away from home allowance is the best support they can give.

The expectation by parents to supply better supervision, more support and better programs means school have to spend more money to do this, and so the cost of boarding is increasing - but this does not dilute the understanding schools and staff have of their country family’s needs.”

COMMENT: Lisa Slade, State Council, in response to Jill’s comment I think it is more about starting a conversation, so I imagine it would be a general letter. Secondly, in response to Richards’ letter, my children go to two boarding schools in Adelaide and neither have approached us. While it is discussed at that end I don’t know how many boarding schools or government boarding schools in SA are affiliated with ABSA that message is not filtering down to families where it is needed.

COMMENT: Mija Reynolds, State Council, in response to Jill asking who we could contact, I was going to suggest ABSA and find out who they are in contact with and who is part of ABSA.

COMMENT: Katrina Morris, Port Augusta Branch, because NSW and QLD are in bad drought and receive lots of media coverage, I’m sure they don’t realise that SA is having a very dry time as well. I don’t think the boarding schools really know that it is happening in SA as well as QLD and NSW.

COMMENT: Kate Greenfield, Port Augusta Branch, my kids attend a boarding school and after hearing about the UNICEF drought report that focused on children's well being throughout the drought (whilst primarily done in the Eastern states but very pertinent to SA with the drought biting hard here too) I contacted the boarding school that our children attend and actually spoke to the school psychologist, who was totally unaware, living in the leafy green suburb of Mitcham, she didn't really know there was a drought. Each time we do go down to boarding school it is like we are dropping on to another planet because it is leafy and green and each time we have a conversation they seem to be totally unaware. It makes us feel further marginalised.

COMMENT: Nikki Macqueen, Federal Council. All boarding school in Australia are associated with ABSA. Kate Thompson & I went to the International Australian Boarding Schools Association last year in Melbourne. I spoke a couple of times on the floor and made everyone in the room well and truly aware of the situation facing our members across Australia. They certainly do "get it" and I know that ABSA abdicates on our behalf constantly. I do know that there are boarding schools that aren't putting measures in place for our students and I firmly believe that families need to be talking loud and clear to their boarding schools. It is so important, you have to have that conversation, no matter how hard it is or how proud you are you have to go to them and say we are having difficulties paying our fees, can we please talk about this? I don't know that this is a State Council responsibility, but I do think it is definitely a family responsibility.

CARRIED

Motion 10 Flinders Ranges Branch

"That SAICPA write to Government and Non-Government Boarding schools to highlight the wellbeing of boarding students from drought affected rural and remote areas and ask for extra assistance and resources to help children navigate through times of hardship."

Moved: Michelle Hilder

Seconded: Belinda Hatcher

Explanation:

Children from drought affected areas, living away from home at boarding schools, know all too well the impact the drought is having on their families. They are also living through this hardship and require specific support to ensure their wellbeing is maintained accordingly.

In discussing the recently released UNICEF IN THEIR WORDS DROUGHT REPORT 2019, UNICEF Australia Senior Policy Advisor, Oliver White said there is 'an evident need for dedicated psycho-social support, coupled with a heartfelt desire to be included in solutions.'

"These young people care deeply about and are abundantly aware of the trauma their parents are going through, while at the same time, are operating with the over-arching attitude that they shouldn't talk about their own psychological reactions and concerns because 'it is always worse for someone else'," he said. "We found that they have been put in the position of having to make very adult decisions about their lives, their parents' lives, their family's farms and businesses – these decisions, their insights and solutions are based upon real, lived experience, have clarity and offer valuable contributions."

<<https://www.unicef.org.au/about-us/media/february-2019/children-in-drought-affected-areas-have-a-you-jus>>

Link to the UNICEF In Their Words Drought Report 2019 -

<<https://www.unicef.org.au/Upload/UNICEF/Media/Documents/Drought-Report-2019.pdf>>

CARRIED

Motion 11 Flinders Ranges Branch

“That SAICPA write to the Minister for Education to seek some form of financial assistance for rural and remote families from drought affected areas to help them keep up with boarding fee payments (private or public) during these harsh economic conditions.”

Moved: Michelle Hilder

Seconded: Belinda Hatcher

Explanation:

Boarding school is not a ‘choice’ for many of our members, but rather a ‘necessity’ due to geographical isolation. Many families currently affected by drought are facing crippling financial hardship and it is paramount that our children’s education is not put at risk by the inability of their parents to afford school fees.

COMMENT: Lisa Edwards, Marree Air Branch. Some areas are drought affected but not drought declared by the government. Just because we are not drought declared doesn’t mean we are not facing hardship.

COMMENT: Claire Harris, Stock Journal. I’m a journalist from the Stock Journal, I’ll be reporting on this in the paper next week. Can anyone comment on the details of how the financial relief would work? How would people like to see this happen?

COMMENT: Lisa Slade, State Council. We have left the request a little ambiguous because we don’t know how the government is funding any help through the drought packages. I don’t think anything is available at the moment anyway. Perhaps this could be tacked onto the State Education Allowance as a one-off increase, most families with children at boarding school would be in receipt of that allowance. This is just a suggestion and open to discussion.

COMMENT: Jodie Keough, Marree Air Branch. Support this motion. You may have heard the recent comments made by the Queensland Minister for Education in response to requests for assistance. The Minister stated that families should choose cheaper boarding schools or use government boarding facilities. We don’t choose a school because it is expensive, we choose the best school for our child. This needs to be highlighted to our Minister for Education.

COMMENT: Kate Greenfield, Port Augusta Branch. In SA we have a scheme available to primary producers for critical water infrastructure and you can get involved with the hay assistance scheme where they have to register. This is pretty much all that is available in SA currently which doesn’t match with the Eastern states in any shape or form. The intention of this is to look at how education can be thought through as part of the drought response by the government.

COMMENT: Jane Gloster, suggest that when you write the letter State Council include a plan rather than something general. Put an idea forward which may allow you to continue the discussion rather than the State Education Minister passing this off as a federal issue.

CARRIED

Motion 12 Port Augusta Branch

“That SA ICPA approaches the boarding schools in Adelaide and asks that they consider financial assistance in the form of a bursary to students that live at least 56km from the nearest school offering year 7-10 entry. “

Moved: Katrina Morris

Seconded: Kate Greenfield

Explanation:

There is a widening gap between the true cost of boarding and the AIC and SEA available to families of students that must board in order to receive their secondary education. The gap needs

reducing in order that these families are able to meet the cost of educating their children. Since 2015 the costs of sending a child to a boarding school has risen from an average of \$37 237 to \$41769.

CARRIED

TRAVEL

Motion 13 Port Augusta Branch

“That SA ICPA approach airlines servicing the northern areas of South Australia and request that they implement a student fare.”

Moved: Katrina Morris

Seconded: Kate Greenfield

Explanation:

Boarding students returning home during term are faced with the dilemma of long bus journeys that greatly erode available down time or huge airfare costs. Families are faced with the situation that they need to cut a long weekend short to allow for the two days travel via the bus because the cost of air fares precludes families from being able to utilise them.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION

Motion 14 North East Branch

“That the North East branch host the 2020 SA state conference.”

Moved: Penny Rasheed

Seconded: Roslyn Breeding

CARRIED with acclamation

SAICPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2019

The meeting was opened by Kerry Williams at 12:25pm

AGM Motions

1. "That the minutes of the 2018 conference be accepted."
Moved: Joanna Gibson
Seconded: Lisa Slade
CARRIED
2. "That the SA ICPA State Affiliation fee remains at \$22.00."
Moved: Jill Greenfield
Seconded: Joanna Gibson
CARRIED
3. "That SA ICPA Lone Member Subs be \$45.00."
Moved: Jill Greenfield
Seconded: Joanna Gibson
CARRIED
4. "That the SA ICPA financial records be audited by Ben Jenkin CPA."
Moved: Jill Greenfield
Seconded: Joanna Gibson
CARRIED
5. "That the Financial Report be accepted."
Moved: Jill Greenfield
Seconded: Joanna Gibson
CARRIED

Comment : Jane Gloster - Kerry I would just like to endorse that motion, I am going to vote for it anyway but I think that Jill has had a really difficult year this year, from what I can understand and all kudos to her for having the guts and determination to persist with it.

CARRIED

All positions were declared vacant and the Chair was taken by Lisa Slade.

Election of SA ICPA State Council Executive

Election of State Council Executive 2019-2020

President: Jill Greenfield
Nominated: Joanna Gibson
Seconded: Kerry Williams

CARRIED

Vice-President: Kate Greenfield
Nominated: Jill Greenfield
Seconded: Joanna Gibson

CARRIED

Secretary: Edwina Bowie
Nominated: Kerry Williams
Seconded: Joanna Gibson

CARRIED

Treasurer: Michelle Hilder
Nominated: Kate Greenfield
Seconded: Jill Greenfield

CARRIED

Publicity Officer: Petie Rankin
Nominated: Kerry Williams
Seconded: Joanna Gibson

CARRIED

Immediate Past President: Kerry Williams

Appointment of Branch Delegates to State Council Committee

Eyre:	No delegate advised.
Far West:	No delegate advised.
Flinders Ranges:	Mija Reynolds, Lisa McIntosh
Marla Oodnadatta:	Helen Williams, Paulaine Vermeulan
Marree Air:	Jodie Keogh
North East:	Roslyn Breeding, Penny Rasheed
North West:	Petie Rankin, Lynly Kerin
Port Augusta:	Katrina Morris, Kate Greenfield
General Business:	Nil.

Kerry Williams resumed the Chair and declared the **AGM closed at 4.20pm.**

PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Boarding Schools and School Term Hostels Portfolio Report

Kate Greenfield

It is with pleasure that I present my first Boarding Schools and Hostels report as portfolio leader. My two children are both at boarding school in Adelaide, with one in year 9 and the other in year 12. The journey of having them in boarding has not always been plain sailing but we remind ourselves during stressful periods that calm seas never made a good sailor.

During the first week in October 2018 Nikki Macqueen and Kate Thompson ably represented ICPA at the Australian Boarding Schools Association (ABSA) International Boarding Conference in Melbourne. If you haven't checked out the ABSA website may I suggest you find time with a nice cuppa in hand to do so. There is so much information available on their website to assist those considering boarding as well as those already on the journey.

There are two highlights for me from the conference report that I wish to share in my report as I think they are so insightful and powerful that they warrant being shared once more:

Keynote Address: Dr Tim Hawkes – *From Amateur to Professional*

A previous director of ABSA, Principal of Kings School for nearly 20 years and the latest life member of ABSA. An educator, social commentator and author who spoke about what is often done and what could be done to make the boarding years a magical experience for both students and staff.

These statements are worth thinking about:

- Amateurs have a job, Professionals know their job
- Amateurs find themselves; Professionals create themselves
- Amateurs practice, Professionals purposefully practice
- Amateurs have a goal, Professionals build a gate
- Amateurs do the job, Professionals do more than the job
- Amateurs generally say no, Professionals try and say yes
- Amateurs practice old style leadership, Professionals practice new style leadership
- Amateurs go it alone, Professionals weave in with others
- Amateurs leave a good first impression, Professionals leave a good last impression

Tim is passionate about making a big difference and is keen to hold Principals to account by not having a "me too" school. He suggested a boarding curriculum within schools, so students can learn about social etiquette and how to cook, iron, change a tyre, service a car. An interesting and common-sense approach.

Panel Presentation: *What keeps me awake at night, a Principal's Perspective*

Chair - Dr Tim Hawkes

Panel - Ms Ros Curtis (St Margaret's Brisbane), Mr Tony George (The King's School Sydney), Dr Alec O'Connell (Scotch College Perth), Mrs Karen Spiller (John Paul College Brisbane)

A great segment where these Principals spoke from the heart about their worries. Items included; enrolments, affordability, mental health and what goes on outside of their care and how they deal

with that within themselves. Nikki spoke about what keeps many of our R&R families awake at night - affording their children's education. This was well received.

I have updated the costs of boarding for South Australian families. This was last updated in 2015 and the costs for tuition and boarding alone were on average across all the boarding schools \$37 237. In 2019 the average cost of tuition and boarding is now \$41769. This is an increase of \$4532 during that period. Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) and the State Education Allowance (SEA) certainly help towards the costs but leave an ever-increasing gap between the financial support available and the true cost of boarding. Please get in contact with me if you would like a copy of my worksheet.

The effects of the ongoing drought led Federal council to put a submission into the Australian government "that a rural hardship educational fund be set up to help families cover the costs associated with boarding during natural prolonged disasters".

A snapshot of their submission:

The implications of educating children from drought-stricken areas are causing serious side effects, including but not limited to:

- Unsustainable out of pocket costs of boarding school for rural families, particularly in times of drought.
- Families removing children from boarding school, splitting the family and moving to town in order to access schooling or in some cases choosing between siblings as they cannot afford to keep their children in boarding school.
- Mental health of both parents and students already affected by the continuing drought compounded due to the worry over finding the funds for schooling.
- Many rural families do not qualify for the Farm Household Allowance, primarily due to asset tests, this allowance, even if it is received, is not designed to assist with children's education.

A final mention goes to the transition of Distance Education (DE) kids into a boarding setting. During the year I've had a number of really interesting discussions with parents of former DE kids that have gone on to boarding and we've highlighted the transition from one to the other. In the September issue of Light's Out (ABSA periodical) there is an article written by Makaela Fehlhaber of A Team Tuition. The article highlights that former DE students can have a turbulent time of making the transition from minimal face to face classroom experiences into a boarding environment where the sharp transition from independent learning into communal living and study may potentially be a detriment to the learning experience of these students. The article goes on to explain how A Team with a number of boarding schools is working to redress this situation. I recommend the read.

Useful websites and resources:

The Australian Boarding Schools Association (ABSA): www.boarding.org.au

Boarding Australia: <http://www.boardingaustralia.edu.au/>

"The Australian Boarder Parent Handbook" by Dr Kate Hadwen.

"Preparing for Boarding": follow the below link

https://www.icpa.com.au/module/latestNews/item_attachment/14/preparing-for-boarding.pdf

Helen Williams

The Communications portfolio has once again been busy in the last twelve months, particularly for our federal Communications counterparts. We sincerely thank the Federal ICPA team looking after this portfolio - Kristen Coggin, Team leader, together with Caroline Robinson, Alana Moller, Jane Morton and Wendy Hick.

They have continued work closely with the Federal Government, telecommunications companies and other like-minded stakeholders to seek the maintenance and development of adequate, affordable and reliable communications services for families in regional, rural and remote areas, particularly for the purpose of educational outcomes.

ICPA (Aust) continues to be a member of the Regional, Rural and Remote Communications Coalition (RRRCC) and our members' issues are often discussed within the RRRCC forums. ICPA (Aust) also participates in the RRRCC delegations to speak with those in government and this affords opportunity to raise concerns in an additional capacity.

Both Jodie Keogh and I, along with a number of other members from SA attended the 2018 ICPA Federal Conference which was held in Canberra.

Many of the motions at the 2018 conference were concerning the faults and restoration of telephone services. This was also highlighted in the Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee (RTIRC) Report. Members also raised concerns around the retention of landline services in rural and remote areas. Federal Council have been assured by the Minister for Communication's office that all landlines are to remain in place and will not be replaced by VoIP services. Landline services will continue to be maintained until another means of reliable, affordable and appropriate voice service is available.

There were also numerous motions seeking an improved internet experience, and another major concern to our members was expansion of the Education Port to include all rural students, especially those studying at the tertiary level.

At our SA state conference in 2018 our only Communications motion dealt with the Education Port as well. Members were lobbying for the Kindy students to be able to have access. This matter has since been resolved, and Kindy students with an education ID number can now utilise the Education port in South Australia.

There has also been an announcement of a new Skymuster Plus plan. This will be of benefit to ICPA members in that web surfing, emails and the like will not be metered. These plans were supposed to be announced by the providers early in 2019 but we haven't heard any more at this stage.

In another encouraging announcement, Telstra have announced that when we call 132200 for any reason, the phone centre can now determine if a caller is more than 100kms from a Telstra shop and if so, will automatically route the call to a regional service team.

This does not replace the RRADIO and the MYNGWL numbers for reporting faults but will be a great help in having people with understanding of rural and remote areas answering our calls.

On 30 April 2018, Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie, Minister for Regional Communications, announced the commencement of the 2018 Regional Telecommunications Review. The committee

was chaired by Mr Sean Edwards, and the members were Ms Wendy Duncan, Ms Johanna Plante, Ms Robbie Sefton, Ms Kylie Stretton and Mr Paul Weller. [NFF].

It was pleasing to see two people that ICPA is familiar with amongst the members of the committee. Kylie Stretton is an admin for BIRRR and also an ICPA member and we have worked closely with Johanna Plante in her role as the former ACCAN Board Chair and also as a member of RRRCC.

Two of the RTIRC Panel (Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee) attended Day 2 of the Federal Conference and members had an opportunity to express their concerns and thoughts to the RTIRC panel right at Conference

The report was tabled in Federal Parliament in December 2018.

Among recommendations in the Review were:

Recommendation 3 – The committee recommends no changes to the current Universal Service Obligation arrangements until there are fit-for-purpose alternative voice options for those consumers served by the Sky Muster satellite service.

Recommendation 4 – The committee recommends that industry be asked to bring forward new and innovative solutions for providing voice services in rural and remote Australia, particularly for areas served by the High Capacity

Radio Concentrator (HCRC) network.

(Two of the largest representative groups in regional Australia, ICPA and BIRRR have reported that members have experienced lengthy outages and repair times. We have heard that suitable trained technicians and replacement parts for the network have not been available, resulting in outages, sometimes lasting months.

Consumers are concerned with the state of the HCRC network and that there is no clear strategy for the network. Consumers would like to see alternative voice technologies trialled to test their availability, quality, reliability, cost-effectiveness and whether they would be accepted by communities.)

Recommendation 5 – The committee recommends the Government undertake an audit that focuses on:

- a) Repair times for landline services for those living in regional, rural and remote areas that are not fixed within the specified Customer Service Guarantee timeframes.
 - b) Measures the impact Customer Service Guarantee exemptions such as mass service disruption events on repair times in regional, rural and remote areas that are not fixed within the specified Customer Service Guarantee timeframes.
 - b) Measures the impact Customer Service Guarantee exemptions such as mass service disruption events on repair times in regional, rural and remote areas.
- Penalties should be considered for excessive repair timeframes.

Thank you to Kate Greenfield who attended the Telstra Regional Round Table meeting in Port Augusta.

In November a tele-meeting with other states and territory Communications leaders was a great way to be able to speak with our counterparts and realise we all have the same concerns and are all working for the benefit of our rural and remote children and their families.

Curriculum Report

Sonya Fels

I am pleased to present my report on curriculum related issues and informing families educating their children living in rural and remote areas for 2019.

A new CEO for ACARA was appointed, Mr David de Carvalho. He will commence his position on March 4 2019 as the CEO of ACARA. The new general manager for ACARA, Mr Peter Titmanis, has the role of assessment and reporting. Both gentlemen bring a great deal of experience with them to the board of ACARA.

2018 was the first year of transition for NAPLAN online, with around 20% of students undertaking NAPLAN online. In 2019, most students will undertake NAPLAN online but there still remains a low percentage that will sit paper assessments.

Moving NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and a faster turnaround of information. NAPLAN features have tailored testing which provides students with questions that are more suited to the student.

It was the first year for some students who took NAPLAN online, with the transition going very smoothly. Feedback from schools at the time said that the students found the online testing engaging.

The 2018 results show there has been significant gains in a number of areas and year levels, mainly at Primary since 2008.

The performance of Australian students in years 5 & 9 numeracy, years 3 & 5 reading, years 3 & 5 spelling, years 3 & 7 grammar was significantly higher than the NAPLAN 2008 average.

The writing test for years 5, 7 & 9 were below the observed base year 2011.

When the results of 2018 NAPLAN were compared to 2017 NAPLAN they were stable with no significant changes in any areas.

The online NAPLAN testing in the area of writing found that the students in year 9 had performed better to those who did the paper testing. Even though ACARA released a statement saying that the results are comparable. Students taking online assessment were able to edit their work quicker than those doing the paper assessment. The students have more confidence in writing online than on paper and the ability to readily review and edit their work online in a way they couldn't on a paper test.

Testing on ICT (Information and Communication Technology) Literacy is done every 3 years with the grade 6 and 10 students. In 2017 the results show that female students performed better than the male students in grade 6 & 10. Geographical metropolitan students performed higher than the rural and remote students in grades 6 & 10.

The SACE stage 2 English Literacy studies exam was the first year 12 subject to go electronic, with over 2,000 students the first to trial the new format. Students log into a locked down exam browser where they are unable to access the internet.

Thank you for your time, with all these reports and motions I do hope we can make a difference for our children. We need to keep up with our city partners so our children don't miss out in any way.

Distance Education Report

Petie Rankin & Lynly Kerin

This year has begun well for our growing School of the Air in Port Augusta with 49 enrolments and a whole new crew of fresh-faced teachers injecting some much-needed enthusiasm into our students. We welcome Katie Crombach as our Head of Campus, who has taken on the role with gusto. She barely had time to unpack her suitcases from Canada before pinning her OAC name badge on and getting stuck into induction week. Tom Clayton came on board as the 3-4 teacher, so it's exciting for the young boys in those grades to have a male teacher finally! Carly Whitaker knows all about our school, being a born and bred Port Augusta girl, and has taken on the role of 4, 5 and 6 teacher. Our

Itinerant service saw Christopher Thorpe, previously of Coober Pedy, and Amanda Wardle join Michael Kerin at the helm of station visiting operations. This was the boost our little school needed to remind ourselves that we are all in this together and having a strong community is important to keep it all running smoothly. It's lovely to see some real excitement back in the school and some positivity. Last year's itinerant teacher Joseph Tanti has remained at SOTA taking on a new and exciting role of joint year 7 teacher, sharing the role with a Marden based teacher as OAC navigate their way to 2022 when year 7 will become a student's first year of their secondary schooling education. SOTA & OAC year 7 students have combined for all classes, with the teaching role shared. Currently there are 39 students partaking in year 7 full time via OAC. 14 OAC students are in the combined OAC/SOTA class along with 5 students from SOTA families. To our knowledge it is unclear if this format will continue to be available to families post 2022, or if students will become an OAC only enrolment for Year 7 with no teacher being linked to SOTA. We hope to be able to report on the success of this format by the end of this year.

Supervisor (governess) numbers for SOTA families are strong this year with 14 families securing full time help in the classroom. Nine of these supervisors and three parents have registered for the Certificate III in Education Support course, which ICPA were the driving force behind securing. This course is delivered via OAC in the same way SOTA students are taught online. It is a valuable tool for staff and parents wanting to gain recognition for their effort in supporting our kids to learn while being able to put into practice the strategies they learn along the course of their studies.

Last year's motion regarding Port Augusta SOTA becoming a stand-alone school has almost come to a standstill with our Department for Education brushing it aside as a fanciful idea. It started with huge force and it's a shame to see it being tossed under the rug because the department don't think it carries enough reason to even have it investigated, which is all we want. Just to look at the possibility. Of the 1359 (2018 statistics), our 49 students can easily be overshadowed by a much bigger Open Access school and we will continue to keep this motion in the spotlight, so it doesn't lose traction, and gather the information we need to have a stronger argument.

Kirsty Williams

The In-Home Care (IHC) scheme has continued to gain a lot of attention in the past 12 months with many families particularly in Queensland and New South Wales finding that they are much worse off with the new model of care rolled out. Some families having been on a waiting list for over 2 years for IHC whilst others are struggling with increased fees that apparently come as a result of service providers being lugged with much higher costs than before which are then being passed on to the families. Positively, the Child Care Subsidy for IHC was increased in July and an additional 200 places were offered, mainly to Qld. It seems South Australia's problems are far from the other states though in that we do not even have families in rural areas utilising IHC because of the lack of providers, resources and understanding of how it could work. It seems the idea of having an employee living at their workplace is not comprehensible so IHC is inaccessible if you live any further than a stones' throw from Adelaide. From talks with the other ECEC portfolio reps, there is a very inconsistent structure between different IHC Service Providers (SPs) across states however, for SA it all falls back on when people will be able to utilise the scheme when an appropriate service provider that is actually affordable whom understands our needs and circumstances evolves. On the topic of understanding needs and circumstances, when the new Budget Based Funding (BBF) model took affect it was assured that they understood that RICE was a unique organisation and services would not be lost. However, the funding under the new scheme is for paid creches only which is only a portion of the activities offered to RICE families in rural and remote SA. Whilst playdays and activity days are continuing to run, this is purely because of the generosity of some communities/race clubs donating and in particular, Oz Minerals. Unfortunately, as of 1st January 2019, CaFHS withdrew their funding to RICE to service outback areas with a nurse. There is an enormous area to cover to get across all rural and remote areas which I think has been taken for granted on CaFHS behalf. It seems yet again, if costs are to be cut, we are the easiest target. Whilst CaFHS ensures they will continue to provide a service, it seems you must either attend a clinic in Hawker or Quorn or otherwise, attend the one day a month visit in a town near you when and if they visit. Home visits are no longer offered as they apparently do not have the resources. RICE has the connections with the families in the bush and it is a shame that CaFHS lacks the understanding of this relationship and the holistic approach that is RICE. Furthermore, RICE plays a pivotal role in offering developmental opportunities for children and parents in small rural and often isolated communities providing the only kindergarten/preschool program for those of us living in remote areas. The preschool teacher position has attracted attention in recent weeks with the teacher assigned for 2019 winning another position 2 days before the school year started. Whilst the girls at RICE have covered this role and have done an incredible job in doing so until a replacement can be found by the department, it highlights the complexities of the role and the difficulties in finding suitable applicants for roles in rural and remote areas. This comes on the back of the Morrison government committing more than \$440 million to states and territories for preschool in 2019 under the National Partnership on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education. The extension of the National Partnership is to ensure that preschool aged children in Australia have access to 15 hours of quality early learning a week, or 600 hours a year, in the year before school. Every state and territory have now signed up to the extension of the National Partnership in hope that all children receive the benefits that a preschool education has to offer.

Still on the topic of kindy, the Federal Council has continued to lobby the Federal Government to extend the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) allowance to include all pre-compulsory students (kindy kids) studying through distance ed. It is unfortunate that the government does not see this stage of a child's schooling as vital especially when they have committed to ensuring that every child has access to a quality early childhood education program. The onus is left on the parents to fork out to set up the area for kindy but this is something we will continue to work on. A positive in the area of the kindy kids has been finding that they are in fact eligible for the Education Port. The

education port means the family can access 50G of data for that child on top of their current data for a fee set by the provider. In order to apply for an education port, an application form must be submitted to your provider with the Education Department number that is attached to your child when enrolled.

During the year, another positive was the great news regarding the Working Holiday Maker Visa changes from 6 months to 12 months not just in Northern Australia but in all RRR areas. It would be a bonus if now the government could add Distance Education tutors and Child Care workers to the 'specified work' list for second year working holiday visas that would qualify them for their 2nd year Visa, considering they are on a farm/station.

It has been a big year for ECEC so on behalf of the SA ICPA State Council, I would like to thank the Federal Council for all of the hard work that they have put into the Early Childhood focused submissions and discussions this year.

Mija Reynolds

Madam president, ICPA members and guests, it is my pleasure to present the Rural Schools/Travel Portfolio report for 2018/2019.

A number of issues arose during the past year pertaining to Rural schools and Travel including ongoing issues surrounding bus routes and their potential loss.

I was fortunate to attend State delegation in June 2018 and one of our meetings was with Karen Humphries, Business Director of the Transport Unit within the Department of Education.

In relation to the Car conveyance allowance motion (Port Augusta Branch) from 2018's State Conference, Karen suggested that the established working group within SA ICPA do some research and have a discussion, put a bid in of the rate that we would like to see. The rate increase would increase in banded 5km increments. I asked for clarification on whether or not the Conveyance allowance was capped at 25km per day. Karen responded that the allowance is not capped at all. Karen said that there is an area on the form that has some figures written for internal use that may have caused confusion in regard to the belief that the rate was capped at 25km. The transport unit measures the distance in blocks of 25km. This motion is ongoing and is currently with the Port Augusta Branch in regard to deciding on specific rate increases in the banded 5km increments.

On Monday 6th August 2018, Greyhound Buses Australia announced they will no longer allow unaccompanied minors to use their service. Children under 15 will require a chaperone (15 years and older) from September 3rd, 2018. South Australia is serviced by Premier Stateliner Buses. Greyhound Buses come from interstate to SA but not the other way around. This change has had no impact on SA families at this stage.

During the July 2018 school holidays, 13-14 old school buses were decommissioned around our State. Hawker Area School had theirs decommissioned and received the old Booleroo School Bus in its place. The "new" bus is larger, newer and has tinted windows. Currently the HAS school bus route is secure until the end of first term 2019. The school is attempting to have the bus re-routed to retain the bus service as most of the students that used the current route in 2018 are no longer enrolled at HAS. The approval of the new route would mean new and existing bus users would continue to be able to access transport to school.

Update on (2018) Federal Conference motion A45 (SA State Council) - "That ICPA Federal Council continues to seek concessional airfares for rural and remote students who rely on air services to access an education".

Led by Di Skene, the Federal Rural Schools/Travel portfolio holder, Federal council have lobbied for more states including SA to be included in the "Bush to Boarding" subsidy by REX and Qantas. Federal Council have sent letters to Federal members in regard to this motion and currently awaiting a response. During delegation recently, this was also brought forward in conversations as these motions have been tabled for a couple of years now.

As you may be aware, these motions were addressed in the submission into the Regional Air Fares Inquiry. The Standing Committee has announced that it will extend the reporting date to June 27, 2019 so the committee can gather further information and conduct a thorough investigation.

In January 2019 the State Government announced a call for submissions for the Review of school bus services in regional SA. State Council prepared a submission for the School Bus Review in February 2019 and welcomed the opportunity to respond to the South Australian Government review with recommendations through members' comments that will ensure the improvement of access to an equitable education for rural and remote students. The outcome is pending as of 15 February 2019.

Kylie Morton

Mental health support via telehealth is up and running as of 1st November 2018. This is for psychology services only though, delivered by appropriately trained General Practitioners and non-specialised medical practitioners who can provide focussed psychological strategies. It falls under Medicare for anyone in rural and remote areas, and for drought affected areas where there is an existing relationship between doctor and patient. While this is not education specific, I felt it was worth mentioning as a combination of rural living, isolation and drought on top of dealing with children with special needs can be mentally and emotionally draining for parents. Parents need support just as much as the children with diagnoses. Speech Therapy provided via telehealth, covered by Medicare, is an area that Federal Council have been advocating for. Late in 2018, Federal Council advised that there have been two rural families in the NT who have not been provided with the appropriate support required for their children with special needs. One family with a child diagnosed with dyslexia and severe learning difficulties and one family with a gifted child. It has been raised with the Department of Education. No further information has been passed on in regard to an outcome for these issues.

NT State Council met with education department recently, as they are willing to try and co-ordinate numerous Allied Health Professionals to visit indigenous communities and stations with children with specific needs in the classroom. Again, no further information has been passed on about the outcome of this.

On a State level, myself and Kerry Williams were contacted by Deborah Crossing, Senior Project Officer, Ministerial Advisory Committee for Children and Students with Disabilities. Deborah was wanting to connect with parent groups to look at ways they can improve parent engagement for children with disabilities in rural and remote settings. She stated that...

“The intention is to explore the issues that are relevant to regionally based children with disability, their parents, school leadership and staff and community; and the accessibility of specialist resources and consistency of application of inclusive practices at schools in regional and urban locations.”

We discussed a lot, she asked a lot of questions to gather information from a parent of children with special needs perspective, and as an advocate for the wider special need’s community.

Some of the main messages and details that arose from our discussion were:

- Remote is different from regional and rural
- Remote means isolated from other parents with little or no support and no opportunity for a circuit breaker when things are tough
- Parents of children without disability general do not understand the context and needs of parents of children with disability – this increases isolation and disconnection
- Reliable and full IT access is needed but this is often no substitute for face to face contact with teachers and other parents
- Teachers (current and pre-service) need to be trained and equipped to
 - identify special needs and how to direct towards early intervention
 - understand parent’s feedback on their child (parents know their child; they know what is not usual behaviour) NB the department is preparing professional development for teachers and parents and this point will be relayed to the developers

There was some support for the department to establish a closed and moderated Facebook group for parents of children with disability.

With the information collected, the Ministerial Advisory Committee: Children and Students with Disability (MAC: CSWD) planned to put forward these suggestions to the Minister for Education. I have had no further contact with Deborah.

SPELD SA has received some grant funding from the Department for Education to work on projects that will support rural and remote students. SPELD has already been delivering free parent workshops to rural towns in SA and will be holding future events in many more areas, including Peterborough, Whyalla, Port Pirie and Port Augusta. These workshops are a great opportunity for parents to learn how to support their children with learning difficulties such as dyslexia. Many of these free parent workshops are also being redeveloped to go online on the SPELD SA website. Another exciting project is the expanding of the SPELD SA phonic books collection to provide some relevant texts for remote Aboriginal Communities in SA. These decodable readers will be available free on the SPELD SA website and will contain images, content and scenes that are more familiar to children living in remote areas. Our ICPA families have been asked to contribute photos for this project, that may be published some day! So please take the time to support it.

For more information on workshop dates and locations, visit the SPELD SA website www.speld-sa.org.au

CAFHS pulled funding from the Nurse position at RICE, effective 1st January 2019. The decision has the potential to have a huge negative impact on Rural and Remote families. The home service the RICE nurse provided was a valued one and is a substantial loss for families who may have previously or could have in future relied on the service for continuity, support and access to services regarding the development of their children. I can't help but wonder what sort of home support there will be now, especially for families who may have children with special needs, or in need of guidance to find and access services such as Allied Health professionals, should they be at the beginning of their journey as a family with special needs children.

[Latest Federal Update in Relation to Federal Motions presented in 2018](#)

Travel and accommodation assistance for specific education needs appointments

ICPA (Aust) has recently written to the Ministers for Health and Education to explain the national need for rural, regional and remote families to access travel and accommodation assistance to attend appointments with qualified professionals in order to diagnose and manage specific learning needs. ICPA has also represented this issue at meetings of the National Rural Health Alliance, which has rural representation from a wide variety of health professionals' organisations. The cost of access to services to assist with specific education needs is going to be an ongoing issue and future motions and ideas on how to further this aspiration are encouraged.

Mental health resources and bullying

While mental health resources for parents and students, especially around cyberbullying, are being developed by many organisations and government, few target geographically isolated students or boarding students specifically. ICPA has written to the Ministers for Health and Education to garner their support for the development of such resources. The government recently launched the [Student Wellbeing Hub](#) which has resources for teachers, parents and students. Potentially, links to resources specifically for geographically isolated families might be on this site. ICPA is exploring several lines of inquiry to find ways to develop the resources this motion is asking for.

Mt Isa School of the Air (MISOTA) has been working on a program starting with creating a "friends" program and sections on resilience. They had "[Eyes Wide Open- Social Media Safety](#)" attend their Home Tutor Week in May 2018 to discuss cyber bullying and found they did a good job of tailoring their presentation to their 'audience'. Eyes Open does school consultations and has resources and MISOTA have purchased access to the resources for every family in their school.

In Term 4 2018, MISOTA launched “Tips for Transitioning” around moving from distance education to boarding. This was the next phase of their program and also has an emphasis on cyberbullying. Another organisation working in this space is [Dolly’s Dream Foundation](#) (associated with the [Alannah and Madeleine Foundation](#)). They are currently researching what does and does not work in terms of delivering cyberbullying information and aim to develop their own resources. ICPA is hopeful a working relationship might be established with these organisations to foster the development of resources specifically for rural and remote families.

Gifted and Talented Education

At the 2016 Federal ICPA Conference, ICPA (Aust) was asked to advocate for funding for the delivery of workshops for parents of gifted students living in rural and remote areas of Australia. The University of NSW’s Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) delivered such workshops over 10 years ago. Negotiations stalled, however, at the request of ICPA, GERRIC is currently costing the delivery of parent workshops for rural and remote families either through community visits or over webinars. Once costs have been established, ICPA can then look to find ways to deliver these workshops for parents of gifted and talented children.

Lisa Hunt

From the Federal Tertiary and Training Portfolio – Kate Thompson

Youth Allowance

From January 1, 2019, the parental income cut-off increased from \$150,000 to \$160,000, plus \$10,000 for each additional child in the family, for those regional, rural and remote students who are applying for YA as an independent under the part-time work or earnings criteria.

Youth Allowance Overview Document – the 2019 overview has just been finalised in conjunction with DHS and DSS and appeared in the January edition of Pedals. It is also available on the Federal ICPA website here [Youth Allowance Overview](#)

Federal Website and Tertiary and Training Information

The Federal Website has lots of useful information - Go to the Portfolio tab – Tertiary or Training – the two portfolios are separate, so it is easier to navigate. Any suggestions for improvements, additions, or changes for these pages is welcomed

Tertiary/Training Documents – “Useful Tertiary and Training Websites” will be available at the end of this week also on the website. Kate presented this document as a “Speed session” at the ABSA conference in October. It provides useful websites and resources for students to help plan their future whether that be at university, VET course, apprenticeship or heading straight into the workforce.

Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships (STEM Scholarships)

2019 saw the second round of RRES scholarships administered. These scholarships offered up to \$18,000 towards the cost of studying at university or a vocational education and training institution for regional, rural and remote students. All rural, regional and remote students studying STEM pathways were encouraged to apply for the scholarships. Applications closed on Friday 14 December 2018.

On 12th November 2018, nearly 2000 additional scholarships were announced, available over the next 4 years

University Course website

One recommendation from the Admissions Transparency Implementation Plan was a one-stop website that will enable students to find, compare and apply for over 7000 HE courses. The Course Seeker website is at www.courseseeker.edu.au

Virtual Work Experience Advisory Group

[Kate Thompson has represented ICPA on the Virtual Work Experience Advisory Group.](#) The Virtual Work Experience Program (VWEP) is an initiative being delivered by CSIRO for the Department of Education and Training. The pilot program seeks to develop and test a work experience environment that provides an opportunity for students to undertake STEM projects in the virtual environment over the next 12 months. South Australia and the other States are encouraged to send any case studies to Federal to assist in our forwarding of issues

Federal Training update

Since Federal Conference there has been a change in ministry and in August Minister Karen Andrews was replaced by the Hon Michaelia Cash, Minister for Small and Family Business, Skills and Vocational Education.

Skilling Australia Fund

The Skilling Australia Fund was established to promote vocational education as an alternative to university education. It aims to increase the number of apprentices and trainees, with an expected 300,000 apprentices and trainees to the Australian workforce over 3 years. This will help address skills shortages across Australia, support employers and their apprentices and trainees and will include in their target group regional areas.

The Skilling Australia Fund National Partnership Agreement with New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory, commenced on 1 July 2018.

Wage subsidy Trial

The Government has pledged to trial a wage subsidy as an incentive for employers in regional and rural communities to engage more apprentices, to commence in January 2019. This new subsidy under the Australian Apprentices Incentives Program (AAIP) will support up to 1,630 new Australian Apprentices in areas of skills needed, such as plumbing, mechanical, electrical, painting trades and hairdressing.

The trial aims to secure the skills that regional and rural businesses need to remain competitive and give students the opportunities to remain in their home community. Subsidies will be provided at 75 per cent of the apprentice's award wage in the first year, 50 per cent in the second year and 25 per cent in the third year.

Local Tertiary Opportunities

Regional Uni Hub

Uni Hub is a brand new initiative and is a community owned and driven Tertiary education facility that brings educational opportunities to the people living in the Spencer Gulf region. Uni Hub has been established to promote educational access, supported learning, and increased employment opportunities for the local community.

Uni Hub works in partnership with Flinders University, The University of Adelaide, CQ University and TAFE SA and is offering courses in

- Social Work
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Education (Early childhood, Primary and Secondary)

There are plans to also offer courses in business, engineering and additional health areas if there is sufficient interest.

This is a great facility for students who want to be closer to home to study. With Uni Hub and Uni SA operating in Whyalla, opportunities for studying in the country are much improved.

Uni Hub is enrolling students in Port Pirie in 2019 and in Port Augusta 2020.

RRES (STEM) Scholarships also apply to students and training students in regional uni hubs

TAFE SA Certificate III in Rural Studies

Following on from a motion passed at the SA conference in May - ICPA SA has teamed up with Livestock SA and TAFE SA to offer a pastoral course in 2019. An exciting program has been developed which will benefit both existing and new workers to the industry. Participants will learn vital skills to enhance their careers or give them the step up to be a part of the industry. Students completing the course will attain a Certificate III in Rural Operations.

Skills to be taught may include: ■ Shearing – shearing and wool handling basics ■ Sheep and cattle handling – stress free handling techniques ■ Welding – using Arc, MIG and Oxy ■ Vehicle servicing – learn the basics around vehicle maintenance ■ Motorbike servicing and maintenance ■ Fencing ■ Chemcert ■ Tractors and implements ■ Grader operations ■ Boning and Sharpening Knives.

COUNCIL POSITIONS REPORTS

Publicity Report

Mija Reynolds

Madam President, ICPA members and guests it gives me pleasure to present my 2019 SA ICPA Publicity Officer's report.

2018/19 has seen many social media posts with higher engagements. I was interviewed on radio a number of times and some of our councillors and members also did interviews on radio and television, raising awareness of different ICPA issues. A highlight for me in this role was the announcement that SA ICPA together with Livestock SA and TAFE SA had developed a course for the pastoral sector, the Certificate III in Rural Operations.

I was lucky enough to attend the Federal Conference held in Canberra in August 2018. It was great to catch up with so many friends and make some new ones too. After listening to Raelene Hall's Pedals report and her mention that she was not getting enough content for the publication, I decided to make a concerted effort to send more content to her. Thank you to the members that contribute to our publications. Your content helps keep our publications fresh and relevant.

As I reflect back over the years that I have been publicity officer, I am reminded of my very first State Conference in Port Augusta in 2013. Completely green and clueless, I ended up crying as I spoke for a motion regarding In-Home Care.

I've learned so much about ICPA and my own abilities in that time. Taking on the role of Publicity Officer was daunting and I often wondered if I was doing a good enough job.

I have made many friends over the years and embraced meeting journalists and creating a rapport with them. I must admit, at first, I would shudder when the phone rang and I was asked to do a radio interview on the spot regarding an issue that could have affected some of our members. Over time though, I have learned to delegate and find the right person for the interview. It was just a matter of convincing them to go through with it. Also, radio journalists like Sarah Tomlinson and Angela Smallacombe have always been supportive, encouraging and know how to put you at ease and have a laugh.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in this role, particularly Kerry Williams. As I hang up my Publicity hat, I'm looking forward to having a break from an executive role for 2019/20 and wish my successor all the very best. Thank you for a great opportunity and learning experience.

The Pipeline Report

Lynly Kerin

The Pipeline is currently circulated among 183 families, individuals and groups which include government ministers, education departments, schools, rural newspapers and other ICPA state and federal councillors. This is 10 more than last year's number. Current financial member data was not available to me at the time of this report.

We continue to produce two editions per year, each being compiled after state and federal conferences, which continues to work well, with more ease sourcing content and our ability to produce a newsletter of great substance, keeping our members informed and sharing news from across the branches. The increased content has caused us to mail out in flat format instead of folding, which has increased postage costs slightly, but still within our financial reigns. We have had a great deal of positive feedback with this new format.

The Pipeline is still available for our members to view on the states ICPA webpage. Our state and federal website managers Lisa Hunt and Sue Shotton have worked to make this available. Previous editions have also been uploaded to the web page. Digital media continues to advance and support ICPA as a way to better correspond with members. Our Facebook page serves as a 'in real time' continuous way to circulate news, announcements and information to not just members, but to all our followers.

Thank you to all who submitted articles, branch updates photos and general interest pieces during the last 12 months. Editing is just one part of producing The Pipeline. Layout, design and print format is what makes it go from an emailed folder of word documents and jpeg images to the hard copy received in your mailbag and letterboxes. For this I would like to thank Mija Reynolds.

Pedals magazine is our federal platform for news also, and editor Raelene Hall seeks content from all states for inclusion. Please assist the both of us in keeping our members and rural families in the spotlight by continuing to submit content.

President's Report

Kerry Williams

As always, the main events on the State Council calendar are the State and Federal conferences and our annual delegation to Adelaide. State Councillors were also kept busy throughout the year collecting case studies and writing a submission to the Independent Review into Rural, Regional and Remote Education (IRRRRE), attending meetings as representatives on various committees, following up from delegation, attending to portfolios and portfolio meetings, navigating the new online payments system, submitting grants, conducting interviews with media, updating the website and forward planning. It's been another busy year!

SA had a very positive start to the year with the announcement by the SA Minister for Education and Children's Development, Hon Susan Close, to extend the State Education Allowance to include more of our families. This year, families receiving Centrelink's AIC Second Home Allowance also receive the State Education Allowance for children in secondary school. This decision was on the back of a substantial increase to the payment the previous year. We are very grateful for the support of former Education Minister Susan Close on this issue and for her genuine interest in rural and remote families during her time in office.

Delegation

The State Education Allowance was one of many issues taken to delegation in September last year. Four state councillors attended in Adelaide: myself, Lisa Slade, Kylie Morton and Jill Greenfield. It was a very successful two days and we were kept busy at meetings with Karen Humphries from the Department for Education and Child Development, Open Access College Principal Julie Taylor, the then Education Minister Susan Close, Shadow Minister John Gardner and the Hon John Dawkins. Delegates were once again treated to dinner at Parliament House with member for Stuart Dan van Holst Pellekaan and his wife Rebecca.

The main issues and topics discussed were:

- The State Education Allowance
- Private Car Allowance rate
- Support to encourage the Federal govt to extend the working holiday maker visa from 6 to 12 months
- Continued funding assurance for RICE services
- Identification and intervention for learning difficulties
- Learning technology support
- Daymap, Moodle, feedback and work returns at SOTA
- Attracting and retaining quality teaching staff

Delegation is the most effective way to ensure the motions from conference are delivered to those who are best placed to act on them and we are grateful for the continued relationships we have formed with these stakeholders over the years. Particular thanks to Dan VHP who provides continued advocacy and support, including helping to organise our delegation meetings.

2017 Federal Conference Alice Springs

Eight South Australians travelled to Alice Springs for the 2017 Federal Conference. 11 motions were presented and carried from SA State Council and branches. These included motions on Assistance for Isolated Children, removing the Fringe Benefit Tax for employers who help with education expenses of their remote and isolated employees, Skymuster faults repair processes, the introduction of a Distance Education Tutor Allowance, funding assurances during child care reform, Working Holiday Maker Visa extensions for home supervisors and educators, concessional airfares for students accessing education, early identification and intervention for learning difficulties,

financial assistance for undergraduate tertiary students relocating for work placements, and that SA host the Federal Conference in 2019. Over the year, Federal Council have worked hard on our behalf and we have appreciated their updates via email and portfolio meetings. I hope many of you are able to attend the upcoming conference in Canberra.

Congratulations to our Immediate Past President, Lisa Slade, who accepted the role of ICPA Federal Treasurer at the Alice Springs conference. It was exciting for us to know that SA would continue its active involvement at federal level after the excellent work of Joanna Gibson, who stepped down last year. Despite taking on this substantial role, Lisa continues to be an active contributor on State Council.

Newsletters

In September 2017 SA ICPA introduced a State Council Update, emailed via Mailchimp directly to all members, to keep them up to date with State Council news and other relevant information. We hope this will improve communication to all members without relying on the forwarded email chain of the past.

Our printed newsletter, The Pipeline, has been reduced to two issues per year, post state and federal conferences, as we move towards more instant online information via email updates and Facebook. Lynly Kerin took over the Editor's role with continued support from our Publicity Officer and graphic designer Mija Reynolds. Both editions under Lynly's lead were excellent and jam packed with articles.

Federal/State Councils Face to Face

In February I joined State and Federal ICPA Presidents and Secretaries for two days of meetings in Sydney. Day one was held at the NBN building, where we were hosted by Lalla MacKenzie, the Senior National Stakeholder Relations Manager and also met with NBN General Manager, Rocco Nuzzo. Although the technology showcased at the NBN Discovery Centre seemed a world away from the experience of outback towns and stations, it was reassuring to hear their genuine interest and understanding of the needs of rural and remote families, including the many issues around internet services over the years and currently. It was apparent that Federal Council have done a great job keeping NBN Co informed of the needs of our members. During our two days of meetings, each state had the opportunity to share what they have been up to and answer questions. It was an excellent opportunity to network, solve problems and generate ideas – I definitely came away feeling re-motivated.

2019 Federal Conference

SA will host the Federal Conference in Adelaide in 2019. Katrina Morris has offered to be convenor with an enthusiastic committee already on board. We are confident that Katrina and her team will do a great job! To reduce workload in a Federal Conference hosting year, SA is intending to trial an online state conference next year. During the year we have been investigating how to make it happen, including speaking with NT Council, who have previously had a web conference.

Acknowledgements

Special thanks to the Outback Communities Authority who have offered us an annual grant of \$5000 for executive support. As well as supporting conference costs, it is hoped that this funding will enable us to outsource some of our more arduous tasks and will be used to purchase software and equipment if necessary. We are also well supported by the Minister for Education and Child Development with an operational grant, which enables us to meet face to face, and pay any costs associated with running the organisation.

We were also successful in obtaining a grant from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR). The 2018 FRRR Back to School Program provided SA ICPA with 64 x \$50 target vouchers that

were distributed to our members with school age children and used for costs associated with school uniforms and materials. Thanks to Jill Greenfield for administering and distributing the vouchers. Thank you to our many conference sponsors for enabling us to run this day with minimal cost to our families. Despite all this support, ICPA could not run without the many, many hours of time donated by our volunteers, all of whom are busy with a multitude of other tasks! Congratulations and thank you to our Vice-President Belinda Hatcher and the Flinders Ranges Branch for convening the conference this year and bringing the Ranges to us here today.

There are so many people to thank for their contribution, but I'd like to especially thank Frances Frahn for agreeing to go on last year as our very organised and competent Secretary, it has been a pleasure working with you Frances. Lisa Slade for upholding her promise last year of being "the most supportive Past President ever". Jill Greenfield for persevering through the many changes this year as Treasurer and taking on several other jobs outside of her role. Thanks also Lisa Hunt for coming back to us as Webmaster and revamping our website, our now very experienced Publicity Officer Mija Reynolds and Pipeline Editor Lynly Kerin – great job! Special mention to Petie Rankin who is always the first asked to throw an article together. Thank you to all state councillors for attending meetings, managing portfolios and for your many contributions throughout the year.

Finally, thank you to the many volunteers who give up their valuable time to keep the cogs of ICPA turning and continue advocating for the best education we can get for our rural and remote children, from pre-school to tertiary. We are all juggling multiple other commitments, running businesses, working, raising families and keeping our communities going with various other voluntary roles. Whatever role you take at branch, state or within other committees in your local community, your contribution makes an enormous difference and lightens the load for those around you!

Treasurers Report

Jill Greenfield

Madam President, fellow ICPA members, guests and visitors;

It is with pleasure that I present my third Treasurers report for SA ICPA.

My report includes the audited Financial Statement for the year 2018 and the unaudited Interim report from the 01/01/2019 to the 28/2/2019.

SA ICPA made a profit of \$6402.62 for the 2018 year. At the end of 2018 we had a healthy balance of \$40675.59.

In 2017/2018, SA ICPA was kindly given a grant from The Department for Education; "Support for operational (outcome based)" of \$9932. This grant has allowed us to support State Council to attend face to face meetings, conferences, delegation and offset every day running expenses eg Insurance, printing, The Pipeline Newsletter. In March 2019 our President, Kerry Williams and myself as Treasurer met with other ICPA State and Territory Presidents and Secretaries in Melbourne. For the 2018/2019 Financial year the; "Delivery of Services for ICPA" grant has been increased to \$10000.

A donation of \$1023.62 was kindly given to SA ICPA from Regional Development Australia (Far North) as a Community Bonus.

The acquittal process for the Operational Grant was much more complex for 2017/2018. In future State Council and Branch Treasurers will need to feed more information back to the State Treasurer for this acquittal to be completed.

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n 2018 an Acquittal for the FRRR (Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal), The Back to School Vouchers was completed.

The SA ICPA State Council claim form has been updated and can be completed online.

In 2018 I created a form which is to be completed by Branches when they are wanting to use the SA State ICPA Insurance. This covers their event or fundraiser for the use of Public and Volunteers Insurance.

Cashflow Manager has continued to be used in 2018 and it has been an excellent book keeping tool.

In 2018 I worked through the By Laws bringing them in line with our claiming procedures.

Online payments have continued to increase. There have been a few issues but they are able to be worked through. SA ICPA has had 47 members pay using the online method.

Memberships for 2018 were 115-member families.

We currently have 71-member families paid for the 2019 year. The Far West branch have had no members join for 2019. All other branches are affiliated for 2019.

We have 2 "Corporate" Members for 2019. This enables these members to receive all State and Territory Publications.

Federal Council Update SA State Conference 2019

Jane Morton
Federal Assistant Secretary
ICPA (Aust)

Madam President, Distinguished guests, Federal Life Members of ICPA, SA State Life Members, fellow ICPA members and guests, it is my pleasure to update you on the work of your ICPA Federal Council.

Usually Wendy Hick, our Federal Council President, would have a fair hand in compiling this report. However, this year, Wendy has not only been one of the people affected by the NW Qld floods, after many years of drought, she has also been enormously involved in providing advice to government and agencies on dealing with the flood crisis and the continuing drought crisis and loses no opportunity to make sure education is right up there on every agenda and in the mix for every discussion about how to help people. I am glad Wendy is not delivering this report because it allows me to say Wendy is doing all of that on top of keeping her own family business together, supporting neighbours who lost everything and still made it to lead the State and Federal Joint Councils' Face to Face meeting in Melbourne a couple of weeks ago.

The press around drought and floods has provided us with an 'in' to go hard in pursuing the establishment of a Rural Hardship Education Fund; never has the need been so obviously acute. Federal Council's proposal has been fine-tuned and the message is being delivered to many in Canberra as well as to other organisations on similar missions.

The recent UNICEF Australia Drought Report released 18 February 2019 has further put the spotlight on the effect of drought on children's wellbeing, and also on their education. Last year UNICEF Senior Policy Adviser, Oliver White met with ICPA and spoke with other key stakeholders determining avenues to gather information for this report.

ICPA has concerns for the mental wellbeing of our rural and remote children when facing these types of situations continuously and have been advocating for the creation of resources specific to rural and remote students and the challenges they face.

Conference 2018

At last years' Federal Conference, 'conjoined' motions were trialled to save time and in order to better present a number of the same motions. The explanations from each Branch/State Council who submitted those motions were still listed under the conjoined motion presented. This was well received and enabled branches and members to still have their say while reducing the time spent on motions and allowing more time for speakers.

For the first time in recent history, ICPA (Aust) received more Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) motions than Communications motions at the 2018 Federal Conference, due to the introduction of the New Child Care Package which saw many concerns with the changes within In Home Care as well as the usual early learning motions. The first four ECEC motions pertained to the extension of the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) to 4-year-olds studying an early childhood program by distance education and these were therefore presented together as a Conjoined motion. A second Conjoined motion was in relation to the provision of a Distance Education Teaching Allowance (DETA). Members unanimously support these long-running motions. The time is ripe for election promises!

And so, the next big task for Federal Council will be to finalise our Election Strategy and work on getting some of the things we advocate for onto the radars of current and prospective members of parliament.

After Federal Conference last August, Council set to work actioning the 89 motions carried at that conference. In October we met face-to-face in Canberra for a couple of days before embarking on a delegation to the Big House and taking those motions to some 35 politicians. We followed up with meetings with the Dept of Education and Training, Dept of Human Services and Dept of Social Services. These meetings are always fruitful because the Dept personnel we meet with are in positions to effect changes to Youth Allowance applications or AIC processing for example, or to take direct feedback on the ability or not of rural/remote people to access IHC.

In dealing with motions correspondence drafted by federal councillors, our illustrious Secretary, Suzanne Wilson, in responding to 65 motions, sent 24 original letters, cc'd them 130 other people (largely politicians), with 116 pages of attachments, totalling 588 pages in 93 envelopes! That was just the hard copies. They were all emailed as well. But who's counting??

The Federal Motion Update, which outlines how Federal Council has been actioning motions, outcomes achieved and our future plans, was distributed to members via a link in the Federal Branch Bulletin on 1 March and can be found on the ICPA website. I'll only touch on a few pertinent points in this report, but I encourage all members to read the motion update and contact us if you have further questions or want more information.

Submissions

Federal Council started this year with a bang lodging four submissions in the first month; adding to the 12 submissions lodged in the last 12 months. Topics range from regional airfares, satellite TV, regional study hubs, telecommunications, SES scores, STEM partnerships, mental health services, VET, and the big one, Submission to the Inquiry into Rural Inequality – where do you start!! Submissions provide not-to-be missed opportunities for ICPA to draw attention to our arguments. In this electoral year it is imperative to keep our presence felt in all areas of education to ensure equity is maintained or increased, for our rural and remote students.

ICPA representatives have also made appearances at many public hearings all over the nation as well and further information has been sought from panels on several occasions; an indication we have been heard. I remember Prof Halsey saying when he was doing the Independent Review into RRR Education wherever there was a public hearing, there was ICPA! Some of the other Inquiries have had a similar experience.

Meetings

Federal ICPA is on a number of committees, advisory groups and coalitions and works closely with many organisations with whom we have an affinity. Some of these include ACARA, the Rural Regional and Remote Communications Coalition, the National Rural Health Alliance, nbn Roundtable and the Virtual Work Experience Advisory Group.

During the year, state and federal portfolios and executives have endeavoured to hold teleconferences with the view to sharing information, issues and ideas.

This year the Joint Councils meeting of ICPA state and federal presidents and secretaries was held in February in Melbourne and from all accounts was a very informative and productive couple of days. Federal continues to work closely with states on many issues and appreciate the efforts of state representatives in getting to the meeting and contributing so freely. This meeting helps to improve consistency across our processes and with our presentation as a unified organisation.

Boarding

Federal Council continues to raise the need for a significant increase to the Assistance for Isolated Children Allowance (AIC). With the severe drought continuing in many areas of Australia, (and now floods as well) the ever-widening gap between the AIC and the cost of boarding to families is ever more pronounced. Following on from motions at the Federal Conference, ICPA seeks a review of the AIC to be undertaken and Federal Council raised this at our delegations in Nov. Federal Council has also spoken extensively on the need for a permanent program to assist rural and remote families with education costs in times of rural hardship, whether this is through fire, flood, industry impacts or drought. Federal President Wendy Hick has been attending meetings with the Joint Agency Drought Taskforce and raising the need for the implementation of a Rural Hardship Education Fund (RHEF) as well as highlighting the excessive educational costs faced by our rural families in accessing schooling for their children.

Mental wellbeing, particularly for students who live away from home for schooling, has also been a focus in our boarding discussions and Federal Council has been involved in several conversations with various organisations interested in the creation of resources designed specifically for rural and remote students and their families which will help address the unique challenges they face whether they are boarding away from home, in a small rural school setting or distance education classroom. ICPA also assisted UNICEF in coordinating their trip out to rural NSW areas to talk with children to assess the impact the drought is having on them and we welcomed their report which was released on Mon 18 Feb. Federal Council thanks NSW ICPA for their assistance in promoting the UNICEF visit out to some rural and remote areas during these consultations.

Communications

ICPA (Aust) remains a member of the Regional, Rural and Remote Communications Coalition of 21 members strengthening our voice and giving us another platform for our members' issues. We continue to work with Telstra and nbn™ to try to resolve issues affecting our members and we greatly appreciate members' feedback as well as contacting us when they have a problem.

We are excited to be part of the nbn™ Sky Muster Plus announcement. Sky Muster Plus is an exciting new product development for regional internet users which will provide plans with unmetered access across essential internet services including PC operating system updates, general web browsing, internet banking, smart phone and email usage. With Sky Muster Plus those downloads will not count toward monthly data allowances and will still be accessible after data plan allowances are exceeded. Sky Muster Plus is set to launch in 2019, in a couple of months' time. More information can be found on our website. Hopefully these new plans will assist students who have been unable to access the education port, including tertiary students and those at small rural schools. Telstra has also unmetered a number of sites used for education. We are hopeful telehealth might be another beneficiary of some of these negotiations.

ICPA (Aust) welcomes the new announcement from Minister Bridget McKenzie \$220 million to establish the Stronger Regional Digital Connectivity Package to address these issues:

- \$160 million for two new rounds of the Mobile Black Spot Program
- \$60 million for a new Regional Connectivity Program
- A digital tech hub to improve digital literacy

We have been advocating for mobile expansion into areas with a rural school, often in areas where the school is also an evacuation centre, for several years now, so we were very pleased to hear that Clare School in NSW was among those announced the other day in the Round 4 in the Mobile Black Spot Program! Great to see the SA list is out this morning too! So thrilled to receive support on this issue from both the government and Telstra.

We also welcomed the introduction of the Telstra regional call centre. If you are more than 100kms from a Telstra store, you will be automatically directed to a regional call centre when you call 132 200. This service operates 7 days a week. Telstra regional managers' contacts are also found on the ICPA website.

Telstra are waiving fees for drought-affected families, but you need to alert them to your situation. We have again been reassured by the Minister for Communications' office that landlines will remain for rural and remote customers until another adequate, reliable and affordable service is available and proven effective.

If anyone is having communication problems in their school room please contact Kristen Coggan, who luckily for us, is also one of the BIRRR ladies.

Early Childhood Education and Care

Preschool Funding

The Morrison Government is providing more than \$440 million to states and territories for preschool in 2019 under the National Partnership on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education. All states have now signed up for this.

We would like to let it be known parents with preschool-aged children can still receive the Child Care Subsidy even where they do not meet the activity test. All families with children attending a preschool program in 2019 should ensure their child's expected school start date is correct and up-to-date with Centrelink.

For more information about the process, please refer to the [preschool exemption fact sheet](#) and the [FAQ page](#) on the Australian Government Dept of Education and Training website.

In Home Care (IHC)

An increase of Child Care Subsidy (CCS) for IHC families from \$25.48/hour/family from 2 July 2018 to \$32.00/hour/family and up to \$38.40/hour/family for Additional CCS from 1 January 2019 is now available. See the latest version of the IHC National Guidelines:

https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/ihc_national_guidelines_-_december_2018.pdf

Families are encouraged to review their incomes to make sure they are receiving the correct percentage of CCS. **Federal Council would welcome any case studies to illustrate whether the increase of CCS has helped make IHC more affordable for families or not.**

Two hundred more IHC places have been provided, particularly for families in Qld. ICPA (Aust) has recently been informed that the Dept of Education and Training's SA State Office is working closely with a prospective service to be able to deliver IHC in rural and remote regions of SA, so hopefully IHC will be available to families in Outback SA very soon.

The Department of Education and Training has informed IHC services in rural and regional areas that they can apply for a once-off **Special Circumstances grant** under the Community Child Care Fund to address any current viability issues. For further information including Guidelines, a Factsheet and Application form click on - [CCCF Special Circumstances Funding](#) . **Federal Council is particularly interested to know if any of the IHC Service Providers have been able to secure that Special Circumstances Funding.** Please contact us.

Skills IQ are updating Certificate III and Diploma for ECEC training packages with submissions now being accepted until 29 March 2019. All employers and educators are encouraged to add their feedback. Note that students have to gain their Cert III in ECEC before applying for Diploma training

in ECEC and that work placements for Cert III have been increased from 120 hours to 160 hours, of which 120 hours must be in a regulated ECEC service. This will make life more difficult for rural and remote families and their IHC educators.

See:

<https://www.skillsiq.com.au/FeedbackForum/TrainingPackages1/CHCCommunityServices/EarlyChildhoodEducationandCareDraft2>

Rural and Remote Child Care Services

Guidelines are now available for a new open competitive grant round that opened March 2019. The new round will help child care services (including IHC services) in disadvantaged prioritised communities to improve access to early learning opportunities for vulnerable children and families. Further information including eligibility criteria is available at [Community Child Care Fund Round 2](#). This closes shortly on 5 April.

Rural Schools and School Travel

As most of you know Greyhound Australia announced after last Federal Conference 'it will no longer carry children under the age of 15 without a chaperone'. Greyhound's cited safety of children at stops, especially destinations, as their reason for the change. The decision by Greyhound, taken without any consultation, impacted about 250 children nationally. In response, no doubt, pressured by ICPA, the Queensland State Government now funds a 'Chaperone' for children aged 12-14 on regulated routes for the purpose of attending school. Other States do not seem to have felt as big an impact as Qld, maybe because Greyhound had already cut some of its routes anyway. We would be interested to hear of other people affected elsewhere.

The inquiry into the operation, regulation and funding of air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities reporting date has been extended to Jun 2019. ICPA (Aust) and several state councils have put submissions into this enquiry and ICPA was represented at several public hearings. Ideally, we would like to see outcomes such as student concessional fares or travel allowances included in AIC.

Specific Education Needs

Last conference two motions asked for rural, regional and remote families to access travel and accommodation assistance to attend appointments with qualified professionals in order to diagnose and manage specific learning needs. This is going to be an ongoing issue and future motions and ideas on how to further this aspiration are encouraged. These children fall into a big crack between education and health systems in regional areas across all states and territories.

We are exploring several lines of inquiry to find ways to develop mental health and cyberbullying resources for rural and remote families. While mental health resources for parents and students, especially around cyberbullying, are being developed by many organisations and government, few target geographically isolated students or boarding students specifically.

We are currently in negotiations with the University of NSW's Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) to deliver workshops for parents of gifted students living in rural and remote areas of Australia.

Tertiary/Training

Rural and remote students qualifying for independent Youth Allowance through self-supporting criteria have had another big win. As of 1 January 2019, the parental income cut-off for regional, rural and remote students applying for Allowance under the *Independent through work: Part-time work or earnings for rural and remote students*' criteria, increased from \$150,000 to \$160,000, plus \$10,000 for each eligible additional child in the family. There is also greater flexibility in the choice of financial year used for parental income.

Federal Council has continued to work with the Department of Human Services in relation to the issues applicants have with Youth Allowance applications and navigating the website. We have provided them with documentation of the sections in the online application and they were very appreciative. As the process is reviewed our suggestions will be taken into consideration for hopefully a straightforward process.

Membership

A couple of years ago the position of Membership Officer was created to ease pressure on the Federal Treasurer. Jane O'Brien does an admirable job of keep abreast of who is and is not a member. Online membership renewal and 'Join ICPA online' launched in November 2017 for the 2018 membership year. About three-quarters of members renewing or joining are using the online option, much to our Membership Officer's glee, so please encourage your members to use the online option. Members can still renew via the branches though and if current and potential members are experiencing difficulty, please email Jane O'Brien at fedmembership@icpa.com.au About 1500 members have signed up for this year so far (4 March).

Federal Council thanks the SA State Council for their ongoing contribution to the furtherance of federal issues and for keeping the issues of SA families on the table, in times perhaps more difficult than have been seen for some years (I think we should show our appreciation for the work they do with a round of applause). Also, for SA State Council who have organised today's Web Online Conference for us all to enjoy.

When looking for pithy education and children quotes to end on, I found this one from Robert Frost:

"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence."

Wow - that is the sort of education we need to draw on in ICPA; the resilience to battle for equity in access to education for geographically isolated children, with dignity and determination, carefully explaining our unique circumstances to those in positions of influence, who are isolated from us, year after year. Occasionally it pays off and the winners are our children of the bush and the country they love.

On that inspirational note, we hope you will be able to join us in Adelaide on 31 July and 1 Aug for the 2019 Federal Conference with the theme of "Sustain our Future, Invest in our Children".

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Profit and Loss (Cash)

WPN: Not Found

Report Period: 01/01/2018 - 31/12/2018

Account(s) in this report: Express Saver, Society Cheque Account

Income	\$	\$
Affiliation Fees	1537.00	
Bank SA Interest Received	7.30	
DECD Grant	10000.00	
Donations	2977.46	
Interest Received	190.33	
Lone Membership	180.00	
Miscellaneous Income	9150.00	
PayPal Transfers	2495.00	
State Conference	32.30	
Total Income		26569.39
Expenses	\$	\$
Affiliation Fees	1919.50	
Audit & Accounting Fees	495.00	
Conferences & Meetings	9389.93	
Donation	2000.00	
Insurance	1160.60	
Newsletter costs	108.89	
Printing & Stationery	1828.85	
Sponsorship	3000.00	
Subscriptions	264.00	
Total Expenses		20166.77
Net Profit (Loss)		6402.62

Please Note: This report may require adjustment for depreciation or 'accrual' items depending on your tax or accounting requirements.

Balance Sheet

Report Period: 01/01/2018 - 31/12/2018

Account(s) in this report: Express Saver, Society Cheque Account

Cash at Bank (Express Saver)	26223.19
Cash at Bank (Society Cheque Account)	14452.40
Total Members' Funds	40,675.59

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Isolated Children's Parents Association of South Australia

I have audited the accompanying financial report of Isolated Children's Parents Association of South Australia, being a special purpose financial report, which comprises the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for the period ended 31 December 2018 and a note comprising a summary of significant accounting policies.

The Management Committee's responsibility for the financial report

The Management Committee of Isolated Children's Parents Association of South Australia are responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the constitution and the *Associations Incorporation Act (SA)* and the needs of the members. The Management Committee responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report that presents fairly [gives a true and fair view] in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by The Management Committee as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Basis for qualified opinion

Receipts from donations and other fundraising activities are a significant source of revenue for the Isolated Children's Parents Association of South Australia. The management committee has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of donations and other fundraising activity revenue prior to entry in its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to me about revenue from these sources was limited, my audit procedures for donations and other fundraising activity revenue had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. Therefore, I am unable to express an opinion on whether donations and other fundraising activity revenue obtained by the Isolated Children's Parents Association of South Australia are complete.

Qualified opinion

In my opinion (except for the effects on the financial report of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required had the limitation on my audit procedures referred to in the Basis for qualified opinion paragraph not existed), the financial report of Isolated Children's Parents Association of South Australia presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial

statements, the financial position of the Isolated Children's Parents Association of South Australia at 31 December 2018 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Basis of accounting and restriction on distribution

Without modifying my opinion, I 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 the management committee's financial reporting responsibilities under the constitution and the *Associations Incorporation Act (SA)*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



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Benjamin Stuart Jenkin
Ben Jenkin CPA
47 Commercial Road
Port Augusta SA 5700

Dated this 8th day of March 2019

Note 1 to the special purpose financial report

This special purpose financial report was prepared for distribution to the members to fulfill the committee's financial reporting requirements under the Isolated Children's Parents Association of South Australia's constitution and the *Associations Incorporation Act* (state). The accounting policies used in the preparation of this report, as described below, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Isolated Children's Parents Association of South Australia's constitution and with previous years and are, in the opinion of the committee, appropriate to meet the needs of members:

- (a) The financial report was prepared on a cash basis of accounting.
- (b) The requirements of accounting standards and other professional reporting requirements in Australia do not have mandatory applicability to Isolated Children's Parents Association of South Australia because it is not a 'reporting entity'
- (c) Capital items were expensed immediately.

Profit and Loss (Cash)

Isolated Children's Parents' Association of SA

WPN:

Report Period: 1/01/2019 - 28/02/2019

Account(s) in this report: Express Saver, Society Cheque Account

Income	\$	\$
Affiliation Fees	1281.00	
Bank SA Interest Received	1.25	
Interest Received	25.84	
Lone Membership	45.00	
PayPal Transfers	326.00	
Total Income		1679.09
Expenses	\$	\$
Affiliation Fees	616.00	
Conferences & Meetings	66.15	
Newsletter costs	1105.93	
Total Expenses		1788.08
Net Profit (Loss)		(108.99)

Please Note: This report may require adjustment for depreciation or 'accrual' items depending on your tax or accounting requirements.