



49th SA ICPA Annual State Conference

Post Conference Press Release

The 49th SA Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA) Annual Conference has now been and gone, with the Standpipe in Port Augusta on Friday the 13th being the hot spot for ICPA members and guests.

To begin the day on a high note - SA's Minister for Energy and Mining, the Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP, announced that the SA Minister for Education, the Hon John Gardner MP, approved the doubling of the State Education Allowance (SEA) from \$2149.99 to \$4299.98, effective immediately. This will enable families to receive this payment over a 12-month period to assist them with the costs of boarding fees or setting up a second home for secondary students. SA ICPA is so grateful for the work Minister Gardner has done to make this happen for our South Australian families.

Many motions were passionately discussed ranging from travel allowances to student/ teacher ratios in the distance education setting and supporting our Port Augusta School of the Air staff. From here, our State Council members will put together a range of discussions to take to delegation mid-year.

Following the motions and agenda items, the AGM began with all positions being declared vacant. This year, all executives were keen to take on their roles for another 12 months with State Council welcoming 5 new members.

Attendee's and members, guests and government officials were treated to a day of motivational guest speakers, emotional case studies and a spot of retail therapy.

We look forward to 2020 being a productive and passionate year, remaining strong to our core goal of advocating for rural and remote education.



The 2020 South Australian Isolated Children's Parents' Association (SA ICPA) State Council members from left: Penny Rasheed, Jess Barry, Leisa Breeding, Candice Brown, Petie Rankin (Publicity Officer), Jill Greenfield (President), Kate Greenfield (Vice President), Di Thomas, Hollie Williams, Paulaine Vermeulen, Kerry Williams (Immediate Past President), Edwina Bowie (Secretary) and Michelle Hilder (Treasurer)