



Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia

Advocating for equitable access to education for students in rural and remote Australia

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ICPA Batting for Rural & Remote Education on Adelaide Oval



It's the Adelaide Oval but it's not cricket. And it's not the footy. The Federal Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA) Conference is set to take place at the Adelaide Oval on 31 July and 1 August, 2019.

This year for the 48th annual ICPA Federal Conference we head to the heart of Adelaide along the River Torrens where the South Australia ICPA State Council will host the "Sustain Our Future, Invest In Our Children" Conference at the spectacular Adelaide Oval. Over 170 delegates and guests from across Australia will meet to discuss 90 motions regarding rural and remote education issues which if passed will form ICPA (Aust) policy that will be advocated upon during the upcoming year.

A full program will see Conference starting both days at 8.30am sharp with the official opening by ICPA (Aust) Federal Life Member and Archivist Mrs Julia Materne who has been associated with the organisation for thirty years. After lunch on Day 1, we are excited to welcome as the keynote speaker one of Australia's most successful athletes, Olympic track cyclist Anna Meares who has had to overcome the tyranny of distance and a lack of adequate resources in order to follow her dreams and make them a reality.

At her last Conference as ICPA (Aust) Federal President, Mrs Wendy Hick is looking forward to welcoming such a large group of delegates and guests to Adelaide and is ready to chair the discussion and update members on where lobbies are currently sitting within our Government. Issues such as affordable and equitable education, reliable internet and telephone services, In Home Care Program changes, recognition of Distance Education Supervisors, and rural and regional travel are all current lobbies that ICPA has brought forward with Government during discussions and delegations in Parliament House during the past year and Conference is the best place to let our members know the current status of each of these topics plus many more.

Currently, much of rural Australia is struggling with drought. At the Conference, issues to do with difficulty in accessing compulsory education due to the drought and other impacts shall be brought to the forefront and a focus will be on highlighting these to the many representatives who will be in attendance. With Sky Muster Plus about to be launched and other communications initiatives, Nbn Co. and Telstra shall address attendees with updates on where and what shall be taking place to increase connectivity in rural and remote Australia.

More information can be found on our Conference website www.icpaconferenceaust.com , [ICPA website](http://www.icpa.com.au), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) with the hashtag #ICPAconf19.

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