



Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia

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

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Learn from the past, build the future



Amidst the most extraordinary circumstances across Australia and the world, this year will see the 2020 Isolated Children's Parents' Association 49th annual Federal Conference take place via a web conference on 5 and 6 August.

Appropriately themed "Learn from the past, build the future" this year's Conference will be held online where members and guests from across Australia will gather virtually for two days of active debate and conversation. Over 30 motions have been lodged with geographically isolated families eager to ensure equitable access to education for children living in our rural and remote areas.

Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, AC, Governor of Tasmania will open Conference at 10:30 am on Wednesday 5 August. This year's keynote speaker will be Australia's most in-demand female speaker, Robyn Moore. This unique online presentation will be delivered in a novel virtual "happy hour" following the formal Day One proceedings.

ICPA Federal President Mrs Alana Moller said that "while it is disappointing that we cannot come together face-to-face, we are pleased to be able to still offer our members the opportunity to put forward their motions and tell their stories. Being isolated should not mean you are alone and Federal Council along with the Conference Convening Committee have been working tirelessly to ensure that the Conference will provide participants with a positive and enjoyable experience despite the current circumstances".

A new dynamic format has been planned that will include a mix of media and entertainment utilising the best that technology can offer in replicating our member's much valued face to face federal conference event. The decision to restrict motions to new issues not yet in ICPA policy will see a fresh focus and debate for members to explore as well as extending the mandate for the organisations advocacy agenda.

Seeking consistency and uniform adherence to the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee guidelines which have impacted on students who need to board away from home for schooling during the COVID-19 restrictions, the inclusion of remote apprentices in schemes such as the Coronavirus Supplement assistance, and extending and expanding the Allied Health Services presently delivered by telehealth are some of the new rural and remote issues for consideration and discussion at the ICPA Federal Web Conference.

More information can be found on [ICPA website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) with the hashtag #ICPAconf2020.

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