WACSSO State Council 4 convened over the weekend of September 19-20 at the Mantra on Hay in East Perth.

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WACSSO Elections
Congratulations to Kylie Catto, elected for her third term as WACSSO President, and to our renewed executive committee! Elections were held on Saturday September 19. WACSSO thanks past president and WACSSO Life Member Rob Fry for overseeing the elections as returning officer. Outgoing executive members were thanked for their excellent contribution. **ELECTION RESULTS:**

President: Kylie Catto
Senior Vice President: Pania Turner (Esperance)
Vice Presidents:
  - Sharon Attree (Bunbury)
  - Esso Delaney (Goldfields)
Executive:
  - Jenny Blair (Perth North)
  - Anne Fairbanks (Perth South)
  - Jack Garber (Swan South)

Online Learning Community
State Councillors received a run-through of the new WACSSO Online Learning Community (OLC), which is now live! New content will be added over the coming weeks. In the meantime, why not participate in the P&C Discussion Forums, try a Quiz or read the FAQs? Your State Councillor or Training Officer Richard Brand (training@wacsso.wa.edu.au) can assist you with anything OLC related.
You can register for the OLC at: [http://www.wacsso.wa.edu.au/register-for-the-wacsso-online-learning-community](http://www.wacsso.wa.edu.au/register-for-the-wacsso-online-learning-community)
If you’ve already registered, log in here: [http://wacsso.moodlesite.pukunui.net/login/index.php](http://wacsso.moodlesite.pukunui.net/login/index.php)

Annual Conference Review
The Training & Development and Public Relations Portfolios joined to discuss Annual Conference, finding that the newly reintroduced workshops were a hit with delegates. PowerPoint Presentations from
presenters and workshop facilitators from whom we have permission, will be made available in the
Online Learning Community (OLC). The portfolios resolved to provide more information and training
around social media use, so watch this space!

P&C Survey Review
The Planning Portfolio found that the data gained from the inaugural P&C survey, held during June, is of
immense value to WACSSO in its efforts representing P&Cs, but also provides a great opportunity for
P&Cs to step back and look at what they have achieved throughout the year... which is a great deal! The
survey content is now under review, with the intent of making the survey more concise and accessible,
and an annual activity for Associations. For 2015 Survey Results visit:
donated-to-schools-through-pc-activities-each-year-and-rising/ A more comprehensive survey report will
be available soon.

Looking toward elections and the State Budget
The Planning Portfolio has begun planning WACSSO’s strategy around the upcoming Federal and WA
State Elections. Though possibly more than a year away, it is important as an organisation to set and
communicate our expectations and priorities to the major parties. WACSSO’s submission for the State
Budget 2016-17 is underway and will be lodged with Treasury in December. Major priorities include:
Adequate funding for A+ outcomes; Closing the gap of disadvantage; Embracing the digital age; Schools
and the community, and; Safety at school.

WACSSO Organisational Review
Following months of consultation with community development consultant Tim Muirhead, a draft
organisational review report was provided to State Councillors in a discussion workshop on the Sunday of
State Council. The aim of the undertaking was to review WACSSO’s structure and processes with a view to
ensuring the organisation remain sustainable and effective into the future. The report will be
workshopped again at a future meeting of State Council with the potential for recommendations for
change to be put.

Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Status
WACSSO will continue to promote charity Australian Schools Plus (www.schoolsplus.org.au) as an avenue
for P&Cs to attract tax-deductible donations, whilst continuing to lobby for all P&C Associations to be able
to attract DGR status. By signing in to the WACSSO website, P&Cs can access an overview of Schools Plus,
presented at Annual Conference: (www.wacsso.wa.edu.au/page-documents/download/227/)

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- Head to wacsso.wa.edu.au for all information and resources
- Sign up to our fortnightly eNewsletter here, http://eepurl.com/wp5oz.
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(08)9264 4000 or by email, info@wacsso.wa.edu.au

On behalf of the State Council and Staff of WACSSO, have a
safe, relaxing and enjoyable school holidays!