

# STATE COUNCIL 1, 2018 AFFILIATE REPORT



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## WACSSO CONFERENCE 2018

18-19 AUGUST, CROWN PERTH

We can now announce that the theme of our 2018 Conference is: **"Make it Happen. Make it Matter. The Power of Parents!"** And that the first Conference delegate is FREE.

We're awaiting the result of our Lotterywest application. This will mean subsidisation of conference travel and accommodation for delegates in rural and remote areas of Western Australia. We will notify affiliates of the results.

### YOU SET THE AGENDA!

P&Cs are encouraged to submit an agenda item for Conference. Items can be submitted on any educational issue your P&C believes State Council should be taking action on, as well as changes to the WACSSO Constitution or Policy. Visit the website for guidance on how to submit an item and for all other conference details: [wacssso.wa.edu.au/training-events/wacssso-conference/have-your-voice-heard](http://wacssso.wa.edu.au/training-events/wacssso-conference/have-your-voice-heard)



## FINANCIAL LITERACY

State Council resolved to initiate a project to create a Financial Literacy training package, including 2 streams:

- General training for financial members
- Specific training for Treasurers.

State Council and staff are currently working towards developing a more detailed plan for content and funding. A grant application will be submitted in April to Financial Literacy Australia. The package will be informed by support from the relevant industry professionals.

## NEW COUNCILLOR FOR NORTH WEST

WACSSO would like to introduce Leanne Ruston, the recently elected State Councillor for the North West electorate. We wish Leanne all the very best in her time at council!

## PRIORITY ISSUES

Each State Council weekend, Councillors highlight issues facing school communities across electorates. State Councillors discussed:

- the updated Direct to Market program - schools now have the authority and support to seek quotes for projects up to \$20,000 and select their own service providers.
- education cuts.
- risks to student safety, including lack of parking and poor traffic flows around schools, increasing violence in schools, and traffic signage.
- Aboriginal education – funding cuts and other compromises to programs. Concerns about lack of progress on attendance and other Closing the Gap measures
- students with disability – positive impact of ABLEWA Assessment Tool. Detrimental lack of specialist interpreters/EAs and potential issues with NDIS.
- acoustic quality of classrooms.
- cost of utility bills and inadequate funding impact the delivery of education.
- the Student Centred Funding Model review.
- Parental Engagement strategy.
- NAPLAN Online.
- responses to over-crowding.

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## DIRECTOR GENERAL ADDRESS TO STATE COUNCIL

We were fortunate to have Sharyn O'Neill, the Director General for the Department of Education, address State Council, providing an update on the start of the school year as well as the current education priorities for the Department. Some of the topics of discussion included encouraging families to be involved and interested, NAPLAN online, violence in schools, education outcomes and attendance of Aboriginal students, budget allocations for utility bills at schools, the NDIS, hearing health and wellbeing, and over-crowding in schools.

**Leanne Ruston being officially sworn in by President, Kylie Catto.**

