



# P&C VOICE



Term 1 2020

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## CELEBRATING 125 YEARS AT COOGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

In November 2019, Coogee Primary School celebrated 125 years in the community.

The school was officially recognised as a government school in 1894 when Mr. W. Allen built, at his own expense, a barn to accommodate the local students. In 1993 the official opening of the current school buildings occurred and the following year the school community celebrated its centenary. Today with over 540 students, the school strives to meet the educational needs of each student by providing a creative learning environment where they feel secure, happy and understood. Coogee Primary School's P&C team hosted the 125-year celebrations to the wider community, welcoming the City of Cockburn's Mayor and his wife, Logan and Pat Howlett, students past and present and education staff across the years. All joined on the school's oval at the foot of the Coogee Beach Lighthouse, where our community of

over 1000 people came to celebrate the school.

As part of the event, students produced artwork that formed a beautiful silent auction gallery with families outbidding each other in the final minutes. Live entertainment was provided by talented parents and a local dance school, with Coogee student performances stunning the audience throughout the afternoon. With bouncy castles, face painting, local markets and the support of the community, the 125-year celebrations were a day to remember at Coogee Primary School. As a finale to the event, each class contributed to a time capsule which is now concealed on the school campus for another successful 125 years.

Dr Vicky Absalom-Hornby  
P&C President 2019  
Coogee Primary School P&C  
Association Inc.

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**2020 WACSSO CONFERENCE**  
15th and 16th August  
The Ballroom, Crown Perth  
**Mark this event in your diary!**



# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



Pania Turner

Welcome to the Term 1 edition of the P&C Voice, our first edition for 2020.

On behalf of WACSSO State Councillors and Staff, I extend a warm welcome to the 2020 school year! Here at WACSSO, we are excited to be embarking on another year in public schools partnering with you, our affiliates, to bring about great things in public schools. There is something special about the start of the school year as it awakens with a promise of possibilities, potential, and new beginnings.

We are excited with the opening of new public schools in Western Australia and look forward to seeing these school communities flourish. The addition of new schools also gives us inspiration as we continue to see the growth of public education in the State.

Many P&Cs will, by now, have held the Annual General Meeting for their associations. A warm welcome to all members who are joining a P&C for the first time, we are so pleased to have you become part of a fantastic group of people who, by working together alongside their school community, strive to improve the education experience for students at their school. To returning P&C members, thank you for the work you continue to do. I encourage all to extend the hand of friendship to new P&C members and those new to your school community. We all know it can be a little daunting coming into a new environment, and as we call for more people to join our committees, our P&Cs must be places of positive engagement.

Just like many P&Cs, WACSSO State Council is welcoming a new member to our team. I am pleased to advise that at the close of the ballot on Friday 22 November 2019, the returning officer declared that Danielle Crawford was elected unopposed for the Peel North Electorate. Danielle joins a group of

dedicated volunteer State Councillors who are ready to assist P&Cs in electorates across WA. This meaningful grassroots connection ensures that stakeholders hear the voices of P&Cs, as WACSSO continues to be committed to advocating on behalf of parents in public education.

WACSSO have recently sent out the 2020 P&C Banking Survey to better understand any issues or complaints P&Cs face when dealing with their banks. We hope your responses will help us provide strong representation for P&Cs and inform a discussion with financial institutions to make banking easier for our affiliates. All your contributions are highly valuable to us as we strive to provide a strong voice for P&Cs in WA.

This year sees WACSSO affiliated P&Cs operate under the 2019 P&C Constitution. There are changes from the old constitution and members must be aware of them and abide by the new rules. All members should receive a copy of the 2019 Constitution, and it is important to have the Constitution available to refer to at meetings.

The recently released 2020 P&C Handbook and the new P&C Treasurer's Guide are in place, with WACSSO's other resources, to assist affiliates to be aware of their responsibilities and meet their obligations. The 2020 P&C Handbook

is packed with useful information and fully complies with the 2019 P&C Constitution, make sure it is kept close to help guide your P&C through 2020. The P&C Treasurer's Guide has had a comprehensive review, with significant changes being made to support P&C associations with financial practices. These resources are available on the WACSSO website.

We love hearing about the great things that P&Cs are doing in our schools; not only does it give us a buzz, but sharing your stories helps inspire other P&Cs to try your ideas in their schools. If you have something you would like to share, please contact Affiliate Services Officer Jody Quinn at [affiliates@wacssso.wa.edu.au](mailto:affiliates@wacssso.wa.edu.au).

Pania Turner  
WACSSO President

# Parents and Citizens Associations: A Student's Perspective

I had the pleasure of supervising an intern placement with WACSSO from July to October 2019. The student we hosted was Amy Tredgett. Towards the completion of her time with us I asked Amy if she would be happy to share her views on P&C.

Below is the article Amy prepared, which I think gives a wonderful insight into the work of P&Cs from the eyes of a student, through Primary and High School and onto University. It's a great reminder of why P&Cs do the work that they do, and the benefit you all bring to the students in our Western Australian public schools. This is reflected at the end of the article where Amy very aptly links her closing words to last year's conference theme, Their Potential Our Purpose.

I thank Amy for her contributions while at WACSSO and wish her every success for the future. I am proud knowing the influence P&Cs have had throughout her education.

Kylie Catto  
WACSSO Immediate Past President



Kylie Catto

My parents care a lot about my education. They always encouraged me to do my best so that I would have a better future. Over the years, they helped me when they could, and hired a tutor for me when math equations stopped making sense. What I didn't notice at the time was the effort they put into my public education behind the scenes. Both my parents were P&C Presidents at various times during my school life. My Mother was P&C President at Currambine Primary School, and my Father was President at Kinross College.

Parents and Citizens' Associations are all about providing a better education for public school students but are mostly known for the fundraising events all children look forward to throughout the year. From fancy dress days to Friday night discos, they were some of the best days of the year, most of which only cost a gold coin donation. While I, and many other students, waited anxiously for those days where we could wear jeans to school, what we never realised was how much effort went into these seemingly simple events. After interning at WACSSO for the past three months, I have learnt that the delicious sausage sizzle I spent the entire morning looking forward to could take months of preparation. From the P&C meeting where member majority approves the event, to buying the produce, organising volunteer shifts and calculating the profits vs expense, the workload is intense. This is the kind of work my parents did after they had clocked off from work and in between looking after two children.

Due to my parents being directly involved with P&Cs, I probably knew a lot more about what P&Cs did than most of my peers. This was also partially due to the nights my brother and I spent hiding behind the bookcases at my primary school's library during P&C meetings because my Father was out of the country on work and my Mother couldn't find a babysitter. It was through these types of meetings that the P&C was able to organise the fundraising of thousands of dollars, until they were able to give my primary school air conditioning, something that the school desperately needed, but government funding wouldn't stretch for.

One of my favourite memories from my school years was the annual art and craft show the Currambine Primary School P&C used to put on. One weekend a year, the assembly building would turn into a maze of black curtains and hanging artwork submitted by local artists. On the Sunday, there would be rides spread all over the oval, small craft stalls all over the school and enough food to leave no room for dinner. It was one of the events my Mum helped start and as I grew older, I watched the event get bigger and bigger, until the whole school participated in it. The entire City of Joondalup seemed to be in one place that weekend. When I got too old for the children's rides, I started to volunteer, spending time running the craft room, the cake stall and the sausage sizzle. Not only was it the biggest fundraiser of the year, but the fun I had is something I will never forget.

One of my favourite things about interning at WACSSO was learning about all the wonderful work P&Cs were doing for their schools. From school fetes that encourage community bonding, to colour runs which managed to raise \$6000 towards the purchase of new technology, as well as boosting physical activity. There is a common misconception that P&Cs are only responsible for fundraising for their schools, and this could not be further from the truth. P&Cs have the important responsibility of maintaining a relationship with the rest of the community and making them aware of the educational issues which are present in their school. Schools are often a centre point of the community and a good school can encourage growth, as more young families move into the area.

I have been able to watch P&Cs in action from when I was five years old, yet only now as a twenty year old university graduate am I able to see all the work my family and my community put into making sure I was able to reach my fullest potential.

Amy Tredgett



# Acknowledging P&C Members for Outstanding Services

***“Volunteers are not paid - not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless”***



WACSSO awards Certificates of Merit on behalf of affiliated P&C Associations to P&C members who have given long and meritorious service (minimum of 10 years). Refer to 2019 WACSSO Constitution 10.15.

The President and State Council of WACSSO, congratulates the following 2019 recipients for their long, dedicated service and the valuable contributions made to the students in Government Schools.

Sharon Auhl – Forrestdale Primary School - pictured (middle right)  
 Marina Biddle – Churchlands Senior High School  
 Julie Brooks – Albany Primary School - pictured with Carly Talbot (bottom left)  
 Doug Cherry – Katanning Primary School  
 Sue Cherry – Katanning Primary School  
 Paula Duffin – Southern River College  
 Brendon Flaherty – Churchlands Senior High School

Helen Notis – Balcatta Senior High School - pictured (top right)  
 Lea Parkinson – Bayswater Primary School - pictured with school Principal Daniel Saunders (middle centre)  
 Tenelle Quartermaine – Katanning Primary School  
 Heather Whitwell – Leeming Senior High School  
 Peter Whitwell – Leeming Senior High School  
 Normila Zakaria – Katanning Primary School



Kathy Irving – Palmyra Primary School  
 Duffy Jones – Comet Bay College  
 Luana Lisandro – Lathlain Primary School - pictured with Principal Rebecca McAdam (middle left)  
 Celeste Lane – North Balga Primary School - pictured with Laura Cox and Principal Grant Kennedy (bottom right)  
 Noreen Les – Albany Primary School - pictured (top left)  
 Natalie Machin – Harmony Primary School



## WACSSO Certificate of Merit

To nominate a P&C member for a Certificate of Merit, please go to the link on our website: <https://www.wacssow.edu.au/resources/volunteer-certificates/>

Note: please allow 15 working days from date of approval for the Certificate to be mailed. Award recipients for 2020 will be acknowledged in the first term issue of P&C Voice, 2021 and at the 2021 WACSSO Conference.



# Exciting Opportunities for Those with a Passion for Public Education

The Mission of WACSSO is simple. We are committed to the advancement of public schools and work tirelessly to ensure that every child in Western Australia has access to the best education possible.

We are extremely excited to announce a volunteer opportunity in which you can directly impact the advancement of public education and help us continue to live our Mission.

WACSSO is currently seeking passionate State Councillors to join our State Council and represent and be a voice of parents and local school communities. State Council's goal is to help ensure that every child finds success. No matter the situation, circumstances, or diverse needs. All children deserve to have a strong educational foundation that allows them to succeed. We would love for you to be a part of this vital life-changing work.

As a volunteer State Councillor, you will work to help keep our Mission alive. As you positively engage our member P&Cs, you will build effective relationships; listening to what is working well and what needs improvement. Our State Council meets a total of five times a year to discuss those education issues of interest and works to determine appropriate WACSSO direction which will enhance educational outcomes in our public-school system. This is a unique opportunity to network with like-minded people who are just as committed to public education as you. It's a chance to truly make a difference and leave the world a better place for generations to come.

WACSSO is calling for nominations to fill the position of State Councillor to represent your Electorate:

The following electorates are due for **Term Elections**:

- **Goldfields-Esperence**
- **Great Southern**
- **Midwest**
- **North West**
- **Perth North**
- **Swan East**

A **By-Election** has been called for the following vacant electorates:

- **Canning North**
- **Fremantle**
- **Joondalup East**
- **South West**
- **Warren-Blackwood**

A letter was mailed to your association in the above electorates in February. All material relevant to the elections can be downloaded from the WACSSO website at: <https://www.wacssso.wa.edu.au/about/our-state-council/becoming-a-state-councillor/> It includes the following:

Becoming a State Councillor Information Sheet; What you need to know and; State Council Nomination Form.

Candidates must complete and return a nomination form and the National Criminal History Check Summary Sheet including the four items of certified identification to the WACSSO Office by:

12noon April 3rd, 2020

As a WACSSO State Councillor there is no cost to you. State Councillors are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses associated with WACSSO business.

We are truly stronger together, and we couldn't do this work without our remarkable volunteers.

If you require further information regarding the election process and/or the role of a WACSSO State Councillor, please ring the WACSSO office on 9264 4000.



# NOTICEBOARD

## URGENT: 2019 P&C Constitution - The adoption deadline end on December 4, 2019

WACSSO is determined to aid P&Cs to adopt the 2019 P&C Constitution, so please contact the WACSSO office ASAP if your P&C has not yet adopted the Constitution.

Phone: 9264 4000 or email: [newconstitution@wacssso.wa.edu.au](mailto:newconstitution@wacssso.wa.edu.au)

For information regarding the new 2019 P&C Constitution visit: <https://www.newconstitution.education/>

WACSSO thanks P&Cs who have already adopted the Constitution.

## Canning West and Peel North By-Election Results

Congratulations to the two newest members of State Council to join the WACSSO team, Mel Eckford for Canning West and Dannielle Crawford for Peel North. P&Cs in these electorates have been notified in writing. If you want to make contact with your State Councillor view the electorate listing in this edition.

## Use of Outdated WACSSO Resources

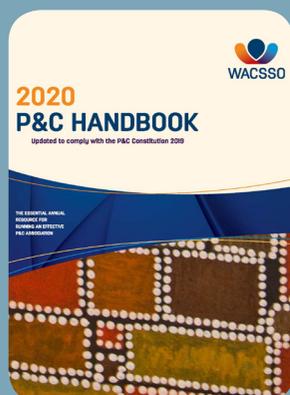
It has come to our attention that many P&Cs have outdated WACSSO publications available on school websites, P&C websites or social media. Some publications such as the P&C Employment Guide are now completely redundant. It is important P&Cs operate by and disseminate accurate information, so please ensure that only guides with "Updated for the 2019 P&C Constitution" are made available to members.

## 2020 P&C Handbook (Update)

Each year in February, you as an affiliate of WACSSO receives, in the mail, a hard copy of the P&C Handbook.

This handbook is an important guide that contains all of the information your association needs to run the P&C easily and effectively for the 2020 year, including your obligations as an organisation; a checklist; affiliate administration; useful information and contacts; WA School Canteen Association (WASCA); WACSSO Conference and lots more.

Please contact the WACSSO office if your Association has not received the P&C Handbook by the end of February. Before contacting the WACSSO office please check with the school's administration if they have it. The 2020 P&C Handbook can also be found on the WACSSO website [www.wacssso.wa.edu.au](http://www.wacssso.wa.edu.au) under the "Resources" tab.



## WACSSO State Councillor and Electorate Listing

|                          |                                    |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| PRESIDENT                | Pania Turner<br>0477 644 000       |
| PAST PRESIDENT:          | Kylie Catto<br>0419 048 318        |
| <b>ELECTORATE:</b>       | <b>COUNCILLOR:</b>                 |
| CANNING EAST             | Scott Mosey<br>0401 637 716        |
| CANNING NORTH            | Nominations<br>Required            |
| CANNING WEST             | Mel Eckford<br>0439 921 359        |
| FREMANTLE                | Nominations<br>Required            |
| GOLDFIELDS-<br>ESPERANCE | Esmond Delaney<br>0409 370 016     |
| GREAT SOUTHERN           | Nominations<br>Required            |
| JOONDALUP EAST           | Nominations<br>Required            |
| JOONDALUP WEST           | Tony Osborne<br>0419 925 701       |
| MIDWEST                  | Paula Steenson<br>0409 076 476     |
| NORTH WEST               | Leanne Ruston<br>0407 477 283      |
| PEEL NORTH               | Dannielle Crawford<br>0407 717 555 |
| PEEL SOUTH               | Vivienne Cantem<br>0447 297 156    |
| PERTH NORTH              | Jenny Blair<br>0488 990 729        |
| PERTH SOUTH              | Anne Fairbanks<br>0411 256 079     |
| SOUTH WEST               | Nominations<br>Required            |
| SWAN EAST                | Nominations<br>Required            |
| SWAN WEST                | Melissa Gillespie<br>0416 582 819  |
| WARREN-<br>BLACKWOOD     | Nominations<br>Required            |
| WHEATBELT NORTH          | Tanya Gibson<br>0427 976 880       |
| WHEATBELT SOUTH          | Nominations<br>Required            |

# GOOD NEWS STORIES

## Halloween Fundraiser

On Thursday the 31st of October 2019 Warnbro Primary School held a Halloween themed fundraiser at our local indoor trampoline centre, Rebound Port Kennedy.

The children whom attended came dressed in costumes and thoroughly enjoyed themselves bouncing from one end of the centre to the other. Children were awarded with Best Dressed Awards as well as participation Awards.

Each child left the centre with a bag of Halloween lollies and all that were involved had an amazing time. We raised over \$480 in profit as well as made a lot of children smile.



## Movie Themed Quiz Night

On Saturday the 7th of September 2019 Warnbro Primary School held a movie themed Quiz night for the staff and parents of the school. We hired the function room at the bowling club and sold 102 tickets to the event.

Parents and staff got into the spirit by dressing up and being involved in various activities throughout the evening.

A raffle was held with over 40 prizes being donated from our local business community. With the sale of tickets, bonus questions and lucky number boards we raised over \$2000.

The evening was not only a success due to our profit made, but it was also a success in getting the school community involved as well as the Warnbro Community. We had at least 2 tables of guests that were not from the school but rather the outside community that came along and supported the school.

Amy Tos  
Fundraising Coordinator  
Warnbro Primary School  
P&C Association Inc.



## BLOW YOUR TRUMPET AND WIN!

WACSSO and MSP Photography WA are inviting P&Cs to be a part of the P&C Voice by promoting the successes and achievements of P&Cs and the school communities no matter how large or small. WACSSO is pleased to announce that MSP Photography WA will continue to sponsor this initiative for the seventh year running.

Congratulations to the following 2019 winners drawn at the WACSSO Conference: Bayswater Primary School, Darkan Primary School, East Hamilton Hill Primary School, Greenmount Primary School and Parkwood Primary School.

Stories will be featured in future editions of P&C Voice and includes recognition at the 2020 WACSSO Conference being held on the weekend of 15th and

16th August.

All submissions received before August 2020 will be entered into the draw to win one of five cash prize draws at 2020 Conference. A P&C delegate will need to be present to collect their P&C's prize.

The article could be as little as a few paragraphs or up to 300 words and can include approved photographs. Please email article in word and photographs in jpeg to:

Jody Quinn, Affiliate Services Officer at [affiliates@wacssow.edu.au](mailto:affiliates@wacssow.edu.au) or by post: PO Box 6295, East Perth, WA 6892.

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## GET INVOLVED!

This year's P&C Day WA will be taking place on Friday the 22nd of May, which is the Friday of National Volunteers Week. P&C Day WA is about celebrating the contributions P&Cs make on a daily basis. We encourage all of you to join the festivities by holding an event of your choice to recognise all the time, love and effort your P&C puts in to advance public education in our state.

## HOW DOES WACSSO CONTRIBUTE TO P&C DAY WA?

- Resources: WACSSO provides a variety of resources for our P&Cs, such as posters, promotional planning, stickers, posters, banners and more.
- Promotion: WACSSO encourages school communities to get involved in the day, promoting the day on social media, eNews, our website and in other WACSSO publications.
- Collaboration: WACSSO as the peak P&C representative body in WA, brings together P&Cs throughout the state to celebrate P&Cs as a collective.

To access P&C Day WA resource online visit: <https://www.wacssso.wa.edu.au/training-events/pc-day-wa-2020/>

