

STATE COUNCIL 2, 2020

AFFILIATE REPORT



State Council

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State Council Overview

Due to COVID-19, the second State Council of 2020 looked quite different to previous State Councils, being held through the Zoom and Microsoft Teams video meeting platforms. State Councillors and WACSSO Staff gathered virtually to discuss a range of different issues, from supporting Parent and Citizens' Associations in their operations through to arising topics in Public Education.

This State Council weekend also gave WACSSO the opportunity to have a test trial run for setting up the staging, audio and visual components for the 2020 WACSSO (virtual) Annual Conference.

Education Issues

- Lack of access to technology – Internet and hardware.
- Volunteers on school grounds – parents as classroom helpers.
- Support available for students with disabilities.
- Interaction between the education system and the NDIS to better support student's educational goals.

Welcoming Three New State Councillors

At State Council 2, 2020 we had the pleasure of welcoming newly elected WACSSO State Councillors Jaxson Gazeley representing Canning North, Roy McKenzie representing Wheatbelt South and Rob Fairholme representing Joondalup East. State Co-councillors work to support the P&Cs in their electorates, we encourage our affiliates to seek their councillor's assistance when required. We also love to hear about all the great things P&Cs are doing. It was great having the new State Councillors attend the meeting and encouraging to see WACSSO grow.



Behind the scene at State Council 2, 2020.

Issues relating to Covid-19

- The impact of Covid-19 to student learning and education.
- Mental health and wellbeing considerations for students, families staff and parents on school sites.
- Breakfast clubs and other support services disrupted due to Covid-19.
- Since State Council 1, 2020 the WACSSO President has attended seven COVID-19 Stakeholder Meetings.

Portfolio Sessions: Main Issues Discussed

Training and Development (T&D) Portfolio: State Councillors in the T&D Portfolio reviewed the results of the recent 2020 Banking Survey; and are currently working to develop a report for P&Cs to assist them in making informed choices when choosing banking services.

Planning Portfolio: Councillors reviewed WACSSO Policy in preparation for Annual Conference Agenda Items. Discussion was held around the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and the importance of schools and NDIS working together to ensure excellent access to education and strong educational outcomes for the students living with disability.

Public Relations (PR) Portfolio: The PR Portfolio investigated the opportunities available to P&Cs through connections and partnerships with their local government authority. WACSSO have extended an invitation to the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) to explore further areas of collaboration

2020 WACSSO Annual Conference

State Council 2, 2020 featured a lot of discussion and excitement surrounding the 2020 WACSSO (virtual) Annual Conference. We continue to work hard to make sure this year's Annual Conference is engaging and accessible for attendees.

Registration for the 2020 WACSSO Annual Conference is now open, we encourage all WACSSO affiliated P&Cs to get involved. To register, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJWRP>.

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