



KINGSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C — THIS IS OUR STORY

At the very start of the Covid-19 Pandemic our P&C decided that our biggest concern and priority had to be the livelihood of our 2 permanent canteen employees. We were very aware that we were going to be impacted and the outcomes could potentially be quite harmful for our employees and their families; for us this was not an option.

Our amazing Canteen Manager met with our Treasurer and discussed all the possibilities and potential outcomes that were facing us and together decided to put a different approach to the P&C. It was agreed that during the downturn our focus would shift from lunch and recess orders to family meals (which have always been offered to our community) and desserts. The prices remained affordable so that we were able to cover our costs and make a slight profit; this was also helping out our local community during their time of need.

Our Community continued to support us and started making regular meal orders, within 2 weeks our 2 amazing employees Roz and Meegan were working super hard and were making more income than they regularly made. We were lucky enough to receive the minimum Cashflow Boost Payment from the ATO which helped us to cover the additional

costs associated with initial food requirements and initial income losses.

Our amazing Canteen was not eligible for the JobKeeper payment to help supplement our employee wages because not only did we manage to survive and stay open during these hard times, we managed to increase our income! Our initial goal of making sure our employees were not affected was well and truly met and we are very grateful for all the hard work that was put in by our canteen staff during this very difficult time, we were even able to offer increased hours to our employees over the school holidays.

Slowly things are getting back to normal with family meals slowing and school lunch orders increasing. Our community is still ordering the family meals and the workload is manageable but needs to be monitored.

We are very lucky to be a part of such an amazing community and even luckier to have 2 amazing permanent canteen employees and a handful of amazing volunteers!

Alisha Fenn
Kingston Primary School P&C

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Welcome to Term 3!

This edition of the P&C Voice comes to you following WASSO's first-ever online Annual Conference – Stand Up! Stand Out! What a different experience for all involved. On behalf of WACSSO State Council and Staff, I would like to extend our appreciation to guest speakers Mr Vaughn McGuire, who opened Conference with the Welcome to Country, the Minister for Education and Training, the Hon. Sue Ellery and Director General, Department of Education Ms Lisa Rodgers. Also in attendance were special guests the Shadow Minister for Education the Hon. Donna Faragher, Ms Sally Whelan, Director and Deputy Chair of P&Cs Queensland, WACSSO Life Member Mr David Forrester, and WACSSO Immediate Past President Ms Kylie Catto.

A special congratulations to our newest WACSSO Life Member, Kylie Catto. It was lovely to be able to represent all of State Council and staff in acknowledging Kylie's long and commendable service to WACSSO. It was great standing with the Minister and Life Member David Forrester to present Kylie's Life Membership Award. Keep an eye out on our FB page to see the video tribute Kylie received from friends of the organisation and from the Western Australian Premier, the Hon Mark McGowan MLA acknowledging her dedicated service to supporting parents in public education.

Although Conference was held on the virtual platform of Zoom, affiliate voices and issues remained the focus of Conference. Thank you to all our delegates who attended and participated in the afternoon workshops. I would like to also give a special mention to Rosalie Primary School P&C and Roleystone Community College P&C. They used the platform of Conference to raise issues important for their schools through the agenda session and the questions to the Minister. The raising of items at Conference can seem daunting to P&Cs, via such a public platform, however, please remember that your WACSSO State Councillor is ready to assist you. P&Cs do not need to wait until Conference to raise education issues. WACSSO State Council meets throughout the year with councillors submitting reports and representing their electorates at each meeting.

During School Terms 2 and 3, WACSSO

has represented the parent voice across a range of meetings and forums: school attendance, policy and procedures around criminal history and screening for people on school sites, community approaches for addressing violence in schools, COVID-19 response and recovery, autonomy and parent engagement, digital capability and connectivity challenges, cyber safety, work capabilities and meaningful career pathways, as well as a range of issues regarding P&C operations and support State Councillors are also participating in the Education Conversation Forums co-hosted by the Department of Education and Department of Training and Workforce.

Throughout the year WACSSO has had the privilege of awarding Certificates of Merit, recognising committee members who have been nominated by their P&C committees for their continued service of 10 years plus in their school, these recipients were acknowledged during Conference and I would like to recognise their efforts here. Please see page six (6) for the list of Certificate of Merit recipients.

It is the work of dedicated volunteers such as the Merit Award recipients, which see our P&Cs partner in building thriving and positive school communities. Our 2019 P&C Contribution Survey highlighted the significant contribution P&Cs make. Did you know that on average for the year 2019:

- The volunteer time spent per PCs is 1288 hours, this equates to over 830000 hours of volunteer service in schools across WA.
- P&Cs donations reported amounted to an average of \$18,000 per association going back into our school communities.

For P&Cs to Stand Up and Stand Out, every contribution of volunteer effort should be recognised and appreciated. As P&C members, you influence how your P&C connects with your school families, school staff and the wider school community. Your P&C may not have the capacity to raise large amounts of funds for your school; however, working together for the good of all students, you will always have the ability to make a difference.

Another critical survey conducted by WACSSO was the Covid-19 Education Response Parent Feedback Survey. Thank you to all who responded, your feedback was invaluable as we relayed trends in concerns and



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areas of success to the Department of Education. Overwhelmingly parent response has shown that together we can face and overcome significant challenges. We can model resilience and agility for our children when faced with adversity.

While it was essential to understand the experiences of parents as they navigated education in a COVID-19 environment, it is also vitally important to hear the voice of children during these times. The Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP) continues to do excellent work in this area, and I invite parents to go to the Commissioner's website to read the experiences children have shared ccyp.wa.gov.au/our-work/projects/responding-to-the-coronavirus-pandemic.

In this P&C Voice you will find information about the Containers for Change initiative that will be launching on the 1st of October 2020. I encourage P&Cs to review the fundraising opportunities carefully, and as always when considering any activities on school sites, it is essential to work with the Principal.

To all our P&C volunteers I say keep up the good work, how we appreciate you! Do you know that each P&C inspires State Council to Stand Up and advocate on the issues you call for. Do you know when you share your stand out stories you inspire P&Cs across WA? Each story you share strengthens our resolve to help you improve the capacity for parents and families to engage with their schools, to help you be the community heart of the schools you stand in.

Pania Turner
WACSSO President

There's no doubt that the end of Term 1 and the start of Term 2 took us into uncharted waters and unprecedented times with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite numerous challenges, I have been impressed by the capacity of our school communities – our P & C committees - who have rallied around their schools, supporting students and staff.

This has been especially reinforced to me through hearing about examples of great compassion, generosity, and strength of spirit from our school communities. For example, I've heard about parents and carers dropping off gifts and care packages to schools for staff.

Another example of how school communities have rallied during the pandemic relates to the DETECT COVID-19 testing program in schools. The McGowan Government partnered with the Telethon Kids Institute in a study to test for COVID-19 among school students and staff who did not have symptoms. Thousands of people from 80 public schools, education support centres and residential colleges are taking part in the study which started in June. Testing continues until the end of Term 3 while surveys about the psychosocial impacts of COVID-19 will finish later in the school year. Students had to receive permission from their parents and carers and most people have embraced the chance to contribute to this important research. So thank you to those relevant parents and carers who have been so cooperative and allowed their children to take part.

Generally, public schools have responded to the challenges of

the pandemic with positivity. There has been a focussed purpose to ensure that students continued to learn, whether from home for a short time or in the classroom. The staff in schools, and those in central services supporting our schools, have gone above and beyond in so many different ways. But we couldn't have achieved what has been achieved without the tireless efforts and support of the P&Cs. Although we have had a lot of "virtual" meetings we've achieved a lot together and will continue to do so.

Finally, you may recall a previous commitment I made to strengthening relationships between schools and their communities. As a result, the Our School-Our Voice resource was developed in collaboration with WACSSO for community representatives interested in participating in principal selection panels. The resource is available on the Education Department's website for school councils and boards.

I look forward to working with WACSSO for the rest of the 2020 school year.

Hon Sue Ellery
Minister for
Education and
Training



Hon Sue Ellery

MESSAGE FROM MINISTER
FOR EDUCATION AND
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Safe Food at School

Everyone has an important role to play to ensure food is stored, prepared and served safely in the canteen and at P&C events.

Compliance

The Department of Education's Healthy Food and Drink (HFD) policy, includes food safety and hygiene requirements that schools must comply with.

Principals must ensure the canteen and P&C (where relevant):

1. Understands their obligations to sell food in accordance with the Food Act 2008 (WA) including but not limited to:
 - canteen workers and volunteers have completed FoodSafe Food Handler training, or its equivalent.
 - schools notify the local council prior to conducting a charitable or community event involving food.
 - food prepared for sale is only made in approved premises; food prepared in a home that has not been approved as a food business must not be sold in a canteen.
2. Complies with the requirements under the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, including Food Safety Standards.
 - 2.2* – Specifies the requirements for food safety and general practices.
 - 2.3 – Specifies the requirements for food premises and equipment (see fact sheet on the WASCA website. <https://www.waschoolcanteens.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Food-Safety-Standard-3.2.3.pdf>).
 - 2.3* – Information regarding mandatory food allergen declarations.

* Covered in FoodSafe Food Handler Training, or its equivalent .

Training

All canteen staff and volunteers must complete FoodSafe Food Handler Training. It provides a really sound starting point for understanding food safety and hygiene requirements in school canteens e.g. Food handling and storage; cleaning procedures; temperature control; contamination; pest control; record keeping; and allergy and cross contamination.

Best of all, P&C members who volunteer in the canteen can complete this training for FREE. Simply send us an email with your full name, school name and suburb, and your role (e.g. canteen volunteer) and we will send you a 'WASCA Unique Code'.

Canteen staff and volunteers are strongly encouraged to complete the Australian Hotels Association (WA) Hospitality & Tourism COVID-19 Hygiene Course. By completing the course you will gain:

- Understanding COVID-19 in the context of the WA Hospitality & Tourism Industry.
- Reporting requirements of personal health issues.
- Maintaining personal and work environment hygiene practices.
- Contactless procedures and reducing cross contamination.
- Effective cleaning and sanitising practices.

Beyond the canteen we know many P&C fundraising activities and events also include food. The training described above will help you to learn some really valuable skills for preparing safe food. Plus, we encourage you to always offer water and choose food and drinks categorised as green or amber. For example, make your next P&C BBQ a success with:

- Meat options e.g. minute steak for steak sandwiches; reduced fat sausages; and lean burger patties.
- Vegetarian options e.g. kebabs with vegetables; vegetarian patties; corn cobs.
- Bread options: wholegrain, wholemeal or multigrain varieties.
- Keep a few gluten-free rolls or wraps on hand too.

For some great BBQ ideas see the Sausage Sizzle fact sheet on the WASCA website: <https://www.waschoolcanteens.org.au/schoolcommunity/parent-body/>



*Classroom Essentials Service is only available to selected primary schools within Western Australia. [^]Be one of the first 100 schools to place your order by 15th October and we guarantee delivery **before school starts in 2021**. Any items not delivered in time will be free. Find out more at [officeworks.com.au/classroom-essentials-service](https://www.officeworks.com.au/classroom-essentials-service). WA official term start date Monday 1st February 2021. The Classroom Ready Guarantee does not apply in circumstances beyond our reasonable control, e.g., pandemic restrictions. OWO5168_CES

Every day the WACSSO office receives enquiries from P&C members about the running of their P&C Association. The following are just some of the questions asked with answers that may be helpful to your Association.

If there is a question you would like answered that does not appear here, please check the Q&A page of the 2019 P&C Constitution website. <https://www.wacssowesterneducation.org/>

Q: Can signatories who have a direct relationship co-sign financial transactions?

A: No, Rule 176.1 states, "Where there is a direct relationship between two authorised signatories, they shall not be permitted to co-sign any cheques of the Association".

The Glossary attached to the P&C Constitution defines a direct relationship as "business, immediate or extended family, and marriage/de facto relationships."

Q: How do we reimburse members who have spent their own funds for P&C Business?

A: Rule 26.1 states: All decisions or actions must be endorsed by the Executive or General Committee. Individuals cannot act independently. For a P&C member to be reimbursed for personal funds spent, they must first have approval to spend the funds (must be minuted).

If a member has not heeded this process, the P&C has the right to refuse reimbursement.

If approval has been given, the member will be required to show receipts of expenditure prior to reimbursement. The P&C should provide reimbursement by EFT or cheque, not cash.

Certificate of Membership – Paid Affiliation Fees

Thank you to the P&Cs that have paid their Affiliation Fees for 2020/21. A Certificate of Membership has now been emailed. If you have not received a Certificate, please contact Debbie Booth, WACSSO Finance Officer at finance@wacssowa.edu.au

For a **Certificate of Insurance**, please contact Joe Barbaro at Grange Insurance at joe@grangeinsurance.com.au. Often Bunnings, Shopping Centres, Local Councils and schools will request a copy of the Certificate of Insurance for P&C fundraising activities. Please note: the Certificate can only be issued by Grange Insurance, WACSSO cannot issue the Certificate.

Overdue Affiliation Fees 2020/21

If your P&C has not paid its Affiliation Fees, your invoice is now overdue. Please pay as soon as possible. P&Cs that have not paid their fees before the end of September will be suspended. If your P&C has not received an invoice, please contact Debbie Booth, WACSSO Finance Officer at finance@wacssowa.edu.au

ClimateClever Schools Program

The ClimateClever Schools Program is an engaging, student-led program, underpinned by a set of innovative, data-driven online tools that help students measure, manage and reduce their school's carbon footprint. To celebrate their appearance in the upcoming ABC series 'Fight For Planet A', ClimateClever is giving away 50 free subscriptions to their award-winning schools program! The free subscriptions are available to public schools with a focus on schools in low to medium socio-economic areas. Check out the selection criteria here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1v4vklMsE0x5qUxKMRdC8h1Clu7d4k5TW/view?usp=sharing>, or to apply, click here: <https://climateclever.typeform.com/to/gyhLDuHC>.

Certificate of Merit Recipients

Here is the list of Certificate of Merit recipients, as mentioned in the President's Pen.

Julie Brooks - Albany Primary School; Noreen Les - Albany PS; Lea Parkinson - Bayswater PS; Marina Biddle - Churchlands SHS; Brendon Flaherty - Churchlands SHS; Duffy Jones - Comet Bay College; Sharon Auhl - Forrestdale PS; Natalie Machin - Harmony PS; Doug Cherry - Katanning PS; Sue Cherry - Katanning PS; Normila Zakaria - Katanning PS; Tenelle Quartermaine - Katanning PS; Luana Lisandro - Lathlain PS; Heather Whitwell - Leeming SHS; Peter Whitwell - Leeming SHS; Celeste Lane - North Balga PS; Kathy Irving - Palmyra PS; Paula Duffin - Southern River College.

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.

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.

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 Councillors work to support the P&Cs in their electorates and 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.



State Council 2 being held virtually.

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.

TRAINING HUB

Term 3 Training 2020

What a variety we have for your P&C!

1. General P&C Training

Covers: P&C Governance
The P&C Constitution
Office Bearer Responsibilities
Running Effective Meetings

Book your P&C to host of one of these popular and informative 2.5 hr training sessions on the WACSSO website 'Training & Events' section.

2. P&C Webinars

Upcoming Webinars:

Dr Megan Paull, Senior Lecturer at Murdoch University: Working towards a common goal – Volunteer Interactions

7:00pm-8:00pm, Tuesday 8th September.

Ian Crawford, Candor Training: Finding and Keeping Volunteers

7:00pm-8:30pm, Wednesday 16th September

These one-hour webinars have been a great success. Previous sessions were fully booked with P&C members from metro, rural and remote areas joining in. A download speed of 1 mbps will enable you to participate or you can join by phone audio only!

Our webinars are FREE and very EASY to join from any device. Visit our website to book future webinars and the instructions will be emailed to you.

3. Check Out WACSSO's Youtube Channel

Have you missed out on a Webinar you intended to see? Don't worry we have you covered!

Most WACSSO Webinars are now recorded and uploaded to our Youtube channel, so you can watch them anytime. These training webinars have been sorted into suitable playlists for your convenience.

To access the videos, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/user/WACSSOsince1921/playlists>.

WACSSO State Councillors

PRESIDENT:	Pania Turner 0477 644 000
ELECTORATE:	COUNCILLOR:
CANNING - East	Scott Mosey 0401 637 716
CANNING - North	Jaxson Gazeley 0487 701 822
Canning - West	Mel Eckford 0439 921 359
FREMANTLE	Nominations Required
GOLDFIELDS- ESPERANCE	Esmond Delaney 0409 370 016
GREAT SOUTHERN	Nominations Required
JOONDALUP - East	Rob Fairholme 0435 779 801
JOONDALUP - West	Tony Osborne 0419 925 701
MIDWEST	Paula Steenson 0409 076 476
NORTH WEST	Leanne Ruston 0407 477 283
PEEL - North	Dannielle Crawford 0407 717 555
PEEL - South	Vivienne Cantem 0447 297 156
PERTH - North	Jenny Blair 0488 990 729
PERTH - South	Anne Fairbanks 0411 256 079
SOUTH WEST	Nominations Required
SWAN - East	Nominations Required
SWAN - West	Nominations Required
WARREN - BLACKWOOD	Nominations Required
WHEATBELT NORTH	Tanya Gibson 0427 976 880
WHEATBELT SOUTH	Roy McKenzie 0479 168 702

Contact the WACSSO office on (08) 9264 4000 if your P&C would like to nominate someone to represent a vacant electorate or if you would like further information on the roles and responsibilities of a State Councillor.

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TIP: When signing up for a scheme ID on behalf of a community group use a generic email address. The sign-up email is securely linked to the nominated bank account. Using a generic email address means that even if personnel change your group will still have access to its scheme ID and fundraising stream.

Head to www.containersforchange.com.au to sign up for a scheme ID today.

STEP 2 - COLLECT AND RETURN CONTAINERS

From 1 October you can start collecting and returning eligible containers to your local refund point and receive 10 cents per container.

STEP 3 - BECOME A DONATION LOCATION

As a donation location, you can encourage your community to donate their containers by dropping them directly in a container donation cage or bin at your location.

Don't have the space for a cage or bin? Don't worry! Anyone in WA can donate their containers to your community group by quoting your group's scheme ID when returning containers to a refund point.

STEP 4 - PARTNER WITH YOUR LOCAL REFUND POINT

Make friends with your local refund point operator and encourage them to support your fundraising goal.

Need help with fundraising?

Take your fundraising to the next level with our handy toolkit available via our website early September. You'll find everything from printable posters and banners to social media ideas that'll help you on your way.

Just so you know...

Containers for Change will help West Aussies find you

From early September every community group that signs up for a scheme ID will feature in our searchable look-up facility on our website. Your supporters simply search for your community group's name and your scheme ID will pop up. That's all the information they need to donate to your cause at any refund point across WA!

Being a donation location and partnering with your local refund point

If you've got the space, you can be a donation location: just set up a secure cage or bin where supporters can drop off their containers. You'll also need to arrange for the containers to be delivered to a refund point, which you can do yourself or partner with your local refund point operator who may be able to do this for you. The refund point will do all the sorting and counting, and deposit your refund directly into your group's nominated bank account by EFT using your scheme ID.

To get your fundraising efforts off to a flying start, we recommend getting in touch with your local refund point operator. Set up a meeting to discuss the goals for your organisation, any collection arrangements and fees, as any other help.

You should expect fair and helpful treatment. Refund points are businesses so they may need to charge fees to recover the costs of servicing your donation bin or cage, just make sure any proposed fees are reasonable and acceptable to your community group.

Find your local refund point on our website from early September.

We recommend nominating a Collection Champion!

While we make it as easy as possible, it can be a big task to get your fundraising up and running, which is why we recommend nominating a Collection Champion - a dedicated volunteer or staff member - to manage your Containers for Change efforts.

Call 13 4CHANGE (13 42 42) to find out more or visit www.containersforchange.com.au



2020 WACSSO Annual Conference

Stand Up, Stand Out

This year's Annual Conference looked quite a bit different to those held in previous years, being held via the Zoom Online Video Conferencing platform. Although we much prefer to meet and engage with our lovely affiliates in person at Conference, this year presented us with both opportunities and challenges, as we adapted the way we delivered Conference to cope with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. WACSSO would like to thank all delegates and guests who attended the 2020 Conference for taking time out of your Saturday and engaging with the online Conference with a strong sense of enthusiasm.

Message from the WACSSO President

The day started with a 'welcoming message' from WACSSO President, Pania Turner. The (virtual) Conference stage was set up so we could see the approximately 100 affiliates who attended, as they tuned in from home.

Vaughn McGuire, Welcome to Country

We then had the pleasure of having Vaughn McGuire perform a touching and inspiring Welcome to Country. Vaughn used song and storytelling to speak to the power of education and the passing down of knowledge, highlighting its importance which extends throughout different cultures.

Message from Hon Sue Ellery MLC, Minister for Education and Training

The Hon Sue Ellery, Minister for Education and Training addressed Conference delegates. The Minister started off by acknowledging and thanking P&Cs for the role of leadership and support they played in facing the challenges Covid-19 put on school communities. Parents and carers were applauded for their patience, respectfulness and level of understanding during the Covid-19 pandemic. Minister Ellery explained the State Government's efforts to connect with parents and carers, and to create strong representation for them within planning and policy in Western Australia.

It was great to see Minister Ellery discuss how suggestions from WACSSO for the State Government to provide meaningful Vocational Education Training (VET) courses for secondary school students in State Government agencies had been taken on board, with government agency work programs starting at the end of August.

The Minister then answered questions submitted by the Roleystone Community College P&C about the inequities in the Student Centered Funding Model Review around District High Schools and also a question about how K to Year 10 schools are missing out on school facilities. The Minister highlighted what the State Government was doing to address these questions.

Awarding WACSSO Life Membership to Immediate Past President, Ms Kylie Catto

WACSSO State Council and staff were pleased to award Life Membership to Kylie Catto at this year's Annual Conference. Kylie has dedicated countless hours of time and effort into the organisation, being part of the WACSSO State Council for 19 years, including her term as President for eight years. Kylie has been and continues to be a strong voice for parents in public education. The surprise presentation planned by councillors and staff was awarded by Hon Sue Ellery MLC, WACSSO Life Member David Forrester and WACSSO President Pania Turner. An acknowledgement video featuring the Western Australian Premier Mark McGowan and people who Kylie had formed strong working relationships with during her time at WACSSO was played to giving thanks for her volunteer work.

Agenda Items Session

This year's Agenda Items Session looked quite different, due to Annual Conference being held virtually; the voting was done via the Election Runner software, which enabled delegates to vote remotely. Using this technology that was new to us, we faced a few technical issues, WACSSO would like to thank our Conference delegates and guests for your amazing patience and understanding during this process. Please see page 12 for the 2020 WACSSO Annual Conference Resolution Items.

WACSSO would like to give a special thanks to Rosalie Primary School P&C for submitting and presenting their Agenda Item at Conference, it was great to see the passionate voice of parents on issues that affect public education.

Message from Lisa Rodgers, Director General of the Department of Education

We are always pleased to hear from the Director General Lisa and thank her for her address to delegates. The Director General highlighted how the Department of Education worked with school communities during the Covid-19 pandemic and discussed how the department planned on supporting areas of concern, such as Year 12 student

pathways, planning for the possibility of a second wave, mental health and wellbeing and hygiene practices in schools.

Ms Rodgers outlined the Department's strategic plan 'every student, every classroom, every day'. This plan focuses on student's individual public education journey, creating tailored pathways so students can reach their potential.

Launch of the Countdown to 100 Years of WACSSO

This year's Conference gave WACSSO opportunity to announce the countdown to 100 years of WACSSO, to be celebrated at next year's Annual Conference. Life Member David Forrester and WACSSO President Pania Turner made the announcement, discussing the importance of P&Cs and the parent movement in Western Australia, which gave birth to WACSSO. Over the next year we will be looking back at notable moments in the history of WACSSO and are encouraging P&Cs to do the same so we can share all the amazing contributions P&Cs and WACSSO have made to public education over the last 100 years!

Conference Online Workshops

As part of Annual Conference, WACSSO organised three Webinars to take place after the Conference. These include webinars from The WA School Canteen Association, Kristee Jolly – Inclusion Solutions and Ian Crawford – Candor Training. We heard great feedback from affiliates regarding these webinars, thank you to everyone who was involved in these webinars. The recordings of these Webinars are now available on WACSSO's YouTube channel.

Thanks again to everyone who attended this year's Annual Conference, we look forward to seeing you all in person at next year's Annual Conference to celebrate WACSSO's 100th birthday!



Vaughn McGuire



Director General, Lisa Rodgers



Sue Ellery, David Forrester and Pania Turner presenting Kylie Catto with WACSSO Life Membership

2020 WACSSO Annual Conference

Resolutions Items

AC 1/2020

That the WACSSO Annual Report to the 2020 WACSSO Conference (including the financial statement for 2019-2020 and the 2019 Conference Report) be adopted.

AC 2/2020

That Armada Audit and Assurance be appointed as the WACSSO auditor for the 2020-2021 financial year.

AC 3/2020

That a new clause be added to the WACSSO Constitution Rule 7 Management of Funds, to read:

74.2 Where there is a direct relationship between two authorised signatories, they shall not be permitted to co-sign any cheques.

AC 4/2020

That a new clause be added to WACSSO Constitution Rule 31 Rules of Debate and Standing Orders to read:

31.2 A member of State Council who has a material personal interest in a matter being considered at a meeting must:

- a) as soon as they become aware of that interest, disclose the nature and extent of their interest to the Committee;
- b) disclose the nature and extent of the interest at the next general meeting of the association; and
- c) must not be present while the matter is being considered at the meeting or vote on the matter.

31.2.1 The Secretary must record every disclosure made in the minutes of the meeting at which the disclosure is made.

AC 5/2020

That the WACSSO President write to the Department of Education recommending that:

1. The guidelines for anaphylaxis be reviewed and reclassified as Department of Education policy and procedures;

2. Department of Education policies and procedures include the following points:

1. Schools are required to have high standards of handwashing before and after eating (including break times and eating that occurs in class)

2. Teachers and Education Assistants are required to complete the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) online training component in addition to the face to face first-aid training they are already required to complete for allergies and anaphylaxis.

3. All students receive education about allergic conditions and how they have an active role as part of their school community to support allergy management

4. Schools are provided with standard easy to carry medical packs including EpiPens and Ventolin for on duty teachers.

5. Schools are provided with funding to provide silicon 'medical alert' wrist bands (different colours for different medical conditions) for students.

6. Schools are provided with funding to implement and maintain safe school environments for people living with severe allergic conditions.



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WACSSO'S 100TH BIRTHDAY!
21 & 22 AUGUST 2021
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