

# STATE COUNCIL 5, 2020

## AFFILIATE REPORT



State Council

14-15 November, 2020

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### State Council Overview

WACSSO State Councillors and Staff met face-to-face for the fifth and final State Council of 2020. The meeting had a packed agenda as we look to finish the year strong and plan for all the exciting events and resources WACSSO have in store for P&Cs as we move into 2021.

As it was the last State Council meeting of the year, WACSSO State Council and Staff enjoyed a Christmas lunch. This gave everybody a good chance to catch up before we head into the Christmas holidays.

### Education Issues

- Young people not in education, employment or training.
- Student mental health and wellbeing.
- Student safety on school grounds.
- Out of subject area teaching.
- Specialist support for students with disabilities.
- Teacher training to support students with disabilities.
- Access to technology in schools.
- Using new technologies to support learning experiences.
- Teaching critical thinking, ethical reasoning, empathy in schools.
- Student truancy and engagement in school.
- Aboriginal cultural education in school.

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### Guest Speaker: David Gribble – Constable Care Child Safety Foundation

We were lucky to have the CEO of the Constable Care Child Safety Foundation (CCCSF), David Gribble speak at this State Council meeting. David discussed some of the programs, new and existing, that CCCSF are delivering to schools throughout the State.

In particular, David explained new programs which use augmented reality and virtual reality technologies to teach young people about road safety, safe decision making, community safety and a range of other topics.

State Council were also briefed on a new and exciting program which focuses on teaching critical thinking, ethical reasoning and empathy.

For more information about the different programs CCCSF are running, visit: <https://www.cccsf.org.au/programs>



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### Portfolio Sessions: Main Issues Discussed

**Training and Development (T&D) Portfolio:** The T&D portfolio focused on a range of different projects. The main focus was the completion and launch of the much anticipated Financial Literacy Training module for P&Cs. Over the past eighteen months, the Training and Development Portfolio have worked with subject matter experts to develop this financial training resource for affiliates. This interactive training course is set to be delivered in Term 1 next year. Keep an eye out for more information about this project coming soon.

**Public Relations Portfolio (PR):** The PR portfolio reviewed the results of the 2020 P&C Contributions Survey which again highlighted the significant resources P&Cs provide to government schools across WA. WACSSO will provide P&Cs with a breakdown of the results, and P&Cs are encouraged to share the information with their school community.

The PR portfolio also discussed planning around the WACSSO 2021 State Election Education Forum. The event will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, and will give affiliates the opportunity to ask questions of the education spokesperson from some of the political parties contesting the state election. More information about how to submit your questions and attend the event coming soon.

**Planning Portfolio:** The Planning portfolio worked on future updates to the State Councillor Operations Manual. This document guides State Councillors through all things WACSSO and helps them better represent their affiliates as a councillor.

The Planning portfolio also discussed the WACSSO Policy and Constitution Agenda Items for next year's Annual Conference.

### OneNote Training Presentation

This State Council meeting we were delighted to have the councillor for Peel North Dannielle Crawford deliver a presentation on using OneNote as a tool for State Councillors. Dannielle showed how the program could be used to effectively keep track of the communication between affiliates and State Councillors.

**Have a great school holidays!**

WACSSO would like to wish all our P&Cs a safe and enjoyable holidays, and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



State Councillors Leanne Ruston and Paula Steenson



State Councillors and Staff having Christmas Lunch



State Councillor Vivienne Cantem and Affiliate Services Officer Jody Quinn