

# STATE COUNCIL 2, 2021

## AFFILIATE REPORT



State Council

12-13 June, 2021

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### State Council Overview

The second State Council meeting of the year was a productive weekend. State Councillors and staff spent plenty of time planning for the busy months ahead, with P&C Day WA and the 2021 WACSSO Annual Conference just around the corner.

### Guest Speaker: Hon Sue Ellery MLC - Minister for Education and Training

It was great to have the Minister for Education and Parliamentary Secretary Hon Terry Healy MLA attend the State Council meeting. The Minister briefed WACSSO on the current focus areas for the Department of Education and the Western Australian Government concerning public education in the State.



The discussion topics included:

- Delivery of education election commitments.
- The Government's support for P&C Day WA.
- Teacher retention.
- Improving processes and resources for resolving parent complaints.
- Additional Vocational Education Learning courses.
- Review into school banking.

The Minister presented WACSSO with a Lotterywest grant for \$41,817 for regional, rural and remote P&C delegates to attend Annual Conference. WACSSO would like to thank Lotterywest for its ongoing support of the Regional, Rural and Remote (RRR) Conference Sponsorship package, acknowledging that these funds ensure regional representation at the WACSSO Annual Conference.

### Education Issues

- School transport services.
- Developments near schools.
- Student career development and pathways.
- Student wellbeing and welfare services.
- Department of Education parent complaint processes.
- Public education staffing and skill shortages.
- Sustainability curriculum and activities.
- School infrastructure
- Student performance and tracking, NAPLAN – readability and connectivity issues, stress for students.

### Guest Speaker: Jeremy Chetty - Student Edge Co-Founder

It was a pleasure to have Jeremy Chetty, the Co-Founder and Chief Product Officer of Student Edge meet with State Council. Jeremy discussed the Student Edge online hub available for students. The hub assists students in various areas, including finding employment, creating CVs, connecting with education institutions, completing education workshops/webinars and more. Councillors gave feedback about the new program, and were enthusiastic to see it further develop.

Conference delegates will have the opportunity to see the launch of the new Student Edge Hub when Jeremy presents from the main stage on Sunday at 10:00am.





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### Welcoming a new State Councillor

At this State Council Meeting we welcomed State Councillor for Great Southern, Julie Brooks to the WACSSO team. Julie joined WACSSO to give the Great Southern electorate a voice and be a part of our mission to give Western Australian kids the best education possible. It's great to have Julie as part of the team!



### Portfolio Sessions: Main Issues Discussed

**Training and Development (T&D) Portfolio:** The T&D portfolio assessed how the P&C Finances Course was tracking along since the launch in April. The feedback received from WACSSO affiliates who have completed the course is resoundingly positive. All WACSSO State Councillors will complete the course to better assist affiliates.

T&D portfolio discussed the professional development of Councillors. Feedback from State Council outlined focus areas for training including governance for not for profits, skills in using communication technology, public speaking, and building councillor capabilities in supporting our affiliates.

**Public Relations Portfolio (PR):** The PR portfolio looked at how WACSSO affiliates and audiences were engaging with the content shared on our different communications channels. The fortnightly eNewsletter was discussed in detail and plans made to make the newsletter more engaging. Some minor glitches/issues were highlighted, with changes being made over the next few months.

The results from the P&C recruitment & AGM feedback survey were reviewed. Portfolio members discussed how the data collected would be used to further support affiliates with committee member recruitment, filling Office Bearer positions, and running Annual General Meetings.

**Planning Portfolio:** The Planning Portfolio is currently reviewing various WACSSO policies, including our Disability policy. The Planning Portfolio also continued working on a major revision of the WACSSO Councillor Handbook.

### Conference Registration – Closing Soon

Don't miss out, registrations to attend the 2021 WACSSO Annual Conference close on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July! Conference is set to be exciting and informative weekend, with plenty of opportunities to network and increase your P&C skillset.

Click the link to register – [Annual Conference Registration](#)

