

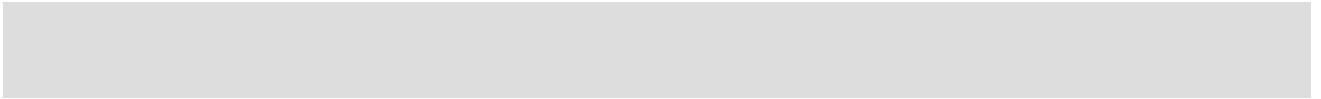
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## A message from the President



ACSSO has a unique role in public school advocacy as the one body that represents the national policy interests of the parents and families who choose public education as the first choice for their children's future.

I write this looking back on an extraordinary year – one that has allowed parents to be acknowledged by all sides as key stakeholders in education. Public education is unique, as its parent representatives are largely volunteers freely giving their time and energy to champion its needs; it's the strength of this community that supports the 2.5 million school age students enrolled in public schools that is so resonant in the advocacy space – one that politicians of all flavours need to be keenly aware of.

The last two years have seen ACSSO's Board remain resolute in calling for Fair, Simple and Transparent and truly needs based funding with no special deals. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> March this year the Prime Minister accompanied by his Education Minister and David Gonski AC, surprised everyone by announcing the Education Act Amendment Bill 2017 with the expectation, in the Prime Minister's words, of 'Great schools, great teachers and great outcomes...' as a result of the proposed legislation. As an aside it's encouraging to see the opposition using the term 'Great schools...' as one of its policy parameters – a point of agreement from both sides that public school communities will gladly endorse as defining public education. It's also interesting to note that in all of this all sides agree on the principle of needs based funding and all sides agree that public education needs more money – the argument seems to relate to how and how much – and how much financial support the non-government systems should get. The support of the Senate

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cross bench was essential in passing the Bill into the statute book, complete with a number of sensible amendments that ACSSO and others lobbied for as part of the legislative process.

The final passage of the Bill was almost meeting the eye of the raging storm of education reform, and now as we move out of the relative calm of this space we face another period of intense activity. The new phase has seen the initiation of the Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools that at the time of writing is still in the submissions phase. Alongside this is the Independent Review into Rural, Regional and Remote Education that is in the consolidation phase, with both due to report in March next year.

There is another crucial element that was delivered as an agreed amendment to the Bill's passage. This is the formation of the National Schools Resourcing Board (NSRB) – the independent body that is set to examine the formulae encompassing funding arrangements that define education resourcing across sectors and systems. These include the Socio-Economic Status (SES) definitions and School Resourcing Standard (SRS) parameters that calculate the base level of funding for all schools. The exact composition of this group is currently unconfirmed and the subject of deep discussion at the Council of Australian Government's recent Education Council. It's to be hoped that this can be resolved soon and in a way, that accurately reflects the proportion of our public-school enrolments.

Once the SRS and SES part of its work is complete the NSRB must turn its focus to the appropriateness of the current six needs based loadings to address disadvantage. In a new nationally consistent single model the formulae that define these loadings need to be re-examined. The loadings must be able to address extreme disadvantage where it is present and recognise extreme advantage, and have the means to adjust the funding provision to ensure true need is met and entitled-want is simply ignored.

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ACSSO's AGM will be part of our Policy Roundtable weekend with a wide variety of national stakeholders in the education policy arena in attendance. They are willingly giving ACSSO and its members representatives the benefit of their expertise, and reflective thoughts on recent changes and current policy initiatives and what may be in store for us all in the future. This is a key element of ACSSO's work and as previously stated the representatives of public education are virtually all volunteers and dramatically under resourced in real terms, when compared to those of the non-government schools and systems. In a brave new world where a strong, informed and measured voice for public education is deemed to have value it has to have tangible support.

Like all advocacy groups ACSSO's inherent strength comes from its people and the members that support its efforts – it is the sum of its parts, and some; in ACSSO's case its Board of Directors and staff team. The Board has been relentless in engaging a variety of national policy stakeholders, politicians and actors in the education space – a dialogue that has resulted in frank discussions and debate from all sides. I would like to thank the Directors of ACSSO and pay tribute to those that have had to step aside this year as a normal part of Board renewal – your clear thinking, wise counsel and principled advocacy in the national space is greatly appreciated.

Delivering the work of ACSSO under the guidance of its Board is Dianne Giblin AM, our CEO and her team. Di's knowledge, commitment and true professionalism knows no bounds and I thank her on behalf of the Board and the parents that choose public education as the first choice for their child's future. It's the additional hours that Di puts in over and above what most people would be willing to give that characterise her total commitment – the fact that this is necessary further confirms the need for additional resources for our national voice.

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Like all great organisations there is a tangible sense of provenance and authenticity that comes from its history and the contribution made by its members – recent and past. In ACSSO's case it's 70 years of principled advocacy for the parents, families and communities of the public schools across our nation. The current Board is mindful of ACSSO's place in the nation's conscience as it champions the integrity that underpins the case for public education and the essential partnerships with the parent communities that support their schools.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'P. Spratt'.

Phillip Spratt

President/Chair

## Meet our Board



### **President/Chair**

Phillip Spratt

M.Bus ILPM

Phillip enjoys working with people to develop new ideas, explore fresh perspectives and balance them with what has gone before to produce creative outcomes and new partnerships. He also enjoys working with community groups, industry bodies and other organisations, in new environments and cultures, with change and innovation.

Phillip completed his Master of Business degree in 2012 with a particular emphasis on community development, partnerships, governance and social entrepreneurship. His past roles representing the interests of the UK's National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs at a local, national and European level, and as both District Chairman and National Council Member for Dairy Farmers of Britain, as well as Chair of his local National Farmers Union group have given him a range of transferable skills in the representative and advocacy space. He migrated to Tasmania in 2006 and currently works as a facilitator and sessional teacher working with dairy apprentices and high risk license trainees needing LLN support.

With three school age children his involvement in parent bodies started with his children's primary school. As the School Association Chairperson, he led the difficult process that resulted in the closure and merger of this school with another. The following year Phillip joined the TASSO management committee and was elected as the President of ACSSO in September 2015.



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Phillip also sits on the Asia Education Foundation Advisory Board, Safe Schools Coalition National Steering Committee and the UTAS Initial Teacher Education Course Advisory Committee. He was also a member of the steering committee, Director and part of the due diligence process that established Port Sorell District Community Enterprises Ltd; a local shareholder owned company that owns and operates a Bendigo Community Bank franchise. He remains as a member of its sponsorship and marketing committee.

He has a compelling interest in ensuring genuine community engagement and fairness in the education sector - particularly in the form of authentic and properly resourced parent engagement initiatives - widely recognised as an essential part of improving educational attainment and outcomes for all students, particularly of those in the vital early years of schooling. ACSSO plays a crucial role in this as the national peak body representing the interests of Australia's government schools' parents, families and communities.



### **Director**

Sharron Healy

Sharron has been an active member of her three children's school Parent Clubs for 20 years, serving as an ordinary member and president at both primary and secondary levels.

She is also currently the president of her child's secondary School Council, and president of Parents Victoria Inc., the Victorian affiliate of ACSSO. Founded in

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1925 as the peak body representing the collective views of parents in public education in Victoria, Parents Victoria was also a founding member of ACSSO. Sharron's interest in promoting and advocating for public education comes from a desire to see every child in our country having access to a first-class educational experience.



### **Director**

Kevan Goodworth

BA M.Phil. MACE MACEL

Kevan Goodworth is P&Cs Qld CEO, and is the link between the Board, staff and approximately 1240 affiliated P&C associations. He brings to the role more than 30 years of direct and continuous experience with education in Queensland as a secondary school principal and Assistant Director-General. He is a recipient of the Premier's Award for Excellence in the Public Sector. He has conducted major reviews for government around curriculum and service delivery and has represented Queensland's interests on a number of national forums. He is a passionate advocate for quality public education and has led a number of community associations which link schools, tertiary institutions and employers in formal partnerships. He has his own independent consultancy and has worked internationally in the United Kingdom, Asia and the Americas.

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### **Director**

John Haydon

Bachelor of Economics, Master of Business Management,  
Bachelor of Arts

John is a committed supporter of quality public schooling. He engages with his daughter's primary school and has held positions on the Council of ACT P&C Associations for the last several years and is currently President of the Council. John has lived and worked in countries in Asia, the Middle East and the Americas as an Australian diplomat and has represented Australian interests at international conferences. He recently taught English at a Spanish public high school.



### **Director**

Natasha Coster

Natasha grew up in rural NSW and it was here that she learned the value of community and the power of volunteers. When she moved to the Blue Mountains, she immersed herself in local organisations.

After her daughter was born, Natasha became more interested in education and the opportunities available for children. Serving on her preschool and primary school parent organisations gave Natasha the drive to become more involved on a wider scale and so she put her hand up for election during the restructure of the NSW P&C Federation.

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She now represents Western Sydney and has learned a great deal about a myriad of topics. She is a very vocal supporter of student's rights and the engagement of parents.

Natasha hopes to expand on her skills and help ACSSO cement its role as the peak federal parent voice.



### **Director**

Ivan Webb

BSc, Grad Dip (Info Sys), PhD

Ivan is now an education consultant following a 40 year career as a Tasmanian teacher, principal and superintendent (K-12).

He was a leader in the application of quality management and continuous improvement in Australian schools.

Ivan continues to have a keen interest in how an understanding the nature, structures and rules of school systems can better inform their improvement.

With a long history of involvement in public education Ivan works towards equality of opportunity for all of Australia's children. To this end, he is particularly interested in helping to reduce the two-speed nature of Australia's school system by drawing attention to the structural inequalities that currently prevail.

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### **Company Secretary**

**John O'Shannassy**

M. Laws

M. Ed (Adult Ed)

B Business

B Science (Elect Eng)

Practitioner's Certificate in Mediation

Graduate Diploma of Company Secretarial Practice CSA

Advanced Certificate in Arbitration

John is a Principal Lawyer at Australian Corporate Lawyers & Advisors and is directly related to corporate governance where he ensures corporations have corporate governance policy and procedures in place. He has 16 years experience in company secretarial services and designed governance and compliance for organisations and managed the ASIC, Austrac and NSW government compliance issues. John has led small and large teams and departments at various times, including roles as: General Counsel/Company Secretary at the University of Technology Sydney; Company Secretary/General Counsel at Apex; and governance and commercial advisory with Australian Corporate Lawyers & Advisors. In his spare time John enjoys participating in Surf Lifesaving, refereeing Rugby Union and Computer Programming.

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### Board Attendance

Name	November 2016	February 2017	June 2017	August 2017
Phillip Spratt	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kevan Goodworth	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sharron Healy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Natasha Coster	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Melissa Hankinson	Yes	resigned	-	-
Tooba Awais	Yes	resigned	-	-
John Haydon	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tabby Fudge	N/A	Yes	Apology	-
Ivan Webb	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
John O'Shannassy	-	-	-	-

### Meet our staff



#### Chief Executive Officer

Dianne Giblin AM

B.Ed (Adult) Dip Mgmt

Family Engagement Consultant

Di has worked in education in both paid and unpaid capacity for the past 32 years.

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Di has a passion for education, in particular public education, and the opportunities it affords young people. She has led the ACSSO secretariat since 2011 but has been a significant player in parent activism since 1984 when her eldest child commenced school. She is proud of her four children's achievements – all successes of public education.

She has held various volunteer roles in the parent movement finishing her P&C career as President of the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW.

Di was a founding Director of Public Education Foundation whose board position she held for six years; a founding Director of Primary Ethics Board and also a founding Director of The Parenthood board.

She worked in a paid capacity for the NSW education department in a number of roles across a large area of Sydney. Her roles were all in the area of parent engagement and home-school partnerships including school based community officer, across district Community Development Officer and regional Partnership Officer – all through the Priority Schools Program.

Recognition of her work saw her commended for Meritorious Service to Public Education and Training in 2010. In 2012 Dianne was admitted as a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia for her service to public education and the community

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Di's greatest love is her family but coming a close second is her love of music. Whilst an amateur guitar player she likes to spend downtime with it, her grandchildren and her playing her vinyl albums on the new turntable.



### **Communications Officer**

Donna Sirmais

MTEACH (Primary)

B Arts (Primary Education and Psychology)

Family Engagement Practitioner and Consultant

Our current Communications Officer Donna Sirmais has worked within education and family engagement in schools for 17 years.

Donna has held various roles within a school P&C Associations, implemented family engagement practices and effective communication strategies within schools and has held a regional position within NSW Department of Education assisting schools. Donna was recognised for her work within Family & Community Engagement in schools and was awarded a NSW Department of Education Certificate of Achievement.

Donna's role includes overseeing and updating our website and social media. Donna is currently also studying Master's of Education.



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### **Administration Officer**

Rebecca Ashford Wykes

Rebecca works in our office 13 hours per week and assists with the day to day operations of ACCSO Ltd. Rebecca joins the team with a wealth of experience in a number of different roles. In particular she has put her highly regarded organisational skills into practice which has made a significant impact on the day to day running of the ACSSO office.

ACSSO Ltd would like to thank the following service providers for their assistance through the year.

<b>Bookkeeping:</b>	Positive Balance Bookkeeping (Alison Dunne)
<b>Auditor:</b>	Pinnacle Taxation Services William Tomiczek
<b>Solicitor:</b>	MacDonnells Law (Donna Pontane)
<b>IT Support:</b>	Citisystems
<b>Webhosting:</b>	Formwork5

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## The year in review: CEO Report



It's been an interesting year in education and indeed one for ACSSO.

This year is the first year with our Board and in some ways all of us have gone through a learning experience. Early in the year we had a few changes in Board members – we thank Tooba Awais

and Melissa Hankinson for all their support and commitment and wish them well. We also welcome to the Board, Ivan Webb as a Board appointed External Director and our Company Secretary, John O'Shannassy.

We continue to refine our processes and work smarter as an organisation with a huge brief works on a small budget and a very small secretariat. Communication has changed and grown at an exponential pace in the past 10 years and we are changing our practices to keep pace with ongoing developments in this field.

We are working on ACSSO's rebranding and are ready to take our new website live. We continue to add features to our new website to gather feedback from those at grass roots level that choose to use different mediums to have their voice heard. The new website is mobile friendly and has superseded our app.

The Parents Australia site went live in October and the social media support is also active. Parents Australia provides additional support to families in the well-being, learning and development of their children.

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Facebook, Twitter and our website have all seen a substantial increase in traffic with Facebook and Twitter registering a significant increase in reach. It is also worth noting that the traffic through our website has increased considerably. Our monthly e-Newsletter has had an interesting series of articles that are also available through our other communication modes – we will monitor this closely over the next twelve months to ensure that the target audience is being reached. Whilst we have targeted our audience more concisely in many cases we often have rely on those who monitor school and principal email boxes to ensure its gets to the appropriate people.

ACSSO has engaged with Meltwater to assist in sifting through daily news. The newsfeed provided will feature on ACSSO's website and provide a constant source of relevant reporting's across the nation.

It's been an extremely busy year building networks. As we continue to maintain and grow our continuing partnerships new opportunities have emerged to which ACSSO has played an integral part in furthering the crucial role of public education.

### **Informing and Advocating on behalf of Parents**



Our relationship with the Australian Government Department of Education and Training continues to grow and we successfully re-negotiated a service agreement which not only assures ongoing funding and functioning of ACSSO but strengthens the relationship between government and public-school parents. Based on representation, expertise, voice, information

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dissemination and coverage we can continue to draw our authentic response from the members and our extremely large data base.

We enjoy an open dialogue with the Minister's office. It is in these conversations that we discuss Fair, Simple and Transparent funding based on need and a variety of other topical policy issues.

Our ongoing relationships with the Shadow Ministry, other minor parties and individual Senators and Members of Parliament keep high on the radar the importance of well-resourced Public Education.

We have built strong relationships with Social Ventures Australia, The Grattan and Mitchell Institutes and the Foundation of Young Australians. Each of these groups have a great background in research and support which in turn provide the evidence that shape policy

As a key stakeholder on the national arena; we made a pre-budget submission and forwarded questions to the Senate Estimates. Our president was part of the pre-budget lock up.

As outlined in the Review to Achieve Educational Excellence document – parent engagement is noted as discussion document achieving quality student gain. To this end we were engaged in working with a number of key players.

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### Family Engagement

The Family – School and Community Partnerships Bureau has completed its work and final reporting is due. The Family-School Partnerships Framework went live on the Australian Government Department of Education website in June this year <https://www.education.gov.au/family-school-partnerships-framework>. It's timely to thank the members of ACSSO's team who persevered and contributed over the period – our governance team representatives: Judy Bundy, Peter Garrigan, Margaret Leary and Phillip Spratt and our staff Donna Sirmas, Margaret Hunter, Monique Brombal, Teagan Pick and Bec Ashford-Wykes.

It was gratifying to be able to invite the teams that participated and contributed to the case studies for the Framework to the ARACY Parent Engagement conference in June. As school teams they were able to reflect on their work and see the positive impact they are making on their school community.

Key work of the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) is parent engagement. To this end ACSSO is a major player in its work. We enjoy a strong reciprocal working relationship with ARACY.

Our President is one of the ARACY Parent Engagement Network Co-Convenors. The Parent Engagement Network <https://www.aracy.org.au/networks/australian-parent-engagement-network>.

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Phillip also was an integral part of the Parent Engagement Conference Committee and chaired sessions at the event.

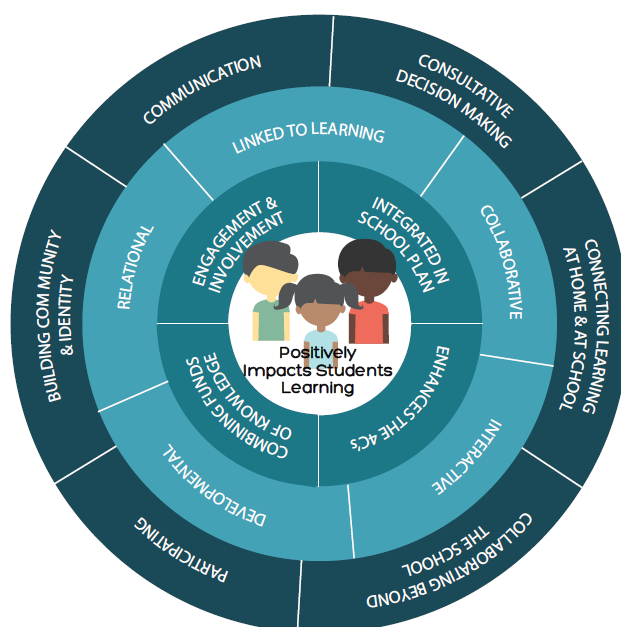
As a former parent engagement practitioner, I am a member of the Parent Engagement Expert reference group

<https://www.aracy.org.au/projects/parent-engagement-expert-reference-group/parent-engagement-expert-reference-group>. This group provides advice and support to each of the ARACY projects.

It has been a firm belief of the ACSSO team that we need to move beyond the research and put Family Engagement into actions. Many of our schools are already on that path. This has resulted in the development of the Family Engagement Circle by the ACSSO team.

The Family Engagement Circle (FEC) was presented at the

ARACY National Parent Engagement Conference in June 2017. The FEC was well received by all attendees and was also a popular handout. Loosely the FEC incorporates the work from extensive research over the past 50 years, both nationally and internationally and provides a practical tool for planning and implementing family engagement processes and practices.



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Joe Mazza

July 3 · Instagram ·

VERY COOL to see that our Australian friends have also adopted the DUAL-CAPACITY FRAMEWORK #interactive is one of 5 at the core. #fce2017 #makerdads #npc17 #leadlearners #meetthenwheretheyare

slide via fce visionary Dr. Karen Mapp at #fce17

On completion of the presentation attendees and Dr Karen Mapp (Harvard University) approached us and requested a copy so that she could present it internationally to highlight what Australia is doing to further Family Engagement in education. Dr Mapp also invited Dianne Giblin and Donna Sirmas to present the FEC at the 2018 Institute for Educational Leadership in Cleveland United States.

Since the release of the FEC at the conference the circle has evolved

into an interactive pdf which is supported by online documents, videos and infographics. The circle allows schools and educators to work through the circle with support material and information.

ACSSO is currently finishing a round of consultations regarding the circle and has received positive feedback. Early negotiations are in place to develop and contextualise professional learning for a number of jurisdictions.

With the Family Engagement Circle, ACSSO is keen to ensure that there is a consistent, authentic evidence based resource that can be adapted and contextualised to suit the diverse communities that make up our schools.



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As we clearly stated in our submission to the Review into Achieving Academic Excellence in Schools, if we are to move family engagement forward and into an area which actually makes a difference both human and financial resources are required from National through the State and support our schools locally.



In the early hours of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Dianne Giblin (CEO) and Donna Sirmais (Communications Officer) participated in a teleconference with the National Director of Family Engagement, Carrie Jasper and Family Engagement Specialist, Jonava Johnson with the United States

Department of Education and consequently Jordan Marianetti, International Affairs Specialist, International Affairs US Government (APEC, Bilateral Relations).

This teleconference is a continuation from previously developed relationships which were a result of our previous visits by Donna and Dianne in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

There was a further teleconference between Dianne, Donna and Jonava Johnson with regard the Flamboyant Foundation in June 2015.

Conversations have continued between ACSSO and the Director of Family Engagement in regard to the resource structure the US Department had in place in the area of Family Engagement. The Skype conference grew from the



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Director wishing to contact ACSSO to discuss with us current practices which were being implemented in the States.

That the National Directors' first response was to contact ACSSO, in itself is pivotal for ACSSO. As solid relationships have now been formed between ACSSO and the Family Engagement Team US Department of Education and International Affairs, ACSSO will continue to be the "go to" organisation for these Government Departments with further teleconferences and meetings planned within this financial year.

Topics which were discussed included current family engagement programs occurring in the US and resource structure which are in place that enables effective family engagement practices and programs to be implemented.

Outcomes of the teleconference included;

1. National Family Engagement Director offering;
  - to share their resource structure from National level through to school level and the roles and responsibilities of each of the positions within that structure
  - to provide ACSSO with training materials
  - for their Family Engagement Specialist to visit us at their expense
  - they have invited us to meet with them in Washington DC in 2018 and also meet with State based Family Engagement Specialists
  - to continue robust dialogue on the topic of Family Engagement and further develop a collaborative partnership which results in the reciprocal sharing of resources

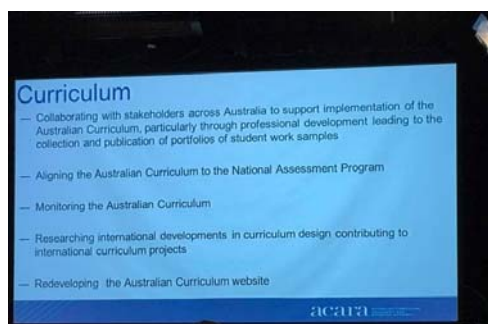
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2. Jaden Marianetti from International Affairs will also be discussing with his Australian Counterpart the relationship which is strongly developing

Additionally, Jaden Marianetti stated that interest in talking to “the Australians” was growing within their Department and both the National Director and Family Engagement Specialist wanted to remain key stakeholders in any future additional discussions.

We have also presented our work on Family Engagement to a forum of educators at Deakin University in April this year. So well was it received that the afternoon session was cleared for a further session expanding on the work.

Donna also presented to a group of pre-service students at Western Sydney University.



ACSSO is also working with ACARA in supporting parents to access the Curriculum website. Being part of the support for the “Parent Friendly” curriculum ACSSO is currently working with the Director Curriculum to provide content for a video to assist parents in

navigating the new curriculum website

### **Partnerships: Health and Well Being**

For the third consecutive year ACSSO has been successful in partnering with Ford for the Ford Driving Skills for Life program. This year Ford has made a conscious effort to expand to our more rural and remote communities.

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Additional to the program for 2017 Ford will provide training that incorporates pedestrians and cyclists, building awareness about the shared responsibility on the road to help reduce the increasing number of accidents related to distracted driving. With 15% of all deaths on Australian roads in 2016 – 2017 (12 months to July) being cyclists and pedestrians, and with no specialty training being provided to young drivers, Ford Australia is hoping to close this gap through its updated education program.

With 3.6 million or 17% of Australians riding a bike each week, and 5.1% of commuting workers choosing to cycle, it has never been more important to provide bespoke training adapted for our local roads. We are seeing the rise of bike sharing services in major cities, putting more cyclists on the roads in high pedestrian areas. Couple this with busy CBD traffic and distracted drivers, there is even more of a need for thorough driving education.

This year the program has also partnered with Indigenous Communities Education & Awareness (ICEA) for the first time to address the issue that road deaths for Indigenous Australians are five times higher than the national average.

The program will take place in five Australian cities in 2017, last session November 11 and will educate hundreds of young Australians about the importance of sharing the road, while providing unique training that offers skills and information that isn't currently provided to young and new drivers.

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ACSSO continues to support the Safe Schools Coalition Australia program we meet with CEO and others from the program. The President shared a panel with the CEO, Greg Comrie at the Mental Health in Education Conference, held in September in Sydney

We continued to support safe respectful relationships and the implementation of appropriate programs to support young people. ACSSO is a member of the National Respectful Relationships Education Expert Group chaired by Dr Phil Lambert.

Recently the President was invited to be a part of the National Career Education Strategy (NCES) working group. It is anticipated that a report will be presented to the Minister and Assistant Minister in early November.

ACSSO continues to support a number of groups addressing physical activity and sport in schools. ACSSO is a member of the Australian Sports Commission Sport in Education Reference Group (SERG); Parent and Guardian Advisory Group, and the Confederation of Australian Sport Cross Sectorial Committee addressing Improving children's personal health and wellbeing through physical activity

### **Alliances and Networks**

The scope of ACSSO's networks has continued to expand in the past 12 months – so much that cannot be fully covered in this report.

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We continue to work and meet regular with key partners that include the Australian Primary Principals Association, the Australian Secondary Principals Association, Children and Young People with Disability Australia, Reconciliation Australia, the Australian Government Primary Principals Association, the Australian Primary Principals Association; Early Childhood Australia and Australian Council Early Childhood and Quality Assurance (ACECQA), Isolated Children's Parents Association and the Australian Education Union. We have common purpose with these organisations in advocating to improve quality and resourcing in our public schools.

The President has recently spoke a number of times at the Australian Government Primary Principal's Association meetings and was a guest speaker at the Australian Education Union conference in February.

We have continued to build a strong consultative relationship with ACARA that not only includes regular update teleconferences, but collaborative conversations around messaging and developments. ACSSO has been invited to join the ACARA team at the *Policy Forum: Using Open School Data to Improve Transparency and Accountability in Education* – Manila, 24-26 January 2018.

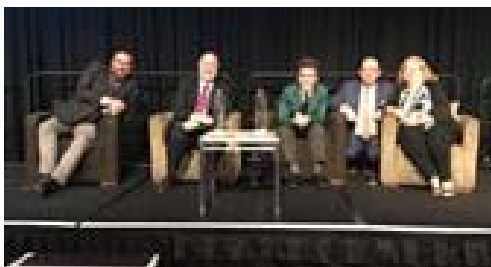
Jen Eddington sits on the *ACARA Students with Disability Working Group* on behalf of ACSSO.

ACSSO continues to have a seat on the Asia Education Foundation Advisory Board and on its work on the development of promotional materials to key elements of school communities (parents, students, teachers, principals) on the

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importance of Asian studies and cultural understanding. ACSSO plays a key role on the board of the AEF and also works in collaboration with the distribution and publicising of surveys to support research.

Australian Council for Children and Media is another place where ACSSO has a seat on the Board. Whilst having been a part of the Executive for some years we now have representation on the National Board.



ACSSO continues to sponsor of the Awards night of the Public Education Foundation and assists with promoting the scholarships and publishing the outcomes. The Public Education Foundation doesn't exist to do the job of government and fund core subjects, but to support students with particular educational needs or talents. The focus is on removing the barriers to achievement created by social and economic disadvantage, and on acknowledging and rewarding excellence. As a former Board member, I often have the opportunity to sit on scholarship panels and see the standard of excellence every day in our schools.

ACSSO is a key supporter of the Australian Learning Lectures. Working with the Koshland Innovation Foundation – ACSSO attended a recent event examining what is success in education. The lecture in May this year, the New Success, had a large attendance and was extremely thought provoking.

As a member of the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) we have met a number of times CEO, Cassandra Goldie. We also attended the National Conference in October. We also participate in regular teleconferences to

ensure that education is key in discussions around support, particularly for our most disadvantaged and have recently join two sub-committees. It is anticipated that education will be a focus at next year's conference

### Submissions

The last 12 months has been dominated by the funding debate, indeed much of the discussion surrounding last year's Rountable also focused in this area. ACSSO has never faltered from wanting funding to be fair and address the greatest need – funding that supports our young people in public schools. The need for funding sources of all schools to be transparent and the formula to not include any special deals as we have seen in the past – these deals are often masked and not clear to the public. ACSSO made **submission to the Education Amendment Bill** and appeared before the Senate Inquiry panel to state the case.

Schools are a centre for learning for young people. ACSSO's submission into **Supporting healthy eating** - Preventive Health Branch, Qld Department of Health- focused on the messaging and the role modelling role school plays. Healthy lifestyles are integral learnings in curriculum and should be reflected in our school practices, particularly our school canteens and modelling by staff.

John Halsey invited the President and CEO to speak with him during the consultation period for the Inquiry into Rural, Remote and Regional Education and then had further discussions with ACSSO's Board in August. Following both those opportunities ACSSO made a submission into the **Inquiry into Rural, Remote**

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**and Regional Education** which consolidate those responses. Based on the firm belief that every child deserves equitable access ACSSO's submission explored the alternate deliveries and services needed to afford our rural and remote students.

As recent as last week ACSSO submitted a response to the discussion paper into the **Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools**. In October, the CEO and the President met with members of the Panel for the *Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools* to discuss the areas that could be addressed. The findings from this and the National School Resourcing Board will be key focus areas for ACSSO in the following 12 months

Volunteer time continues to be an issue for greater participation in activities and we acknowledge the importance of reaching out to the wider parent pool in order to ensure when requested by government, department, stakeholders and media that we are able to respond appropriately, timely and effectively. We are slowly building these external networks

This report gives a glimpse of the work of ACSSO and does not give credit to the many responses, teleconferences and advice giving undertaken - but it presents a picture.



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Can I give personal thanks to the Directors who continue to support with patience and commitment; to the staff- Donna Sirmais (who has worked above and beyond, particularly with the Family Engagement Circle) and Bec Ashford-Wykes, (such an eye to detail and a firm commitment to office improvement) for their dedication and goodwill. They both go above and beyond their salaried time to support ACSSO's work and finally to Phillip Spratt, who has lead with great determination and focus – he has worked patiently and with great commitment to ensure ACSSO's voice is loud and clear.

Dianne Giblin AM

Chief Executive Officer



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## FACEBOOK

ENGAGED USERS  14%

LIKES  14%

REACH  28%

FRIENDS  6%

IMPRESSIONS  12%

FOLLOWERS  2%

## TWITTER

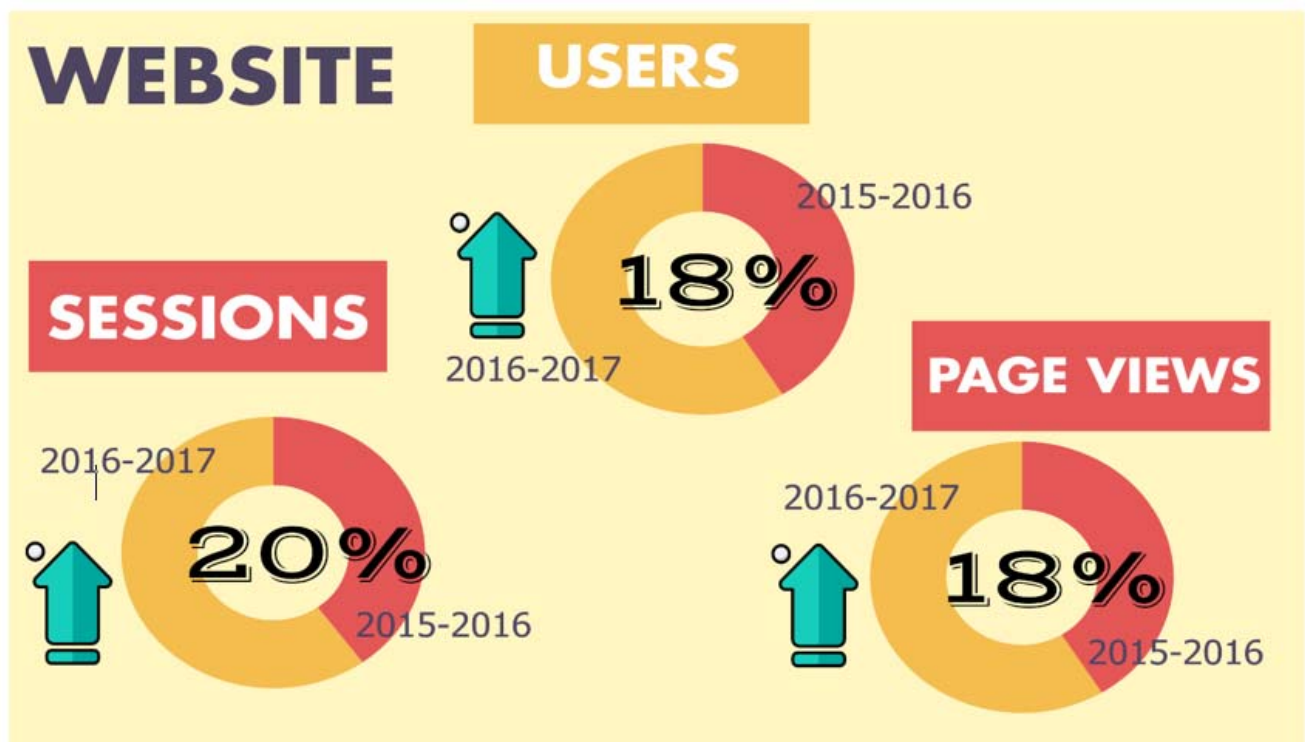
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42%

44%

REACH





## ENEWS

2016 - 2017 saw a large rise in Principal retirements with ACSSO receiving many emails to advise of these changes in positions.

2016



2017

1485

overall decrease in sent items

We are currently developing strategies to upturn these numbers and subscribe newly appointed Principals in these roles

## Yearly Communication Report Reporting period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### Facebook

	<u>2015 -2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
Page likes	595	782
Friends	328	366
Yearly engaged users	4909	6548
Yearly reach	77870	136880
Yearly impressions	152716	201116

### Top Facebook posts

Platform	Title	Link	Community Response	Date published
1. NAPLAN	Is NAPLAN the best measure?	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1580795215284715&amp;id=277213898976193">https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1580795215284715&amp;id=277213898976193</a>	Reach 5980 Like or shared 247 The high level of reach, shares and comments indicates that using NAPLAN to measure student is of high interest	26/04/2017
2. Family Engagement	Release of the Family-School Partnerships Framework	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1627957773901792&amp;id=277213898976193">https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1627957773901792&amp;id=277213898976193</a>	Reach 5863 Liked or shared 146 The high level of reach, likes, shares and comments indicates that there is a high level of interest in tools and resources which	5/6/2017

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			support family engagement practices	
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### Twitter

	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
Followers	1050	1092
Engaged users	551	1372
Total reach	34843	88298

#### Top Twitter post

Platform	Title	Link	Community Response	Date published
Twitter	Save our schools – Fighting for equity in education	<a href="http://www.saveourschools.com.au/funding/birmingham-is-wrong-again-on-school-funding-and-outcomes">http://www.saveourschools.com.au/funding/birmingham-is-wrong-again-on-school-funding-and-outcomes</a>	23 URL clicks Impressions 2516 The high level of impressions indicates that the community has a high level of interest in equity in education	22/01/17

### ACSSO Website

	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
Sessions	2846	4273
Users	1989	2841
Page views	9214	12994

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### ENews

	<u>End of previous period</u>	<u>End of this period</u>
Sent	Avg 7278 per month	Avg 5792 per month
Unique opens	Avg 4087per month	Avg 3254 per month

### ENews most popular link

Platform	Title	Link	Community Response	Date published
3. ACSSO ENews	ACSSO Website	<a href="http://www.acsso.org.au">www.acsso.org.au</a>	44 clicks The high interest in this link indicates that school communities are exploring information about ACSSO	January

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### 2017 Representative Diary

11-13/11/16		Ford Driving Skills for Life Programme – Port Melbourne	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
11/11/16	4:40pm – 5:10pm	Meeting with Peter Goss – School Education Program Director- Grattan Institute - Melbourne	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
15/11/16	11.30- 2.00	Parliament house, NSW young achievers fund raising awards	Dianne Giblin	Sydney
16/11/16	10.30- 12.00	Bureau Governance committee meeting teleconference (TC)	Phillip Spratt Dianne Giblin	Teleconference
17/11/16	11.30 - 2.30	National Career Education Strategy Roundtable - Darwin	Phillip Spratt	Darwin
17/11/16 – 18/11/16		ACOSS Conference - Sydney	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Sydney
22/11/16	2.00 – 3.30	Bureau Governance Committee meeting (TC)	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
24/11/16	11.00 – 12.00	Meeting with Scott Prasser, Schools Policy Advisor - Senator Birmingham – PH	Phillip Spratt	Canberra
24/11/16	1.00 – 1.15	Meeting with Maggie Hill and Bronwyn Lee - Foundation for Young Australians – PH Canberra	Phillip Spratt	Canberra

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24/11/16	1.20 – 2.10	Meeting with Tanya Plibersek and Kimberly McDonald (Advisor) – PH Canberra	Phillip Spratt	Canberra
24/11/16	2.30 – 3.30	Smith Family - Learning for Life program presentation – DoET Canberra	Phillip Spratt	Canberra
24-26 / 11/16		Ford Driving Skills for Life Programme - Geelong	Phillip Spratt	Victoria
29/11/16	10.30 – 11.30	ACSSO and DoET update meeting (TC)	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
30/11/16	10.00 – 12.30	Public Education foundation – Sponsorship Panel	Dianne Giblin	Sydney
1/12/16	1.00 – 2.00	ACARA Naplan briefing (TC)	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
2-4 /12/2016		Ford Driving Skills for Life Programme - Canberra	Phillip Spratt	Canberra
6/12/16	10.30 – 12.00	Confirmed additional ACARA parents and principals peak national bodies meeting for 2016 (TC)	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
7/12/16	2.00 – 2.30	Public Education Foundation Meeting with the NSW Governor and New PEF CEO -Afternoon tea and government house NSW	Dianne Giblin	Sydney
8/12/16	8.30 – 1.00	Drafting employment contracts seminar	Dianne Giblin	Sydney



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8/12/16	11.00 – 12.00	2017 ARACY PE conference committee meeting (TC)	Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
9/12/16 – 11/12/16		Ford Driving Skills for Life Programme – Penrith International Regatta Centre	Dianne Giblin	Penrith NSW
12/12/16	9:30am – 10:30am	Meeting with Clara Gleeson – OurWatch	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
12/12/16	12.00 – 1.30	Meeting with Maggie Hill (FYA) and Craig Comrie CEO Safe Schools Coalition	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
12/12/16	2.30 – 3.30	Meeting with Matt Deeble – SVA – Director, Evidence for Learning - Melbourne	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
12/12/16	4.00 – 5.00	Meeting with Diana Warren and Ben Edwards -Australian Institute For Family Studies - Melbourne	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
15/12/16	9.00am – 10.00am	Meeting with Jeremy Rockcliff – Tasmanian Dep. Premier & Minister for Education - Devonport	Phillip Spratt	Devonport
19/12/16	4:00pm – 5:00pm	Teleconference with Pete Goss – Grattan Institute	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
10/1/17	10.00am – 11.00am	Teleconference re: Bureau	Dianne Giblin	Teleconference
16/1/17	10.30am – 11.45am	Meeting with Eric Hutchinson (Stephen Parry's advisor)	Phillip Spratt	Launceston
20/1/17	10.30am – 11.45am	Michelle O'Byrne MHA, Tas Shadow Education Minister	Phillip Spratt	Launceston
23/1/17	12.00pm – 1.00pm	Senator Eric Abetz	Phillip Spratt	Hobart

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23/1/17	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Stephen Conway CEO, Tas TAFE	Phillip Spratt	Hobart
23/1/17	4.00pm – 4.45pm	Senator Jonathon Duniam	Phillip Spratt	Hobart
27/1/17		Interview with SA researcher Barbara Spears bullying and sexting	Dianne Giblin	
1/2/17	11.00am – 12.00pm	Meeting with Madonna King	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Brisbane
2/2/17 – 3/2/17		CEO and Chair Symposium	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Brisbane
3/2/17	6.00pm – 8.00pm	P&Cs QLD Reception	Phillip Spratt	Brisbane
3/2/17	8.30pm – 9.30pm	P&C's QLD Dinner	Phillip Spratt	Brisbane
6/2/17	11:00am - 12:30pm	ACARA Parents and Principals Peak National Bodies Meeting #1 2017	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
8/2/17	10:00am – 10:45am	Kimberley McDonald, Schools Advisor, Hon. Tanya Plibersek	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
8/2/17	11:00am – 12:00pm	Dr Scott Prasser, Senior Advisor (Schools) for the Minister Hon. Simon Birmingham	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
8/2/17	12:15pm – 1.15pm	Senator Sarah Hanson-Young	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
13/2/17	9:00am – 9:30am	Lisa Rodgers, CEO, AITSL	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
16/2/17	10am - 11am	Hill Rogers – Andrew and Vishal	Dianne Giblin	
17/2/17 – 19/2/17		ACSSO Board Meeting	All	Adelaide
20/2/17	All-day	ARACY Parent Engagement Conference Abstract reviewing (23)	Phillip Spratt	Port Sorell
22/2/17	2.00pm – 6.00pm	Foreign Policy White Paper Asialink Consultations (Education), PWC	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne

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22/2/17	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Asialink Consultations closing dinner	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
24/2/17 - 26/2/17		Australian Education Union Annual Conference & address to Conference - Melbourne	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
25/2/17	12:30pm – 1:15pm	Kimberley McDonald, Schools Advisor, Hon. Tanya Plibersek	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
27/2/17	3.00pm – 4.00pm	ACARA My School update   Release of NAP Science Literacy Report   NAPLAN Online update	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
28/2/17	10.30am – 1.30pm	Family School and Community Partnerships Final Bureau Governance Committee	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	DoET, Canberra
28/2/17	2.00pm – 3.30pm	Dr Scott Prasser, Senior Advisor (Schools) for the Minister Hon. Simon Birmingham	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
2/3/17	12.00pm – 1.00pm	Katrine Elliott – Independent Cinema Owners – Australian Council for Children and the Media	Phillip Spratt	Devonport
6/3/17	11.00am – 1.00pm	Meeting with Albert from Stimulus - branding	Dianne Giblin Donna Sirmais	
10/3/17	10.00am – 11.00am	Meeting with Dr Stacey Fox – Mitchell Institute	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
10/3/17	12.15pm – 2.30pm	Australian Scholarships Group: National Excellence in Teaching Awards	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
10/3/17	3.45pm – 4.30pm	Meeting with Domenic Vetre (potential ACSSO Company Secretary)	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
11/3/17	8.30am – 5.30pm	Building Brighter Stronger Families Conference	Phillip Spratt	Devonport
14/3/17	5.30pm – 8.30pm	Innovation Talks: STEM Launch of Science Hub and NSW first STEM School	Dianne Giblin	Penrith, NSW
14/3/17	11.00am – 12.00pm	2017 ARACY Parent Engagement Conference Committee meeting – teleconference	Phillip Spratt	Teleconference

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16/3/17	2.30pm – 3.30pm	Leanne Minshull – Director, Australia Institute Tasmania	Phillip Spratt	Hobart
16/3/17	4.00pm – 5.30pm	Elaine Stratford - Director, Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment	Phillip Spratt	Hobart
17/3/17	9.30am – 11.00am	LL4all Launch Tasmania, Tarooma HS	Phillip Spratt	Hobart
20/3/17	3.00pm – 5.00pm	ACARA Students With Disability Advisory Group (SWDAG) meeting	Jen Eddington	Teleconference
20/3/17	9.00am – 9.45m	Hon. Jeremy Rockliff, Minister for Education - Devonport	Phillip Spratt	Devonport
21/3/17	11.20am – 11.50pm	Michelle Truian - Year 1 Check conversation – Tas DoE Literacy Support Manager & Speech Therapist	Phillip Spratt	Devonport
22/3/17	6.30am – 11.00pm	Gonski Bus arrival – meetings with relevant Senators and MPs	Dianne Giblin	PH, Canberra
22/3/17	10.30am – 11.30am	Angela Bell - SSCA legacy and final reporting	Phillip Spratt	FYA, Melbourne
22/3/17	1.00pm – 2.50pm	Mandy Nayton – Member of the Expert Panel - National Year 1 Literacy & Numeracy Check (phonics...)	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
22/3/17	3.15pm – 4.15pm	National Career Education Strategy Working Group	Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
22/3/17	5.00pm – 7.00pm	Transforming education for the future of work (ARACY/Mitchell Inst.)	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
28/3/17	10.30am – 11.00am	National Safe School Framework	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
29/3/17	10.00am – 11.00am	Family School and Community Partnerships Bureau – Case Study Schools Overview	Dianne Giblin Margaret Hunter	
30/3/17	4:00pm – 4:15pm	Leanne McClean – CoS, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff	Phillip Spratt	Phone call
31/3/17	10.45am – 11.30am	Tony Cook, Associate Secretary	Phillip Spratt	DoET, Canberra

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31/3/17	11:40pm – 12:50pm	Nina Downes, Director, Parent Engagement	Phillip Spratt	DoET, Canberra
31/3/17	1:00pm – 1:30pm	Dr Charlene Smith, Manager, Projects & Collaboration, ARACY	Phillip Spratt	Canberra
31/3/17	1:40pm – 2:30pm	Stephen Bartos, CEO, ARACY	Phillip Spratt	Canberra
3/4/17	1.30pm – 2.00pm	Conversation re Company Secretary	Dianne Giblin	
4/4/17	9.30am – 12.30pm	ARACY resilience in children workshop	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
4/4/17	2.30pm – 4.10pm	Dr Bronwyn Hinz, Mitchell Institute	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
4/4/17	5.00pm – 7.00pm	ARACY AGM & Lecture, Children's Hospital	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
5/4/17	5.30pm – 6.30pm	Phillip - Don College Association meeting	Phillip Spratt	Devonport
6/4/17	5.30pm – 6.30pm	AEU Reception – Ministers, staffers & guests	Phillip Spratt	Hobart
7/4/17	8:00am – 2:30pm	COAG Education Council – loitering with intent...	Phillip Spratt	Hobart
7/4/17	11:00am – 11:40am	Senator Jonathon Duniam, Hobart	Phillip Spratt	Hobart
8/4/17	9:00am – 3:00pm	TASSO Management Committee meeting	Phillip Spratt	Campbell Town, Tas
13/4/17	12.00pm – 3.00pm	Nick Gibb Luncheon - Minister & British High Commissioner	Phillip Spratt	Adelaide
18/4/17	11.00am – 12.00om	ARACY PE Conference Committee	Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
24/4/17	10.00am – 3.30pm	Parent Engagement Seminar – Deakin University	Donna Sirmais	Melbourne
26/4/17	2.30pm – 3.30pm	ACOSS NMO CEO	Dianne Giblin	Teleconference
27/4/17	10.00am – 4.00pm	How to Use Social Media to Effectively Recruit, Retain, and Engage with Members	Dianne Giblin	
28/4/17	9.30am – 12.30pm	Unlocking our High-Value Data: Not-for-profit Sector Roundtable	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne

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1/5/17	9.00am – 12.30pm	Royal Commission research symposium - Creating child safe institutions	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
2/5/17	10.00am – 12.00pm	Leonie Johnson - CEO Primary Ethics- Meeting	Dianne Giblin	
2/5/17	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Meeting with Citisystems re Cloud etc	Dianne Giblin	
3/5/17	11.00am – 11.30am	National Career Education Strategy consultant briefing	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
4/5/17	10.00am – 3.00pm	National Career Education Strategy Working Group meeting	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
5/5/17	9.00am – 7:30pm	Australian Council on Children and the Media, Conference	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
8/5/17	1.30pm – 2.15pm	Higher Education Discussion	Dianne Giblin	
8/5/17	10.45am – 1.15pm	OurWatch National Respectful Relationships Education Expert Group	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
8/5/17	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Newsagents Federation – vocational training	Phillip Spratt	Canberra
9/5/17	9.15am – 9.16am	Meeting with Kimberley McDonald, Schools Advisor, Hon. Tanya Plibersek – drop in to office	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
9/5/17	10.00am – 11.00am	Senator Nick Xenophon & Team	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
9/5/17	1.30pm – 2.15pm	Briefing from Michele Bruniges, Secretary, DoET	Phillip Spratt	DoET, Canberra
9/5/17	3.30pm – 7.30pm	Budget Lock-up	Phillip Spratt	Canberra
10/5/17	9.10am – 9.45am	Senator Sarah Hanson-Young & Noah Schultz-Byard - COS	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
10/5/17	10.00am – 10.25am	Senator Peter Wish-Wilson's team	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
10/5/17	10.30am – 11.00am	Senator Richard di Natale, COS and Advisor	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
10/5/17	11:15am – 11:20am	Ross Hart MP - Corridor conversation	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra

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10/5/17	11.25am – 11.30am	ABC Radio interview - WA - Vanessa	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
10/5/17	11.40am – 12.25pm	Scott Prasser, Senior Advisor (Schools) for the Minister Hon. Simon Birmingham	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
10/5/17	1.05pm – 1.35pm	Senator Scott Ludlam	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
10/5/17	1.30pm – 2.00pm	Senator Janet Rice	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
10/5/17	2:10pm – 2:35pm	Peter Goss, Grattan	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
10/5/17	2.45pm – 3.00pm	Senator Lee Rhiannon	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
10/5/17	3.05pm – 3.25pm	Senator Nick McKim	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
11/5/17	9:05am – 9:40am	Senator Larisa Waters	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
11/5/17	9:40am – 9:50am	Noah Schultz-Byard – CoS, Senator Sarah Hanson-Young	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
11/5/17	9:55am – 10:05am	Peter Goss, Grattan	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
11/5/17	10:10am	Attempt to meet Kimberley McDonald, Schools Advisor, Hon. Tanya Plibersek – not available	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
11/5/17	10:50am – 10:53am	Kimberley McDonald, Schools Advisor, Hon. Tanya Plibersek – brief standing conversation in office reception area	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
11/5/17	5:00pm – 5:35pm	Hon. Tanya Plibersek MP	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Conference call, Melbourne
11/5/17	6.00pm – 7.30pm	Australian Learning Lecture - Charles Fadel - The New Success	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
15/5/17	11.00am – 12.30pm	ACARA Parents and Principals Peak National Bodies Meeting #2 for 2017	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
16/5/17	11.00am-12.00pm	2017 PE Conference Committee meeting	Phillip Spratt	Teleconference

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16/5/17	2.30pm – 4.00pm	Meeting with Bookkeeper	Dianne Giblin	
17/5/17	11.00am – 12.00pm	Rob Randall, CEO, ACARA	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Sydney
17/5/17	5.00pm – 6.30pm	Mayor's Reception prior to the Public Education Foundation Awards	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Sydney
17/5/17	6.00pm – 8.30pm	Public Education Foundation Awards	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Sydney
19/5/17	10.30am – 2.30pm	Asia Education Foundation Advisory Board	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
23/5/17	10:45am – 11:40am	Meeting with Board of Australian Government Primary Principals Association	Phillip Spratt	Canberra
23/5/17	1:40pm – 2:45pm	Rebekha Sharkie MP Xenophon Team - Education	Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
23/5/17	7.00pm – 8.30pm	Parliamentary Friends of Primary Education	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	PH, Canberra
24/5/17	9:30am – 10:00am	Andrew Perry – Senator Nick McKim's Advisor	Phillip Spratt	Phone call
25/5/17	7.30am – 8.30am	Public Education Day - Breakfast	Dianne Giblin	PH, Canberra
25/5/17	12:40pm – 12:55pm	Andrea Dawkins MHA – Tas Greens education	Phillip Spratt	Phone call
25/5/17	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Tasmanian Budget Lock-up	Phillip Spratt	Hobart
25/5/17	10:15pm – 11:00pm	Dr Tony McCall – Tasmanian Treasurer Peter Gutwein's Principal Advisor	Phillip Spratt	Hobart
26/5/17	11:30am – 11:45am	Leanne McLean – Tas Education Minister, Jeremy Rockliff's CoS	Phillip Spratt	Hobart
30/5/17	10:00am – 1:00pm	Cross-sector Collaboration in Reducing Physical Inactivity	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
4 – 5/6/17		ACSSO Board Meeting Guests: Dr Lisa Rodgers, Dr Scott Prasser, Andrew Giles MP, Skype: Hon. Tanya Plibersek	All	Melbourne



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6/6/17 – 8/6/17		ARACY Parent Engagement Conference (PEC), Melbourne	Phillip Spratt Dianne Giblin Natasha Coster Sharron Healy Kevan Goodworth (2 days only) Ivan Webb (1 day only)	Melbourne
7/6/17	10:45am – 12:30pm	PEC Session Chair: Classroom, Community & Country: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Parent Engagement	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
8/6/17	3:30pm – 3:50pm	Circle of Engagement –ARACY PE Conference Presentation	Dianne Giblin Donna Sirmais	Melbourne
6/6/17	10.30am – 11.30am	ACARA stakeholder follow up UNESCO Case Study - My School Discussion with Dr Phil Lambert	Phillip Spratt Dianne Giblin Ivan Webb	Melbourne
10/6/17	9:00am – 3:00pm	TASSO Management Committee Meeting	Phillip Spratt	Campbell Town
13/6/17	11.00am – 11.45am	AFNC17 Session 2C planning/briefing teleconference	Phillip Spratt	
14/6/17	10.00am – 3.00pm	National Career Education Strategy Working Group (NCESWG)	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
16/6/17	10.00am – 10.30am	Wealth Academy Meeting	Dianne Giblin	
16/6/17	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Meeting with Michelle O'Byrne, Tas Shadow Ed. Minister.	Phillip Spratt	Launceston
18/6/17	11:00am – 11:10am	Media - 2GB News – Elite schools getting more money than those in need	Phillip Spratt	
18/6/17	3:45pm – 3:55pm	Media – Michelle Grattan – The Conversation	Phillip Spratt	
18/6/17	3:55pm – 4:10pm	Media – Matthew Knott – SMH	Phillip Spratt	
18/6/17	4:15pm – 4:20pm	Media – Stefanie Balough – The Australian	Phillip Spratt	

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19/6/17	10:00am – 3:00pm	DoET Post Budget National Stakeholder Forum – DoET	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt (part)	Canberra
19/6/17	1:30pm – 2:10pm	Meeting with Noah Schultz-Byard, CoS Senator Sarah Hanson-Young – PH	Phillip Spratt	Canberra
19/6/17	2:20pm – 2:45pm	Meeting with Dr Scott Prasser, Minister's Senior Advisor – PH	Phillip Spratt	Canberra
20/6/17	6pm	Briefing meeting with Jen Eddington	Dianne Giblin Jen Eddington	
21/6/17	9am-3pm	ACARA SWDAG	Jen Eddington	
22/6/17	12.30pm – 1.30pm	Meeting with Peter Goss, Grattan Institute, Melbourne Uni	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
22/6/17	7.30pm – 10.00pm	Asialink Chairman's Dinner and John Howard address	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
23/6/17		Media - Advocate - Op-Ed opinion piece	Phillip Spratt	
23/6/17		Media - Opinion piece - Mercury	Phillip Spratt	
3/7/17	10.30am – 3.00pm	National Career Education Strategy Working Group	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
4/7/17	2.00pm – 2.30pm	Media - Sonya Feldhoff ABC Adelaide - Afternoons - parents shopping for schools	Phillip Spratt	
14/7/17	10:40am – 12:45am	Meeting with Mary Hall: Policy Analyst – New Zealand School Trustees Association	Phillip Spratt	Wellington, NZ
17/7/17		Meeting with Sue Tehan: Website for Parents Australia and Circle of Engagement Platform	Dianne Giblin Donna Sirmais	
17/7/17	11.00am – 12.30pm	Panel member - Being a Chair/Running a Board - Associations Forum Conference	Phillip Spratt	Sydney
17/7/17 – 18/7/17		Associations Forum Conference guest	Phillip Spratt	Sydney
20/7/17	12.00pm – 1.00pm	Meeting with Kathy Rushton Sydney University – Pre-Service Training	Dianne Giblin	

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20/7/17	5.30pm – 6.30pm	New Work Smarts Report Briefing, Bronwyn Lee & Maggie Hill, Foundation of Young Australians	Phillip Spratt Dianne Giblin (by phone)	Melbourne
20/7/17 – 21/7/17		Melbourne Institute/The Australian - Economic and Social Outlook Conference	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
21/7/17	2pm	Bernie Shepherd Memorial Service	Dianne Giblin	Sydney
25/7/17	10.45am – 12.00	Meeting with DoET Parent Engagement Team	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Canberra
25/7/17	12.30pm – 1.00pm	Meeting with Dr Michele Bruniges, DoET Secretary, DoET	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Canberra
25/7/17	2:00pm – 3:10pm	Meeting with Dr Scott Prasser, PH	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Canberra
28/7/2017	6am -8am	Skype Conference – US Department of Education C, Jonava Johnson, Jaden Marianetti	Dianne Giblin Donna Sirmais	Skype
31/7/17	9:00am – 10:10am	ACARA Stakeholder communications research interview	Phillip Spratt	Phone
31/7/17	11:30am – 12:05pm	Meeting with Senator David Bushby – Gov. Chief Whip, Senate	Phillip Spratt	Launceston
2/8/17 – 4/8/17		Isolated Children's Parents' Association Annual Federal Conference	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Alice Springs
2/8/17	1.00pm-3.00pm	Panel Meeting - Minister's Awards for Excellence	Dianne Giblin	
3/8/17	4:30pm – 5:30pm	Meeting with Karen Weston, Strategic Policy & Stakeholder Engagement, SA DECD	Phillip Spratt	Adelaide
4/8/17	7:30am – 9:15pm	Meeting with Matt Skoss, Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers	Phillip Spratt	Adelaide
4/8/17	10:00am – 11:30am	Pam Kent, President SA Primary Principals Association & Promotion of Public Education Reference Group Meeting	Phillip Spratt	Adelaide

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4/8/17	11:30am – 1:00pm	Meeting with Alison Turner – Executive Director Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER)	Phillip Spratt	Adelaide
5/8/17	9:00am – 3:00pm	TASSO Management Committee meeting	Phillip Spratt	Tamar Valley
7/8/17	10:00am – 11:30am	Meeting with Emeritus Prof. John Halsey, Judy Petch & David Pattie - Independent Review into Regional, Rural and Remote Education	Phillip Spratt Dianne Giblin	Melbourne
7/8/17	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Meeting with Matt Deeble and Dr Tanya Vaughan, Evidence for Learning, Social Ventures Australia	Phillip Spratt Dianne Giblin	Melbourne
8/08/17	9:15am – 11:15am	Meeting with John Goh (Principal, Merrylands East PS and Kay Rigas, Director Schools)	Dianne Giblin	Sydney
9/08/17	10:00am – 12pm	ARACY Parent Engagement Expert Reference Group	Dianne Giblin	Teleconference
11/8/17 – 13/8/17		ACSSO BOARD	ALL	Darwin
14/8/17	8.30am – 9.30am	Meeting with Hon. Eva Lawler, NT Minister for Education	Phillip Spratt Dianne Giblin	Darwin
17/8/17	9.30am – 11am	National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions (NLNLP) and SWDAG	Jen Eddington	Sydney
17/8/17	5:30pm – 6:30pm	ACCM AGM	Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
18/8/17	10.30am – 2.30pm	AEF Advisory Board and Roundtable Meeting #2	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
26/8/17	9:00am – 4:30pm	TASSO Conference/AGM	Phillip Spratt	Tamar Valley

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28/8/17	11.AM – 12.30pm	ACARA Parents and Principals Peak National Bodies Meeting #3 for 2017	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
29/8/17	3:00pm-4:10pm	Meeting with Leanne McLean, CoS Jeremy Rockliff	Phillip Spratt	Hobart
4/9/17	4.00pm – 4.45pm	Mental Health in Education conference Panel with Craig Comrie - Understanding the specificities of LGBTIQ mental health promotion	Phillip Spratt	Sydney
5/9/17	10.00am – 11.45am	Meeting with Curriculum Director, Fiona Mueller	Phillip Spratt Dianne Giblin	Sydney
6/9/17	3.00pm – 4.00pm	Teleconference with Tina re Children's TV - English lessons	Dianne Giblin	Teleconference
7/9/17	4.00pm – 6.15pm	Meeting with Dr Colin Jones, QUT Business School	Phillip Spratt	Brisbane
8/9/17 – 9/9/17		P&Cs Qld State Conference 2017	Phillip Spratt Dianne Giblin	Brisbane
8/9/17	11:30am – 12:30pm	Facilitator – Panel Discussion – Learning for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century - P&Cs Qld State Conference	Phillip Spratt	Brisbane
13/9/17	3.00PM – 3.45PM	Meeting with Kimberley McDonald, Policy Advisor, Tanya Plibersek – Aussies, PH	Phillip Spratt	Canberra
13/9/17	4.55PM – 5.00PM	Quick chat with Michelle Bruniges, Secretary, Australian Government Department of Education	Phillip Spratt	Canberra

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13/9/17	5.00PM – 5.30PM	Meeting with Dr Scott Prasser, Senior Policy Advisor, Simon Birmingham	Phillip Spratt	Canberra
13/9/17	4.00PM – 5.00PM	2017 Minister's and Secretary's Awards for Excellence.	Dianne Giblin	Sydney
14/9/17	9.30AM – 2.00PM	AITSL TEMAG Forum - PH	Phillip Spratt	Canberra
16/9/17	9.30AM – 3.00PM	TASSO Management Committee Meeting	Phillip Spratt	Campbell Town
19/9/17	11.00AM – 2.00PM	National Respectful Relationships Education Expert Group	Phillip Spratt	Canberra
19/9/17	2:30pm- 3:30pm	Meeting with Nina Downes & Katie Dziubinski, PE Team DoET – Marcus Clarke	Phillip Spratt	Canberra
20/9/17	11.00AM – 12.00PM	ARACY Parent Engagement Convenor teleconference	Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
22/9/17	10.00AM – 10.50AM	Meeting with Ivan Webb	Phillip Spratt	Launceston
22/9/17	1.30PM – 2.15PM	Michelle O'Byrne Tasmanian Shadow Education Minister	Phillip Spratt	Launceston
22/9/17	3.30PM – 4.00PM	Teleconference with Pulse	Dianne Giblin	Telephone
28/9/17	10.00AM- 2.00PM	SVA Policy Forum with Sir Kevan Collins – Education Endowment Foundation, UK	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
2/10/17	12.30PM – 4.00PM	Capabilities and Education System Reform Policy	Phillip Spratt	Melbourne

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		Roundtable with Andreas Schleicher		
3/10/17	6.00PM – 9.30PM	SVA Education Dialogue 2017 – OECD 2030 with Andreas Schleicher	Phillip Spratt	Sydney
4/10/17 – 6/10/17		ACEL National Education Leadership Conference	Phillip Spratt	Sydney
11/10/17	3.30PM – 4.30PM	Meeting with Alison Dunne - bookkeeper re audit	Dianne Giblin	Penrith
13/10/17	10.00AM – 10.30AM	Family Engagement Circle Meeting	Dianne Giblin Donna Sirmais	NSW Education - Sydney
17/10/17	10.00AM-10.30AM	ACSSO Roundtable briefing discussion with AG Department of Education & Training	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
18/10/17	10.00M – 1.00PM	Family Engagement Circle Meeting	Dianne Giblin Donna Sirmais	Gold Coast
20/10/17	6.00PM – 10.30PM	Tasmanian DoE Education Awards	Phillip Spratt	Hobart
23/10/17-24/10/17		Parents Victoria Conference	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
23/10/17	11.00AM – 12.30PM	ACARA Parents and Principals Peak National Bodies Meeting #4 for 2017	Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
24/10/17	4:30pm – 5:30pm	Meeting with Paul Geyer, Principal's Australia Institute	Phillip Spratt Dianne Giblin	Melbourne

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24/10/17 – 25/10/17		ACOSS conference	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Melbourne
24/10/17	1.20PM – 1.45PM	Katie Dzubinski, DoET Value of Teachers and the profession	Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
26/10/17	9.00AM – 10.00AM	Jeremy Rockliff – Minister for Education, Tasmania	Phillip Spratt	Devonport
27/10/17	11.00AM – 12.00PM	SVA teleconference – wash-up from policy forums	Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
27/10/17		ACSSO Cloud set up	Dianne Giblin	Penrith
30/10/17	11.00AM – 12.30PM	Meeting AGPPA National Council	Phillip Spratt	Sydney
30/10/17		South Australia Department of Education- Family Engagement Circle	Dianne Giblin Donna Sirmais	Adelaide
31/10/17	4:20pm	Media – Siobhan Hegarty – ABC Radio National online article - Chaplains	Phillip Spratt	Telephone
1/11/17	11.30AM – 1.30PM	NCESWG teleconference	Phillip Spratt	Teleconference
1/11/17	9.00AM – 10.00AM	Meeting with Company Secretary	Dianne Giblin	Sydney
10/11/17 – 12/11/17		ACSSO AGM Roundtable Board meeting	Dianne Giblin Phillip Spratt	Canberra



## Audited Financial Report

**Australian Council of State  
School Organisations Limited**

ABN 51 319 893 516

Financial Statements  
For the year ended 30 June 2017

**Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited**  
**ABN 51 319 893 516**

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# Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited

ABN 51 319 893 516

## Directors' Report

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Your directors present this report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

### Directors

The names of the directors in office at the end of the year are:

Name of Director

Phillip Spratt

Kevan Goodworth

Natasha Coster

Sharron Healy

John Haydon

John O'Shannassy

Ivan Webb

### Operating Result

The loss of the company for the financial year after providing for income tax amounted to:

Year ended	Year ended
30 June 2017	30 June 2016
\$	\$
(93,470 .01)	(11,594.40)

### Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

No significant changes in the company's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

### Principal Activities

The principal activities of the company during the course of the year were promote public understanding of the role of public education and of national education issues with Australia . No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

### After Balance Date Events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in subsequent financial years.

### Future Developments

The company expects to maintain the present status and level of operations and hence there are no likely developments in the operations in future financial years.

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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# **Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited**

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## **Directors' Report**

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### **Environmental Issues**

The company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

### **Dividends**

No dividends were declared or paid since the start of the financial year. No recommendation for payment of dividends has been made.

### **Options**

No options over issued shares or interests in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the date of this report.

### **Directors' Benefits**

No director has received or has become entitled to receive, during or since the financial year, a benefit because of a contract made by the company or related body corporate with a director, a firm which a director is a member or an entity in which a director has a substantial financial interest.

This statement excludes a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the company's accounts, or the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the company or related body corporate.

### **Indemnifying Officer or Auditor**

No indemnities have been given or agreed to be given or insurance premiums paid or agreed to be paid, during or since the end of the financial year, to any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company.

### **Proceedings on Behalf of Company**

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings. The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

### **Auditors Independence Declaration**

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 has been included.

**Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited**

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**Directors' Report**

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Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:



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Phillip Spratt

Director



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Sharron Healy

Director

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**ABN 51 319 893 516**

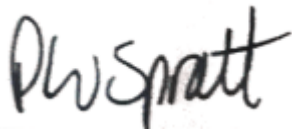
**Directors' Declaration**

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The directors of the company declare that:

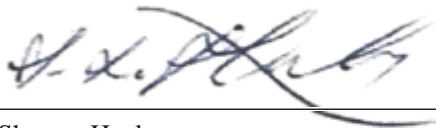
1. the financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
  - (a) comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations; and
  - (b) give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its performance for the year ended on that date;
2. in the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



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Phillip Spratt  
Director



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Sharron Healy  
Director

# Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited

ABN 51 319 893 516

## Compilation Report to Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited

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We have compiled the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited, which comprise the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2017, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. These have been prepared in accordance with the financial reporting framework described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

### *The Responsibility of the Directors of Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited*

The directors of Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited are solely responsible for the information contained in the general purpose financial statements and the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information.

### *Our Responsibility*

On the basis of information provided by the directors of Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited, we have compiled the accompanying general purpose financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting framework described in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315 Compilation of Financial Information.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

### *Assurance Disclaimer*

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The general purpose financial statements were compiled for the benefit of the directors of Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the general purpose financial statements.



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Pinnacle Taxation Services  
Level 1, 82 Henry Street  
Penrith NSW

4 September, 2017



# **Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited**

**ABN 51 319 893 516**

## **Independent Auditor's Report**

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### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited (the company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion:

- a. the accompanying financial report of Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its performance for the year then ended; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- b. the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 : Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, which has been given to the directors of the company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the company's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2017, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# **Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited**

**ABN 51 319 893 516**

## **Independent Auditor's Report**

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### **Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report**

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001 and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the company to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the company audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

**Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited**

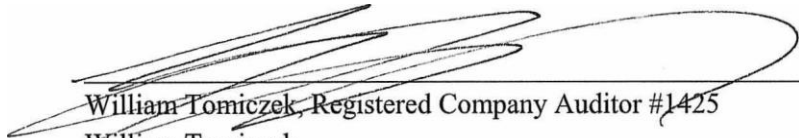
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**Independent Auditor's Report**

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We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Signed on: *8th day of September 2017*



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William Tomiczek, Registered Company Auditor #1425

William Tomiczek

66 Emu Plains Road, Mt Riverview NSW 2774

Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited

ABN 51 319 893 516

Auditor's Independence Declaration

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UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001

To THE DIRECTORS OF: Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited

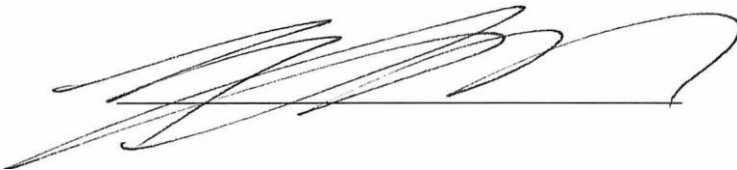
I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2017 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the Audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit

William Tomiczek, Registered Company Auditor #1425

William Tomiczek

66 Emu Plains Road, Mt Riverview NSW 2774

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. Tomiczek', written over a horizontal line.

**Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited****ABN 51 319 893 516****Detailed Statement of Financial Performance****For the year ended 30 June 2017**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
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<b>Income</b>		
Bureau Management		18,181.81
Government Funded Projects	554,593.02	655,166.81
Affiliate Fees	53,491.99	44,116.32
Interest received	3,499.42	6,091.02
Sponsorship		30,000.00
Profit on sale of property, plant, equip		400.00
Total income	<u>611,584.43</u>	<u>753,955.96</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Accountancy	4,300.00	
Accommodation	23,688.04	15,283.90
Administration	15,628.89	40,745.78
Advertising and promotion	5,012.53	4,545.45
Awards & Presentations	194.62	
Audit fees	2,000.00	4,272.73
Bank Fees And Charges	53.85	70.48
Bookkeeping Fees	6,270.00	7,530.00
Catering		590.91
Communications	7,281.77	10,114.45
Computer Maintenance	9,718.26	11,102.47
Conference expenses	30,979.83	8,056.37
Consultancy	6,064.62	24,012.00
Depreciation - other	8,975.00	7,636.00
Donations		500.00
Filing Fees		842.00
Finishing /Polishing		2,715.91
Insurance	5,689.47	5,959.94
Legal fees	10,138.37	15,983.44
Meals	3,464.20	7,345.93
Meeting expenses	9.45	13,674.01
Postage	360.46	417.04
Program Fees		1,040.91
Professional Development	1,381.82	3,471.99
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**Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited****ABN 51 319 893 516****Detailed Statement of Financial Performance****For the year ended 30 June 2017**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	\$	\$
Printing Costs	1,472.52	5,220.12
Office Equipment	556.72	180.90
Office Supplies	31.58	68.35
Salaries	138,270.87	183,850.68
Provision for leave	984.45	(2,421.36)
Speakers		103.64
Staff amenities	95.36	514.91
Staff Supervision/Bureau Mge		20,000.00
Pulse Communications P'ship Agreement	330,479.69	264,803.17
Stationery & Secretariat	1,652.62	1,283.44
Study schools support		2,000.00
System backup & offsite data	805.50	
Membership And Subscriptions	1,760.98	960.00
Superannuation	12,627.22	16,318.82
Telephone	5,710.11	7,241.44
Travel	63,785.83	63,015.62
Website hosting	4,076.31	11,282.91
Website maintenance	349.98	1,500.00
Workers Compensation	1,183.52	1,497.82
Venue/Room hire		2,218.19
Total expenses	<u>705,054.44</u>	<u>765,550.36</u>
<b>Profit (Loss) from Ordinary Activities before income tax</b>	<b><u>(93,470.01)</u></b>	<b><u>(11,594.40)</u></b>

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# Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited

ABN 51 319 893 516

## Detailed Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
Westpac 13-3547 [ACSSO Working]	7,700.61	4,662.34
Westpac 13-3563 [ACSSO Cash Res]	216,761.03	251,535.89
Westpac 13-3555 [ACSSO Debit Card]	1,055.93	5,526.13
Westpac 16-0852 [Bureau Working]	1,210.96	3,087.28
Westpac 16-0860 [Bureau Debit Card]	3,733.23	648.95
Westpac 16-0879 [Bureau Cash Res]	109,721.84	160,721.89
	<u>340,183.60</u>	<u>426,182.48</u>
<b>Receivables</b>		
TFN Withholding Credits	2,706.00	2,706.00
	<u>2,706.00</u>	<u>2,706.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>342,889.60</u>	<u>428,888.48</u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Furniture & equipment - at cost	43,917.81	39,336.90
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(43,059.00)	(34,084.00)
	<u>858.81</u>	<u>5,252.90</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>858.81</u>	<u>5,252.90</u>
Total Assets	<u>343,748.41</u>	<u>434,141.38</u>

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# Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited

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## Detailed Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Tax Liabilities</b>		
Input tax credit adjustment control a/c	3,114.49	3,114.49
Net GST Payable	(1,798.00)	(6,080.90)
PAYG Withholding Tax	4,494.00	5,890.00
Overpayment of PAYG Withholding Tax	(312.00)	(312.00)
	<u>5,498.49</u>	<u>2,611.59</u>
<b>Provisions</b>		
Superannuation Payable	2,927.57	5,146.09
Provision for Annual Leave	32,033.78	31,049.33
	<u>34,961.35</u>	<u>36,195.42</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>40,459.84</u>	<u>38,807.01</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>40,459.84</u>	<u>38,807.01</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>303,288.57</u>	<u>395,334.37</u>
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained profits / (accumulated losses)	<u>303,288.57</u>	<u>395,334.37</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>303,288.57</u>	<u>395,334.37</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Cash Flow From Operating Activities</b>		
Receipts from customers	608,085.01	747,464.94
Payments to Suppliers and employees	(693,002.40)	(784,794.58)
Interest received	3,499.42	6,091.02
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities (note 2)	<u>(81,417.97)</u>	<u>(31,238.62)</u>
<b>Cash Flow From Investing Activities</b>		
Plant & Equipment Purchases	(4,580.91)	(2,000.00)
Proceeds from sale of Plant & Equipment	<u>400.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(4,580.91)</u>	<u>(1,600.00)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(85,998.88)	(32,838.62)
Cash at the beginning of the year	<u>426,182.48</u>	<u>459,021.10</u>
Cash at the end of the year (note 1)	<u>340,183.60</u>	<u>426,182.48</u>

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# Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited

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## Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2017

2017

2016

### Note 1. Reconciliation Of Cash

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

Cash at the end of the year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:

Westpac 13-3547 [ACSSO Working]	7,700.61	4,662.34
Westpac 13-3563 [ACSSO Cash Res]	216,761.03	251,535.89
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	<u>340,183.60</u>	<u>426,182.48</u>

### Note 2. Reconciliation Of Net Cash Provided By/Used In Operating Activities To Operating Profit After Income Tax

Operating profit after income tax	(93,470.01)	(11,594.40)
Depreciation	8,975.00	7,636.00
(Profit) / Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment		(400.00)
Prior year adjustments	1,424.21	(9,105.60)
Changes in assets and liabilities net of effects of purchases and disposals of controlled entities:		
(Increase) decrease in trade and term debtors		8,888.71
Increase (decrease) in trade creditors and accruals		(995.01)
Increase (decrease) in employee entitlements	(1,234.07)	(7,773.09)
Increase (decrease) in sundry provisions	2,886.90	(17,895.23)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(81,417.97)</u>	<u>(31,238.62)</u>

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**Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30/06/2017**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Retained Earnings</b>	<b>Total</b>
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<b>Balance at 01/07/2015</b>		416,034.37	416,034.37
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<b>Comprehensive income</b>			
Profit attributable to the members		(11,594.40)	(11,594.40)
Prior year adjustments		(9,105.60)	(9,105.60)
Other comprehensive income for the year			
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to members of the entity</b>		<u>{ 20,700.00}</u>	<u>{ 20,700.00}</u>
<b>Balance at 30/06/2016</b>		395,334.37	395,334.37
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<b>Comprehensive income</b>			
Profit attributable to the members		(93,470.01)	(93,470.01)
Prior year adjustments		1,424.21	1,424.21
Other comprehensive income for the year			
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to members of the entity</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Balance at 30/06/2017</b>		<u>303,288.57</u>	<u>303,288.57</u>

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# **Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited**

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 30 June 2017**

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### **Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial report covers Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited as an individual entity. Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

#### **Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned on a first-in first-out basis.

#### **Property, Plant and Equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

##### **a) Property**

Freehold land and buildings are measured on the fair value basis, being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction. It is a policy of Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited to have an independent valuation every three years, with annual appraisals being made by the directors.

The revaluation of freehold land and buildings has not taken account of the potential capital gains tax on assets acquired after the introduction of capital gains tax.

##### **b) Plant and equipment**

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to present values in determining the recoverable amounts.

The cost of fixed assets constructed within Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited includes the cost of materials, direct labour, borrowing costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

##### **c) Depreciation**

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The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised leased assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Properties held for investment purposes are not subject to a depreciation charge. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

### **Leases**

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not legal ownership, are transferred to Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised recording an asset and a liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual value.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that ownership of the asset will be obtained or over the term of the lease. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Lease payments under operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability. Lease payments received reduce the liability.

### **Investments**

Shares in listed companies held as current assets are valued at those shares' market value at each balance date. The gains or losses, whether realised or unrealised, are included in profit from ordinary activities before income tax.

Non-current investments are measured on the cost basis. The carrying amount of non-current investments is reviewed annually to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of these investments. The recoverable amount is assessed from the quoted market value for listed investments or the underlying net assets for other non-listed investments.

The expected net cash flows from investments have not been discounted to their present value in determining the recoverable amounts.

### **Investments in Associates**

The equity method of accounting has been applied and recognised in the financial statements in relation to all associated companies. An associated company is a company over which Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited is able to exercise significant influence.

### **Intangibles**

#### **a) Goodwill**

Goodwill is initially recorded at the amount by which the purchase price for a business exceeds the fair value attributed to its net assets at the date of acquisition. Purchased goodwill is amortised on a straight-line basis over the period of 20 years. The balance is reviewed annually and any balance representing future benefits for which the realisation is considered to be no longer probable is written off.

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### **b) Patents and Trademarks**

Patents and Trademarks are valued in the accounts at cost of acquisition and are amortised over the period in which their benefits are expected to be realised.

### **Employee entitlements**

Provision is made for the liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements expected to be settled within one year together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave which will be settled after one year, have been measured at their nominal amount. Other employee entitlements payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash out flows to be made for those entitlements.

Contributions are made by Australian Council of State School Organisations Limited to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

### **Cash**

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in all call deposits with banks or financial institutions, investments in money market instruments maturing within less than two months, net of bank overdrafts.

### **Comparative Figures**

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

### **Revenue**

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established. Dividends received from associates and joint venture entities are accounted for in accordance with the equity method of accounting.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).