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**To: All P&C Delegates, P&C Presidents & Secretaries**

### **Report on P&C Council General Meeting 25 August 2015**

*This report is issued after Council meetings to assist delegates in reporting back to their P&C associations and to inform parents generally about the activities of P&C Council.*

- **Presentation to P&C Council meeting on Tuesday 22 Sep 15 by Liz Grellman of Outward Bound – programs for students.**

#### **1. School Canteen Improvement Program and canteen grants**

32 applications for individual canteen grants had been received from P&Cs. The total funds applied for was in excess of the funds available in the project account, so the Executive voted to allocate up to \$10,000 additional funding from last year's surplus. Applications would be assessed this week and P&Cs advised next week, with payments being made in mid/late September.

#### **2. Items for ETD Senior Executive Team meeting on 3 Sep 15**

Additional items for the meeting included questions for ETD on the training of principals in working with their P&Cs, any future plans for a primary school in the Bruce/Belconnen town area and the research and reasoning behind the IT program in schools.

#### **3. Items for the Minister's meeting on 9 Sep 15**

The item on the MOU with non-government schools would need to be amended, as the MOU did not produce the results we had initially expected. Non-government schools will only be required to report "critical incidents" and these have been redefined as only those which result in life threatening or equivalent situations.

#### **4. School traffic and safety pilot program**

TAMS and ETD will conduct the Active Streets Pilot program to trial a range of traffic control and parking initiatives around 5 schools in the Belconnen area during the next few months. It includes the 30kph speed limit and walking to school plans. It will also include "dragon's teeth" and crossing lights. Crossing supervisors will also now be included. Mobile speed cameras will also be used around these schools. The pilot program should conclude in November.

#### **5. P&C Affiliation fees and insurance**

P&C Council affiliation fees remain unchanged for the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) consecutive year.

#### **6. Issues from P&C Associations**

##### **6.1 Melba Copland Secondary School**

The Minister was to visit their P&C and the P&C had invited parents from the feeder primary schools to attend the meeting with the Minister. It was noted that a good turn out by parents was needed to impress the Minister with the influence of the P&C movement.

##### **6.2 Telopea School**

Telopea P&C had succeeded in preventing the loss of their land which was being forced upon them by ACT directorates. He noted it as an example of how a determined P&C with a strong case can change government decisions.

##### **6.3 Policy on Consultation**

It was suggested that we should have a policy on consultation between the government and parents.

#### **7. Loss of oval and space for Lyneham PS and HS**

Lyneham PS & HS plus the local community are concerned about the loss of part of the Lyneham neighbourhood oval to Brindabella Christian College (BCC) for a sports pavilion which would be available to

private school students as a priority with public school students able to use the pavilion only if it is not needed by BCC. The meeting indicated general concern over the issue of priority access to private school students. Some of the oval may also be lost to a car park being built by BCC. An on line survey can be completed at [www.haveyoursay.planning.act.gov.au](http://www.haveyoursay.planning.act.gov.au)

**8. Other matters**

It was proposed that next year we rotate the Hot Topics and General meetings around the schools, provided P&Cs could get the permission and support of their school principals for us to hold our meetings in their schools. Delegates agreed to explore this with their principals and advise TLS of any successes.

**9. Close and next meeting**

The next General meeting is a HOT TOPICS meeting to be held on 22 Sep at CTL Stirling.