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## NOTES FROM THE ACT COUNCIL OF P&C ASSOCIATIONS

### HOT TOPICS/GENERAL MEETING OF 24 September 19 at Stirling

Attendance 15: Including 12 delegates from schools

- 1. Presentation by Tracy Power from the Australian Early Childhood Census** – this is a national collection of developmental data on kindergarten children and is in its 4<sup>th</sup> cycle. Teachers answer about 100 questions on each of their students, covering areas such as Physical Health and Well Being, Social Competency, Emotional Maturity, Language & Cognitive skills, Communication skills & General Knowledge. The data collected is used to inform other areas of service and project delivery including education, health etc. More information on the AECD and its data collections can be found at [aecd@act.gov.au](mailto:aecd@act.gov.au)
- 2. Virtual Tour of the Building Strong & Safe Communities for learning** – An overview of this project was provided and covered the 3 workshops which involved parents and all other stakeholders. The co-operation and frank relationship which developed between the EDU and P&C Council on this project was a great example for future such projects and helped develop a clear understandings of the many contributing factors to changing challenging behaviours. A brief update on the project was given. We are awaiting the release of the final report and recommendations and will provide comment on these at a later date. Our team members were congratulated on the great work they performed on this project.
- 3. Public Education Priorities and Council's Election Working Group** – We are forming the Election Working Group and already have three nominations from P&Cs. P&Cs are asked to consider what are the priorities for ACT public education and advise the Council office. The working group will operate by email.
- 4. Grant writing for P&Cs workshop 29 Oct 19 at Stirling** – A grant writing workshop specifically for P&Cs is to be conducted at 7pm on Tuesday 29 October at Stirling.
- 5. P&C Council's Membership survey for 2019** – we will be conducting the Council's membership survey this year in November. The aim of the survey is to discover how we can improve Council's services to P&Cs and identify where the greatest needs are within P&Cs.
- 6. Council's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) launch on 22 Oct** – Our RAP will be launched by the Minister prior to the General Meeting on 22 Oct at Stirling. All delegates are invited but must RSVP as numbers are limited.

### 7. Next Meeting

6.15pm RAP Launch followed at 8pm by a General Meeting 22 Oct 2019, HBCTL Freemantle Drive, Stirling

### Important dates

**P&C Grant Writing workshop** – 7pm Tuesday 29 Oct 19 at Stirling