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

Report on P&C Council General Meeting 26 February 19 (attended by 20)

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.

- 1. Notices:**
 - Effective P&C association workshop** – 6.45pm Thursday 2 May 19 at Stirling.
 - P&C Treasurers and Insurance workshop** – 6.45pm Tuesday 7 May 19 at Stirling.
 - P&C Constitution workshop** – 7pm Thursday 23 May 19 at Stirling.
 - P&C Audit workshop** – 7pm Thursday 12 Sep 19 at Stirling.

- 2. Presentation by Leonie Everett introducing ‘Be You’**

Be You is a fully funded framework promoting mental health and wellbeing in all education settings. It provides training for teachers & parents, through online professional learning, resources, tools and consultancy support. It is a framework that incorporates existing programs such as Kids Matter, Mind Matters, Mindfulness etc. Details are at: www.beyou.edu.au. Teacher training consists of 13 hours across 5 domains. Parents/carers may also do the training but there may be a separate short program developed for them. The Be You framework does not replace school psychologists. It is still recognised that there is a continuing need for more school psychologists. Anyone wanting more information can contact Leonie through the above website.

- 3. EDU Senior Executive Team (SET) Meeting on 9 April 19**

Council will raise the CCTV trial, violence in schools, early childhood learning, negotiations with EDU strategic finance on service deeds for P&C businesses, school buses & student safety, school chaplains, EDU support for P&Cs, P&C business model review and the Active Streets program.

- 4. Items for the Minister meeting on 26 Mar 19**
 - a. Extension of traffic speed limits near schools where after school programs are conducted.
 - b. Flashing lights be installed on all school road crossings.
 - c. The government consider reducing the school traffic speed limit to 30kph.
 - d. Note our concern that some schools are being selective about the release of their school reviews and trying to avoid P&C involvement.
 - e. An update on all school traffic matters be prepared by the Council and circulated to all P&Cs.

- 5. Violence in Schools initiatives and workshops**

A letter is being sent to all P&Cs explaining what the Council was doing to address the violence in schools’ issues and the co-hosting with EDU of three workshops to address the problems. Council has worked on this topic for over 2 years resulting in paper last year to EDU. The ACT government has provided funding from the Future of Education for EDU to engage consultants to work with all stakeholders (including parents) to find solutions to the problems. Council is on the working group for this project and our reps have spent a considerable amount of time working with the consultants

- 6. Options for P&C associations in schools**

The Executive has agreed that we move forward with introducing some additional membership categories for those schools where P&Cs were struggling or where a P&C was no longer operating.

- 7. CCTV in Schools**

EDU advising that they had engaged a consultant to consider and report on all the possible security measures that might be introduced to improve school security, reduce vandalism and theft. It was noted that the consultant was to report in early March.

- 8. Book Packs for Schools**

Following our media release late last year on school book packs, we had received advice from EDU Strategic Finance about changes to the procurement contract and the provision of school book packs.

9. Other issues from P&C Association

a. EDU contact with only one parent – School invoices and the SENTRAL system reports can only be sent to one named parent. We will ask EDU to change this anomaly.

10. NEXT MEETING - The next meeting is a Hot Topics General meeting on Tuesday 26 Mar 19 at Stirling.