

NOSHS Secretariat Report to Members

August 2009

Advocacy/ Representation

- Representation at briefing on new Quality Assurance system.
- Representation at COAG consultation forum in Melbourne.
- Contact made with Kate Ellis regarding her new appointment and the level of involvement of OSHC in the national Quality Agenda.
- Submission made to ARACY for funding with Griffith University.

Current Issues Impacting on OSHC.

1. Question marks over the Inclusion of OSHC in National Quality Agenda.
2. Building Education Revolution impacting on venues for OSHC services.

Strategic Positioning.

Membership benefits being reviewed with a number of organisations offering discounts and services to our members that we are following up on that can be offered through State and territory OSHC associations.

SA Association has commenced work on the planning and preparation for a national meeting.

SA Association representative Kay Thomas met with Tas OSHC services to discuss reforming a state peak in Tasmania.

NSW and Qld developed discussion paper on a Middle Year's framework. (A copy is to be produced in Gowrie consortium magazine in September). Currently consultations on paper being conducted in NSW and Qld. Discussion paper only designed to start sector talking about their requirements for a framework.

Qld association have commenced on consultative project with Primary Principals association to develop a resource on joint protocols. NSW Association to commence similar process end of August and link in with Qld on resource development.

NSW OSHC soon to benefit from the introduction of new standardised leases and charging practices for OSHC services located in Government schools. *See separate report provided by NSW peak.*

Conferences

NSW Association held it's State Conference in May "Reclaiming Childhood in the 21st Century" with reps attending from NSW, ACT, NT, SA, Tasmania and NZ.

Queensland Association holds it's State Conference August 20-22 with reps attending from Qld, NSW, and NT. Judy Nee from USA peak school age care association attending as keynote and will proceed down to NSW to speak with members there.

Action Requested from State Association;

1. Relay any issues being experienced with CCMS and compliance, also feedback on Building Education revolution impact on services and access to venues.
2. Need input re the CCMS process and new reporting measures by 14 August for meeting with DEEWR.
3. National Agenda feedback. NOSHSA currently preparing a position and would value input from the discussion paper and input on ratios and qualifications.
4. Completion of information regarding status of State Association.

Please return by 14 August.

Details of Chair of Vic Association, NOSHSA Victoria delegates and contact details, meeting dates for 2009/10 (if available) , number of current financial OSHC members (Breakdown of private and community), any important State issues affecting services at present.