



# **Rural and Remote Education Advisory Council (RREAC)**

## **Annual Activity Report 2016**

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## Executive Summary

The ongoing provision of quality education and training to rural and remote Western Australia is dependent on the Minister for Education (**Minister**) receiving sound strategic advice. The Rural and Remote Education Advisory Council (**RREAC**) fulfils an important role in providing advice to the Minister from a cross-sectoral perspective encompassing the provision of education and training through both the government and non-government sectors.

During 2016 RREAC presented six reports to the Minister. It met on six occasions and also held regional discussions in the Mid West. In addition, RREAC progressed a number of matters Out of Session and through the use of subcommittees. A new Deputy Chairman was appointed and membership reviewed and renewed.

RREAC considered a diverse range of matters associated with education and training in rural and remote areas of the State including:

- WA teacher internships
- the attraction and retention of quality staff
- Western Australian Certificate of Education changes
- vocational education and training in schools
- student attendance, transiency, engagement and retention
- residential facilities and access to these by Aboriginal students
- programs linked to education outcomes for Aboriginal students
- strategic synergies between agricultural college and district high school programs
- community/school/industry collaboration and support
- support by, and for, government school boards and councils, and P&C and P&F associations, and
- the need for a holistic approach to challenges and solutions including a place-based suite of products, cross-sectorial cooperation and regional clustering.

RREAC acknowledges the generosity of people with whom it met, and thanks them for their time and the sharing of their knowledge and experiences. This liaison and consultation, coupled with the dedication of members who voluntarily serve on RREAC, enables RREAC to perform its unique and valued role with regard to the provision of strategic advice to the Minister on education and training in rural and remote Western Australia.



## 1. Introduction

Established in early 1997 by the then Minister for Education and Training, the Rural and Remote Education Advisory Council (**RREAC**) now provides the current Minister for Education (**Minister**), Hon Peter Collier MLC, with evidence-based and solutions-focused strategic advice on education and training<sup>1</sup> issues and developments in rural and remote areas of Western Australia.

The ongoing provision of quality education and training to rural and remote Western Australia is dependent on the Minister receiving sound strategic advice. RREAC fulfils an important role in providing this advice and reports directly to the Minister. It performs a unique role with regard to rural and remote education, being the only council of its type in Australia.

RREAC comprises of up to 20 representatives who have a strong interest in rural and remote education in Western Australia. Members use their experience, skills and qualifications to provide advice to the Minister from a cross-sectoral perspective. The Chairperson meets with the Minister on a regular basis and the Minister attends a RREAC meeting once a year.

RREAC usually meets five times per year and also progresses matters Out of Session and through the use of RREAC working parties or subcommittees. Additionally RREAC seeks to hold at least one meeting per year in a regional area, providing opportunities for RREAC to meet with regional Western Australians over two to three days and experience, first-hand, education and training in a regional context.

In line with its terms of reference, RREAC presents reports to the Minister on its activities. More information is published on the RREAC website – visit <http://rreac.des.wa.gov.au>.

## 2. Functions

RREAC may initiate its own inquiries within its terms of reference. From time to time the Minister may establish terms of reference for, or refer items to, RREAC for consideration and report.

### Terms of reference

- To provide the Minister with evidence-based, and solution-focused strategic advice on education and training issues and developments in rural and remote areas of the State.
- To provide specific strategic advice on the education services that give senior secondary students in rural and remote areas equitable opportunities for compulsory participation in education and training.
- To advise about rural and remote community and consumer interests in education and training.
- To ensure strategic advice is provided from a cross-sectoral perspective across the schools, training and higher education sectors and encompasses both the public and private provision.

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<sup>1</sup> Training matters relate to vocational education and training in schools within the remit of the education portfolio.

### Focus areas 2015-2016

Following the appointment of Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC as Chairperson, RREAC reviewed and refined its focus areas for 2015-2016, which include areas noted by the Minister:

1. Access of students in the rural and remote areas of the state to comprehensive education at the senior secondary level (Years 11 and 12) - in its various modes of delivery.
2. Access to secondary school for Aboriginal<sup>2</sup> students.
3. Access to boarding facilities for Aboriginal students.

### 3. Membership

The composition of RREAC comprises:

- a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, who are Members of Parliament
- up to 12 representatives from community/consumer groups, and
- up to six representatives from fund/provider groups.

The Minister appoints members. Cabinet endorses ministerial appointments. Groups represented on RREAC may change from time to time according to appointments made by the Minister.

The Chairperson is the Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC, Member for the South West Region. There were a number of membership changes during 2016:

- Resignation of Hon Jacqui Boydell MLC, Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region, as Deputy Chairperson (June 2016). Appointment of Hon Terry Waldron MLA, Member for Wagin, as Deputy Chairperson (15 August 2016).
- Appointment of Ms Jenni Curtis to represent Aboriginal education and training interests (22 February 2016)
- Representation for both the Department of Regional Development and Lands, and the Regional Development Council was previously covered by Mrs Wendy Newman, CEO, Wheatbelt Development Commission. Mrs Newman resigned on 4 May 2016. Replacement representation is currently being considered.
- Appointment of Mrs Lynette Slade, Senior Vice President, WA Farmers Federation Inc. (**WAFarmers**) as replacement representative for the WAFarmers (20 June 2016), the previous member nominated by WAFarmers having resigned in February 2016.
- Appointment of Mr Hugh Gallagher, Chief Executive Officer, Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry, to represent the Regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry WA (15 August 2016).
- Resignation of Mr Lincoln Rose, Senior Vice-President, State School Teachers' Union of WA Inc. (**SSTUWA**), as representative for the STTUWA and Independent Education Union WA (15 December 2016). Replacement representation is currently being considered.

Refer to Appendix 1 for a list of members for 2016.

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<sup>2</sup> For the purpose of this paper, the term 'Aboriginal' encompasses Western Australia's diverse cultural and language groups and also recognises those of Torres Strait Islander descent.



## 4. Financial and Staffing

The expenses of RREAC are provided from within the annual budget of the Department of Education Services (**DES**). RREAC has a separate line item within DES's accounts. For the financial year 2015-16 RREAC was allocated an expenditure budget of \$134,000 including salary costs.

A RREAC Secretariat is provided by DES consisting of one part-time Principal Executive Officer, and a part time Administrative Assistant. Members do not receive any salary or sitting fees. Travel, accommodation and meal allowances may be provided to non-public sector members who live beyond the metropolitan area, and for members undertaking RREAC's regional travel, in accordance with Government policies.

RREAC reports under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*, through DES's Annual Report and Financial Statement.

## 5. Meetings 2016

During 2016 RREAC met on six occasions, and held regional discussions in the Mid West region over three days. In addition, RREAC progressed a number of matters Out of Session and through the use of RREAC working parties or subcommittees.

RREAC considered a diverse range of matters associated with education and training in rural and remote areas of the State including:

- WA teacher internships
- the attraction and retention of quality staff
- Western Australian Certificate of Education changes
- vocational education and training in schools
- student attendance, transiency, engagement and retention
- residential facilities and access to these by Aboriginal students
- programs linked to education outcomes for Aboriginal students
- strategic synergies between agricultural college and district high school programs
- community/school/industry collaboration and support
- professional development and training for government school boards and councils, and
- the need for a holistic approach to challenges and solutions including a place-based suite of products, cross-sectorial cooperation and regional clustering.

### **1/2016      12 February 2016**

The meeting's focus included the composition and function of RREAC, outcomes of Pilbara regional discussions, draft regional report, adoption of 2015 RREAC annual activity report, proposed 2016 regional visit destination, 2015-2016 focus areas, early childhood development and "wrap around services", high school boarding facilities in regional areas, vocational education and training in schools in rural and remote areas, national vocational education and training reforms, engagement centres, effect of employment freeze on education delivery, higher education, non-government school regulation, Teachers' Registration Board, university reform legislation, formation of RREAC working party on vocational education and training in schools, and reports from stakeholder members.

*Attendees:* Refer to Appendix 2.

**2/2016      29 April 2016**

The meeting's focus included an Address by the Minister, introduction of new member (aboriginal education and training interests), the Midwest Education Regional Office and Mid West education in light of 2015-2016 focus areas, Clontarf Aboriginal College (including CARE school traditions and approaches, access to education by Aboriginal students), composition and function of RREAC, community/consumer members keeping their sectors informed and conveying sector concerns, report by RREAC working party on vocational education and training in schools in rural and remote areas, adoption of draft report on vocational education and training in schools in rural and remote areas, proposed Mid West regional discussions, the regional services reform agenda and the need for collaboration, co-ordination and decision making with regard to service delivery in rural or remote communities.

*Attendees:* Refer to Appendix 3.

**3/2016      17 June 2016**

The meeting's focus included a presentation from the Department of Education in relation to 2015-2016 focus areas and residential colleges, vocational education and training funding, School of the Air funding, CARE schools, public sector employment freeze, bus services, induction for remote teaching courses in schools in rural and remote areas, reports from stakeholder members, proposed Mid West regional discussions, site visit to the Schools of Isolated and Distance Education in Leederville and presentations.

*Attendees:* Refer to Appendix 4.

**4/2016      30 August 2016**

The meeting's focus included the introduction of and welcome to new Deputy Chairperson, consideration of Mid West regional discussions and focus areas.

*Attendees:* Refer to Appendix 5.

**Regional discussions – Mid West 29-31 August 2016**

RREAC developed an extensive and engaged program; over three days meeting with more than 100 people involved in education and training including principals; teaching and non-teaching staff; representatives of school boards, school councils, P&C and P&F associations; and students.

Discussions held were in the context of RREAC's 2015-2016 focus areas and RREAC's wider terms of reference and included:

- an overview of the education landscape of the Midwest education region
- the Midwest Regional Education Office - role and projects
- access to comprehensive secondary schooling both government and non-government
- the provision of vocational education and training in schools in the Mid West region
- residential boarding facilities
- literacy and numeracy
- attendance, transiency, engagement and transition
- programs linked to education outcomes for Aboriginal students
- the experience of some students in the Mid West region (WA Certificate of Education – ATAR and vocational education and training)
- strategic synergies between agricultural college and district high school programs

- community/school/industry collaboration and support, and
- support for government school boards and councils, and P&C and P&F associations.

*Attendees:* RREAC members who attended the regional discussions are listed in Appendix 5. Refer to Appendix 6 for a list of people with whom RREAC met.

### **5/2016      21 October 2016**

The meeting's focus included the introduction of and welcome to new members (Mrs Lyn Slade and Mr Hugh Gallagher), briefings from the Department of Education on issues raised during the Mid West regional discussions (including tracking and supporting transient students, governance training, the Student Centred Funding Model, district high schools, residential colleges, Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers and vocational education and training in schools), briefing from Teach Learn Grow (including its genesis, operations, reach, growth and impact), consideration of Mid West regional discussions, consideration of possible survey, 2017-2018 focus areas, draft regional report to the Minister and reports on key focus areas.

*Attendees:* Refer to Appendix 7.

### **6/2016      9 December 2016**

The meeting's focus included the consideration of 2015-2016 focus areas and Mid West regional discussions; adoption of draft reports on regional discussions, professional development and training for government boards and councils, non-ATAR pathways to further education; adoption of the 2016 RREAC annual activity report; adoption of proposed survey; further consideration of reports on other 2015-2016 focus areas and possible 2017-2018 focus areas

*Attendees:* Refer to Appendix 8.

## **6. Outcomes 2016**

During 2016 RREAC met on six occasions and held regional discussions in the Mid West, based in Geraldton, over three days. In addition, RREAC progressed a number of matters Out of Session and through the use of RREAC working parties or subcommittees.

In addition to regular reporting of meeting outcomes, RREAC presented six reports to the Minister. The Chairperson regularly met with the Minister. In accordance with usual practice, the Minister attended one of RREAC's meetings.

RREAC also considered and gauged opinions on the issues, challenges and developments associated with access to and the provision of education and training in remote and rural areas of Western Australia. More detail is provided in section 5.

The composition of RREAC was also reviewed and renewed, including appointments to vacant positions and the appointment of a new Deputy Chairperson.

### **Reports presented**

In line with its terms of reference, in 2016 RREAC presented six reports to the Minister:

- *Annual Activity Report for 2015* (February 2016),
- *Regional Report: Meetings in the Pilbara Region* (March 2016),
- *Report: Vocational Education and Training in Schools* (April 2016),
- *Regional Report: Meetings in the Mid West Region* (December 2016)

- *Report: Professional development and training for government school boards and councils (December 2016)*
- *Report: Enhancing student aspirations – non-ATAR pathways to further education (December 2016)*

Reports which have been noted by the Minister can be found in the reports section of RREAC's website - <http://rreac.des.wa.gov.au>.

### **New Deputy Chairperson appointed**

In June 2016, Hon Jacqui Boydell MLC, WA Fa Mining and Pastoral Region, resigned as Deputy Chairperson. In August 2016 the Minister appointed a new Deputy Chairperson, Hon Terry Waldron MLA, Member for Wagin.

### **Membership reviewed and renewed**

During 2016 RREAC reviewed its composition and made recommendations to the Minister. An opportunity arose to pursue representation from additional community/consumer organisations. The Minister issued an invitation to the Regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry of WA (**RCCIWA**) and Mr Hugh Gallagher was subsequently appointed. RCCIWA represents 40 regional chambers of commerce and business associations and has for many years been involved in a diverse range of regional initiatives and developments. Vacant positions were filled (refer to section 3 for more detail).

### **Regional discussions held**

As part of RREAC's core business, the opportunity to experience, first-hand, education in a regional context is paramount. Each year, RREAC seeks to hold at least one meeting in a regional area and engages in discussion with regional stakeholders. Regional discussions ensure that members are attuned to the many issues and challenges facing regional and remote students, staff, service providers, families and communities, and are also attuned to the strategies employed to overcome disadvantage and maximise outcomes. Regional discussions also provide an important opportunity for regionally-based stakeholders to engage with RREAC in context.

For this reporting period, in August 2016, RREAC held its regional meeting in the Mid West region based out of Geraldton (refer to section 5 for more detail).

## **7. Outlook 2017**

RREAC has scheduled six meetings for 2017 including two to three days of regional discussions to be held in the Wheatbelt region. It may also continue work Out of Session. RREAC will continue to perform a unique role with regard to providing a cross sector platform for liaison and consideration of matters relating to rural and remote education and training in Western Australia.

RREAC will research and gauge opinion on its terms of reference with a view to providing reports to the Minister on various aspects, including the finalisation of reports on access to boarding facilities for aboriginal students, and transiency and continuity of learning.

The Minister may indicate specific areas and RREAC may also determine particular areas for 2017-2018 focus.

**Proposed meeting dates 2017**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>
1/2017	17 February 2017	Department of Education Services, Osborne Park	9.00am-4.00pm
2/2017	28 April 2017	Department of Education Services, Osborne Park	9.00am-4.00pm
3/2017	23 June 2017	Department of Education Services, Osborne Park	9.00am-4.00pm
4/2017	21 – 23 August 2017	Regional meeting and regional discussions – Wheatbelt Education Region	Two to three days
5/2017	20 October 2017	Department of Education Services, Osborne Park	9.00am-4.00pm
6/2017	8 December 2017	Department of Education Services, Osborne Park	9.00am-4.00pm



# APPENDICES

## Appendix 1 RREAC 2016 Membership

### **Chairperson**

Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC, Member for South West Region

### **Deputy Chairperson**

Hon Jacqui Boydell MLC, Member for Mining and Pastoral Region (*to June 2016*)

Hon Terry Waldron MLA, Member for Wagin (*from August 2016*)

### **Community and consumer representatives**

Mr Jenni Curtis, Aboriginal education and training interests (*from February 2016*)

Ms Kylie Catto, President, WA Council of State School Organisations Inc.

Ms Kay Gerard, CEO, Food, Fibre and Timber Industries Training Council (WA) Inc.

Mrs Natalie Giancono, Representative, Parents and Friends' Federation of WA Inc.

Mrs Patricia Leake, Member, WA Farmers Federation Inc. (*to February 2016*)

Mrs Lynette Slade, Senior Vice President, WA Farmers Federation Inc. (*from June 2016*)

Mr Christopher Mitchell, Executive Officer (Regional Development Australia, Kimberley) as representative for the Western Australian Local Government Association

Mrs Wendy Newman, CEO, Wheatbelt Development Commission as representative for the Regional Development Council and Department of Regional Development (*to May 2016*)

Mr Lincoln Rose, Senior Vice-President, State School Teachers' Union of WA Inc. (SSTUWA), as representative for the STTUWA and Independent Education Union WA (*to December 2016*)

Mrs Elizabeth Sudlow, Representative, Isolated Children's Parents' Association of WA Inc.

Mrs Brenda Williamson, President Yuna CWA, as representative for the Country Women's Association of WA Inc.

Mr Hugh Gallagher, Chief Executive Officer, Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry, as representative for the Regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia (*from August 2016*)

### **Funder and provider representatives**

Mr Stephen Baxter, Executive Director, Statewide Planning and Delivery, Department of Education

Dr Tony Curry, Director School Improvement, Catholic Education Western Australia

Dr Ross Kelly, Director, Policy, Planning and Research, Department of Training and Workforce Development

Mr Gary Robinson, Regulation and Compliance Consultant, Association of Independent Schools of WA

Mr Richard Strickland, Director General, Department of Education Services

Prof Sue Trinidad, Director, National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education, Curtin University, as representative for Western Australian Universities

### **Secretariat**

Ms Mia Betjeman, Department of Education Services (Principal Executive Officer)

Ms Yoshiko Okamoto, Department of Education Services (Administrative Assistant) (*from January 2016 – December 2016*)

Ms Suzanne Bond, Department of Education Services (Administrative Assistant) (*from December 2016*)



## Appendix 2

### Attendees: Meeting 1/2016 12 February 2016

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Organisation</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC	RREAC member Chairperson	-
Ms Kylie Catto	RREAC member President, WA Council of State School Organisations (WACSSO)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues of WACSSO
Dr Tony Curry	RREAC member Director - School Improvement, Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – CEWA
Ms Kay Gerard	RREAC member CEO, Food, Fibre and Timber Industries Training Council (WA) Inc.  Representative for Industry Training Councils	Report by Stakeholder on current issues - Food, Fibre and Timber Industries Training Council (WA) Inc.
Mrs Natalie Giancono	RREAC member Representative for Parents and Friends' Federation of WA Inc. (PFFWA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – PFFWA.
Dr Ross Kelly	RREAC member Director - Policy, Planning & Research, Department of Training and Workforce Development	Presentation on the State Priority Occupations Training List and report by Stakeholder on current issues – Department of Training and Workforce Development
Mr Christopher Mitchell	RREAC member Executive Officer - Regional Development Australia (Kimberley). Representative for WA Local Government Association (WALGA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – WALGA
Mr Gary Robinson	RREAC member Regulation and Compliance Consultant, Association of Independent Schools of WA (AISWA). Representative for AISWA	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – AISWA
Mr Richard Strickland	RREAC member Director General, Department of Education Services	Report by Stakeholder on current issues - Department of Education Services

Name	Position/Organisation	Topic
Mrs Elizabeth Sudlow	RREAC member Representative, Isolated Children's Parents' Association of WA (ICPAWA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues - ICPAWA
Prof Sue Trinidad	RREAC member Director, National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education, Curtin University. Representative for WA universities	Report by Stakeholder on current issues - WA Universities
Mrs Brenda Williamson	RREAC member President - Yuna CWA. Representative for Country Women's Association of WA Inc. (CWA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – CWA
Mrs Robyn Kinkade	Guest Manager, Office of Early Childhood Development and Learning Department of Education	Presentation on Child and Parent Centres on Public School Sites – a strategic example of wrap-around services
Ms Debra Hardie	Guest Manager Residential Colleges, Country High School Hostels Authority	Presentation on high school boarding facilities in regional areas
Mr Martin Clery	Guest Assistant Executive Director Statewide Services , Department of Education	Presentation on VET in schools (delivery, funding, workplace learning, challenges for regional and remote schools), student-centred funding and one line budgets

### Appendix 3

#### Attendees: Meeting 2/2016 29 April 2016

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Organisation</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Hon Peter Collier MLC	Minister for Education	Address to RREAC on status of current matters in the Western Australian educational landscape
Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC	RREAC member Chairperson	-
Ms Kylie Catto	RREAC member President, WA Council of State School Organisations (WACSSO)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues of WACSSO
Dr Tony Curry	RREAC member Director - School Improvement, Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – CEWA
Ms Jenni Curtis	RREAC member Representative, Aboriginal education and training interests	-
Ms Kay Gerard	RREAC member CEO, Food, Fibre and Timber Industries Training Council (WA) Inc. Representative for Industry Training Councils	Report by Stakeholder on current issues - Food, Fibre and Timber Industries Training Council (WA) Inc.
Mr Christopher Mitchell	RREAC member Executive Officer - Regional Development Australia (Kimberley). Representative for WA Local Government Association (WALGA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – WALGA
Mrs Wendy Newman	RREAC member CEO Wheatbelt Development Commission. Representative for Regional Development Council, & Department of Regional Development	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – regional development
Mr Gary Robinson	RREAC member Regulation and Compliance Consultant, Association of Independent Schools of WA (AISWA). Representative for AISWA	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – AISWA

Name	Position/Organisation	Topic
Mr Lincoln Rose	RREAC member Senior Vice-President, State School Teachers' Union of WA (SSTUWA). Representative for SSTUWA & Independent Education Union of WA (IEU WA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – SSTUWA & IEU WA
Mr Richard Strickland	RREAC member Director General, Department of Education Services	-
Mrs Elizabeth Sudlow	RREAC member Representative, Isolated Children's Parents' Association of WA (ICPAWA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues - ICPAWA
Prof Sue Trinidad	RREAC member Director, National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education, Curtin University. Representative for WA universities	Report by Stakeholder on current issues - WA Universities
Mrs Brenda Williamson	RREAC member President - Yuna CWA. Representative for Country Women's Association of WA Inc. (CWA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – CWA
Mr Greg Thorne	Guest Regional Executive Director, Midwest Education Regional Office	Presentation on the Midwest Education Regional Office, and Mid West education in light of 2015-2016 focus areas
Mr Chris Reddy	Guest Head of Numeracy, House Coordinator and Data Systems Coordinator), Clontarf Aboriginal College	Presentation on Clontarf Aboriginal College, CARE school traditions and approaches, Aboriginal access to education
Ms Jill Hill	Guest Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Clontarf Aboriginal College	Presentation on Clontarf Aboriginal College, CARE school traditions and approaches, Aboriginal access to education

## Appendix 4

### Attendees: Meeting 3/2016 17 June 2016

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Organisation</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC	RREAC member Chairperson	-
Mr Stephen Baxter	RREAC member Executive Director - Statewide Planning and Delivery, Department of Education	Presentation on behalf of the Department of Education on issues raised by stakeholders including residential colleges, VET funding changes, school of the Air funding, CARE schools, public sector employment freeze, bus services, induction for remote teaching courses.
Ms Kylie Catto	RREAC member President, WA Council of State School Organisations (WACSSO)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues of WACSSO
Dr Tony Curry	RREAC member Director - School Improvement, Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – CEWA
Ms Kay Gerard	RREAC member CEO, Food, Fibre and Timber Industries Training Council (WA) Inc.  Representative for Industry Training Councils	-
Mrs Natalie Giancono	RREAC member Representative for Parents and Friends' Federation of WA Inc. (PFFWA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – PFFWA.
Mr Christopher Mitchell	RREAC member Executive Officer - Regional Development Australia (Kimberley). Representative for WA Local Government Association (WALGA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – WALGA
Mr Gary Robinson	RREAC member Regulation and Compliance Consultant, Association of Independent Schools of WA (AISWA). Representative for AISWA	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – AISWA

Name	Position/Organisation	Topic
Mr Lincoln Rose	RREAC member Senior Vice-President, State School Teachers' Union of WA (SSTUWA). Representative for SSTUWA & Independent Education Union of WA (IEU WA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – SSTUWA & IEU WA
Mr Richard Strickland	RREAC member Director General, Department of Education Services	Report by Stakeholder on current issues - Department of Education Services
Mrs Elizabeth Sudlow	RREAC member Representative, Isolated Children's Parents' Association of WA (ICPAWA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues - ICPAWA
Prof Sue Trinidad	RREAC member Director, National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education, Curtin University. Representative for WA universities	Report by Stakeholder on current issues - WA Universities
Mrs Brenda Williamson	RREAC member President - Yuna CWA. Representative for Country Women's Association of WA Inc. (CWA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – CWA
Ms Jacquie Sandhu (Acting Principal) Mr Jonathan Bromage (Deputy Principal) Ms Justine Daly (Deputy Principal - Staffing) Mr Steve Hoey (Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning) Ms Tundie Jones (Deputy Principal- Primary) and Mr Neil Berry Ms Rachael MacFarlane Mr Shane Murray and Ms Gay Tierney (Teachers)	Hosts Schools of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE)	Hosted site visit by RREAC to SIDE and presented on general introduction to SIDE, profile of students, student achievement data, vocational education and training in schools and workplace learning, case studies, addressing PALS initiative, ingredients for successful partnerships with schools community

## Appendix 5

### Attendees: Meeting 4/2016 30 August 2016

Name	Position/Organisation
Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC	RREAC member Chairperson
Hon Terry Waldron MLA	RREAC member Deputy Chairperson
Dr Tony Curry	RREAC member Director - School Improvement, Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA)
Ms Jenni Curtis	RREAC member Representative, Aboriginal education and training interests
Ms Kay Gerard	RREAC member CEO, Food, Fibre and Timber Industries Training Council (WA) Inc.  Representative for Industry Training Councils
Mrs Natalie Giancono	RREAC member Representative for Parents and Friends' Federation of WA Inc. (PFFWA)
Dr Ross Kelly	RREAC member Director - Policy, Planning & Research, Department of Training and Workforce Development
Mr Christopher Mitchell	RREAC member Executive Officer - Regional Development Australia (Kimberley). Representative for WA Local Government Association (WALGA)
Mr Lincoln Rose	RREAC member Senior Vice-President, State School Teachers' Union of WA (SSTUWA). Representative for SSTUWA & Independent Education Union of WA (IEU WA)
Mrs Elizabeth Sudlow	RREAC member Representative, Isolated Children's Parents' Association of WA (ICPAWA)
Prof Sue Trinidad	RREAC member Director, National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education, Curtin University. Representative for WA universities
Mrs Brenda Williamson	RREAC member President - Yuna CWA. Representative for Country Women's Association of WA Inc. (CWA)



## Appendix 6 Mid West Regional Discussions – 29-31 August 2016

<b>Monday 29 August 2016</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Organisation</b>
Mr Greg Thorne <sup>3</sup>	Regional Executive Director, Midwest Educational Regional Office
Ms Jo Brennan	Acting Manager, Engagement and Transition Midwest Educational Regional Office
Ms Margaret Maxwell	Regional Consultant, Aboriginal Education Midwest Educational Regional Office
Ms Yvette Tormey	Lead School Psychologist, Midwest Educational Regional Office
Ms Nicci Godsman	Coordinator Regional Services, Midwest Educational Regional Office
Mr Shane Rutter	Aboriginal Youth Services Procurement Project Officer Midwest Educational Regional Office
Mr Jamie Strickland	Director Regional Coordination Department of Aboriginal Affairs – Midwest Regional Office
Mr Gavin Treasure	Chief Executive Officer, Mid West Development Commission
Mr Steve Douglas	Manager, Strategic Projects, Mid West Development Commission
Mr Trevor Price	Assistant Director, Communities and Learning Mid West Development Commission
Ms Natalie Nelmes	Director, Geraldton Universities Centre
Ms Jenny Kessell	GUC Education Coordinator, Geraldton Universities Centre
Mr Greg Kelly	Principal, Geraldton Senior College
Tayla Brown	Student, Geraldton Senior College
Jasmine Brown	Student, Geraldton Senior College
Ms Julie Campbell	Principal, John Willcock College
Mrs Caroline Rowcroft	President of the Joint John Willcock College/Geraldton Senior College P&C and Chair of the Geraldton School Colleges Council
Mr Robert Crothers	Principal, Nagle Catholic College
Ms Debbie Carson	Chair, College Board, Nagle Catholic College
Ms Glenda Sibson	President, P&F Association, Nagle Catholic College
Haylee Nguyen	Student, Nagle Catholic College
Tyson Robert Watkins	Student, Nagle Catholic College
Ms Anne Faichney	Head of Middle School, Geraldton Grammar School
Ms Jenny Rolston	Chair, Board of Governors, Geraldton Grammar School
Liam Sipila	Student, Geraldton Grammar School
Rukaya Msuo	Student, Geraldton Grammar School
Mr Paul Arundell	Principal, Strathalbyn Christian College

<sup>3</sup> Also attended the plenary discussion component of the focus group forum held with Geraldton-based government and non-government schools on 29/10/2016.



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Organisation</b>
Mrs Anna Hollander	President, P & F Association, Strathalbyn Christian College
Kaleb Crossley	Head Boy, Student, Strathalbyn Christian College
Shelby Rathjen	Head Girl, Student, Strathalbyn Christian College
Ms Sally O'Dea	Regional Officer, Geraldton Catholic Education Office

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Organisation</b>
Mr Paul Luxton	Principal, Northampton District High School
Ms Sandra Hasleby	Staff member, Northampton District High School
Ms Bec Reynolds	President, P&C, Northampton District High School
Ms Vicki McKenzie	Representative, P & C Association, Northampton District High School
Mrs Loretta Graham	School Council representative, Northampton District High School
Zhara Morris	School Captain (Student), Northampton District High School
Jasmine Woods	Student, Northampton District High School
Sarah Broadhurst	Student, Northampton District High School
Hannah Husbands	Student, Northampton District High School
Ms Shirley Macleod	Principal, Yuna Primary School
Ms Nicki Patterson	Principal, Mullewa District High School
Ms Shannon Simpson	Deputy Principal, Mullewa District High School
Shari Comeagain	Student, Mullewa District High School
Ted Harvey	Student, Mullewa District High School
Waylon Spratt	Student, Mullewa District High School
Waylene Merry	Student, Mullewa District High School
Mrs Tonia Carslake	Principal, Morawa District High School
Ms Tracy Tapscott	Acting Principal, Morawa District High School
Ms Karen Chappell	Chair, School Board, Morawa District High School
Ms Bree Phillips	President, P & C Association, Morawa District High School
Alexandra Whitehurst	Student, Morawa District High School
Jessica Wallace	Student, Morawa District High School
Corrine Moore	Student, Morawa District High School
Brittney Louise Councillor	Student, Morawa District High School
Sam Drew	Student, Morawa District High School
Molly Traylen-Witt	Student, Morawa District High School
Mr Dean Carslake	Principal, Western Australian College of Agriculture - Morawa

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Organisation</b>
Ms Amanda Gaunt	Acting Principal Western Australian College of Agriculture - Morawa
Mr Matthew Purser	Acting Deputy Principal Western Australian College of Agriculture - Morawa
Mr Jim Cook	Chair, College Board Western Australian College of Agriculture - Morawa
Ella Smith	Student, Western Australian College of Agriculture - Morawa
Ashlee Clarke	Student, Western Australian College of Agriculture - Morawa
Tristan Rausch	Student, Western Australian College of Agriculture - Morawa
Jacinta Cooper	Student, Western Australian College of Agriculture - Morawa
Tiarna Kanny	Student, Western Australian College of Agriculture - Morawa
Arran Teakle	Student, Western Australian College of Agriculture - Morawa
Caitlyn Swift	Student, Western Australian College of Agriculture - Morawa
Mr Grant Woodhams	Chairperson, Morawa Education and Industry Training Alliance (MEITA)
Ms Janine Calver	Principal, Dongara District High School
Ms Rhiannon Lucas	Deputy Principal, Dongara District High School
Mr Darren Simmons	Chair, School Board, Dongara District High School
Ms Kristy Butcher	President, P & C Association, Dongara District High School
Christine Hewer	Student, Dongara District High School
Kylan Elliot	Student, Dongara District High School
Monique Guerini	Student, Dongara District High School
Ms Deirdre Morgan	Principal, Carnamah District High School
Ms Lesley Paterson	Deputy Principal, Carnamah District High School
Mr Dwayne Woollorton	School Council, Carnamah District High School
Mrs Richelle Essers	Representative, P & C Association, Carnamah District High School
Shania Beck	Student, Carnamah District High School
Shayla Wills	Student, Carnamah District High School
Thomas Smallwood	Student, Carnamah District High School

<b>Wednesday 31 August 2016</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Organisation</b>
Ms Christine Bevan	Principal, Meekatharra School of the Air
Ms Shona Nash	Manager, Corporate Services, Meekatharra School of the Air
Chris May	Non-teaching staff, Meekatharra School of the Air
Ms Jasmyrn Fairclough	Non-teaching staff, Meekatharra School of the Air
Ms Sonia Nelson	Non-teaching staff, Meekatharra School of the Air
Ms Jenny Wilson	Teaching staff, Meekatharra School of the Air
Ms Ruth de Beer	Teaching Staff, Meekatharra School of the Air
Ms Katelyn Condon	Teaching staff, Meekatharra School of the Air
Ms Kelsey Smith	Teaching staff, Meekatharra School of the Air
Ms Stacey Keating	Teaching staff, Meekatharra School of the Air
Mr Oliver Murray	Co-Head of Campus, Geraldton Flexible Learning Centre
Ms Heather Brett	Co-Head of Campus, Geraldton Flexible Learning Centre
Ms Ruth Davis	College Manager, Geraldton Residential College
Ms Natasha Colliver	Chairperson, Board of Management, Geraldton Residential College
Ms Anne-Marie Wilson	Senior Supervisor, Geraldton Residential College
Mr Cameron Sutherland	Senior Supervisor, Geraldton Residential College
Ms Barbara Edwards	Admin/Finance Officer, Geraldton Residential College
Ms Deb Hardie	Manager, Residential Colleges Country High School Hostels Authority
Mr Bill Swetman	Managing Director, Central Regional TAFE
Mr Steve Cooper	Director Organisational Effectiveness, Central Regional TAFE
Ms Jo Payne	Director Training Delivery, Central Regional TAFE

## Appendix 7

### Attendees: Meeting 5/2016 21 October 2016

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Organisation</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Hon Terry Waldron MLA	RREAC member Deputy Chairperson	-
Mr Stephen Baxter	RREAC member Executive Director - Statewide Planning and Delivery, Department of Education	Presentation on behalf of the Department of Education on issues raised during regional discussions including tracking and supporting transient students, governance training, the Student Centred Funding Model, district high schools, residential colleges, Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers and vocational education and training In schools.
Ms Kylie Catto	RREAC member President, WA Council of State School Organisations (WACSSO)	-
Dr Tony Curry	RREAC member Director - School Improvement, Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA)	-
Mr Hugh Gallagher	RREAC member CEO, Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Representative for Regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry (RCCIWA)	-
Ms Kay Gerard	RREAC member CEO, Food, Fibre and Timber Industries Training Council (WA) Inc. Representative for Industry Training Councils	-
Mrs Natalie Giancono	RREAC member Representative for Parents and Friends' Federation of WA Inc. (PFFWA)	-
Mr Gary Robinson	RREAC member Regulation and Compliance Consultant, Association of Independent Schools of WA	-

Name	Position/Organisation	Topic
	(AISWA). Representative for AISWA	
Mrs Lyn Slade	RREAC member Senior Vice President, WA Farmers Federation	-
Mr Richard Strickland	RREAC member Director General, Department of Education Services	-
Mrs Elizabeth Sudlow	RREAC member Representative, Isolated Children's Parents' Association of WA (ICPAWA)	-
Prof Sue Trinidad	RREAC member Director, National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education, Curtin University. Representative for WA universities	-
Mrs Brenda Williamson	RREAC member President - Yuna CWA. Representative for Country Women's Association of WA Inc. (CWA)	-
Mr Travis Ricciardo,	Guest Chief Executive Officer, Teach Learn Grow	Overview of Teach Learn Grow, genesis, operations, reach, growth and impact
Mr Shane Devitt	Guest Board Member, Teach Learn Grow	
Mr James Panarettos	Guest Board Member, Teach Learn Grow	

## Appendix 8

### Attendees: Meeting 6/2016 9 December 2016

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Organisation</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC	RREAC member Chairperson	-
Hon Terry Waldron MLA	RREAC member Deputy Chairperson	-
Mr Stephen Baxter	RREAC member Executive Director - Statewide Planning and Delivery, Department of Education	Presentation on behalf of the Department of Education on issues raised during the Mid West regional discussions
Ms Jenni Curtis	RREAC member Representative, Aboriginal education and training interests	Report by Stakeholder on current issues - Aboriginal education and training interests
Ms Kylie Catto	RREAC member President, WA Council of State School Organisations (WACSSO)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues of WACSSO
Dr Tony Curry	RREAC member Director - School Improvement, Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – CEWA
Mr Hugh Gallagher	RREAC member CEO, Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Representative for Regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry (RCCIWA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – RCCIWA
Ms Kay Gerard	RREAC member CEO, Food, Fibre and Timber Industries Training Council (WA) Inc. Representative for Industry Training Councils	Report by Stakeholder on current issues - Food, Fibre and Timber Industries Training Council (WA) Inc.
Mr Christopher Mitchell	RREAC member Executive Officer - Regional Development Australia (Kimberley). Representative for WA Local Government Association (WALGA)	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – WALGA
Mr Gary Robinson	RREAC member Regulation and Compliance	Report by Stakeholder on current issues – AISWA

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	Consultant, Association of Independent Schools of WA (AISWA). Representative for AISWA	
Mrs Lyn Slade	RREAC member Senior Vice President, WA Farmers Federation	Report by Stakeholder on current issues - WA Farmers Federation
Mr Richard Strickland	RREAC member Director General, Department of Education Services	Report by Stakeholder on current issues - Department of Education Services

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