



AGENDA: Thursday 3rd August 2023

Venue: Griffith University Gold Coast Campus **G39_4.27/4.47** (Science, Engineering & Architecture Building)

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https://www.griffith.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0035/1259990/22MAP_GEN_GCC.pdf

- + Welcome
- + Apologies:
- + Confirmation of the Agenda
- + Minutes of previous meeting and Business Arising
- + President's Report:
 - Sponsor Application for The Japanese Society of the Gold Coast for Japan & Friends Day Saturday 23rd September
- + Webmaster's Report:
- + Treasurer's Report:
- + General Business
 - Set date for Christmas Party
- + Speech Contest
- + PD: No PD this month as we will be concentrating on the Speech Contest on 20th August
- + **Future meetings:**

Sun 20 August	Speech Contest	Various
Thu 07 September	GC MLTAQ	G39_4.27/4.47
Thu 05 October	GC MLTAQ	G39_4.27/4.47
Thu 02 November	GC MLTAQ	G39_4.27/4.47
	Christmas Party	To be advised

Dinner this month: Mr PP's Rooftop, 43 Nerang Street, Southport

Minutes from the last meeting:



**Minutes: Thursday, 1 June, 2023 4:00pm for
4:30pm**

**Venue: Griffith University Gold Coast Campus
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Attendance:

Leigh Kirwan (Griffith University), Cathryn Very (Benowa SHS), Aileen Seidman (St Stephen's College), Anna Belousova (Russian Language School), Giovanni Picarello (Southport SHS), Joanne Cheng (Queensland Academy for Health Sciences), Cathy Hegarty (Chisholm Catholic College), Tracey Somerville (UCSC), Peter Nyberg (BeenleighSHS), Danielle Seidman (Saint Stephen's College), Rosa Chen (St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Primary School), Cathy Galligan (Benowa SS), Susie Fenton (Guardian Angels Primary)

Apologies: Jackie Mikami, Tanis Heeres, Simone Sebban, Mary Spinella, Yoko MacDonald

Minutes of previous meeting and Business Arising:

Leigh moved that the Agenda and the Minutes from the previous meeting be approved, Danielle seconded and the Minutes were carried.

Correspondence in and out: N/A

President's Report:

- **Japanese Network Conference South Bank Campus 6-7 May 2023.** Almost 100 people attended and it was very useful.
- **Submission re Syllabus. Please put as many comments as possible.** Teachers complain the program is too intense and senior students don't choose languages anymore. Please provide as much feedback as possible. Members of MLTAQ are encouraged to put in submissions

following the guidelines in the previous minutes or simply email Lester Ford at president@mltaq.asn.au.

Webmaster's Report: website is up to date

Treasurer's Report: 6 876.07 AUD

General Business

- **French Teacher wanted.** Benowa SHS French Immersion is looking for a Teacher of Humanities.
- **Print and Media Competition:** all the relevant information has now been downloaded on the website, please email Simone Sebban on: ssebban@sthildas.qld.edu.au if there is any problem with the links. The date of competition is now added to the Important Dates at the bottom of the Minutes, is it on 14.10.2023
- **AMFLTA International Conference 2023.**

Cathy Galligan is a presenter at the conference and few other branch members will be attendees of the conference as well. Their participation was partially covered by the Grant from the State Association. Members are very thankful for such a great opportunity. However, members have mentioned to the organisers of the conference that it would be very reasonable if there is a discount for presenters (around 10%) and the date of the Early Bird is extended till the start of the term as many teachers who rely on funding application approval miss on Early Bird discount.
- **Speech Contest Preparation**

Rooming: Leigh confirmed that all rooming is approved and finalised (please see it attached to the Minutes).

Poster: Thank you Atsuya for a great poster. You can download it and put it on in your school.

Entertainment: Members discussed the entertainment program. Leigh is meeting with some representatives from Yugambah soon and hopefully we will have some indigenous performance at the Contest. Yugambah Choir might charge a fee but it is to be discussed. Welcome to the country hasn't been confirmed yet. There is also Keebra Park SHS Dance Group that might participate and help out. Entertainment usually starts from 10am till 2 pm, but there was a suggestion to start earlier. Please come forward with your ideas and entertainment numbers.

Dignitaries: Please let Leigh know about the dignitaries that you want to invite to the Afternoon tea and the Awards Ceremony. Members expressed hopes that the Head of the School of Humanities, Languages and Social Science Professor Michael Ondaatje can present at the Ceremony again.

Convenors: the list of convenors was finalised. There was a question in regards to the publishing of the questions for the judges. It was decided to leave it up to the convenors to decide. Please note that there should be no questions that might be considered personal, like: "Where do you live?", etc.

Sponsorship: It was decided that Peter will also approach local businesses and try to organise sponsors. Please come forward with your ideas.

PD this month: Danielle Swainson did an excellent presentation on TBLT – Task Based Language Teaching. Slides are attached to these minutes.

Dinner

Dinner this month was at Miso Ramen, Chirn Park.

Future Meetings

Thur 03 August GC MLTAQ [G39_4.27/4.47](#)

Sun 20 August Speech Contest

Thur 07 September GC MLTAQ [G39_4.27/4.47](#)

Thur 05 October GC MLTAQ [G39_4.27/4.47](#)

Sat 14 October Print & Multimedia Competition Benowa SS

Thur 02 November GC MLTAQ [G39_4.27/4.47](#)

Christmas Party To be advised

Meeting concluded at 6.15 pm



Minutes: Thursday 12th July 2023 4.30pm to 6pm

Venue: Griffith University Gold Coast Campus

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- ✚ Attendance: Leigh Kirwan Griffith University, Cathryn Very Benowa SHS, Catherine Galligan Benowa SHS, Jacqueline Mikami Aquinas College, Gio Picarello Southport SHS, Tracey Sommerville Upper Coomera State College, Rosa Chen Kimberley College, Peter Nyberg Beenleigh SHS, Mariko Saito Griffith University, Miki Ellis Elanora SHS, Kathy Hegarty Coombabah SHS, Erika Paez Benowa SHS, Susie Fenton Guardian Angels Primary.
- ✚ Apologies: Tanis Heeres, Anna Belousova, Danielle Swainson, Aileen Seidman, Yoko MacDonald, Lisa Furuya, Jodie Ishizaka, Simone Sebban, Sam Caughley.
- ✚ Confirmation of the Agenda
- ✚ Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meeting and Business Arising Leigh moved Cathryn Very seconded.
- ✚ President's Report:
AFMLTA Conference Perth 7-9 July 2023. Leigh, Jackie, Cathryn Very and Cathy Galligan attended. Jackie and Cathy also presented. Friday reception at the Perth Museum, Saturday and Sunday Conference with a night dinner and speaker. In two years time please consider

coming to Adelaide in 2 years for the 60th of AFMLTA. Also next year 2024 in NZ Auckland 50th anniversary for NZLTA. Please consider submitting a paper and you can receive early bird registration.

NZ conference 2024 July <https://nzalt.org.nz/professional-learning/conferences/>

AU conference 2025 July in Adelaide for the 60th Anniversary <https://afmlta.asn.au/>

Japanese Society Friends Day September Robina SHS – JSGC has asked for sponsorship from MLTAQ GC. Leigh moved we donate \$250 and Peter seconded.

- ✚ Webmaster's Report: Website is up to date. Gio shared learnings about PowerPoint for Comprehensible Input.
- ✚ Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$6876 July 13th 2023. All payments for Speech Contest are going through the Brisbane accounts and will be transferred to us later. Peter has enquired as to a fix but no answer as yet. Will keep us posted. Speech Contest cost \$4000 last year in costs so important to keep an eye on spending.
- ✚ General Business

Year 11-12 – Leigh Kirwan is keen to visit high schools and talk about the Griffith University language programs that are on offer. Students are usually keen to do the add on Diploma of Languages. The Diploma can be done concurrently with Medicine for example.

French FATFA PD New Caledonia – 2 week training opportunity in September holidays.

<https://www.fatfa.net/educational-opportunities/>

Contact - Erin Peters Branch President – French for more information.

mltaqpresidentfrench@gmail.com

State school scholarship opportunities - <https://education.qld.gov.au/schools-educators/international/global-opportunities/opportunities-for-schools>

Matsuri Brisbane Saturday 2nd September 2023 White Hill State College – free entry

<https://www.maturibrisbane.com/>

GUESTS (Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Studies) Program – Griffith University – language opportunities are back please check the website. Italian and Japanese for now but hoping to add more.

They can come and do a university course while still at high school (online or on campus) for Year 11/12 students from any school. If they choose to come to Griffith for the actual degree after that they will keep the 10 or 20 credit points. First year has 1A and 1B for beginner students. 2A or 2B start at 2A if they have done Year 10 or 11 language at school. As are in Tri 1 Bs are in Tri 2.

<https://www.griffith.edu.au/apply/undergraduate-study/high-school-students/guests-on-campus-or-online>

Snapshot below – search under Arts and Educaiton

Tri 2	NA, GC	1033LHS	Japanese 1B	Languages and linguistics
Tri 2	NA, GC	2042LHS	Japanese 2B	Languages and linguistics
Tri 2	SB, OL	1091LHS	Italian 1B	Languages and linguistics
Tri 2	SB, OL	2096LHS	Italian 2B	Languages and linguistics

Yeronga SHS is offering a VET languages program.

<https://yerongashs.eq.edu.au/>

Speech Contest 2023

Aileen unable to make it. Leigh sharing it is not too late to invite Dignitaries. It will be due in the next 2 weeks. Leigh can share a letter template or send your VIP the invite for you.

L.kirwan@griffith.edu.au

The following dignitaries have been invited:

John-Paul Langbroeki

Alison Fahlbusch

Nao Hirano

Giovanna Santomauro

Dina Ranieri
Luna Angelini
Lester Food
Prof. Michael Ondaatje
Nikolay Miklouhor
Mr Nomoto
Vanessa Rebetz

Leigh will ask Aileen to arrange Tea Coffee Biscuits for Dignitaries. Nibbles and drinks for after the awards will be arranged by Leigh.

Reminder on FB about registrations due for Speech Contest. – Aileen.
Email out reminder to GC list also – Aileen.

Yugambeh was keen to join the contest but still waiting for communication so maybe no Yugambeh this time. Team still keen to have Yugambeh choir perform at awards ceremony.

Cathryn Very asked if anyone has student performances please get in touch. Cathryn Very
ccoop89@eq.edu.au

Cathy Hegarty advised that Matsuri Brisbane will be held for Japanese teachers and students at Whites Hill State College, 130 Burn St., Camp Hill on Saturday 2 September from 11am to 5pm.

PD – AFMLTA International Teachers Conference 2023 Perth Sharing

Cathy and Jackie would like to thank MLTAQ for their Travel grants to Perth.

Note all bios and topics are available on the AFMLTA conference website so you can research further.

Leigh spoke about the benefits and energy of the conference.

Cathy shared a slideshow of key moments of the conference.

Leigh's top favourite was HITS (High Impact Teaching Strategies) by Nathan Lane

Highlight – Language Link Up

Metacognition – French teacher did a detailed presentation on language teaching.

Leigh Kirwan presented Planning a student tour to Japan Post-covid.

Jackie Mikami presented Innovation on Language Learning.

Cathy Galligan spoke on Inclusive Education in the language classroom.

Learner Perspective – 20 year old language student spoke about her ATAR burnout and learnings.

Upcoming conference – NZALT 2024 AFMLTA 2025

🍴 Dinner was held at Parkwood Tavern for 8 people.

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Gold Coast members in Perth for the 24th AFMLTA International Languages Conference



Dinner at the Parkwood Tavern
after the 13 July meeting



Attending MLTAQ meeting

3:30pm – 6:30pm

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