



Minutes: AGM Thursday 2nd March 2022 Griffith University Gold Coast Campus G39_4.47

Attendees: Leigh Kirwan (Griffith University), Cathryn Very (Benowa SHS), Rosa Chen (Gold Coast Christian College), Jodie Ishizaka (Robina SHS), Susie Fenton (Guardian Angels Primary), Kylie Day (Trinity Lutheran College), Jackie Mikami (Foxwell Secondary State College), Peter Nyberg (Beenleigh SHS), Giovanni Picariello (Southport SHS), Mariko Saito (Griffith University)

Apologies: Loretta Kishihara, Tracey Somerville, Catherine Galligan, Aileen Seidman, Kellie Martin Saizen Tours, Simone Sebban

Welcome by Leigh to MLTAQ Gold Coast AGM

Confirmation of the Agenda

Minutes of previous meeting and Business Arising: Leigh moved that the Agenda and the Minutes from the previous Minutes were approved, Peter Nyberg seconded, and the Minutes were carried.

President's Report:

Leigh shared stories from his 1-month Griffith Japan Trip in December 2022, the first trip since 2019 and how COVID has changed travel. Leigh also shared his report to the State executive about the Gold Coast Branch and how proud he is of the work we do for language education.

Webmaster's Report: All information is up to date.

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$7514.00 on 2nd March 2023. Email received from a school saying they had paid \$150 in error and want a refund. Peter investigating.

General Business

- Cathryn Very raised a motion to offer a bursary of \$500 per student from Year 11 or 12 on the Gold Coast who is successful in applying for the Young Language Ambassadors event in Townsville July 21, 2023. Moved by Cathryn Very Seconded by Leigh Kirwan. (See

website for details <https://www.jcu.edu.au/future-students/schools/visit-jcu/young-language-ambassadors-conference-registration>

- MLTAQ Japanese Conference May 6-7 has extended early bird registration to March 10. Leigh encouraged Japanese teachers to attend at Griffith's South Bank campus. Speaker application now closed. Version 1 of program is now available on the website www.mltaq.asn.au
- State Executive is looking for a new Treasurer, please apply by submitting a nomination form supported by two financial members (Form on website)
- PD topics for the year discussion.
Members suggested some topics, like: Kelly Harrison PD, Global Competency Framework Workshop offered by Cathryn Very Benowa SHS (with Michelle Gray Robina SHS), Tanis offered to run a PD on French language learning, Leigh offered a Japan trip PD, Saizen Tours to be invited to speak on Japan trips also. Please don't hesitate to come forward with your ideas. Email to the President Leigh Kirwan.
- PD this month: none due to AGM
- Cathryn Very spoke to the Head of School at Griffith after the Speech Contest about restarting the GUESTS Program for languages with Griffith and local high schools. Many schools are keen to get this up and running also on the Gold Coast. The GUESTS Program is currently only offered for STEM students. It has been 8 years since languages was offered. It was noted the quality of Leigh's Diploma and how valuable it would be to have local high school students join the program again. Leigh said he would speak to the Head of School and follow up on the discussion and revert to the branch.
- Teachers noted PD offered at Yeronga SHS about VET II and III for languages is of interest.

Award Presentation

Leigh made a presentation on behalf of the Gold Coast branch. Susie Fenton was awarded the Annual Carmel Gomm-Wright MLTAQ Service Award for her service to language teaching and learning on the Gold Coast. Susie thanked everyone and noted what an inspiration Carmel was to hear during her career.



AGM election of officers

(Anna Belousova has stepped down as Secretary)

Leigh Kirwan President – nominated by Susie Fenton, seconded by Kylie Day

Cathryn Very Vice President – nominated by Leigh Kirwan, seconded by Jackie Mikami

Jackie Mikami Secretary – nominated by Susie Fenton, seconded by Leigh Kirwan

Treasurer Peter Nyberg nominated by Jackie Mikami, seconded by Cathryn Very

Aileen Seidman Speech Contest Convenor nominated by Leigh Kirwan, seconded by Susie Fenton

Simone Sebban PD Officer - nominated by Cathryn Very, seconded by Peter Nyberg

Catherine Galligan Print and Multimedia Contest Convenor - nominated by Cathryn Very, seconded by Jackie Mikami

Giovanni Picariello Webmaster - nominated by Susie Fenton, seconded by Leigh Kirwan

End of election

After the meeting Susie Fenton shared with the team her Hina Matsuri celebration idea. We all dressed up and created our real life Hina display. Thank you Susie for this fun way to celebrate.



First meeting of the year and AGM. Meeting concluded at 6pm.

Dinner this month was: Mr PPs in Southport attended by 8 members.



2023 Future MLTAQ Gold Coast Branch meetings

Thu 30 March **from 4:30* GC MLTAQ G39_4.27/4.47

Thu 04 May G39_4.27/4.47

Thu 01 June G39_4.27/4.47

Thu 13 July G39_4.27/4.47

Thu 03 August G39_4.27/4.47

Sun 20 August GC Languages Speech Contest at Griffith University Gold Coast
Campus

Thu 07 September G39_4.27/4.47

Thu 05 October G39_4.27/4.47

Thu 02 November G39_4.27/4.47

Xmas Party date and location TBA