



Gold Coast Branch Meeting

Minutes: Thursday 5th October 2023

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

Welcome: Leigh Kirwan, President

Apologies: Jackie Mikami, Cathryn Very, Loretta Kishihara, Mary Spinella, Cathy Galligan, Anna Belousova

Attendance: Leigh Kirwan Griffith University, Simone Sebban St Hilda's School, Aileen Seidman St Stephens, Gio Picariello Southport SHS, Rosa Chen Kimberley College, Susie Fenton Guardian Angels, Peter Nyberg Beenleigh SHS, Cathy Hegarty Coombabah SHS, Brendan Boyle, Ace.

Minutes of previous meeting and Business Arising:

Leigh moved that the Minutes be accepted and this was seconded by Simone.

President's Report:

- Leigh reported the sad passing of Jackie's mum, Royala Rooney, who he worked with many years ago at Palm Beach – Currumbin SHS when Jackie and Jodie were students there. Cathryn organised flowers from the MLTAQ GC which were presented at the funeral which she and Leigh attended.
- A number of GC members including Jodie, Rosa, Leigh and Gio attended the Japan & Friends Day at Robina SHS on 23rd September. The MLTAQ was mentioned at the Official Opening and we had our name on one of the lanterns over the stage. A great day!
- The MLTAQ State Assembly will be held on the weekend of 7 & 8 October. Our discussion led to suggesting that 'Languages' and not 'Language' be included in the new name for the association.
- Peter moved that our old ANZ account be closed. This was seconded by Leigh. Our new NAB account details were given to Loretta, our previous treasurer, so that our ANZ account can be closed.

Webmasters Report:

All is working well. Some documents (meeting minutes etc.) will be uploaded to keep information up to date on website.

Treasurer's Report:

Our current balance is \$7,288 plus the very small amount still in the ANZ account.

General Business:

- Peter has sent out all emails in follow-up for sponsorship for the Gold Coast Languages Speech Contest
- Brendan Boyle provided many Japanese teaching materials to give away to teachers of Japanese at the meeting. Cathry Hegarty took the box home and will bring it to the November meeting.
- Cathy Hegarty described the Japanese Matsuri in Brisbane which she worked at.
- Simone told us the disappointing news that the Print & Digital Competition had attracted entries only from her own school, St Hilda's. She offered to send out an email the next day to encourage more schools to participate. The judging is set down for Saturday 14th October at 8:30am.

Print and Digital Competition: Teachers are encouraged to enter the competition as it has not had strong participation in recent years. Entry fee has been changed to simplify process for schools. Entry is only \$10 per school per language. Judging will take place on Saturday 14 October at St Hilda's School. Information about the competition is on our website. An email to members will be sent to promote the competition. Please contact Simone at ssebban@sthildas.qld.edu.au if you have questions or need further information. Information sheets are attached to the minutes.

Christmas party: Leigh will talk to Cathryn and a decision will be made on our Christmas Party on the day after our November meeting.

Future meetings:

Sat 14 th October	Print & Digital Competition	St Hilda's School, Southport
Thu 02 November	GC MLTAQ	G39_4.27/4.47
Friday 3 rd November	Dinner meeting and Christmas Party	(location tba)



Post-meeting dinner at Mr P.P.'s in Southport