



MINUTES: Thursday 6th August 2026

Venue: Griffith University Gold Coast Campus G39_1.19 (Science, Engineering & Architecture Building)

Attendance:

Leigh Kirwan (Griffith University), Cathryn Very (Benowa SHS), Rosa Chen (Kimberly College), Aileen Seidman (Marymount College), Yoko MacDonald (A.B. Paterson College), Mariko Saito (Griffith University), Trina Nakahashi, Yumiko Tatton, (Elanora SS), Joanne Cheng (QAHS), Jack Augustine, Springwood SHS, Giovanni Picariello (Southport SHS), Debbie Li (Varsity College), Janette Lin (Coomera Anglican College).
Online: Cathy Galligan (Benowa SS), Susie Fenton (Murasaki Sensei's Classroom), Rachel Martin

Apologies: Oriane Monet, Loretta Kishihara, Anna Belousova, Richard Jeffers, Peter Nyberg

Minutes of previous meeting and Business arising:

Leigh Kirwan moved that the Agenda and the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved, and Aileen seconded.

President's Report:

- Leigh reported that he represented GC LTQ at Government House in Brisbane for the 50th Anniversary of the Basic Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between Australia and Japan on 22 July
- LTQ Gold Coast Japan Tour for Teachers in 2027: There are now ten participants for the tour. If you are interested in joining the tour, please email Leigh at L.Kirwan@griffith.edu.au
- Despite a utility fire closing the Ring Road at Nathan Campus, the Brisbane Speech Contest went off well on Sunday 2nd August

Webmaster's Report:

Giovanni said all was well with the website.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash balance \$8,961.60.

Speech Contest:

There was a lot of discussion once again on the Speech Contest. Teachers looked at the draft Program for the Awards Ceremony and made some adjustments.

All convenors present said that things were going well.

P.D.

There was no P.D. due to extensive Speech Contest discussion as usual for the meeting before the Speech Contest.

Future meetings:

Sun 16 August	Speech Contest	Various
Thu 03 September	GC MLTAQ	G39_1.19
Thu 08 October	GC MLTAQ	G39_1.19
Thu 05 November	GC MLTAQ	TBA
Thu 26 November	Christmas Party	

Dinner this month: Some members enjoyed dinner at the Parkwood Tavern

Meeting closed at 6.15 pm



Post-meeting dinner at the Parkwood Tavern