



MINUTES: Thursday 7th May 2026

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

Attendance:

Leigh Kirwan (Griffith University), Anna Belousova (GC Russian School), Rosa Chen (Kimberly College), Jack Augustine (Park Ridge SHS), Cathryn Very (Benowa SHS), Oriane Monet (St. Hilda's), Aileen Seidman (Marymount College), Cathy Galligan (Benowa SS), Peter Nyberg (Beenleigh SHS), Camille Davies (St. Hilda's) – online.

Apologies:

Mariko Saito, Yoko MacDonald, Susie Fenton, Masako Ware, Yumi Tatton, Giovanni Picariello, Jochen Schaich, Marcus Ebeling, Jackie Mikami, Candice Sparks

Minutes of previous meeting and Business arising:

Leigh Kirwan moved that the Agenda and the Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, and Cathryn seconded.

President's Report:

- Leigh announced that Susie's mother had passed, and it was decided that we would send her some flowers. Leigh will pass Susie's address on to Aileen who will carry this out.
- 2026 LTQ Biennial Conference at UQ 27-28 June 2026 See: <https://www.mltaq.asn.au/event/event/detail/event/74812>
- Leigh will be representing the GC Branch at the LTQ State Assembly on Monday 29th June.
- FATFA 2026 French Teacher Awards: Cathie asked to be nominated and it was agreed that we would do so. If any other French teachers would like to be nominated, please email Leigh at L.Kirwan@griffith.edu.au Info here: <file:///C:/Users/lynki/AppData/Local/Temp/799a09a4-4ed2-4a8d-9c69->

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- LTQ Gold Coast Japan Tour for Teachers in 2027: Leigh and Cathie had earlier discussed this tour. Leigh would organise an itinerary for two weeks of school holidays covering some main cities and off-the-beaten-track towns that teachers may be interested in including in their tours. Five teachers at the meeting expressed interest in joining the tour. They don't necessarily have to be teachers of Japanese. Depending on numbers, it could be offered to teachers throughout the state. If you are interested in joining such a tour, please email Leigh at L.Kirwan@griffith.edu.au stating which holidays next year you would prefer. The more likely one is the September holidays.

Webmaster's Report:

Giovanni Picariello was not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash balance \$10,270.47 including payments for the Conti Workshop.

Conti Workshop:

Cathie has done a lot of work on organising and promoting this workshop which will take place at Griffith University Gold Coast Campus in G16_1.08 Clinical Sciences 2 Building on Wednesday 20th May. There are over 50 applicants and it is expected to make around \$4,000 profit for our Branch. There have been some problems with payment links and Cathie has contacted the State Treasurer to sort this out. As we are making some money out of it, Cathie will prepare morning tea for the attendees and an hour will be set aside for people to buy lunch from various outlets on campus, or bring their own.

General Business:

Cathryn mentioned that there was a job going at Whitsunday Anglican School. Contact Craig Kerr - State Manager ANZUK education craig.kerr@anzuk.education

Pete mentioned that he was very happy that the State LTQ was running a PD for LTQ Treasurers.

Speech Contest:

We had quite a long discussion of the Rules and the various aspects of the Speech Contest. The updated Rules are attached to these Minutes.

Leigh will have a meeting with the Griffith people helping to organise the Speech Contest on Tuesday next week. Rooms will be booked the same as last year and convenors can advise of any changes required closer to the date.

We will invite all secondary principals, and Mr Sunakawa as guest speaker for the Awards Ceremony. Mr Matsunawa will be asked to provide a karate exhibition at the Awards Ceremony and possible for the Entertainment stage. Leigh will ask Atsuya if he will be available as photographer again this year.

Future meetings:

Thu 04 June	GC MLTAQ	G39_1.19
Thu 16 July	GC MLTAQ	G39_1.19
Thu 06 August	GC MLTAQ	G39_1.19
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	
Thu 26 November	Christmas Party	

Dinner this month: Parkwood Tavern

Meeting closed at 6.15 pm



Cathryn organised a very special surprise birthday party for Leigh's 70th



Post-meeting dinner at the Parkwood Tavern