



Minutes: Thursday 2nd November 2023

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

- Welcome: Leigh Kirwan
- Attendees: Cathryn Very Benowa SHS, Jackie Mikami Aquinas College, Leigh Kirwan Griffith Uni, Susie Fenton Guardian Angels, Peter Nyberg Beenleigh SHS, Aileen Seidman St Stephens, Akiko Ono Benowa SHS, Anna Belousova Russian School, Gio Picariello Southport SHS, Catherine Galligan Benowa SS, Lisa Gay iTeach Chinese, Rosa Chen Kimberley College.
- Apologies: Simone Sebban St Hildas, Tracey Somerville UCSC
- Confirmation of the Agenda
- Minutes of previous meeting and Business Arising – Minutes approved by Leigh and Seconded by Peter Nyberg

This year's MLTAQ Carmel Gom Service Award goes to Aileen Seidman Speech Contest Convenor. Aileen thanked the branch and shared all the team work on the contest together including convenors for their hard work.



Thanks given by Leigh to Simone Sebban for running the Print Multimedia contest.

President's Report:

- MLTAQ State Assembly 7 & 8 Oct – new name decided for MLTAQ!
New name for MLTAQ is “Languages Teachers Queensland” if passed at the State AGM. Logo under discussion. Leigh designed the current logo many years ago and it was discussed that it is iconic.
- New idea for Language Teachers’ Forum from Assembly – branches and networks take turns to host. State wide can join via video link. Details to follow.
- 2024 Biennial Conference for MLTAQ will be held at the Gold Coast Griffith University Campus. Dates to be decided.
- NZALT Conference / FIPLV World Congress 2024 ultra early bird registration NZ\$100 opens 6 November. Conference is in Auckland 6 – 9 July 2024. The super-earlybird rate of \$100NZD compares to \$250NZD for earlybird and \$400NZD normal rate.

Webmaster's Report: Gio said the website is up to date.

Treasurer's Report: ANZ account now closed and funds transferred. We now have one account MLTAQ GC Account with NAB \$7348.00. All speech contest fees received from State Branch.

General Business:

- Lisa Gay (nee Miller) former HOD of Languages at TSS shared her research about the Certificate II in Applied Languages program she has been researching. It is very popular in Victorian schools, and Yeronga and Merrimac have both trialled it. It's a great alternative to the overwhelm of the Senior Syllabus, and has been included on VET in Schools. She shared the website for ReadCloudVET – Specialising in VET Delivered to Secondary School Students (VETDSSS). Cert 2 in Applied Languages. Cert II is a vocational qualification with 4 units of competency. 70 hours per unit, 280 hours of study. In Victoria 6000 students do the Cert II in languages instead of the Senior program. You get 4 points for QCE if you do the Cert in one year in Year 10 or Cert III you get 8 points. Ripponlea also does the Cert IV. More details at <https://www.ripponleainstitute.edu.au/vet-applied-language> A Teacher at the school needs TAE (Cert IV). Students can start in Year 10 and do the one year course. Cert III counts to ATAR (Cert II is prereq). Ripponlea offers teachers 3 RPL credits to undertake the Cert IV TAE. Please email Sarah through the website for details. Lisa Gay is happy to take questions at info@iteachchinese.com.au

From Simone Sebaan: Thank you to everyone who came on a Saturday morning to judge the entries for the Print and Digital Competition.

Thank you also to Gio for updating the results and photos of the entries to the website. Information regarding 2024 competition will be posted early in Term 1. Judging will be moved to an afternoon after school instead of a Saturday morning. This should reduce the impact on teachers' weekends. Judging will remain early in Term 4.

- PD: Planning an Overseas Study Tour by Cathryn Very. How to get the ball rolling and run a Study Tour post Covid. Some reflection on new processes required and new perspectives of parents, staff and students. Presentation attached.

- **Future meetings:** **AGM details below**

Friday 3rd November 6.30pm Banquet style - Christmas Party at Can Tho Kitchen 5/465 Oxley Drive, Runaway Bay (just next to Harbourn town). RSVP to Cathryn ccoop89@eq.edu.au or 0412 685 991



- **Dinner this month:** There will be no dinner after this Thursday's meeting as we will be meeting for our Christmas Dinner on Friday.

MLTAQ AGM 2024

Thursday, 1st February 2024 4pm (room opens) 4.30pm meeting starts. Wine and Cheese at the meeting.

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**JOIN US FOR OUR
2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**4PM FOR 4.30 START
THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2024
GRIFFITH GC G39_4.27/4.47**

**WINE AND CHEESE AT AGM
FOLLOWED BY
DINNER AT
THE GNOCCHI BROTHERS
SMITH ST COLLECTIVE**