



Minutes: Thursday, 7th August, 2025
Venue: Griffith University Gold Coast Campus
G39_4.27/4.47 (Science, Engineering and Architecture Building)

Attendance:

Leigh Kirwan (Griffith University), Anna Belousova (Russian Language School), Mariko Saito (Griffith University), Aileen Seidman (Marymount College), Rosa Chen (Kimberley College), Masako Ware (Ashmore S.S.), Trina Nakahashi (Guardian Angels Primary), Peter Nyberg (Beenleigh SHS), Giovanni Picarello (Southport SHS), Yumi Tatton (Elanora SS), Yoko MacDonald (AB Paterson), Mary Spinnella (online), Jack Augustine (Park Ridge SHS), Loretta Kishihara (Upper Coomera SC), Candice Sparks (St Hilda's School), Cathy Galliagan (Benowa SS)

Apologies: Jackie Mikami, Susie Fenton, Fuxin Li

Minutes of previous meeting and Business Arising:

Leigh moved that the Agenda and the Minutes from the previous Minutes were approved, Cathy seconded and the Minutes were carried.

Correspondence in and out: N/A

President's Report:

Brisbane Speech Contest Sunday 3rd August: Contest went well, there was no Award Ceremony and no entertainment. Next year we would like to have same participation fees across the contests. More medals should be ordered.

Treasurer's Report: \$6,614.96 with \$1050 in donations from sponsors. Thank you, Peter, for your amazing effort for bringing in donations and negotiating with sponsors.

Webmaster's Report: some MLTAQ logos from previous years should be removed. Payment information is to be updated.

General Business: n/a**▪ Speech Contest Discussions:**

- Contest date: 17, August, 2025. Rooming is on the website. Please contact Aileen ASAP aseidman@marymount.qld.edu.au if you have any questions. There is a map with all the rooms labelled. Please feel free to use. Parking on the day is free.

- **Entertainment** starts at 10 am. Program will be ready soon. Please email Jack a version of the song "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" in your language for a interactive part of the program. Email to: jaugu22@eq.edu.au. Please be aware that there will be no stage this year. There also be a few stalls with books.

- **Results:** Convenors should use Result Forms that can be downloaded from the website. Result forms for secondary students should be brought to the Information Desk by the Entertainment area by 1 pm. Results for both primary and secondary students should also be emailed to Aileen to: aseidman@marymount.qld.edu.au. Covenors should also place the results in their rooms.

Food for judges: We have allocated \$15 per judge/volunteer. Please retain the receipt and email it to Peter Nyberg at: mltaqtasuregc@gmail.com

Medals: Please email Aileen the number of medals you need. She will bring it to your room on the day.

Award Ceremony program will be emailed to everyone later in the week.

There will be NO tea for dignitaries this year.

Dinner was at The Atrium, Southport Sharks
Meeting concluded at 6 pm

Future meetings:

Thur 04 September

Thur 06 November

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