



Minutes: Thursday, 6th November 2025
Venue: Griffith University Gold Coast Campus
G39_4.27/4.47 (Science, Engineering and Architecture Building)

Attendance:

Leigh Kirwan (Griffith University), Peter Nyberg (Beenleigh SHS), Cathy Galligan (Benowa SS), Cathryn Very (Benowa SHS), Susie Fenton (Murasaki Sensei's Classroom).

Apologies: Yoko MacDonald, Giovanni Picariello, Yumi Tatton, Mary Spinella, Jack Augustine, Masako Ware, Aileen Seidman, Mariko Saito.

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:

Change of State Presidency to Lester Ford: Due to personal issues, Nathan Williams has resigned from the presidency and Lester has taken his place. Both sent personal messages to thank the Gold Coast Branch for all they have done this year.

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Christmas Party from 5:30pm Thursday 27th November Mr P.P.'s Rooftop Bar and Restaurant, Southport, above the Southport tram station. RSVP to Cathy Galliagan cagal0@eq.edu.au. Leigh thanked Cathy for organising the event.

Treasurer's Report: We currently have **\$7,631.55.45** in our account after receiving funds from the Speech Contest.

Webmaster's Report: NA

General Business:

Leigh's Retirement Party: Leigh thanked Susie for the tremendous amount of work she put into organising Leigh's retirement party and for inviting so many present and past members.

Dates for 2026: The following dates were selected for 2026 meetings: Note room bookings are not yet available beyond June.

Thu 05 February	GC MLTAQ AGM	G39_1.19
Thu 05 March	GC MLTAQ	G39_1.19
Thu 26 March	GC MLTAQ	G39_1.19
Thu 07 May	GC MLTAQ	G39_1.19
Thu 04 June	GC MLTAQ	G39_1.19
Thu 16 July	GC MLTAQ	
Thu 06 August	GC MLTAQ	
Sun 16 August	Speech Contest	Various
Thu 03 September	GC MLTAQ	
Thu 08 October	GC MLTAQ	
Thu 05 November	GC MLTAQ	
Thu 26 November	Christmas Party	

Iwasaki Sangyo Business Prize: Cathryn gave information on this prize. Each year, outstanding Queensland Year 9 and Year 10 students who study or have a strong interest in economics, business or entrepreneurship as part of their schooling, or aspire to pursue careers in these fields, and have a passion for Japanese language and/or culture are rewarded with a 2-week tour to Japan. Recipients will have the unique opportunity to enhance their business and language skills, delve into Japan's rich historical and cultural heritage, and forge meaningful connections with local entrepreneurs and leading Japanese companies and organisations. See https://education.qld.gov.au/schools-educators/international/global-opportunities/explore/japan-iwasaki-sangyo-business-prize?fbclid=IwY2xjawOCUjpleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETfVNVl1ajROY3lQQnJwN2JTc3J0YwZhchBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHgu0O-FNZck4Sj2c_cYMQeeWYfBPAffc_6P0hyAXRsCKwtYkcHm2-hOloKkd_aem_ntzD4dRMnWFn1RB2NDg3ZQ

Encouraging more languages teachers to attend meetings: After some discussion, it was decided that members would be asked to bring a colleague or friend to the AGM in February next year.

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Reflections of this year's PDs and feedback about suggestions for 2026: There was a lengthy discussion on this year's PDs. Ideas for 2026 included a Pedagogy Party by Susie, Continuous Assessment with Janet Schneider, Griffith University's Teaching Requirements for Ai, CI Conference, Languages Roadshow, Spanish lesson by Aileen.

Carmel Gomm-Wright Award: Leigh was nominated by Cathryn and seconded by Susie for this award for 2015. Pete will organise the trophy.