

Draft Agenda of the MLTAQ AGM 2022 Sunshine Coast Branch

17 February 2022, 4:30pm – via Microsoft Teams

Apologies:

Present:

- 1. Welcome & acknowledgement of country** – Alison Law
- 2. Minutes of previous AGM (attached)**

Moved: Alison Law Seconded:

- 3. President's Report** – Alison Law **(see appendix)**

- 4. Treasurer's report** – Katrina Dwan **(see appendix)**

Moved: Katrina Dwan Seconded:

- 5. MLTAQ Sunshine Coast Branch Office Bearer Positions all declared open.** – Nathan Williams

2021 Executive

- President – Alison Law
- Secretary – Peter Grainger
- Treasurer – Amanda Miller and Emi Obara – motion passed in October 2021 accepting Katrina Dwan
- Vice-president – Katrina Dwan
- Webmaster – Michiko Matsumoto
- Speech Contest Convenor – Courtney Smith
- Chinese – Megan Cleyne
- French – Lee-Anne Gordon
- German – Bettina Fricke
- Italian – Candice Sparks
- Indonesian – Linda Sobey
- Japanese P – Katrina Dwan
- Japanese S – Michiko Matsumoto
- Spanish – Veronica Salu

Resolution 2022 Executive

- President –
- Secretary –
- Treasurer –
- Vice-president –
- Webmaster –
- Speech Contest Convenor –
- Competition Convenor –

AGM was declared closed at

Appendices

1. President's report

President's Report MLTAQ Sunshine Coast Branch for 2021 by Alison Law

Thank you to all members for your support during 2021. Special thanks to our Branch Executive – Katrina, Peter, Michiko, Courtney and Amanda – for their contributions to running our supportive and vibrant Branch.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Entries in the Poster, Writing and Christmas Card competitions were varied and wonderful! Thank you to those teachers who get involved. We are pleased to offer events that showcase outstanding Languages students in our region. Thank you to Amada Miller for taking on the new role of Competitions Convenor in 2021.

Our hardworking Secretary, Peter Grainger, and Dr Levi Durbidge keep our connections strong with Languages Programs at the University of the Sunshine Coast. I appreciate all that they do to keep us informed of University Languages Program and to encourage local students to continue their study of Languages after high school.

EVENTS

It was a difficult decision made by the Executive Committee to cancel our Speech Contest in 2021. Careful pre-planning and considerations made around this Event lead to its timely cancellation, so thank you to all of those people involved. This is the second year that the Contest has not been able to go ahead due to COVID19 restrictions.

ADVOCACY

Many members contributed to the ACARA F-10 Curriculum review for Languages in May and provided on-going feedback to the State Executive for regarding the QCAA's Senior Languages Syllabus. Many teacher's voices help to make the changes we need to have. I encourage all members to keep on advocating for best practise Languages syllabi.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Members also attended State Network conferences for French and Japanese and reported back to the Branch with new ideas for teaching and learning.

Special thanks to Katrina Dwan for her attendance the MLTAQ State Assembly via Zoom in September and to subsequently taking over the role of Branch Treasurer. The network and knowledge gained at the State Assembly empowered Katrina to take on this new responsibility, for which I am very grateful.

THANK YOU

Finally, it was great to connect with so many members at our social functions in May and December. I appreciate everyone's efforts to come along to dinner, knowing how complicated organising a dinner date can be considering work and family priorities, and COVID restrictions too!!

2. Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance at date of regular branch meeting on 21 October 2021

\$3759.65

Payments:

01.12.2021 - \$225 to MLTAQ Members who attended the 'Sunshine Coast Branch Christmas Party'. 15 members @\$15 each.

06.01.2022 - \$90 redirect fees paid by Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Sunshine Coast which were incorrectly paid to Sunshine Coast Branch AC

Total Payments: \$315

Receipts:

30.11.2021 - \$90 received from Matthew Flinders Anglican College in error.

Total receipts: \$90

Current balance at AGM on 17 February 2021 - \$3534.65

Documents have been sent to the auditor and will be presented to members as soon as they become available.

7. Speech Contest 2022 (Alison and Courtney) & Language Convenor
Positions
-Chinese
-French
-German
-Italian
-Indonesian
-Spanish
-Japanese Primary
-Japanese Secondary
8. Poster Competition (Amanda)

9. Possible PD Opportunities at a local level (Amanda)
10. Meeting dates, times, format (Alison)
11. Meeting themes – TeachMeet(Alison)
12. Other Business: German Project Partnership (Peter on behalf of Ms Stephanie Krause);

Appendices:

1. Previous Minutes

Minutes of MLTAQ Sunshine Coast Branch Meeting October 21 2021

Venue: Mt Creek State School Room E1 from 4.15pm

Finalised actions since previous meeting

- a. Peter informed Leigh Kirwan of Amanda Miller's Patji-Dawes nomination
- b. Michiko updated the website (meeting dates and took off the writing competition section)

Unfinalised actions since last meeting: nil

Apologies: Emi Obara, Amanda Cole, Megan Clyne, Richard Jeffers, Bettina Fricke, Chiharu Sudoh

Present: Ada Lyu, Alison, Peter G, Courtney Smith, Katrina Dwan, Lee Anne Gordon, Levi Durbidge, Akiko Okamura, Deb Carr, Tammy Di Pietra

Agenda Items

Acknowledgment of Country (Alison)

Welcome to new members and/or 'guests'(Alison): Ada Lyu (USC student)

Acceptance of previous minutes (see appendix): Move: Alison Law, Tammy seconded

Correspondence: nil

President's report: See Appendix (Alison)

Treasurer's report: See Appendix

State Assembly Summary (Katrina Dwan): Katrina attended via zoom, focus is now on using technology to get the state together especially regional people, major take away: fortunate to have great experience, passion and knowledge; Executive is working hard to lift the profile of Languages in state and national contexts, google files made available so access for all is possible in case of staff turnover, everyone is encouraged to use the mailing list, Helen Best is webmaster, aim is to upgrade to be more automated, entries for State Senior speech contest held on the Gold Coast in by 21 August for 28 June (TBC); Cheryl Saunders, Leigh Kirwan, Florence Boulard and others are the committee, 2 days of conference in 2022, senior competition is up and running again in 2022, lots of grants available, 2 people from our Branch should attend the State Conference in 2022 (one more in addition to Alison)

Branch Bank Account changes – (Alison Law): we need an account see motion below)

email List administration (Alison Law): Helen Best has done this for ever, one person from each Branch to take over admin of email list, recommended that Alison should be the administrator, as members of MLTAQ any member can email to the list (not just the

administrator); some people are not members but they can still get the emails, membership increase to \$90 in 2022, student rate available,

2022 meeting & competition dates (Alison Law): being finalised still, heads up: Sunshine Coast Speech Competition will be Sunday 21 August (one week early), will probably be at USC but still to be confirmed; Amanda a is new competition convenor, Gold Coast new competition is good, perhaps we should copy that framework? Film Competition (Megan Clyne) being offered in March 2022 postponed in 2021;

MLTAQ and Lester Ford's response to the review of the senior syllabus (Alison Law): personal email from Lester Ford available to read by request to Alison; major criticism is that an English Language framework is adopted by QCAA developed by QCAA people who do not understand Languages; Alison to send the formal response to the mailing list, can ask Alison for Lester's response

Languages Camp and other local initiatives (Alison Law): film competition (above); Japanese: Nathan running a Languages Camp for Year 8 and 9 students at Currimundi Rec Centre in May 2023 which anyone can attend; BBQ 28 November 2021 Bunnings at Noosaville to raise money for Japanese Network in the form of gift vouchers for teachers, anyone can attend

Christmas Card competition (Amanda Miller): Almost finalised due date 18 November 2021, designing a front cover for a Christmas card in any language displaying Christmas traditions, entries in English not accepted, one sheet of A4 paper, years 2-6, no cost, judging 19th Big Top Maroochydore new Japanese restaurant;

End of Year celebration at the Dock at Mooloolaba Thursday 2 December, RSVP please, at 6pm

AUSLAN course at USC (Peter): This course has been postponed to Semester 1 2022, authentic instructor to be employed, 6 weeks, 150 perhaps leading to a credential down the track (eg cert 4)

Promotion/Advocacy (Peter and Michiko): Levi and Peter visited Michiko's school (Mt Creek SHS); Suggestion to make a video message to all students (ACTION); USC enrolments in community Languages is increasing 16 in Spanish, 9 in French 7 in Japanese; Levi spoke via zoom with students from Sunshine Coast Grammar School.

Changes to the Languages Program at USC (Levi Durbidge): competing with lots of things, wins: first year Japanese courses are all Headstart programs; online only; Year 11 or 12 students can get some credit at USC when they enrol there (2 electives); exchange programs are a carrot; all other Languages are on hold;

Other Business:

Meeting ended at 5.20 pm

MOTION

At the recent State Assembly, it was decided that MLTAQ branch and network bank accounts would change, along with some financial processes. Hence:

It is moved that the Modern Language Teachers Association Inc Sunshine Coast Branch bank account with Suncorp, account number 002494141 (BSB 484-799), be closed and funds transferred to NAB 100092021 (BSB 084-447). Alison Law (President) and Katrina Dwan (Treasurer) will have the authority to authorise and amend transactions on the NAB account.

Moved: Alison Law

Approved: Lee Anne Gordon

2. President's Report

Please be aware that MLTAQ membership is due for renewal in February.

Save the date for the MLTAQ's State Conference – Innovative Practitioners, Innovative Practice – June 26-27 in Brisbane and on-line. A call for papers is now being made.

The MLTAQ State Conference will be held just before or after the Conference. Members who are interested in attending should let me know. Courtney, Lee-Anne, Katrina and I have all benefitted through our attendance.

Several members, including me, participated in Dr Liam Printers webinar in January which focused on Comprehensible Input and Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling. It was a highly engaging conference and I learned a lot, taking away some strategies that I am excited to incorporate into my teaching this year.

Several members, including me, participated in the *Online Webinar - Considerations for planning in Languages using the P-10 Australian Curriculum* run by the QCAA on Friday 21 January. The webinar was facilitated by Amandine Coquière, Principal Project Officer with the QCAA, and was very informative. I will participate in another 2 webinars offered by the QCAA about Considerations for Planning, and Student Engagement. I encourage members to go the QCAA website to find out more and register if interested.

Please consider contributing to the **2022 MLTAQ Journal**. The focus of the MLTAQ Journal is Languages education. This includes, but, is not limited to, such topics as curriculum, assessment, classroom strategies, technology, pedagogy, policy, resourcing, teacher education, engagement and extra-curricular activities etc. Contributions may be reports, academic articles, reflective pieces, practically oriented or a combination of these. Contributions may pertain to current issues in the Teaching and Learning of Languages and be relevant to specific or all levels and sectors. Contributions may be in any language; however, a brief summary in English will increase your audience. Suggested length: 500-3000 words (excluding references). Inclusion of copyright approved, high resolution images is encouraged. Contributions from school or university students are welcomed if they also meet these guidelines.

I am currently planning for my first Teams meeting between students at my school, and students from an elementary school in Japan. There's been a lot to do – consent, communication, technology, student preparation. If anyone has any wisdom to share I

would appreciate it! I will share what I've learned at our next meeting if there is interest.

3. Treasurer's Report – See AGM Treasurer's Report.