

**AGENDA: Thursday 4th March 2021 4:00 for 4:30pm**

**Venue: Griffith University Gold Coast Campus G27\_1.11 (Business 2 Building)**

***Please bring your own mug if you would like to enjoy a coffee or tea with the provided afternoon tea.***

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* Welcome
* Apologies:
* Confirmation of the Agenda
* Minutes of previous meeting and Business Arising
* Correspondence in and out
* President’s Report:
* President represented MLTAQ at Emperor’s Birthday Celebrations at the Consul-General of Japan’s residence 26 February.
* Kelly Harrison’s Languages Roadshow is planning a face-to-face PD event on the Gold Coast on Thursday 4th November. $350
* Webmaster’s Report:
* Treasurer’s Report:
* General Business
* Japanese Resources – Kirsty-Lee Japres will present some of her resources:

1. complete set of hiragana flashcards and

2. complete set of katakana flashcards.

They are high quality, durable cards and box to ensure they last daily use by kids and contain stroke order for each character and vocabulary in only hiragana/katakana and English (no romaji to assist in mastering the scripts). There are pictures below to show the quality of the cards and further details.

I have also created “print at home” downloadable vocabulary cards with anime character which include hiragana/katakana; kanji; romaji & English sections. They actually started out as just “words of the day” for social media posts and I had many teachers ask where they could buy the anime cards, so was prompted to create them. There are currently five sets so far with more on the way.

* PD Cathie Galligan will run a PD – Sentence Builiders Make & Take. Please bring a laptop or device to create a document in a table.

**Dinner this month**: Yuyin Chinese Cuisine, Southport Metro shopping centre 07 5503 1551

Please email Leigh to confirm. L.Kirwan@griffith.edu.au

**Future meetings:**

Thur 18 March State MLTAQ AGM GU South Bank S02\_7.16

Thur 01 April GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

Thur 06 May GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

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Fri 03 December Christmas Party To be advised

**Minutes of previous meeting**



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**Attendance:**

Leigh Kirwan (Griffith University), Cathryn Very (Benowa SHS), Cathy Galligan (Benowa SS), Giovanni Picarello (Southport SHS), Anna Belousova (Russian School), Loretta Kishihara (Upper Coompera State College), Simone Sebban (St Hilda’s School), Jackie Mikami (Foxwell SSC), Rosa Chen (Norfolk Village SS), Mariko Saito (Griffith University and St Brigit’s), Matthew Spiller (Springwood Road State School), Aileen Steadman (St Stephen’s College), Joanne Cheng (Queensland Academy of Health and Science Campus), David Barclay (Worongary State School).

**Apologies:** Chris Dunn (St Hilda’s School), Tracey Somerville (Upper Coomera State College), Jodie Ishizaka (Robina SHS), Yumiko Tatton, Marine Madsen.

**Welcome:**

* Leigh welcomed everyone

**Minutes of previous meeting and Business Arising:**

* Leigh moved that the agenda and the Minutes from the previous minutes be approved, Loretta seconded this and the minutes were carried.

**Correspondence in and out:**

N/A

**President’s Report:**

* 2020 Report. Leigh gave an overview of his report to be tabled at the Executive Meeting in March 2021 and informed everyone of the performance of the branch in 2020 (please see attached to the Minutes). The overall result of 2020 was very pleasing and a lot was achieved by the branch. The State Executives will decide on the future of the State Speech Contest and Leigh has thanked everyone for the wonderful effort and outcome of 2020.
* MLTAQ Dinner at Consul-General of Japan’s residence, 22 December 2020

Leigh has informed that he and Cathryn Very have attended the Dinner at Consul-General of Japan in the last week of December 2020 and that the Consul has expressed his willingless to support the branch. Leigh and Cathryn have invited the Consul to be a speaker at the Japanese Conference.

* Japan Foundation: Leigh informed about a free online seminar for Japanese teachers introducing the Marugoto: Japanese Language and Culture textbooks. This seminar will focus on the two Starter (A1) level coursebooks (Activities and Competences), and with emphasis on audio input, explores the learning process towards the goal of communicating in Japanese. Let’s think about how we can spark and make use of students’ awareness in classes. Date: February 21, 2021 (Sunday) 1pm-3:30pm AEDT. Registrations open: January 22, 2021 (Friday) 1pm AEDT; Registrations close: February 16, 2021 (Tuesday); Cost: Free; registrations essential (max. 50 participants)

Further details and registration: <https://jpf.org.au/events/online-seminar-japanese-learning-for-communication-a-marugoto-approach>

* Leigh also informed about the upcoming conferences this year and encouraged everyone to apply for grant and participate in online AFMLTA International Languages Conference which will be held on 5-6 July 2021.

**Webmaster’s Report**: N/A

**Treasurer’s Report**: 8658.14 AUD

* Election of Officers for 2021 Executive

It was agreed that the following branch members are the Officers for 2021:

Moved by Seconded by

President: Dr Leigh Kirwan Jackie Loretta

Vice President: Jackie Mikami Cathryn Loretta

Secretary: Anna Belousova Cathy Jackie

Treasurer: Loretta Kishihara Leigh Simone

Speech Contest Convenor: Aileen Steadman Jackie Cathy

Professional Development: Catherine Galligan Cathryn Simone

Webmaster: Giovanni Picariello Cathy Jackie

Print & Media Competition: Catherine Galligan Loretta Jackie

**General Business**

* Everyone introduced themselves and shared the news about their school and other events. Cathy mentioned about the upcoming French Conference.
* Cathy asked all the members to share their ideas/preferences for PD’s for 2021 and look at the list of suggested PD’s again. Please contact Cathy anytime with your thoughts and ideas on it.
* 2021 PD Opportunities:

Kerry Forest One Note II -Tomo

Digital Games- Susie and Kerry

Danielle – Task-based language teaching

CLIL – Connie Lamaistre (MLTAQ State Italian) and Simine Smala

Conti- Danielle-language acquisition

Cathy – Sentence builders make and take

Japanese and French conference feedback

Education Perfect

Planning a study tour

Boys in languages/gender and languages (Clayton Smith)

Ideas: CLIL

Conti-Sentence Buiders

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**Annual General Meeting**

**Modern Language Teachers’ Association of Queensland Inc.**

**MLTAQ GOLD COAST BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT**

*Presented at the Annual General Meeting on 18 March 2021*

Report for 2020

The Gold Coast Branch of the MLTAQ showed itself to be quite resilient in facing the difficulties forced on us by COVID-19 during the year. While we have a long history of meeting at the Gold Coast Campus of Griffith University and also providing on-line support through Go-to-Meeting, on the day of the State AGM on 19 March 2020 it was announced that there were 50 cases of COVID in Queensland.

We held the February and March meetings on campus, but between April and June, we therefore went solely online using Griffith’s Collaborate Ultra platform. With the situation improving by the second half of the year, we went back to face-to-face meetings for the five months from July at St. Hilda’s in Southport. While we had an average of 14 members at the February and March meetings, it dropped to an average of 11 members online, and rose slightly again to an average of 12 members at the St. Hilda’s meetings. Given that we had an average of 15 members at each monthly meeting in 2019, these attendance figures were quite impressive, given the COVID situation.

I am extremely grateful for the strong support given to the Branch from the Branch Executive as well as the other members. Without their hard work we would not have achieved so much in 2020.

As we couldn’t run our regular Gold Coast Languages Speech Contest during the year, the first time since the Branch’s inception in 1978, 43 years ago, an initiative of the Gold Coast Branch was to run an

online speech contest for the entire State. With the assistance of Education Perfect in Auckland, facilitated by Vice-President Cathryn Very, the committee consisting of Cathryn, Jackie Mikami and Dr Leigh Kirwan worked with all the MLTAQ Language Convenors in the State to run the very successful EP MLTAQ Online Speech Contest. More than 450 schools and 1,600 students participated in the competition. It was so successful that it is hoped it can run again in 2021.

The annual Print & Multimedia Competition run by Catherine Galligan was also able to go ahead as usual, with a large number of entries received. Judging was undertaken at Benowa SS on Saturday, 31 October.

The Gold Coast Branch Executive in 2020 consisted of:

President: Dr Leigh Kirwan, Griffith University

Vice President : Cathryn Very, Benowa SHS

Secretary: Anna Belousova, Russian Community School

Treasurer: Loretta Kishihara, Upper Coomera State College

Speech Contest

Convenor: Keita Ishii, Somerset College

Professional

Development: Cathy Galligan, Benowa SS

Webmaster: Jerome Richalot, All Saints Anglican School

One of the important roles of the Branch is Professional Development. In the General Business section of each meeting much sharing of information and ideas also took place. Meetings are a great way for Languages teachers in the Gold Coast region to keep abreast of changes in languages teaching, and to become aware of the many organisations offering scholarships, competitions, exchanges, workshops etc.

For our March meeting, Giovanni Picariello gave a presentation on “Integrating Yugambeh in the Languages Classroom”. In April, Catherine Galligan spoke on “Relationships for Success”. In May Giovanni ran the PD again familiarising us with his TPRS Posters. In June, Sarah White did a great online presentation on one’s “Ideal Self”. July saw Cathryn Very’s “Success by Design in Languages Teaching”, while Kelly Harrison from Languages Roadshow presented on “Innovative Programs for Languages Teachers” in August. While the September and October meetings’ content was too much to fit in PD, we finished off the year with Catherine Galligan’s “Game Swap – Keep ‘em keen in T4” in November.

The Gold Coast Branch is very social as well. A number of members including, Cathryn, Jackie, Catherine, Loretta, Giovanni, Mariko, Leigh and Keita dined out in different locations after each monthly meeting. This year our Christmas Party was a great dinner at That’s Amore in Miami, organised by Cathryn Very which was attended by over 20 members.

Thank you everyone for a wonderful year in difficult times.



Dr Leigh Kirwan

President, Gold Coast Branch.

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President

2 February 2021



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