

**Minutes: Thursday, 12 August, 2021** (postponed from 5th August)

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

**Attendance:**

Leigh Kirwan (Griffith University), Loretta Kishihara (Upper Coompera State College), Aileen Seidman (Saint Stephen’s College), Simone Sebban (St Hilda’s School), Jackie Mikami (Foxwell SSC), Matthew Spiller (Springwood Road SS), Mikki Ellis (Elanora SHS), Rosa Chen (Norfolk Village SS), Giovanni Picarello (Southport State High School), Anna Belousova (Russian School), Jo Fullerton (Canungra SS), Jochen Schaich (St Andrews School), Wendy Yuan (Labrador State School), Joanne Cheng (QAHS), Mary Spinella (ASAS), Cathryn Very (Benowa SHS).

**Apologies:** Yoko MacDonald, Rita Lo Presti, Mariko Saito, Chris Dunn, Danielle Swainson.

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

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

* **Correspondence in and out**: N/A
* **President’s Report:**
* Languages Road Show Online Clil Course. $385 pp. Registrations https://protectau.mimecast.com/s/wNRjC4QZEkIBxv7pyUOpxr5?domain=languagesroadshow online.com
* EP & MLTAQ Online Speech Competition 2021 is now open. Teachers reported that there was some confusion with accessing the folders and registering participants. Advice to contact EP for clarification.
* You can now join mltaqgoldcoast@googlegroups.com – see www.mltaq.asn.au for details. Everyone is welcomed to join. Giovanni is going to be the List manager for GC.
* Parking venues: The only carpark you can use is the one off Engineering Drive (turn in to the University near the Griffith University tram station). Follow this road to the end and park in the carpark there. The multistorey carpark is not available.

• **Webmaster’s Report**: all the information on the website is up to date

• **Treasurer’s Report**: 12139.49 AUD as of 10.08.2021

• **General Business**: n/a

• **Speech Contest**: Discussion and ideas on anything to change to improve the Speech

Big thanks to Leigh, Aileen, Giovanni and Loretta for great teamwork in running the Speech Contest. Everyone is happy with how it went and it was really worth the effort. Chris Dunn sent his great comments. Everyone has also commented on some possible improvements. Yoko MacDonald from AB Patterson has noticed a slight difference in definition of background speaker for her primary years students. She has suggested to ask more additional questions to background students. Everyone is thankful to Atsuya for a great video. Loretta Kishihara has suggested that the registration form be adjusted and include the date, the amount paid, method of payment and a name of the teacher who is an MLTAQ member. The reference for payment should also include a school name. Rita, the Convenor for Italian, is asking to supply water for judges. Aileen suggested to print participation certificates and certificates for the Judges so the children might get something on the day. It was decided that priniting of the participation certificates can be very costly, but it is possible that the convenors print Certificates of Appreciation for Judges. Otherwise if we print the participation certificates then the participation fee should be increased. Medals should be collected by the teachers on the day and we should order them as soon as possible as they are a huge cost for us. In 2019 we have paid 2250 AUD for medals. Aileen and Cathy suggested to use one share point file to share results or create an official form to use for everyone. Dear convenors, please bring any unused medals for the next meeting.

Due to the long discussion of Speech contest we didn’t have a PD. Giovanni Picarello has presented some really useful resources to learn Japanese.

These are useful for people learning Japanese by themselves / or students that you want extension work for etc.They are all free or low cost

1. This Youtube Channel   Immersion with Asami   (cost: free)

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLt4c6vHCiki0kC-X_PHF_6WYOEd1qhSZS>

2. This book:  Easy Japanese  (publisher: Tuttle) (should be a blue cover) (cost: $25)

I asked QBD books Australia Fair to order it for me and it took about 2 weeks to arrive. It'd be slightly cheaper and slightly faster to get through Amazon

<https://www.google.com/search?q=tuttle+easy+japanese&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiRi9r91azyAhXHyzgGHakkDCoQ_AUoAXoECAEQAw&biw=1280&bih=577&safe=active&ssui=on>

3. The Japan Shop . com  (very good for upper beginner, lower intermediate, intermediate) (low cost)

Japanese Readers

<https://www.thejapanshop.com/collections/bundles-offer>

4. This Youtube channel    Comprehensible Japanese

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXo8kuCtqLjL1EH6m4FJJNA>

5. Lessons on iTalki .com   (cost: around $8 AUD per hour)

**Future meetings:**

Thur 02 September GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

Thur 07 October GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

Thur 04 November GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

Fri 03 December Christmas Party To be advised