

Minutes of the MLTAQ Sunshine Coast Branch

Thursday 16 February 2023, 4:15PM – Mountain Creek State Primary School: Japanese classrooms

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Apologies: Oj Ruggins, Courtney Smith

Present: Alison Law, Peter Grainger, Katrina Dwan, Tammy Di Pietra, Chiharu Sudoh, Ian Gunn, Megan Cleyne, Akiko Okamura, Georgie Richardson, Levi Durbidge, Amanda Miller, Lea -anne Gordon, Alison Matsunaga

1. Welcome & acknowledgement of country – Tammy Di Pietra

2. Welcome to guests and new members – Alison Law

3. Minutes of previous Meeting (see appendix)

Moved: Alison Law

Seconded: Peter Grainger

4. President's Report – Alison Law (see appendix)

5. Treasurer's Report – Katrina Dwan (see appendix)

Moved: Katrina Dwan

Seconded: Alison Law

6. Actions since last meeting

No action from previous meeting required/noted.

7. Items of Business

Item	Raised by	Actions
Competitions	Alison Law	End of 2022 information about Poster and Writing Competition posted to the website for 2023. Website shared – with links for the competition shared Poster Competition due Thursday 23 rd March 2023 – judge and results back to schools before end of year. Each school are eligible for 3 entries per year level. Digital posters and handwritten will be judged together – no bias. Amanda away 23-30 March – unavailable for judging.

			<p>Mail was an issue in 2022 – could we look at a scan and email system in 2023? Tammy questioned if we could we look at a shared email address just for competitions? This could have a few executives with access.</p> <p>Judging – will remain at meetings, discussions will continue around this.</p> <p>Japanese Network Conference – “Usagi’s trip to Japan” – see MLTAQ Japanese Facebook for details</p> <p>Term 2 writing competition – “own choice” – genre’ is open, topic is open not categorised. Judging not categorised but separate divisions between handwritten and digital entries in this competition. Entries now “3 entries” per year level. Writing competition date now changing to 08/06/23 to align with meetings.</p>
	Meeting Schedules	Alison Law	<p>Checking dates – T1 W8 meeting needs to be T1 W9 – 23/03/22</p> <p>Term 2 Week 4 – Alison away – Peter should be able to chair – Alison to email Peter – possible teams meeting.</p> <p>Writing competition – due date to be moved forward to sit with meeting scheduled</p> <p>Term 3 – to review with Courtney for Speech competition</p> <p>Term 4 – No changes</p>
<p>8. Other Business</p>			

Web Cam – Alison Law requested to purchase a Webcam to use for future meetings. Approx. \$80. Concerned about microphone – agreement for Alison to look at options – Lee-anne Gordon confirmed audio is ok.

Tammy moved motion to allow Alison Law to be granted \$200 to purchase a suitable quality microphone. Motion seconded by Peter Grainger and Katrina Dwan.

All future meetings will be offered as a hybrid so cam and microphone would be an asset to the Branch.

MLTAQ Executive changes- new executives to be elected today

Tony Jennings – a Japanese teacher in Gympie is experiencing family hardships
Alison proposed a motion – to offer membership to Tony using Branch funds. Motion seconded by all in attendance.
Alison will investigate if he is a member, if not we could extend a membership to him.

Amanda Miller – possible JPF PD with grant. Alison mentioned they may come up for Networking Conference.
Tammy suggested looking at PD with the grant that is more inclusive – Kelly Harrison deliver a ½ day PD around Version 9 ACARA. Amanda investigated grants unavailable, Katrina suggested a subsidised PD via Branch funds.
Other PD opportunities – CLIL, AIM (Jen McKinney), CI (Terry Waltz), TPRS, Dr Liam Printer (The Motivated Classroom). Amanda to reach out and investigate options with Kelly Harrison ½ day PD around ACARA V9.

Term 3 Week 2 – Sunshine Coast Grammar School to host 20/07/23

Peter Grainger – USC engagement are letting go of their control around the Community Language “tastier course” – 2 hours of an evening. There will be no courses in T1 but these will resume in T2. Peter will be reaching out to teacher’s for this. Limited teacher’s coming through with Peter.

International Students – starting to surface – various reports of tour groups and exchanges reported by a number of schools.

NUFS – Nagoya University of Foreign studies – Mountain Creek State School hosting an assistant teacher soon. This is organised via Griffith.

S.O.L – Dates TBC – St Andrews to host for 2023. Entry cost for viewers. Review criteria. Meg and Tammy to work on a write up for MLTAQ publication.

Meeting was declared closed at 5:37PM

APPENDICES

President's Report MLTAQ Sunshine Coast Branch for 2023 by Alison Law

Thank you to all members for your support during 2022. Special thanks to our Branch Executive – Tammy, Katrina, Peter, Amanda and Courtney – without this strong Executive team our branch would simply not survive! Active members hold up this executive team – so I extend my sincere thanks to all the members who reply to our emails, enter competitions, volunteer at events, go to conferences and attend meetings.

ENGAGEMENT

Entries in the Poster, Writing and Christmas Card competitions were varied and wonderful! Thank you to those teachers who got involved. These competitions are designed to encourage students to use Language in meaningful and creative ways. The judges endeavour to award prizes to students from as many different schools across our region as possible, so that teachers can take these results back to their school community to promote and celebrate their students and Language program.

In 2022 the MLTAQ launched a new website following extensive consultation. I took on the role of Webmaster in 2022 to learn the ways of this new website and I was pleasantly surprised to find that it is very easy to use! Loading content and posting new information is quick and easy. I find the website easy to navigate as a user too. Courtney, Katrina and I look forward using the website to collect payment for the Speech Contest in 2023.

The inaugural SOL (Spotlight on Languages) Film Festival was a wonderful success! A huge congratulations to Meg Cleyne and her fabulous team at St Andrew's Anglican College. Our Branch donated two trophies which were received with great pomp and ceremony at the Award Ceremony. Watch the website for more information about the festival this year, and start getting your films ready!

EVENTS

Wasn't it brilliant to see the return of the Speech Contest in 2022? I found it heart-warming to witness so many students and their families enjoying the event, and to see so many MLTAQ members joining together to ensure its success. Ostensibly this is contest for students, but our members know it's really just a brilliant networking event – a time to connect and enjoy with fellow Language professionals.

Thank you again to Courtney Smith for the many, many hours that she puts into the coordination of the Speech Contest. Thank you to the Language Convenors and other volunteers for bringing it all together with such professionalism.

I was sorry to have missed our Branch Christmas party at the end of last year. I really enjoyed the other opportunities that we made to connect socially in 2022, and I look forward to many more in this new year.

Treasurers report for 2023 MLTAQ Sunshine Coast AGM

Opening balance at 10 October 2022 – \$5453.36 Payments:

Date	Payee	Amount
17 October 2022	North Coast Trophy Centre Deposit for SOL Trophy sponsorship	202.75
8 November 2022	North Coast Trophy Centre final payment for SOL Trophy sponsorship	239.65
12 December	Katrina Dwan VISA card reimbursement for Christmas dinner	207.95

Total Payments: \$650.35

Receipts:

Date	Payer	Amount
17 October 2022	Mountain Creek State High School – speech competition entries	140.00

Total receipts: \$140.00

Current balance at AGM on 13 February 2023 - \$4943.01

Sunshine Coast Branch financial documents are incorporated under the MLTAQ State Branch and therefore are currently being audited and will be available at the MLTAQ State Branch AGM to be held on Thursday 16 March 2023.

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Prepaid visa card for Christmas Party	Katrina Dwan	Leeanne Gordon – seconded motion
2023 Date claimers – refer to Appendix	Alison Law	Meetings in 2023 will be each term Week 4 & 8 (except for Term 3 with speech competition) Other meeting venues – Tammy happy to host End of year party is moving forward to Wk8 Term 4 2023 Alison will confirm dates and circulate 2023 calendar
2023 Competition and events – refer to Appendix	Alison Law	MLTAQ – convenors to confirm speeches end of 2022, sent to schools W0 2023 – Competitions – to be circulated in term 1 2023 – includes Poster/Writing competition Discussions about trying to move the adjudication of these out of

			meeting time. Look for alternatives with USC staff, MCSH IB students
	SOL film festival	Alison Law	November 10 th at SAAC – tickets free – get there! Encourage students to attend.
	NSJLE	Amanda Miller	Amanda attending – she has offered to report back to the group. No-one else attending. Thanks Amanda for offering to report back.

16. Other Business

Podium – construct own podium – Alison Law proposed
Tammy Di Pietra seconded

USC Preservice teacher: Peter Grainger

- 8 students have completed in 2022
- In 2022 – 1 native Chinese teacher to graduate, 1 native Italian to graduate
- Peter will continue to update this group with details of these teachers

MLTAQ – mail group: Tammy Di Pietra

- Teachers in google group are not receiving all emails (Chiharu & Georgie did not receive agenda)
- Alison checked settings – individuals are set to receive all emails and post into the group???
- Possible glitche with Google groups

End of year party -

- Don't forget to confirm your attendance.

Meeting was declared closed at 4:54PM