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### **President's report**

This report marks one year since I became president of JCQTA, and what a year it has been! I would like to thank the past members of the executive, Caroline Brooks (past President) and Lyn Alsop (past Treasurer) for their continued support. I would also like to thank the current executive who have spent many hours supporting the work of JCQTA, in particular Sheryl Saunders, Phillipa Greig, Jackie Mergard, Angela White and Moneth Montemayor. This year the executive worked diligently to produce a new strategic plan to clearly express the goals of JCQTA and a new constitution ensuring the currency of the association. The 2020-2022 strategic plan outlines the goals of JCQTA as:

Goal 1: Establish and maintain connections to advocate for improved recognition of teacher associations

Goal 2: Contribute to enhanced professional support of member associations.

In line with Goal 2, and supporting professional learning and collaboration, at the beginning of the year we held the annual JCQTA Presidents' Dinner where we were able to share our plans to support all Queensland teacher associations. We hoped to promote teacher associations through Teach QLD events, support associations through governance training and engage with industry partners to create opportunities to support rural and remote teachers. Many of these plans had to be quickly put on hold while we navigated a new COVID-19 situation, and we hope to revisit these ideas in the near future. We continue to explore opportunities to collaborate with all of our members and with other partners such as QUT and Filmpond, and hope to have further information on these opportunities soon.

In line with Goal 1, 2020 has been a successful year in providing JCQTA with opportunities to advocate on behalf of all of our member associations. This year we have had the opportunity to provide feedback, be a critical friend and be involved in decisions regarding:

- NAPLAN review (NSW, QLD, Vic)
- Learning progressions and formative assessment meetings at DoE
- Education council briefings at DoE

At a federal level, through our membership with APTA we have been able to provide a strong Queensland voice in the following:

- Quarterly meetings with Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment
- Review into Senior Secondary Pathways
- Inquiry into teaching in remote and complex environments
- National Strategy to Address Abuse of Teachers and School Leaders
- Review of Red Tape (Aitsl critical friend)
- National architecture review (ACARA, Aitsl, ESA)
- Meetings with CEO of National Evidence Institute – Dr Jenny Donovan
- Australian Curriculum Review discussions with ACARA
- Teach for Australia future leaders program

We continue to be agile in our ways of communication and collaboration as we take up the opportunities digital conferencing offers us. We're looking forward to 2021 and new opportunities to support Queensland Teacher Associations.

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