

## **2007 President's Report**

2007 has been a busy year driven by a number of activities that have fallen out of our association with Teaching Australia as well as a new executive team settling into their roles.

### **Teaching Australia**

Teaching Australia's development of a framework for national professional standards for school leadership and excellence created a number of opportunities for our involvement at both a State and National level.

Our involvement in the consultation process led to us holding an additional forum focussed on the obtaining feedback to inform future development. The forum was well attended and has prompted discussions about the viability of holding two forums per year. Many thanks to Karen Bonnano and Ann Manion for their involvement in organising this additional forum.

### **Annual Forum**

Our annual August Forum was very well received again this year. The inclusion of a speaker from the Business sector was key to this success and has encouraged many associations to think differently about how they do business. Many thanks to the organising committee for their hard work in bringing this about.

The success of the August forum and the feedback from participants about the worth of the workshop sessions supported the discussion about considering holding two forums during the year.

### **Advocacy**

We have been quite active this year across at least three key issues:

QCT Professional Standards – JCQTA was active in providing feedback and encouraging other associations to provide feedback around the draft standards.

QSA Essential Learnings – Individual associations were strongly encouraged to provide feedback. To ensure this was informed feedback we were able to invite a guest speaker from QSA to speak at our monthly meeting. In addition to this we also arranged an extra meeting at QSA for associations to seek further clarification around the Essential Learnings.

QAMT developed a response to the national Numeracy framework on behalf of the AJCPTA. They were also asked to present this at the national forum. This was well received and the AJCPTA were appreciative of having an opportunity to provide a response.

### **Values Education**

SOSEAQ have continued to manage and conduct the Values Education project activities for JCQTA member associations with funding from DEST and the Australian Joint Council of Teacher Professional Associations. This year has seen continued work on the production of "good practice examples" from each KLA. Thankyou to SOSEAQ for leading JCQTA through this project and to Joy Schulz for her commitment to carrying this through and writing reports at short notice.

### **National Awards for Quality Schooling**

This year JCQTA has offered support to nine teachers to develop their submission for the National Awards. Five teachers ended up with complete submissions. We now await the judging and subsequent announcements.

### **Representation and Partnerships**

Throughout the year the number of invitations for a JCQTA representative to be involved in a working party, reference group or project seems to have increased. To date we have representation on a number of groups including the following:

Professional Development and Leadership Institute Governance Board

AGQTP Cross-Sectoral Committee

Professional Development Reference Group

Tertiary Consortium

### **Monthly Meeting Presentations**

While we have been a bit inconsistent with these presentations at our monthly meetings, the presentations from each of the Professional Associations have been well received and will continue through 2008.

In addition to these we have been fortunate in being able to invite additional guest speakers who have been able to respond to questions and / or concerns.

### **Awareness Raising**

We will have 'Yellow Pages' guide to all of our member associations ready to be distributed to all schools at the beginning of the year. The purpose of this is to raise awareness of the many professional associations available to provide professional support to teachers in Queensland schools. A huge thanks to Jackie Mergard and Beryl Exley for their hard work in pulling this together.

### **2008**

As we now move into 2008, I am sure many of the above activities will continue. I encourage the executive to further the development of a strategic plan that will assist us to ensure our activities are well planned rather than reactive.

### **In conclusion**

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution this year whether it be as a representative of JCQTA, as association representative at JCQTA meetings, a project manager, a responder to calls for information, a participant at the forum, as the passer on of JCQTA emails or as a follower of what is happening.

I have enjoyed my involvement this year, particularly the opportunity to work with a wide range of people from a variety of backgrounds and contexts.