

AGM 2005

Wednesday 28 September 2005 at 4.00pm.

O'Shea Centre, Lovedale St Wilston

Guest speaker - Felicity Mandile - Virtual Schooling Service, Education Queensland, the 2004 Queensland winner "Best National Achievement by a Teacher" in the National Awards for Quality Schooling.

President's report

Annual report 2005

2004-2005 has been a busy year for the Joint Council with new projects, more members and an increasing role in the education community. The work that Past President Toni Michael did in the previous year has set us up to move JCQTA forward as the peak body of professional associations in Queensland.

The Board of Teacher Registration Consortium for Professional Learning has supported the work we have undertaken in the past year. In implementing the 2004 report on the work of Professional Associations A New Way Forward the group has provided valuable advice, assistance and support to grow the organisation and focus our efforts on ways we can work together across associations to establish economies of scale.

As our work has grown so has the work of the management committee. Many thanks to Toni Michael (ECTA), Vice President, Jackie Mergard (STAQ, GTAQ), Secretary, Lyn Allsop (QSITE) Treasurer and general members Joy Schultz (SOSEAQ) and Ros Korkatsis (QHTA) for their enthusiasm and tireless efforts. We wish Ros a speedy recovery and look forward to her rejoining us at meetings.

We have had a presence on a range of committees and advisory groups.

- Australian Joint Council of Professional Teaching Associations -Toni Michael ECTA, Janet Cochrane QSITE, and Debbie Kember QSITE – AJCPTA Vice President
- -National Institute for Quality Teaching and School Leadership Interim Board –Debbie Kember QSITE
- -Board of Teacher Registration Consortium for Professional Learning in Education- Debbie Kember QSITE
- Combined Universities Practicum working party - Susan Kennedy-Smith STAQ
- Middle Years of Schooling project – Kay Schwede GTAQ
- AGQTP Cross Sector Committee Debbie Kember QSITE

We have been invited to attend an increasing number of events this year to which I have been able to attend most

- Education Queensland Showcase Awards for Excellence 26th August 2005
- TJ Ryan Memorial Scholarships presentation; Byte Awards
- Eidos Launch , QSA-Key learning area celebration
- Commonwealth Consortium for Education Workshop Priority Action areas for co-operation in Education by Institute of Educational Research, Policy and Evaluation, Griffith University

- Queensland Government Business Reception
- Education Queensland - "What are we learning about professional learning?" 2 day Conference
- DEA Professional Learning Pathways Advisory group meeting
- SOSEAQ Launch
- The vote for Women celebration

Regional Networks

This year we established our first regional network in Townsville. As a recommendation of the New Way Forward Report we are aiming to establish regional networks in provincial towns and cities. We hope to better support the needs of teachers in these locations and facilitate partnerships and projects across associations.

The first meeting of the Townsville network was held at the Holiday Inn on Wednesday 9th February and was attended by 21 educators from 9 JCQTA members associations. The guest speaker at the meeting was Neil Anderson from James Cook University. James Cook University has been selected as the QLD Hub for the National Centre for Maths, Science and ICT education in regional and rural Australia.

Blanche Crisp (QSITE), Norena Mendiola (MYSA) and Judy White (AWE) will be the Townsville contacts for the JCQTA Executive and we are looking at ways to support teleconferencing costs for their involvement with monthly meetings.

Supporters

The Department of Education and the Arts has supported our work in a number of ways including funding teleconferencing costs and involving us in the Australian Government Quality Teacher Program Education Queensland project

Values project

The Australian Joint Council was awarded funding from DEST to conduct a project to support the National Values Education framework. JCQTA received \$5,000 for a state project for which we asked SOSEAQ to lead. SOSEAQ conducted a number of focus groups and forums at monthly JCQTA meetings. Rosalie Shawcross has led the project for SOSEAQ and we appreciate her ongoing work.

AGQTP Action Learning Leaders

We led and managed an Australian Government Quality Teacher Program (AGQTP) professional learning project for EQ that brought professional associations together across the state to build expertise in leading action learning projects.

The program was developed by Michelle Williams and Lindy McKeown of QSITE and involved associations selecting curriculum and professional learning leaders who had potential to lead action learning projects in their workplaces and association structures. The model included face to face workshops, ongoing mentoring and support by phone and email from the facilitators as well as colleagues over a 4 month period. While the initial workshops were convened in Rockhampton, Cairns, Townsville and Brisbane participants have been involved from as far a field as Mt Isa. Brisbane Catholic Education also contracted JCQTA to conduct the program with their teachers.

JCQTA articles and promotion

We have been able to promote the work of the association in a number of forums

- BTR Professional Exchange newsletter - Action Learning leaders
- Education Views – Action Learning Leaders program
- Association conferences advertised on EQ Bulletin Board
- NIQTSL promotional material (yet to be released)

Successful Partnerships program

The Consortium for Professional learning is leading a Successful Partnerships for Professional Learning forum. The aim is to establish a shared understanding around the words, tools and processes of partnerships and to promote a sense of collaboration in the delivery of quality professional learning.

In focussing our thinking on developing mutually beneficial partnerships we are focussing our work on that in the months ahead. To date we have formed partnership and alliances with Education Queensland's Learning Place and the Australian College of Educators where all parties are promoting the events and services of the groups.

Australian Joint Council of Professional Teaching Associations

JCQTA continues to make a significant contribution to the national agenda through the Australian Joint Council. With five representatives on the Interim NIQTSL Board, AJCPTA is involved in shaping the development of the organisation. Funding for the Values Education project and an alliance with the Asia Education Foundation. Through funding received from NIQTSL as part of the Promoting Professional learning project the Australian Joint Council will be supporting the work of state associations through the engagement of an executive officer.

Responses collated during the year

- House of Representatives inquiry into Teacher Education
- NIQTSL guidelines on teacher practicum

National Institute for Quality Teaching and School Leadership

During the past year the institute has been in establishing the work that is will be undertaking. There have been opportunities for JCQTA members to take part in consultations, briefings, and programs. We are about to receive \$25,000 as part of the Promoting Professional learning project. This money is to be used for a range of tasks including promoting the use of ICT as a tool for teaching and learning and promoting the cultural awareness programs Dare to Lead and What works. To facilitate this we have set up gateways on our web site to link to the projects and other supporting information. We also need to promote the National Awards for Quality Schooling. As well as promoting the event we are supporting a small group to enter the awards with the support of a writer.

Other NIQTSL projects in which JCQTA has had input include;

- a survey regarding the practicum component of undergraduate teacher education courses around Australia;
- teaching of Literacy in Australian Schools;
- Consultation –Leadership and Learning with ICT;
- Consultation –Professional Standards for Leaders;

The 2005 Annual Forum

The forum provided an opportunity for networking and building links between executive members of JCQTA associations. Twenty of the twenty five member associations were

represented at the forum.

The emphasis of this year's forum was on partnerships and collaborations that can mutually benefit associations. The key note address by Michelle Williams showcased the outcomes of the cross association project that JCQTA led for the Australian Government Quality Teacher Program (AGQTP) Education Queensland project in 2004-2005 and lead us to consider the nature of our next joint project.

The workshops included a hands-on look at the free tools and facilities of Education Network Australia (EDNA online). Project Officer, Kerri Smith flew in from Adelaide to provide expert assistance with EDNA online. Bill Brown of the Board of Teacher Registration's Consortium for Professional Learning in Education lead a discussion on partnership opportunities in professional learning and Jackie Mergard convened a discussion and sharing of ideas about professional association management.

Thanks

Thanks to everyone who has made a contribution this year whether it be as an 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. All contributions are a valuable part of our community life that makes our involvement with JCQTA that much richer experience for all.

Debbie Kember

President