

Annual general meetings - 2006 AGM
Annual report 2006

The Joint Council has continued to grow in 2005-2006 with thirty member associations taking part in our network creating many opportunities for sharing funding, ideas, resources and projects.

As our network 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 Janet Cochrane (QSITE) and Ann Manion (STAQ) for their enthusiasm and tireless efforts.

One of the strengths of our network is the rapid response that we can harness to requests for responses and assistance. Time and time again stakeholders have commented about how easily we can mobilise our community through the JCQTA network.

There have been notable changes in the broader education community in the last 12 months.

The National Institute for Quality Teaching & School leadership has been renamed Teaching Australia. The Board of Teacher Registration has been renamed the Queensland College of Teachers with new requirements for re registration as a teacher.

At the same time JCQTA has continued to move forward.

In compiling this report of the year's activities the value of our JCQTA is clearly visible in the contribution of so many people whom I thank for their passion, dedication and enthusiasm to the teaching profession.

JCQTA management initiatives

The review of the Rules of Association is complete thanks to contributions of many representatives. We are well on the way to having a document which reflects the current operations of JCQTA.

The JCQTA web site now is has a domain name www.jcqta.qld.edu.au

The JCQTA brochure is a sought after point of information thanks to Jackie Mergard (STAQ, GTAQ)

The Queensland College of Teachers offered the Board Room at the Toowong offices at no charge to JCQTA for our monthly meetings. Thanks to John Ryan Director, Queensland College of Teachers.

Key projects for the year

The **JCQTA Mentoring project** has provided a professional learning program for 16 member associations about how to plan and improve the mentoring process through powerful mentoring relationships. The project was funded by the Education Queensland, Australian Government Quality Teacher Project, Teaching Australia and JCQTA.

The mentoring project has involved two successful one-day workshops for approximately 40 mentors. The progress in this project is astounding with mentors working in groups to

develop a theoretical model for describing and understanding mentoring and develop a research model. The preliminary reports delivered as presentations to workshop 2 were terrific and show promise to become very insightful presentations to a summit.

Examples of projects include

- QAMT's Taking a Leap in to Number. This project will involve 3 primary school teachers at Longreach SS in Central Western District whose confidence in teaching mathematics impacts on their capacity to design and implement engaging maths experiences for their students.
- ALEA's Investigating and enhancing classroom literacy pedagogy. A beginning teacher and an established teacher is mentored while they participate in a broader professional development plan about catering for diverse literacy needs in the classroom.
- ECTA's Digital Photography in Early Childhood. 19 teachers from across Queensland are involved in a mentoring project to investigate using digital photography in curriculum, using photography as a pedagogical approach and developing powerful images as resources.

As a closure and celebration of the project, a Mentoring Summit is proposed. The summit is an opportunity for associations to review mentoring's value as a professional learning strategy for mentors and mentees plus as an opportunity for associations to consider how and if to scale up from this mentoring trial to a mentoring service for members. Thankyou to Michelle Williams for leading and managing the project for JCQTA

SOSEAQ conducted **Values Education project** activities for JCQTA member associations with funding from DEST and the Australian Joint Council of Teacher Professional Associations. A key event was a workshop where teachers mapped the incidence of the linkages between the National Values Framework and the Rationale and Outcomes chapters in each KLA syllabus as well as early work on the production of some "good practice examples" from each KLA. Thankyou to SOSEAQ for leading JCQTA through this project.

National Awards for Quality Schooling

JCQTA supported 6 people to enter the National Awards for Quality Teaching. Norena Mendiola of QSITE was awarded a Highly Commended National Achievement by a Teacher. QSITE also supported Jason Zagami and he was successful in being awarded Outstanding National Achievement by a Teacher

Key meetings with stakeholders and invitations to events

- Education Queensland Workforce Learning Coordinators (Debbie Kember, QSITE, Shan ECTA, Joy Schultz SOSEAQ, Janet Cochrane and Gaylene Jackson, QSITE)
- EQ PD program for aspiring and Beginning Teachers from non-English speaking backgrounds (Debbie Kember, QSITE and Kay Dooley QATESOL)
- EQ PD Reference Group (Debbie Kember, QSITE)
- AGQTP steering committee (Janet Cochrane, QSITE)
- BYTE awards (Debbie Kember QSITE)
- Australian Joint Council of Professional Teaching Associations –(Toni Michael ECTA, Janet Cochrane QSITE)
- Combined Universities Practicum working party – (Susan Kennedy-Smith STAQ)

Examples of associations working together

- Joint QAMT, STAQ conference

- Reciprocal memberships and benefits with BETA

Guest speakers

- Felicity Mandle- 2005 National Awards for Quality Schooling award winner
- Peter O'Byrne of the Dare to Lead project
- John Ryan- New Director of the Queensland College of Teachers
- Leigh Hobart:- Primary teachers research

Other representations and consultations

- NIQTSL Consultation on Review and Synthesis of Research on Quality Teaching and School Leader
- Beryl Exley (Australian Literacy Educators' Association) as our nominee for the National Awards for Quality Schooling
- Lesley McFarlane Association of Women Educators as our nominee for the NIQTSL Open Book Futures scenarios reference group
- Annette Wilson of the Association of Women Educators will be representing us at the NIQTSL leadership standards forum in November
- Gaylene Jackson of QSITE Queensland Girls and ICTs Reference Group workshop, "Girls - doing IT Smart in Queensland"

The 2006 Annual Forum

The 4th annual forum once again provided an opportunity for networking and building links between members of JCQTA associations. Tony Michael (ECTA) and Anne Manion (STAQ) organised the event in consultation with association representatives. The focus of this years' event was on project management with - Tony Simmonds, of Interlink Technology Pty Ltd delivering a keynote address and follow up workshop. Other workshops included Queensland Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting & Essential Learnings presented by Terry Gallagher of QSA . "What I Need To Know About Insurance for My Association", covering Public Liability, Professional Indemnity and Volunteers Insurance presented by Alan Hardaker & Christine Reath from AON Insurance and the traditional professional issues and sharing session chaired by Tony Michael (ECTA) and Janet Cochrane (QSITE).

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 the best to the new management team. I have enjoyed my time as President and look forward to following the growth of JCQTA as a key network where associations can support each other in the valuable service they provide to the teaching profession.

Debbie Kember

President 2006