



The Modern Language Teachers' Association of Queensland Inc.

Affiliated with the Australian and International Federations of Modern Language Teachers' Associations (AFMLTA & FIPLV)

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President's Report 2015 MLTAQ German Teachers' Branch

Presented at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 17th March, 2016

Firstly, my apologies for not presenting this report personally, however, Madonna is calling!! I am again proud to report on the achievements of the German Teachers' Branch of the MLTAQ Inc.

Our official membership seems to be stable and we benefited once again from the MLTAQ capitation fees for each German teacher.

We thank the MLTAQ also for providing the financial support again for our audit, and absorbing the costs.

Many activities and opportunities sponsored by Goethe Institut Sydney were offered to teachers and students of German during the year

The student festival of Kinderkarneval was successfully held in 2015 and has already been celebrated this year as well (our 21st year of celebration), attended by 3 primary schools (approximately 170 students). We wish to offer our thanks to the German Club and retired members of the KDK for their support and attendance. As well, we were supported by members of the Stammtisch from the German Club, as the Kinderkarneval was held in conjunction with adult celebration of Stammtisch Fasching - Fancy Dress evening.

This year again we are able to offer two student scholarships to Germany for four weeks in June/July and applications are due by March 24.

The German Film Festival in 2015 was, as always, well attended – recognition and thanks as usual was given by the sponsors to the teachers of Queensland for their support. This year's dates have already been published, being held in November. Details of films are still pending.

Our first in-service this year has been held in Brisbane as part of the ISQ All Languages Conference on Friday/Saturday 10/11 March. Goethe provided a guest speaker from Spain

for teachers of German on Friday and a second day of in-service was held on Saturday 12 March.

In July, Val Newell and I attended the National Meeting of German teachers (known as NATG – Network of Australian Teachers of German) in Melbourne, showcasing the position of German teaching in Queensland and activities organized by the Branch. While there, we also attended the Victorian State German Conference.

Attending these conferences and seminars further strengthen the relationships already founded in previous years with national colleagues and the Goethe Institut staff.

Our annual Tipp-Kick Meisterschaft was a regional event last year, due to a clash of dates. Well done to Val Newell and Richard Emmerson for their sporty efforts for set up and the running of the day.

Our formed a partnership with an international ‘One World – One Festival’ Foundation.

Our ‘German Day Out’ venture has now been identified as our Oktoberfest for Teens Day held in Oktober. It is a National initiative of the Goethe Institut and I am proud that Queensland is able to successfully participate.

The National Goethe Institut event of the “Zootage”, has a focus group year 6, 7 and 8. So popular was the event that the initial day was lengthened to two and now is spread across three days. Branch members and members of the Multiplikatoren team has accepting more responsibility for the running of these days this year, as Goethe Sydney no longer has a Language Advisor to facilitate these events.

Our avenues of communication, through the use of the LOTE Note, MLTAQ Quarterly and email lists, maintained by Elizabeth Blair, have continued to be effective. Our website can also be promoted through the AusDaf website maintained through the National NATG (Network of Teachers of German).

We continue to hold meetings (as required) at the German Club, to whom I am very grateful for their support in providing a venue for many, if not all, of our events.

A number of our members continue to participate in the initiative founded by the Honorary Consul for Germany, Dr Michael Schütz, called the Deutsche Sprachtisch – German Roundtable. It is a forum which brings together many people from a variety of fields such as education, business, university, mothers’ groups and more. There now exists a blog for the promotion of this German group and the groups are encouraged to contribute to and update the blog.

Celebrations for last year concluded as always with Oktoberfest. Last year’s ‘Oktoberfest for Teens’ event was again an amazing accomplishment with many students in attendance (over 1900). It was particularly exciting to welcome 6 new schools to the event. The entertainment program developed was varied as usual with a number of international and local entertainers. We are extremely indebted to the Directors of Brisbane Oktoberfest for

making the facilities available, in particular, Reimer and Louise Moeller. O4T is now set for 13th October, 2016.

A lasting initiative from the Leichhardt Project is the ongoing partnership between Ormeau State School and the Ludwig Leichhardt Grundschule in Tauche, Berlin. We are participating together in an International Art Exhibition and both schools will be exchanging art and craft activities based on the theme of Our Native Animals.

Thank you again to a terrific executive – Treasurer Elke Jackel, Secretary Linda Miles, Webmaster Beverley Samuel, Email Correspondent Elizabeth Blair and MLTAQ Inc Liaison Officer Caroline Newsham.

Our AGM is planned for a Saturday in April, to be held at the German Club.

We are a very strong and active executive, and for such a small team, have huge achievements to our credit.

As usual, we have still have some work ahead of us this year – Zootage, Audi Filmfest, and the Oktoberfest celebrations. However, experience always shines through!

I thank all members who attend our meetings. Their support and attendance is very important.

Thank you to everyone for your support and contribution to OUR association.



Paula Hay
President
German Teachers' Branch of the MLTAQ Inc

German Teachers' Branch Executive 2015

President: Paula Hay, Ormeau State School

Treasurer: Elke Jackel, Ormiston College

Secretary: Linda Miles, Ormeau State School

Webmaster: Beverley Samuel, Quinalow State School

MLTAQ Inc Liaison Officer: Caroline Newsham, Coorparoo State School

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF MODERN LANGUAGE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION INC.
GERMAN BRANCH**

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion:

The financial report of Modern Language Teachers' Association Inc. German Branch is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31 December 2015 and of their performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with the Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1.

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Dated this 11th day of March 2016

**MODERN LANGUAGE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION INC.
GERMAN BRANCH**

**INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
INCOME			
Festivals		41,816.00	44,814.00
Kinderkan		988.00	-
		<u>42,804.00</u>	<u>44,814.00</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Administration		-	702.70
Capitation		630.00	-
Seminars & Conference		223.38	-
Sponsorship & Scholarships		1,500.00	1,500.00
Sundries		-	170.00
		<u>2,353.38</u>	<u>2,372.70</u>
		<u>45,157.38</u>	<u>47,186.70</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Administration Expense		-	708.08
Bank Charges		150.00	-
Catering		1,099.77	-
Festivals		39,487.81	46,177.98
Postage		1,163.62	-
Prizes & Certificate Printing		1,491.84	-
Seminars/Conference		-	1,557.67
Sponsorship & Scholarships		1,543.08	69.80
Sundries		571.83	170.00
Stock/Asset Movement		-	2,000.00
Travelling Expenses		211.27	-
Venue Hire		2,000.00	-
		<u>47,719.22</u>	<u>50,683.53</u>
Loss before income tax		<u>(2,561.84)</u>	<u>(3,496.83)</u>
Loss for the year		<u>(2,561.84)</u>	<u>(3,496.83)</u>
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year		3,804.91	7,301.74
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year		<u>1,243.07</u>	<u>3,804.91</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**MODERN LANGUAGE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION INC.
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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015**

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	1,243.07	3,804.91
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,243.07</u>	<u>3,804.91</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,243.07</u>	<u>3,804.91</u>
LIABILITIES			
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,243.07</u>	<u>3,804.91</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained earnings	4	1,243.07	3,804.91
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>1,243.07</u>	<u>3,804.91</u>

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