

The Modern Language Teachers' Association of Queensland

German Branch AGM Saturday 17th February 2017

Venue: Brisbane German Club, 416 Vulture Street, Kangaroo Point

Commenced : 11.40 Concluded 1.30



Attendance:

Paula Hay, Jenna Baughurst, Caroline Newsham, Carmen Anders, Simone Phillips, Mila Reynolds, Renee Carey, Amanda Kuhnemann, Geoff Wilkes, Gudrun Colbow, Caroline Robinson

Guest Speaker: Louise Moeller

Post-Meeting Presenter: Kerstin Liebchen

Welcome: Paula Hay, President.

Apologies:

Elke Jackel, Val Newell, Beverly Samuel, Elizabeth Blair, Linda Miles, Victoria McMillin

Minutes of previous AGM – Presented by Paula Hay

Moved: Paula *Accepted:* Caroline

President's report (Paula Hay)

- Membership is stable and we have again received capitation from MLTAQ for registered German teachers, MLTAQ has also supported the branch in the auditing of our books.
- The GTB was able to secure funding for EQ teachers to attend the Goethe Institut Sommerschule in Sydney in January 2018 from the International Department of Education Queensland.
- The branch once again coordinated Kinderkarneval (with the support of the German Club Stammtisch), three Zootage (with the Goethe Institut) and Oktoberfest for Teens (with Oktoberfest Brisbane). We appreciate the support of these partners in running our student events.
- Unfortunately the neither the German Film Festival nor the GTB's Tipp-Kick competition were held in 2017.
- Thanks to a successful application by the MLTAQ, the German Teachers' Branch was awarded a contract for delivering Professional Development

for German teachers as part of EQ's roll out of C2C (German and Chinese). Marina Shine of the Goethe Institut, Val Newell and Jenna Baughurst delivered the PD with a focus on oral language proficiency. The PD was offered for free in Toowoomba, Brisbane and Bundaberg and was fully catered and well attended.

- Surplus revenue from the PD project enabled the branch to run an additional PD day in October at John Paul College and invest in the development of the most recently released LifeSwap episode which features suggestions and comments shared by Branch members.
- The branch was represented at the annual Network of Australian German Teachers (NATG) meeting and the South Australian German Teachers Association (SAGTA) Conference in Adelaide in May, the AFMLTA International Languages Conference in July and the Association of German Teachers of Victoria (AGTV) Conference in September. The Goethe Institute also invited all of their Multiplikatoren to a national meeting in Melbourne, focusing on CLIL (Content Language Integrated Learning) and STEM. Attending the above meetings and conferences, including the AFMLTA Conference, allow us to further strengthen bonds with national colleagues and Goethe staff.
- The GTB was involved in two events during the Honorary Consul's 'German Week', Oktoberfest for Teens and an online competition run nationally through Language Perfect.
- The branch continues to appreciate and maintain partnerships with the 'One World-One Festival' Foundation, the stake holders of the Ludwig Leichhardt Project, Oktoberfest Brisbane and the Deutsche Runder Tisch (German Round Table).
- Paula thanked the members who attend meetings, PD and events for their participation and the executive for their support.

Moved: Paula *Accepted:* Jenna

Introductions (all present)

Treasurer's report (Paula Hay on behalf of Elke Jackel)

Elke sends apologies that she is unable to attend due to school commitments.

- The books are currently being audited, they aren't returned to the branch until the MLTAQ AGM (our GTB AGM must be held before MLTAQ AGM).
- In addition to MLTAQ capitation, the branch receives financial support from the Goethe Institut and throughout the year Paula also applies for EQ funding and other grants for the branch and its membership.
- After the cash injection from the PD Days the branch currently has a healthy balance of \$5444. This has allowed the branch to run and cater the October Student Free Day PD and the upcoming February PD dates.

Moved: Paula Accepted: Caroline

MLTAQ Liason Comment (Paula Hay)

Paula continues to represent the branch to the MLTAQ, keeping up to date on their meetings and attending the AGM.

German Teachers' Branch Mailout Comment (Paula Hay)

Elizabeth continues to maintain the email list, passing on relevant information to teachers of German from various sources.

University Liaison Officer's Report (Geoff Wilkes)

- The University of Queensland continues to have two faculty members in the German language department (Dr Geoff Wilkes and Dr Stephan Atzert) in addition to tutoring staff. Enrolment numbers appear to be stable.
- The 'Taste of German' day for year 11 and 12 students was held recently and Geoff is available to visit schools to talk to students about studying German at UQ/ UQ more broadly.

Webmaster's Report (Jenna Baughurst)

The MLTAQ German Branch website has been cleaned up and is able to be edited inhouse instead of asking Helen Best at MLTAQ. The most current event information can be found on the site. Please contact Jenna if you have any additions or editing suggestions.

Election of German Branch Committee

Positions were declared vacant at 12.35 and Geoff took the floor for nominations to be made.

	ACCEPTED BY	NOMINATED	SECONDED
PRESIDENT/MLTAQ LIAISON	Paula Hay	Caroline N	Renee C
VICE-PRESIDENT	Jenna Baughurst	Paula H	Gudrun C
TREASURER	Elke Jackel	Paula H	Amanda K
SECRETARY/ WEBMASTER	Jenna Baughurst	Amanda K	Renee C
UNIVERSITY LIAISON	Geoff Wilkes	Renee C	Carmen A
GERMAN TEACHER'S MAILOUT	Elizabeth Blair	Paula H	Geoff W

All positions were nominated and accepted unopposed.

Guest speaker

Louise Moeller from the German Australian Community Centre Queensland came to speak with the GTB membership about what the GACCQ does and to consult about opportunities for future collaboration.

General Business

Professional Development

- GTB PD – 24/2 Gatton and 26/2 Kenmore
- Independent Schools Queensland All Languages PD 26/27 February

Kinderkarneval – The event will unfortunately not be held in 2018 but hopefully will return in 2019.

CWA Colouring Competition – CWA's competition focuses on Germany this year, more information on the Branch website.

SAGSE – Applications for the exchange program open now, see website.

Szene Magazine - Subscribe and submit if you are interested, subscription seems to be cheaper this year, see AGTV site for information (Link on MLTAQ GTB).

Goethe Institut Sommerschule – The meeting made comment on the changes to the program's cost and patronage. Possibly the program has become too expensive for tertiary students, particularly with accommodation not being included in the last price, there has also been a focus on teachers with DLL courses being offered in recent years.

German Film Festival – Is expected to return in May (23-27 TBC) and there is potentially going to be a school screening.

Tippkick Competition – Is likely to return this year as it is a World Cup year.

Zootage – 13/14/15 June, Cost approx. \$19 - Contact Inken at Gothe Institute

Oktoberfest for Teens - Thursday October 11th 2018

- Now recognised as a 'German day out'
- New food vendors
- No info sheets in 2018, move to focus on social media
- CWA Colouring Competition work to be displayed for primary students
- Amanda and Simone have volunteered to organise a high school poster competition using the Goethe Calendar theme of Sport

Upcoming... - Information about the EQ Swiss-German Exchange, Goethe Scholarship expected to be coming out soon.

Resources – Crazy tiere game, WM Info cards and Goethe Calendars