

The Modern Language Teachers' Association of Queensland

German Branch AGM Saturday 30th March 2019

Venue: ISQ Professional Learning Centre, 500 Queen St, Brisbane.

Commenced : 4.00pm Concluded 4.50pm



Members in attendance:

Paula Hay, Elke Jackel, Jenna Baughurst, Caroline Newsham, Simone Phillips, Mila Reynolds, Renee Carey, Amanda Kuhnemann, Gudrun Colbow, Bev Samuel, Val Newell, Helena Abraham, Philip Frahm, Ulla Freihofer, Roger Ganderton and Chrissie Geunther.

Visitors: Ken McKenzie and Sarah Johnston

Welcome: Paula Hay, President.

Apologies:

Geoff Wilkes, Elizabeth Blair, Ingrid Pride.

Minutes of previous AGM – Presented by Paula Hay

Moved: Jenna *Seconded:* Simone *Accepted Unanimously*

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.
- Unfortunately Kinderkarneval was not held in 2018 or 2019 and will need support of other schools/teachers if it is to return as one of the two schools will no-longer offer German in the future.
- The final Goethe Sommerschule was held in 2018 and GTB successfully applied for funding to support attendees. A student scholarship to Germany was also offered and received in 2018.
- The branch once again coordinated three Zootage (with the Goethe Institut, the largest Zootage event of any state) and our 'German Day Out' Oktoberfest for Teens (with Oktoberfest Brisbane). This year teachers from the ACT German Association visited O4T to observe with a view to host a similar event in Canberra. A special thanks goes to Vicki Dunn for coordinating registrations for O4T and Bev Samuel for assisting

on the day. We appreciate the support of our partners in running our student events.

- The branch was represented at the annual Multiplikatoren meeting and the South Australian German Teachers Association (SAGTA) Conference in Adelaide in May and the Network of Australian German Teachers (NATG) and the National Conference for Teachers of German in September. Attending the above meetings and conferences allows us to further strengthen bonds with national colleagues and Goethe staff.
- We appreciate the support of Honorary Consul Dr Michael Rosemann who sadly was unable to attend our QLD German Teachers' Conference as he is currently overseas. Many members of the GTB were involved in events as part of Honorary Consul's 'German Week', the Branch was responsible for Oktoberfest for Teens and an online student competition as part of 'German Week'. Branch members are also active members of the Honorary Consul's Runde Tisch.
- The partnership between Ludwig Leichhardt Grundschule (Tauche, Berlin) and Ormeau SS continues but will transfer to a different school in 2020.
- Paula thanked the executive as well as members who attend meetings, PD and events for their participation and the executive for their support.

Moved: Paula

Seconded: Caroline

Accepted Unanimously

Treasurer's report (Elke Jackel)

- The books have not yet returned from auditing, however we had a turn over of approximately \$55000 and a surplus of approximately \$2000 for 2018.
- Now that Elke is not teaching full time she has time to attend a bookkeeping course to help with maintaining the Branch's books.
- Elke would like to stress the importance of schools promptly paying invoices for Oktoberfest due to schools closing their books early in term four and our financial year running from January to December.

Moved: Elke

Seconded: Phillip

Accepted Unanimously

German Teachers' Branch Mailout (Paula on behalf of Elizabeth Blair)

In 2018 Elizabeth continued to maintain the email list, passing on relevant information to teachers of German from various sources. Elizabeth is stepping down from this role in 2019.

University Liaison Officer's Report (Paula on behalf of Geoff Wilkes)

UQ held their 'Taste of German' earlier this year, with about 25 students attending from four schools. The University's enrolment numbers seem to be stable.

Moved: Paula Seconded: Mila Accepted Unanimously

Webmaster's Report (Jenna Baughurst)

We continue to maintain our own section of the MLTAQ Website, though there is little traffic going to the site. In 2018 there has been a conscious move to try and advertise GTB events through social media and we will continue trying to keep communicating with members via multiple platforms to reach as many members as possible.

Moved: Jenna Seconded: Elke Accepted Unanimously

Election of German Branch Committee

Positions were declared vacant at 4.30 and Ken took the floor for nominations to be made.

	ACCEPTED BY	NOMINATED	SECONDED
PRESIDENT	Paula Hay	Elke J	Val N
VICE-PRESIDENT	Jenna Baughurst	Mila R	Simone P
TREASURER	Elke Jackel	Val N	Caroline N
SECRETARY/ WEBMASTER	Jenna Baughurst	Amanda K	Mila R
UNIVERSITY LIAISON	Geoff Wilkes	Paula H	Gudrun C

All positions were nominated and accepted unopposed.

General Business

Goethe Scholarships – This year two have been offered and selection of successful applicants is currently in process.

MLTAQ Brisbane Speech Competition – A convenor for primary German is needed. Key responsibilities will be organising registrations, speeches, judges and being there on the day. The team will be meeting next on 27 April.

Dancefest 2019 – The Brisbane German Club's Alpenrosen Dance Group are hosting the national event on 20th April from 2-8pm. The event will be live streamed. For information see the Alpenrosen Dance Group Facebook page.

Elizabeth stepping down as mail out convenor – Paula will organise a thanks for Elizabeth's service to the Branch in this role over many years. This will be incorporated into Jenna's role of webmaster in 2019 and the list will be updated.

AGM Date Proposal – Elke proposed that we set a regular date for future AGMs to ease organisation in the future. It is proposed that in future the GTB AGM will be held on the second last weekend of February moving forward. The date for 2020 will be 22 February at 11.30 at the German Club.

IML Scholarships – Simone proposed that in order to help support students attending the IML Intensive courses for high school students. It was agreed that two half scholarships would be offered one for the winter course (Year 11) and one for the summer course (Year 10s going into year 11, year 11s going into year 12) with an option to shift the dates if needed.

Oktoberfest for Teens – Original date that had been advertised has changed to Thursday October 17th. Registrations will open in term two.

MLTAQ Website – We are moving to make the site a central point for all documents and information, instead of attaching files to emails links to the website will be sent out.