



## Professor jetting in this August



For the inaugural national tour organised by the Australian Association for the Teaching of English (AATE), Professor Jeffrey Wilhelm will visit Brisbane for a series of keynotes and workshops, this coming August.

English Teachers Associations in South Australia, Tasmania and Queensland have coordinated with our umbrella organisation, AATE, to offer an

overseas scholar to visit each state in August 2020.

ETAQ members will be able to hear Professor Jeffrey Wilhelm deliver a keynote at the ETAQ State Conference on August 15. There will be a special rate for those who also wish to engage in state conference and Professor Wilhelm's half-day workshops on Monday or Wednesday of that week (depending on when your town has their show day holiday).

Another great opportunity is being offered to our pre-service education students with Professor Wilhelm offering a free workshop for

students, hosted by QUT on the Thursday of that week.

Professor Wilhelm is currently professor of English Education at Boise State University in Idaho. 'He is driven by a desire to help teachers to help their students to more powerful literacy and compassionate, democratic living. What he most wants for teachers to get out of his work is motivation, a vital passion and impulse to continue experimenting and learning about teaching, as well as ways to frame instruction so it is meaningful and compelling to students.'

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Membership is now due for renewal.

### You can renew your ETAQ membership on-line or by mail

Join us in sharing the benefits of membership by going online or contacting Trish ([trish.purcell@bigpond.com](mailto:trish.purcell@bigpond.com)).



Fiona Laing  
ETAQ President

It has been a privilege to guide ETAQ through the past five years as president. Now it is time to hand over the reigns at the AGM in March.

I warmly thank the members of the management committee who continue to work to ensure our members are well looked after.

## From the President

# Our association and our AGM and structure of ETAQ

With the AGM coming at our March Seminar, there will be some new faces in our executive.

We are privileged to have the nomination of Dr Lindsay Williams as president and Anne Woods as vice-president. They are joined by our continuing secretary, Jeffrey Lewis, and treasurer, Kelli McGraw. Another piece of business for our AGM is the proposed updating of our rules, including changing the position of Membership Secretary to Professional Learning Director. We are lucky to have Julie Arnold nominated for that position.

It is anticipated there will be at least two vacancies for committee members on the Management Committee. If you interested, a nomination form is included in this mailing.

The Secretary's report on activities in 2019 is on the website under the second tab **About**

Our committee is also very excited about some great things coming in 2020: a full suite of PD, including events by each of our branches, streaming opportunities upcoming in order to 'share the love' as well as our first student event in October.

## Our First Student Event

The first week of October will see ETAQ's first student event, focusing on the external exam. ETAQ has been able to draw on the experience of the ETAs in the other states to create an exciting exam preparation event. The experts are lining up to ensure our students will have some excellent advice on nailing this, our first round of external exams. We hope your students are as keen as our team is for this first foray into student events.



## Action in the Branches

Outside Brisbane, ETAQ members can find a range of events to whet their appetite for professional learning:

**Toowoomba** is hosting *An Afternoon with Christine Hills* on February 26. She will share her experience in working with the Collins Writing Program.

**Townsville** is hosting an event where Emma Monfries and Kiri Lucas share their *Year 11 -*

*Stories unit* at Ryan Catholic College on Saturday February 15. On May 2, Tony Hytch will share his session on *Getting Students Assessment Ready for Essential English*, at Pimlico State High School.

Townsville also has events planned for Semester 2.

Registrations for all of these events are available on the [website](#) now

## Diving Deep into PD in 2020

Professional development for 2020 is all about diving deep. We are right in there, amongst our first year 12 for New QCE and all the changes to Junior Secondary and year 10 to accommodate. We are very excited to be sharing a new range of PD this year.

All members should now have received the Professional Learning Plan with the first ETAQ mailout – posted Tuesday 28 January. If you missed this, you should contact Trish Purcell at [trish.purcell@bigpond.com](mailto:trish.purcell@bigpond.com) to update your membership details/contacts. Please also check with your fellow members to ensure they are up to date.

The program in Brisbane begins with the March seminar, *Diving Deep into Story*, on March 21. Professor Kim Wilkins shares her research around the power of narrative, followed by a range of workshops on analysing or writing narrative.

Our *Early Career Conference* has moved back to a term 2 slot on May 9. Members will also receive the Call for Presenters if you wish to contribute to this important event. In our May Masterclass, on May 16, we hear from Associate Professor Jill Willis, amongst others, in order to be *Diving Deep into Feedback*.

Meanwhile, Aquinas College, Ashmore is the host for *Diving into Analytical Writing*, with Dr Lindsay Williams on April 28, a repeat of the session he presented in Toowoomba last year.

Lastly, the ETAQ State Conference features Professor Jeffrey Wilhelm and Tristan Bancks on August 15. Start thinking now about what you would want to present at our major event, themed *Diving Deep*. We hope you enjoy diving deep into professional development in 2020.

# Your ETAQ membership is so valuable

By now, you should have received your first mailout for 2020 - with membership renewal details and the Professional Learning Plan for 2020.

A warm welcome to all of our new ETAQ members. We are very pleased to share everything English with you.

Your ETAQ membership runs from January to December. Therefore, it is time now to renew your personal and corporate membership for 2020 if you have not already done so. Membership ensures you:

- Keep up to date with updates on professional development events and resources in Queensland
- Register for PD at member's rates throughout the year
- Receive priority treatment for any special offers eg sponsorship for conferences - members always come first!
- Have access to the English teaching community through our social media platforms - so much good advice available to members
- Connect with English teachers nationally through your membership of AATE (The Australian Association for the Teaching of English) - connect on social media as well. Your national conference, in Sydney, will be an international conference in 2020 and a Brisbane conference in 2021.

Renewal of membership means logging in as a member on the website to pay on-line. If unsure how to manage this, you can contact Trish Purcell at [trish.purcell@bigpond.com](mailto:trish.purcell@bigpond.com).

If you were a member in 2019, expect to receive *English in Australia* Vol 54, no 2 in the next 2-3 weeks. This is part of your 2019 membership entitlement. Membership is due by March 31. Be sure not to miss out on member benefits.

## What's in this mailing

Notice of AGM  
Changes to Rules  
Nomination form

Call for presenters:

- May Masterclass
- Early Career Conference
- State Conference

Promotion flyers for:

- Afternoon with Christine Hills on 26 February
- Analytical Writing – Lindsay Williams, 28 April
- Grammar Day with Garry Collins on 6 June
- Jeff Wilhelm on 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> August.

Program for March

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