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President's Update

Leading

We advocate for equity and influence for positive change.

QASEL Elections 2022 – Nomination Now OPEN

On Monday 6 September, all ordinary and life members will have received an email (Subject: QASEL 2022 Elections: Nominations now open), inviting nominations for vacant positions on the QASEL Executive and Management Committee, as well as regional councillors for 2022. Following the nomination process, an election process follows, as required, for positions where there are multiple nominations.

Nominations will be called for the following positions:

- Secretary (two-year term)
- Vice-President x 2 (two-year term)
- Management Committee x 10 (one-year term)
- Regional Councillors (at least 1 per region – one-year term)

The nomination portal will remain open until 11 October, with the election process to follow soon after. Nominees will be asked to upload a profile photo and provide a brief candidacy statement (of no more than 500 words) highlighting your contribution to QASEL and your suitability for this position. This information will be shared with members to inform their voting. Eligible members are able to nominate for more than one position.

As per our constitution all ordinary and life members are eligible to nominate and vote during an election. Aspirant, associate, affiliate and past service members are not eligible to nominate or vote.

If you are interested in nominating for a position, you are more than welcome to contact me to discuss the role. We are currently working on a roles and responsibilities document that I hope to be able to share early next term.

This year, QASEL is working with a third-party provider to run our election process electronically. This will be a new process and we ask for your patience as we utilise this for the first time.

Position Brief Dashboard

QASEL's Strategic Plan identifies the need to – *proactively put forward positions on issues that impact leadership or student learning* (Leading – Teaching – Intentional Advocacy).

To that end, QASEL members have been intentionally collaborating on a range of position briefs that are in various stages of development. I'm very pleased with the progress and impact of the briefs completed and delivered to date, and also mindful of the impact they can have while still under development. The table below is a summary of progress. All completed and endorsed briefs are available on the QASEL website in the members section.

The impact of the position briefs is in very early stages and I will keep you updated on progress as well as the development of future briefs. My thanks to all members who have contributed. I also invite any members to put forward suggested briefs either through their regional councillor or email me directly at president@gasel.org.au



Topic	Initial collaboration	Draft out for feedback	Finalised	Endorsed (on website)	Presented	Impact
Early Childhood Development Programs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Presented to ADG D&I ECDP subcommittee collaborating with D&I to produce best practices guidelines for ECDPs statewide
Workforce Capability: Special Education Teachers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Presented to DDG PCS, ADG HR, and Minister Shared with other associations. Special education identified as a priority area in the Turn to Teach Program.
Impact of TA Maximisation on Special Education Settings	✓					Initial meeting with ADG HR to discuss concerns
Leadership Structures in Special Education	✓					
Occupational Violence	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Presented to DDG PCS, ADG HR, and Minister
Students with Disability Resourcing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Presented to DDG SS, ADG D&I, DG and Minister QASEL represented on the stakeholder group
Senior Schooling	✓	✓				Next step - Small group meeting to consider feedback - is it more than one position paper?
Infrastructure Issues in Special Education	✓					Initial meeting with ISB to discuss concerns. Follow up meeting with ISB and SS D&I.

Linking

We collaborate with purpose and support each other's wellbeing.

Call for Award Nominations

Nominations are now called for the QASEL Life Membership, QASEL Service Award and Friend of QASEL Award. Please see below general description and criteria for each award as well as nomination forms.

Completed nominations need to be forwarded by COB **Friday 11 October** to bm@gasel.org.au

All nominations will be considered by a panel made up of, QASEL President, QASEL Secretary, 2 x Life members, 2 x Management committee members.

Awards will be presented at the QASEL end of year function on 5 November.

QASEL Life Member

The Association may recognise meritorious service of an Ordinary Member to the Association and elevate an Ordinary Member to a Life Member. Every candidate for life membership of the Association shall be nominated by one (1) Ordinary or Life Member of the Association and seconded by another Ordinary or Life Member. The candidate shall be a person who is considered by the members of the Association to have provided special meritorious or distinguished work or services to the Association.

Life Member Nomination
Form

QASEL Service Award

The Association may recognise the service and contributions of an Ordinary Member to the Association who has contributed to the goals of the association over a number of years. Every candidate shall be nominated by one (1) Ordinary or Life Member of the Association and seconded by another Ordinary or Life Member.

Service Award Nomination
Form

Friend of QASEL

The Association may acknowledge the service of a person or an organisation which has supported or contributed a service to the Association over a number of years. The person is not a member of the Association. Nominations can be made by an Ordinary or Life Member of the Association and seconded by another Ordinary or Life Member.

Friend of QASEL Nomination
Form

Notice of AGM

QASEL's Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 5 November at 3.30 – 4.30 at the Brisbane Hilton Hotel. During this meeting executive, management and state council members for 2022 will be confirmed, we will also be moving to adopt our reviewed constitution. All members are welcome to attend, and an online link will be made available closer to the day.

End of Year Celebration

Immediately following our AGM will be our end of year function also at the Hilton Hotel. This year we are splitting the event in two parts. Pre-dinner drinks for members, stakeholders and guests followed by a dinner for members. During the dinner celebration we will present our annual awards.

Further information about how to purchase tickets for the dinner will be made available early next term.

Happy Holidays

Well term 3 has certainly presented its challenges for school leaders, members and the broader QASEL community. I'd like to acknowledge your ongoing resilience and continued willingness to support each other through difficult times. I encourage you all to make the most of the upcoming school holiday break. Try to keep the laptop in the bag and focus on family, friends, relaxation and self-care. I look forward to continuing to work with you all again in Term 4.

Learning

We learn together to build our individual and collective capability.

Registration NOW OPEN for QASELcon Townsville: 4-5 November 2021

Leading, Linking and Learning in Townsville



Thursday 4 – Friday 5 November

Rydges Townsville

QASEL is bringing high quality professional learning to Townsville! School leadership teams, lead teachers, inclusion staff, therapists – everyone will benefit from this professional learning and networking opportunity.

Confirmed keynote speakers include; Peter Kelly (Deputy Director-General State Schools), Steve Francis, Lorena Clayton, Ric Day (QASEL President), a range of presentations from the Disability and Inclusion and Curriculum, Teaching and Learning branches, and local school presentations. The programs will closely mirror and advance on the Brisbane conference, including the QASELcon dinner where we will hear from Lyle Giles (Regional Director – NQR).

While we expect a large audience from our northern regions, all members and leaders from across Queensland are welcomed. If you couldn't get to QASELcon21 in Brisbane this year then why not make the trip to Townville.

See the links below for the full conference flyer and registration.

(Note: QASSP are our conference organiser. The registration page will prompt you to sign in or create an account to register and your registration confirmation email will come from QASSP)

Conference Flyer

Conference Registration

My thanks to Claire Cheyne (NQ Regional Councillor and Principal Burden School) and Tracy Cronin (QASEL Management Committee Member and Principal Townsville CLC) for leading this work.

Turn to Teaching Internship program

As a direct result of QASEL's advocacy, special education teachers have been specifically included as a priority target group in the [Turn to Teaching \(TTT\) Internship Program](#). However, to make this program a success, host sites are needed. I ask all members to consider registering interest in the program to support the development of future special education teachers.

EOIs are now open for schools wishing to host a Turn to Teaching (TTT) Internship program intern, offering an alternative pathway to teaching through a paid internship. [Register your interest](#) or for more information visit [TTT Internship program host internship schools](#).

Sponsors and Business Partners

QASEL wishes to thank and acknowledge our Gold Business Partner:



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QASELcon22

Date Claimer: 16 – 18 June 2022

On the back of the tremendous success of QASELcon21, the conference planning committee are hard at work to make sure QASELcon22 is even bigger and better. Watch this space for more information coming soon.

New and Returning Members

A massive welcome and thank you to the following new and returning members:

- Leanne Miller - Townsville Community Learning Centre
- Kathlene Shaxson - Townsville Community Learning Centre
- Kylie Locke - Townsville Community Learning Centre
- Ashlee Zugno - Townsville Community Learning Centre
- Carla Collins - Townsville Community Learning Centre
- Pamela James - Townsville Community Learning Centre
- Merryn Sutton - Townsville Community Learning Centre
- Greg Williamson - Townsville Community Learning Centre
- Marjolein Hendriks - Townsville Community Learning Centre
- Kathryn Sheppard - Hervey Bay Special School
- Jacinta Ryan - Normanton State School
- Erin Hall-Myers - Deception Bay North State School
- Adele Armstrong - Home Hill State High School

We look forward to *linking, leading and learning* with you throughout 2021 and beyond.

President's Diary

If you have any thoughts or feedback on any recent or upcoming events in the President's Diary, please don't hesitate to send me an email. Your feedback is always welcome.

Meetings and events in recent weeks:

QCE System Principals' Reference Group follow up

- 1-1 meeting Deputy Director-General State Schools, Peter Kelly
- Infrastructure Service Branch Meeting
- Respectful Relationship Education Advisor Group Meeting
- QASELcon Townsville Planning meeting
- Safety Framework Review: Risk & Governance Consultation Working Group – Meeting 2
- Strategic Directions Steering Committee
- ASEPA Board Meeting
- Digital Learning Project - Town Hall
- QASEL Executive, Management & State Council Meeting
- Digital Learning Project Board Meeting #20

Upcoming meetings and events

Please note that I will be on Long Service Leave during week 10 (13-17 Sept). During this time, you can direct any urgent matters to any of the three QASEL vice-presidents.

- Andrew Thompson - athom138@eq.edu.au
- Ray Hack - Raymond.HACK@qed.qld.gov.au
- Karren Collishaw - kcoll15@eq.edu.au

Other Messages

Your child, our school. One team

Resources are available to promote positive relationships with parents and caregivers. Safe and respectful school communities campaign posters and parent tip sheets are [available](#). Digital collateral, including an email signature block, communication assets for your social media channels and articles for your school newsletters is also available on [OnePortal](#).

World Teachers' Day celebrations throughout Queensland

We say thank you on [World Teachers' Day](#), Friday 29 October in recognition of the important work of teachers throughout Queensland. With the Ekka public holiday falling on October 29, school communities in the Brisbane, Scenic Rim and Moreton Bay local government areas are encouraged to celebrate on Thursday 28 October.

Changes coming to policies and procedures

Changes have been made to some policies and procedures that may affect your school. The changes will become mandatory at the start of Term 4. You can get ready for these changes now by visiting the [Policy and Procedure Register](#) and the [upcoming page](#)