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### Gandju Jarjum Meeting

The next meeting of Gandju Jarjum, the QTU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Committee, will be held on Saturday, 5 June 2010 at the Teachers' Building, Milton. The agenda, minutes of the previous meeting and selected agenda papers are available at: <http://www.qtu.asn.au/58319.html>. (*if this link doesn't work, try cutting and pasting the URL into the address box on your internet server*). QTU Indigenous educators are welcome to suggest further issues for the Committee to consider, to make inquiries about the items listed for discussion or seek copies of documents referred to in the agenda. Contact Dr John McCollow at the QTU at [research@qtu.asn.au](mailto:research@qtu.asn.au).

### QTU Indigenous Educators Conference

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of the QTU are encouraged to submit an expression of interest (*see attached*).

Note: you must be a financial member of the QTU who has identified as an Indigenous person to attend. If you are interested in attending this conference, but not currently a QTU member, please contact the Union on (07) 3512 9000 about joining or join online at [www.qtu.asn.au](http://www.qtu.asn.au).

The program will include presentations, workshops and yarning circles on issues such as:

- Indigenous involvement in trade unions;
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There is no registration fee and travel and accommodation costs will be met by the QTU. Please note the QTU reserves the right to make decisions in relation to attendance at the Conference and it will only proceed if there are sufficient numbers to run the event. Numbers are strictly limited and consideration will be given to including a mix of geographical areas and prep, primary, secondary, special school and TAFE members.

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### **QIECC Forum**

The Queensland Indigenous Education Consultative Committee will be holding a community forum in Townsville on Friday, 11 June 2010. Future community forums for 2010 are scheduled for Roma in August and Brisbane in December. The QIECC Annual Forum will be held on the Gold Coast in October. Contact Rachel Williams or Terina Barrat, QIECC Secretariat on 07 3372 5066 (ph), [qiecc@deta.qld.gov.au](mailto:qiecc@deta.qld.gov.au) (email) to RSVP for the Townsville forum by 2 June.

### **QCU to Unveil Plaque**

The Queensland Council of Unions will officially unveil a plaque acknowledging the original custodians of the lands in the Brisbane area at its office at 16 Peel Street, South Brisbane on Monday, 14 June. The ceremony will be performed by Uncle Eddie Ruska. For further information, contact Gwen Taylor, QCU on 07 3846 2468.

As you may be aware the Queensland Teachers' Union has plaque acknowledging traditional ownership since 2006.

### **PISA Report**

The following report is now available: *Contextual Factors that Influence the Achievement of Australia's Indigenous Students: Results from PISA*  
<http://www.acer.edu.au/documents/pisa-indigenous-contextual-factors.pdf>.

### **MCEECDYA Indigenous Education Action Plan 2010-2014 Consultation**

The consultation regarding the draft Action Plan has now been completed and funding for the Plan has been announced in the Federal Budget (although it should be noted that this is re-directed rather than new funding). The AEU was one of a number of organisations that made a submission to the review. The draft Action Plan and the various responses to it (including from the AEU) are available at:  
[http://www.mceecdya.edu.au/mceecdya/indigenous\\_education\\_2010\\_consultation\\_submissions,30611.html](http://www.mceecdya.edu.au/mceecdya/indigenous_education_2010_consultation_submissions,30611.html).

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## QTEC Indigenous Educators Conference 20-21 September 2010



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<b>Expression of interest in attending the QTU Indigenous Educators Conference 2010 Please fax to Pauline Gagiero (QTEC) at the QTU (07) 3512 9050</b>	
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