



A QTU newsletter for Indigenous educators in state schools

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Gandju Jarjum Meeting

The first meeting of Gandju Jarjum for 2010 will be held on Saturday, 20 March at the Teachers' Building, Milton. The agenda, minutes of the previous meeting and selected agenda papers are available at: <http://www.qtu.asn.au/gjmarch>. 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.

Some notable agenda items include:

Recruitment/identification of Indigenous QTU members - The Committee has set as one of its objectives for 2010 to increase the number of QTU members who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. If you know an Indigenous teacher who has not joined the QTU or has joined but has not identified as an Indigenous person, please encourage them to make contact. They can email research@qtu.asn.au for further information.

QIECC - The QTU has been informed that the new QIECC membership will be announced in late March or early April. Until then Gina Archer continues as QIECC Chair. The QIECC has also requested articles for their Newsletter. Deadline is 24 March. Contact Angelina Hurley at angelina.hurley@deta.qld.gov.au.

QTU Indigenous Educators Conference - The biennial QTU Indigenous Educators Conference will be held in Brisbane on 20-21 September this year. Keep an eye out for nomination/registration papers as places will be limited. For those Indigenous QTU members whose nominations are accepted, attendance will be free and travel and accommodation expenses will be provided. We would also welcome suggestions for topics/speakers/activities. Send them to research@qtu.asn.au.

Cape York Aboriginal Academy - This academy, based at the Coen and Aurukun campuses of Western Cape College, commenced operation this year. The Committee is monitoring its operations with interest.

Indigenous education funding - The Committee continues to be concerned about arrangements relating to "Closing the Gap Indigenous Education Grants". If you have any comments or experiences that you would like to share with the Committee, send them to research@qtu.asn.au.

Other news:

Recognition in Queensland's Constitution another milestone for reconciliation
http://www.humanrights.gov.au/about/media/media_releases/2010/12_10.html

New social justice commissioner appointed
http://www.humanrights.gov.au/about/media/media_releases/2010/8_10.html

NAIDOC Week 2010
<http://www.naidoc.org.au/>

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