Who's who in the QTU February 2017

**Brances and Area Councils**

QTU members in every school in a given area belong to the local branch. This branch, in turn, has representation at a regional level on an Area Council, which is represented on Council and Conference and can bring issues forward for debate.

**Council and Conference**

State Council (meeting four times a year and three times in a conference year) and Conference (once every two years - the next being in 2017) are the supreme decision making bodies of the Union. Each branch and Area Council throughout the state is represented, as are TAFE members.

**The Executive**

The QTU Executive consists of the Senior Officers, along with 13 serving teachers, including an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representative and a member from the TAFE Division, all elected by State Council. It manages Union affairs between State Council meetings. Its members chair and occupy positions on many Union committees and outside bodies.

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