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Fair Funding Now – Campaign Update

Recent workplace ballots across the state have taken place and demonstrated overwhelming support for the goals of the FFN campaign (see details of the campaign and results [here](#)). A big thank you to all the QTU workplace reps in the Metropolitan South region for giving their time to ensure rank and file democracy for QTU members.

If you haven't done so already, please make sure you show your support and keep updated on the campaign by signing at: <http://www.fairfundingnow.org.au/>. If you'd like to get involved in the local activities we will be undertaking in the lead up to the Federal Election, please contact me.

Enterprise Bargaining – Preparing for EB9

From July 1 this year, we enter the final year of the three-year term of our last Teachers' Agreement. This sees the final pay rise of EB8 implemented and more pay rises in excess of state government wages policy due to QTU negotiation. It also sees a teaching position crack \$100,000 for the first time, with Experienced Senior Teachers now on \$101,000. You can see new salaries on our [website](#).

Over the coming semester, we will be providing opportunities for members to feed into our planning for the next EB. Keep any eye of for EB meetings and other opportunities to have your say on what you would like addressed in our next agreement along with items like the Promotional Positions Classification Review.

New Springwood Office Opening for Metropolitan South and Logan Redlands Organisers

After a few months of setting up our new work space early in 2018, the QTU Springwood Office was officially opened on 26 May by the local state member of parliament, The Honourable Mick de Brenni – Member for Springwood. The new Springwood office includes a reception area, two office spaces for the organisers of the Logan Redlands and Metropolitan South regions, an interview/small meeting room, as well as a larger training area that can accommodate roughly 30 and features interactive display technology that can be used during training. The office training space will be available for use by local QTU members as well as other unions in the area.

The Springwood office opening was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate all the work that QTU members and activists continue to do in both the Logan Redlands and Metropolitan South regions as well as a very tangible symbol of the ongoing growth of QTU membership across the state that has made possible the investment in a new facility for the benefit of local QTU members.



Principal Union Representatives

There are a number of Principal Union Representatives in each QTU region who can be a contact point and source of advice and information for other principals and deputy principals in their area. The Principal Union Representatives are also valuable in providing a school leader perspective on education and industrial issues for the QTU. Here are Principal Union Representatives in this region:

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Name	Position
Caitlin Anghel	Deputy Principal Mansfield SHS
Bronwyn Campbell	Principal Mansfield SS (on leave)
Clayton Carnes	Principal Manly SS
Di Carter	Principal Warrigal Road SS
Tracey Cook	Principal Sunnybank SHS
Liz Foster	Principal Macgregor SHS
Stewart Jones	Principal acting at Rochedale SS
Denise Kostowski	Principal Forest Lake SHS
David Newman	Deputy Principal Glenala SHS
Anthony Palmer	Principal Belmont SS
Jo Soothill	Principal Runcorn SHS
Fleur Watson	Principal Kuraby Special School

It is a long-held belief of the Queensland Teachers' Union (QTU) that the interests of all in the teaching profession, and the students in state schools, are best served by a union covering principals, other promotional positions and classroom teachers. The interests of all in providing the best possible education for students and in secure, healthy, well-paid, professional employment are overwhelmingly common. The QTU is the only organisation that is recognised and authorised to represent the industrial interests of teachers, including principals and others in promotional positions, and has a proud history of doing so. Only the QTU as an organisation is entirely independent of government in representing the interests of its members.

Training & Branch Meeting Dates for Term

The Union offers a range of courses and seminars focusing on supporting its members by developing skills in a variety of areas through QTEC and organiser run training. For QTEC training dates for Semester 2 click [here](#). Further Organiser led training will be communicated via email and on the [Metropolitan South web page](#).

Event	Date	Time	Location
<i>East Brisbane</i>	Thursday, 2/08/2018	3.45pm	Coorparoo Bowls Club
<i>Wynnum</i>	Monday, 6/08/2018	3.30pm	Manly SS – Meeting room -Admin Blk.
<i>Macgregor Rochedale</i>	Wednesday, 8/08/2018	3.30pm	Sunnybank Community & Sports Club
<i>Inala District</i>	Thursday, 9/08/2018	4.00pm	Blue Fin Fishing Club, Inala
<i>Camp Hill & Mt. Gravatt</i>	Thursday, 16/08/2018	4.00pm	Coffee Club, Mt. Gravatt
<i>Runcorn & Sunnybank</i>	Thursday, 23/08/2018	3.30pm	Runcorn Tavern, R Bar, Lounge
<i>Union Rep Training (Advanced)</i>	Wednesday, 22/08/2018	8.30am – 3.00pm	QTU Springwood Office 1/14 Carol Avenue, Springwood
<i>QTU Legal Seminar for Education Leaders</i>	Thursday, 26/08/2018	2.30pm – 3.45pm	Mt. Gravatt Bowls Club - Carson Room
<i>QTU Legal Seminar for Teachers</i>	Thursday, 26/08/2018	4.00pm – 5.15pm	Mt. Gravatt Bowls Club - Carson Room
<i>LCC Training</i>	Tuesday, 28 August 2018	4.00pm – 5.30pm	QTU Springwood Office 1/14 Carol Avenue, Springwood
<i>Culturally Diverse Backgrounds seminar</i>	Friday, 7 September 2018	12.30pm – 3.30pm	QTU Springwood Office 1/14 Carol Avenue, Springwood

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