



Meet the Committee!

Here's your opportunity to have your opinions expressed to the State Government and Commonwealth Government Ministers responsible for Education.

The QIECC is hosting a community forum to coincide with its first meeting of 2008 being held in Bundaberg.

The theme of the forum is:

Genuine Engagement in Education and Training – Indigenous families and community

The QIECC would appreciate your comments in the following areas:

- ◆ Why is engagement important?
- ◆ What initiatives/programs work well?
- ◆ What issues should systems address?
 - ◆ Any other comments/ideas

Indigenous Parents, Community Members, Educators and other key stakeholders are all welcome to attend.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

RSVP's ARE ESSENTIAL

WHEN: Thursday 6 March 2008

WHERE: Tropical Gardens Motor Inn,
123 Takalvan Street, Bundaberg

TIME: 9.30am to 1pm

RSVP: to **Anna** at the **QIECC Secretariat**
on **07 3237 0078**

by **Friday 29 February 2008**

THE QIECC

The Queensland Indigenous Education Consultative Committee (QIECC) enables Governments to consult with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities on education and training issues in Queensland, including pre-school, school, higher education and training.

The QIECC provides advice to the State Minister for Education, Training and the Arts as well as the Commonwealth Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. This advice will include Indigenous Queenslanders' concerns and views on the effectiveness of Queensland and Commonwealth Government education programs and strategies to improve educational outcomes for Indigenous Queenslanders.

The QIECC meets 4 times a year, with a minimum of 2 meetings held in a regional setting. The QIECC has provisions to run Community Forums at the time of its meetings. These forums provide the opportunity to meet with Aboriginal community members, Torres Strait Islander community members, educators and key stakeholders for the purpose of:

- ◆ Introducing the QIECC Members and Secretariat Staff
- ◆ Sharing information about the QIECC including its role, function, processes and current activities; and
- ◆ Hearing about issues impacting on Indigenous learners (as it relates to the QIECC's terms of reference).

THE MEMBERS

Ms Georgina Archer (Chair) - a Torres Strait Islander who has worked in schools, including leadership positions, for more than 30 years. Ms Archer was appointed Chair of the QIECC in February 2007.

Ms Jane Ceolin - the Executive Officer, Indigenous Education with the Queensland Catholic Education Commission since 2001.

Mr Des Crump - a private consultant with a Masters in Education and over 20 years experience as a teacher, guidance officer and public servant in the state education system. Des is currently involved in curriculum development and Indigenous program support in the Anglican school system.

Mr Ned David - of the Kullkalgal Nation, has spent most of his life in the Torres Strait. As Chair of the Torres Strait Islander Regional Education Council, Mr David is actively involved in negotiating commitments of government and community to improve students' learning throughout the Torres Strait.

Mr Beresford Domic - has been involved in Indigenous community issues and Indigenous education for a number of years, in particular the early childhood area.

Ms Tracey Harbour - full-time PhD student. Ms Harbour has extensive senior management experience in the public service and has worked as a principal at an Aboriginal secondary college in the Northern Territory, and in the higher education and early childhood sectors.





THE MEMBERS (cont)

Mr Albert Holt - a widely respected Elder who brings extensive experience working with all sectors of education, mainly in the Inala area.

Mr Darran Kennedy - has extensive experience in both the public and private sectors in project management and policy development in the Indigenous policy area, most recently in education.

Ms Joann Schmider - was Chairperson of the similar body in the ACT, 2003 -2005. Joann is living in Cairns from where she recently provided government leadership in Indigenous child safety issues, and now works to support north Queensland community organisations and Traditional Owner groups.

Dr Penny Tripcony - of the Ngugi people, Quandamooka, is an Indigenous educator with experience of schools, VET and higher education since 1973; was Chair of the Queensland Indigenous Education Consultative Body from 2000 to 2005 and Chair of QIECC in 2006.

Mr Ron Weatherall - currently involved in high-level strategic leadership on Indigenous training issues and is leading the development of the Government's Indigenous Employment and Training Strategy.



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PRIORITY AREAS

1. Influence policy and strategy development
2. Parent/Community/School Partnerships
3. Cultural Isolation — supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in schools where they are the only or one of only a few Indigenous students
4. Early childhood education
5. Education Workforce — planning and professional development
6. Curriculum — cultural content and relevance
7. Communication
8. Recognise and acknowledge success and achievement



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