



Meet the Committee!

The QIECC is hosting a community forum to coincide with its second meeting of 2009 being held in Longreach.

In order for QIECC to provide community advice on Queensland Indigenous education and training arrangements in this Region/local area, QIECC would appreciate hearing from you about:

- ◆ What the community would name as keys to successful education and training outcomes
- ◆ What the community thinks about post-schooling pathways for and particularly access and mobility issues
- ◆ What is working well in school / community relationships in and what else can be done to improve them
- ◆ Particular regional/local matters, and any other comments / ideas.

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

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

RSVP's ARE ESSENTIAL

WHEN: Thursday 11th June, 2009

WHERE: Cultural Centre
42 Boree Street
Barcaldine QLD 4725

TIME: 9:30am to 12:00pm

RSVP: to Rosemary at the **QIECC Secretariat**
on **1800 263 836 (free call)**
by **Tuesday 2 June 2009**

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 early childhood, schooling, 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

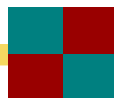
Ms Georgina Archer (Chair) - A Torres Strait Islander who has recently retired from teaching. Ms Archer worked in schools, including in leadership positions, for more than 30 years and was appointed Chair of the QIECC in February 2007.

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 21 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 for a number of years in Indigenous community issues and Indigenous education, particularly for early childhood.





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.

Ms Joann Schmider - lives in Cairns. Ms Schmider has been involved as a practitioner and advocate in Indigenous education and training since the mid 1970s, including in the ACT and on IECBs (Indigenous Education Consultative Bodies) and at a national level, promoting the 21 NATSIEP goals, especially Indigenous involvement in education decision making.

Mr Ron Weatherall - is the Regional Director for Employment and Indigenous Initiatives within Central Queensland for the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations. Mr Weatherall also has extensive experience in Indigenous vocational education and training in Queensland.



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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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