

Meet the Committee!

The QIECC is hosting a community forum to coincide with its first meeting of 2009 being held in Toowoomba

The theme of the forum is:

The Value of Communication & Networking

The QIECC would appreciate your comments in the following areas:

- ◆ What communication or network arrangements are in place either regionally or locally to enhance Indigenous parental involvement in the education of Indigenous students?
- ◆ What local networking strategies work well?
- ◆ What would you name as the key values of having a state Indigenous education community body (IECB)?
- ◆ What are 5 key activities an IECB should be doing?
 - ◆ 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 5th March, 2009

WHERE: Cathedral Centre
Maher room, 123 Neil St
Toowoomba

TIME: 9:30am to 12:00pm

RSVP: to Rosemary at the **QIECC Secretariat**
on **1800 263 836 (free call)**
by **Tuesday 24 February 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 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

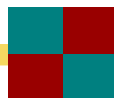
Ms Georgina Archer (Chair) - Chair, a Torres Strait Islander who has recently retired from teaching. Ms Archer worked in schools, including in leadership positions, for more than 30 years and was appointed Chair of the QIECC in February 2007.

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.

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

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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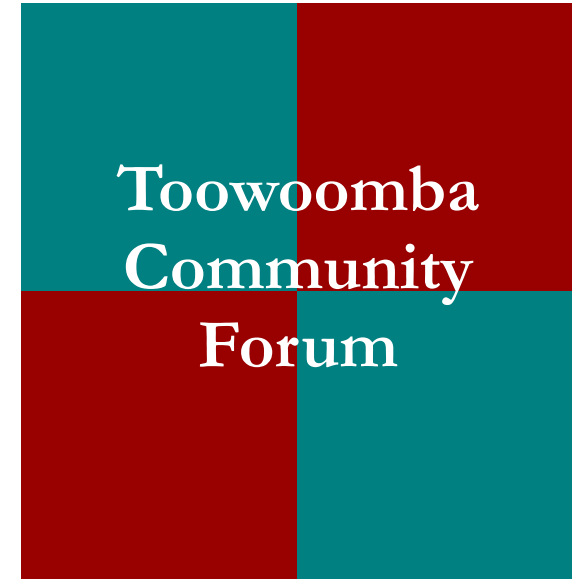
PRIORITY AREAS

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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