

1970s



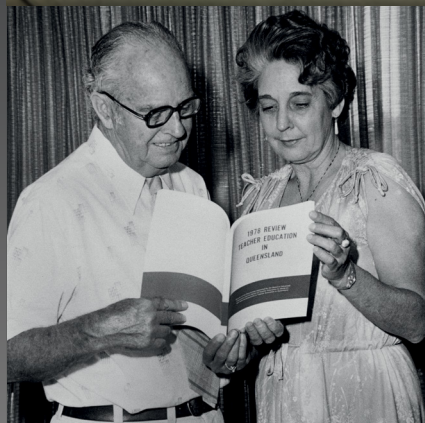
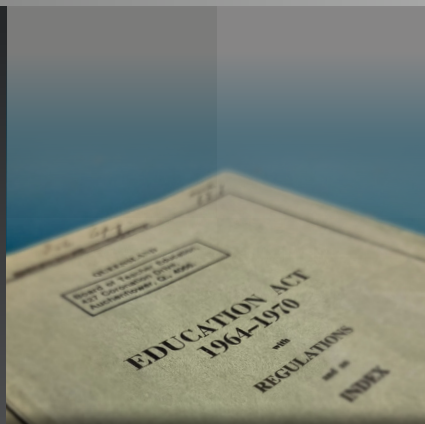
Celebrating 50 years of a teacher registration authority in Queensland

Highlights

1970s and establishment of the Queensland Board of Teacher Education

Prior to the establishment of the Board of Teacher Education (BTE) in 1971, there was no independent statutory authority to determine standards of entry to teaching, to accredit courses of teacher education or to take disciplinary action in relation to misconduct by teachers. In Queensland, some people were being appointed as teachers even though they had no formal academic or teaching qualifications and, sometimes, no previous teaching experience.

Teacher registration was introduced by the Queensland Government and commenced in 1973 as a means of ensuring that appropriate standards of entry to teaching were established and maintained so that, in the interests of students, only qualified teachers should be permitted to practise in Queensland schools. The Government's action had been strongly encouraged by teacher organisations who saw teacher registration as a significant step towards achieving the best possible education for all Queensland children as well as towards gaining professional recognition for teachers.



Above: Prof. Betty Watts and Prof. Bill Bassett looking at a copy of the 1978 Bassett Report.

The Education Highlights

The 14 members of the Board of Teacher Education (BTE) were appointed on 3 June 1971 and the Board, chaired by A. E. (Arch) Guymer, first met on 16 June 1971. The Founding Executive Officer, E. F. (Ned) Shogren, formerly Assistant Director of Teacher Education, was in attendance. The Board met on six occasions during 1971, with a focus on appointment of staff to fulfil functions of the Board, developing by-laws for teacher registration (approved on 4 November 1971) and examining review processes for teacher preparation courses, setting up a Course Assessment Committee in December 1971.



Above: Board of Teacher Education in session - Left to right: Mrs J.M. Carusi, Mr K.R. Jackson, Rev. Sister Patricia Nolan, Mr A.E.C. Butler, Dr W.C. Hall, Mr R.K. Kidston (Secretary), Professor B.H. Watts (Chair), Mr N.H. Fry (Executive Officer), Mr A.R. Johnson, Mr T.B. Sullivan, Mr A.E. Drury, Mr A.R. MacKee, Mr W.L. Hamilton. Absent: Mr J.T. Christiansen, Professor G.T. Evans, Mr L. Winkle.

The Influencers

Chair of the Board
Emeritus Professor
Betty Watts
1979 - 1982; 1984 - 1989



Chair of the Board
Arch Guymer
1971 - 1979



Director
Ned Shogren
1971 - 1978



The Board Outcomes

The Board had four main functions:

- to be responsible to the Minister for Education for keeping teacher education in Queensland under continuous review;
- to confer and collaborate with the Board of Advanced Education on particular aspects of teacher education;
- to accredit teacher education courses for the purpose of teacher registration; and
- to register teachers to teach in Queensland schools.

**In 1973
over 8000 teachers
have applied, and some
4000 applications
have been processed.**



Left: BTE clerk typists at work with the boxes of paper registration files visible in the compactus in the background.

Right: BTE staff member using a data-entry machine.

Key Policy Changes

Earlier activities

1964
The Martin Report recommends the establishment of a Board of Teacher Education in each state of Australia.

Teacher Education in Queensland (Murphy Report) is published.

1971

The Board of Teacher Education (BTE) is established on 3 June under the *Education Act Amendment Act 1970* and the inaugural meeting is held on 16 June.

1972

Voluntary registration begins. Application forms for registration as a teacher are distributed to all schools throughout the state.

1973

The Register opens and registration is initially voluntary. By year's end, 8000 teachers out of a 16,000-strong teacher force have applied and been approved to be on the Register.

1974

Unions, employers and teachers recognise the benefits of teacher registration and Queensland becomes the first state to make registration compulsory.

From 1 January, it becomes compulsory for all schools to employ only registered teachers.

1975

**26,002
Registered Teachers**



1976

A turning point in the process of professionalising teachers.

Keith Tronc - 1978

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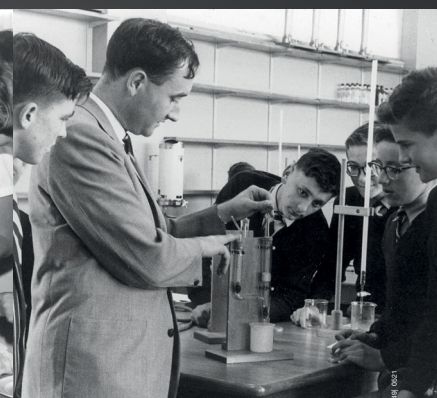
The Australian College of Education reiterates the view of the Martin Report that "only registered qualified teachers should be employed in schools throughout the Commonwealth".

1978 Review: *Teacher Education in Queensland* (the Bassett Report) is published.

By year's end, the BTE has registered a total of 33,729 teachers.

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Other Education Developments



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Principal partner



Supporting partner

