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# About the Awards

The Excellence in Teaching Awards, now known as the TEACHX Awards, were introduced in 2009 to recognise and celebrate the achievements of inspiring teachers from schools and early childhood education and care services across Queensland.

Now in their thirteenth year, the awards have, over the years, attracted more than 2,000 nominations for outstanding Queensland registered teachers who have achieved exceptional outcomes in their careers.

The award nominees highlight the exceptional teaching that takes place in all sectors of education, across all areas of Queensland.

The TUH Health Fund Dr Roger Hunter OAM Excellence in Beginning to Teach Award provides recognition for inspirational teachers with up to four years' experience.

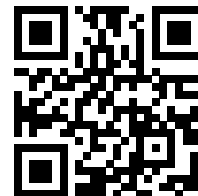
The Dr Alan Druery OAM Excellence in Teaching Award provides recognition for exceptional Queensland teachers.

The Schoolzine Merline Muldoon Memorial Award for Innovation in Teaching was introduced in 2019 to acknowledge the groundbreaking work of teachers and school leaders in schools and early childhood education and care services across Queensland.

The RemServ Dr John Dwyer Excellent Leadership in Teaching and Learning Award, introduced in 2012, recognises classroom teachers or school administrators who have taken a leading role in enhancing teaching and learning in their school or early childhood centre.

The Dr Joe McCorley OAM Outstanding Contribution to School Community Award was introduced in 2018 to provide recognition for inspirational teachers who are the heart of the school community.

The Professor Betty Watts OBE Memorial Award for an Outstanding Contribution to Teaching was introduced in 2011 to recognise registered teachers with an outstanding history of service.



<https://www.qct.edu.au/teachX>

# The Honourable Grace Grace MP

***Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing***



Grace Grace was first elected to State Parliament in October 2007 and is currently the member for McConnel.

Grace was appointed Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs in December 2015 and successfully implemented a series of important legislative reforms including the Racing Integrity Act, the Multicultural Recognition Act and the Industrial Relations Act 2016.

Following the 2017 state election, Grace was appointed Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations – both areas she is passionate about. Grace understands the importance of education and her tireless advocacy delivered a new high school in Fortitude Valley in 2020, the first built in the inner city for 50 years.

Grace was appointed Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing following the 2020 state election.

During her career, Grace has had extensive board director experience with organisations including Sunsuper, Energex and Southbank Corporation.

She has worked with local community organisations in her electorate including P&Cs, the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre, Teneriffe Progress Association, Queensland Aids Council (QuAC), Fortitude Valley Chamber of Commerce and many others.

Grace has lived her whole life in her electorate where she and her husband Michael raised their child, Alex.

## Mr Craig Allen

***Acting Director-General, Department of Education***



Craig was previously responsible for improving work health and safety and electrical performance through the regulatory framework and provision of services; regulatory responsibility and provision of policy advice on workers compensation matters; and supporting a productive industrial relations framework for the public sector in Queensland as the Deputy Director-General of the Office of Industrial Relations.

Craig has held senior management positions for nearly 25 years with a government career spanning over 40 years.

His previous roles include Commissioner for Public Employment for the Northern Territory Government, Assistant Director-General with the Department of Education, Training and Employment and Executive Director for Corporate Services with the Department of Corrective Services within the Queensland Government.



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*The challenges of the past few years have reminded everyone of the important role of teachers and offered an opportunity to reframe how the profession sees itself.*

*Teachers – your adaptability, commitment and resilience has shone through and highlighted all the wonderful characteristics that we know teachers possess.*

*Thank you for your sustained work to make this year count for the young people and school communities you serve.*

**DEANNE FISHBURN**  
Director



## Deanne Fishburn

### **Director**

Deanne Fishburn is the Director of the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT). She is a leader who has national influence in teacher regulation in Australia and a personal understanding of teachers' work and child safety.

Deanne joined the Professional Standards Unit of the QCT in 2007 and has implemented national reforms to Initial Teacher Education and Professional Standards in Queensland.

Deanne is proud to lead the QCT as it celebrates 50 years of a teacher registration authority in Queensland. She is strongly committed to the work of the College in upholding high standards for the profession, protecting the public and promoting the work of Queensland teachers.

As a registered teacher, Deanne recognises the complexities of teaching. On the eve of World Teachers' Day, she is thankful for the dedication of Queensland teachers and the contributions they make to the community. The TEACHX Awards provide the QCT with the opportunity to share stories of excellence and recognise the achievement of teachers in the wider community.

Deanne commenced as the QCT Director in May 2019.

# Order of proceedings

## 3:30 pm The TEACHX Awards Virtual Ceremony portal opens

Master of Ceremonies opens the proceedings

### Welcome

### Eponym's message

Presentation of finalists and recipient of the Dr Roger Hunter OAM Excellence in Beginning to Teach Award sponsored by TUH Health Fund

Presentation of finalists and recipient of the Dr Alan Druery OAM Excellence in Teaching Award

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### Chair's message

## 4:00 pm Proceedings commence

### David Bliss

Principal, St Andrews Lutheran College and Queensland College of Teachers Board member

### The Honourable Grace Grace MP

Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing

### Craig Allen

A/Director-General, Education

### Dr Roger Hunter OAM

### Cathy McGuane

Executive Manager — Member Experience, TUH Health Fund

### David Bliss

Principal, St Andrews Lutheran College and Queensland College of Teachers Board member

### Dion Guthrie

Chief Marketing Officer, Schoolzine Australasia

### Dr John Dwyer OAM

### Rob Chambers

General Manager Client Strategy and Engagement, RemServ

### Dr Joe McCorley OAM

### David Bliss

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Director, Queensland College of Teachers

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### Emeritus Professor Wendy Patton

Chair, Queensland College of Teachers Board



# PRESENTERS



**MR DAVID BLISS**

*Principal of St Andrews Lutheran College*

David is an experienced school leader in the independent schooling sector. He has taught for 37 years in public and independent schools. He is currently the Principal of St Andrews Lutheran College, a P-12 school of more than 1200 students at Tallebudgera on the Gold Coast. He has served in an extensive range of positions, including in rural and semi-remote schools in Queensland.



**MS CATHY MCGUANE**

*Executive Manager – Member Experience, TUH Health Fund*

Cathy has led and managed the marketing, business development, customer contact, claims and member maintenance functions of TUH since 2007. Previously, Cathy was Client Relationship Manager for Queensland for HESTA Superannuation Fund. She has also held roles on QSuper Product and Advice Board Committee; Chair of ASFA Qld; and Director on the ASFA Board. Currently, Cathy serves as the Chair for Stadiums Queensland alongside her role at TUH. She holds a Diploma of Financial Planning (Financial Services) and is a Graduate Member of the AICD.



**MR DION GUTHRIE**

*Chief Marketing Officer Schoolzine Australasia*

Dion began at Schoolzine in the advertising department in 2011. He is passionate about providing schools with software that gives them the chance to showcase the wonderful things they are doing. Currently, Dion is working to expand the rapidly growing company further, and on developing new products for the 3000 schools that Schoolzine is currently partnered with.



**MR ROB CHAMBERS**

*General Manager – Client Strategy and Engagement, RemServ*

Rob leverages his extensive leadership, strategy development and product and service innovation expertise to oversee RemServ's Employer relationships, as well as the state-wide delivery of customer engagement activities.

As a passionate people leader, Rob is proud of RemServ's ongoing commitment to honouring excellent leadership by acknowledging and celebrating the significant contributions Queensland teachers make to schools and early childhood communities across the state.

# 2021 — Celebrating 50 years of a teacher

## **Emeritus Professor Wendy Patton**


### ***Board Chair***

Wendy took up her appointment as Chair of the QCT Board in August 2017. Wendy was until 2016 the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Education at QUT. Prior to becoming a lecturer in education in 1989, Wendy worked as a teacher, curriculum developer and guidance officer.

In 2016 she received The Miller-Grassie Award for Outstanding Leadership from the Australian Council for Educational Leaders, and presented the Miller-Grassie Oration at the Queensland Annual Awards Celebration. In the same year, Wendy received an award from the Australian Council of Deans of Education for Outstanding Contribution to Education and the ACDE Board. In 2016, the QUT Council conferred the title Emeritus Professor in recognition of Wendy's extensive leadership in, and service to, the university and to teacher education, and her significant contribution to research in the field of career development.



# regulatory authority in Queensland



This year the Queensland College of Teachers is celebrating 50 years since the establishment of the Board of Teacher Education and the beginning of the development of a teacher registration framework in Queensland. It is of particular note that Queensland led the nation in developing a cross-sector system for the registration of teachers, with the first meeting of the Board of Teacher Education (the first predecessor institution of the QCT) being held on 16 June 1971.

The importance of the regulatory authority cannot be underestimated. Registration is one of the key mechanisms to assure professional standing and quality of a profession. It is underpinned by clear expectations of what is required to become a teacher, and what standards need to be met by all teachers. The registration system ensures that only appropriately qualified and suitable people are employed as teachers, thereby protecting educational standards and student safety, and upholding the reputation of the profession.

The QCT continues to be acknowledged as a national leader in evidence-based contribution to national policy discussions around a number of areas, including child safety, teacher professional boundaries, accreditation of preservice teacher education and promoting the profession. Expertise of QCT staff is regularly sought by other state (and international) regulatory bodies.

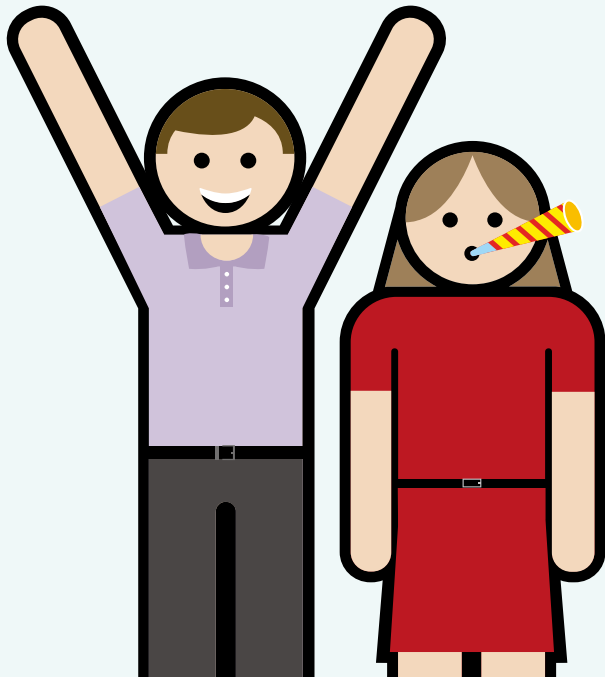
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# **Congratulations to the 2021 TeachX Awards finalists and winners!**

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**DR ROGER HUNTER OAM**  
Excellence in Beginning to  
Teach Award

Dr Roger Hunter has a lively and continuing commitment to excellence in education. A graduate of three universities – Queensland, Sydney and Southern Illinois – as well as The Australian School of Pacific Administration, he was a Board member of the QCT and the Board of Teacher Registration for 23 years. He is a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators, and has served as President of Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ), as Executive Director of Lutheran Education Queensland, and as Adjunct Professor at Griffith University.



**ARIEL HSU-CHIA CHEN**  
St James College

Students are achieving remarkable results in Ariel Chen's Chinese language classes at St James College, where 62 per cent of the students, who come from over 50 different cultural backgrounds, speak English as an additional language. Students with learning difficulties and disabilities are competing in Chinese Language competitions. Ariel's incorporation of story-telling into lessons and visual aids around the classroom results in successful learning in her classes, in which Chinese is spoken most of the time.



**DOMINIC MACLEAN**  
Mabel Park State High School

Second-year teacher Dominic Maclean is transforming the lives of at-risk students at Mabel Park State High School. Passionate about getting students engaged outside of the classroom, Dominic has led students on the Kokoda Challenge and trained the school's All Girls Under 18 Metropolitan East Rugby League team to victory at the state championships. Dominic's dedication to keeping in contact with his students during the remote learning periods throughout 2020 and 2021, and his ability to self-reflect and improve, are praised by leadership.



**REBECCA THOMS**  
Springfield Central State High School

Former real estate agent Rebecca Thoms is using her 13 years' experience in the property industry to inspire students to pursue careers in business and aviation. Rebecca has worked with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce to establish a Junior Chamber for her students and connected them with Aviation Australia through the Aerospace Gateway to Industry School Program. Here, students can get the skills and real-world experience they need for breaking into the industry. Rebecca also has roles at the school as Year 11 Coordinator and Senior Academic Mentor.



**ALANNA TOBIN**  
Tropical North Learning Academy –  
Smithfield State High School

Student engagement is at an all-time high for students in Alanna Tobin's classes. The beginning teacher uses competitions, storytelling, Kahoot quizzes, Minecraft for Earth Science and Playdough Pictionary in Chemistry to keep learning exciting and enhance outcomes. Alanna implemented the school's Lunch Club, in which teachers and students participate in sport and other activities, to build positive connections amongst the school community. She also leads the Service Learning Student Group, helping students to raise money for charities and give back to the community.



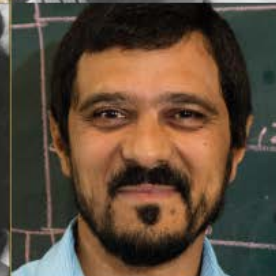
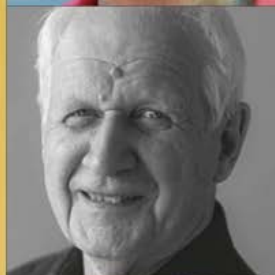
**Gayle Walkom**  
St Patrick's College, Townsville

After serving for more than three decades in the Australian Defence Force, Gayle Walkom now uses her real-world experience to engage students in the classroom and provide them with industry connections. Gayle delivers entrepreneurial and #STETMLikeaPatsGirl workshops and coordinates the college's Opti-MINDS challenges, and leads an extraordinary array of extra-curricular activities. Students who participate in Gayle's workshops have gone on to receive scholarships worth thousands of dollars as a result of their involvement.

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*The Dr Alan Druery OAM  
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**DR ALAN DRUERY OAM**  
Excellence in Teaching Award

As the first CEO and later Executive Director of the Queensland Catholic Education Commission, Dr Alan Druery was, until his retirement in July 2001, an active advocate for the state's Catholic education system for more than 50 years. Dr Druery started his teaching career in the state system before joining St Laurence's College in 1957. His leadership achievements also include McAuley College, which later became part of Australian Catholic University (ACU), where he was on the Senate for 20 years, the Archdiocesan Education Council, and 22 years' service — much of it as Deputy Chair — with the QCT's predecessors, the Board of Teacher Education and the Board of Teacher Registration. He has received honorary doctorates for distinguished services to the Queensland University of Technology and ACU.



**LAURA BAIN**  
Matthew Flinders Anglican College

As the Head of Emerging Technologies and Innovation at Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Laura Bain has given students access to some astounding tools and practices to enhance their learning. Students as young as six are flying drones and more senior students are building a virtual Mars colony. Laura took inspiration from her time teaching in England to bring new and innovative opportunities to her students which began with basic web development. Since then, she has moved on to having Prep students coding, Year 3 students sharing stories from their elders using artificial intelligence, and much more.



**DEANA DODDS**  
Loreto College, Coorparoo

Loreto College teacher Deana Dodds has an impressive list of achievements. Deana has written innovative curriculum across several subject areas including Learning Support and ran multiple school holiday workshops in collaboration with teachers from local schools. As a result of Deana's passion for teaching Mathematics, the number of students choosing the highest level of the subject has more than doubled. In addition, Deana has run choirs, music camps and ensembles, where her students have achieved certification at Australia's highest level of Music assessment and gone on to receive the Premier's Award for Music Performance and Music Investigation.



**ELIZABETH HITCHMOUGH**  
Edens Landing State School

From checking-in with parents on a weekly, and sometimes daily, basis during the COVID-19 learning-at-home period last year, to mentoring preservice teachers and teacher aides, to providing students with life-changing opportunities and lessons they still approach her about decades on, Elizabeth Hitchmough's career has inspired generations of students and fellow teachers. Elizabeth's tireless effort and commitment to reach and help develop every student, including mentoring some through a speech competition each year, and her expertise built over decades in the classroom, continue to make an inspirational difference in the lives of her pupils and school community.



**KAREN MCGEACHIE**  
Mabel Park State High School

Highly Accomplished Teacher Karen McGeachie leads the Multicultural program, described as 'a part of the heart' of Mabel Park State High School, which involves student-led celebrations of 71 cultures involving more than 10,000 people — a defining moment for the school. In 2014, Karen led a dance troupe of 30 students in celebration of her own Bangladeshi culture which also had connections to local Indigenous elders and refugee communities. The curriculum leader was also the lead teacher on an award-winning program which assisted primary school teachers in the Logan area with their teaching of Science.



**HAYDN QUINN**  
Robina State School

Year 5 teacher and curriculum leader Haydn Quinn leads more than 130 students from Years 3 to 6 in the extraordinarily successful STEM programs at Robina State School. Lego EV3, Spike Prime and Vex Robotics are some of the technologies used that enable students to develop engineering and design thinking skills. Students in the program have gone on to win and place in several regional and national robotics and Lego competitions, and on to high schools that specialise in STEM and STEAM.

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Memorial Award for Innovation in Teaching*

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**MERLINE MULDOON**  
Memorial Award for  
Innovation in Teaching

Merline Muldoon was the first Chair of the Board of Teacher Registration (the QCT's immediate predecessor) and in the late 1960s was at the forefront of the Queensland Teachers' Union campaign which led to the establishment of teacher registration in this state.

Miss Muldoon began teaching in 1954. As principal of West End Infants State School in the 1970s, Miss Muldoon helped turn the school into a unique educational environment to meet the needs of children from multicultural and underprivileged backgrounds. She ended her career as principal of the Royal Children's Hospital State Special School in Brisbane.

She was one of Queensland's first registered teachers.



**GERRI BERNARD**  
Brisbane Girls Grammar School

High school students are set to have their astrophotography and research published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal, thanks to this former Lab Technician, who has sparked a growing interest in astronomy across Brisbane Girls Grammar School. Known for her dynamic and engaging science lessons, Gerri also runs two school astronomy clubs – one for Years 7 to 10 and one for senior students. The Head of Curriculum Development for Science, who has also had her own research published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal as a result of her work with the school's telescopes, has presented at an Australasian event on 'Inspiring awe and wonder in the classroom'.



**KALIE BRACKENHOFER**  
Tropical North Learning Academy –  
Smithfield State High School

The STEMXtend elective program run by Kalie Brackenhofer at Tropical North Learning Academy – Smithfield State High School has grown exponentially over the last few years. Nearly half of all Year 7 students have enrolled in the program, which challenges students to think critically and promotes problem-solving skills using STEM design and technologies. In Kalie's classes, students are growing vegan leather from kombucha bacteria, creating bionic arms and planning a virtual colonisation of Mars. Kalie also takes her students to James Cook University's Cairns Ideas Lab, where students and teachers work alongside local entrepreneurs.



**JENNA CULLEN**  
Marsden State High School

Jenna Cullen has equipped teachers at Marsden State High School with an arsenal of 33 hours of professional development resources through the creation of the Marsden Institute of Teacher Development (MITD). The collaborative space features lessons on neuroscience and wellbeing, and resources for teachers to use if the school goes into a sudden lockdown. It also helps staff to maintain a healthy work-life balance. The Head of Department for Teaching and Learning, who last year led the school's Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher team, is passionate about teachers being respected and celebrated as skilled professionals and subject experts.



**BRETT DASCOMBE**  
Wavell State High School

Brett Dascombe's Geography students are attracting international attention with the cutting-edge technology they are using to address real-world problems. Brett creates highly engaging and dynamic lessons that involve analysing Ebola and Malaria in Africa, E. coli levels in waterways, food safety in the Sahel and coral health on the Great Barrier Reef. He pioneered geospatial mapping in teaching and assessment in Queensland, and several of Brett's students, whose work is at a tertiary standard, have placed in the Queensland Planning Excellence Awards for their use of other technologies.



**SHARON SINGH**  
St John's Anglican College

Inspired by her visit to a technology-based school in San Diego, Sharon Singh completely redesigned classrooms at St John's Anglican College to what is now an award-winning STEM Design Centre. Students in Sharon's classes are using advanced artificial intelligence, bionic limbs, drones and virtual reality to learn, experience and experiment with technologies. Sharon has prompted a 46 per cent increase in the number of students in Year 9 Digital Technologies classes, and a dramatic increase of female students in the subject. Just last month, Sharon received a Peter Doherty Outstanding Teacher of STEM Award.

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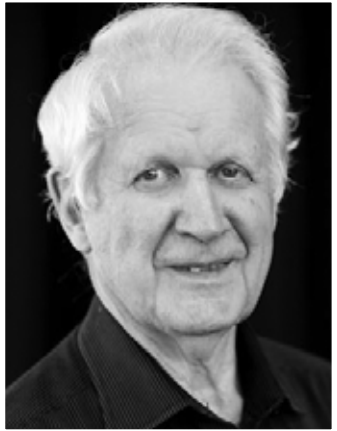


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### **DR JOHN DWYER**

#### **Excellent Leadership in Teaching and Learning Award**

A former Chair of the Board of Teacher Registration (predecessor of the QCT), Dr John Dwyer has over 60 years' experience in education and training, including as a teacher, principal, inspector, director and consultant. Dr Dwyer began his teaching career at Ironside State School and went on to become principal of a number of state schools, including Cherbourg, where his experience led him to specialise for some years in the education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Recently, he has been heavily involved in vocational education and training.



### **SHARYN ANGEL**

#### **Springfield Central State High School**

Sharyn Angel has spent her career breaking down barriers for low-socioeconomic students, winning a Commonwealth Bank Teaching Award in 2017, and in the same year was named in the World's Top 100 Teachers for the Global Teacher Prize, due to her inspirational work. Under her leadership every Springfield Central State High School (SCSHS) teacher and school leader has undertaken a strength assessment. Her professional learning approach was behind SCSHS being chosen as one of five Australian schools to present internationally at World Education Week earlier this month.



### **DANIEL CRUMP**

#### **Stuartholme School**

Parts of a COVID-19 learning-at-home program, led by Deputy Principal Daniel Crump, are being continued at the Stuartholme School after they led to increased student academic results and wellbeing across the school community. Last year, Daniel assembled a 'core cabinet' which studied remote learning in the USA to develop strategies to prevent students from suffering potential burnout. Some of the activities which were offered out of 'Stu@home' include yoga, virtual cross-country running, positive psychology teacher champions, and mental health breaks. The school also introduced parent-coaching-parent panels, to ensure families were supported.



**SEAN CURTIS**  
Marsden State High School

After being tasked with increasing the percentage of graduates who attained a QCE, Deputy Principal Sean Curtis developed and implemented a program which involved changing the timetable to allow every student at Marsden State High School — all 3200 — to have a face-to-face mentoring session with a teacher of a Monday morning. The program, called the Marsden Mako Mentors, also involved partnering with universities to ensure students were meeting expectations at each year level to be on track to studying at a tertiary level. Sean, who prior to teaching had a career playing semi-professional soccer, has also provided students with many amazing opportunities in sport across Queensland.



**MICHAEL HORNBY**  
Mabel Park State High School

Tremendous things have happened at Mabel Park State High School (MPSHS) since Mick Hornby became principal six years ago. Enrolments have tripled, thousands of school community members have come together to celebrate multiculturalism and students have received university scholarships worth \$30,000. Under Mick's leadership, MPSHS was the first school in the state to introduce a Certificate III in Aviation drone course, to implement a Health Hub on site where students used donated hospital equipment to complete Certificates in Individual Support, and to debut Queensland's first on-site state school GP clinic, where students can see a GP for free.



**DEBORAH McINTYRE**  
Centenary State High School

Students with disabilities and significant learning difficulties are having a normal high school experience in a life-changing reform led by Deputy Principal, Deborah McIntyre, at Centenary State High School. The co-teaching model that enables the school's ten inclusion teachers to work seamlessly alongside mainstream teachers to create a mixed-ability classroom has led to equity amongst students and provided greater support amongst colleagues. Deborah also worked with LGBTQIA+ students and their networks to create a Diversity Policy and has led the development of the school's Reconciliation Action Plan.

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**DR JOE MCCORLEY OAM**  
Award for an Outstanding  
Contribution to School Community

Dr Joe McCorley chaired the QCT Board from late 2009 until mid-2017. Joe's professional career began in 1961 as a state primary school teacher and he later became a District Inspector of Schools. In 1980 he joined Catholic education as Supervisor of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Rockhampton. Joe was appointed in 1989 as the first lay Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese. He went on to become the Director of the Queensland Catholic Education Commission. In 1995 he was awarded an OAM for his services to education and in 2008 Joe was awarded an honorary doctorate by Central Queensland University.



**DENISE GLASGOW**  
Pimlico State High School

Described as the 'heart and soul' of the Pimlico State High School community, Deputy Principal Denise Glasgow has changed the lives of several generations of students over the last 50 years. Denise has been integral in the school's award-winning Instrumental Music Program, Global Education Program, and new STEM program. She has been the Artistic Director of Pimlico Presents since 1982, where students showcase their talents in music, drama and acrobatics. Under Denise's leadership, the number of students involved in Music, Performing Arts and Visual Arts has grown significantly.



**DAVID HALICZER**  
Somerville House

A former industrial chemist and now state Physics curriculum expert, David is an exceptional teacher known schoolwide for modelling kindness, and for his coordination of the Duke of Edinburgh Program. The recent QCAA lead endorser, lead confirmer and lead exam marker, who is affectionately known as Ranger Hal by students, oversees about 50 to 60 students each year in the Duke of Edinburgh program, including Gold Award students who are required to undertake 52 hours of each of a skill, a community service, and a physical activity over a year, as well as planning and undertaking a four-day adventurous journey, which David joins along with one of his colleagues. Just over 70 per cent of his Year 12 students achieve As in Physics.





**ELYSE JOHNSTON**  
St Laurence's College

Elyse Johnston is behind an astonishing array of extra-curricular activities and assessments which sees St Laurence's College students serve their local, state and international communities. An idea for her students to paint for charities and organisations they align with has led to a much-loved, now schoolwide event for charity. The Arts and Visual Arts Teacher, QCAA confirmer, and volunteer to multiple organisations, has connected students with fellow pupils in COVID-ravaged India to help the overseas peers with a COVID-related project. Elyse also helps manage the student-run café, which ran a 'pay it forward' campaign for frontline health workers, and engaged students in writing to aged care residents during the pandemic.



**MITCHELL McAULAY-POWELL**  
Carinity Education Rockhampton

Lawyer-turned-teacher, Mitchell McAulay-Powell has achieved inspirational results with at-risk students from Carinity Education in Rockhampton. Mitchell adapted his classroom to suit the needs of his students and created 'Zen Den', which is available at any time, as a space to pause and self-regulate and 'Break Out Zones' where students can participate in a drumming circle or arts and crafts. He says it's about more than asking a student how they are, but really getting to know them and working hard to break their stigma around wellbeing.



**GLENN WHITE**  
Hopevale Campus of Cape York  
Aboriginal Australian Academy

Under Principal Glenn White's leadership, students at Hope Vale's CYAAA campus are achieving remarkable academic results and an overall attendance rate of 85 per cent, the highest in the peninsula. His creative approach to boosting attendance rates involved turning the town's streets into 'countries' and putting them head-to-head in the 'Attendance Olympics'. Glenn has also encouraged and supported teacher aides from the community as they take up further study to become registered teachers and is a member of the rural fire brigade.

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## REGIONAL CELEBRATIONS

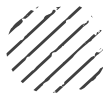
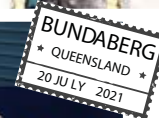
To celebrate 50 years of a teacher registration authority in Queensland, the QCT hosted regional celebrations across the state throughout 2021.

Events in Townsville, Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Longreach, Cairns, and Toowoomba have been wonderful opportunities for us to meet teachers and education leaders and to mark this important milestone.

The QCT and its predecessor organisations — the Board of Teacher Education and the Board of Teacher Registration — have a proud history of upholding high standards for the teaching profession in Queensland.

It is for teachers and the profession, and the public, that the QCT is committed to ensuring that teaching remains standards-based, that students are protected, and that the integrity and value of the teaching profession is maintained.

In 2021, this 50-year milestone presents an opportunity to not only celebrate the achievements of these organisations and their stakeholders, and what it means for the profession, but also to promote the profession on a state-wide scale.





*The Professor Betty Watts OBE  
Memorial Award for an Outstanding Contribution to Teaching*

**TEACH****X** *OUTSTANDING*



**EMERITUS PROFESSOR  
BETTY WATTS OBE**

**Memorial Award for an Outstanding  
Contribution to Teaching**

Betty Hazel Watts (1928-1997) made a significant contribution to Queensland's educational landscape. Twice Chair of the Board of Teacher Education, a predecessor to the QCT, Emeritus Professor Watts was Queensland's fourth female professor – progressing from teaching primary school students to shaping higher education at the University of Queensland with a strong focus on Indigenous and special education issues. She was awarded the Order of the British Empire – Officer (Civil) in 1976 for her service to education.



**ZARA HEBBEL**  
**Goomeri State School**

Zara Hebbel is an expert in breaking down barriers for students, building positive partnerships with parents and providing equal opportunities for a great start to school. Throughout her career, Zara has worked hard to plan and create avenues for disadvantaged students to ensure every child has access to learning and success in education. In the early 1990s, Zara was tasked with increasing the preparedness of children from the Indigenous community of Cherbourg in transitioning from preschool to school, where she implemented the state's first three-quarter preschool day involving a home-visiting program, which was hugely successful. Since then, she has established an Early Childhood Development Centre at Murgon State School in the South Burnett Region before returning to her current position at Goomeri State School P-10.



**SUSAN RHEINBERGER**  
**St Patrick's College, Townsville**

Over Susan 'Sue' Rheinberger's 45-year career, she has inspired confidence in shy students, mentored students through public speaking competitions and led countless environmental initiatives, extra-curricular activities and local and international excursions. Sue is passionate about bringing music and the arts into her classroom, to help students understand concepts on a deeper level, and connecting them to the wider world. She has spent the last 30 years at St Patrick's College in Townsville and says it's the collegiality and integrity of the staff that have made it so easy to stay. Sue acknowledges the realities and joys of teaching and says one of her greatest pleasures is when past students drop in or send her a message to thank her for the impact she had on their lives.



**SHARYN STUBBS**  
Helensvale State High School

For the last 20 years, Sharyn Stubbs, affectionately known as 'Stubbsie' has helped lead one of the state's biggest schools. Under Sharyn's leadership, Helensvale State High School has achieved exceptional academic results, a successful student leadership program and a strong transition to external exams. Sharyn is a founding member of the Northern Collegiate, a group of schools which work together to provide superior learning opportunities for students, including vocational education and training programs and leadership skills. In addition to her leadership role, Sharyn has spent many nights working behind the scenes of school musicals, sewing costumes for students.



**IAN TAYLOR**  
A.B. Paterson College

Known as a 'legend' at A.B. Paterson College for his tireless, quiet, behind-the-scenes commitment to school sports and to students, Ian has started almost every school day at 7am – for almost three decades – to supervise the College's running club. As the College's Director of Activities, he has been instrumental in the development the Gold Coast's APS Interschool Sport Competition, and in inspiring school spirit and volunteer efforts in enormous school projects. Ian, who is known for his kindness and dedicated mentorship to thousands of students, also runs a southeast Queensland-wide Speaking Competition at the College.

# Previous TEACHX Award Recipients

| 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013   | 2014  |
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| <b>SANDRA QUINN</b><br>Forest Lake<br>State High School     | <b>JESSIKA HOGAN</b><br>Kingston<br>State School    | <b>TARRYN BERNING</b><br>Payne Road<br>State School | <b>KERRIE JOHNSTONE</b><br>Moreton Bay<br>Boys' College                 | <b>PADDY MACLEOD</b><br>Kirwan<br>State High School      | <b>DAVID RAWSON</b><br>St Ursula's College                  |
| <b>PATRICIA CARMICHAEL</b><br>Concordia<br>Lutheran College | <b>GARRY TURNER</b><br>Maroochydore<br>State School | <b>SCOTT ADAMSON</b><br>All Hallows' School         | <b>FIONA ALTOFT</b><br>Marymount College                                | <b>DEBRA KOH</b><br>St Aidan's<br>Anglican Girls' School | <b>LISA MILLER</b><br>The Southport School                  |
|   |   | <b>ADELE RICE</b><br>Milpera<br>State High School   | <b>FRAN JONES</b><br>Elanora<br>State High School                       | <b>BRENDA SHIRLEY</b><br>Glenala<br>State High School    | <b>DARYL HANLY</b><br>St Joseph's<br>Nudgee College         |
|   |   | <b>SISTER ELVERA SESTA</b><br>St Rita's College     | <b>GARRY BROWN</b><br>Queensland<br>Academies Health<br>Sciences Campus | <b>CORRINE MCMILLAN</b><br>Glenala<br>State High School  | <b>BEVAN PENROSE</b><br>Bundamba State<br>Secondary College |
|   |   |   |   |  | <b>MICHELLE BOND</b><br>Royal Children's<br>Hospital School |

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| BEGINNING   | The Dr Roger Hunter OAM Excellence in Beginning to Teach Award (introduced 2009)                           |
| EXCELLENCE  | The Dr Alan Druery OAM Excellence in Teaching Award (introduced 2009)                                      |
| OUTSTANDING | The Professor Betty Watts OBE Memorial Award for an Outstanding Contribution to Teaching (introduced 2011) |
| LEADERSHIP  | The Dr John Dwyer Excellent Leadership in Teaching and Learning Award (introduced 2012)                    |
| COMMUNITY   | The Dr Joe McCorley OAM Outstanding Contribution to School Community Award (introduced 2018)               |
| INNOVATION  | The Merline Muldoon Memorial Award for Innovation in Teaching (introduced 2019)                            |

| 2015   | 2016   | 2017   | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| NATHAN CHRISTENSEN<br>Kelvin Grove<br>State School | KRYSTAL FLYNN<br>Tagai State College,<br>Saibai Island                         | TAHNEE BROWN<br>Wisdom College                                     | MWEISI CARRA<br>C & K White<br>Rock Community<br>Kindergarten, Cairns       | LAURA LOUCKS<br>Tagai State College –<br>Badu Island Campus | SOPHIE GRUHL<br>Mabel Park<br>State High School   |
| ANTHONY YOUNG<br>St Laurence’s College             | KRISTEN HOGG<br>Queensland Academies<br>Science, Mathematics<br>and Technology | JANE GREFFE<br>Marymount College                                   | NATALIE HARRIS<br>Pacific Pines<br>Primary School,<br>Gold Coast            | CARLA TROTT<br>St Aidan’s<br>Anglican Girls’ School         | JOEL SPERANZA<br>Ormiston College                 |
| WILL JONES<br>C&K Central                          | KATH KAYROOZ<br>Queensland Academies<br>Science, Mathematics<br>and Technology | LYN NOTHDURFT<br>St Patrick’s College,<br>Gympie                   | COLIN OREVICH<br>Australian Industry<br>Trade College,<br>Gold Coast Campus | NORAH PARSONS<br>Moura<br>State High School                 | DELL RATHBONE<br>West Moreton<br>Anglican College |
| HELEN WARDROP<br>Sarina State School               | SUNANDA BRADBURY<br>Emerald North<br>State School                              | DIANNE AYLWARD<br>Moreton Bay<br>Environmental<br>Education Centre | STEPHEN CRAPNELL<br>All Hallows’ School,<br>Brisbane                        | ANDREW PEACH<br>Marsden<br>State High School                | MEREDITH WENTA<br>Kirwan State<br>High School     |
|  |  |  | JESSICA WALKER<br>Yeronga<br>State High School                              | TAMIKA MEGAWATT<br>Maroochydore<br>State High School        | CATHY NIXON<br>Cairns West<br>State School        |
|  |  |  |   | JENNIFER IRVING<br>Nambour Special<br>School                | BRETT MURPHY<br>Belgian Gardens<br>State School   |



# *Story Bridge* **LIGHT-UP** *for teachers*

*on the eve of World Teachers' Day*  
*Thursday 28 October 2021*



# THANK YOU



The QCT would like to acknowledge the support of its major stakeholders in showcasing Queensland's excellent teachers and thank them for assisting the QCT in its work.



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