



Queensland Music Teachers' Association

Information booklet



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Our association is a professional body for instrumental and voice music teachers in Queensland. We are dedicated to promoting excellence in music teaching. Members benefit from our close association with similar organisations, examination bodies and tertiary institutions.

Founded in 1921, the QMTA represents over 550 members throughout Queensland. We aim to promote a high standard of music teaching in the state and liaise closely with examination bodies, tertiary institutions and other similar associations nationally and internationally.

Constantly endeavouring to elevate the professionalism of the association and its members, QMTA provides opportunities for ongoing professional development and a platform for teacher development through conferences, master classes, pre-diploma performances and showcase recitals.

Our major events include the annual Queensland Piano Competition and Queensland Vocal Competition, as well as the Alan Lane Memorial Workshops.

ABOUT OUR BRANCHES AND TEACHER GROUPS

Members throughout the state belong to one of the following Branches or Teacher Groups:

Branches: Brisbane, Cairns, Toowoomba or Townsville

Teacher Groups: Biloela, Gold Coast or Sunshine Coast

Contact details can be found on the last page of this booklet.

Branches are divisions of the QMTA that operate locally, whereas Teacher Groups are members of the Brisbane Branch that also hold meetings and events in their local area.

Our Branches and Teacher Groups may hold social gatherings, meetings, professional development, scholarships, student recitals and other events, which are detailed further in this document.

If you wish to contact your local area Branch or Teacher Group, please refer to page five of this booklet..

In addition to these Branches and Teacher Groups, Brisbane has three Teacher Networks: Stretto, Northside and Southside. Regular meetings are held and any Brisbane member can attend. For their contact details, please refer to the last page of this booklet.

Legal requirements:

We advise members who are teaching students under the age of 18, that it is a legal requirement to obtain a Blue Card. Contact for the service is:

www.bluecard.qld.gov.au or Tel: (07) 3211 6999

A Risk Management Strategy template is provided to new and existing members. If you need a new copy at any point in time, please contact us by telephoning 3870 4146 or email us at qmta@qmta.org.au

Professional Development:

All Branches and Teacher Groups offer professional development. This may include masterclasses, various topics relative to teaching, and our Alan Lane Memorial workshops (held in a different region every two years). For further details please visit our website events or branch pages. Event information can also be found in our **members' journal, printed three times a year.**

Member Invoice Books:

Association invoice books are available for members; each book contains a hundred duplicate invoices. Books can be purchased for \$15 (each) and may either be picked up from our Brisbane office or posted (postage fee applies). To see an example of the book please email us at qmta@qmta.org.au.

Insurance:

H2 Insurance Solutions is the QMTA's recommended insurer for indemnity policies. They offer high quality insurance at a competitive price for music teachers.

Disclosure: We receive a small commission for each policy that a member takes up with H2IS. Please consider using H2IS for your indemnity policy as it also financially assists the QMTA.

Guidelines and Codes of Conduct booklet:

The QMTA provides its members with a booklet about guidelines and codes of conduct. This is included in your new member pack when you join. Please read this document; it contains important information and is a guide for members to conduct the best possible practice of studio music teaching.

Website:

Our website address is www.qmta.org.au. Students and parents are able to find a teacher in their area through the website. Once your membership starts, you may wish to upload your photograph and biography. Simply log in under the members drop down menu with the email address we have on file for you.

If you have any issue, please contact us on 3870 4146 or email qmta@qmta.org.au

EVENTS:

Our members are sent regular emails about events. Please ensure you opt in to receive these notifications. We hold the following events each year:

Brisbane, Branches and Teacher Groups:

- ◇ **Annual General Meeting:** Brisbane (February) and regions; held at different dates and times, usually at the beginning of each year.
- ◇ **Council/committee meetings:** (February to December): it is not compulsory for members to attend meetings in Brisbane. If wish to be involved with your local Branch or Teacher Group, please contact them.
- ◇ **Brisbane Network Meetings:** Contact details can be found on the last page of this booklet.
- ◇ **Professional Development, workshops and masterclasses:** Brisbane and regions regularly hold these throughout the year.
- ◇ **Alan Lane Memorial Workshops:** held in different regions biennially.
- ◇ **Queensland Vocal Competition:** End of May or early June (Brisbane). This is a national competition, open to singers of all ages residing in Australia.
- ◇ **Composers' Competition:** Gold Coast (May). Emerging composers of all ages are encouraged to enter their works of many and varied genres. The works are viewed or listened to live on the day of the competition (or via recording/video) with an audience present.
- ◇ **Second-hand Music Sale:** Brisbane (August).
- ◇ **Queensland Piano Competition:** Brisbane (September school holidays): held annually and open to pianists throughout Australasia.
- ◇ **Charles & Motee Rogers Piano Competition:** Toowoomba (around August).
- ◇ **Cairns Branch bursaries:**
 - ◇ Junior Bursary - Open to music students in Year 7. Auditions are held in March.
 - ◇ Year 12 Bursary – Open to Year 12 students who intend to continue their music studies the following year. Auditions are held in October/ November. The winner/s are also invited to perform at one of the Cairns Classical Music Group Concerts.
- ◇ **Student Recitals:** Most Branches and Teacher Groups hold recitals throughout the year. Please visit our website to find out more (www.qmta.org.au). Details can be found either by viewing our events page or under the branches drop down menu.
- ◇ **Social events:** held at various times throughout the year.
- ◇ **End of year/Christmas lunches:** All regions. Be sure to contact your regional secretary or coordinator to find out about this event.

CONTACTS:

Brisbane:

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Brisbane Teacher Networks:

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Biloela Teacher Group:

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Cairns & District Branch:

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Secretary: Suna Flynn | Tel: 0448 859 563 | E: sunaglaz@hotmail.com

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Toowoomba & District Branch:

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Townsville & District Branch:

President: Anne Milanovic; **Treasurer:** Jeanine Tegg

Secretary: Juliet Burnett | Tel: 0421 725 891 | E: jburn274@eq.edu.au

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