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CHAPTER BRIEFING No. 4

Members meet to discuss DECKAS funding review, teacher registration and “reserved matters” negotiations

Dear Colleagues

Early childhood education members will meet later this month to discuss resolutions regarding a number of significant issues for the sector - the DECKAS funding review, teacher registration and “reserved matters” negotiations arising from the latest collective agreement.

Given the impacts of these issues for early childhood education employees, the attendance of members at the meetings is vital (a list of meeting dates is attached).

DECKAS review

The review of DECKAS funding is a critical issue for the community kindergarten sector.

QIEU thanks the significant number of members who completed QIEU's recent survey regarding the review and all members are also encouraged to ensure that the separate survey posted by Education Queensland has also been completed and returned by your Centre.

As the opportunity to “have your say” directly to Education Queensland is rarely presented, please ensure this chance is not wasted and return the survey even if the return date has passed.

The next meeting of the DECKAS Review Reference Group is scheduled for Thursday, 30 August 2007 at which QIEU will continue to represent the interests of early childhood education members.

If you have a question or would like to discuss any issue identified in the survey, please contact QIEU Senior Industrial Officer John Spriggs on (07) 3839 7020 or enquiries@qieu.asn.au

QCOT Board considers changes to teacher registration

QIEU members have continued to vigorously oppose the proposed changes affecting the registration of teachers working in the early childhood education sector.

As a consequence of our continued pressure, a number of changes are currently being considered by the Queensland College of Teachers (QCOT) Board and we await the outcome of its deliberations.

QIEU will seek further feedback from members on the latest QCOT Board proposals once they are made available and members across the sector remain hopeful that the training and work of teachers in early childhood education will be better recognised by the Board.

Negotiations on “reserved matters” and remote area employee issues

QIEU representatives met with ACSEA representative Mr. Charles Hardy on 15 May 2007 seeking to progress negotiations on the matters identified in the Early Childhood Education Certified Agreement 2006.

At that meeting QIEU representatives put forward a proposal to Mr. Hardy in an attempt to enliven the negotiations identified in the Certified Agreement; however, it is a matter of regret that to date our attempts to further those negotiations are yet to prove a success.

ACSEA representatives have indicated to QIEU that the proposal cannot be progressed until it has been considered by the ACSEA Board in September.

These timeframes are less than satisfactory given the implications for members including early childhood education assistants who have been campaigning for many years for the recognition of their valued contribution.

As a result members across the sector remain dissatisfied with ACSEA’s attempt to stall negotiations and will consider resolutions at the upcoming ROC meetings with regard to the next steps that need to be taken to progress negotiations.

Meeting attendance vital

Given the critical nature of the issues facing early childhood education employees, member attendance at the upcoming meetings is vital in order for you to have your say in the matters which affect our working lives and conditions.

Please ensure at least one person from your Centre attends one of these meetings and attendees should RSVP to the meeting contact person listed.

I look forward to your attendance at these meetings as we continue to assist members in protecting our rights at work and addressing the issues of concern within the early childhood education sector.

Kind regards



**JOHN SPRIGGS
SENIOR INDUSTRIAL OFFICER**



Regional Early Childhood Union Meetings

Early childhood education professionals are invited to attend ROC meetings across south east Queensland.

All meetings are scheduled for 3.30pm with a 4.00pm start and QIEU members are asked to ensure that at least one person from your Centre attends a ROC meeting in your area.

Please RSVP to the relevant contact person listed for the meeting you wish to attend.

The details of the meetings and venues are as follows:

Region	Date	Place	Contact Person
Brisbane North	Wednesday 29 th August	Pine Rivers Kindergarten 22-30 Harding St, Kallangur	Wendy Anderson 3285 2309
Sunshine Coast	Tuesday 21 st August	Memorial Park Kindergarten 83 Memorial Avenue, Maroochy	Jennifer Czislawski 5443 1661
Brisbane South	Wednesday 22 nd August	Sunnybank Kindergarten 101 Lister Street, Sunnybank	Robyn Lane 3345 1958
St Lucia	Monday 20 th August	St Thomas' Riverview Kindergarten 186 Macquarie Street, St Lucia	Suzanne Burdon 3371 1556
Bayside	Monday 27 th August	Wynnum/Manly Kindergarten 26 Ashton St, Wynnum	Trevor Brown 3396 6514
Ipswich	Monday 20 th August	Roderick Street Kindergarten 20 Roderick St, Ipswich	Carolyn Moore 3281 5951
Brisbane Inner North	Tuesday 21 st August	Emily Foord Memorial Kindergarten 26 Rhodes St, Stafford	Sheree Shannon 3857 5508

*Please note: Other regional meetings will be convened throughout the term. Notification of further meetings will be provided shortly.