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The Queensland Branch conducted its 50th Year Celebrations on 15th July 2010 at venues throughout Queensland.
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Australian College of Educators Queensland Branch

Celebrating the First 50 Years

1960 – 2010

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Foreword – Dr Lyndsay Connors

The Australian College of Educators is the only national professional association that represents educators in all sectors and systems.

Given the need for us to strive to be a nation of independent, lifelong learners, this breadth of membership is significant. Educators understand very well the need to engage children and young people in learning from their earliest years and to go on doing so for the rest of their formal education and training and beyond, if we are to reap the benefits of having a population participating effectively in social and economic life.

Fifty years ago, when Queensland established its own chapter of ACE, education was just beginning to become a national rather than a largely State concern. Over recent decades, the Commonwealth’s role in education has increased in every stage and sector, its influence extending well beyond the direct funding it now provides. These developments have been reflected in recent structural changes to ACE, to build capacity to support local events and activities and an effective national presence and voice for the education profession.

Over those 50 years, Queensland educators have been major contributors to education and training across their large State and nationally, as well as to ACE itself. Theirs is a history well worth recording and celebrating.

This publication is an occasion for congratulations from the national membership of ACE to those who have worked to produce it. But it is more than that. At times of feeling cynicism and harbouring doubts about what we can achieve, we can put our hands on this history of ACE in Queensland over half a century to remind ourselves that our own actions as educators matter.

This history will enhance our capacity as an organisation to make a difference and to move forward in directions that will make the world a better place for all.

Lyndsay Connors AM FACE
National President 2010

The Founders’ Convention of the Australian College of Education was held on 15 May to 18 May 1959 at the Geelong Grammar School, Corio, Victoria.

College Founders from Queensland
- H E Roberts – Church of England Grammar School (Apology)
- Professor F J Schonell - University of Queensland
- H G Watkins - Department of Education
- Dr G W Bassett - was present, and, at that time, was at the Teachers College in Armidale, NSW
State President’s Message – Dr Bill Sultmann

Proud Past and a Challenging Future

Words to the effect: ‘proud history’, 'contribution to the profession', 'influence and generosity of members', 'sustained professional learning' and 'colourful characters' begin to capture what the College has been for education in the College's first 50 years in Queensland.

The history of the Branch in Queensland is written in the experiences and memories of a litany of professionals who have shared a passion for education. Our culture of connectivity, inclusiveness, affirmation, development and simple collegial sharing has shaped education in Queensland as much as it has influenced members. Since day one, the College has evolved and made a difference. We rejoice in this but are not complacent. For the College to remain as a 'force' for quality education and act as the voice for the profession, then the three R's: relevance, realistic and responsive, need to shape our every move.

It is true to say that our current context is one of change. At a National level we have welcomed a new Constitution and we are currently building a national team and a communications platform to support professional learning, administration and member engagement. It is the collaboration among volunteer members that will facilitate our future provision. We are collectively mindful of our ageing membership profile and the distribution of professional disciplinary groups. We also are aware of the emergence of system and Statutory Authority presence in professional learning experiences. This context holds both challenge and opportunity.

Our State Branch response to a changing context is one that is aligned with National and Regional initiatives and mindful of its own capacities and challenges. Our past has taught us that the hallmarks of the College have focused on affirmation of the profession, professional fellowship and promotion of scholarship and critique. Hence, as we begin our next 'chapter', moving from a rich past to a somewhat unknown future, our core goals need to be continuous. It is these that will ensure our focus and place within an overall educational context which will be a welcoming and enriched place as the College continues its efforts in support of education.

Within our Branch and Regions across the State our attentiveness to affirmation, celebration and educational debate will continue and serve members as all grow in learning, service and community.

System authorities, professional disciplines and educational delivery have all drawn from collective expertise and generosity. The College is a ‘good place’ to belong to, as a beacon of what is achievable from sustained cooperative effort. As we launch the history in this our ‘fiftieth year', we pay tribute to the many Branch Presidents, Executive Teams (State and Region) along with people who have given extraordinary time and commitment to the life and welfare of the College. Our collective hope is that from a gifted past there springs a new and spirited association in the future.

This ‘snapshot’ of our history is for members, families and colleagues who see education and educators as life-giving and liberating. May this resource do justice to all that has been achieved and adequately reflect the College’s longstanding contribution to the tapestry of education in this State and the enhancement of education in this, our ‘lucky’ country.

Particular thanks to our editing team under the guidance of State President Elect, Associate Professor Glenn Finger. Glenn will also transition to become the State President during June-July 2010. They have put together a summary of our rich, remarkable history and this booklet plays an important role through reigniting many wonderful memories that can never be fully captured in print.

Dr Bill Sultmann FACE
Queensland Branch President (2008 - July 2010)
Australian College of Educators Queensland - Milestones

The beginnings of the Australian College of Education (ACE) Queensland Chapter

- **15 July 1960**
  
  *The Queensland Chapter was formed on 15 July 1960, at a meeting at the University of Queensland. The college Foundation President, Dr James Darling chaired the meeting. A Chapter Committee was formed with Professor (later Sir) Fred Schonell as Chairman and Dr (later Professor) Frank Olsen as Secretary.*

- **1961**
  
  *One hundred prominent Queensland educators were invited to become members of the Chapter, and at its first Annual General Meeting in July 1961, the membership was 103.*

Key Dates - Regional Groups formed

- **1966**  *Darling Downs Regional Group* – This was the first regional group in Queensland, established in Toowoomba with the initial meeting held at the Picnic Point Kiosk, and the meeting was addressed by Professor Bassett. The foundation chairman was Father F. J. Mooney, Vice Chairmen Mr Keith Dan and Mr Jack Thistlethwaite, with Henry Rodger as Secretary/Treasurer.

- **1968**  *Townsville Regional Group*

- **1972**  *Capricornia Regional Group*

- **1975**  *Wide Bay Regional Group*

- **1975**  *Ipswich and West Moreton Regional Group*

- **1977**  *Gold Coast Regional Group*

- **1991**  *Mackay Regional Group*

- **1985**  *Peninsula Regional Group*

- **1995**  *Logan Regional Group*

- **1998**  *Brisbane Metropolitan Regional Group* – While records indicate that this Regional Group was formed during 1998, it is important to acknowledge that its members had constituted the Queensland Chapter which had been influential in its leadership of ACE in Queensland since 1960, and in supporting the formation of Regional Groups.

  *Sunshine Coast Regional Group* - If readers can provide the date when this Region was formed, please contact the ACE National Office.

- **2007**  *Fraser Coast Regional Group* – Actions commenced to activate this Regional Group.

Membership Growth

From the membership of **103** in 1961, ACE Queensland membership passed **200** in 1967, **300** in 1970, **968** in 1983, and the Queensland membership had grown to **1056** members (out of a total ACE membership of 5236) on the 31st December 2009 (as reported in the ACE Annual Report 2009).

Queensland Branch 50th Anniversary

- **15 July 2010**
  
  *The Queensland Branch celebrated 50 years on 15 July 2010 at venues throughout its regions in Queensland.*
Reflections – Professor Neil Dempster

I joined the College in 1976. I was then State President of the Social Science Teachers Association of Queensland and we had just been through a public campaign defending the content and processes of Social Science Programs in Primary and Secondary Schools. I had been one of the Advisors responsible for conducting week long in-service education workshops for Year 6 teachers of the Jerome Bruner influenced Man: A course of Study (MACOS). It was banned by the Bjelke-Petersen Government under pressure from two community based lobby groups – STOP (Society to Outlaw Pornography) and CARE (Committee against Regressive Education). Both groups were led by Rhona Joyner, diminutive in stature but not in public presence. The debates were fierce, with members of the College adopting positions for the Social Science Syllabuses as well as against. Dr Rupert Goodman, a founding member of the College was a vocal critic of the way the Social Sciences were then heading, while others like Phil Cullen backed the Syllabus Committees and the innovations they were attempting to introduce. Rupert would no doubt be pleased that we are now seeing History as an essential subject in the National Curriculum. Others rue the demise of integrated Social Science programs.

I recall becoming the Chapter Newsletter Editor as soon as I was elected to the then Queensland Committee in about 1980 (a job to test the mettle of the new boy).

With just over a thousand members in Queensland, my wife Judy and two sons Andrew and Timothy were essential in enveloping, addressing, and post coding the bundles to be carried to the local post office for mailing to members.

My family and I did this job for seven years until I took over as the national Editor of Unicorn from Lloyd Logan. I remember Lloyd saying to me that it was noteworthy that Queensland had provided all three Editors, the first being Professor Bill Bassett, another founding member. I happily did this job for five years up to the early nineties. By then, Unicorn was the largest circulating refereed journal on general educational issues in Australia. I still think it is unfortunate that a decision to produce a professional magazine meant that the funds to support a Journal were no longer available. Suffice it to say however, that the thirty-five years in which Unicorn was published produced a very valuable archive of issues and developments in Australian education. And it is available today as a deep reservoir of information ready to be tapped at any time.

Professor Bassett was to the fore again in 1963 when he and George Berkeley, later to be Director General of Education in Queensland, initiated the first census study of Teachers in Australian Schools. This was a study to document the characteristics, qualifications, professional development work, and community experiences of teachers across Australia. The study was repeated in 1978, 1989, and 1999. In 2005, the College partnered with the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) to continue this census study, a practice which I understand will now take place every five years.

What stays with me most vividly however, is the network of dedicated educators I have met.

These are but a few of my reflections on College experiences. The proof is always in the pudding they say, and for me at no time when I have needed advice or assistance have I not been able to turn to a member of the College. Many have provided me the ‘on demand’ support so necessary in our turbulent times. I say ‘thank you’ to them and to the College for the privilege of membership. It was Lloyd Logan who coined a really appropriate phrase for these types of network helpers many years ago. He said, “They’re not MACE wearers, they’re MACE bearers!”
Celebrating 50 Years – Messages from the Queensland Regions

**The Peninsula Regional Group**

As a new decade in education emerges, it is exciting and also challenging to harness the opportunities the New Year brings. As a region we have refreshed our ACE image. We have renamed some of our events and looked at a wider range of activities for the year. We hope that these events meet the varied needs of our members and the wider education community.

We have already had our 2010 initial meeting where new ideas were shared and traditional events revitalised. On the 11th of March we are looking forward to having Ralph Pirozzo present for us on *Creating the most engaging and challenging thinking classroom where quality teaching principles will flourish*, with an opportunity to socialise and network with other educators. We are planning for two other major events, a live telecast from Brisbane to celebrate 50 years of the College on 15th July and our annual Noreen Wilcox Awards and Pam Gray oration on World Teachers’ Day 29th October where we will celebrate our profession and the good work we all do.

As President, I encourage all of our valued members to attend functions and meetings as they provide opportunities to build long lasting relationships within our profession. These very relationships often help to build success in our careers and sustain us during other times. Our community of learners are very welcoming and we are always looking for new ideas and willing members to give of their time to help organise and host events. My role with the college has always been most rewarding and I look forward to the coming year and all that it holds.

**Gayle Millett, President - Peninsula Regional Group**

**The Darling Downs Regional Group**

What a wonderful success the Australian College of Educators has been, celebrating 50 years of operation in Queensland. The Darling Downs Regional Group was one of the first to become established in Queensland and today it continues to thrive and provide opportunities for educators across the sectors to network with one another and enjoy quality professional learning experiences.

The Darling Downs Group operates a variety of annual functions, usually commencing the school year with a guest speaker at a Welcome Breakfast, conducting a Book Night Out mid-year and in the latter part of the year presenting an Awards Evening. Biannually, the Sam Power Oration is held in memory of a past committee member and esteemed colleague who sadly passed away as a young mother. In conjunction with the Oration, the Sam Power Biennial Award for Excellence in Literacy Education is presented to an outstanding educator who has made a significant impact in the area of teaching literacy and/or English.

Interested educators are always welcome to attend our functions and join our group. The collegiality and friendships that are established within our Region are a testament to the ethos of the College. Thanks must go to the founding committee members who established the Group in 1966. Their vision and passion laid the foundations on which the Darling Downs Group will continue to flourish and welcome new educators into its fold, throughout the next fifty years.

**Sandra Hawken, President - Darling Downs Regional Group**
Celebrating 50 Years – Messages from the Queensland Regions

The Mackay Regional Group

The Mackay Regional Group has a core of very active members and we are spending 2010 trying to encourage membership and professional conversation about matters of interest to teachers. We are drawing on the wealth of experience and knowledge in our community and started with a very interesting talk on education in Qatar.

In the past we have run a number of very effective large Professional Development Days when we have had speakers with a high profile in education. We also included time for teachers to talk and a student forum where they could engage in dialogue with teachers. We have had ACE in the pub and also Coffee and cake with speakers from around Queensland.

We have excellent support from Whitsunday Anglican School and are trying to expand our membership to include CQU and teachers in training. ACE in Mackay has provided valuable education and collegiality for teachers and I hope this will continue for another 50 years.

Moira Dodsworth, President - Mackay Regional Group

The Sunshine Coast Regional Group

The Sunshine Coast Region includes members from Bribie Island to Noosa Heads on the Coast, to Montville and adjacent ranges. Consequently, the distances among these centres create challenges for members to attend presentations.

In the context of ACE celebrations, the Sunshine Coast Region acknowledges the contributions of members over many years. This acknowledgement includes congratulations to members who have received life membership and twenty-five years membership pins.

During recent years, significant presentations have been conducted in the Buderim area which was perceived as accessible to most members. These presentations were supported by Mathew Flinders Anglican College, Immanuel Lutheran College, and the University of the Sunshine Coast supported by Professor Thomas, Vice Chancellor of the University. Most of the presentations were led by educators from Brisbane during which opportunities were provided for members to meet, and discuss educational issues.

In 2003, the ACE Conference was held on the Sunshine Coast where a number of Fellows were awarded and the College Medal presented. During this Conference, the Buntine Oration was delivered by an expert in lifelong learning, Professor Stephenie Young. This event drew the public’s attention to the ongoing contributions to education by ACE.

In 2009, a presentation led by Associate Professor Glenn Finger, titled Transforming Learning with ICT, Research, Policy and Practice, was held in and supported by Meridan State College, Caloundra.

Initial planning for 2010 entails preliminary planning for opportunities for professional development by teachers which includes seeking support from the University of the Sunshine Coast. As another fifty years begin, let us remember, Pearls lie not on the seashore. If though desirest one, thou must dive for it. Let us search for pearls of wisdom to enrich the educational process in a disconnected and changing world.

Dr Ron Brimble, President – Sunshine Coast Regional Group
Celebrating 50 Years – Messages from the Queensland Regions

The Brisbane Metropolitan Regional Group

The Australian College of Educators Brisbane Metropolitan Regional Group has played a significant part in the activities which the College now celebrates after 50 years of operation in Queensland. This Group has one of the largest memberships in the country and today it continues to provide opportunities for educators across all the sectors to enjoy quality professional learning experiences.

The Brisbane Metropolitan Regional Group has a variety of annual functions which includes a debate on a current educational topic. This event which sees a large audience has become an expected feature of the educational scene in Brisbane and features well known educators from a variety of backgrounds. On other occasions the group hosts forums with panels of speakers who again offer a variety of viewpoints on matters of interest to those in the field of education.

An excellent forum was conducted this year in relation to the introduction of preregistration testing of primary teachers in Queensland in 2011. The forum provided evidence-based research and enabled different perspectives to be presented and the initiative to be interrogated.

While most activities of the group are a result of the efforts of a small nucleus of members, interested educators are always welcome to attend our functions and join our group. The collegiality and friendships that are established within our Region are a testament to the ethos of the College.

Mr Patrick Elsworth, President – Brisbane Metropolitan Regional Group

The Gold Coast Regional Group

ACE Gold Coast was founded at a meeting in 1977 at The Southport School and has ever since maintained continuous support for the professional association of College members on the Gold Coast. In recent years we have included a focus on engaging preservice teachers at Griffith and Bond universities, sponsoring a wide range of education student awards and supporting student chapters to develop their own events - framing College membership as a significant part of their entry into the profession.

Supported by a strong cohort of retired educators and educational leaders committed to the growth of the profession, the region hosts a wide variety of events each year. This year we commenced with a book reading of Stieg Larsson's Girl with the Dragon Tattoo. We invited and encouraged member to attend the Brisbane Metropolitan Regional Group’s forum on the preregistration testing of primary student teachers. On the 15th July, we will be conducting our annual symposium to explore issues of interest to the profession, followed by hosting the ACE Queensland 50th Anniversary Celebration and video-casting the event across the state.

Later in the year we have our annual debate and then to celebrate World Teachers' Day we host a formal dinner in conjunction with our AGM, presenting a range of awards to recognise the efforts of teachers in our profession. Finally, the year winds down for the Gold Coast region at a local surf club to share a drink and reflect upon the benefits of ACE collegiality.

Dr Jason Zagami, President – Gold Coast Regional Group
Celebrating 50 Years – Messages from the Queensland Regions

The Townsville Regional Group

The Townsville Regional Group is proud to be part of the 50th year celebrations of the Queensland Branch of the Australian College of Educators. Our group was established in 1968 as the second regional group of the Queensland Chapter. Although the past few years have been some of the group’s quieter ones, the College celebrations of 2010 offer the perfect opportunity to re-connect our local members, to welcome new members and to develop “a new face for ACE” in our region.

A wide range of networking and professional learning opportunities have been provided for local members during the group’s forty year history through seminars, workshops, presentations and dinner meetings with guest speakers. The group’s early links with James Cook University saw the establishment of two awards which continue to be presented annually: the ACE Townsville Regional Group Prize awarded to the top graduate completing an Education degree and the Noreen Wilcox Prize awarded to the first year Education student with the highest overall academic achievement. The Townsville Regional Group also encourages local schools to celebrate World Teacher’s Day by providing an opportunity for them to nominate teachers for Certificates of Recognition for Contribution to the School Community.

As we celebrate the first fifty years of ACE in Queensland, the Townsville Regional Group looks forward to continuing its work as part of a national association that strives to be a voice for our profession.

Ms Norena Mendiolea, President – Townsville Regional Group

The Fraser Coast Regional Group

The Fraser Coast Regional Group has attempted to establish itself a number of times over the years. Its most recent incarnation began in 2006. The group has held a variety of functions including presentations by Dr Stephen Lake, an evening at USQ with Graham Hyman and professional conversations in a social setting at members’ homes.

The group continues to co-sponsor the Hervey Bay Excellence in Teaching Awards which are presented annually to the Primary, Secondary, Tertiary and VET teacher of the year. This function is hosted by the local regional council in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce.

We welcome interested educators to our group and would encourage their involvement. While we might struggle at times, the group does provide a wonderful opportunity to network, share ideas and to enjoy fellowship with colleagues across the sectors. It is worth hanging on to and thus we will continue to exist albeit perhaps in somewhat limited fashion.

Mr Tony Wood, President – Fraser Coast Regional Group
The Foundation Years (1960-1965)

The Queensland Chapter was formed on 15 July 1960, at a meeting at the University of Queensland. The College Foundation President, Dr (later Sir) James Darling chaired the meeting. A Chapter Committee was formed with Professor (later Sir) Fred Schonell as Chairman and Dr (later Professor) Frank Olsen as Secretary.

One hundred prominent Queensland educators were invited to become members of the Chapter, and at its first Annual General Meeting in July 1961, the membership was 103 and the credit balance $75. The Chapter was on its way. Further membership would be by nomination or application. Concern was expressed at this meeting regarding country members, with much discussion on how they would be involved in Chapter activities, a concern that still occupies the Chapter Committee. There was also criticism of the brevity of some references for new members, a matter that is still a problem for the Chapter Panel of Censors. It is interesting to note that it was decided that all meetings of Chapter members anywhere, were to be regarded as meetings of the Chapter, a strange state of affairs that was quickly remedied.

- The Chapter owes a great debt to Professor G. W. Bassett for help and guidance during the early formative years. He was a Foundation member of the College, a member of the College council from the beginning (1959) until he resigned in 1982, was made a Fellow of the College in 1961, was President of the College 1967 – 1969, and was made an Honorary Fellow of the College (the only other Queensland Honorary Fellow being Sir Zelman Cowen). He is the only Queenslander to have won the College medal and he was editor of *Unicorn* for many years.

In 1961, arising from its great concern with the need to improve the training of teachers, the College undertook a massive inquiry on *The Teaching Profession in Australia*. All Chapters were asked to cooperate, and the Queensland Chapter did the research for the section on *Survey of Qualifications*. This contribution proved to be a very significant part of the final report. The report was presented at the Annual Conference of the College in Sydney in 1966, and attracted nationwide attention. No project of this scope has been attempted since, but the College has aided a number of projects mounted at Chapter level including the Queensland Chapter Project *Community Attitudes towards Education*, which was probably the most extensive project of any Chapter to date.

The first Chapter Annual Dinner was organised in November 1961 at the Bellevue Hotel, with the guest speaker being Mr Jack Pizzey, then Minister for Education and later State Premier. Sir Herbert Watkin, the Director-General of Education in Queensland had taken over the Chairmanship of the Chapter from Sir Fred Schonell. The years, 1962 and 1963, were occupied almost exclusively with work connected with the College Project *The Teaching Profession in Australia*. This was giving enormous problems to the Chapter which, at that time, had only 120 members. The election to Fellowship was also creating challenges.

In these early formative years before either College or Chapter procedures had been firmly established, it is obvious that Professor Bassett was the Chapter’s guiding light. He had been a member of the College Council since the formation of the College, and had been a Fellow since 1961. He was able to convey College plans to the Chapter, and the Chapter’s perspectives and challenges to the College.
My most satisfying memory of the early days of the Queensland Chapter was its involvement in the 1963 survey of teachers in Australia. This was the first ambitious inquiry on a national basis that the newly formed ACE undertook. Its origin was in a paper presented by Professor Frederick of Melbourne at the 1961 Adelaide Conference on ‘The Qualities and Training of Teachers’. For some reason which now escapes me, Queensland was given the job of handling the statistical data on teachers, one of the most exacting of the various jobs assigned to States. Members of the committee were George Berkeley, Sam Rayner, Bert Zagami and myself…..The whole project aroused intense interest in the press, and did much to bring the problems and deficiencies of teaching and teacher training to the notice of the public and the politicians. I don’t think it is claiming too much to say that what the College did then greatly facilitated the major changes in teacher education in the early seventies. It was the sort of role that one might expect an influential body like the College to play in the educational life of the nation. May there be many more such projects! - Bill Bassett (pictured)

In 1963, Mr George Berkeley joined the Chapter Committee, and he was a member of the Committee until 1977. At the Annual General Meeting in 1964, Dr Rupert Goodman joined the Chapter Committee, and he served on the Committee from that time until 1977. The Annual Conference of the College was held in Brisbane in May 1965, and this was when the Chapter probably came ‘of age’. Dr Goodman was Conference Secretary and was responsible for organising a very happy conference. One of the highlights was the after-dinner speech at 29 Murray Street, by Dr James Darling. At the Annual General Meeting in July 1965, Mr Alan Anderson and Mr Max Howell joined the Chapter Committee and served until 1977.

Chronology of Education in Queensland – 1960-1965

- From 1951-1957:
  - 1951- The main responsibility for conducting migrant education in Queensland passed from the Commonwealth Government to the State Government.
  - 1952- A new primary syllabus was introduced. The class structure was changed to a Preparatory Grade (1 year) and Grades 1-8.
  - 1953- The Preparatory Grade was abolished.
  - 1957- The name of the Department was altered from the Department of Public Instruction to the Department of Education. A second Teachers College at Kedron Park in Brisbane was opened. The Townsville University College was established as part of the University of Queensland. Queensland Conservatorium of Music was opened at South Brisbane.
- From 1960-1965:
  - 1960- ACE Queensland was formed
  - 1961- The last State Scholarship Examination was held. Television broadcasts for schools began.
  - 1962- At the end of the year, both Grades 7 and 8 transferred automatically to secondary school, becoming (in 1964) Grades 8 and 9 respectively.
  - 1963- The Education Act of 1964 introduced changes in the control of secondary, technical and agricultural education, and raised the school leaving age to 15 (operative in 1965). New primary and secondary syllabuses were introduced over the next five years.
The Early Development Years (1965-1969)

The College Conference in 1965 had given a great boost to Chapter activities, if not to membership. A Chapter Panel of Censors was formed in 1965, and this effectively streamlined the enrolling of new members. It was also decided in that year to send minutes of Chapter Committee meetings to all members. A new syllabus had just been introduced into Queensland Secondary Schools and much discussion took place at both Committee meetings and General Meetings regarding In-Service Training. This year also saw the introduction of buffet dinners before Chapter General Meetings, a practice that has continued since that time. Apart from several end-of-year parties and the later-introduced Chapter Conferences, these have proved the most popular of all Chapter social occasions.

In 1965, there was much discussion on the formation of a Regional Group on the Darling Downs, and a dinner meeting was held in Toowoomba in October 1965 to initiate proceedings. This was a very happy function, attended by a total of 85 persons under the smiling chairmanship of the then Chapter Chairman Brother John Campbell. This was the first Chapter meeting to which wives were formally invited, and, since that time, wives have been welcome at all Chapter functions, educational, or social.

Early in 1966, the Darling Downs Regional Group was formally established and the Chapter had its first Regional Group. At the Annual General Meeting in July 1966, Mr A. R. Dyer (pictured) joined the Executive Committee. In July 1967, he became Chapter Treasurer, a position he occupied until 1977. The new Committee elected in July 1966 immediately decided to give financial aid to its Regional Group at the rate of 50 cents per member in the area, a policy that continued for many years, with the rate increasing to $2 per member of each Regional Group in 1977. As a further aid to country members, it was resolved to upgrade the Newsletter. The size of the Newsletter was increased, special covers were produced, the position of a Newsletter Secretary was established on the Chapter Committee, and a Newsletter Committee was formed to aid the Newsletter Secretary.

At the Annual General Meeting in July 1967, Dr Squire joined the Executive Committee, became Chapter Secretary in January 1969, and held that position until 1977. The Chapter membership passed 200 during this year. At the end of 1967, the Chapter Annual Dinner was introduced on a formal scale at Lennon’s Hotel. It was not well attended and the Committee decided that no more formal dinners would be held. Early in 1968, Dr Goodman suggested the Chapter hold an Annual Oration to be given by some prominent educationalist, and to which the general public be invited. Thus began the first of what has now been Annual and Biennial Orations. The Chapter was highly honoured and delighted when Professor Bassett was elected the national College President and he served as President from 1967-1969. Subsequent national Presidents from Queensland have been Dr Peter Botsman (1985-1987) and Professor Neil Dempster (2006-2007). In July 1968, Professor Frank Olsen became Chapter Chairman.

Chronology of Education in Queensland – 1966-1969

- 1966 - A textbook allowance for all secondary students in both State and non-State schools, free of means tax, was introduced.
- 1967 - Institutes of Technology were opened in Toowoomba and Rockhampton. A remote area allowance was introduced for all secondary students in isolated areas.
The Consolidation Years (1969-1972)

By 1968, the Chapter membership had passed the 250 mark, secretarial duties were becoming rather arduous, and there had been 3 Chapter Secretaries between July 1965 and December 1968. Subsequently, it was resolved to relieve the Secretary of membership duties, and the position of Chapter Membership Secretary was established. During this year, the Chapter’s second Regional Group was formed at Townsville. Professor Olsen was determined that, during his chairmanship, two new initiatives would be undertaken - a Chapter Project and a Chapter Conference. The project was on In-service Education, from which a report was developed and sent to leading educationalists, and to all members of the Queensland Parliament.

The first Chapter Conference was held at Toowoomba Grammar School in 1969 on the theme Organisation for Better Schools. The conference was residential, and the main speaker was Professor Walker from the University of New England, and the Conference Committee was in the charge of Mr Max Howell. It was a most successful conference.

In 1969, the Chapter Committee decided that, instead of its period ending July 1970, it would be extended to the end of 1970, so that future Chapter years would coincide with the school year and with the College year. Professor Olsen resigned from the Chairmanship in April 1970 to undertake sabbatical leave, and Vice-chairman Mr Howell acted as chairman for the rest of 1970. Due to ill health, Professor Olsen resigned from University duties in 1971, and the Chapter was shocked and saddened by his untimely death in 1972.

- The main concern of the Chapter during this period was Teacher Registration, a concern that made Queensland a leading State in the struggle for full teacher registration and the non-employment of unregistered teachers.

Another Chapter Conference was held in October 1970 on the Gold Coast. The theme was Criteria of School Effectiveness and the Conference Convener was Mr Alan Anderson. Again, the Conference was most successful, but the Chapter Committee decided not to overdo a good thing and that the Conference from now on would be biennial. The Annual Dinners now became end-of-year break-up parties, with the 1969 one being a rousing success at Tom Jones Elizabethan Restaurant, and the 1970 event was another huge success as a Gay Colours evening at the Australian-American Club Rooms. The Chapter membership passed the 300 mark during this period. Mr Max Howell became Chairman for the years 1971 and 1972.

The University of Queensland had been established as the venue for General Meetings, of which approximately four were held each year. Each General Meeting was preceded by an informal buffet dinner in the University Staff Club where members relaxed in a happy, friendly atmosphere. Chapter business at these meetings was very brief and the format was generally an address by a local, interstate or overseas speaker. The meeting dates were not pre-arranged and a meeting date was arranged to fit in with the visit of some prominent interstate or international educator. The practice of holding Chapter Committee meetings at the schools of Committee members was abandoned as was the customary afternoon tea at Committee meetings. Full time was devoted to Chapter affairs,
and Brisbane Grammar School became the venue for Committee meetings, and remained so for many years.

- It could be said that, at last, the Chapter had established its routine, even though it had taken all the 1960’s to do so. The ‘teething’ period was over and the ‘growing’ period was well underway. The Chapter had also established itself as the leading teaching professional organisation in Queensland, and the 1970’s were to see a tremendous increase in membership that was to take Queensland to the position of the third largest Chapter. This period was also to see the Chapter more soundly placed financially than any other Chapter of the College.

In 1971, to ease further the burden on the Secretary, a Regional Groups Secretary was appointed. An almost immediate effect of this was the formation in 1972 of the Capricornia Regional Group at Rockhampton. At the last moment, the Chapter Chairman (Mr Howell) was unable to go, but the Chapter Secretary (Dr Squire), Membership Secretary (Mr David Price) and the Regional Groups Secretary (Mrs Margaret Kugelman) flew up in the Secretary’s private plane, and formed the Regional Group at a very happy function. The Chapter aid to Regional Groups was increased this year to $1.50 per Group member.

In October 1972, the Chapter Biennial Conference was again held on the Gold Coast. The theme was Radford in Review with Dr W. C. Radford (pictured) himself present. The Conference was so well attended, that the organisers (under Convenor Mr George Berkeley) had to contend with the problem of over-crowding, especially at the Conference Dinner. The Chapter Committee decided that the Annual General Meeting would be held at the conclusion of the Chapter Biennial Conference, a procedure that has been followed for many years. The break-up party in 1971 was held at Tom Jones Restaurant and in 1972 at Ballymore Rugby Union Club and both were highly successful.

- **Chronology of Education in Queensland – 1969-1972**

  - 1969 - The first students to begin a three-year primary course of teacher education at Teachers Colleges were enrolled. New Teachers Colleges were opened at Townsville and at Mt Gravatt in Brisbane.
  - 1970 - Public Examinations for Queensland Secondary School Students (the Radford Report) was published. The external Junior Examination was discontinued for all full-time students. The Townsville University College became an autonomous university as the James Cook University of North Queensland. New primary and secondary syllabuses were introduced over the next five years. The first teacher-librarians were appointed. The first advisory teachers were appointed.
  - 1971 - The Board of Secondary School Studies, responsible for the implementation of the recommendations of the Radford Report, held its first meeting. The Board of Advanced Education was established and the three Institutes of Technology, the Queensland Agricultural College and the Conservatorium of Music became autonomous institutions. Teacher Education in Queensland (the Murphy Report) was published. Regionalisation of Brisbane and hinterland began with the creation of Brisbane North Region.
  - 1972 - The external Senior Examination was held for the last time for all full-time students. The four Teachers Colleges became autonomous and came under the control of the Board of Advanced Education.
The Growth Years (1973-1977)

In 1973, with the Chapter membership approaching the 500 mark, and one-third of these in the country, the Chapter Executive decided to have the Newsletter printed. Hence the day of the roneo newsletter finished, and a printed newsletter with a new cover design was produced. This year also saw the first investment of Chapter funds, when $1000 was invested in Commonwealth bonds. This was a worthy tribute to the Chapter Committee which had been carefully husbanding funds for many years, and always ensuring that Chapter activities were self-supporting. At the Annual Oration this year, the orator was Professor Karmel, and with the Karmel Report only recently published, this Oration was particularly well attended.

In 1974, a further $800 was placed in interest-bearing bonds. The Biennial Conference this year, again on the Gold Coast was on the theme The School and the Community – what of the future? and the Conference Convenor was Mr John Roulston.

- This year also saw the introduction of the College Journal, Unicorn, with Queenslander Dr Ron Browne as Editor. Other Queenslander, Professor Bill Bassett, Mr Lloyd Logan, and Professor Neil Dempster were editors and this journal made a significant contribution to the scholarship of education in Australia.

In both 1973 and 1974 the end-of-year party was held at Ballymore. The 1974 Annual Oration was also the first one where the orator was from the Queensland Department of Education, in the person of the Director-General Mr Arch Guymer. The next year, 1975, saw the formation of the Chapter’s fourth Regional Group, when the Chapter Chairman, Dr R. Goodman, and the Chapter Secretary, Dr R. Squire, founded the Wide Bay Regional Group at Maryborough. The Chapter aid to Regional Groups was increased this year to $2 per member. A Primary School teacher, Miss Jean McDonald, joined the Chapter Committee this year. The end-of-year party was also a combined effort with Kedron High School staff and this was an unqualified success.

- The year 1976 was to see the Chapter embark on its most ambitious undertaking since its formation, the outcome of which lies in the future, and the judgement of which lies even further in the future. This was the Chapter Project on Education Standards first mooted by the Darling Downs Regional Group. A member of this Group, and also a member of the College Council, Dr Ron Browne, was co-ordinator with Dr Peter Botsman. The Project title was later changed to Community Attitudes towards Education, and stimulated so much interest that it was necessary to control the project from Brisbane. The College Council donated $6,000, E.R.D.C. $25,000, a Research Officer - Mrs Mary Grassie - was appointed, and Dr Botsman made space available at Kelvin Grove C.A.E.

The Chapter Conference was on the same theme Community Attitudes towards Education, again held on the Gold Coast with Mr Pat Briody as Convenor. This conference was attended by the College Registrar, Mr Tom Timpson, and was the first conference of any Chapter at which the College Registrar was present. One whole afternoon was spent by Dr Botsman in training interviewers for the survey. Mr Ted Duke was appointed as Liaison Officer between the Project Committee and the Chapter Committee.
The Chapter instituted a Fellows Dinner this year, the first Chapter to do so, and it was decided to make this an annual event. The Chapter investment in interest-bearing security was increased to $2,500. The Capricornia Regional Group was experiencing difficulty in remaining active, because it was losing its key personnel through transfer. After the Chapter Conference in October, the College Registrar, Mr T. Timpson, and the Chapter Secretary, Dr R. Squire, flew to Rockhampton in the Secretary’s aircraft, called a well-attended meeting of the Group, organised two keen members to reactivate the Group in 1977, only to have both members leave the area in January 1977. An evening dinner meeting was held with the Wide Bay Regional Group en route to Rockhampton.

The year 1977 was the year of the ‘Project’, which had now become one of national importance due to funding by the Council and by E.R.D.C. In July, Dr Botman, at a General Meeting of the Chapter, gave some preliminary findings as a result of the survey. Approximately 1000 persons were interviewed, chosen at random from the electoral roll and their responses placed on computer, and extremely interesting results were emerging.

- In 1977, the Tenth Annual Oration was held at the Bardon Professional Development Centre, and was delivered by Professor Bassett. A record 97 persons attended the pre-Oration Dinner. At the conclusion of the evening, the Chapter Chairman, Mr Alan Anderson, revealed that the College Council at the 1978 College Conference would confer on Professor Bassett its highest honour, that of Honorary Fellowship, making him the first Queenslander to be so honoured. The College was further singularly honoured when one of its Fellows, Professor Sir Zelman Cowen, was selected as the next Governor-General of Australia.

1977 was also very significant, as Mr John Day (Headmaster, The Southport School) took the steps to have the Gold Coast Regional Group formed - the Chapter’s fifth Regional Group, supported by some key ACE members in Brisbane. Details of this and subsequent activities are contained in The John Day Collection at The Southport School (TSS). In its early years, the Group became a catalyst for developing and strengthening contacts amongst educators at all levels and acting as facilitator in encouraging educational initiatives in this fast growing region in Queensland. It is important to stress the central place which TSS played in supporting this project through providing hospitality and administrative support, and the wonderful work John Day (Chair), and Frank Surman (Secretary) undertook, especially Frank Surman’s meticulous minute keeping and care for organisational detail in this group’s foundation and formative years.

- **Chronology of Education in Queensland – 1973-1977**
- 1973 - Provision of one-year State preschool education for four and five year olds commenced. Comparability tests were used in the first semester of Grade 12 to assist the Moderation Committee of the Board of Secondary School Studies in their duties. The first teacher aides were appointed.
- 1974 - The Australian Scholastic Aptitude Test (A.S.A.T.) was administered in September to all students enrolled in semester 4 of Grade 12 to obtain information regarding students’ aptitudes for higher education. The preschool correspondence program began. The Disadvantaged Schools Scheme introduced with Commonwealth funding.
- 1975 - The first resource teachers were appointed. The centenary of the State Education Act of 1875 was celebrated.
- 1976 - The Advisory Council for Special Education was appointed to advise the Minister in matters relating to special education.
- 1977 - The Bardon Professional Development Centre opened in Brisbane. The Division of Technical and Further Education (TAFE) came into existence with the integration of technical and adult education.

Following the foundation years, the early development years and the growth years, the period from 1978 – 1999 could be considered as being the golden years for ACE in Queensland. Conferences, collegiality, and communities of practice, and the growth throughout the regions characterised the College during the late 1970’s and the early 1980’s. For example, in 1983, Education and the Media was adopted for College meetings, to provide members with a better understanding of the media and of the people that are involved in the business of media. The Program Committee headed by Keith Dan chose wisely and well so that the well attended meetings thoroughly enjoyed listening to the speakers - Ben de Jong of Queensland Newspapers; Allen Callaghan, Department of the Arts, National Parks and Sport; Kevin Kavanagh, the editor of the Courier Mail, and Fr. Paul McLachlan of the Catholic Media Office. New fellows for the year were Mr J. Armstrong, Mr K. Dan, Mr E. Duke, Bro. J. Hodda, Dr G. Jones, Mr D. Long and Mr J. Pitman. A highlight of the year’s activities was the Biennial Oration held at Bardon in August, superbly delivered by Dr Peter Botsman on the subject of Education and the Arts.

Throughout the late 1970’s and 1980’s, to be nominated to be a member of ACE was seen as prestigious, and the services offered to members kept them up to date with the ‘big picture’ professional issues of the times. To understand this, the membership numbers in the early 1980’s were very strong- 1981 – 931; 1982 – 959, and 1983 – 968. When we consider that membership in December 2009, almost 20 years later, stood at 1056, we have to take up the challenge of recapturing the spirit of ACE to be seen as the professional association for all educators as it was seen during that era.

I echo Alan Anderson’s statement in 1987 that “I can’t believe that we have tapped the full complement of leaders in education when we have 1000 members from a potential of 50,000 educators” - A/Prof Glenn Finger, incoming ACE Qld President (July 2010)

Silver Jubilee Reflections – ACE in Queensland 1960 - 1985

The 1980’s saw the Silver Jubilee of the College in 1984, and the Silver Jubilee of the Queensland Chapter in 1985. That year’s newsletter recorded some reflections of members on their association with the Queensland Chapter since Formation.

“A HIGHLIGHT” – The leaven given to my professional life by the Australian College of Education has always been the exposure it afforded me to the ideas of outstanding educational thinkers as well as to speakers of note. These speakers have portrayed a macro-vision of education and demonstrated an objectivity of approach it is so easy to lose within the four walls of a classroom. - Elaine Roberts

A high point of my membership of the Queensland Chapter was my involvement with George Berkeley, Peter Botsman and Gaye Hart in the preparation of early drafts of the ‘Green Paper’ on the future of the College. Although meetings were snatched at odd times and all of us were never together at the same time, I enjoyed the opportunity of looking to the future of the College with members who were deeply committed to developing its potential. – Neil Dempster
“THANKS” – I enjoy belonging to the College and consider my greatest personal gain to be the consciousness of the many faceted nature of educational endeavour with which the programmes and publications of the College keep its members in touch. No doubt it is high time I said so – and “thank you”. - Yolandre Greet

For me, a highpoint for the College was our first Chapter Conference held at Toowoomba Grammar School in 1969, which I had the privilege of organizing in conjunction with Mac Grassie and John Topley. The topic ‘Planning and Organization for Better Schools’ involved consideration of the planning of school buildings, organizing activities within the school system and of relating these to changing educational theory and practice. Another first for the Chapter also occurred in 1969 with the presentation of a Report to the Minister for Education and the Committee on Teacher Education on ‘In-Service Education in Queensland’ – Max Howell

‘UP IN THE AIR’ – I can vividly remember the exhilarating experience in 1972 of flying to Rockhampton with Bob Squire and Margaret Kugelman, in Bob’s tiny flying machine, in order to help officially launch the newly-formed Capricornia Regional Group. Much could be said about that launching, but not here. Again, with Bob on another occasion, we flew to Maryborough for a meeting of the Wide Bay Group, again a highly successful event. On other occasions, in less spectacular style, I have visited Townsville, Gold Coast and Toowoomba groups. All such visits provided lasting impressions of intense professional concerns for local and broad issues of education; of a sense of collegiality; and of course, of the warmest of hospitality. These visits also served to emphasize for me the tremendous importance of regional groups particularly in this state......If Bob Squire ever retires from his secretarial role, an event most of us don’t think will ever happen, we should retain his services, and his aeroplane, to maintain the idiosyncratic style of support to regions which Bob and his plane truly symbolize. – David Price

A Note on the Chapter’s first meeting from one of the dwindling group of 10 members and 45 visitors present in the University’s old Senate Room at St Lucia on 15 July 1980 stimulated other memories. Five years earlier, Bill Radford, Director of ACER, had been canvassing the idea of an Australian educational body to bring closer together those in all States with interests in education. One result of these early discussions had been the Australian Journal of Education with a substantial readership which prepared the way for national co-operation......A relatively small, elite membership was envisaged and not the expansion over the next 25 years. - Sam Rayner

‘SOONER OR LATER’ – At a chapter conference in the early ‘70s Dr Barry McGaw spoke of simple statistical procedures suitable for use with the Radford Scheme. His speech and subsequent workshop led me to re-examine what I had thought to be a rather irrelevant area of early studies and to develop interests in measurement and assessment. Subsequently, I became involved with Moderation and Tertiary Entrance Score committees and computer applications. This is what membership of the College is about. Sooner or later, one of the addresses at a College dinner or conference will have a lasting impact on professional growth. – Chas Walker

Some Highlights throughout the 1980’s and the 1990’s:

1986 – The 1986 recipient of the Chapter Project Grant was Ralph Pirozzo, who had done some wonderful work with his gifted students on the Redcliffe Peninsula. This project, in the space of 8 years expanded from a small group of 18 students to a total of over 200.
1988 - 150 registered for the first dinner meeting in February when the speaker was The Honourable B.G. Littleproud, Minister for Education, Youth and Sport. To formally revise some of the details of the operations of the Chapter, a written constitution for the Queensland Chapter was prepared. Under the chairmanships of Denis Long and Alan Anderson, the State Chapter Conference was focussed on Exploring the links between Education, Training and Employment, and Evolving Partnership in Education.

1989 - Two significant events were the debate on the education policies of the three major political parties and the Biennial Oration. The function was held in the Parliamentary Dining Room and the Parliamentary Annexe. Brian Littleproud, Paul Bradly and Lyle Schuntern outlined key aspects of the educational policies of the national Labor and Liberal parties in their addresses. The evening was a memorable occasion, and members left with insights into the thinking behind the plans for education of the major political parties.

- Lyndsay Connors, in her oration, challenged a number of educational shibboleths. There comes a point, she argued, when continuing efforts to reform processes and structures and to change the focus of decision-making cannot compensate for failure to face up to substantive educational questions. This argument by Lyndsay, who was later to become the ACE National President in 2010, is prophetic for the role of ACE today and the challenges which face the profession now.

Australia 21 was a foundation launched as a College project by all chapters by College President, Professor Phil Hughes. A state committee was set up to further the aims of the foundation which included a research network for research in key youth areas, a national clearing house for youth studies and a national award system to recognise outstanding projects designed to develop the capabilities of young people. In September, The Chapter honoured two Fellows, Alan Anderson and Dr Bob Squire who, between them, have given almost 40 years service to the Queensland Chapter.

1991 - The focus was on the formation of a new Regional Group in Bundaberg, the development of an issues agenda and management strategy by the Chapter Committee and discussions concerning the widening of College activities in the Brisbane Metropolitan Region. The inaugural Bundaberg Region meeting provided a forum for Dr Peter Coaldrake, Chair of the Public Sector Management Commission, to address the difficult issues associated with restructuring the Queensland Department of Education. A working group convened by Professor Phil Meade signalled five issues themes for concentrated action: Schools and Families – mobility of society and implications for schooling, schools supporting the role of the family; Teaching – the image of teaching as a profession, models of teacher education (pre, post and field experience) and alternative modes of teaching; Learning and Development; Curriculum Development, Implementation and Evaluation; and the Comparative Study of Education – the interstate perspective and the international perspective. Elaine Roberts and Laurence Lepherd had Fellowships conferred at the Canberra conference. The Buntine Oration was held at Parliament House in August, with Professor R. Scott presenting The Costs of Organisational Change: Is it Worth Preserving the Family Silver?

1993 - The 18th Biennial Oration was presented by Dr Barry McGaw at the Gehrmann Theatre at Brisbane Girls Grammar on Making Schools More Effective. The Parliament House Dinner was held in August with guest speaker the Minister for Education, the Honourable Pat Comben. Part of his address was, ‘Seriously! Good education does make a difference! Like music, it has charms to soothe a savage beast. It has become very clear to me since I became Minister for Education that schooling is the institution where the traditions of the past intersect with the hopes and aspirations for the future’. Other activities included a Curriculum Review by Professor Ken Wiltshire and Associate Professor Marilyn McMeniman, Nicklin Program Workshop for Early Career Educators, Joint meeting with ATIEA and ACE (breakfast meeting at Brisbane Polo Club), Launch of Australia 21
Project – Vietnamese video- Minister for Education, Chapter Medal presentation with guest speaker Professor Jonathon Anderson, President of the Australian College of Education.

1997 - The annual Parliament House Dinner and Biennial Oration were held in August, hosted by The Honourable the Minister for Education Bob Quinn. The Oration was presented by Neil Dempster of Griffith University. Fellows and Members of the Queensland Chapter included in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List were: Member in the General Division (AM) – Professor Marilyn McMeniman FACE, Dean of Education at Griffith University, for service to education in the fields of curriculum theory and practice, language acquisition, research and administration; Medal in the General Division (OAM) – Colin Wauchope Dodd MACE, Deputy-Principal of Warwick State High School, for service to the community of Warwick and to education; and Alan Edgar Druery FACE, Executive Director of the Catholic Education Commission, for service to education, particularly through the Catholic Education Commission. Dr Geoffrey Swan OAM was appointed to represent the Queensland Chapter’s interest in the College project Australian National Museum of Education. The project aimed at locating regional educational museums within Australia, listing the archival material in those repositories and locating education archival material from members and fellows. The 1997 Chapter Celebratory Dinner was held at Brisbane Girls Grammar School in October, at which the Chapter Medal was presented to Leslie John Dwyer FACE. The Chapter Forum held in the Ithaca Room, Brisbane City Hall in November, examined the topic School Based Management – New Concept? – Better Outcomes?

1999 – The Australian College of Education Forum – Queensland Statutory Bodies at the Crossroads – was held at the Ithaca Room, Brisbane City Hall, and was chaired by Ann Dashwood.

- The first Bassett Oration to commemorate the life and work of George William Bassett, was delivered by Dr Ken Boston, Director-General of Education and Training, Managing Director of TAFE NSW and President-elect of Australian College of Education, on Looking Backwards Towards Tomorrow.

At the Darwin Conference, Barry Arnison, John Burge and Dr Roy Lundin were inducted as Fellows of the College. Elaine Roberts FACE was awarded a Public Service Medal (PSM) in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List this year. Elaine worked with untiring dedication in her position with Queensland Rail, pioneering programs in adult literacy and workplace competency. Janice Hannant FACE received the Award of an OAM for many years of service as an Inspector and Staff Inspector with the Department of Education.

- 1978 - The Scott Report, A Review of School-Based Assessment in Queensland Secondary Schools (ROSBA), recommended that the norm-based system of secondary school assessment be changed to a competency-based system. The 1978 Review of Teacher Education in Queensland (the Bassett Report) was published.
- 1981 - The first phase of ROSBA was implemented. The school year changed from three to four terms.
- Teachers attended three pupil free days per year.
- 1985 - The discussion paper, Education 2000: Issues and options for the future of Education in Queensland was released.
1986 - The age of first attendance at primary school increased. Children had to turn five years by 31 January to be eligible for enrolment in Year One. A preschool to Year 10 (P-10) syllabus framework was developed.

1988 - The Inspectorate was regionalised. The senior secondary curriculum was broadened to cater for all learners. The use of computers and information technology in schools was given a high priority.

1989 - A new Education Act 1989 was enacted. The Department of Education’s first strategic plan was adopted. Decisions about school budgets were devolved to the school level. There was an amalgamation of correspondence schools which became the School of Distance Education - Brisbane Centre P-12.

1989-1990 - A comprehensive internal review of the Department of Education commenced through the consultation process, Education Have Your Say. Professor Nancy Viviani reviewed Tertiary Entrance and produced the report, A Review of Tertiary Entrance in Queensland. The Offices of Higher Education and Non-State Schooling were established.

1990-1991 - The report, Focus on Schools was released. A major restructure of the Department of Education followed. The Public Sector Management Commission (PSMC) reviewed the Department of Education including its role, operations, responsibilities and management. Greater responsibilities were devolved to 11 regions for resource, financial administration and human resource management. The Viviani Report recommended the establishment of the Tertiary Entrance Procedures Authority (TEPA). The PSMC developed guidelines for recruitment and selection based on merit and equity principles. The inspectorate ended.

1991-1992 - The phasing out of corporal punishment commenced. Social justice strategies covering gender equity, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and early childhood education were endorsed. The TE Score was replaced by the Student Education Profile.

1992-1993 - A wide ranging review of the Queensland curriculum commenced. The review panel, headed by Professor Wiltshire was asked to make recommendations on the content and management of the curriculum. The Computers in Schools Project provided some students with access to computers.

1993-1994 - The panel conducting the review of the Queensland curriculum released its report, Shaping the Future. Parent development officers were appointed in every region. Priority areas in education were reaffirmed including literacy, numeracy, Languages Other Than English (LOTE) and computer education.

1994-1995 - The report, Shaping the Future was endorsed and resulted in curriculum reforms. The Report emphasised the early identification and remediation of literacy and numeracy difficulties and the assessment of the attainments of students at various stages to ensure standards were maintained. Accordingly, the Year 2 Diagnostic Net and Year 6 Test were developed and introduced for trials in all state schools in 1995. Two new curriculum structures were established including the Queensland Curriculum Council and the Queensland School Curriculum Office (QSCO).

1995-1996 - There was increased emphasis on improving student learning outcomes and reporting. Trials of the Year 2 Diagnostic Net and the Year 6 literacy and numeracy tests commenced. The Queensland School Curriculum Council (QSCC) was established as a statutory authority, replacing QSCO.

1996-1997 - The name, Education Queensland was introduced. The Leading Schools program to implement school based management was announced. A further commitment was given to the adoption of technology with the proposed Schooling 2001 project over 1997-2000. The Reading Recovery Program designed to support students in Years 2 and 3 was implemented.

1997-1998 - Twenty-three new Year 11-12 syllabuses were trialled in schools. New syllabuses for Science, Health and Physical Education for Years 1-10 were trialled in 100 schools. Most state high schools offered at least two vocationally oriented subjects.

1998-1999 - The strategy, Queensland State Education: 2010 - The next decade: A discussion about the future of Queensland state schools was released and sought to promote discussion about the nature and purpose of education. The Schooling 2000 project upgraded school computer facilities and the IT skills of teachers. New literacy and numeracy tests for Year 3 and 5 students in all states and territories began against agreed benchmarks. New Preschool Guidelines were implemented.

Highlights of ACE activities throughout 2000-2010 reflect the increasingly complex changes, while at the same time, there is evidence of continuity in relation to the ongoing, fundamental issues and challenges which face the profession.

On the 15 July 2010, the Australian College of Educators celebrated its 50th year of service to the educational community of Queensland. A series of simultaneous events recognised the contribution of the College. It incorporated a streamed video presentation simultaneously to Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba, with Brisbane members travelling to the Gold Coast function to hear the 2010 State Medallist Professor Neil Dempster’s oration, to witness the launch of this publication Australian College of Educators Queensland Branch Celebrating the First 50 Years 1960-2010, and acknowledging new 2010 Fellows of the College.

Gail Rienstra undertook the role of Master of Ceremonies of the event. The special guest was Julie Grantham, the Director-General of the Department of Education and Training (DET) in Queensland, who presented the 2010 ACE Fellow awards, the medal to Professor Neil Dempster, and officially launched this history publication.

Professor Dempster’s oration examined significant shifts in Australian education over the last 50 years from a personal as well as a national perspective. He charted some of the most significant developments in policy and practice, but at the same time, put some supposed ‘truths’ about the education of children and young people under the spotlight. He posed and responded to the question:

Are there matters in the education of the young where continuity with the past should take precedence over reform or change efforts for the future?

At the 50th Anniversary celebrations, the following 2010 ACE Fellows of the Australian College of Educators from Queensland were presented with their awards:
Mr Michael Byrne FACE - For executive leadership and innovation in Catholic Schools including significant contributions to inter-systemic partnerships, school accreditation, international education and vocational education.

Mrs Brenda Suhr FACE - For commitment to innovative, professional and classroom based leadership, acting as administrator and mentor to educators particularly in regard to education of girls and for continued leadership in developing professional networks.

Dr Steve Nisbet FACE - For his achievements in teaching and research in mathematics education, and for his contributions to mathematics curriculum development and the professional learning of mathematics teachers.

Mr John Livingston FACE - For outstanding and distinctive leadership in education particularly leadership at a school, state and national level.

Dr Fay Haisley FACE - For demonstrated continuous high level contributions to the education of children, student teachers, and teachers, and leadership in higher education in NSW, Queensland and overseas.

Mr Peter Chapman FACE - For meritorious and sustained executive leadership in Catholic Schools including excellence in administrative systems, innovative practices in boys' education and community engagement.

Mr John Mula FACE - For executive and innovative leadership in Catholic education in a variety of school and system settings with a particular emphasis on curriculum development, reporting, early education policy, vocational education and school governance to support quality education.

The real test of the Australian College of Educators is its continuing to sustain and enhance its unique position as the only professional association which can provide the voice for all educators in Australia. As Margaret Clark, Chief Executive Officer, indicated in Notepad Issue 4, 2010, ACE has been actively ‘responding to an unprecedented number and range of consultations and the pace does not appear to be tapering off anytime soon’. For example, in 2010, ACE has prepared submissions to:

- The Draft Indigenous Education Action Plan 2010-2014;
- The Draft National Professional Standards for Teachers;
- Submission to the Draft K-10 National Curriculum;
- Draft Terms of Reference for the Review of Schools Funding; and
- Senate Inquiry into the Administration and Reporting of NAPLAN Testing

Margaret Clark notes that there ‘is a consistent thread running through all our submissions’:

- supporting the broad reform directions and the principles underpinning them;
- expressing concerns about the pace and the lack of involvement of the profession in the decision making processes; and
- seeking to ensure that decisions are informed by the due consideration of independent education expertise and that this informing process is transparent.

The following summarises some of the highlights throughout the period 2000-2010.
2000 - The Queensland Chapter Medal was presented to Penny Tripcony at the Parliament House Dinner hosted by Minister Dean Wells.

2001 – The Bassett Oration, The Teaching Profession: the dawn of a new era was presented by Professor Frank Crowther FACE, from the University of Southern Queensland. The Chapter Celebratory Dinner and presentation of Chapter Medal to Dr Robin Sullivan FACE was held in November. Fellowships were presented to Norm Hunter, Ann Dashwood, Peter Laurence and Penny Tripcony. Twenty-five Year pins were presented to Raymond Barrett, Elaine Roberts, Judith Hancock, Peter Boge, Pamela Brennan, Northa Burnett, Neville Byrnes, Earle Denning, Margaret Evans, Gary Flanigan, Helen Forster, Steward Jackson, Valma Layne, Gail Parsons, Melvyn Phillips, Brian Saward, Brian Short, David Syne and Keith Taylor. Tales from the Classroom – stories about the work of teachers were being gathered, with the intention to publish them for wider public reading.

- Capricornia Regional Group - The highlight for the Capricornia Region was World Teachers Day in October when the contribution and achievement of local teachers was acknowledged.
- Darling Downs Regional Group - Activities included the successful Awards Night, newsletter publications, dinner meetings and the Cuttance Professional Development Program.
- Gold Coast Regional Group - A series of dinner meetings have attracted a range of interesting speakers from local colleagues discussing developments in information technology and communications to the newly appointed Minister for Education, Mrs Anna Bligh MLA. The Frank Surman Memorial Bursary was first offered to a Year 12 student from the region who wishes to undertake professional training for a teaching career.
- Mackay Regional Group - Mr Graham Hyman of Youth Specialities Australia spoke at the first meeting for 2002 on the impact significant adults, especially teachers, can have on the youth of today.
- Metropolitan Regional Group - Held well attended functions, with the Minister’s presence attracting most interest. Anna Bligh’s address and responses to questions left a fresher feeling about our Chief Educator.
- Peninsula Regional Group – For the first time in 2001 the group held a new members meeting to welcome members to the district and the College. As has been the practice for some years now, the group gave two prizes – The James Cook University Prizes - to undergraduate education students. For the ninth year the group presented the Noreen Wilcox Award. The Pam Gray Oration is held in conjunction with the Noreen Wilcox Award. Dr Neil Andersen from James Cook University gave the 2001 Oration which examined the use of computers in the development of literacy. The group had the opportunity to sponsor the establishment of a reading lounge where interested educators were able to gather and discuss issues, and a component of an educational symposium on Indigenous education.
- Sunshine Coast Regional Group - Dr Gabrielle Matters hosted a New Basics Workshop with both teachers and students as presenters from Mooloolah State Primary School, Woombye State Primary School, Nambour State High and Burnside State High Schools. Each of the presenters outlined the practical implications in the classroom and to the whole school, of the New Basics pilot program. The Technology in Education Forum also focused on input from a range of educators and covered topics such as knowledge management in schools, virtual schooling and multi media. Earlier in the year the group focused on teachers’ professional development and hosted Ruth Holmes from the Teacher Employment Network to speak on overseas teaching opportunities.
- Townsville Regional Group - The year began with an informal Meet and Greet activities afternoon followed by a sausage sizzle to welcome all educators who were new to the area. Prizes were presented at the Annual Prize Presentation Ceremony at the James Cook University, Townsville Campus, in May.
2002 - The AGM was held in March at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in conjunction with the Metropolitan Group’s Excellence in Teaching Awards. An Educational Forum on The Changing Face of Education in Queensland was held at Brisbane City Hall, addressing the many potential and real changes that face Queensland educators, parents and students. The Minister for Education, The Honourable Anna Bligh MLA, agreed to open the Forum and inform us of the vision behind her government’s initiatives to change the face of education in Queensland. This was followed by the Director-General for Education, Mr Jim Varghese who considered initiatives that are driving the change in Education Queensland schools. Newly appointed Assistant Director-General of Strategic & Executive Services Mr Gary Hodge, then considered how many of the initiatives fit together to provide the platform for educational reform. Recently appointed Director of Queensland Studies Authority, Professor Rodney Gerber considered the challenge facing the newly formed Authority (QSA), which will accept responsibility for educational practice and standards. The new Authority replaces the former Board of Senior Secondary School Studies, the Tertiary Entrance Procedures Authority and the Queensland Curriculum Studies. Updates on the Gardner Review, by Professor Margaret Gardner, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, University of Queensland, the Senior Certificate Project being undertaken by Adjunct Professor John Pitman and developments in Non-State Education and the Tertiary Sector by Assistant Director General External Portfolio Relations Ms Leigh Tabrett provided participants with current information in these areas. The forum concluded with reactions from a number of stakeholders including Professor Collette Tayler, Head of School of Early Childhood QUT, Mr Tom Hardy, President Qld Assn of State School Principals, Dr Murray Evans, Chair Association of Independent Schools of Queensland (AISQ) and Mr Damien Brennan, Director of Curriculum & Religious Education Brisbane Catholic Education. The Branch collected entertaining, inspiring and moving stories about teachers who made a difference to the life of a student - Tales from the Classroom Project.

The Branch Celebratory Dinner was held at Grand Chancellor-on-the-Park. Fellowships were presented to Patricia White-Davison and Colin Sutcliffe, and the Branch Medal to Gabrielle Matters. Highlights during Norm Hunter’s term as Branch President included the major change of name of the College from The Australian College of Education to The Australian College of Educators, the State Chapters becoming known as State Branches, and the Chairs of State Branches and Regional groups being designated Presidents.

Additional changes during Norm’s leadership also included:

• The development of shared goals for the College
• Move to greater accountability of Branch finances to National Council
• A consolidation of the requirements for the operation of Branch Regional Groups
• Abolition of the need for nominations for Membership
• Abolition of teaching requirements for Membership
• The introduction of a new journal The Professional Educator
• The development of the 2002 Year Book on Teacher Leadership by Frank Crowther
• The development of the national Archives Project
• Establishment of the ACE Foundation to support research in education.

• Capricornia Regional Group – Dr Judith Salecich addressed members on the Spiritual Quotient (SQ) and the needs of young people in the schooling sector. The Morning Bulletin in Rockhampton enlisted the support of the ACE Regional Group in its endeavours to establish an Adult Literacy Program in the area. Dr John Watts joined a select group to advise the Editor on community attitudes in the areas of education and religion.
Darling Downs Regional Group – The group continued with their constant activities – the ecumenical service, the newsletter, the meetings, the Awards night, University scholarship recognition, membership outreach.

Mackay Regional Group – AGM was held in March. The Executive would welcome any strategies that might broaden the membership and attendance at meetings.

Metropolitan Regional Group – The AGM and Group’s Teaching Award, presented to Dr Paul Hansen from Australian Catholic University was held in March. In late May 100 members and non-members were privileged to hear three very fine educators, Professor Bob Lingard, Professor of Education, University of Queensland and newly appointed Chair of the Queensland Studies Authority, Professor Vi McLean, Dean of the Faculty of Education at QUT, and Adjunct-Professor David Wyatt, Principal, Novogenesis, a new-venture catalyst company and Adjunct Professor in Bio-business at QUT, give their thoughts and some ideas on our ‘smart state’ and relevant issues for educators developing politically and socially here and over the horizon. Dr Peter Shergold spoke about the directions he saw Australian education being high on the agenda at a function in late August.

Peninsula Regional Group – The group held their AGM in February, followed by group meetings in April with Dr Michael Greene, Literacy Development Centre in June, and Centre for Excellence in Science and Technology in July. The Noreen Wilcox Award for Excellence in Education was presented to a teaching duo – Tracy Oinidia and Leonie Kirstens for the classroom-based teacher and to Shona McKinlay, Principal Mareeba State High School for the non-classroom based educator. The Pam Gray Oration was presented by Professor Jeanie Herbert, Chair for the Centre of Australian Indigenous Studies, James Cook University, Townsville. Her address examined the issues relating to vocational education and Aboriginal people.

Sunshine Coast Regional Group – The AGM with guest presenter Branch President, Norm Hunter who delivered an engaging address on Postcards from America was held at the University of the Sunshine Coast. The annual Unicorn Awards honoured five educators from across the educational community on the Sunshine Coast, who contributed greatly to their learning communities.

Townsville Regional Group – 2002 began with an Ecumenical Service held at the Ryan Community Centre, followed by a most successful barbeque. In Term Two, William Spady outlined his approach to Outcomes Based Education Theory. At the James Cook School of Education Graduation Ceremony the Branch Prize of Associate Membership was awarded to the graduating student with the highest academic record. At the conclusion of 2002, the tradition of celebrating the year by combining what proved to be a very productive Executive Committee Planning meeting with informal Christmas celebratory drinks was continued.

Gold Coast Regional Group – Activities of 2002 included the popular ‘dinner followed by a speaker’ format. Under the leadership of Peter Burrows, the regional group took the initiative of participation in the Gold Coast local government drive to promote education as a major economic driver in the region.

Coast at Novotel Twin Waters Resort. The planning and hard work that went into the Conference resulted in excellent outcomes. Mr Paul Campbell, Mrs Dawn Lang, Mr Ian McKay, Dr Geoffrey Swan and Mrs Jane Topley were presented Fellowship of the College at the Conference.

Professor Colin Power FACE, former Deputy Director-General & Assistant DG for Education UNESCO, Paris, presented his paper Towards 2010 – Australian education in an international context as the Bassett Oration November 2003 at Parliament House, hosted by the Minister for Education The Honourable Anna Bligh MP. Outstanding Service awards to recognise College Members who have made an outstanding contribution to the life of the College were presented to Mr Brian Jenetz and Mr Patrick Costigan. A Branch Executive meeting was held in November at United Service Club in Brisbane. ACE Executive Director Jim Cumming attended the meeting, and spoke of the Colleges Purpose and Vision Statement. During 2003 the Capricornia and Bundaberg/Wide Bay Regional Groups were closed because of inability to attract members in the area to hold positions of responsibility on the Management Committees.

- **Darling Downs Regional Group** – The Ecumenical Service this year was conducted at Concordia College, led by Pastor Terry Unger. During the Dinner held to celebrate Awards in Excellence in Teaching in October at Futures Restaurant, Syd Woolley received a Commendation in recognition of his many contributions to Education in the area; Marion Elvery, Gabbinbar State School and Margaret Mitchell, Toowoomba State High School received The Kath Dickson Award; Clare Treloar and Fiona Bowden, Toowoomba State High School received The Award for Notable Contributions to the Preparation of Pre-Service Teachers; and Oakey State School – Year One Transition Program, Harlaxton State School – ‘The Whole Child – Working Together for Success’, Harristown High School each received 2003 Excellence in Education Awards.

- **Gold Coast Regional Group** – Matthew Young of Southport State High was this year’s winner of the Frank Surman Bursary. The AGM was held in March at St Hilda’s with Mr Peter Wilkinson being elected as President and long serving ACE member Mr Neville Byrnes elected again as Treasurer, and Mr Denis Dwan as Secretary.

- **Mackay Regional Group** – An inaugural Teacher Inservice Day featuring presentations by Professor Geoff Masters of ACER and Dr Paula Barrett from Griffith University. A Hypothetical and Student Forum hosted by Mr Bob Hince, a well-known motivational speaker is scheduled.

- **Metropolitan Regional Group** – The first function held for the year gave members and other educators the chance to ask some of those responsible for writing the Educational and Training Reforms for the Future, questions about its implications. Ken Smith, Director-General of Education Queensland attended the meeting. At the St Lucia Gold Club, Dr Erica McWilliam shared some of her insights into the deadly malaise of best practice, sweeping the educational community, and how to survive it! In September about 65 members took advantage of the beautifully refurbished 12th floor at 30 Mary Street to have breakfast with the Director General. New members enjoyed coffee afternoons to welcome them to the College, and it was proposed to alternate coffee afternoons with ‘ACE at the pub’.

- **Peninsula Regional Group** – Activities for the group included AGM with speaker Jim Buzzacott at Cairns School of Distance Education, Paul Bland speaking at Trinity Anglican School in April, a meeting at Cairns School of Distance Education in July, and Presentation of Ian Mackay’s Fellowship at the Lemongrass Restaurant in November. Each year since 1996, prior to JCU Cairns Campus graduation the Peninsula group has presented two graduates awards for their studies. The prize is membership of the College. The Noreen Wilcox and the Pam Gray Oration was again held at TAFE. Tanya Findlay of Cairns State High was awarded the Noreen Wilcox Award for Classroom-based Teacher, and Jill Bowman of Yarrabah State School for Non-classroom Based Educator. An inaugural ACE in the Pub was held to encourage younger teachers to join the College.
Sunshine Coast Regional Group – AGM was held at Immanuel Lutheran College in March, followed by the Executive Director of Education Queensland, Mooloolaba District, Ms Yvana Jones, addressing assembled members on a vision for education for the Sunshine Coast and the many directions and initiatives that schools could pursue in the future. The group hosted a seminar led by Mr Kim Bannikoff, Director of the Queensland Studies Authority, focused on the future directions of education in Queensland.

Townsville Regional Group – In February, Debbie Best from Education Queensland presented Education and Training Reforms for the Future – Implications for Education at the Heatley Secondary College Multi-media Centre. A video/teleconference link to Ingham enabled the more distant members and other participants to take part interactively in the presentation. A dinner meeting was held at the George Coates Room at the Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE when Dr Margaret Card, Director, Environment Protection Agency spoke on the link between school and environment education. The Noreen Wilcox Award was presented to Belinda Jo Ah Shay, a first year education student, for the achievement of outstanding results in the first year of her Bachelor of Education degree. The ACE Chapter Award was presented to Katrina Santarossa, a final year education student for excellence in the final year of her studies. Robin Sullivan, Commissioner for Children and Young People discussed very current topical information on Child Protection is Everyone’s Business, at a function in October at the Heatley Secondary College Multi-media Centre.

2004 - The AGM and Presentation of 25 year Pins to members and Fellows was held at the United Service Club, as well as the Branch Executive meeting. Those presented with their pins were Lorraine Gibson, Bruce Cook, Peter Varley, Bob Guthrie, Trevor Sterling, Peter Burroughs, James Tunstall, Gabrielle Matters, Marie Winford, Ron Wright, Stan Sielaff, Gayle Kirkwood, Isabella Kearsley, Roger Marks, Evan Mclay, Alan Dale, John Webster, Roy Webb, Neil Dempster, Jennifer Easton, John Corbett, A. Biedermann and Jill Hewitt. The 2004 Travel Award was awarded to Mr Graeme Hall, Director of the Board of Teacher Registration, to allow the Branch and its Regional Groups access to quality speakers and fellow educators. Graeme visited all Regional Groups during the year and discussed Teachers’ Professional Learning: recognition, responsibility and reward. The 2004 Celebratory Dinner and Presentation of Branch Medal to Professor John Elkins FACE and Presentation of Fellows, was conducted at the Hotel Grand Chancellor. Professor Elkins was awarded the Medal for distinguished and outstanding service to education at state, national and international levels. Members to receive Fellowship were Rev Paul Bland, Ms Christine Klee, Dr Graham Maxwell and Professor Campbell McRobbie. 2004 Service Awards were presented to Dayrelle Abbey and Di Taylor who over many years have contributed much to the development of the Branch.

The Queensland State Convention was held in June at Brisbane Grammar School. Professor Neil Dempster facilitated the proceedings, with the aim of the Convention being to consider ways in which the Branch could implement the vision for the College. The Queensland Branch Research Grant was awarded to Dr Bill Sultmann for a project on Measuring Values in Education – Developing Tools for the Renewal of School Culture. The paper, a most valuable contribution to the values debate, was published and distributed to College members.

Darling Downs Regional Group – The group introduced coffee afternoons, held twice each year, to welcome new members. A Fireside Chat was held at the home of Vice Chairman Paul Merry and his wife Lyn. To include members in outlying areas where members experience difficulty attending meetings and functions, a visit to the School of Total Education in Warwick and to the Oakey State School was organised. The meetings both were most stimulating experiences. Father Des Coates led the Ecumenical Service at the USQ. The Awards for Excellence in Teaching dinner was held, with guest speaker, Mr Paul McNally speaking of the history of education in Toowoomba over the past 100 years.
Gold Coast Regional Group – The AGM was held in March at St Hilda’s School with Professor Peter Taylor, Institute of Learning Communities, Bond University speaking on *Preparing Teachers differently: an innovative approach to teacher education*. President, Mr Peter Wilkinson chaired five committee meetings held during the year. A dinner meeting was held in May at Somerset College, Mudgeeraba, with Professor Bill Merrilees, Head of Department of Marketing, Griffith University speaking on *Marketing the Education Product*. Another dinner meeting was held in August at the Visions Restaurant, Gold Coast Institute of TAFE with Graeme Hall speaking on *Teachers’ Professional Learning: Recognition and Reward*. ACE Chief Executive Officer, Cheryl O’Connor spoke on *ACE: Do we have a future?* at another dinner meeting in October at Edibles Restaurant, Elanora State High School. The group resolved to mark *World Teachers Day 2004* by recognising College members on the Gold Coast for ‘Meritorious Service for the Distinctive Contribution to the Advancement of Education’.

Mackay Regional Group – The Inaugural Teacher Forum on *The 3Rs, Respected, Resilient, Refreshed* was held in July at the Mackay Entertainment Centre. After 9 months of planning, 147 educators from tertiary, secondary, primary, government and non-government sectors listened to addresses by Professor Geoff Masters, CEO of the Australian Council for Educational Research, and Associate Professor Paula Barrett, clinical psychologist at Griffith University, ending with an inspiring Student Forum on *What Good Teachers Do*.

Metropolitan Regional Group – Activities included the AGM in November, a breakfast at Education House with guest speaker travelling Scholar Graeme Hall, a debate at Customs House with 150 members listening to Dr Noel Preston and Dr Gabrielle Matters argue that *values should be taught in schools* while Professor Erica McWilliam and Mr Eddie Scuderi put forward an opposing viewpoint. The teaching award this year went to Dr Philip Moulds, presented at the National Conference in Perth in October.

Peninsula Regional Group – The group held a seminar with Travelling Scholar Graeme Hall speaking on Professional Learning. The James Cook University awards were presented by Alison Walker on behalf of the group President. The Noreen Wilcox Awards and Pam Gray Oration were held. The Orator for 2004 was Carmel Ross who spoke on Leadership in a time of persistent change. World Teachers Day certificates were presented at Smithfield State High School and St Augustine’s Catholic College.

Sunshine Coast Regional Group – The 2004 AGM and Education Seminar was conducted with the ETRF Project Officer, Mooloolaba District, Education Queensland, Mrs Lyn Talbot delivering an insightful address focusing on a vision for education on the Sunshine Coast, with a view to engaging the whole community in creating opportunities for youth and strengthening partnerships between school communities. Graeme Hall also visited the Sunshine Coast as Travelling Scholar.

Townsville Regional Group – The AGM was held in March at the Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE George Coates Restaurant. At the James Cook University Awards Presentation Ceremony, the Townsville Regional Group Prize, *The Noreen Wilcox Award* was presented to Susan Nosworthy, a first year education student, and the ACE Branch Award was presented to Jessica Schmidt, a final year education student. Travelling Fellow Graeme Hall spoke of *Professionalism of Educators* at James Cook University. World Teachers’ Day educator award presentations attracted both radio and television coverage due to the commitment of Rev Everard Blackman, Publicity Officer for the project.

2005 - The Bassett Oration, hosted by the then new Minister of Education, Rod Welford, was held at Parliament House in August, with Professor Erica McWilliam entertaining and challenging all educators to get the best from students by ‘meddling in the middle’ with them, to better prepare them for a world where we no longer control our immediate environment as we once did. Fellowships were also presented to Dr Bill Sultmann and Dr Murray Evans. Gail Mackay, the third
recipient for Fellowship was presented her award in Townsville surrounded by friends and colleagues. The Annual General Meeting and Presentation of Life and 25 year Pins was held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in March. Those who received Life Member pins were Dr John Barrie, Mr Ron Brimble, Mr Garry Everett, Mr Ray Giese, Mr Greg Ivy, Mr Joe McCorley, Ms Cecil Nielson, Mr John Pitman, Mr Emmanuel Anthony, Ms Marilyn Haysom, Mr Allan Mulluly, Mrs Ruth Nichols and Ms Maria Winford. 25 year member pins were presented to Mr Bruce Alexander, Dr Stephen Nesbit, Mr Wallis Anderson, Dr Kenneth Appleton, Dr Neil Cranston, Dr Ian Macpherson, Mrs Ngoc Nuyen, Mr Bradley Tracey and Mr John Wilkinson. The Travelling Scholar Reflection was presented by Bill Sultmann on Values Education – Increasing Awareness of Something Already Known to be Important. A lunch was held in November to acknowledge eminent members at the Rendezvous Hotel. Branch Executive Meetings were held in conjunction with each of these functions.

- **Darling Downs Regional Group** – The welcome function for 2005 was a film evening. The Fireside Chat welcoming new members was an enjoyable networking opportunity. Workshops at USQ for 4th year preservice teachers were held to explain CATCH. Representatives of the group were invited to the USQ Faculty of Education Graduation ceremony. The Mayor of Toowoomba, Di Thorley, delivered an extremely motivating address, demonstrating the enormous impact educators have on the lives of their students. A preservice award was presented to Robyn Macleish and a postgraduate award was presented to Julia McLendon. A combined ACE/ACEL dinner was held in May at Angelo’s on Herries. In May a media launch of the Excellence Program was conducted, with both television and print media represented. About 60 people attended Book Night Out in August, hosted by Mary Ryan Bookshop, to celebrate Children’s Book Week. Guest speakers, Dr Michele Anstey and Dr Geoff Bull, gave a very enlightening insight into the books chosen winners for the year. The October Excellence in Education Awards Evening was a resounding success, with guest speaker Travelling Scholar, Dr Bill Sultmann. The Toowoomba Chronicle ran a whole page feature on the event, showcasing the achievements of this year’s winners. CEO of ACE, Cheryl O’Connor was guest speaker at the AGM.

- **Gold Coast Regional Group** – The highlight of the year was the ‘Breakfast Forum’ held at Bond University in May, addressed by The Honourable Dr Brendan Nelson MP (then Federal Minister for Education, Science and Training), and attended by 61 School Principals and Administrators; University Lecturers; and teachers. The AGM was held in May at The Southport School. The Frank Surman Memorial Bursary was presented by the President, Mr Peter Wilkinson, to Mr Paul Finger. Committee meetings were held in March, April, July, August, October and November.

- **Mackay Regional Group** – Membership has shown some growth as a direct result of the Annual Teacher Forum. Activities were concentrated on planning for the 2006 Teacher Forum.

- **Metropolitan Regional Group** – The AGM in November saw some new committee members elected. A public lecture was held in July by Professor Freda Briggs, Professor Emeritus at the University of South Australia and consultant on the protection of children to numerous government agendas in Australia and internationally, entitled Every school’s worst nightmare – Child sexual abuse – strategies for professional and responsible action. In September the group and The Association of Catholic Secondary Schools of Queensland jointly hosted a breakfast with Travelling Scholar Dr Bill Sultmann. In October the group and The Brisbane Institute held a debate at the Customs House titled Traditional Classrooms Hamper Future Employment. The affirmative team consisting of Mr Garry Everett, Assistant Director of Queensland Catholic Education Commission, Dr Roger Hunter, Executive Director of Lutheran Education Queensland and Mr Jim Tunstall, Lecturer at QUT and Griffith University was defeated by Dr Elizabeth Warren, Head of the School of Education at the Australian Catholic University, Professor Peter Coaldrake, Vice-Chancellor of the QUT and Mr Eddie Scuderi, Managing Partner of the Queensland office of Corrs Chambers Westgarth Lawyers who took the negative stance.
Peninsula Regional Group – The group displayed information about the College at a professional association’s day at James Cook University in September. World Teachers Day was marked by the presentation of the Noreen Wilcox Awards to Rose Callaghan, the classroom based educator award and Kim Johnson the non-classroom based educator award. Two graduating teachers’ awards were presented to Early Childhood graduates, Linda Sterckx and Peta Fairnelli. Psychologist Andrew Fuller presented a dinner workshop to members, educators, parents and education students from James Cook University. In July, the visiting German educator Sigrun Christoph treated the group to an evening of relaxation featuring German education and what is taught to German school children. Travelling Scholar Dr Bill Sultmann visited the group. Professor Scott Bowman, Pro-Vice Chancellor Cairns and Academic Planning, James Cook University, presented the annual Pam Gray Oration on the Changing Role of Regional Universities. Tracey Griggs received a State Disability Week award for her school and the team she leads, Student Support Services at Smithfield State High School, in recognition of the innovative programs and inclusive practices.

Sunshine Coast Regional Group – Activities were the AGM held at the CSIT, Mooloolaba when Mike Anderson, Director of CSIT gave a presentation on the growth on the TAFE sector; Dr Bill Sultmann, Travelling Scholar presenting research findings on Values in Education, publication of a newsletter including articles by Ken Dyce on his educational experience in China, and Ian Wood on his Fellowship to Germany; and Unicorn Awards were initiated.

2006 - The Bassett Oration hosted by the Minister for Education and the Arts, the Honourable Rod Welford MP, was presented by Erica McWilliam on Schooling the Yuk/Wow Generation at Parliament House. The awarding of fellowships was also conducted at this event. ACE on the Road was considered very successful by those who attended the presentations from Professor Brian Caldwell. The Branch expressed thanks for Lorraine Gibson’s outstanding help and support over decades. There also was a state Travelling Scholar, Dr Stephen Lake, whose paper was very well received at the ACE National Conference in Adelaide in May. The Annual General Meeting and Presentation of Life and 25 year Pins to Members and Fellows was held in conjunction with Branch Executive Meeting in March at the Rendezvous Hotel. 25 year members so honoured were Dr Murray Evans, Mrs Robin Sullivan, Dr Allan Doring, Dr Robert Dudley, Mr Graeme Hall, Mrs Judith Hunter, Mr Murray Kay, Mr J Stan Klan, Assoc Prof Dorothy Watts and Mr Keith Werder. Life members to receive pins were Mr L Robin Kleinschmidt, Dr Kevin McKennarney, Miss Patricia O’Connell, Assoc Prof Neil Russell, Mrs Maria Winford, Mr Graham Benjamin OAM, Mrs Ann Dashwood, Assoc Prof Robert Elliott, Mr Donald Mclachlan, and Mr John Wagstaff. The Cocktail Reception and 2006 College Medallist and Fellows Presentation were held at the Carlton Crest in Brisbane. The Branch Executive Meeting was also held at this time at the Rendezvous Hotel. 2006 Fellowships were presented to The Honourable Anna Bligh MP, Mr Ken Smith, Dr Peta Goldberg, Mrs Gayle Millett, Mr Simeon Milner and Associate Professor Dorothy Watts.

The Biennial Branch Medal oration was inspirationally presented by Mr Norm Hunter on The Profession of Potential. Norm spoke of the milestones in Queensland’s education history and how it has evolved into one of the best systems in the world. He then spoke of professionalism. Taking the thoughts of several notable educators, Norm gave us nine criteria which suggest that teaching is a profession:

1. Discretionary judgement as the heart of professionalism;
2. Collaborative work cultures (equivalent of second opinions);
3. Norms of continuous improvement;
4. Reflection about practice;
5. A complex body of knowledge and theory;
6. Career-long professional development;
7. Profession-based registration and self-regulation;
8. Specialisation within the profession; and
9. A code of professional practice.

This was an inspirational address as Norm challenged us to be better advocates for what we do, regardless of the institutions in which we work. We must not be diffident about using the ‘soft’ language of potential, rather than the hard language of product – because that’s what we do, and what we do is hugely important.

Darling Downs Regional Group - Held its inaugurated Sam Power Memorial Oration, to honour Sandra Anne Power, an enthusiastic advocate of English teaching. The Oration Schools of Hope: A New Agenda for School Improvement was delivered by Terry Wrigley, University of Edinburgh. The August ‘Book Night Out’ was a huge success. This evening was also the vehicle for the launch of Geoff Bull and Michele Anstey’s book Teaching and Learning Multi-literacies. The Toowoomba region major function for the year was the Excellence in Education awards, with 100 people in attendance. Professor Neil Dempster was guest speaker and his message Effort, Equality of Opportunity and Excellence was most thought-provoking.

Gold Coast Regional Group - Key events reflecting upon their building of relationships with other educational players and associations were an afternoon reception with The Honourable Julie Bishop with ACE GCRG, in conjunction with Margaret May MP, providing an excellent insight into key initiatives on her agenda as Federal Minister; presentation by Past President, Peter Wilkinson to the Education Faculty student body at Bond University about The Frank Surman Memorial Award and about the ‘teaching profession’; and the informal End of Academic Year Function at Kurrawa SLSC.

Mackay Regional Group - Held its third annual Teachers’ Form in April. Over 350 educators from 20 schools attended the day which featured Mr Glenn Capelli MACE, Professor Neil Dempster, National President, and Mr Morris Gleitzman, probably Australia’s foremost children’s author. The day’s theme, Learning with Style, was enhanced by Glenn’s three sessions that led participants through Multiple Intelligences to the Many Lands of Smart to ensure that ‘Learning Really Happens’.

Brisbane Metropolitan Regional Group - Hosted a ‘Meet the Presidents’ social event in Brisbane. In early June The Independent Schools Conference was held in Brisbane at which the region set up a stand to promote College membership with teachers attending the conference. National President, Neil Dempster spoke on Leadership and Learning at Loreto College Coorparoo. The group hosted the visit of the ACE Travelling Scholar, Professor Brian J Caldwell. Late August saw a capacity audience participate in a forum with The Minister for Education and the Arts, Rod Welford, who outlined the many reforms in progress in Queensland education. In September, the Metropolitan Group and The Brisbane Institute debated at the Customs House: Government Schools should be Privatised. The result is still subject to debate.

Peninsula Regional Group - Celebrated International Teachers Day in October, with the presentation of the Noreen Wilcox Awards and the Pam Gray Oration. This year the Oration was delivered by three educators: a young man in the first year of service, an experienced Principal, and a retired and distinguished teacher. All spoke on the theme of vocation and their presentation was moving and insightful. The winner for the Noreen Wilcox Award was Mrs Cathy Delaney, a distinguished teacher from St Mary’s College in Cairns. In the administrator’s section, Mrs Jean Illingworth, Head of Djarragan College, was honoured for
her work in indigenous education and Mr Glen Smedley was honoured for his leadership over many years and Smithfield State High School.

**Sunshine Coast Regional Group** - Considered leadership in educational settings by consultation with Dr Jan D’Arcy and Lyn Healy.

**Fraser Coast Regional Group** - Was activated with Tony Wood, Principal of the Fraser Coast Anglican College taking up the challenge.

2007 - The Annual General Meeting and presentation of Life and 25 year pins was held at the Rendezvous Hotel in December. Those to receive life membership pins were Dr Elaine Roberts, Mrs Pamela Brennan, Mrs Margaret Evans, Mr Melvyn Phillips, Mr Earle Denning, Mr Brian Short, Miss Northa Burnett, Dr Raymold Barrett, Mr Keith Taylor, Br Brian Saward, Dr Gail Parsons, Ms Helen Forster, Mr Neville Byrnes and Mr Peter Boge. 25 year pins were presented to Professor John Hay, Dr Glenn Finger, Mr Colin Young, Ms Glenys Melgaard, Mrs Ann Carroll, Sr Berneice Loch, Mr Angus Edmonds, and Mr James Terrace. The Branch Executive met in March at ACER Conference Room, July by teleconference and December at St Josephs College. The 2007 Travelling Scholar, Dr Stephen Lake spoke to a number of regional groups. Dr Lake is a former teacher and is presently with the Commission of Children and Young People. His focus area of study is the middle school aged boy – an area ripe for study! Professor Frank Pignatelli CBE, Chief Executive, The Scottish University for Industry, presented the Bassett Oration March 2007 at the Parliamentary Annexe, Parliament House on *Challenges of retaining values in a market driven culture*.

**Darling Downs Regional Group** – Presentation of Associate Professor Dorothy Andrews with her Fellowship was a highlight of the Excellence in Education awards. The Book Night Out was a resounding success with Doctors Michele Anstey and Geoff Bull giving insightful critiques. *Awards for Excellence* were conducted in October at the Cathedral Centre in Toowoomba, with Professor Neil Dempster, Ms Gail Reinstra and Bob Rasmussen in attendance. The Kath Dickson Award was presented to Dr Ian Wilson, Toowoomba State High School, and Excellence in Education Awards to Fairholme College for a *Kindy within a School Community*, Miles State High School for *Green and Healthy Miles and Rural Success by a Country Mile(s)*, Toowoomba State High School for *Bridging the Gap – Years 7/8 Transition*, *COLT: Creating Opportunities and Learning Together*, *TRIP: Toowoomba Re-engagement Intervention Program and Senior Pathways Program*. Preservice Mentoring Award was presented to Ms Leanne Penberthy, Toowoomba Grammar School for her outstanding guidance and support to USQ preservice teachers in the field of Art education. The AGM was held at the Glennie School in November with guest speaker Professor Nita Temmerman, Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Southern Queensland. An ACE/ACER Professional Learning Workshop was held on *Developing a Positive Approach to Prep: Perspectives on Play and Progress* with Dr Deborah Gahan, Lecturer, School of Early Childhood QUT, Early Years Teacher and Author presenting ‘Play-based Learning and the Early Years Curriculum’ and Sue Thomas, Prep Teacher, Early Years Facilitator and Author speaking on ‘The Early Learning Record: A Personal Perspective’.

**Fraser Coast Regional Group** – The group hosted a visit by Mr Graham Hyman, ending with a Parents and Community session which was very well attended. At the second function for the year, Travelling Scholar Dr Stephen Lake spoke on ‘Teachers Shaping Boys’ Futures: The Influence of Teachers and Others on Early Adolescent Boys Identity Development’ at Xavier Catholic College.

**Gold Coast Regional Group** – More than 200 participants attended a Forum on *Quality Teaching: Whose Responsibility?* in March, coordinated by the President, DR Glenn Finger, and conducted in association with The School of Education and Professional Studies (Gold Coast) at Griffith University, the Tertiary Education Industry Advisory Group and the Gold Coast Teachers Network. Guest panellists - Professor Marilyn McMeniman (Pro Vice Chancellor, Arts, Education and Law, Griffith University), Professor Richard Smith (Executive
Deputy Dinner June, and Matthew Branch Claridge, Fellowship held Research Scottish Examinations Sunshine Schools insights August, my regarding members. Mackay Department College. Fisheries. Glenn Dean, upon politicians. World Metropolitan College Presentation Kurrawa A Somerset educators 2007 – Chancellor in ACE Faculty Gregory reports at Teachers and of Griffith University, was presented at Teachers, Voices of and Girls Warren Professor Vi McLean AM, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Teaching Quality at QUT, with the College Medal, at the Celebratory Dinner held in July in the Strangers Dining Room at Parliament House. Fellowships were also presented to Dr Glenn Finger, Mr David Hutton, Mr Terry O’Hanlon-Rose and Ms Gail Rienstra. Branch Committee meetings were held in March at ACER Conference Room, July by teleconference and December at Brisbane Girls Grammar School. The Executive met by teleconference in April, May, June, July, September, October and November.

Mackay Regional Group – 170 educators from all sectors and year levels, including 10 preservice teachers, attended the Teacher Forum in April, featuring Mr Tony Ryan who challenged all to both engage and enrage their students! The group sponsored the Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival’s Educators’ Forum in July, at which nearly 140 educators attended to listen to renowned children’s author, Mem Fox, speak about early literacy.

Metropolitan Regional Group – In November the group hosted the annual debate at the Customs House. This year the topic was The Smart State should return to Public Examinations. The affirmative team comprised Professor Gabrielle Matters, Principal Research Fellow ACER, Mr Paul Dickie, Executive Officer, Federation of P&F Assoc. of Catholic Schools and Mr Jim Varghese, Director-General, Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries. The negative team comprised Dr Glenn Finger Deputy Dean, Teaching & Learning, Faculty of Education, Griffith University, Ms Catherine O’Sullivan, Queensland State Manager, Department of Education, Science and Training and Dr Barry Arnison, Headmaster, Somerset College. The result is still subject to debate and of course up to our federal and state politicians.

Peninsula Regional Group – Highlights of the year were the Group’s Fellows Dinner in August, when Mrs Tracey Griggs, Dr Dale Anderson and Mrs Carmel Ross were honoured in the 2007 Fellowship list. The annual Noreen Wilcox Awards and Pam Gray Oration were given by three local educators who shared their responses to the challenge Reading Changed my Life.

Sunshine Coast Regional Group – A newsletter was sent to all members with information regarding the ACE College Year Book, and encouraging the Refer a Friend Scheme for new members.

2008 - Fellowship was bestowed on Lynne Hinton, Norena Mendoolea, Lee-Anne Perry and Jason Zagami. Life membership was presented to Shirley Barton, Lyn Bishop, Warren Brown, John Lamb, Matthew O’Riley, Stephen Paul and Robin Warsop. 25 year membership pins were presented to Paul Claridge, Geoffrey Coombs, Margaret Green, Ron Klease, Gail Limpus, Leslie Nelson, Shirley O’Neill, Ralph Pirozzo, Gregory Smith and Felicity Williams. The Branch conferred Professor Vi McLean AM, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Teaching Quality at QUT, with the College Medal, at the Celebratory Dinner held in July in the Strangers Dining Room at Parliament House. Fellowships were also presented to Dr Glenn Finger, Mr David Hutton, Mr Terry O’Hanlon-Rose and Ms Gail Rienstra. Branch Committee meetings were held in March at ACER Conference Room, July by teleconference and December at Brisbane Girls Grammar School. The Executive met by teleconference in April, May, June, July, September, October and November.
Darling Downs Regional Group – In February the group hosted a breakfast with Dr Stephen Lake, speaking about the influence of teachers and others on early adolescents’ identity development. In June the Sam Power Oration was presented by Professor Erica McWilliam on *Preparing Tomorrow’s Creatives*. The Sam Power Biennial Award for Excellence in Literacy Education was launched at the Oration. This year’s inaugural winner was Ms Margaret Mitchell, Wilsonton Campus, Toowoomba State High School for commitment to literacy pedagogies and her passion for improving the quality of literacy education. The combined ACE/ACEL Dinner in August was a resounding success, with Professor Mike Gaffney speaking about *Scaling Up and Drilling Down: Pathways for System Leadership and School Transformation*. Book Night Out once again gave members, teachers and teacher-librarians an opportunity to examine the finalists and winners from the Australian Children’s Book Council. The Excellence in Education Awards Evening attracted 125 participants. Emeritus Professor Denise Bradley spoke on *Excellence for All? 21st Century Education’s Dilemma*. The AGM was held in November.

Gold Coast Regional Group – In May, Gold Coast ACE sponsored prizes were presented to Griffith University students at the Gold Coast Convention Centre: ACE Prize ‐ Gold Coast Kiryn Ellington; Bishop Dixon Medal ‐ Kiryn Ellington; Edmund Hibbard Prize ‐ Lisa McCutchen; Helena Davenport Prize ‐ Kim Smyth; Sisters of Mercy Medal ‐ Brendan Drought. The Frank Surman Award was awarded to Louise Bassam, an outstanding student teacher at Bond University. The ACE Debate 08 ‐ *A National Curriculum will be good for teachers!* was a fabulous evening conducted in August with the affirmative speakers ‐ Professor Parlo Singh, Lynne Walsh, Sue Brown, and the negative team, Professor Fay Haisley, Dr Barry Arnison and Kevin Larkin presenting persuasive and provocative arguments. From its beginnings in 1977, its membership had grown to have 159 members in 2008.

Mackay Regional Group - In April the group hosted a coffee and cake afternoon where teachers were invited to hear about the National Conference and reflect upon their practices with other teachers. In August, the group enjoyed a presentation from Col Thompson, Chair, Queensland Society of Information Technology in Education Mackay on *The Future of Schooling: a look at the influences on evolution of the classroom in the 21st Century*. This presentation looked at the effect of 1:1 computing and Web 2.0 technologies on the design of future curriculum and classrooms and how staff can be supported. In October, the group hosted a presentation by Kerrie Bird on *Living Relationships: An Innovative Approach to Developing Relationships, Nurturing Wellbeing and Invigorating Learning*.

Metropolitan Regional Group – The ACE on the Road speaker, Associate Professor Karen Brooks spoke to a large group at Clairvaux MacKillop College in September, on *From Tweenagers to Screeners: How Popular Culture Influences Young People*. The Annual Debate was held in November at Customs House. The topic was *Queensland cannot afford not to have a National Curriculum*. There was a clear win to the negative team.

Peninsula Regional Group – Planned functions to provide quality professional development were: Meet your Member, an informal gathering to allow for members to network and get to know each other; Kim Bannikoff, Director Queensland Studies Authority – National Curriculum Evening Cocktail Function; Tony Ryan – full day Professional development at Rydges on Esplanade, provided delegates with conference pack which included ACE publications and membership information; Noreen Wilcox Award and Pam Gray Oration, presented by Clive Dixon, Regional Executive, Director FNQ Education Queensland on *Education and the Sub Prime Crisis*.

Sunshine Coast Regional Group – In October the group held a dinner for College members who have been members for ten years plus. Although response was not as good as expected, the dinner was very successful. Guest speaker, Mr Anthony Vincent, Principal of Mathew Flinders Anglican College spoke of his conclusions drawn from his insightful educational experiences interwoven with humorous descriptions of teaching and learning.
Townsville Regional Group – The group continued to support two awards for local JCU Education students: the ACE Townsville Regional Group Prize awarded to the top graduate completing an Education degree and the Noreen Wilcox Prize awarded to the first year Education student with the highest overall academic achievement. World Teachers’ Day was celebrated by providing schools with an opportunity to nominate teachers for Certificates of Recognition for Contribution to the School Community.

2009 – Dr Bill Sultmann, ACE Qld Branch President, congratulated and welcomed new Regional Group Presidents: Moira Dodsworth (Mackay), Sandra Hawken (Darling Downs), and Jason Zagami (Gold Coast), and acknowledged the generous, faithful and innovative leadership of previous Presidents in those regions - Glenn Finger (Gold Coast), Brenda Suhr (Toowoomba) and Shelly Lewis (Mackay), formerly Craig Bassingthwaighte. The G W Bassett Biennial Oration was a great success, with the presentation by Celia Lashlie at St Joseph’s College, Gregory Terrace. Fellowships were presented to Pat Elsworthy, Professor Vi McLean, Professor Erica McWilliam, and Professor Parlo Singh. 25 Year Membership Awards were presented to William Chapman, Christopher Seymour, Michael Byrne, Dr Tony Sadler, Andrew Foster, Angela Vitale, Gordon Harris, Alan Ford, Reverend Kevin Bachler, Anthony Vincent, Donald Rogers, Brian Wolff, Richard W Fairley, Dr Joan Hanley, Philip Nesbitt-Hawes. Life Memberships were awarded to Canon Bruce E Maughan OAM, Bradley Tacey, Bruce Alexander, Dr Ian Macpherson, Dr Neil Cranston, Dr Robert S Nisbet, Canon L Nairn, Wallis Anderson, Lurline Whitwell-Brown, and Dr John Volep. Certificate of Excellence awards were presented to members - Bob Rasmussen (Immediate Past State Secretary/Treasurer) and Glenice Tune (Immediate past ACE Qld Administrator). National Awards for Quality Schooling were presented to Dr Amanda Bell and Mrs Sarah Long.

State Branch Committee for 2009: Bill Sultmann (Branch President), Gail Rienstra (Immediate Past President), Paul Campbell (Co-opted Executive), Bob Rasmussen (Co-opted Executive), Denise Reghennani (Branch Secretary/Treasurer), Glenn Finger/Jason Zagami (President - Gold Coast Regional Group), Ron Brimble (President - Sunshine Coast Regional Group), Brenda Suhr/Sandra Hawken (President - Darling Downs Regional Group), Tony Wood (President - Fraser Coast Regional Group), Shelley Lewis/Moira Dodsworth (President - Mackay Regional Group), Norena Mendiolea (President - Townsville Regional Group), Gayle Millett (President - Peninsula Regional Group), Simeon Milner (President - Metropolitan Regional Group).

Chronology of Education in Queensland - 2000-2010

- 2000-2001 - The New Basics trial continued. The first school reflecting the development of Middle Schooling as part of a P-12 campus opened in Cairns (Bentley Park College).
- 2001-2002 - Central and District Offices were realigned and seven Corporate Services Units were established. Literate Futures: Whole-School Literacy Planning Guidelines was released to support a coordinated approach to improving literacy. The seven point plan - A Better Deal for Students with Disabilities was implemented. The program, A Framework for Students at Educational Risk was implemented.
- 2002-2003 - The reforms outlined in Queensland the Smart State --- Education and Training Reforms for the Future: A White Paper were implemented. New syllabuses in Science, Health and Physical Education, Languages Other Than English (LOTE), Studies of Society and Environment (SOSE) and the Arts were implemented. An annual ICT plan to integrate ICTs into the curriculum was developed in all state schools.
- 2003-2004 - The Youth Participation in Education and Training Act 2003 was passed and provides for a ‘compulsory participation phase’ which commences when a young person stops being of compulsory school age and finishes when the young person either gains a senior certificate or certificate 111, has participated for 2 years beyond the compulsory school age or turns 17 years of age. The Grammar Schools & Other Legislation Amendment Act 2003 amended the Grammar School Act 1975. The Education and Other Legislation (Student Protection) Amendment Act 2003 amended the Education (Teacher Registration) Act 1988 and was passed. All provisions of the former Act will commence by June 2004. The Education (General Provisions) Amendment Act 2003 amended the Education (General Provisions) Act 1989 to provide for the protection of students from violent and aggressive intruders. The provisions of this Act commence in 2004.52 Non State schools in the hottest parts of Queensland received funding for air-conditioning from the Cooler Schools subsidy scheme. The Department of Education and the Arts was established in Feb 2004.
Phased in the Preparatory Year at a further 21 State schools and five non-State schools, the Middle Phase of the Education and Training Reforms for the Future (ETRF) continued including: The Middle Phase of Learning State School Action Plan was further implemented, expanded the senior Phase of Learning trials in State and non-State schools statewide, and finalised the three-year ICTs for Learning Strategy. The actions outlined in Changes to Schools Reporting commenced. A Ministerial Advisory Panel on Higher Education was established. A Director of Child Safety was appointed. Education Support Plans for children and young people in the care of the State were implemented. The Education Legislation Amendment Act 2004 amended several portfolio Acts including:

- **Education (Capital Assistance) Act 1993** refined the procedural requirements for the provision of capital assistance to non-state schools.
- **Education (General Provisions) Act 1989:** Two significant amendments were made to this Act including criminal history checking of mature age students. The Act also required the governing bodies of non-state schools that are eligible for government funding under the Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001 to provide the Minister with financial data on a yearly basis.
- **Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2005:** This Act amended the Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001 to ensure that funds only go to schools that are not being operated for profit.
- **Education (Teacher Registration) Act 1988:** The Minister announced a review of the functions and powers of the Board of Teacher Registration.
- **Grammar Schools Act 1975:** Technical amendments were made to clarify electoral eligibility.

2005-2006 - The implementation of the Education and Training Reforms for the Future (ETRF) continued including:

Phased in the Preparatory Year at a further 21 State schools and five non-State schools, and prepared for the introduction of a full time, non-compulsory prep year in 2007, progressed the implementation of the Middle Phase of Learning State School Action Plan, completion of the 3 year trial of the Senior Phase of Learning reforms, and commenced implementing the Smart Classrooms strategy. The Queensland Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting (QCAR) Framework was developed. The Code of School Behaviour was developed as part of the Better Behaviour, Better Learning Initiative. The Queensland College of Teachers was established. The Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Act 2005 and Regulation commenced on 1 January 2006. It established the Queensland College of Teachers to continue and enhance the work of the previous Board of Teacher Registration. The Youth Participation in Education and Training Act and Regulation commenced on 1 January 2006. It required students to complete Year 10 and to participate in further education, training or work for two years once they had completed Year 10.

2006-2007 - The Department of Education, Training and the Arts was created. The State-wide introduction of the non-compulsory Preparatory (Prep) Year commenced. The Early Years Curriculum Guidelines were developed for use in Prep. The Bound for Success: Education Strategy for Cape York was released to improve the education outcomes of students in Cape York. Class sizes were reduced in Years 4 to 10 from 30 to 28 students. The Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 was passed. The Education Legislation Amendment Act 2006 amended several portfolio Acts including:

- **Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.**
- **Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Act 2005.**
- **Education (Queensland Studies Authority) Act 2002.**
- Minor and consequential amendments to:
  - **Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001.**
  - **Education (Queensland Studies Authority) Act 2002.**
  - **Freedom of Information Act 1992.**
  - **Higher Education (General Provisions) Act 2003.**

2007-2008 - Phase 1 of the Queensland Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting (QCAR) framework was completed in conjunction with the Queensland Studies Authority. QCAR Essential Learnings released in all schools. Queensland Academy for Health Sciences opened. New national testing commenced. Years 3, 5, 7 and for the first time, Year 9 students took part in the first National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This testing replaced state based assessments. The first statutory TAFE Institute was established. The former Southbank TAFE was transferred to a separate Statutory Authority named Southbank Institute of Technology (SBIT) under the reforms made to the Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000. The Towards a 10-year plan for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education skills in Queensland discussion paper was developed. The Science Education Strategy 2006-2009 focused on the provision of targeted high-quality professional development for primary and secondary teachers of Science. The first Queensland Certificate of Education was issued to Year 12 students.
Beyond 2010: Incoming President’s Message – A/Prof Glenn Finger

It is an honour to be making the transition to becoming ACE Queensland Branch President to follow the leadership of Dr Bill Sultmann, and all of the previous Chairs and Presidents who have served with distinction in building the rich history we celebrate in 2010.

We appreciate the ongoing membership of current members, and encourage all in Queensland who are interested in education to join this important Professional Association which is the only national professional association which represents educators across all sectors and systems.

From 1960 to 2010

Excellence in education occurs when people dream and imagine possible futures, and then have the agency to engage in committed, inspirational, individual and collective actions to realise their vision. As you read through this booklet, imagine the courage and advocacy needed by those with the passion and vision to get our Queensland Branch officially formed on the 15 July 1960, and how that select group of prominent Queensland educators who were invited to become members responded to the formation of our Branch.

In the history of the Australian College of Educators, the 15 July 2010 marks the 50th Anniversary of the historic formation of our Queensland Branch. We are able to now live the dream of the founders of both the Australian College of Educators (originally known as the Australian College of Education), and the founders of the Queensland Branch (formerly known as the Queensland Chapter). As the data demonstrate, Queensland ACE membership has grown from 103 members in July 1961, to 1056 members in December 2009.

Beyond 2010 - Growth, Energy, Collegiality, Intellectual Engagement, and National Voice

As we move throughout the remaining months of 2010, and move to beyond 2010, we plan to continue to grow our membership, enhance our profile, and ensure the sustainability of ACE in Queensland in contributing to the national voice for all educators. This needs the energy, collegiality, and intellectual engagement of our current membership.

At the National level, membership brings with it a strategic network of professional information, awards, events and engagement with the big educational initiatives and ideas. At the State Branch level, we provide the important Queensland contextual professional capital and context needed in the national policies and processes and support for members across a diverse and geographically large State. Through our valued Regional Groups, local relational cultures and networking are promoted.

The members in these times have the duty and responsibility to build upon the ‘shoulders of the giants’ who had that wonderful vision more than 50 years ago, and to build upon the wonderful efforts of those ACE members who have followed.

I became a member in 1981 when I was teaching in a country school in Queensland. Membership of ACE connected me with key educators in the Wide Bay Region, and also provided me with access to professional publications, research and immersion in perspectives of the ‘big issues’. This proved to be an excellent decision to join ACE and to continue to renew my annual membership. Hence, my strong recommendation for current members to be actively engaged in ACE, and my recommendation for new members to join ACE. If you are not a member, I encourage you to become a member of this professional association for all educators, and details are available at http://austcolled.com.au/membership.

Best wishes for an optimistic future and a wonderful next 50 years of ACE in Queensland.

Associate Professor Glenn Finger FACE

Queensland Branch President (July 2010 - )
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ACE has many national, state and regional awards aimed at recognising and rewarding excellence in the teaching profession. As well, ACE links members to opportunities for national and international scholarships and grants.

ACE Queensland: Celebrating the First 50 Years 1960 - 2010
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Australian College of Educators Queensland – Chairs/Presidents

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Appendix B

Australian College of Educators Queensland – Secretaries and Treasurers

Chapter/Branch Secretaries**:

- 1960-1961  Dr F. J. Olsen
- 1961-1965  Dr J. McLeod
- 1965-1967  Mr R. J. Andrews
- 1967-1968  Dr R. Browne
- 1969-1987  Dr R.A. Squire
- 1989-1998  Mr Chas Walker
- 1999-2000  Mr Chas Walker, Mr Patrick Costigan
- 2000-2001  Mr William Parkinson
- 2001-2005  Dr Judith Hancock
- 2005-2006  Ms Patricia Gibson
- 2007-2008  Mr Bob Rasmussen
- 2009-2010  Dr Denise Reghenzani

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Chapter/Branch Treasurers***:

- 1960-1961  Brother W. Green
- 1961-1963  Mr H. Sainsbury
- 1963-1967  Mr G. Berkeley
- 1967-1991  Mr A. R. Dyer
- 1991-1998  Mrs Lorraine Gibson
- 1999-2002  Ms Dayrelle Abbey
- 2002-2004  Dr Judith Hancock
- 2005-2006  Ms Patricia Gibson
- 2007-2008  Mr Bob Rasmussen
- 2009-2010  Dr Denise Reghenzani

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### Appendix C

**Australian College of Educators Queensland – Medallists, National Conferences and Buntine Orations**

#### Medallists:
- 1990  Mr George Fitzhardinge Berkeley
- 1991  Dr Maxwell Arthur Howell
- 1992  Mr Lloyd D. Logan
- 1993  Mr John Arthur Pitman
- 1994  Mrs Val Staermose
- 1995  Mr Richard Symes Warry
- 1996  Mr Neville Harry Fry
- 1997  Dr Leslie John Dwyer
- 1998  Dr Judith Anne Hancock
- 1999  Dr Alan Edgar Druery
- 2000  Mrs Robin A Sullivan
- 2002  Dr Gabrielle Matters
- 2004  Professor John Elkins
- 2006  Mr Norman Hunter
- 2008  Professor S. Vianne (Vi) McLean
- 2010  Professor Neil Dempster

#### College Medal Recipients
- 1982  Professor G W Bassett
- 1990  Dr P Botsman
- 2003  Professor A Luke

#### National Conferences held in Queensland
- 1965  Brisbane: *Each to his Full Stature*
- 1972  Brisbane: *Priorities in Australian Education*
- 1980  Brisbane: *Politics in Education*
- 1990  Gold Coast: *Evolving Partnerships in Education*
- 1997  Cairns: *Together We Learn*
- 2003  Sunshine Coast: *Quality Teaching, Powerful Learning, True Professionals*

#### Buntine Orations Presented in Queensland
- 1972  Brisbane  Sir James Darling - *Responsibility*
- 1980  Brisbane  Sir Zelman Cowan - *Politics in Education*
- 1990  Gold Coast  Dr Stephen Fitzgerald  - *Asia, Education & the Australian Mind*
- 1997  Cairns  Prof Frances Christie - *Literacy Research and Teaching*
- 2003  Sunshine Coast  Dr Stephanie Young - *Passive Consumers or Co-creators?*
Appendix D

Australian College of Educators Queensland – Orations

For the first ten years, the Oration was an annual event, and, from 1977, it has been a biennial event. The following list highlights the powerful speakers invited to present. Interestingly, the first oration in 1968, presented by Professor R Scarfe, Dean of Education, Teachers’ College, Columbia, focused on Teacher Education – a very relevant theme today. Subsequent orations include:

1969 On Doing and Leaving Undone - Dr W. C. Radford, Director of ACER
1970 The Role and Purpose of the University - Professor Zelman Cowen, Vice Chancellor, University of Queensland
1971 Planning a New University - Professor P. Mason, Macquarie University.
1972 The Changing Role of the Teacher, Some Implications - Dr W. Neal, Vice-President, University of Alberta
1973 The Report of the Schools Commission - Professor P. Karmel, Chairman, Interim Schools Commission
1975 Rural Education, Myths, Mystiques and Realities - Professor E. Scott, Professor of Education, James Cook University of North Queensland
1976 Can the School Fly over the Cuckoo’s Nest? - Professor W. G. Walker, Head of the Centre for Administration Studies and Dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of New England, Armidale.
1983 Education and the Arts - Peter B. Botzman, BCom, BEd Melb, MA Monash, DipEdAdmin New England, PhD Cornell, FACE, FRIPA, FRSA
1987 Futures for Australian Young People: A Shared Approach to a Shared Challenge - Professor Phillip Hughes, Professor of Education from the Tasmanian University.
1989 Futures for Schooling in Australia: Nationalisation, Privatisation or Unification? - Ms Lyndsay Connors, Chair Schools Council, National Board of Employment, Education and Training
1993 Making Schools More Effective - Dr Barry McGraw, National Chair of ACE
1995 Fusion Learning - Professor Edward Cowie, James Cook University
1997 Ethical Challenges for School Leaders: One Professional’s Progress – Professor Neil Dempster of Griffith University

The Bassett Oration was established by the Australian College of Education Queensland Chapter to commemorate the life and work of George William Bassett. The first was delivered on 15 May 1999 by Dr Ken Boston, Director-General of Education and Training, Managing Director of TAFE NSW and President-elect of the Australian College of Education, on Looking Backwards Towards Tomorrow. At the University of New England and, for 19 years as the holder of the Chair of Education at the University of Queensland, Bill Bassett, one of Queensland’s founders, had a singularly marked influence on the formation of several generations of NSW and Queensland teachers. As a College Fellow, he exemplified the ideals of the founders, being both a leader through his academic work and as a teacher of teachers, a practitioner.

The following have been Bassett Orations:
1999 Looking Backwards Towards Tomorrow – Dr Ken Boston, Director-General of Education and Training, Managing Director of TAFE NSW
2001 The Teaching Profession: The dawn of a new era – Professor Frank Crowther, University of Southern Queensland
2003 Towards 2010: Australian Education in an International Context – Professor Colin Power, University of Queensland
2005 Schooling the Yuk/Wow Generation – Professor Erica McWilliam
2007 Challenges of Retaining Values in a Market-driven Culture – Professor Frank Pignatelli, Chief Executive of the Scottish University for Industry, Glasgow
Appendix E

Townsville in the Early Seventies: An Australian College of Education Perspective – Dr Ron Brimble

In the early seventies, the Australian College of Education was operating in Townsville. Monthly meetings were held at night, in a lecture theatre at the Townsville Teachers College. I was invited to attend the meetings by Ron Store, College Librarian. The president at this time was Dr Ross Mackee who was Principal of the College. John Armstrong (Deputy Principal of the College) was secretary for some time. I was a member of the teaching staff of the Teachers’ College and became a member of ACE in 1974.

In the seventies, Dr Mackee and John Armstrong were made Fellows of the College. This meant their going to Sydney for the presentation which was acknowledged as a significant event in the life of the College at that time. During these years, the College was fortunate to have the support of Professor Edward Scott who was Professor of Education at James Cook University. Although Professor Scott was busy with local and international commitments, he always supported the College over many years.

Members who attended the meetings included principals and deputy principals from Townsville schools, advisory teachers, lecturers and classroom teachers. This representation reflected the multilevel of educational interests expressed in the aims of the College. I became a member of the executive committee, which, at that time, consisted of representatives from major educational levels. For a number of years Alan Morwood (Principal of The Townsville Grammar School) was president of the College and later became a Fellow of the College. During this time, links were established with Charters Towers. Alan initiated a number of meetings in Charters Towers by organizing a bus to transport members from Townsville to and from Charters Towers.

Executive meetings were held in a number of places. These venues often reflected the executive members’ positions. Over a number of years, venues for executive meetings included: The Townsville Grammar School, St Anne’s Cathedral School, and Heatley Primary School. Most College presentations incorporating guest speakers were held on a Friday night in the dining room of a student College at James Cook University. The presentation was preceded by drinks and nibbles and followed by discussion. These presentations were generally well attended and attracted audiences of varying interests.

One-day and weekend seminars were also conducted. Seminars were held on a Saturday or Saturday and Sunday. These were often preceded by a prominent guest speaker. Guest speakers in Townsville included Professor Basset and Mr George Berkeley. Mostly, these events were audio-taped and a conference outcomes paper was compiled for members.

In addition to seminars and presentations, the College held end of year dinners for members and guests and annual general meetings always incorporated a guest speaker and included a dinner.
Appendix F

Extracts from Chas Walker’s Retirement Address

I’ve been involved with the college for 32 years, with the Chapter committee since the early eighties and as Chapter secretary since 1989. I was impressed by the way in which a newcomer was welcomed to the corporate life of the college, even though the status of the august gathering was awe-inspiring. This was the era of the Radford report and the subsequent implementation of school-based assessment. The Board of Teacher Education was set up in 1971 and voluntary teacher registration commenced in 1973. Members of the Queensland Chapter played key roles in these developments and all our members were kept informed and challenged by speakers on these topics.

I have frequently heard discussion questioning what the College does for its members. Perhaps it is just as pertinent to ask what the members should do for the College. Lloyd Logan used to point out the difference between mace wearers and mace bearers. I have no doubt that members who obtain most benefit from their membership are those who have contributed most to the life of the College by attendance at meetings, conferences, involvement in projects and in membership of committees. Professionalism is nurtured and its growth occurs with involvement. Professional status is earned and conferred by peers. It is not simply some automatic rite of passage.

Bob Squire was Chapter secretary from 1969 until the AGM held in 1989. He made an enormous contribution to the Chapter and I acknowledge his mentorship. He offered me the opportunity to act as secretary on several occasions when he travelled overseas and the experience, added to that I obtained as minute secretary over a number of years, proved invaluable when I took up the reins in 1989. I first became actively involved with the Chapter committee through working with Allan Anderson in the organisation of accommodation for delegates to the national conference held at the Brisbane Grammar School in 1980. In the following 19 years I grew to understand why committee members so valued their position that most spent many years serving the Chapter. I would, however, like to recognise the efforts of the three treasurers with whom I have worked: the late A.R. (Bob) Dyer, Lorraine Gibson and Dayrelle Abbey. For most of the period I have been Chapter secretary, Lorraine was the treasurer. When she retired from St Margaret’s she literally knocked off work to carry bricks by immediately commencing work in the family business. Lorraine and I worked closely and I readily acknowledge the advice, assistance and support she gave to me over the years.

In recent years, forums organised by the Chapter have proved of great significance. The Chapter is recognised as an independent broker and it is this independence which is our strength. There is a real value in educators from all sectors and all levels coming together to hear leading speakers and to discuss key issues.