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Annual Operating Plan

Queensland Agriculture
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President's Introduction



Agricultural Education in Queensland is coming of age. Not only did recent efforts see the retention of Agricultural Science as a senior subject as a part of the Qld senior curriculum following its renewal, and the inclusion of Agriculture as a food and fibre strand specifically in the technology national curriculum, and more generally in other learning areas such as science and geography, but we also have seen many schools lead our efforts in a variety of areas giving our students the best possible opportunities by linking strongly with area experts and industry stakeholders.

Organizations with limited financial opportunities and small workforces can only succeed by facilitating leadership as opposed to the delivery of services and resources, simply due to limited resources. The incoming executive has the ability to assist “coal face” educators in developing their own programmes by working with stakeholders and using the principle of *“many hands make light work”*. Essentially, **if you are doing something for your school, how can that benefit the students within the rest of your region, state or nation?** We are often isolated within our schools, with many practitioners working alone, so regional and state professional networks are essential to our success.

I acknowledge the work of previous executives, and we can now grow as an organization by clearly identifying sustainable efforts into the future and by helping each other.

Hardy Manser, President QATA

Organisation Values Mission and Objectives



The objects for which the Association is established are:

1. To provide leadership in the promotion and development of agricultural education.
2. To facilitate communication between teachers of agricultural subjects.
3. To provide a forum for the discussion of, and exchange of information relevant to the teaching of agricultural subjects.
4. To assist in the development of teaching skills relevant to agricultural subjects.
5. To engage in activities aimed at assisting the development of agricultural education.
6. To represent generally the views of persons connected with the teaching of Agricultural subjects.

Critical Project I – Corporate Governance

SITUATION

Following a significant period of uncertainty around due process, structure and roles, the development of resources to clarify and familiarize members and executive around association processes is critical to the association’s ongoing functionality and relevance.

Task	Timeline	Resources and responsibility
AGM Script	June 2018	President, Legal
Association Handbook	August 2018	President, Secretary
Exploitation of TidyHQ	Ongoing	Executive, Members

RELEVANT OBJECTIVES: Legislative compliance, all

Critical Project 2 – Constitutional review and membership model update

SITUATION

The constitutional review is a remnant project, and needs to be finalized in 2018. There is significant demand from various stakeholders for industry and ag assistants to be deemed full members, so as to allow the organization to effectively fulfil its full suite of objectives.

Task	Timeline	Resources and responsibility
Membership Model to consider the full suite of potential stakeholders	Meeting 2018.1	President, stakeholders
Constitutional review	Meeting 2018.1	President, Dr. Amy Cosby
Adoption of new constitution	End 2018	Appropriate meeting

RELEVANT OBJECTIVES: Legislative compliance, all

Critical Project 3 – Supporting the implementation of the new senior Agricultural Science Syllabus

SITUATION

The new syllabus becomes “live” in 2019. There are varying needs for teachers with varying experiences. QATA acknowledges QCAA’s work in this area and wishes to support efforts within its capacity.

Task	Timeline	Resources and responsibility
Curriculum and pedagogical framework familiarization	Regionally variable	QCAA
Provision of a state wide “mandatory practical” familiarization session	Jan 2019	AgForce, Universities, State conference, STAQ and QCAA support
Provision of a regionally based PD opportunity exploring a regionally relevant opportunity in the context of the new syllabus	2018	Regional Coordinators

RELEVANT OBJECTIVES: All

Critical Project 4 – Improved communication and member resource sharing

SITUATION

The dissemination of information is critical to this association. The method of doing so needs to continually evolve and the effectiveness of communication monitored. A long term project was to establish a cloud based resource sharing facility.

Task	Timeline	Resources and responsibility
Cloud storage for resource sharing	Term 1 2018	Executive
Quarterly contribution to PIEFA Newsletter as core communication method, moving away from direct email	Ongoing	PIEFA, Member schools, Industry
Review of QATA website	Term 1 2018	Secretary and President, PIEFA Administration
Establishment of a forum / closed discussion group	Term 1 2018	Communications Officer
Exploration of Primezone as a resource sharing hub	2018	PIEFA, President

RELEVANT OBJECTIVES: 2,3,5

Critical Project 5 – Improving teacher networks

SITUATION

With a number of new teachers coming on board, teacher mentoring and networking is more important than ever

Task	Timeline	Resources and responsibility
Regional network redevelopment, with Regional coordinators facilitating the delivery of at least 1 PD opportunity for their region based upon the senior syllabus	End 2018	Regional coordinators
Provision of a state wide “mandatory practical” familiarization session	Jan 2019	AgForce, Universities, State conference, STAQ and QCAA support
Support AgForce as Conference organizers re 2019 Conference	Jan 2019	AgForce SIPP, Financial allocation for sponsorship of conference
Establishment of regional boundaries and network databases	2018.2	Regional Coordinators

RELEVANT OBJECTIVES: All

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MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2018

TERM 1	4pm, Friday 23 rd Feb 2018
TERM 2	4pm Friday 25 th May 2018
TERM 3	4pm Friday 24 th August 2018
TERM 4	4pm Friday 16 th November 2018
AGM	Jan 2019 at State conference

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