

QATSIF

Building tomorrow's leaders

Annual Report 2015 - 2016

*We acknowledge
the Traditional owners of
this land and pay our respects
to Elders past and present. We also
honour the source of QATSIF funding
knowing that this remains a source of deep
pain for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander peoples.*

*We congratulate QATSIF Scholarship
recipients and encourage you to continue
to honour the legacy of your traditional
Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Ancestors.*



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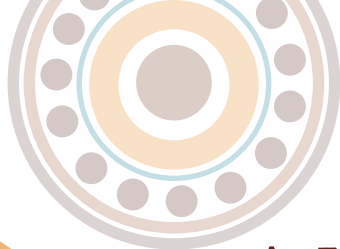
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A Note from Our Patron



Aunty Ruth Hegarty

It's that time of year again – the writing of the Annual Report.

I have my own QATSIF Badge...and I am happy to wear it with pride because it reminds me of all the young Years 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders who are working hard at their studies and valuing their QATSIF Scholarship.

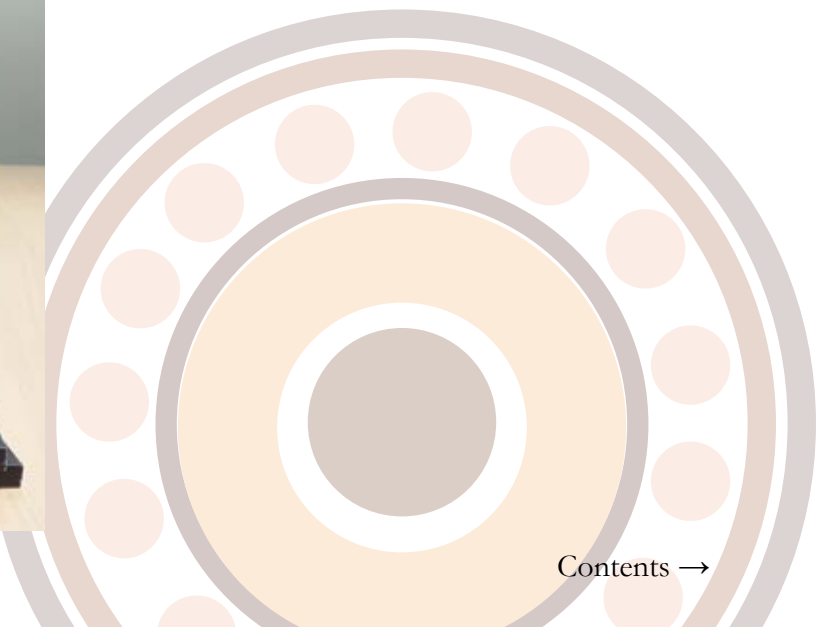
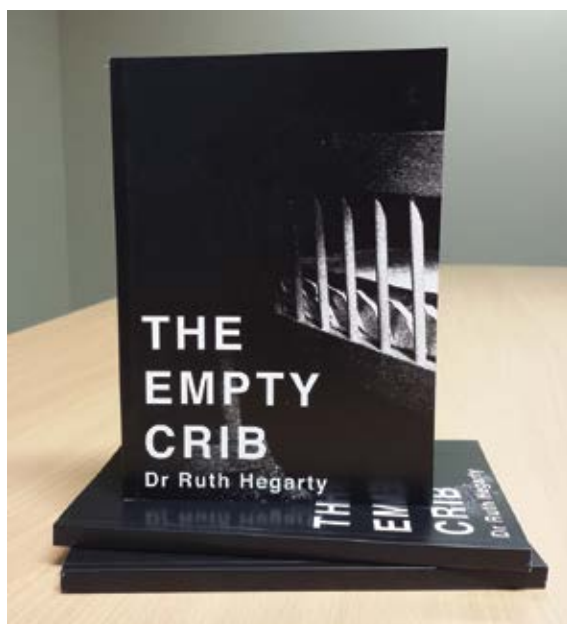
I really enjoy the QATSIF events. To hear and to see the determined look on such young faces convinces me that their efforts to succeed are firmly fixed and the future looks good.

I am proud to be Patron and look forward to another successful year. I am proud, also, to express my gratitude to Professor Cindy Shannon and the QATSIF Board as well as the Secretariat who contribute so, so much to the success of the QCE Scholarship Program.

QATSIF Congratulates Aunty Ruth:

Aunty Ruth is an excellent role model for QATSIF Scholarship Recipients as she continues to share her love of learning and her talents with the wider community.

QATSIF congratulates Aunty Ruth on her latest book – “The Empty Crib” – her first fiction novel launched at kuril dhagun, State Library of Queensland on November 12th 2016.



From the Chair

"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land in Queensland and pay respect to Elders, past present and in the future.

We acknowledge the source of QATSIF funds and pay respect to Elders and all those painfully affected by past policies. We reflect on the endurance that has brought us this far."

I continue to be grateful that I had the benefit of a good education and feel privileged to have been able to lead The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation as the Chair of the Board of Advice since its commencement in 2008. Fellow Members of the Board of Advice and I celebrate the significant impact QATSIF scholarships have had on improved completion rates of Year 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait students in Queensland. The sustained growth of QATSIF scholarships over a seven year period has made a significant contribution to improved outcomes and a "closing of the gap" of which we are extremely proud.

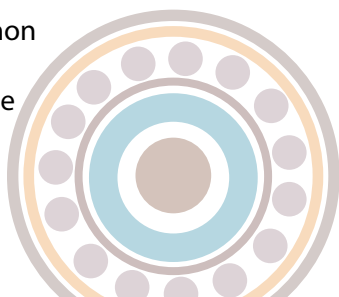
In 2014-2015, QATSIF continued to engage with Queensland Secondary Schools in promoting, not only the value of education, but the increasing number of educational opportunities with which young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people can connect. It does not take much for one opportunity to be the springboard for better outcomes and to enable young people to realise their dreams. QATSIF is proud of the many "good news" stories for which a QATSIF Scholarship has been the springboard.

I am enormously grateful to the Members of the Board of Advice and the small and extremely hard working Secretariat for their efforts to support the work of QATSIF, and me personally as Chair. QATSIF is going from strength to strength. It is a brand that the young people have an identity with and it is extraordinary to see these young Scholarship Recipients increasing in their awareness of cultural richness, history and community. With increasing demands for QATSIF Scholarships, the Foundation is now in a position to consolidate its success with Changes to the Trust Deed and can now welcome donations directly to scholarship funds.

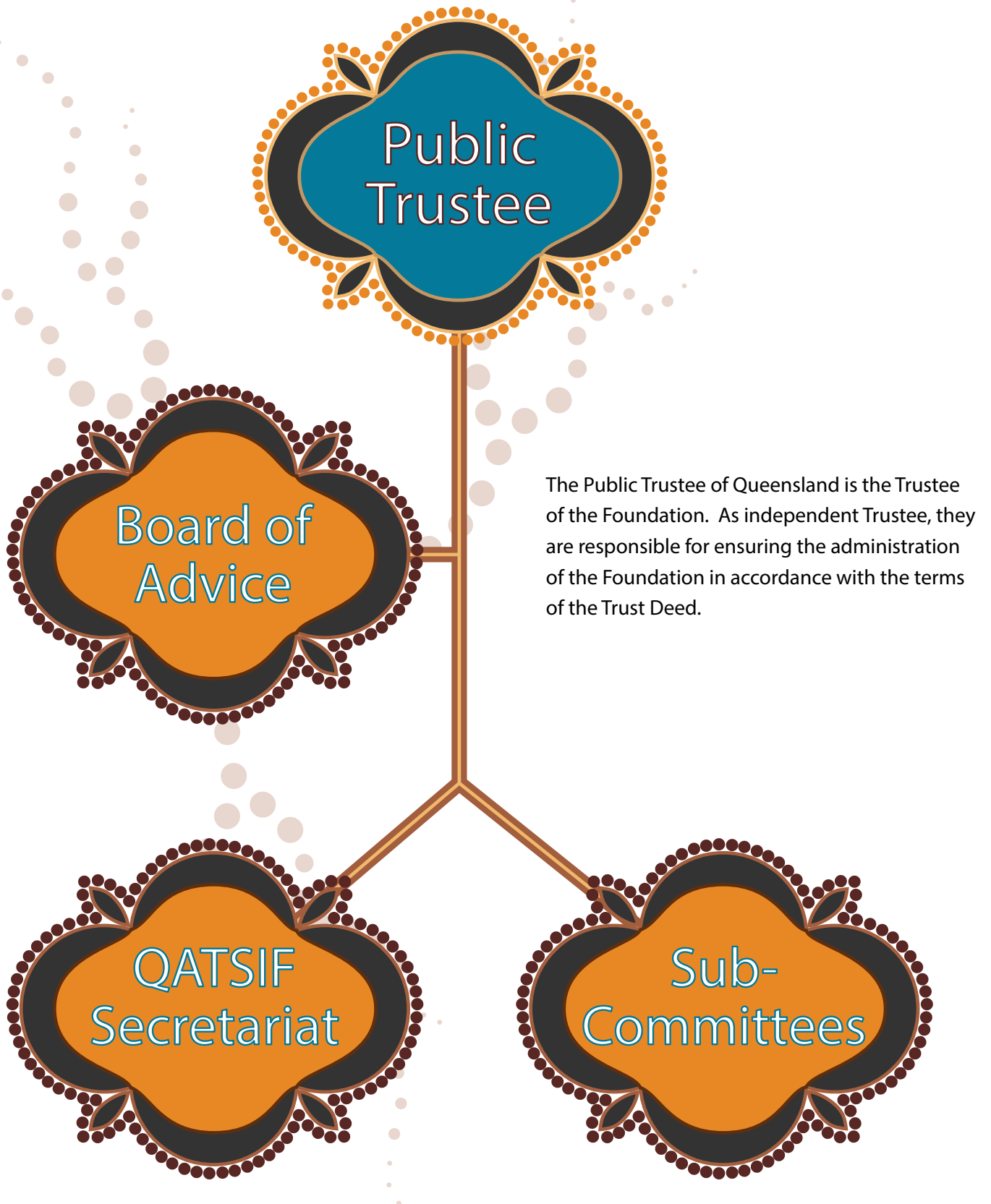
Finally, I feel enormously proud of our students and our QATSIF Schools and indeed am grateful for the support of The Public Trustee, Elders, our Patron Aunty Ruth Hegarty, QATSIF Secondary Schools and Community Members in this significant commitment to "Closing the Gap" on Year 12 completion.

The future is education and our young people and, as one Board member whispered to me at the 2016 Brisbane QATSIF Graduation, "Our culture is in good hands!"

Professor Cindy Shannon
Chair
QATSIF Board of Advice



Our Governance



From the Trustee

I am pleased to be writing the foreword for the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Foundation (QATSIF) Annual Report 2015-16.

As Trustee, I am privileged to be able to share in witnessing the contribution towards 'Closing The Gap' that the Foundation has made since its inception in 2008.

From an initial scholarship round of only 117 students, QATSIF is now providing more than 2,500 students with scholarships each year.

Additionally, a further 1,391 students are currently pending for grant Round Eight 2017 – 2018.

I am pleased that this funding continues to make a real and lasting difference in the lives of scholarship recipients and their communities.

During the 2015-16 financial year a total of \$1.79m was made in scholarship payments to eligible schools.

Further to this, as Trustee we have approved an additional \$2.5m in scholarship grants, to be paid over the next five financial years.

The difference that these funds make cannot be underestimated.

Supporting education leads to better outcomes, not only for the students who receive the funding; there are also positive outcomes for their schools, their families, their friends and their communities at large.

I am pleased that The Public Trustee continues to support QATSIF, and I wish the Foundation every success for the coming financial year.

I would like to thank all of the members of the QATSIF Board of Advice who have supported the Foundation this year.

Thank you also to Professor Cindy Shannon, Chair QATSIF, Board of Advice for her ongoing work and commitment to making a difference.

Regards

Peter Carne
The Public Trustee of Queensland



The Board of Advice

The Trustee is assisted by a Board of Advice, who provides strategic direction for the Foundation, and advises the Trustee on the application of scholarship funds.

Professor Cindy Shannon (Chairperson)

Professor Shannon has made a significant and extensive contribution to health policy including working on maternal, foetal and infant health in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities including dealing with difficult issues such as drug and alcohol abuse and homelessness.

Ms Shannon brings to the Board her experience in the community, her extensive network within the sector, and views of Indigenous people in rural, remote and urban settings.



Mr Rod Jensen (co-chair)

Rod Jensen is an Indigenous Australian whose heritage is in the Torres Strait. Rod has a B/Ed primary with a major in Health and Physical Education; he is currently studying a Masters in Research Methodology. Rod has worked as a teacher in the Catholic and Anglican dioceses as well as the state system.

Rod has previously been a professional athlete having played in the National Rugby league, the British Super League, the New South Wales Premier League and Intrust Super Cup - representing both states at the resident level. Rod also represented in the Indigenous Dreamtime team at the 2008 World Cup.



Mr Mark Brand

Mark has worked with privately owned and publicly listed companies in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria, as well as closely with Government for more than 20 years. He is a broadly experienced manager with strategic and operational experience in the technical, consulting, human resources and not-for-profit sectors.

He has visited and engaged with a number of Aboriginal communities, particularly on Cape York since 2004 and seeks to contribute towards improved educational outcomes and the growth of the Foundation.





Ms Claire Schneider

Claire is a Brisbane based barrister. Prior to being called to the Bar, Claire acted in a range of significant commercial and property-related disputes for various national and multinational corporate clients. In 2014 Claire was appointed National Pro Bono Coordinator for Norton Rose Fulbright. In this role, Claire was responsible for developing and managing the firm's national pro bono program, with a particular focus on pro bono initiatives targeted towards providing legal assistance to members of the indigenous and refugee communities.

In 2013 Claire was named one of the Top 30 Lawyers Under 30 in Australia, and was also named one of the 50 rising stars by the legal industry publication Australasian Lawyer.

Claire holds a Bachelor of Laws (with Honours) and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Queensland.



Mr Jharal Yow Yeh

Jharal is an indigenous Australian of the Margany tribe. His surname is Mandarin and he was born in Emu Park, Central Queensland.

As a Rugby League player, Jharal debuted Round 1 2009, played 60 games for the Brisbane Broncos scoring 33 tries, and in 2013 was named Clubman of the Year. He played three State of Origin games for Queensland scoring three tries including one on debut, three Tests for Australia and represented the Indigenous All Stars on three occasions. In 2012, Jharal suffered a career ending injury and being a man of considerable courage and substance, he struggled bravely against all odds to make an unlikely playing comeback in 2014 which ultimately led to him formally announcing his retirement.

Jharal has a generous and outgoing nature that has always endeared him to the community. He is rightly proud of his indigenous heritage and the role that his family have played in shaping him as a young man. He has recently joined the administration staff at the Brisbane Broncos working as an Indigenous Support Officer as part of their Welfare Department.



Mr Kenneth James (Jim) Walker

Jim Walker was born in Rockhampton and is a descendant of the Iman and Goreng Goreng peoples of Central Queensland.

He has extensive experience in working for both Queensland and Australian government departments and agencies. His work has included policy and program formulation, analysis and evaluation. Up until January 2015 Jim had worked for more than 7 years in the Office of Indigenous Engagement within CSIRO and in this position his responsibilities included increasing the engagement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees, cadetships and internships in science. Part of these responsibilities also included encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to take up studies in Science and Mathematics with the aim of increasing participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in science careers.

As part of his career, Jim has also been engaged as a lecturer at the University of Queensland, the Australia Catholic University and the University of Canberra in Indigenous Studies.

Elders

QATSIF honours all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders – past, present and emerging for the rich cultural heritage in which we share. QATSIF acknowledges with gratitude the tireless work of Queensland Elders with young people in Queensland schools and encourages all QATSIF students to value their wisdom and the many struggles which they have endured. In this Annual Report we profile a respected Elder who has engaged with many schools in the process of applying for QATSIF Scholarships:

Elder Profile - Aunty Peggy Tidyman

Aunty Peggy Tidyman is a Gunggari descendant from Mitchell in South West Queensland and has lived in Logan City for the past 40 years. She is the Chairperson of the Logan District Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Elders, and Chairperson of Murrigunyah Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Women. She is also an active member of the Women's Federation for World Peace. A strong advocate for Indigenous women's rights, she has also served as a Committee Member for the National Association for Services Against Sexual Violence –NASASV in 2015.

She holds a Bachelor of Community Management – Macquarie University, Sydney.

She actively involved in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and wider community and is very passionate about advocating on behalf of her people towards "Closing the Gap" and reducing the level of disadvantage being experienced by her people.

Aunty Peggy has been working with the Queensland Department of Education for the past 32 years as a Regional Community Education Counsellor supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to achieve their full potential in the education system and beyond. Her career has spanned the past 40 years and has been very rich and rewarding. Prior to her retirement in September 2016, Aunty Peggy was involved in assisting schools in the Metropolitan Region to support the embedding of Aboriginal perspectives into the curriculum with teachers and students to give them a better understanding of the cultural practices and contemporary lifestyles of Aboriginal people. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience to share with the wider community and is always happy to work with other cultural groups towards having a better understanding of Aboriginal culture and hope that all cultural groups can come together and celebrate the true meaning of Reconciliation, now and into the future.



Aunty Peggy has endorsed a number of school applications for QATSIF Scholarships and has worked tirelessly towards strengthening Elders' involvement in schools.

Thank you Aunty Peggy!



"This QATSIF funding has been invaluable for our next generation of future leaders. I personally have witnessed an increased confidence and enthusiasm to attend school. This in turn is leading to our young ones taking on and enjoying leadership roles at school and assisting the transition on to further education and employment opportunities." - Elder representative of Toolooa State High School

About the Foundation

Mission

QATSIF has been established to support the education of Indigenous young people in Queensland.

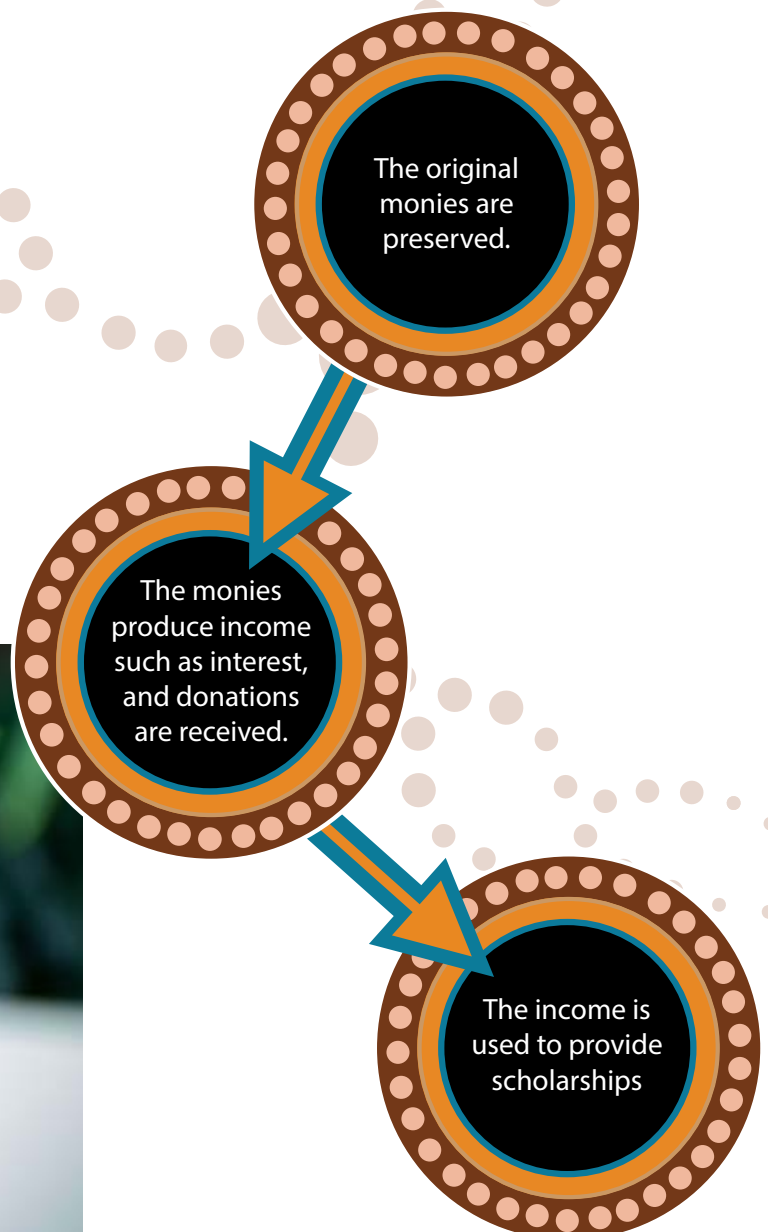
History

QATSIF was formally launched on the 25th of November 2008 with a deed signing ceremony and announcement of the Board of Advice Members at Queensland Parliament House.

QATSIF was established with principal funding of \$25.8 million from the former Aborigines Welfare Fund and unspent monies from the Indigenous Wages and Savings Reparations Scheme.

Donations and interest earned on the principle funding are used to provide scholarships for Years 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in Queensland.

"My grandmother and grandfather had their wages withdrawn and although this does not change what was wrong, at least something valuable is coming back to our family and our people through this scholarship for our son"



Our Students

QATSIF works with Queensland Secondary Schools who then liaise with students, their families and the wider community to provide QATSIF QCE Scholarships to eligible Year 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders. Engaging families is fundamental to the success of the program, and ensures that each student understands the source of their scholarship, is committed to making the most of the scholarship opportunity, and has the support from family and community members to help them achieve their Year 12 Queensland Certificate of Education.



"The QATSIF scholarship has benefitted me socially and financially. It has allowed me to go on camps, field trips, excursions, sports competitions and in addition has helped me purchase my own uniform, stationery, school and formal ticket. Without QATSIF, things would have been different. I would not have had the privilege of going to these events and missing out and for this I would like to say Thank you."
- Tyrell Warrior, Woodridge State High School

"The QATSIF scholarship has helped me to become successful in graduating from high school and hopefully enter university next year. It opened a variety of opportunities for me and took a massive weight off of my shoulders in the expenses of attending school as a senior over 2 years and has assisted me to become the high achieving, successful young indigenous woman I am today with a bright future ahead of me. Cultural pride and respect is our strongest link to our history and education is our strongest link to protecting it." - Tatanya Bong, Atherton State High School



In order to be awarded a scholarship, students must demonstrate consistently high school attendance, diligence in achieving positive academic outcomes, cultural pride, school participation and the prospect of achieving a Queensland Certificate of Education by the end of Year 12.



Enhancing cultural pride and commitment is one of the aims of QATSIF Scholarships. QATSIF uses every opportunity possible to remind QATSIF students of the often harsh working conditions of their ancestors who have made today's QATSIF scholarships possible. Students are reminded that past injustices continue to cause pain and that today's Scholarship Recipients through their academic efforts and outcomes, their families, past and present can be proud. QATSIF delights in the many QATSIF students leading school Traditional Dance Groups and confidently communicating the richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture in any beyond their school setting.



QATSIF

If you are successful in obtaining a QATSIF Scholarship, how would this scholarship assist you? (This must be the student's own work - handwritten)

If I were to win the QATSIF scholarship it would be incredible. The assistance, financially, would help my family to put me through year 11 and 12, overall uplifting the financial pressure my parents have. The benefits of winning the scholarship also include the inspiration to reach to obtain my educational goals and dreams, to further push myself to go the extra mile to get the highest grades I can, to get the lowest OP score possible, to get my dream job and pursue happiness. That extra confidence boost to know that I AM good enough and I can achieve the goals I want. Both financially and mentally, the QATSIF scholarship would only benefit me in the best of ways, not only for my education and life, but my children and my childrens children in the future. This ripple effect will help my line of Aboriginal descendency stay alive, educated and happy.

(Signature of Applicant)

Date





Celebrating achievement

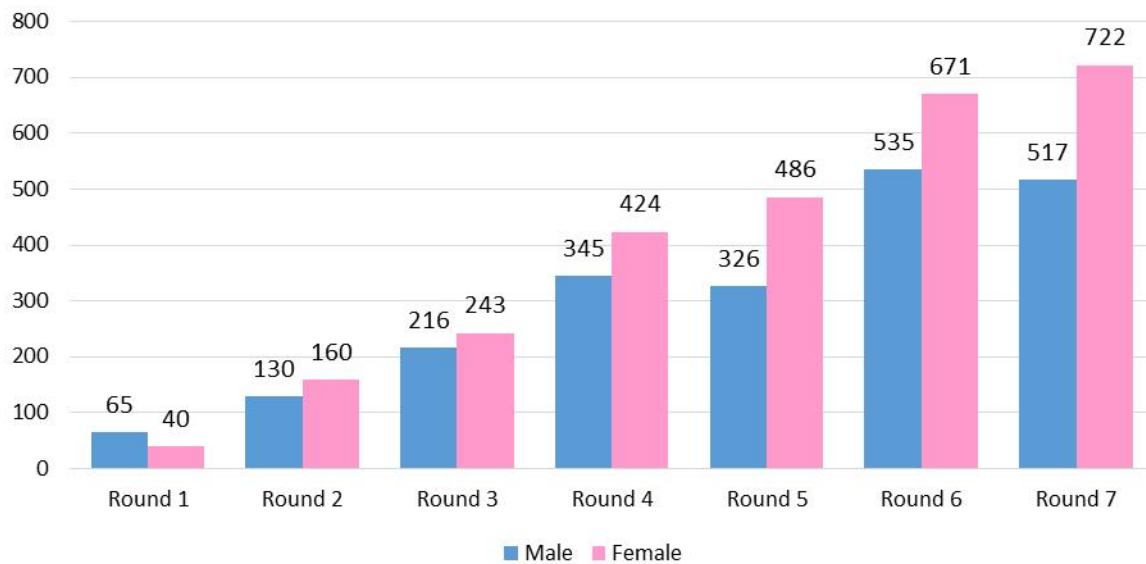
As the QATSIF network of Queensland Schools, Scholarship Recipients and their families has grown and developed, so too has there been an increase in the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students completing Year 12 with their Queensland Certificate of Education and moving into tertiary studies. Some QATSIF students have also been supported by Arrow Energy which has contributed financially to QATSIF in areas where they have Agreements with Traditional Owners.

The importance of the QATSIF network has been demonstrated at the growing numbers of events celebrating the achievements of QATSIF Scholarship Recipients. QATSIF has been privileged to work with All Hallows School Brisbane, Townsville State High School, Woree State High School, Laidley State High School, CQ University, University of Southern Queensland and the University of Queensland in 2016 to host celebrations of QATSIF Scholarship achievements.



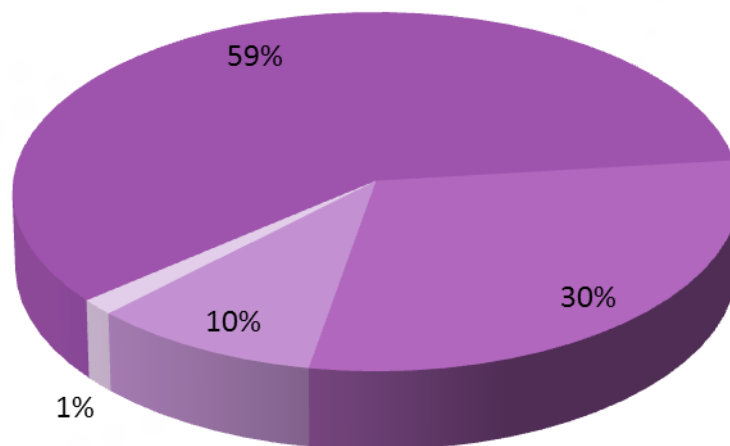
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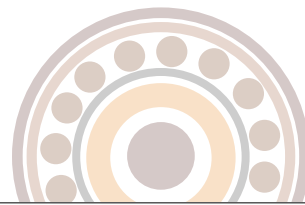
**Gender Distribution of Scholarship Recipients
Across Rounds** (Amended 15/02/17)



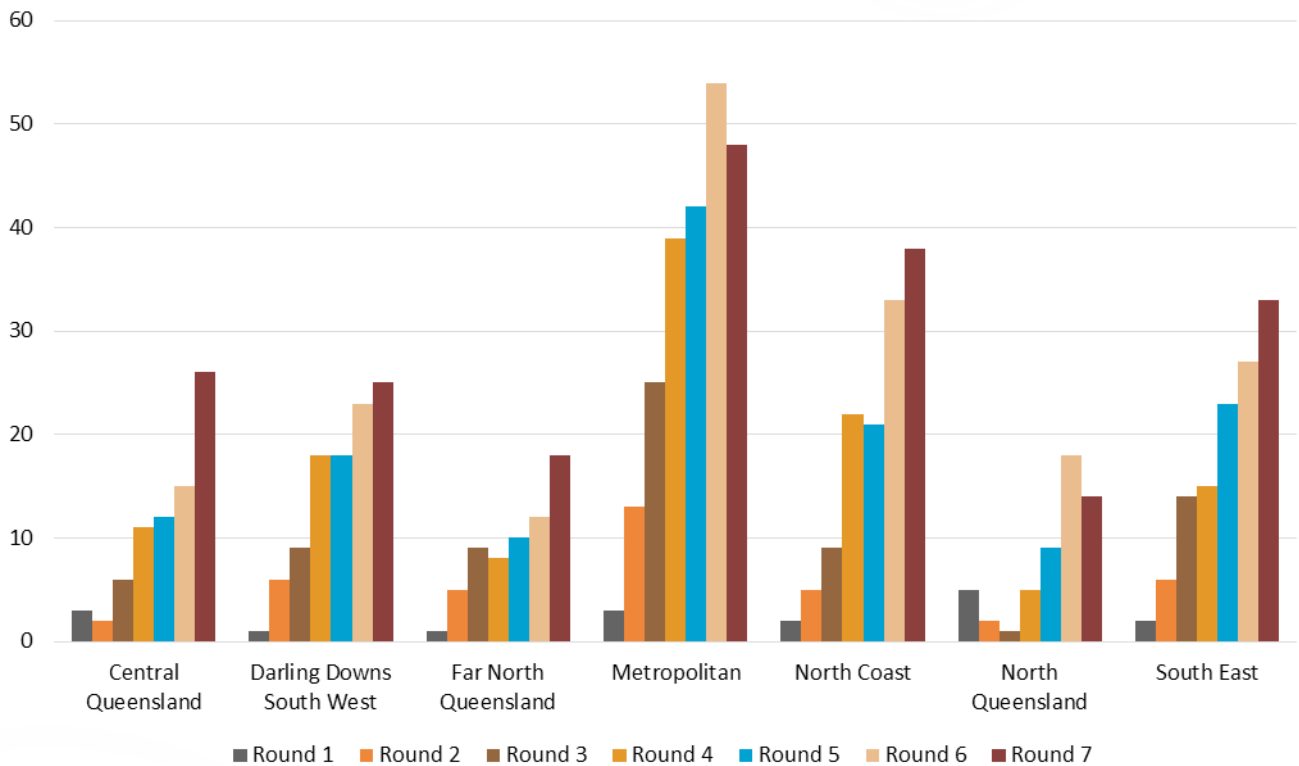
**Percentage of Awarded Scholarships by Sector
Rounds 1 - 7**

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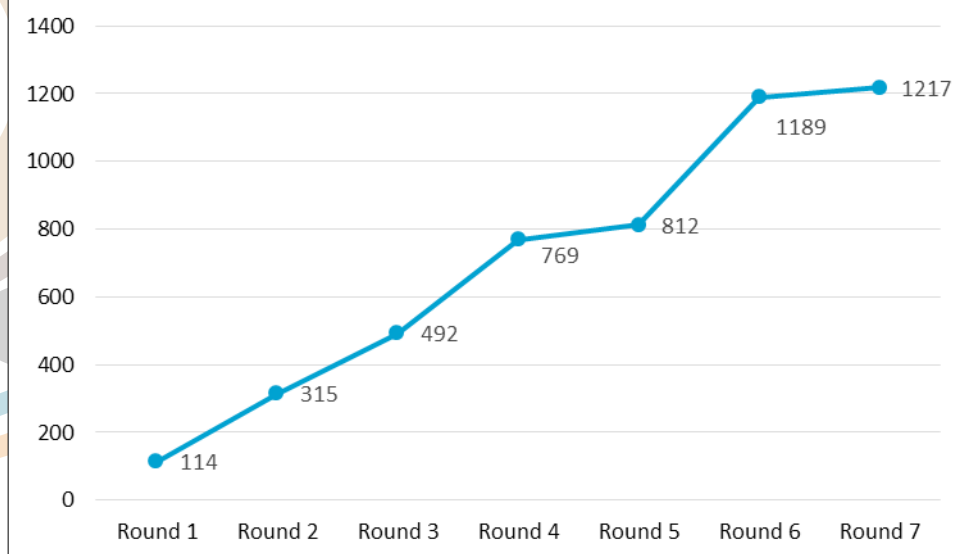




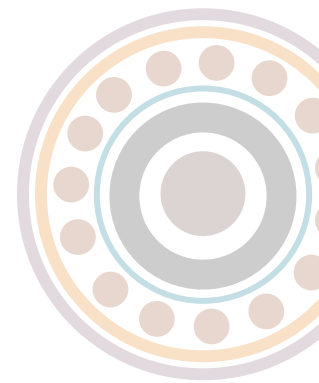
QATSIF Schools by Region



Scholarships Awarded Over Time



QATSIF Schools Rounds 6-8



A B Paterson College	Canterbury College (Waterford)	Genesis Christian College (Bray Park)
Albany Creek State High School	Capalaba State College	Gilroy Santa Maria College (Ingham)
Alexandra Hills State High School	Carinity Education - Southside	Gin Gin State High School
All Hallows' School (Brisbane)	Carmel College	Gladstone State High School
All Souls St Gabriels School (Charters Towers)	Cavendish Road State High School	Glasshouse Country Christian College
Annandale Christian College (Townsville)	Centenary Heights State High School	Glenala State High School
Aquinas College	Centenary State High School	Glenmore State High School
Aspley State High School	Chancellor State College	Good Counsel College (Innisfail)
Atherton State High School	Chanel College (Gladstone)	Good Shepherd Catholic College
Australian Christian College (Moreton)	Charleville State High School	Goondiwindi State High School
Balmoral State High School	Charters Towers State High School	Gordonvale State High School
Barcardine State School P-12 Campus	Chinchilla State High School	Grace Lutheran College (Rothwell)
Beaudesert State High School	Chisholm Catholic College	Groves Christian College
Beenleigh State High School	Clairvaux Mackillop College (Upper Mount Gravatt)	Harristown State High School
Beerwah State High School	Clayfield College	Heatley Secondary College
Bentley Park College	Cleveland District State High School	Heights College
Biloela State High School	Clifton State High School	Hervey Bay State High School
Blackheath and Thornburgh College (Charters Towers)	Clontarf Beach State High School	Holy Spirit College (Mount Pleasant)
Boonah State High School	Columba Catholic College (Mount Carmel Campus)	Hymba Yumba Community Hub
Bracken Ridge State High School	Cooktown State School	Ignatius Park College (Townsville)
Bray Park State High School	Coolum State High School	Immanuel Lutheran College (Maroochydore)
Bremer State High School	Coorparoo Secondary College	Indooroopilly State High School
Bribie Island State High School	Corinda State High School	Ingham State High School
Brigidine College	Cunnamulla P-12 State School	Innisfail State College
Brigidine College (Indooroopilly)	Cunnamulla State School	Iona College (Lindum)
Brisbane Adventist College	Dakabin State High School	Ipswich Girls' Grammar School
Brisbane Bayside State College	Dalby State High School - Bunya Campus	Ipswich State High School
Brisbane Boys' College (Toowong)	Deception Bay State High School	Isis District State High School
Brisbane Christian College	Djarragun College	James Nash State High School
Brisbane School of Distance Education	Downlands College (Toowoomba)	John Paul College (Daisy Hill)
Brisbane State High School	Eidsvold State School	Kawana Waters State College
Browns Plains State High School	Elanora State High School	Kedron State High School
Bundaberg North State High School	Emerald State High School	Keebra Park State High School
Bundaberg State High School	Emmaus College (Jimboomba)	Kelvin Grove State College
Bundamba State Secondary College	Emmaus College (Main Street Campus)	Kepnock State High School
Burdekin Catholic High School	Emmaus College (Rockhampton)	Kilcoy State High School
Burnett State College	Everton Park State High School	Kingaroy State High School
Caboolture State High School	Fairholme College (Toowoomba)	Kingston College
Cairns State High School	Faith Lutheran College - Plainland	Kirwan State High School
Calamvale Community College	Ferny Grove State High School	Kuranda District State College
Caloundra Christian College	Flagstone State Community College	Laidley State High School
Caloundra State High School	Forest Lake State High School	Lockyer District State High School
		Longreach State High School

Loreto College Coorparoo	Pittsworth State High School	St Michael's College (Carrara)
Lourdes Hill College (Hawthorne)	Prince of Peace Lutheran College (Everton Hills)	St Monica's College (Cairns)
Lowood State High School	Proserpine State High School	St Patrick's College (Gympie)
Mabel Park State High School	Queensland Academy for Health Sciences	St Patrick's College (Mackay)
MacGregor State High School	Queensland Academy for Science	St Patrick's College (Shorncliffe)
Mackay Christian College	Mathematics and Technology	St Patrick's College (Townsville)
Mackay North State High School	Redbank Plains State High School	St Paul's School (Bald Hills)
Mackay Northern Beaches State High School	Redcliffe State High School	St Peter Claver College (Riverview)
Mackay State High School	Riverside Christian College	St Peter's Lutheran College (Indooroopilly)
Malanda State High School	Robina State High School	St Rita's College
Mareeba State High School	Rochedale State High School	St Saviour's College (Toowoomba)
Marist College (Emerald)	Rockhampton Girls' Grammar School	St Stephen's Catholic College
Marist College Ashgrove	Rockhampton State High School	St Teresa's Catholic College (Noosaville)
Maroochydore State High School	Rosedale State School	St Teresa's College (Abergowrie)
Marsden State High School	Rosewood State High School	St Thomas More College (Sunnybank)
Mary MacKillop College (Nundah)	Runcorn State High School	St Ursula's College (Toowoomba)
Maryborough State High School	Ryan Catholic College (Townsville)	St Ursula's College (Yeppoon)
Marymount College (Burleigh Waters)	Saint Mary's Catholic College (Kingaroy)	Stanthorpe State High School
Meridan State College	San Sisto College	Suncoast Christian College
Merrimac State High School	Sandgate District State High School	Sunnybank State High School
Miles State High School	Shailer Park State High School	Sunshine Coast Grammar School
Mitchelton State High School	Shalom College (Bundaberg)	Tagai State College (Thursday Island)
Moranbah State High School	Silkwood School	Tannum Sands State High School
Morayfield State High School	Smithfield State High School	The Cathedral College (Rockhampton)
Moreton Bay College	Southern Cross Catholic College	The School of Total Education
Mossman State High School	Southport State High School	Thuringowa State High School
Mount Alvernia College (Kedron)	Spinifex State College (Mount Isa)	Toolooa State High School
Mountain Creek State High School	Springfield Central State High School	Toowoomba Grammar School
Moura State High School	Springwood State High School	Toowoomba State High School (Lofty Campus)
Mt Alvernia College (Kedron)	St Andrew's Catholic College Redlynch Valley	Townsville State High School
Mt Maria College (Petrie)	St Anthony's Catholic College (Deeragun)	Tullawong State High School
Mt St Bernard College (Herberton)	St Augustine's College (Augustine Heights)	Tully State High School
Mt St Michael's College (Ashgrove)	St Augustine's College (Cairns)	Unity College (Caloundra)
Murgon State High School	St Benedict's College (Mango Hill)	Upper Coomera State College
Murrumba State Secondary College	St Brendan's College (Yeppoon)	Urangan State High School
Nanango State High School	St Columban's College (Caboolture)	Varsity College
Narangba Valley State High School	St Edmund's College	Victoria Point State High School
Noosa District State High School	St Eugene College	Villanova College (Coorparoo)
North Lakes State College	St Francis' College (Marsden)	Wavell State High School
North Rockhampton State High School	St George State High School	Wellington Point State High School
Northern Beaches State High School	St Hilda's School (Southport)	West Moreton Anglican College
Northside Christian College	St James College	Whites Hill State College
Oakey State High School	St John Fisher College (Bracken Ridge)	William Ross State High School
Our Lady of the Southern Cross College (Dalby)	St Joseph's College (Gregory Terrace)	Wilsonton State High School
Pacific Pines State High School	St Joseph's School Stanthorpe	Woodcrest State College
Palm Beach-Currumbin State High School	St Laurence's College	Woodridge State High School
Park Ridge State High School	St Margaret Mary's College (Hyde Park)	Woree State High School
Peace Lutheran College	St Mary's Catholic College (Woree)	Wynnum State High School
Pimlico State High School	St Mary's College (Ipswich)	Xavier Catholic College (Hervey Bay)
Pine Rivers State High School	St Mary's College (Maryborough)	Yeppoon State High School
Pioneer State High School	St Mary's College (Toowoomba)	Yeronga State High School

2016 Review



With the commencement of Round 7 of the QCE QATSIF Scholarship program, the total of approved QATSIF Scholarships since the Foundation began was 4973 in Queensland Secondary Schools. Given that the first year of QATSIF operations in 2010 commenced with 117 students in 17 secondary schools throughout Queensland, the growth of QATSIF as a credible, effective scholarship program is significant.

Round 8 opened for applications from schools in June 2016 and closed in September with 1392 applications from students throughout Queensland.

The QATSIF Secretariat continues to operate out of our own office location at 2/301 Water Street Fortitude Valley.

2016 saw an increase in the number of QATSIF celebrations. Thanks to the hospitality of All Hallows School Brisbane, QATSIF celebrated with Round 7 New Recipients. An air of reflection was tangible at the QATSIF /USQ National Sorry Day gathering at the University of Southern Queensland Springfield and at the QATSIF/USQ Reconciliation Week gathering at Toowoomba. For the fifth year in succession, Laidley State High School also hosted a QATSIF/NAIDOC Celebration in July 2016 welcoming local and Ipswich QATSIF Schools.

Thanks to the generosity of Townsville State High School, another cluster gathering of QATSIF Schools met to celebrate all QATSIF Recipients as well as share achievements and cultural pride.

For the third year, QATSIF worked with a local school in Cairns, in this instance Woree State High School to welcome graduating QATSIF Recipients from nine Cairns and surrounding schools. This was followed the next day by the first ever QATSIF Graduation for Rockhampton and neighbouring schools held at CQ University.

Brisbane 2016 graduating QATSIF Students were also able to celebrate in a university setting thanks to the hospitality of the University of Queensland.

The work of QATSIF Schools in the local administration of the QATSIF Program remains a significant strength. There are many "hands on" Principals with equally "hands on" Personal Assistants, passionate Teachers, Business Managers and inspiring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Support Officers, Teacher Aides and Community Education Counsellors who have become our valued colleagues in the delivery of QATSIF Scholarships.

QATSIF thanks sincerely Mr Bruce Houghton, Principal of Woree State High School for his recognition of the value of QATSIF scholarships. QATSIF is delighted to work with and walk with our QATSIF Schools.

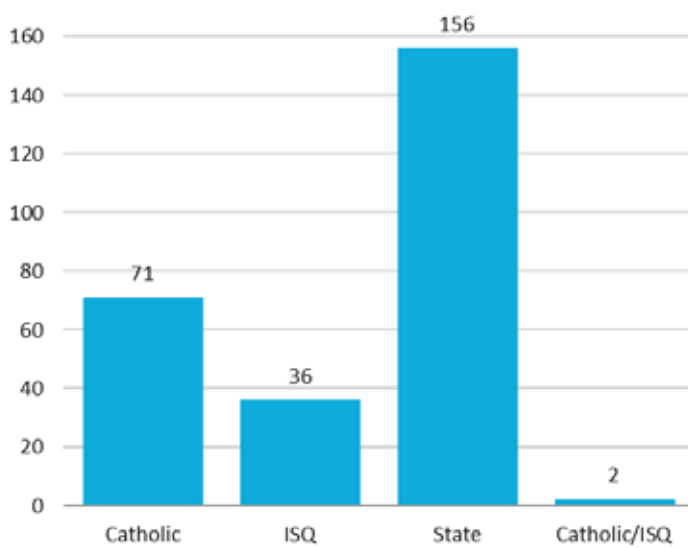
"I would like to acknowledge the fantastic work that the Foundation does for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students all over Queensland and the valuable contribution this makes to those students who I am sure go onto bigger and brighter things. The foundation has not just been great for the students of this school but for many and varied schools and we have many worthy students graduating today from a range of great schools across Far North Queensland." - Mr Bruce Houghton, Woree State High School



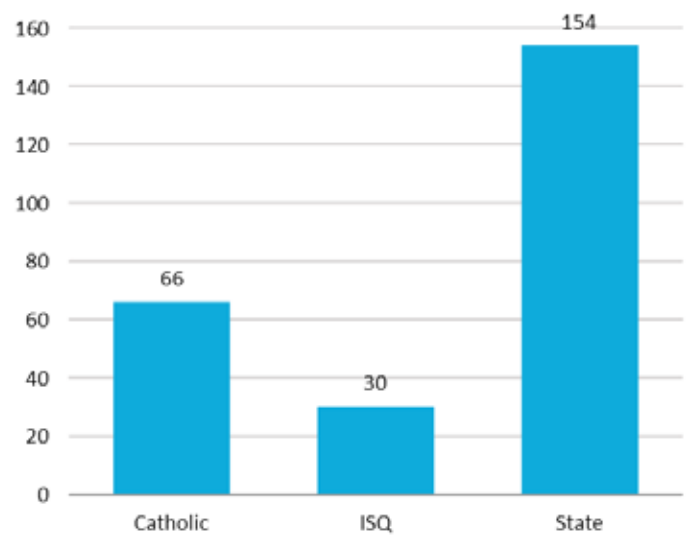


QATSIF Funding

Number of Schools Rounds 1 to 7

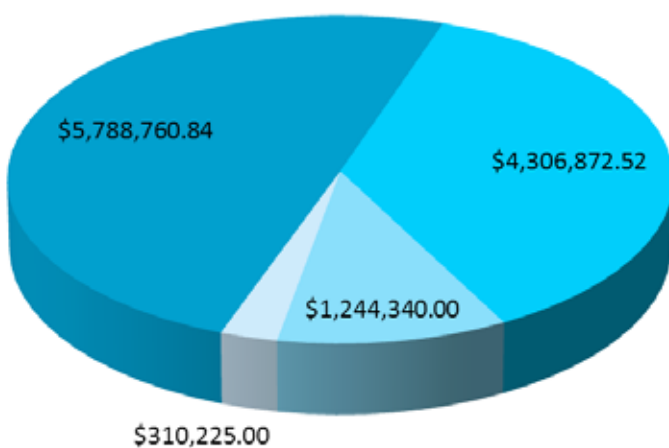


Number of Schools Round 8



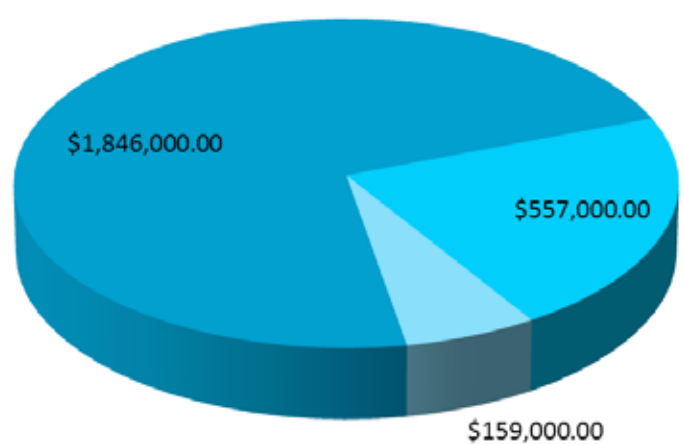
Total Funding Round 1 - 7

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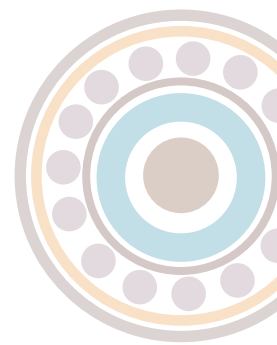


Total Funding Required Round 8

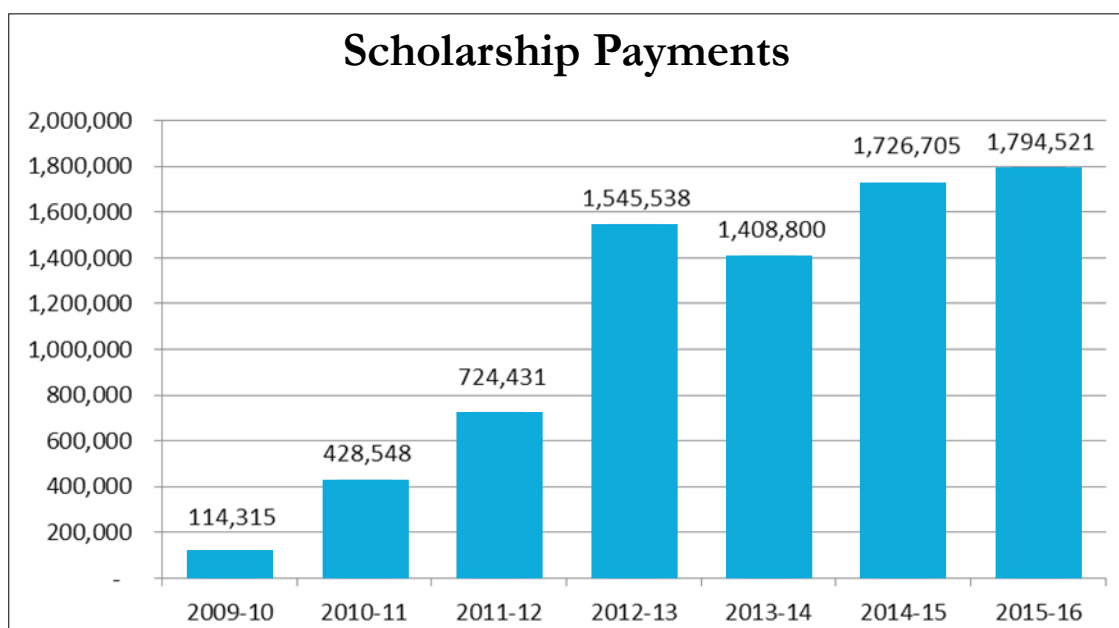
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2015 - 16 Financial Summary

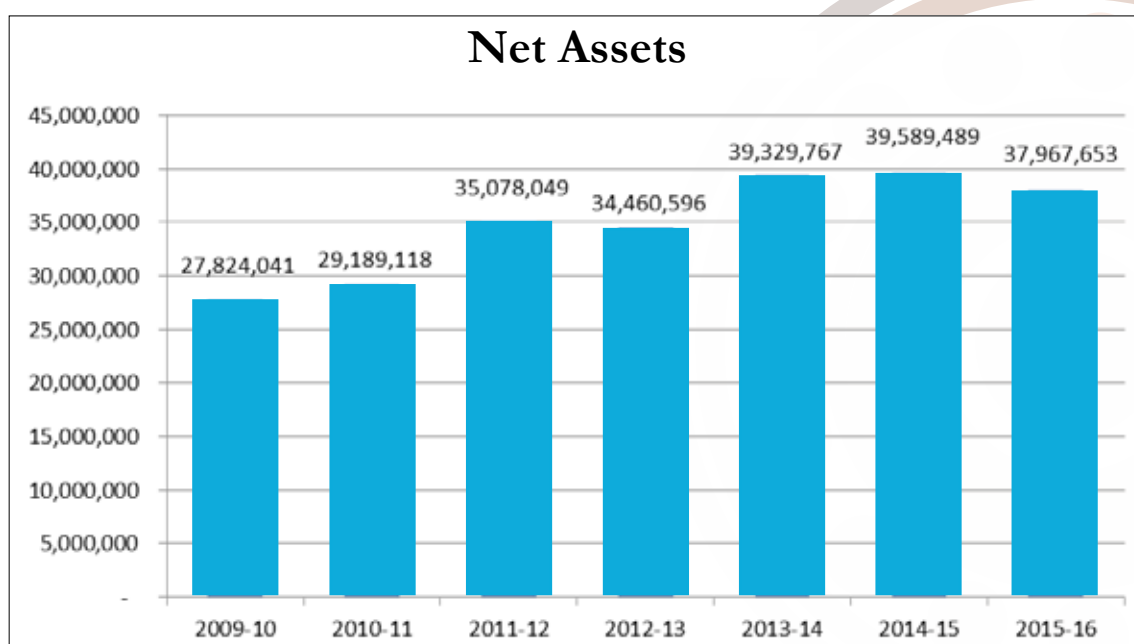


During the 2015-16 financial year a total of \$1.79m was paid in scholarship payments to eligible schools. Further to this, the Public Trustee of Queensland had also approved an additional \$2.5m in scholarship grants due to be paid in the next 5 financial years.



The Foundation's total expenses for the 2015-16 year represented only 1.1% of funds under management, which is in line with the previous year.

Position



Net Assets of the foundation at 30 June 2016 was \$37,967,653.

2015-16 Investment Performance

The investment strategy for the QATSIF is reviewed on an annual basis in conjunction with advice from Queensland Investment Corporation Limited (QIC). The strategy is designed to achieve the QATSIF stated investment objective to “maximise income while maintaining the real capital value of the funds after taking into account the effects of inflation”.

The investment strategy consists of a composite mix of 80% in the Public Trustee Growth Trust and 20% Cash. This strategy provides a diversified allocation across key asset classes as shown in the table below.

Asset Class	Investment Mix
Australian Equities	24.0%
International Equities	24.0%
Global Property	8.0%
Fixed Interest	18.4%
Absolute Return	1.6%
Cash	24.0%
Total	100%

The investment strategy returned 0.29% for the financial year ended 30 June 2016 and 4.85% p.a. for the three years to 30 June 2016.



“We now have students aspiring to receive a QATSIF Scholarship in Year 10. Some students who did not meet the initial criteria have deliberately changed their behaviours to improve attendance and/or achievement in order to be eligible for a scholarship.” ~ Teacher from Morayfield State High School

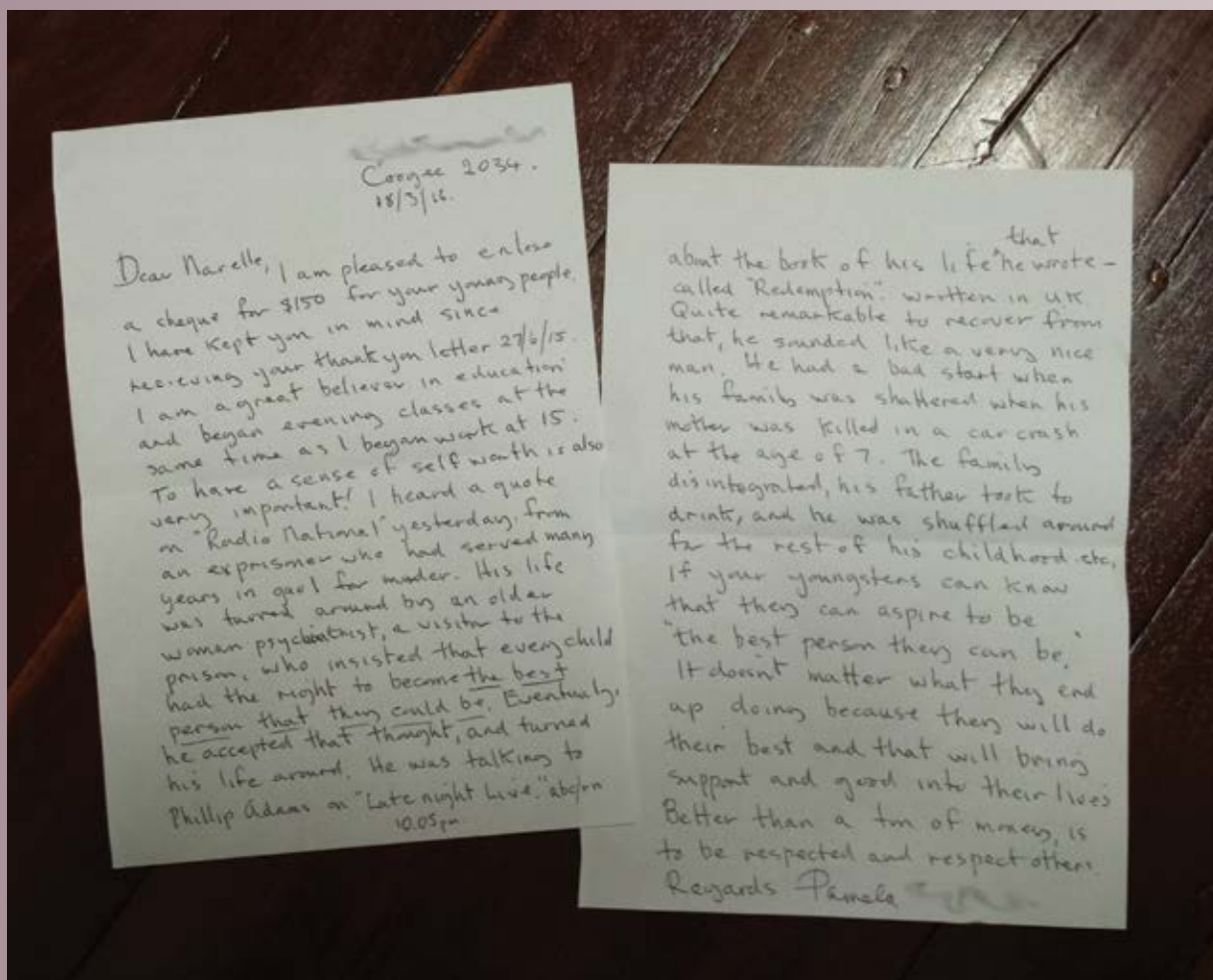
Get Involved in 2017

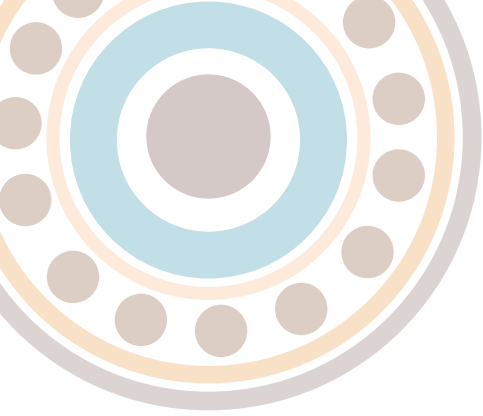
Embarking on the 8th Round of QATSIF Scholarships, QATSIF is proud of its contribution in helping to "Close the Gap" in Year 12 completion and in retention to Year 12, but there is still work to do.

In eight Rounds, the Trustee has approved more than \$14,208,198.36 in scholarships for more than 6368 students. The outstanding results enhance QATSIF as a "Premier Foundation" and thus makes QATSIF an attractive proposition for philanthropic donations to a credible program where the structure and operations are sound and transparent.

Can you support QATSIF to build on its solid foundation? You can help by making your tax deductible donation today to the Foundation or making provision for the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation in your Will.

In 2017 the Board of Advice will continue to seek major funding partners who can assist QATSIF in being a sustainable Foundation into the future.



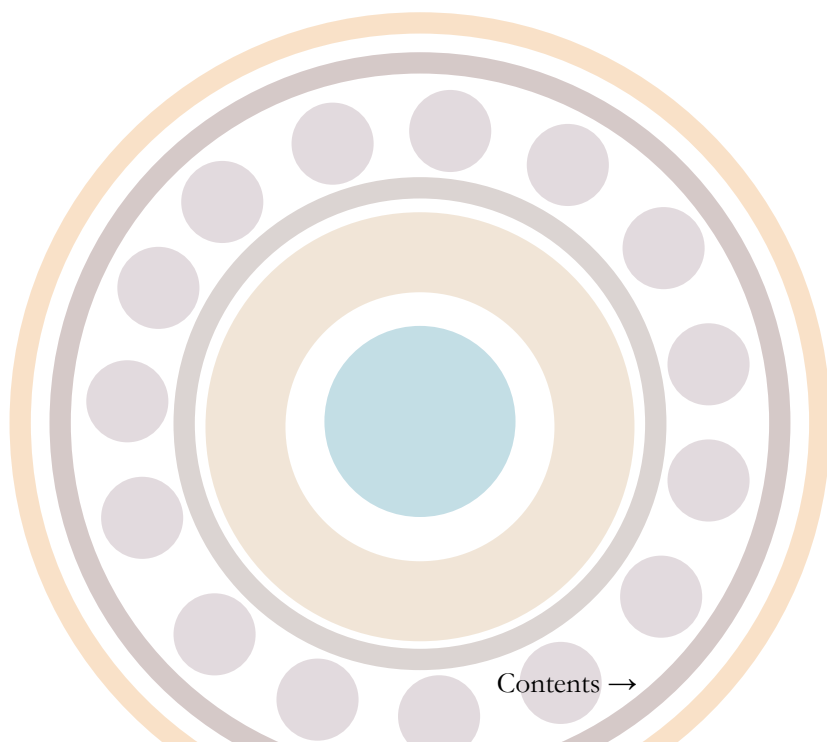


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 - Woree State High School
 - University of Southern Queensland
 - CQUniversity
 - The University of Queensland
- Arrow Energy
- The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
- Upgrades 'R' Us, Spring Hill
- Reliable Printing, Carole Park
- Echoic Data, Spring Hill
- Techsols, East Brisbane
- Papillon Studios

This support has enabled the QATSIF Board of Advice and Secretariat to work with the Public Trustee of Queensland in contributing to the advancement of education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in Queensland (QATSIF Trust Deed 1.2)



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