

# QATSIF

*Building tomorrow's leaders*

Annual Report  
2014-2015



# QUEENSLAND ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FOUNDATION

## Index

A NOTE FROM OUR PATRON .....	3
CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT.....	4
OUR GOVERNANCE .....	5
FROM THE TRUSTEE .....	6
THE BOARD OF ADVICE .....	7
ELDERS.....	9
ABOUT THE FOUNDATION .....	10
OUR SCHOLARSHIPS.....	11
OUR STUDENTS .....	12
SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION.....	13
2015-16 SCHOLARSHIPS.....	15
2015 REVIEW.....	18
QATSIF FUNDING .....	20
2014-15 FINANCIAL SUMMARY .....	21
GET INVOLVED IN 2016.....	23
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS .....	25

*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*

# A NOTE FROM OUR PATRON

---

## Aunty Ruth Hegarty

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

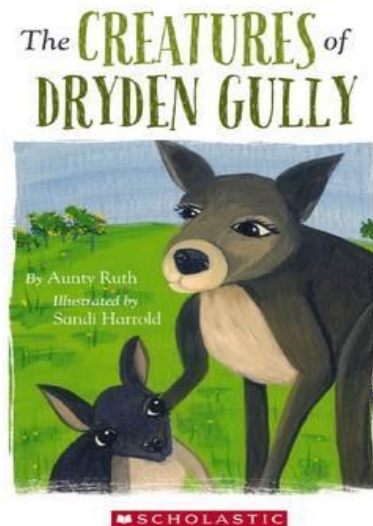
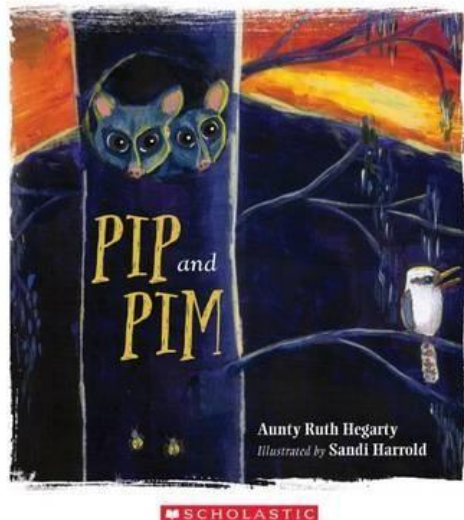
I very much appreciated being included in the events of the year and happily embrace the fine work that is being done that enables a high number of schools to take the time to encourage our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to further their education by applying for the Year Eleven and Year Twelve Scholarships. 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 the Secretariat, the Board of Advice and Professor Cindy Shannon who contribute so, so much to the success of the QCE Scholarship Program.



## QATSIF Congratulates Aunty Ruth:

Aunty Ruth attended the Brisbane Graduation and delighted in the fact that QATSIF chose to partner with Riverbend Books in launching her two recently published children's books, "The Creatures of Dryden Gully" and "Pip and Pim". To the delight of all present Aunty Ruth personally signed many books.







## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

---

*"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."*

It has been my privilege to lead The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation as the Chair of the Board of Advice since its commencement in 2008 and to see the impact QATSIF scholarships have had on increasing the retention rates to Year 12 in Queensland. In 2015, the Queensland Government reported that 94 per cent of Indigenous students in Government Schools earned a Year 12 certification, compared with 95 per cent of Non-Indigenous students. These results show that it was possible to "close the gap" and the sustained growth of QATSIF scholarships over a six year period has made a significant contribution to these outcomes, of which we are extremely proud.

In 2015, the QATSIF Board of Advice carefully considered the essence and future direction of QATSIF, and as a result adopted an updated Strategic Plan (Years 2015-2019) that reflects the ongoing purpose of the Foundation to provide scholarships for Years 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Queensland, along with our values and vision to see all young Indigenous Queenslanders realise their full potential. Such a vision is unfolding now in the growing number of students on QATSIF Scholarships living out these values of respect, relationships, justice, integrity, excellence and initiative.

In 2014-2015, QATSIF also continued to evolve as a strong organisation and moved to its own premises in Fortitude Valley. We saw the appointment of new Board of Advice Members (Mr Jim Walker, Mr Jharal Yow Yeh and Ms Claire Schneider) and I am enormously grateful to them, along with our continuing Members (Mr Rod Jensen, Mr Mark Brand, Mr Joshua Creamer and Dr Grace Sarra) and the small and extremely hard working Secretariat for their efforts to support the work of QATSIF, and me personally as Chair. QATSIF is now in a position to consolidate its success with changes to the Trust Deed that will allow us to embark on a fundraising strategy in response to the increasing demand for scholarships for the growing number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students choosing to complete Year 12.

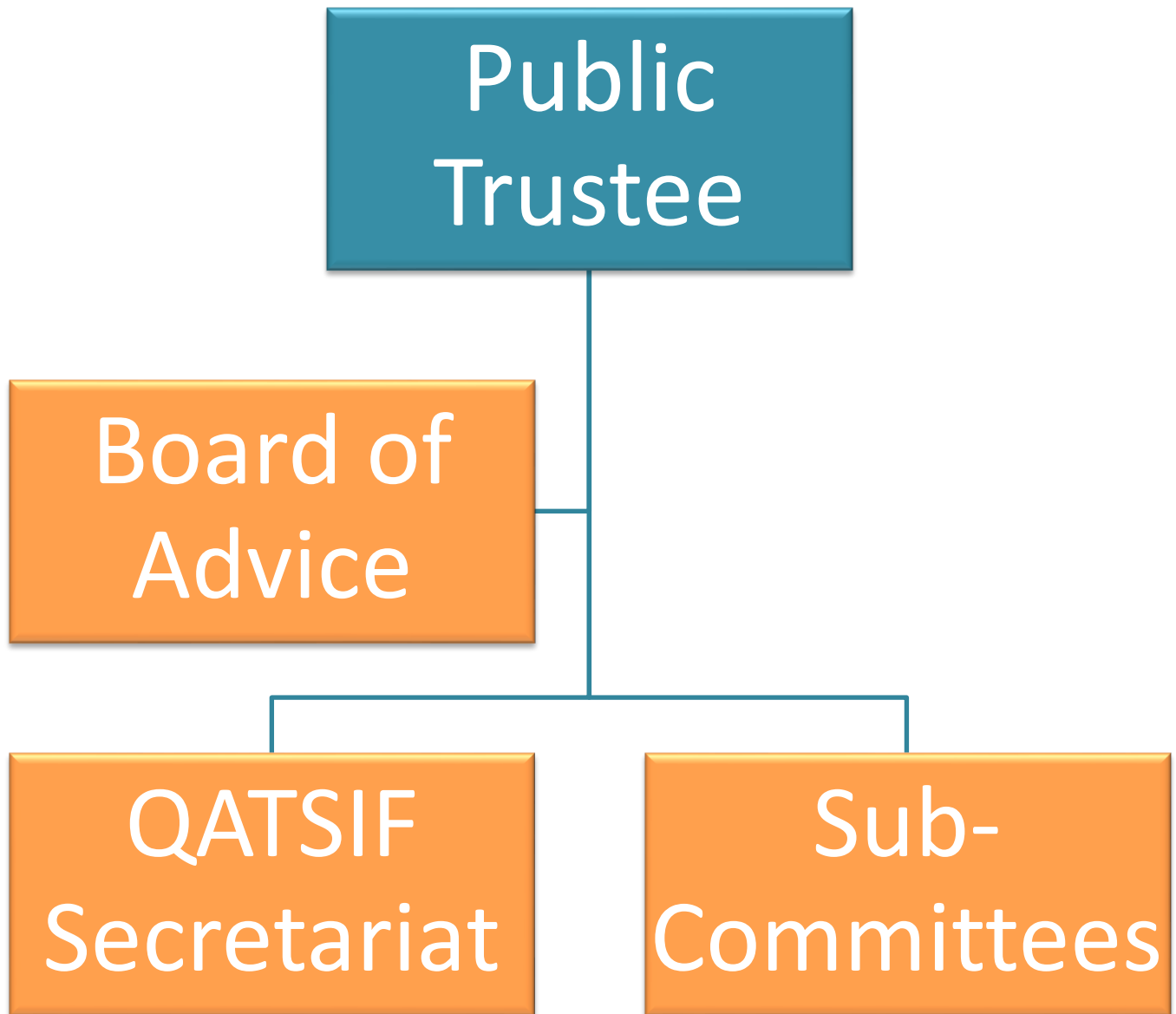
Finally, I feel enormously proud of our students and our QATSIF Schools and indeed am grateful for the support of The Public Trustee, Elders, our Patron Aunty Ruth Hegarty and Community Members in this significant commitment to "Closing the Gap" on Year 12 completion.

The future is education and our young people!

Professor Cindy Shannon  
Chair  
QATSIF Board of Advice

## OUR GOVERNANCE

---



The Public Trustee of Queensland is the Trustee of the Foundation. As independent Trustee, they are responsible for ensuring the administration of the Foundation in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed.



## FROM THE TRUSTEE

---

The Public Trustee is proud to be Trustee for the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF). QATSIF aims to advance the education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people through the provision of scholarships and by developing an awareness of the need for education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people.

In 2008, the Council of Australian Governments set out six targets to address the entrenched disadvantages faced by Indigenous Australians in life expectancy, child mortality, education and employment. One of those targets was to halve the gap for Indigenous students in Year 12 attainment rates by 2020. QATSIF is at the forefront of organisations striving to achieve this target.

From an initial scholarship round of only 117 students, QATSIF is now providing more than 1200 students with scholarships each year.

While an education will lead to better job prospects and better pay, an education provides a young person with so much more. Research has shown that an education also provides numerous social benefits, including better overall health outcomes, increased resilience and adaptability and higher workforce participation rates for women.

I would encourage anyone who wants to see the benefits of an education that a QATSIF scholarship provides to read the student's stories published in the QATSIF newsletters and Annual Reports and made available on the QATSIF website. Their stories are quite often humbling and inspirational and serve a powerful reminder of the value of education.

Finally, I wish to draw special attention to the commitment and professionalism of the QATSIF Board of Advice and Chair, Professor Cindy Shannon, the QATSIF secretariat and Public Trustee staff. As Trustee, I am aware that without their hard work and dedication QATSIF would not be the success it is today.

MARK CROFTON  
ACTING PUBLIC TRUSTEE

# 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 A 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.



## **Mr Joshua Creamer**

Joshua Creamer is Wannyi and Kalkadoon. He is currently practising as a Barrister in Brisbane. His practice areas include Native Title and Mining. Joshua is the President of the Indigenous Lawyers Association of Queensland. He is the current Chairman of Titans 4 Tomorrow and is a part owner in Regional Economic Solutions.



### **Dr Grace Sarra**

Grace Sarra is presently a Senior Lecturer at the Queensland University of Technology in the Education faculty and a researcher within the QUT YuMi Deadly Centre. Dr Sarra is of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage. Her mother is of Aboriginal (Birrigubba) and South Sea Islander descent and her father is of Torres Strait Islander heritage from the Central Islands (Mauar) in the Torres Strait. She has been teaching in schools and universities for over 20 years and completed her Doctor of Creative Industries at QUT. Her interests are in the area of Indigenous education with a particular focus on school change and leadership, social justice and inclusive education.



### **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.

Jharal suffered a career ending injury in 2012. 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 descendent 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 and in Queensland schools and encourages all QATSIF students to value their wisdom and the many struggles which they have endured.



### ***Uncle Albert Holt***

*QATSIF congratulates Uncle Albert Holt on his latest book "Murri on Mission – Gunnan Gunnan" which was launched recently by the Premier of Queensland, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk.*

# ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

---

## Mission

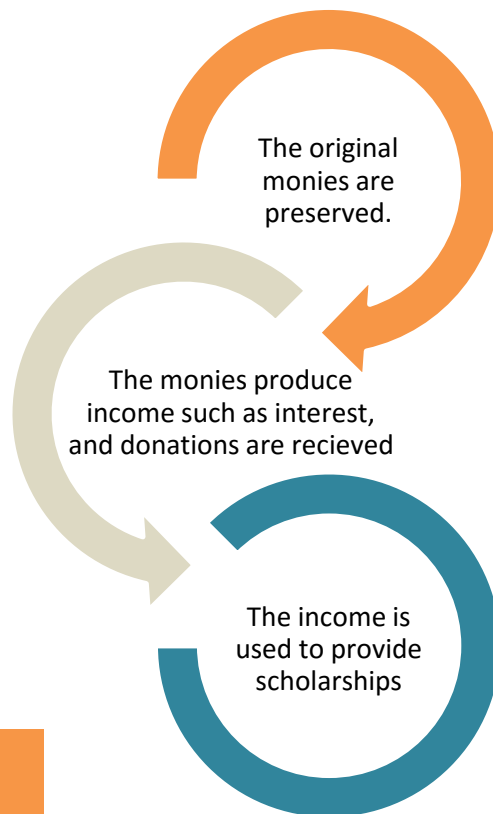
QATSIF has been established to support the education of Indigenous young people in Queensland.

## History

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

QATSIF was established with principle 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 SCHOLARSHIPS

---

Scholarships are provided to students through collaboration between the Foundation, the school, the student and his/her family, and members of the Community. This collaboration 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.

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.



*"I am very honoured to be the first Aboriginal school co-captain at Loreto College Coorparoo. My grandfather's people are the Birri Gubba tribe, of the Bindal region in Far North Queensland. I'm proud of my heritage and acknowledge how privileged I am to have been elected by my peers and teachers to lead my college in 2016. My goal is to be an inspirational (and fun) role model for the younger students at my school, as well as, for other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people. I want to encourage students from all cultures to be confident and take a chance, because with hard work and dedication, opportunities and success will ultimately follow."*

*Aislind Bell – Loreto College Coorparoo*

*QATSIF also congratulates Teneal Hutchin, Round 6 Scholarship Recipient on her position as Co-Captain of Stanthorpe State High School in 2016*

*"Education is the soul of the nation!"*





## OUR STUDENTS

QATSIF continues to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students to celebrate culture with pride and commitment. 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. The historical nature of QATSIF motivates Scholarship Recipients to honour their Ancestors whose legacy of toil and unpaid work has created significant educational opportunities within their own story of being part of Australia's rich Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

### 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. In 2015, 911 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students on QATSIF/QCE Scholarships graduated from Year 12 in Queensland State, Catholic and Independent Schools throughout Queensland.



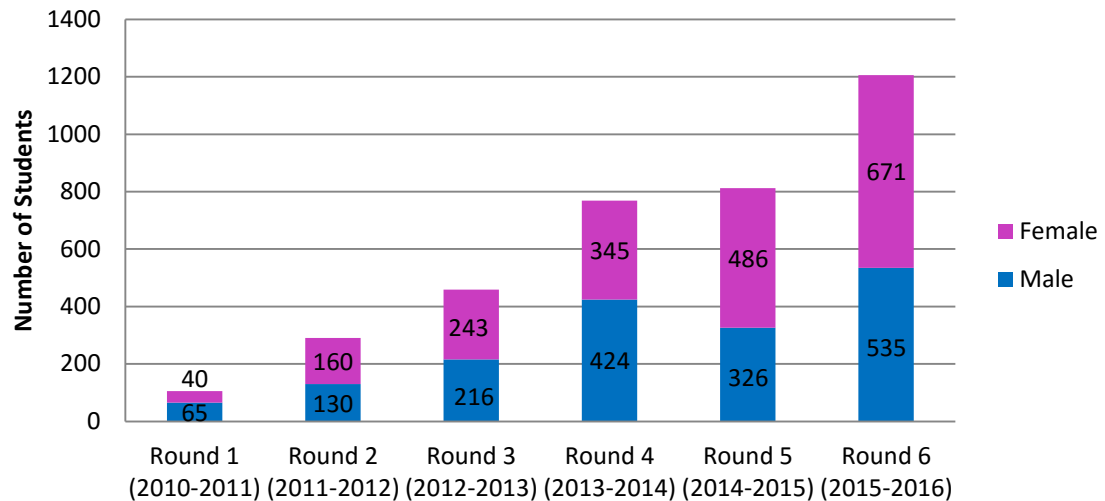
Of these, 117 students have also been supported by Arrow Energy which has contributed financially to QATSIF in areas where they have Agreements with Traditional Owners. It was noted by the QATSIF Board of Advice Chair that it is becoming increasingly clear that QATSIF Scholarships are significant in "Closing the Gap" of school retention to Year 12 and QATSIF has much to celebrate. QATSIF has been privileged to work with St Laurence's College South Brisbane, St Margaret Mary's College Townsville, Toowoomba State High School, Laidley State High School, St Mary's Catholic College Cairns and the University of Queensland in 2015 to host celebrations of QATSIF Scholarship achievements and graduations.



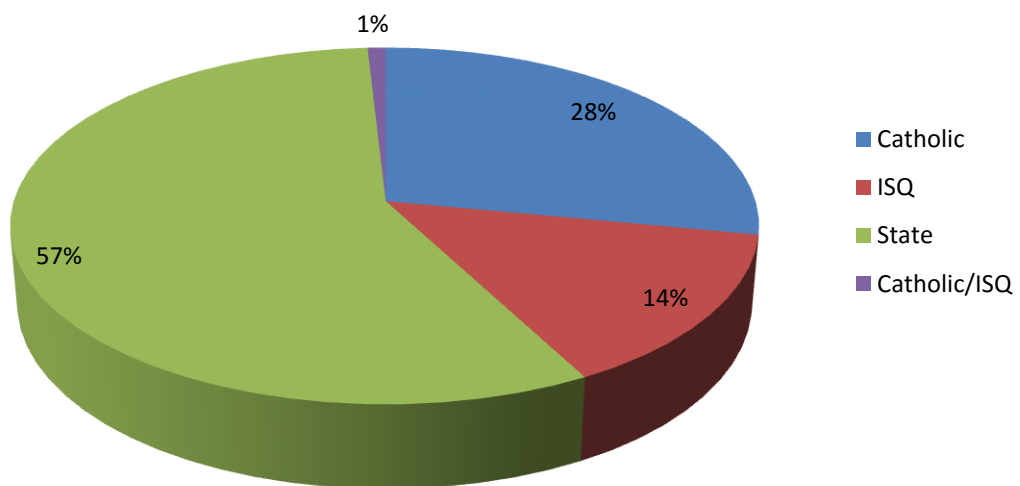
# SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION

---

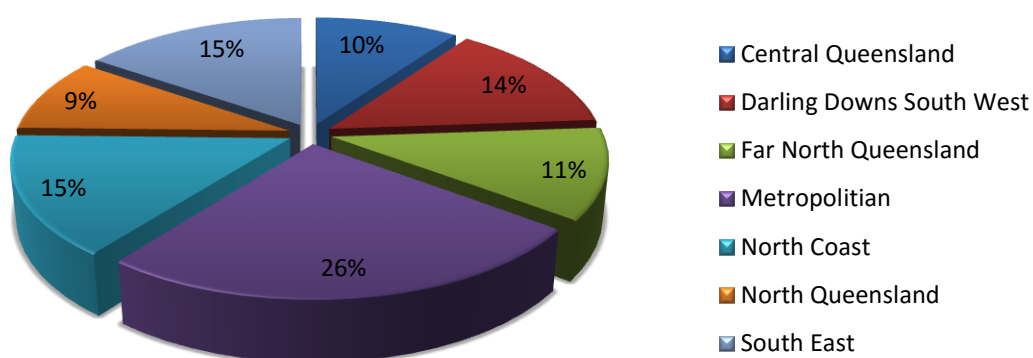
**Gender distribution of Scholarship Recipients  
Across Rounds**



**Percentage of Awarded Scholarships by  
Sector Rounds 1 - 6**



## Number of awarded Scholarships by Region Rounds 1-6



When making enquiries, whether it be via the phone or email, the QATSIF staff are always ready and willing to help. They are very friendly to talk to and issues are always solved almost immediately.

- Staff member, Nth. Rockhampton State High School

"The QATSIF scholarship assisted me greatly. If I hadn't have been given this scholarship my family would probably not have been able to afford to send me all the way through Year 12. QATSIF has given me the chance to get a QCE and complete all of my schooling. It has definitely supported me and it is a great opportunity that I am grateful to have been given."

- Student from Brisbane school of Distance  
*Education*

# 2015-16 SCHOLARSHIPS

AB Paterson College

Albany Creek State High School

Alexandra Hills State High School

All Hallows School Brisbane

All Souls St Gabriels School (Charters Towers)

Annandale Christian College (Townsville)

Aquinas College Ashmore

Aspley State High School

Atherton State High School

Balmoral State High School

Barcaldine State School P-12 Campus

Beaudesert State High School

Beenleigh State High School

Beerwah State High School

Biloela State High School

Boonah State High School

Bracken Ridge State High School

Bray Park State High School

Bremer State High School

Brigidine College

Indooroopilly

Brisbane Bayside State College

Brisbane School of Distance Education

Brisbane State High School

Browns Plains State High

SchoolBundaberg North State High School

Bundaberg State High School

Bundamba State Secondary College

Burdekin Catholic High School

Burnett State College

Caboolture State High School

Cairns State High School

Caloundra Christian College

Caloundra State High School

Canterbury College (Waterford)

Capalaba State College

Carmel College Thornlands

Cavendish Road State High

School Coorparoo Centenary Heights State High School

Chancellor State College

Chanel College Gladstone

Charleville State High School

Charters Towers State High School

Chinchilla State High School

Chisholm Catholic College

Cornubia

Clairvaux MacKillop College

Cleveland District State High School

Clifton State High School

Clontarf Beach State High School

Coolum State High School

Coorparoo Secondary College

Corinda State High School

Cunnamulla State School

Dakabin State High School

Dalby State High School

Deception Bay State High School

Djarragun College Gordonvale

Emerald State High School

Emmaus College Jimboomba

Fairholme College

Toowoomba

Faith Lutheran College –

Plainland

Ferny Grove State High School

Flagstone State Community College Calamvale

Forest Lake State High School

Gilroy Santa Maria College

Ingham

Gin Gin State High School

Gladstone State High School

Glenala State High School

Inala

Glenmore State High School

Good Counsel College Innisfail

Good Shepherd Catholic College Mt Isa

Goondiwindi State High School

Gordonvale State High School

Groves Christian College




Harristown State High School  
Heatley Secondary College  
Heights College Rockhampton  
Hervey Bay State High School  
Holy Spirit College (Mount Pleasant)  
Hymba Yumba Community Hub  
Ignatius Park College (Townsville)  
Immanuel Lutheran College (Maroochydore)  
Indooroopilly State High School  
Ingham State High School  
Innisfail State College  
Iona College Lindum  
Ipswich Girls' Grammar School  
Ipswich State High School  
Isis District State High School  
John Paul College (Daisy Hill)  
Kawana Waters State College  
Kedron State High School  
Kelvin Grove State College  
Kepnock State High School  
Kilcoy State High School  
Kingaroy State High School  
Kingston College  
Kirwan State High School  
Kuranda District State College  
Laidley State High School  
Lockyer District State High School  
Longreach State High School  
Loreto College Coorparoo

Lourdes Hill College  
Hawthorne  
Lowood State High School  
Mabel Park State High School  
MacGregor State High School  
Mackay Christian College  
Mackay North State High School  
Mackay State High School  
Mareeba State High School  
Marist College (Emerald)  
Marist College Ashgrove  
Maroochydore State High School  
Marsden State High School  
Mary Mackillop College  
Nundah  
Maryborough State High School  
Marymount College Burleigh Heads  
Merrimac State High School  
Miles State High School  
Mitchelton State High School  
Moranbah State High School  
Morayfield State High School  
Moreton Bay College  
Mossman State High School  
Mountain Creek State High School  
Mount Alvernia College  
Kedron  
Moura State High School  
Mt Gravatt State High School  
Mt St Bernard College

Herberton  
Murgon State High School  
Murrumba State Secondary College  
Nanango State High School  
Narangba Valley State High School  
Noosa District State High School  
North Lakes State College  
North Rockhampton State High School  
Northern Beaches State High School  
Oakey State High School  
Pacific Pines State High School Gold Coast  
Palm Beach-Currumbin State High School  
Park Ridge State High School  
Peace Lutheran College  
Pimlico State High School  
Pine Rivers State High School  
Pioneer State High School  
Prince of Peace Lutheran College (Everton Hills)  
Proserpine State High School  
Queensland Academy for Science Mathematics and Technology  
Redbank Plains State High School  
Redcliffe State High School  
Riverside Christian College  
Robina State High School





Rochedale State High School  
 Rockhampton State High School  
 Rosedale State School  
 Rosewood State High School  
 Runcorn State High School  
 Saint Mary's Catholic College Kingaroy  
 San Sisto College Carina  
 Sandgate District State High School  
 Shailer Park State High School  
 Shalom College Bundaberg  
 Silkwood School  
 Smithfield State High School  
 Southern Cross Catholic College  
 Southport State High School  
 Spinifex State College – Mount Isa Education and Training Precinct  
 Springfield Central State High School  
 Springwood State High School  
 St Andrew's Catholic College Redlynch  
 St Anthony's Catholic College Mareeba  
 St Augustine's College (Augustine Heights)  
 St Augustine's College (Cairns)  
 St Benedict's College  
 St Brendan's College Yeppoon  
 St Columban's College (Caboolture)  
 St Edmund's College Ipswich  
 St Francis College Marsden

St George State High School  
 St James College Brisbane  
 St Margaret Mary's College Hyde Park  
 St Mary's Catholic College Woree  
 St Mary's College Ipswich  
 St Mary's College (Maryborough)  
 St Mary's College (Toowoomba)  
 St Monica's College Cairns  
 St Patrick's College Gympie  
 St Patrick's College Mackay  
 St Patrick's College Shorncliffe  
 St Patrick's College Townsville  
 St Paul's School (Bald Hills)  
 St Peter Claver College Riverview  
 St Rita's College  
 St Saviour's College Toowoomba  
 St Stephen's Catholic College Mareeba  
 St Teresa's Catholic College Noosaville  
 St Teresa's Catholic College Abergowrie  
 St Thomas More College Sunnybank  
 St Ursula's College Toowoomba  
 St Ursula's College (Yeppoon)  
 Stanthorpe State High School  
 Sunnybank State High School  
 Sunshine Beach State High School

Tagai State College Thursday Island  
 Tannum Sands State High School  
 Theodore State School  
 Toolooa State High School  
 Toowoomba Grammar School  
 Toowoomba State High School (Lofty Campus)  
 Toowoomba State High School (Wilsonton Campus)  
 Townsville State High School  
 Tullawong State High School  
 Unity College Caloundra  
 Upper Coomera State College  
 Urangan State High School  
 Varsity College  
 Victoria Point State High School  
 Villanova College (Coorparoo)  
 Wavell State High School  
 Wellington Point State High School  
 West Moreton Anglican College  
 Whites Hill State College  
 William Ross State High School  
 Woodcrest State College Springfield  
 Woodridge State High School  
 Woree State High School  
 Wynnum State High School  
 Xavier Catholic College Hervey Bay  
 Yeppoon State High School  
 Yeronga State High School

# 2015 REVIEW

---

With the commencement of Round 6 of the QCE QATSIF Scholarship program, the total of approved QATSIF Scholarships since the Foundation began was 3,799 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 7 opened for applications from schools in June 2015 and closed in September.

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

2015 saw an increase in the number of QATSIF celebrations. For the first time ever, and thanks to the hospitality of St Laurence's College, South Brisbane, QATSIF celebrated the Round 6 New Recipients in the Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre. This air of celebration was also evident at Toowoomba State High School, Wilsonton Campus in March when local and regional schools could also congratulate QATSIF students.

For the fourth year in succession, Laidley State High School also hosted a QATSIF/NAIDOC Celebration in July 2015 welcoming local and Ipswich QATSIF Schools.

Thanks to the generosity of St Margaret Mary's College in Townsville, another cluster gathering of QATSIF Schools met to celebrate all QATSIF Recipients as well as share achievements and cultural pride.



For the second year, QATSIF worked with a local school in Cairns, in this instance St Mary's Catholic College to welcome graduating QATSIF Recipients from nine Cairns and surrounding schools.

Brisbane 2015 graduating QATSIF Students were able to celebrate in a university setting thanks to the hospitality of the University of Queensland which hosted the QATSIF Graduation in October, one week after Cairns.

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 the QCE QATSIF Scholarship Program.

"I would like to thank the Queensland Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) for their financial support over the last 2 years and the role they have played in my journey through high school.

On behalf of my fellow students at BBSC, we thank you for your generosity."

-Tain Trevor, College Captain  
Brisbane Bayside State College

I would like to express how wonderful I have found the QATSIF staff over the last couple years. No question is ever too silly and the help I receive from your staff is invaluable.

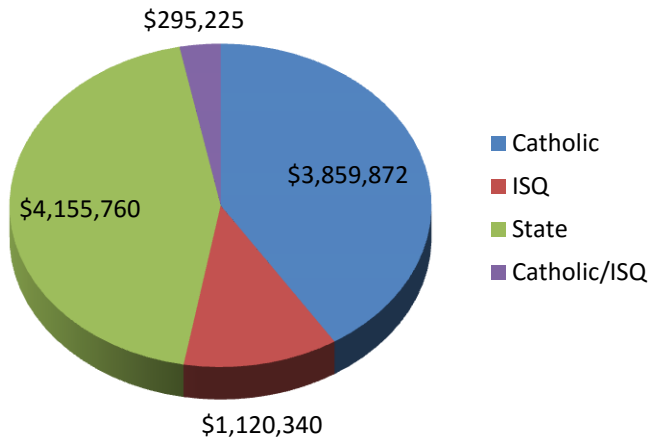
While others work out the anecdotal data, I can assure you of how much the financial support from a QATSIF scholarships means to our students.

All of our 2015 Students have successfully completed Year 12 and look forward to a bright future. Tori is off to Uni, Lochie has an apprenticeship, Steaven is off to do a gap year with the armed services, which hopefully will lead to a career as an electrician in the army. Tyneshia & Lachlan will be looking for employment locally. I believe that at least two of these students would not have been able to continue without this added support.

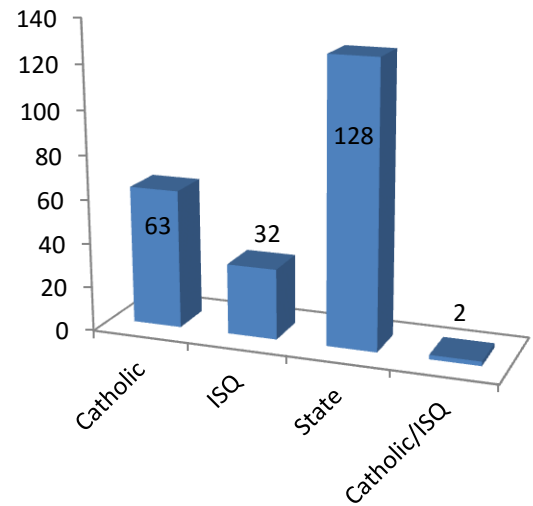
Lee Stroud  
Indigenous Student Support Officer  
Stanthorpe State High School

# QATSIF FUNDING

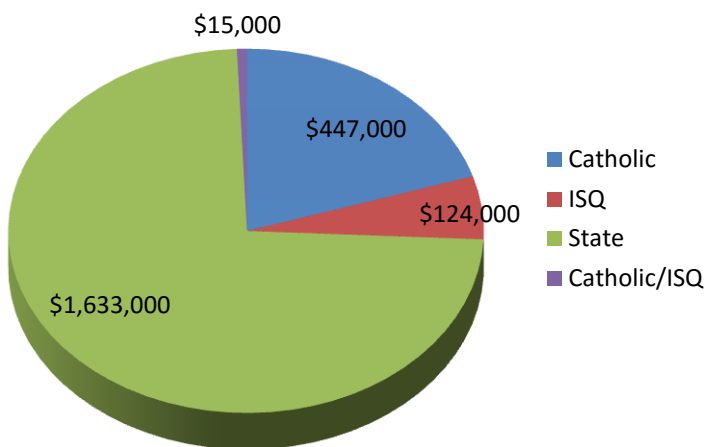
**Total Funding:  
Rounds 1 to 6**



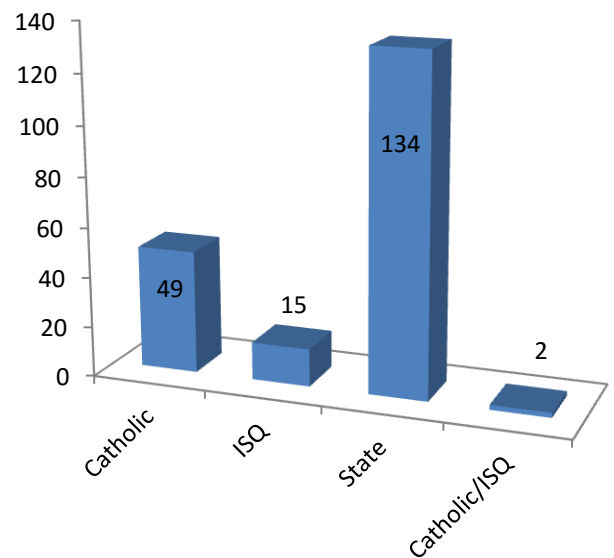
**Total Schools:  
Rounds 1 to 6**



**Total Funding Required  
for Round 7**



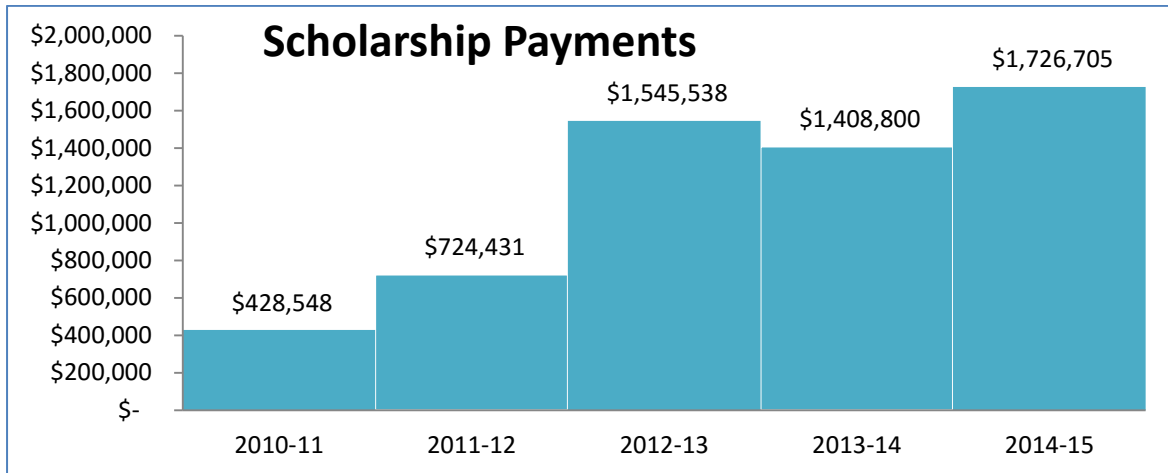
**Total Schools:  
Round 7**





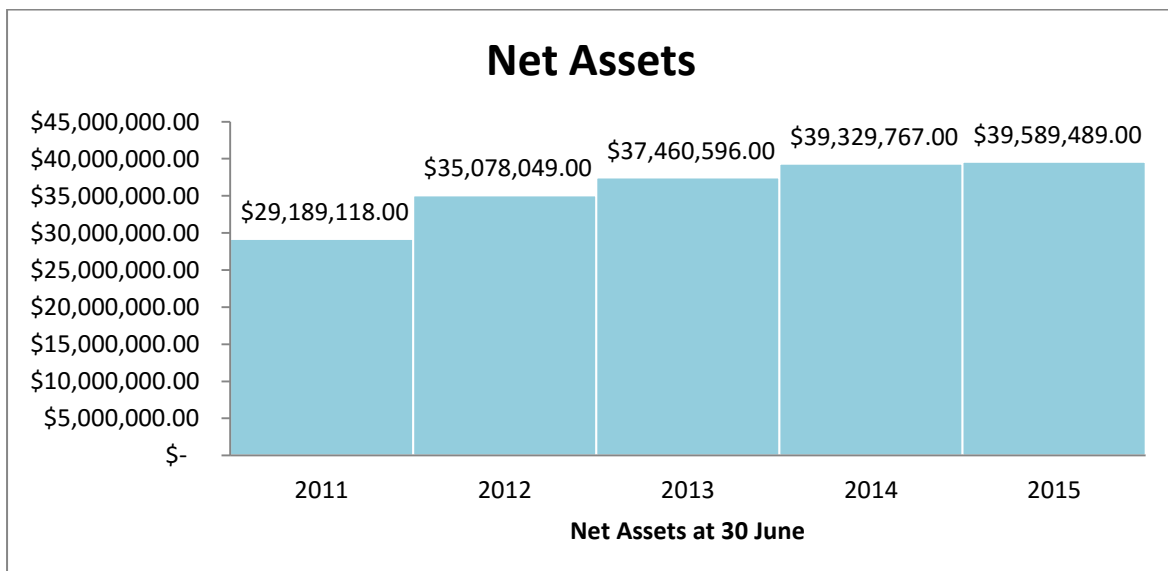
# 2014-15 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

In addition to more than \$1.7 Million paid during the year, at 30 June 2015 the Trustee had approved a further \$2,226,849 in scholarship grants approved and due to be paid in the next 5 financial years.



The Foundation has continued to perform strongly, with total expenses for the 2014-15 year representing only 1.1% of funds under management.

## Position



Net Assets of the foundation at 30 June 2014 was \$39,589,489

## 2014-15 Investment Performance

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

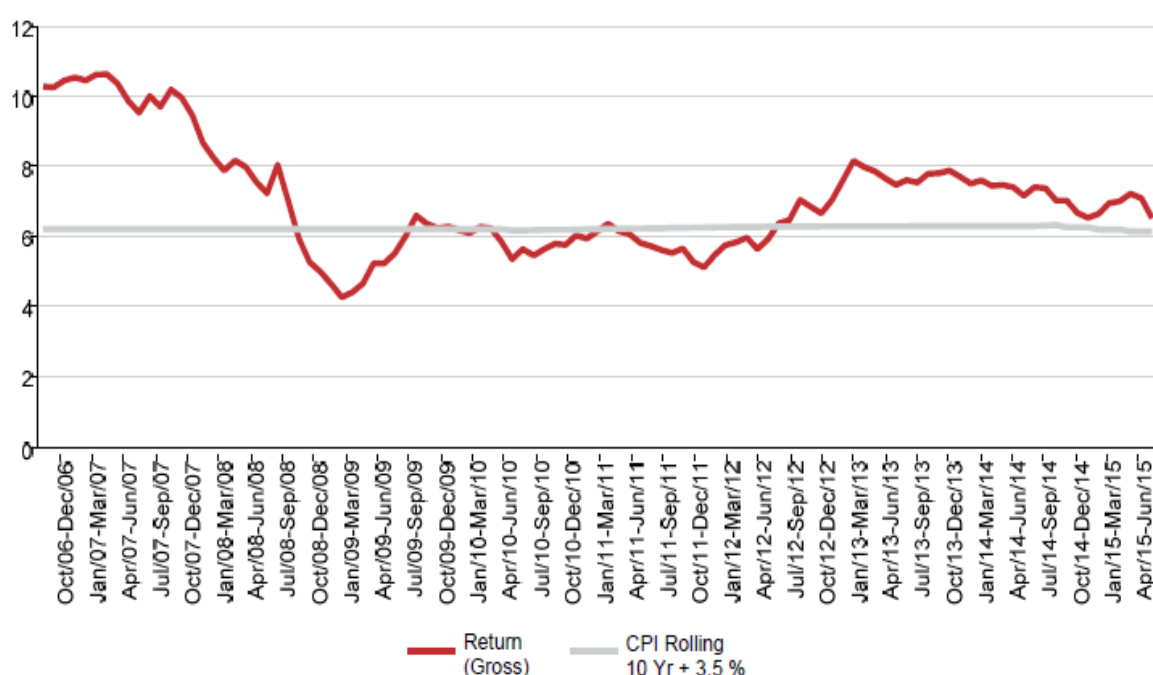
The 2014-15 investment strategy was applied to the capital of the QATSIF and consisted of investments in the Public Trustee Growth Trust (80%) and the Cash (20%). The performance of the Investment Strategy at 30 June 2015 was:

	Investment Mix	12 Month Performance	3 Year Performance Annualised Return
Cash	20%	2.60%	2.85%
PTIF Growth Trust	80%	5.90%	10.50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5.24%</b>	<b>8.97%</b>

## PTIF Growth Fund

Performance Against Objectives  
over Rolling 10 Year Periods as at 30 June 2015

The following chart details performance against set objectives.



# GET INVOLVED IN 2016

---

QATSIF is striving to play its part in 'Closing the Gap' in Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander education. Data in Queensland has shown in 2015 that the "Gap" has almost closed in relation to Retention to Year 12. The contribution of QATSIF to these increasingly positive outcomes cannot be underestimated.



QATSIF is committed to continuing the *QATSIF QCE Scholarship Program* which provides two-years of funding to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students starting in Year 11.

In six Rounds, the Trustee has approved more than \$8 Million in scholarships for more than 3,700 students. The outstanding results enhance QATSIF as a "Premier Foundation" and thus make QATSIF an attractive proposition for philanthropic donations to a credible program where the structure and operations are sound and transparent.

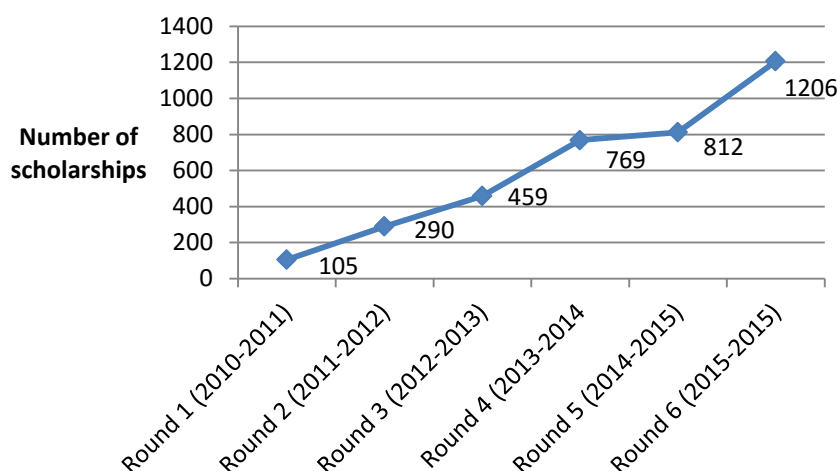
This extraordinary success continues to create challenges for the Foundation: How will we satisfy the growing need? You can help by making your tax deductible donation today to the Foundation or making provision for the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation in your Will.

In 2016 the Board of Advice will be seeking major funding partners who can assist the Foundation in continuing its proven successful program, and providing for its ongoing future success.

"Thank you and your team at QATSIF for making our children's education a lot easier by being on the QATSIF scholarships. The support truly has been fantastic. I can tell you that the smallest help goes along way especially when you're a single mother, only income earner and take care of everything with four children under the age of fifteen. This year's help has been an absolute blessing to my son especially through the purchase of uniforms. My son now can purchase the appropriate uniform from the uniform shop without budget shopping to match prices at other stores. I take this opportunity and time to thank you and all the QATSIF team for all the good things you all are doing, investing into the lives and education of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. It has gone a long way truly. Thank you all. Much appreciate it."

- Parent of a QATSIF Student

## Scholarships Awarded Over Time



Do you want more information about how you too can help to turn a young person's life around through education?

Get involved!

Contact the Office today!

*Mitchell Harrison-Currie is a 2015 graduating Year 12 student from Glenala State High School. Mitchell shared at the 2015 QATSIF Graduation how he found himself in a refuge at the "bottom of the heap" in regard to his education. He chose to pick himself, returned to school and was able to live independently without having to worry about the costs of his education because of the support of his QATSIF Scholarship. Congratulations to Mitchell who has successfully graduated from Glenala State High School as a determined, purposeful and inspiring Aboriginal young man.*





# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

---

**QATSIF is grateful for the support of:**

- *Queensland QATSIF Schools especially to:*
  - *St Laurence's College South Brisbane*
  - *Toowoomba State High School Wilsonton campus*
  - *Laidley State High School*
  - *St Margaret Mary's College, Townsville*
  - *St Mary's Catholic College Cairns**for your generous hosting of QATSIF celebrations*
- *Arrow Energy*
- *The University of Queensland for hosting the 2015 Brisbane QATSIF Graduation*
- *The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs*
- *Upgrades 'R' Us Spring Hill*
- *Techsols East Brisbane*

This support has enabled the QATSIF Board of Advice and Secretariat to work with the Public Trustee of Queensland in providing scholarships to young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Years 11 and 12 students in secondary schools throughout Queensland.

"One of our QATSIF Students has just been awarded a full scholarship to Bond University and another has just been awarded the Peter Doherty Award for Excellence in Science.

Our younger students are looking up to our QATSIF students and trying to emulate their leadership and achievements. Thank you QATSIF!" Wendy Wise, Guidance Officer, Palm Beach-Currumbin SHS

"A number of local Indigenous groups have commented positively on the increase in numbers of Indigenous students continuing with senior schooling at our college. This is primarily due to the QATSIF scholarship scheme."

- From Good Shepherd Catholic College Mt Isa