



Queensland Private Enterprise Centre

2021 ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

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Dear Members

The Executive Committee is pleased to present this Annual Report for Queensland Private Enterprise Centre Inc (QPEC) for the financial year ending 2021.

The past 12 months have not been without their challenges, with the effects of the pandemic continuing to be felt and natural disasters impacting on schools.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

During the year the following change occurred in the Executive committee:

- Jane Carrol resigned as QPEC Treasurer and Emily Blauberg was appointed to replace Jane in September 2021. The committee thanks Jane for her contribution to QPEC and welcome Emily to the role.

ECOMAN OPERATION REVIEW

During the 2021 year, 14 programs were delivered including 5 schools from Bundaberg participating in a 3 day program.

The Brisbane Girls' Grammar School students again participated in the ECOMAN Program in 2021. It involved running 6 simultaneous programs at the school for approximately. 170 students. The program ran over a number of weeks (one and/or two days per week) in August with the teachers involved in delivering parts of the program normally delivered by the facilitators. Due to covid-19 implications the school was closed for a period of time and the program had to be delivered online. This provided some challenges and the delivery of the program was not as effective as if done face to face. The cost of the program remained at \$4000 and Brisbane Girls' Grammar School has signed up to participate in the ECOMAN Program again in 2022.

The relationships that develop between QPEC and schools particularly between our Education Coordinator and facilitators and the school Heads of Department underlies the fact that many schools each year send their new year 10, 11 and a few year 12 students to experience the ECOMAN program year after year. These teachers do this because they see the practical benefits of the ECOMAN program in further explaining commercial and business concepts and realities to students.

The Executive Committee receives many testimonials from students, and their parents, after they have completed the program and it is pleasing for the Committee to read these as they underline the reason why the program is so successful and valued by the students and teachers.

SPONSORSHIP

Funds from the Viatel Charitable Foundation continued in 2021 to support the delivery of Ecoman program to students. The Foundation has supported ECOMAN programs since 2009 and the Committee thanks them for their valued support.

Mid-City Rotary Club again sponsored the Yeronga State High School program and the Committee thanks them for their ongoing support.

Our venue sponsors provide their CBD board rooms and meeting rooms (COVID-19 restrictions permitting) where the programs are delivered. They too deserve our thanks once again. Several venues provided their facilities on more than one occasion in particular CA ANZ.

These venues play an important part in the ECOMAN experience for the students, where for two or three days they become directors and make decisions that will impact on the business of their company. They also enjoy the 'vibe' of being part of a big city office.

Sponsors are critical to the on-going viability of the Ecoman programs. Currently programs in Brisbane cost a little over \$1,000 per day to run (on average) and overheads are about \$24,000 per year. Many schools find \$1000 per day too big an ask and adding further on top of that to cover overheads would mean we would have less schools to spread the overhead across. While QPEC has sufficient funds to continue operating in this manner for some years, the Executive Committee, has been considering ways of ensuring the sustainability of the program.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Dates	School	Venue
28 – 30 April	Redbank Plains State High School	CA ANZ
5 - 7 May	Ferny Grove State High School	CA ANZ
10 & 11 May	The Gap State High School	Perpetual
12 – 14 May	Bracken Ridge State High School	CA ANZ
14 – 16 June	Indooroopilly State High School	CA ANZ
21 & 22 June	Rochedale State High School	CA ANZ
22 – 24 June	Villanova College	BDO
14 – 16 July	Bundaberg Schools	Ultons
21 & 22 July	Brisbane Grammar Schools	AICD
28 – 30 July	Mansfield State High School	CA ANZ
August	BGGS in house	BGGS
11 – 13 October	Yeronga State High School	CA ANZ
28 & 29 October	4 schools program	CA ANZ
25 & 26 November	Ormiston College	CA ANZ

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Executive Committee's thanks and appreciation go to Education Coordinator Bob Kelsey and facilitators Debbie Perrett, Amanda Barnes and Shaneen Myers. This team delivers the programs and interacts with students to impart important messages about the commercial realities of

running a business and the role of private enterprise. They are the face of ECOMAN.