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Queensland Science Network as a Teaching Resource

Educators in Queensland's public and private schools are encouraged to become familiar with the newly established Queensland Science Network as a source of knowledge about science and a forum to exchange teaching materials.

The Queensland Science Network is a collaboration between 26 non-government scientific and natural history groups, hosted by <u>The Royal Society of Queensland</u>, the State's oldest scientific institution, established in 1884.

The purpose of the Network is to promote science activities and to share knowledge, via the website www.scienceqld.org. One index page has been allocated to each member society, with a link to the organisation's homepage. There is also a central News stand, Events calendar and Resources library.

Two features will be of particular interest to educators.

QSN Newsletter

The Network publishes a newsletter approximately every two months with snippets of information of general scientific interest, along with articles showcasing the work of the member societies. The Newsletter, compiling its eighth issue at the date of writing, is open access – subscription is available via the bottom right corner of the homepage. Contributions are always welcome.

OSN Educational resources

A valuable collection of educational materials is already accessible on the site: https://scienceqld.org/educational-resources/.

Particular attention is drawn to the section on Curriculum-linked resources. QSN aims to develop a repository of student exercises linked especially to the Queensland senior science curriculum. It is currently seeking funding to populate this section with exercises drawing upon the datasets and knowledge of QSN member groups.

Any educator who already has some useful curriculum-linked materials that they are willing to make available to Queensland's education community through this portal is warmly encouraged to contact the Syllabus Coordinator, **Kay Lembo**, formerly President of the Science Teachers Association Queensland.

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