

## Monthly general meeting

# IPEd's transition to direct membership

**Wednesday 9 July 2014, 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm**

Get set for this special meeting of the Society of Editors (Qld)  
at **The Gabba Ward Office, Cnr Annerley Rd & Crown St, Woolloongabba.**

The meeting will present an **open forum on the transition of the Institute of Professional Editors (IPEd) towards direct membership.**

Over the past two years, IPEd and its member societies have done an amazing amount of work to ascertain what we all want of our memberships and how we will attain it, surveying members, researching how other professional associations operate and building operating plans and budgets. Generally, we want more and better services from our professional association, without the current heavy reliance on volunteers.

In November last year a majority of members voted to change the membership structure so that the societies become branches and their members are transferred to IPEd, with paid part-time staff.

This will help to cut down on volunteer efforts by removing duplicated services: membership administration will be managed centrally by a paid part-time Membership Officer; financial management and handling of all income and expenses will be done by a paid part-time Financial Officer; promotion and communication will be handled by a paid part-time Communications Officer (which is now being undertaken by Mary-Ann Came during the transition process); and professional advocacy and advancement will be conducted by a paid part-time Executive Officer.

In order to employ these staff, your membership fee will increase. And the way we do things as a society will change as a branch of IPEd.

Panel members Robin Bennett (Professional Development team), Roberta Blake (Legal & Governance), Karl Craig (Finance & Operations), Kerry Davies (Membership) and Rebecca Harris (Communication) will join **special guest Rosemary Noble, Project Manager** of the transition process, to explain the process, answer your questions and hear your comments.

**Come along and have your say – it's your Society, and you're a part of IPEd – if you can't make it, email your comments and questions before the meeting.**

Remember, **entry is via the rear door** in the parking area. Parking in the carpark and on the street.

**Cover charge – members \$10, non-members \$15** – includes drinks and nibbles on arrival.

Meeting ends at 8 pm. But why not kick on and **join us for dinner** afterwards? Just let us know if you're intending to come to dinner when you RSVP.

**For catering purposes, please RESPOND to Speaker Secretary Michael Lefcourt at [meetings@editorsqld.com](mailto:meetings@editorsqld.com) or on 0417 869 953 by Monday 7 July 2014.**