

LIBRARIES BOARD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
MEETING OF THE LIBRARIES BOARD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Monday, 19 March 2018

Minutes No. 818

The meeting was held at the Stirling Library and started at 1.10 pm.

Agenda Items for Discussion: Unstarred agenda items were approved.

1 Present:

Mr James Bruce (Chairman), Ms Vini Ciccarello, Mrs Janet Finlay, Mr Scott Hicks, Mr Andrew Luckhurst-Smith, Ms Lynn Spurling, Ms Jillian Whittaker and Dr Jan-Claire Wisdom.

In Attendance:

Mr Geoff Stempel (Acting Director, State Library of South Australia)
Ms Jo Bayly (Acting Associate Director, Public Library Services)
Mr Lyal Mutton (Manager, ICT Services, Public Library Services – Minutes)

2 Apologies: Mr Alan Smith (Director, State Library of South Australia).

3 Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the Board meeting of 19 February 2018 were confirmed with the amendment to remove the last sentence in Item 13.1.

Moved: Dr Jan-Claire Wisdom Seconded: Vini Ciccarello

5 Business Arising from the Minutes

6 Workplace Health & Safety

6.1 Workplace Health and Safety Report – February / March 2018

The Libraries Board noted the Work Health and Safety Report for February / March 2018 and the actions taken and initiatives implemented.

7 Finance Reports

7.1 Dealing with the Budget Shortfall

The Acting Director reported on the state of the Library Library's finances.

The Chairman proposed that the Acting Director set up a meeting with the Union to brief them on the current budget.

The Libraries Board noted the Dealing the Budget shortfall report, including notes and explanations.

Preliminary work that has been done to identify savings and income of at least \$615,000 will contribute towards eliminating the projected \$800,000 deficit in the draft 2018-19 budget.

Discussion occurred as to whether the Library needed to re-examine its Strategic Plan in light of these and predicted further staffing cuts.

Dr Wisdom departed the meeting at 2.00 pm.

8 Public Libraries

8.1 Indigenous Literacy Foundation

The Acting Associate Director, PLS spoke to the merits of supporting this program as it had a proven national track record of going into remote indigenous communities and promoting early childhood literacy.

The Libraries Board approved grant funding from the Outback Areas Fund of \$20,000 per year for a period of three years to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to provide materials and programs to the Indigenous communities of South Australia.

Moved: Vini Ciccarello Seconded: Jillian Whittaker

8.2 Progress Review of *Tomorrow's Libraries*

Unstarred Item. The Libraries Board noted the *Tomorrow's Libraries* report and the steps taken to initiate a review of the actions within *Tomorrow's Libraries*.

8.3 SA Public Library Performance Benchmarking 2016-17

Unstarred Item. The Libraries Board noted the SA Public Library Performance Benchmarking 2016-17 report.

9 Strategic Issues

9.1 State Library and Public Library Services Response to Changes in Legislation

Unstarred Item. The Libraries Board noted how the State Library and Public Library Services is approaching their possible responsibilities under the change to the *Privacy Act (Notifiable Data Breaches Scheme)* and the European Union's requirements regarding its *General Data Protection Regulation*.

10 State Library

11 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported:

- He had met with the Chinese delegation to discuss the September 2018 display.

12 Director's Report

The Acting Director reported:

- The current owner of the Aroma Café is in financial difficulty; the head franchise owner is contracted to keep the café open regardless of what may happen with the local franchisee. There was discussion on making the café more appealing to the public;
- Co-signed with the Museum, Gallery and History SA to become a GigCity.

13 Any Other Business

14 For Information

14.1 Correspondence

14.1.1 Matt Pinnegar, CEO, LGA to Chairman, Libraries Board re: Rate Capping – impacts on public libraries, 27 February 2016

Ms Whittaker reported on the impact of Rate Capping on public libraries addressing the following terms:

- Library spending is considered discretionary;
- There will be additional costs on councils to prepare documentation required under the rate capping scheme;
- Library budget allocations will be used to support infrastructure works;
- Library service value to the community while some think the internet is now the source of information;
- There are to be new council elections so new councillors will not know the benefits of libraries;
- How the Board may communicate the worth of libraries.

The Acting Director reported that the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will occur mid-term of the new government so it is important that there is not a double impact of Rate Capping and reductions of funding to libraries through the MOA.

14.1.2 Chairman, Libraries Board to Matt Pinnegar, CEO, LGA re: response on rate capping – impacts on public libraries, 2 March 2018

14.2 For Information

15 Date of Next Meeting

The Extraordinary Board meeting scheduled for Monday, 16 April 2018 was cancelled as the Budget Shortfall report was presented as an agenda item at the Monday, 19 March 2018 Board meeting.

The next Libraries Board meeting is on **Monday, 21 May 2018 at 12.00 noon**. The meeting will be held in the **Morgan Thomas Boardroom**, Institute Building.

The meeting closed at 2.25 pm.

Chairman:

Date: