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## LIBRARIES BOARD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### MEETING OF THE LIBRARIES BOARD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Friday 23 October 2020

Minutes No. 854

The meeting was held in the Ozone Hotel, Kingscote, Kangaroo Island and started at 8.55am.

#### **1 Welcome**

##### **1.1 Present**

Bruce Linn (Chair), Professor Joanne Cys, Janet Finlay, Megan Berghuis, Bronwyn Lewis, Scott Hicks and Jillian Whittaker.

##### **In Attendance:**

Geoff Stempel (Director, State Library of SA)

Hanlie Erasmus (Associate Director, Public Library Services)

Veronica Mathews (State Library of SA – Minutes)

##### **1.2 Apologies**

Amanda Nettelbeck

##### **1.3 Acknowledgement of Country**

The Chair made an acknowledgement of Country, noting this was the first time the Board has met on Kangaroo Island.

##### **1.4 Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of a conflict of interest.

#### **2 Starring of Agenda Items**

**Motion: That all non-starred items be received and all recommendations contained therein are adopted and carried.**

**Moved: B Lewis**

**Seconded: J Cys**

#### **3 Minutes**

##### **3.1 Minutes of previous meeting**

**Motion: That the minutes of the Board meeting held on 14 September 2020 be confirmed.**

**Moved: B Lewis**

**Seconded: J Whittaker**

##### **3.2 Action List – October 2020**

The action to engage with Funds SA was closed, as they have been scheduled to attend the November Finance and Risk Committee meeting.

##### **3.3 Matters dealt with out of session**

- (a) Circular Motion to Board regarding approval of the 2019-2020 financial statements (*emailed to Board 25/9/20 and approved by Board 25/9/20*) & a Circular Motion to Board regarding approval of a change to the 2019-2020 financial statements (*emailed to Board 25/9/20 and approved by Board 28/9/20*)

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(b) Circular Motion to Board regarding the sale and purchase of various shares (*emailed to Board 30/9/20 and approved by Board on 30/9/20*)

### 4 Strategic Matters

#### 4.1 Memorandum of Agreement Negotiations Update

The Director provided an update on the MOA negotiations.

There was discussion about the current and possible future allocation of funds within the grant to direct grants for library operating and funds provided for library materials. Given current stresses on council budgets a balance needs to be struck if overall funding is to be reduced. Consideration needs to be given to the most appropriate method of allocation, including further development of centralised state-wide initiatives. It was agreed that wider consultation with the local government sector needs to occur regarding grant allocations for the 2021-2022 year and beyond.

The Public Library Services Standing Committee, a sub committee of the Libraries Board will be renamed to Public Libraries Committee, and that minutes of the Public Libraries Committee will be forwarded to the Board.

**Moved: B Lewis**

**Seconded: M Berghuis**

#### 4.2 Delivering a sustainable State Library budget

No report.

### 5 For Decision

No report.

### 6 Director's Report

The Director reported on:

1. Premier's visit to the State Library on 8 October to meet with Director and the Chair and viewed parts of the Scott Hicks Collection.
2. Two reviews currently underway with State Library and Public Library Services awaiting consultant report – Corporate and ICT Services.
3. The Chair and Director met with author Mem Fox about her donation to the State Library archives. It is a vision of the Libraries Board to establish some form of named recognition for Mem Fox, with this likely to be a Children's Library at the State Library.

**Motion: That the Libraries Board notes the Director's report.**

**Moved: B Lewis**

**Seconded: M Berghuis**

### 7 For Noting

#### 7.1 2021 Meeting Schedule

**Motion: That the Libraries Board notes the proposed Draft 2021 meeting schedule for the Libraries Board and its committees.**

**Moved: S Hicks**

**Seconded: M Berghuis**

#### 7.2 State Library of South Australia Foundation Incorporated – Current status and recommendations

Further research needs to be done on the structure of the Foundation and how the finances are to be managed. Legal advice is to be sought about the best way to re-establish the Foundation. The report was noted and further clarification will be sought.

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**Motion: That the Libraries Board notes the actions required to re-register the Foundation. Further updates will be provided at the conclusion of each stage.**

**Moved: B Lewis**

**Seconded: S Hicks**

**8 Any Other Business**

The Director provided an update on the Aspiring Leadership program at the State Library requested by Professor J Cys.

**9 Date of Next Meeting**

The next Libraries Board meeting will be held on **Monday 9 November 2020** at **10.00am**. The meeting to be held in Hetzel Lecture Theatre.

The meeting closed at 10.21 am

Chair: .....

Date: .....