

## MEDIA RELEASE

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*Christmas at the Mortlock, State Library of South Australia,  
photographer Toby Woolley, 2020.*

### ***Christmas at the Mortlock***

In a year of change, challenges and champions the State Library of South Australia has brought a little Christmas cheer to town.

After a four year absence South Australia's largest indoor Christmas tree has been erected with the support of SA Power Networks in the stunning surrounds of the Mortlock Chamber.

"After a year that has seen so much hardship and heartache for so many, the State Library saw a great opportunity to share a bit of Christmas spirit. For many Christmas will mean so much this year as people are unable to travel to see family, friends and loved ones. What better way to show you are thinking of them than coming in and taking a selfie with such a stunning Christmas backdrop." Director Geoff Stempel stated.

Also featured is a display of Christmas collection items including photographs from decades of South Australia's much-loved Christmas Pageant, cards - including one from Don Bradman to a friend, menus from Christmas dinners aboard ships, postcards sent home to family and friends by WWI soldiers, and more. Hear the sounds of Christmas including carols, and songs by Patsy Biscoe, Kamahl and Jimmy

Barnes. There are also beautiful books and toys from the Library's Children's Literature Research Collection on display.

ABC Radio Adelaide have their 2020 Time Capsule on display where visitors to the Mortlock can enter their 2020 story digitally and upload to the [ABC Radio website](#).

The Christmas tree is on display until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, and the State Library is open between 10am - 4pm Monday to Saturday (closed Sundays and Public Holidays).

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#### **CHRISTMAS AT THE MORTLOCK DETAILS:**

**Now until 4 January 2021**

**Open 10am - 4pm Monday to Saturday (closed Sundays and Public Holidays)**

Mortlock Chamber, State Library of South Australia

Corner North Terrace and Kintore Avenue

Free entry

#### **MEDIA ENQUIRIES:**

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