

LIBRARIES BOARD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MEETING OF THE LIBRARIES BOARD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Tuesday 9 March 2021

Minutes No. 858

The meeting was held in the City of Burnside Council Chambers, Greenhill Road, Tusmore and started at 1.05pm.

1 Welcome

1.1 Present

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

In Attendance:

Geoff Stempel (Director, State Library of SA)

Hanlie Erasmus (Associate Director, Public Library Services)

Tracey Parnis (State Library of SA – Minutes)

1.2 Apologies

Professor Joanne Cys.

1.3 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair made an acknowledgement of Country.

1.4 Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of a conflict of interest.

2 Starring of Agenda Items

Jillian Whittaker asked for 8.2 Future Services Model to be starred.

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

Moved: B Lewis

Seconded: A Nettelbeck

3 Minutes

3.1 Minutes of previous meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the Board meeting held on 8 February 2021 be confirmed.

Moved: M Berghuis

Seconded: B Lewis

3.2 Action List – March 2021

No updates, projects ongoing.

3.3 Matters dealt with out of session

4 Strategic Matters

4.1 Memorandum of Agreement Negotiations Update

The Chair and Director met with the Premier regarding the quantum of funds being made available. The Board was informed as to the status of these discussions.

Motion: The Libraries Board notes this update.

Moved: M Berghuis Seconded: B Lewis

4.2 Unstarred Item. State Library Budget Strategy Update

No report.

5 For Decision

For Decision (Strategic)

No report.

6 For Decision (Operational)

6.1 Writers SA Rent Waiver

Motion: The Libraries Board:

- **acknowledges the exceptional circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact that the Emergency Declarations have had on Writers SA ability to generate income in the normal manner**
- **approves the waiving of rent for Writers SA for:**
 - **October to December 2019**
 - **January to March 2020**
 - **July to August 2020**
- **and approves a credit note to be raised for the outstanding invoice for the October to December 2019 period.**

Moved: B Lewis Seconded: A Nettelbeck

7 Director's Report

The Director reported on range of matters including:

- the Draft State Library Strategic Plan - further discussion under Agenda Item 8.1
- the ongoing negotiations of the MoA
- a meeting with Albert Bensimon, last Chair State Library of SA Foundation, who has agreed to help resolve matters that will allow the Foundation to be reactivated.
- the continuation of the internal restructure of the Library. Customer Service Review is the last team to be looked at.

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

Moved: J Whittaker Seconded: S Hicks

8 For Noting

8.1 Draft Strategic Plan for Board Comment

The Board congratulated the team on the draft plan and will discuss in more detail at the May meeting.

Action 1: Add discussion of draft plan to the 10 May Board Meeting.

Action 2: Board members can provide any feedback to Director either by email or in person.

Motion: That the Libraries Board notes and provides feedback on the attached draft State Library Strategic Plan.

Moved: A Nettelbeck Seconded: S Hicks

8.2 Future Service Model Status Report

The Director provided some more background information to the project.

Action 1: Board to do a tour of the State Library in the middle of the year.

Motion: That the Libraries Board notes the progress that has been made on the various projects that are integral to the Future Service Model approach.

Moved: J Whittaker Seconded: J Finlay

8.3 Unstarred Item. PLS and SLSA Corporate Services Amalgamation

Motion: That the Libraries Board notes the amalgamation of corporate services functions within PLS and SLSA.

Moved: B Lewis Seconded: A Nettelbeck

9 Any Other Business

10 Unstarred Items. Correspondence

10.1 Hon Steven Marshall MP, Premier to Chair, Libraries Board – Statutory Authority Governance Structures Review Report, 3 February 2021

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next Libraries Board meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 10 May 2021** at **10am** in the Bronwyn Halliday Learning Studio, State Library of South Australia.

The meeting closed at 1.47pm.

Chair:

Date: