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LIBRARIES BOARD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MEETING OF THE LIBRARIES BOARD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Tuesday 15 March 2022

Minutes No. 868

The meeting was held in the Bronwyn Halliday Learning Studio, State Library of South Australia, as well as via Microsoft Teams. The meeting started at 11.56am.

1 Welcome

1.1 Present

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

In Attendance:

Geoff Stempel (Director, State Library of SA)
Jo Bayly (Associate Director, State Library Services)
Hanlie Erasmus (Associate Director, Public Library and Corporate Services)
Marissa King (Manager, Finance, Risk and Compliance, State Library of SA)
Andrew Piper (Manager, Future Services Project, State Library of SA)
Heather Ware (Board Executive Officer, State Library of SA)

Guests:

Andy Lown, Sandwalk Partners
Simon Spellicy, Sandwalk Partners

1.2 Apologies

Nil

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

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 February 2022 be confirmed.

Moved: A Nettelbeck Seconded: S Hicks

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3.2 Action List – November 2021

- 18-May-20 '6.2 State Library Draft Recurrent Budget 2020-21'. Will be discussed today under the agenda item 'Future Services Project'.
- 9-Nov-20 '5.1 Future Service Design Project'. Will be discussed today under the agenda item 'Future Services Project'.
- 14-Dec-20 '8.2 Distribution of State Government Grant Funding and Conditions'. It was noted that the agreement is now called 'Collaboration Agreement'.
- 9-Mar-21 '4.1 Memorandum of Agreement Negotiations Update'. It was noted that the agreement, now called "Collaboration Agreement" is expected to be approved this week.

3.3 Unstarred. Matters dealt with out of session

- (a) Circular Motion to Board regarding "*Collaboration Agreement between Libraries Board & Local Government Association*". Emailed to Libraries Board on 18.02.2022 and approved by Libraries Board on 21.02.2022.

4 STRATEGIC MATTERS (Presentations, Key Strategy Updates)

4.1 Introduction to Presentations

Geoff Strempele provided a brief introduction, including some background information and overview for the presentations being made today by Sandwalk Partners and Andrew Piper. The presentations will include an update on the progress made to implement the State Library's Future Services Project.

4.2 Presentation by Sandwalk Partners

Andy Lown and Simon Spellicy from Sandwalk Partners joined the meeting (in person) at 12.08pm and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation titled 'Visitor Experience Vision – Mortlock, Institute and Spence Wing', Presentation to Board, March 2022. The presentation was also shared via Microsoft Teams.

The Board thanked Andy Lown and Simon Spellicy for an excellent presentation.

[Andy Lown and Simon Spellicy, Sandwalk Partners, left the meeting at 1.13pm].

4.3 Presentation by Andrew Piper (staff member)

Andrew Piper spoke to the PowerPoint presentation 'Future Service Projects 2019-2025', which was also shared via Microsoft Teams.

Given the lack of time to explore matters raised, the Chair requested a special session be held in April. This workshop will include a walkaround of the Library to identify proposed changes and to view the current state of disrepair in some areas of the Library

[Scott Hicks left the meeting at 1.36pm].

5 FOR DECISION (Strategic)

5.1 State Library Budget Update 2022 and Future Services Project

The Director spoke to the paper, highlighting the background of the Project, the current state of the budget, the Funding Strategy for the Visitor Experience Centre and the Funding Strategy for the Modern Research Library and Staff Accommodation (being split into two major projects),

Geoff Strempele proposed an amendment to the recommendation in the paper, as follows:

The *original motion* recommended:

That the Libraries Board approves:

- The reallocation of \$410k of Trading Account funds intended for the Futures Services Project to supplement the recurrent budget deficit in 2023/2024.
- The allocation of \$550k of the Mortlock bequest profit to the Future Services Project.

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- *The Contribution of \$3.1M of Board funding to the Future Services Project and proposal for how to fund this.*

The *amended motion* recommended:

That the Libraries Board approves:

- The reallocation of \$410k of Trading Account funds intended for the Futures Services Project to supplement the recurrent budget deficit in 2023/2024.
- The allocation of \$550k of the Mortlock bequest profit to the Future Services Project.
- *A contribution of \$600K towards the Modern Research Library Stage 1 Project.*

There were some questions raised regarding the source of the \$600K, options to obtain funding through grants, how to attract funding including revenue generating partners, the importance of the inter-relationships between other Arts Institutions along North Terrace.

Megan Berghuis advised she was comfortable with the spend, however, would like confirmation on where the \$600K would be coming from. Marissa King advised that it would be from the Mortlock Request.

The Chair and Geoff StrempeI emphasised the requirement to move quickly on these projects.

It was proposed by Joanne Cys and agreed that further information be provided, and that the proposed new resolution would be presented by circular resolution.

The State Library Budget Update 2022 and Future Services Project was adjourned, subject to a circular motion.

Geoff StrempeI requested an additional motion be raised:

Additional Motion:

That the Libraries Board provide a Letter of Intent to the proponents of the Adelaide Discovery Centre, indicating the Board's interest in formally engaging to progress this project.

Moved: J Whittaker Seconded: B Lewis

6 FOR DECISION (Operational)

No update was provided.

7 STANDING ITEMS

7.1 Philanthropic and Corporate Partnerships

No update was provided.

7.2 Mortlock Strategy

No update was provided.

8 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No update was provided.

9 FOR NOTING

9.1 Changes to the operations of the Finance and Risk Committee

The report was taken as read and noted.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Board has agreed to undertake a **workshop** on 11 April 2022 at 10:00am.

The next Libraries Board meeting is scheduled for **Monday 9 May 2022** at **10.00am** in the **Bronwyn Halliday Learning Studio, State Library of South Australia.**

The meeting closed at 1.55pm.

Chair:

Date: