



Libraries Board Meeting Minutes

State Library of South Australia

Monday 7 July 2025 10:00 am ACST

@ Meeting Room 2, State Library, North Terrace

Minutes no. 903

Attendance

Present:

Members: Bruce Linn (Chair), Andrew Culley, Joanne Cys (remote), Joost den Hartog, Helen Hennessy (remote), Kedeisha Kartinyeri (remote), Amanda Nettelbeck (remote),

In attendance:

Megan Berghuis, Jo Bayly, Hanlie Erasmus, Amanda Osborne, Cassidy Jenkins

Guests:

Andrew Piper

Absent:

Members: Bridget Mather

1. * WELCOME (Presenters: Bruce Linn)

1.1. Present / Apologies

Bridget Mather

1.2. Acknowledgement of Country

- The Chair made an acknowledgment of Country.
- Recognised the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC week and the significance of this to the State Library of South Australia.
- Acknowledged Kedeisha Kartinyeri as a Board Member, who is from Ngarrindjeri country, and recognised her cultural authority.

1.3. Conflict of Interest

There was no conflict of interest.

2. * STARRING OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion:

That the Board takes recommendations for non-starred items.

Motion moved by Joost den Hartog and motion seconded by Helen Hennessey.
Carried.

3. * MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of previous meeting

Motion:

That the minutes of the Libraries Board meeting held on 2 June 2025 be confirmed.
Motion moved by Joost den Hartog and motion seconded by Andrew Culley.
Carried.

3.2. Action Items

- Committee Terms of Reference: Chair and Director are having discussions and will provide an update at the next meeting on 4 August 2025.

4. STRATEGIC MATTERS (Presentation, Key Strategy Updates)

4.1. Proposed Initiatives to Support Alignment to Contemporary First Nations Practices (Presenters: Megan Berghuis)

Megan Berghuis, as Director of State Library of South Australia spoke to the Proposed Initiatives to Support Alignment to Contemporary First Nations Practices report.

- Utilisation of Board funds for the development of a First Nations Strategy
Resolution: Megan Berghuis recommends that the \$97k is utilised to develop a new strategy to strengthen the State Library's commitments to First Nations people.
- Board invitation to ARG Chair
Resolution: Megan Berghuis recommends that an invitation be extended to ARG chair twice per year to report on activities of the Aboriginal Reference Group.
- Board Member Kedeisha Kartinyeri role as a First Nations representative to guide Board decision making
Resolution: Megan Berghuis recommends that Kedeisha Kartinyeri's role as a First Nations representative on the Board be recognised, strengthening link between ARG and the Board, and providing a First Nations lens to Board considerations.

Motion:

The Libraries Board noted the Proposed Initiatives to Support Alignment to Contemporary First Nations Practices report and approved resolutions recommended by Megan Berghuis.

Motion moved by Kedeisha Kartinyeri and motion seconded by Joanne Cys.
Carried unanimously.

4.2. Future Services Program Update (Presenters: Jo Bayly)

Jo Bayly, Associate Director State Library of South Australia, spoke to the status of the State Library Future Services Program.

- Advancing projects to increase visitation.
- Return to pre-Covid visitation numbers.
- Ongoing negotiations with Adelaide City Council.
- Progress update on the replacement of the Mortlock carpet

Motion:

The Libraries Board noted the status of State Library's Future Services Program initiatives to support strategic priorities and drive greater visitation.

Motion moved by Joost den Hartog and motion seconded by Andrew Culley.
Carried.

4.3. Children's Experience - Concept Design Presentation (Presenters: Andrew Piper, Megan Berghuis)

Megan Berghuis as Director of State Library of South Australia introduced Andrew Piper Manager of Future Services Projects to co-present the Children's Experience Concept Design Presentation.

- Children's Experience progressed at 100% completion of concept design.
- Children's Experience flythrough and slide deck presented by Megan Berghuis and Andrew Piper.
- Mural artwork to be created by artist, Andrew Joyner in association with a young Aboriginal artist to include First Nations elements and representation
- Continued objective is to open by December, noting currently on track.

Motion:

The Libraries Board noted the Children's Experience 100% completion concept design presentation.

Motion moved Andrew Culley and motion seconded by Amanda Nettelback.
Carried.

4.4. Libraries Board Final Budget 2025/26 (Presenters: Hanlie Erasmus)

Hanlie Erasmus, Associate Director of State Library of South Australia, spoke to Libraries Board Final Budget 2025/26 report.

- State Budget has been handed down.
- Additional money received for the executive supplement and some inclusion of Board trading top up funds.
- Otherwise, same as discussed at previous meeting on 2 June 2025.

Motion:

The Libraries Board noted the changes to the final 2025/26 budget.

Motion moved by Joost den Hartog and motion seconded by Joanne Cys.
Carried.

4.5. Rod East Memorial Fellowship 2025 (Presenters: Hanlie Erasmus)

Hanlie Erasmus, Associate Director of State Library of South Australia, spoke to the Rod East Memorial Fellowship 2025 report.

- Proposed recommencement of the Fellowship in 2025/26
- Two vacancies on the Board of Trustees that oversee the Rod East Memorial Fellowship
Resolution: Hanlie Erasmus recommends that the Board nominates two new trustees to replace the expired and retired members so work can commence.
- The Chair proposes Anne Short.
- The Chair proposes Veronica Mathews, Manager PLS Programs and Communications.

Motion:

The Libraries Board noted the Rod East Memorial Fellowship 2025 report and approves the appointments recommended by the Chair.

Motion moved by Helen Hennessy and motion seconded by Joost den Hartog.
Carried.

5. * FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE

5.1. Summary Report of Finance and Risk Committee Meeting

No report. The next Finance and Risk Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday 11 July 2025.

5.2. Response to Committee Questions Received Out of Session (Presenters: Hanlie Erasmus)

Hanlie Erasmus as Associate Director spoke to the Response to Committee Questions received out of session

- Andrew Culley congratulated Hanlie Erasmus and team on response to questions.

6. * PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

6.1. Summary Report of Public Libraries Committee Meeting

No report. The next Public Libraries Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 20 August 2025.

7. * ONE CARD 2.0 COLLECTIONS REFORM PROGRAM STEERING COMMITTEE

7.1. Summary Report of One Card 2.0 Collection Reform Program Steering Committee Meeting – 16 June 2025 (Presenters: Andrew Culley)

Andrew Culley, as Chair One Card 2.0 Collections Reform Program Steering Committee spoke to the summary report from the Committee's meeting on 16 June 2025.

- One Card 2.0 Collection Reform Program - Program Status
Resolution: The Committee recommends that the Libraries Board notes the Highlight Report for the period ending 31 May 2025, including activities completed and planned.
- Network Holds and Loans: Recommendations for Change
Resolution: The Committee recommends that the Libraries Board approves the Committee's recommendation for the Network Holds and Loans: Recommendations for Change report.

7.1.1. Highlight Report - Period Ending 2025 05 31

7.1.2. Network Holds and Loans - Recommendations for Change

Motion:

The Libraries Board noted the summary report of the Monday 16 June 2025 Committee meeting and approves the resolutions recommended by the One Card 2.0 Collections Reform Program Steering Committee.

Motion moved by Andrew Culley and motion seconded by Amanda Nettelbeck.
Carried.

8. * DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Presenters: Megan Berghuis)

Megan Berghuis, Director State Library of South Australia, provided a verbal update to the Libraries Board, which included the following:

- Update on recent Executive team visioning meeting to discuss upcoming strategic planning including future directions and priorities.
- Noting upcoming meeting with Local Government Association with a proposal to extend the current Collaboration Agreement 2022-2026.
- Update on the Philanthropy review being undertaken by Human Foundations (Elizabeth Davies) noting receipt of the draft report of consultation, comments to be provided this week. Elizabeth will present her report to the Board in September.
- Promoting the opening of a new exhibition in partnership with the National Archives of Australia – the Out of This World Exhibition, which is on in the State Library Gallery until the 5th October
- Sharing information on the 2025 Illuminate program and the State Library offering during this festival.
- Noting Festival has commenced and on in the public and State libraries until end of July.
- Update on ongoing work at the request of Minister Cook & Minister Michaels in relation to exploring collaboration with DHS community centres.

Motion:

The Libraries Board noted the verbal update provided.

Motion moved by Joanne Cys and motion seconded by Amanda Nettelbeck.
Carried.

8.1. Any 'For Decision' items that may arise from Director's Report

8.2. Chair update on Minister Meeting of 27 June 2025

Presenters: Bruce Linn

The chair, Bruce Linn, provided a verbal update to the Libraries Board on the meeting with the Minister, which included the following:

- Flythrough presentation of Children's Experience.
- Local Government Association negotiations.
- Adelaide City Council negotiations.
- Board appointments with several terms ending in 2025.

Motion:

The Libraries Board noted the verbal update provided.

Motion moved by Andrew Culley and motion seconded by Helen Hennessy.
Carried.

9. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DECISION

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR NOTING

10.1. Minister Michaels

Minister Michaels is looking to attend the final Libraries Board Meeting on 1 December 2025.
She will only be able to stay for 30-minutes from 10am

11. * ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Libraries Board meeting is scheduled for Monday 4 August 2025 at 10am in Meeting Room 2,
State Library.

Meeting closed at 12:00pm

Chair:

Date: