

Libraries Board Meeting Minutes

State Library of South Australia

Thursday 23 October 2025 16:35 ACST

@ Berri Hotel, 31 Riverview Drive, Berri SA 5343

Attendance

Present:

Members: Bruce Linn (Chair), Andrew Culley, Joanne Cys, Helen Hennessy, Kedeisha Kartinyeri, Bridget Mather, Amanda Nettelbeck

In Attendance:

Megan Berghuis, Hanlie Erasmus, Amanda Osborne, James Kemperman, James Kemperman

Absent:

Joost den Hartog, Jo Bayly, Cassidy Jenkins

1. WELCOME

1.1. Present / Apologies

- Joost den Hartog

1.2. Acknowledgement of Country

1.3. *Conflict of Interest

Noted that Bridget has 4 school libraries in Coorong in relation to Item 4.2.

2. *STARRING OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion:

That the items 6.2 and 9.1 be unstarred and item 7.1 be starred and All non-starred items be received, and all recommendations contained therein are adopted and carried.

Motion moved by Kedeisha Kartinyeri and motion seconded by Bridget Mather.
Carried.

3. MINUTES

3.1. *Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion:

That the minutes of the Libraries Board meeting held on 26 September 2025 be confirmed.

Motion moved by Helen Hennessy and motion seconded by Amanda Nettelbeck.
Carried.

3.2. Action Items

No action items.

4. STRATEGIC MATTERS (Presentation, Key Strategy Updates)

4.1. *Royal South Australian Society for the Arts – Request for Additional Space

- Acknowledged that the State Library cannot facilitate this request
- Letter to be amended by Chair

Motion:

That the Libraries Board:

1. Notes the correspondence received from the Royal South Australian Society for the Arts requesting the allocation of additional space in the Institute Building; and
2. Approves a letter to the Royal South Australian Society for the Arts providing the Board's response to this request.

Motion moved by Joanne Cys and motion seconded by Andrew Culley.
Carried.

4.2. *Proposed Extension of Collaboration Agreement With LGA

Motion:

That the Libraries Board:

1. Notes the report
2. Supports the proposed extension of the Collaboration Agreement between the Board and the LGA to 30 June 2028
3. Approves the proposed Board funding incentive of \$200,000 from the Mortlock Bequest Fund for regional uplift over two years for equitable access and service improvements in South Australian country public libraries, subject to LGA agreement to an extension of the current Collaboration Agreement by 31 December 2025; and
4. Authorises the Chair of the Libraries Board and the Director State Library to finalise and execute the necessary arrangements with the LGA to implement the proposed extension and regional funding uplift, ensuring alignment with the objectives of the Collaboration Agreement (2022–2026).

Motion moved by Amanda Nettelbeck and motion seconded by Kedeisha Kartinyeri.
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 14 November 2025.

6. PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

6.1. No report. The next Public Libraries Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 19 November 2025.

7. ONE CARD 2.0 COLLECTIONS REFORM PROGRAM STEERING COMMITTEE

7.1. *No report. Verbal status report provided:

- Business case development progressing
- Endorsement received for LMS from One Card 2.0 Steering Committee
- Data analytics findings expected soon and anticipated to be highly valuable
- Procurement of physical materials approved and actively underway
- Recommendations to be considered by the Board at the meeting in December.

Motion:

The Libraries Board notes the verbal status report provided.

Motion moved by Andrew Culley and motion seconded by Bridget Mather.
Carried.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director, Megan Berghuis, provided a verbal update to the Libraries Board, which included the following:

- Mortlock carpet replaced; Chamber reopened with strong visitation numbers
 - Procurement underway for Spence Wing carpet replacement
 - Welcome and Wayfinding initiative update, including discussion on foyer artwork
 - Philanthropy working group meeting to be convened in late 2026, noting Foundation cleanup activities ongoing and consideration of a proposal from a consultant regarding commercial income generation.
- COP31 proposals requested from the State Library and submitted to DPC
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Motion:

The Libraries Board noted the verbal update provided by the Director.

Motion moved Bridget Mather and motion seconded by Joanne Cys.
Carried.

9. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DECISION

9.1. Libraries Board and Committees – Meeting Schedule – 2026

- Helen Hennessey agreed to take on the Chair of the Public Libraries Committee and join the One Card 2.0 Collections Reform Steering Committee
- Joost supports this and will remain on the Public Libraries Committee but leave the One Card 2.0 Collections Reform Steering Committee

Motion:

That the Libraries Board approves the proposed 2026 meeting schedule for the Libraries Board and its Committees.

Motion moved Joanne Cys and motion seconded by Andrew Culley.
Carried.

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR NOTING

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1. Rod East Fellowship 2025

- Recommendation to approve two fellowships, including one deferred from the COVID period
- Note: Second application requires age bracket adjustment from 16+ due to introduction of new legislated age restriction on social media use.

Motion:

That the Libraries Board:

1. Endorses awarding the Rod East Fellowship to two nominees in 2025
2. Approves the allocation of the \$7,000 saved during the COVID-19 year to support the second Fellowship
3. Notes the strategic benefit to the network from supporting two innovative projects in the absence of the Innovation Grant

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

11.2. Riverton School Community Library

- Hanlie provided a verbal update to the Board on the recent media circulating regarding the Riverton School Community Library

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Libraries Board meeting is scheduled for Monday 1 December 2025 at 10am in Meeting Room 2, State Library, followed by the annual Christmas Lunch at AGSA Eats.

The meeting closed at 17:35pm.

Chair:

Date: