



Public Library Strategic Priorities Grant 2018

PURPOSE: Designed to support Councils to deliver strategic initiatives through public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres (IKCs) across Queensland that:

- a) reflect one or more of the themes outlined in [The Next Horizon: Vision 2017 for Public Libraries](#): Creative community spaces; Connectors – physical and virtual; Technology trendsetters; Incubators of ideas, learning and innovation.
- b) or, that more broadly support the [OPAL Program](#) through implementation of programs to accelerate the transition to digital modes of delivery to make content, services and programs accessible to everyone. This includes addressing barriers to access including digital literacy skills.

GRANTS AWARDED: Grants totalling \$448,440 have been awarded to 18 Councils under the 2018 Public Library Strategic Priorities Grant as follows

Council	Council Type	Funding Amount	Project Description
Balonne Shire Council	RLQ	\$ 30,000	Balonne Books on Wheels will provide access to library services to Balonne residents who are unable to visit their local library due to health or geographical reasons. In collaboration with its partners Council will develop community training and skills development programs, establish after school activities such as homework club or coding workshops, STEM based school holiday programs and programs that the show case local history and stories.
Barcaldine Regional Council	RLQ	\$ 30,000	Barcaldine Interactive Digital Community Hub will create an Interactive Digital Community Hub within the Barcaldine Library, engaging rural youth, providing tourists with access to interactive content about its region and provide a space for upskilling digital novices.
Brisbane City Council	IND	\$ 30,000	Get virtual at the library will extend the reach of Virtual Reality (VR) technology in the community. Five kits of VR equipment, installed at five Brisbane libraries (Bracken Ridge, Chermside, Garden City, Sunnybank and Wynnum), will enable new experiential learning possibilities for the whole community. These libraries are most suitable due to their physical space, geographic location and community diversity. The VR equipment will also be incorporated into existing digital literacy training sessions such as Tech Time and Family STEM night events.



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Burdekin Shire Council	IND	\$ 8,000	STEM Ideas@108 program will extend the use of the existing Ideas@108 space, which houses technology resources for use in library activities and programs. Engaging STEM professionals to run activities for the public will increase usage of Ideas@108, empower the community to encourage innovation and build staff capability to deliver future programs.
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	IND	\$ 30,000	Cassowary Coast Mobile will be a custom-built vehicle that transforms into a multi-dimensional space that incorporates library collections with an outdoor space, access for wheelchairs and prams, air conditioning, internet computers and a Wi-Fi hotspot. To foster a sense of belonging and connection within its communities, it will offer a convenient service to residents living in remote areas that currently have to travel to access library services, including East Palmerston, Hull Heads, Kennedy and Kurrimine Beach,.
Charters Towers Regional Council	RLQ	\$ 30,000	Excelsior Digital Touch Screen will enable wider community to access to library services and Council information, including those from different cultural backgrounds, abilities or those who are not able to access digital resources at home. The installation of an interactive screen will be a first for the town and create interest in the library service, with the potential to improve digital literacy by encouraging users to seek more information about library services and community services available to them.
Cook Shire Council	RLQ	\$ 10,350	Cooktown Library Creative Community Space will introduce a creative community space to the Cooktown Library where library users can participate in group learning through craft, LEGO and STEM activities including robotics, coding and digital learning. As the new centrepiece of the library, the space will encourage tinkering, creativity, inclusive engagement and knowledge sharing by providing a bright, inviting and open space for everyone to use.
Douglas Shire Council	RLQ	\$ 29,500	Mossman Multi-Touch Hub will include the installation of a LEEDR multi-touch hub and VR goggles to give children, youth and adult community members opportunities to explore modern technology, access digital worlds and improve literacy through technology and enquiry-based learning. Dynamic learning programs will provide the community with new experiences of digital and virtual content.



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Gold Coast City Council	IND	\$ 29,994	Start me up - Business Skills Series will provide learning and upskilling opportunities to the Gold Coast community to increase its ability to participate in and contribute to the innovation driven economy and encourage entrepreneurship across a range of industries. High calibre facilitators and entrepreneur role models who are credible and have current industry experience will be engaged to support the development of business skills required for innovation.
Ipswich City Council	IND	\$ 24,355	nextLEVEL : a micro festival of gaming and game development is designed for all ages and skill levels built around the platform of gaming. The nextLEVEL festival will bring technology alive within the new Springfield Central Library and present gaming to the community through entertainment, retrospective, creative and professional perspectives. Community members interested in gaming, or one of its facets, will be provided with opportunities to develop skills, experience innovation and explore creativity.
Logan City Council	IND	\$ 30,000	Logan City Council Libraries Co-working Studios will re-purpose two existing library spaces situated at the Logan Central and Logan West Libraries into collaborative co-working studios available for free public use. Recognising that more people are using library spaces for business and work, the co-working studios will be specifically designed to support the needs of independent professionals, entrepreneurs, small business owners, remote workers and individuals looking to network or collaborate with others. Co-working studios will provide meeting, hot-desk, networking and library programming space as well access to digital resources including computers, business specific software, printers, scanners and online library resources.
Maranoa Regional Council	RLQ	\$ 20,986	National Oil and Gas Industry (NOGI) Archive will ensure local heritage is protected, valued and accessible through the digitisation of a nationally significant collection. When the NOGI collection is accessible online, community programs will highlight the significance of the collection and its value to residents and researchers. With the collection accessible, Council will develop new relationships with the community as well as industry.



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McKinlay Shire Council	RLQ	\$ 26,759	Julia Creek MakerSpace will digitally enhance the Julia Creek Library by providing whole of community with access to new technologies including 3D printing, virtual and augmented reality, 360 degree cameras and computing hardware. Activities and initiatives will utilise resource kits that can be borrowed from State Library of Queensland and Code Club Australia. Programs will deliver a range of digital innovation initiatives driven by feedback from the local community.
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	IKC	\$ 30,000	Becoming Bwgcolman: Reflections of the past 100 years on Palm Island will see the rotation and extension of the 'Becoming Bwgcolman' exhibition across the 2018 centenary year. With 2018 marking the centenary of the first forced placement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on Palm Island the community, in collaboration with the Council, is hosting a series of events across the year that will enable reflection on the past, acceptance of the present and celebration of the future. Moving the exhibition to a permanent location, the current purpose-built exhibition space can be utilised for other creative community activities and programs.
Rockhampton Regional Council	IND	\$ 25,000	CapriCon 2019: Steampunk and Pop Culture Convention will engage the Central Queensland community with pop-culture linked STEAM learning for all ages throughout the year at Council's libraries and other cultural entities. The community hub of activity at the library will provide a platform for different groups to learn collaboratively with a common goal in presenting at the signature library event CapriCon. The project will continue to market the event throughout the year to a broader demographic with digital skill development and STEAM programming offered to a variety of audiences in the Central Queensland area. Strong documentary heritage in the Central Queensland collection will form a 'hook' for older adult learners and stepping community groups in particular into a STEAM based learning model.
Tablelands Regional Council	IND	\$ 9,200	Tombstones to Tutorials Project will collect and make available digitally and onsite local information reflective of the community's culture and context. The project will create a contemporary web presentation of historical information gathered through research, photographs and burial records from the Atherton Pioneer Cemetery. The Library's local history space will facilitate the co-creation of accessible virtual content to ensure public access to the content is easy, fast, effective and fun.



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Toowoomba Regional Council	IND	\$ 26,468	Start Me Up: Entrepreneur Workshops will engage participants aged 16 + to develop business and entrepreneurial skills and nurture innovation and will showcase the Toowoomba Region Libraries as a vibrant, flexible and multi-use community hub through the use of the spaces for workshops and pop-up markets events. Programs will consist of workshop sessions concentrating on Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship and marketplace selling opportunities at pop up markets. Opportunities for entrepreneurial collaborations which support economic development, local innovation, learning and exchange of ideas.
Whitsunday Regional Council	IND	\$ 27,828	Whitsunday Pops-Up will re-purpose a 'healthy-lifestyle' promotional trailer to an anytime-anywhere pop-up library within the Whitsunday region. As a branded Council resource, the pop-up library will demonstrate to both internal and external stakeholders the value and capacity of its public library services. The pop-up library will expand awareness of Whitsunday Regional Libraries as a valuable community resource for learners of all ages, as well as promote learning, skills development, facilitate creativity, and enhance leisure and cultural opportunities for those who may not have immediate access to a library. The pop-up will provide an innovative way of engaging its customers with a one-on-one opportunity to explore the library's collections, resources and services in real-time.