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New Treasures on show at the State Library

The diversity of the State Library of Queensland's collections will be showcased when the *New Treasures* exhibition opens on 13 March.

New Treasures brings together more than 40 extraordinary items recently added to the State Library's collection – revealing how the collection continues to grow in size, scope and diversity.

State Librarian Lea Giles-Peters said the items on display have been selected from over 100,000 acquisitions which were added to the collections in 2008 and 2009.

"The State Library has more than 2 million items in its holdings and these recent acquisitions have broadened the depth and diversity of the collections.

"Exhibition items ranging from *The Curse and its Cure,* a futuristic novel set in Brisbane and published in 1894, to the QANTAS tour poster for the Rolling Stones, can be just as interesting and revealing about our past as the 1850 Ipswich Odd Fellows medallion," she said.

Also on display are two historic maps which reflect the early charting of Australia and the Pacific including an impressive map by renowned 17th century map maker Vincenzo Coronelli, considered one of the greatest engravers and map makers of the period.

The State Library builds its collection through generous donations, acquisition, legal deposit, and commissions. The items in *New Treasures* have been acquired for the John Oxley Library, Australian Library of Art, Music Collection and the State Reference Library - which all form part of the State Library.

New Treasures
Talbot Family Treasures Wall, level 4, State Library of Queensland
13 March to 15 August 2010, open 10am – 5pm daily. Entry is free.

Images and interviews are available upon request.

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