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## Corporate

# Library Board of Queensland

The Library Board of Queensland is the governing body of the State Library and draws its powers from the *Libraries Act 1988*. The object of the *Libraries Act* is to contribute to the cultural, social and intellectual development of all Queenslanders.

The legislated guiding principles for achieving these objectives are:

- (a) leadership and excellence should be demonstrated in providing library and information services
- (b) there should be responsiveness to the needs of communities in regional and outer metropolitan areas
- (c) respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures should be affirmed
- (d) children and young people should be supported in their understanding and use of library and information services
- (e) diverse audiences should be developed
- (f) capabilities for life-long learning about library and information services should be developed
- (g) opportunities should be developed for international collaboration and for cultural exports, especially to the Asia-Pacific region
- (h) content relevant to Queensland should be collected, preserved, promoted and made accessible.

The functions and powers of the Library Board are listed in Appendix A.

In addition to regular meetings of the Library Board, members represented the State Library at conferences, library openings and other official functions throughout 2007-08.

One advisory committee and six advisory groups advise and inform the Library Board on issues that arise within their brief. These bodies also act as an important consultative mechanism with the broader community. The members of the Library Board advisory committee and groups are listed in Appendix B.

The Library Board periodically meets outside Brisbane to keep informed about local issues and to strengthen its relationship with local government and the community. In 2007-08 there were seven Library Board meetings, including a regional meeting at North Lakes.

The Library Board has adopted a Code of Conduct setting out standards of ethical conduct for Library Board members.

*From left to right Max Lenoy, Matthew McDonnell, Aladin Rahemtula, Margaret Strelow, Professor Stuart Cunningham, John Birmingham, Dr Grace Sarra, Jane Bertelsen, Janice Rickards and Lea Giles-Peters*

## Library Board membership to 2 Feb 2008

Emeritus Professor Roy Webb, AO (Chairperson)  
 Ms Ann Bunnell (Deputy Chairperson)  
 Mr Terence Callaghan  
 Dr Geoffrey Ginn  
 Ms Sue Gough  
 Mr Robert Holloway  
 Ms Cheryl Macnaught (until 29 November 2007)  
 Ms Janice Rickards  
 Ms Lilla Watson

## Library Board membership from 8 Feb 2008

Ms Jane Bertelsen (Chairperson)  
 Ms Margaret Strelow (Deputy Chairperson)  
 Dr Grace Sarra  
 Mr Max Lenoy  
 Professor Stuart Cunningham  
 Mr John Birmingham  
 Ms Janice Rickards  
 Professor Sohail Inayatullah (to 11 March 2008)  
 Mr Matthew McDonnell (from 24 April 2008)  
 Mr Aladin Rahemtula (from 24 April 2008)

## Meeting attendance record

	Eligible to attend	Attended
Roy Webb	4	4
Ann Bunnell	4	1
Terence Callaghan	4	4
Geoffrey Ginn	4	3
Sue Gough	4	3
Robert Holloway	4	4
Cheryl Macnaught	3	3
Janice Rickards	4	4
Lilla Watson	4	3
Jane Bertelsen	3	3
Margaret Strelow	3	2
Grace Sarra	3	2
Max Lenoy	3	3
Stuart Cunningham	3	3
John Birmingham	3	3
Janice Rickards	3	3
Sohail Inayatullah	1	0
Matthew McDonnell	2	2
Aladin Rahemtula	2	2

The State Librarian attends all meetings of the Library Board unless excused or precluded by the Library Board as per section 15 of the *Libraries Act 1988*.



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# Queensland Library Foundation

The Queensland Library Foundation supports the State Library's fundraising endeavours, specifically in the philanthropic and corporate sectors. Established by the Library Board of Queensland under the powers as defined by the *Libraries Act 1988*, the Foundation operates as a Company Limited by Guarantee and is subject to audit by the Queensland Audit Office. In keeping with Corporations Law, the Foundation produces its own annual report and associated audited financial statements.

Since 2002-03, the Foundation's financial statements have been consolidated into those of the parent entity, the Library Board of Queensland. This is consistent with Queensland Audit Office advice based on the *Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) 127*.

2007-08 has been another very busy and rewarding year for the Foundation.

The first significant event of the year was the 2008 John Oxley Library Fellowship, awarded to Mr Gordon Grimwade. Mr Grimwade will use the resources of the John Oxley Library to conduct research into the overland migration of Chinese migrants from the Northern Territory into Queensland in the late 19th and 20th centuries.

Taking advantage of one of the best views in Brisbane, the Foundation invited key supporters and Cultural Centre partners to view the *Riverfestival* from the Boardroom balcony on level 5. It is expected that this will become a much sought-after annual event.

There have been a number of personal visits to the State Library by major donors over the year, in conjunction with functions both large and intimate. Miss Margaret Mittelheuser, AM, and Dr Cathryn Mittelheuser, AM, were special guests at a morning tea in late July 2007. This occasion was used to thank them for their generous contribution for the Margaret and Cathryn Mittelheuser Reading Lounge within the John Oxley Library. On 5 October 2007 Life Benefactor Mr Pat Corrigan, AM, opened *Ex Libris*, a State Library exhibition in the Philip Bacon Heritage Gallery. The exhibition displayed the State Library's collection of bookplates, many of which had been donated by Mr Corrigan.

Foundation Partner and long time donor Mr James C. Sourris has pledged ongoing support to the State Library in the form of the James C. Sourris Collection. This included the purchase of the first item in this collection, a portfolio of 24 highly detailed, hand-coloured woodblock engravings from the 1800s, entitled *Views of Australia*, by Nicholas Chevalier, Samuel Calvert et al.

The much-valued and ongoing generosity of the Partners group enabled the purchase, in February 2008, of Queensland actor Ray Barrett's manuscript collection. The Partners joined Ray and Gaye Barrett at a function in the Fox Family White Gloves Room on 18 February to view a selection of items from this comprehensive collection.

The Foundation Council has welcomed several new members during the year. Ms Ann Garms, OAM, joined the Council in October 2007, Mr Rick Mitchell in November 2007, and Mr Bill Brett in June 2008. We were sorry to lose valued Council member, Ms Cheryl Macnaught, who resigned in November 2007.

The appointment by Government of new membership of the Library Board saw the welcoming of new Chairperson, Ms Jane Bertelsen, in February 2008. We take this opportunity to acknowledge gratefully the work of Emeritus Professor Roy Webb, AO in his role as the Chair of the Library Board until February 2008.

The Council is working at establishing new relationships between members of Brisbane's business community and the State Library. To this end, in April 2008, Ms Garms hosted a luncheon in the slq Boardroom for key Brisbane businesswomen.

The annual donor program has undergone a restructure, with an increased number of giving levels in place from July 2007. Support from annual donors is as strong as ever, and enables the Foundation to maintain and expand the collections of the State Library.

Events and exhibitions in Foundation signature areas attract numerous visitors and enable treasures from the collections to be viewed, some for the first time. Popular ongoing events include the *Uncovered* series in the Fox Family White Gloves Room and *Tea and Music* on the Queensland Terrace. From April to June 2008, weekly information sessions on finding news in more than 300 international newspapers took place in the Tim Fairfax Newspaper Reading Room.

The Foundation is now actively pursuing fundraising strategies for a range of new public programs events and exhibitions, a family history centre and the redevelopment of the Cultural Centre auditorium. This space, named The Edge, will focus on activities for young people. The Council and staff are looking forward to a very busy and exciting period leading up to the opening of The Edge, planned for September 2009.

## Council membership during 2007-08

Mr Neil Roberts (President)  
Mr David Little (Vice President)  
Ms Jane Bertelsen (from 14 February 2008)  
Mr Bill Brett (from 19 June 2008)  
Dr Paul Campbell  
Ms Ann Garms, OAM, FAIM (from 18 October 2007)  
Ms Lea Giles-Peters  
Mr Mark Gray  
Ms Cheryl Macnaught (resigned 29 November 2007)  
Professor Sam Mellick, CBE  
Mr Rick Mitchell  
Mr Max Walters  
Emeritus Professor Roy Webb, AO (resigned 2 February 2008)

# Organisational structure

As at 30 June 2008

