



**Inspiring possibilities**  
through knowledge,  
stories and creativity

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# Today's presentation:

- 🌸 Australia and Queensland – context
- 🌸 Sustainable Development Goals advocacy in Australia
- 🌸 State Library of Queensland – service delivery
- 🌸 Case study – *Palm Island Our People* event
- 🌸 Case study – *First Five Forever*

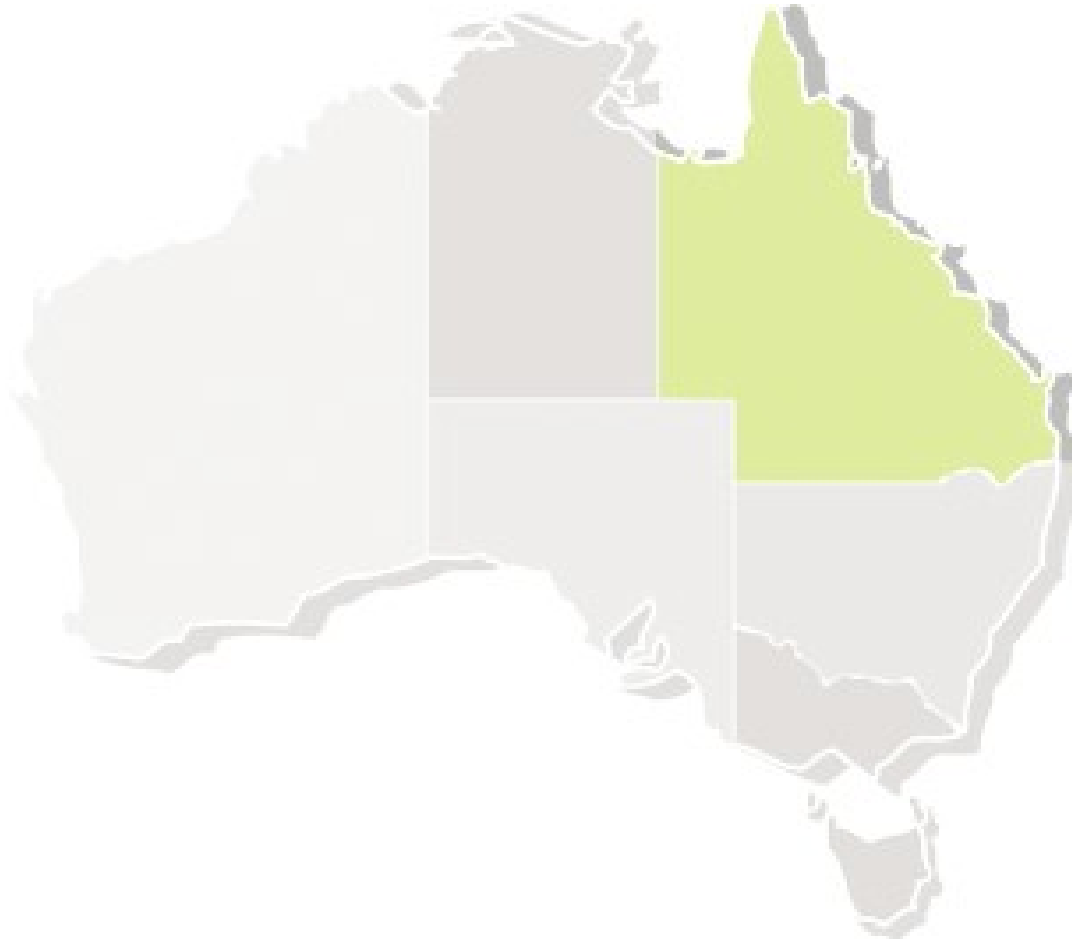


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# Australian libraries and information sector

- **5,000 members** of the Australian Library and Information Association
- **13,650 library locations** in metropolitan, regional and remote Australia.
- **27,500 workers** in libraries and information services.
- **12.9 million users** in communities, schools, universities, TAFEs, government departments, research agencies, hospitals, NGOs, law firms, banks, media channels, technology companies and other knowledge-based enterprises across Australia.
- **\$2.8 billion** is the estimated annual investment in library and information services in Australia.

# Queensland is a state of Australia



# Queensland: the facts

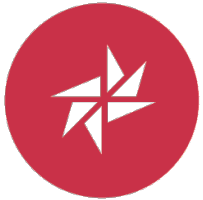
**Size:** 1.85M square kilometres (South Africa 1.22M sq km)

**Population:** Approximately 5 Million (South Africa 57.4M)

## Diversity of Queensland's regions



# Sustainable Development Goals advocacy in Australia



Australian Library and  
Information Association





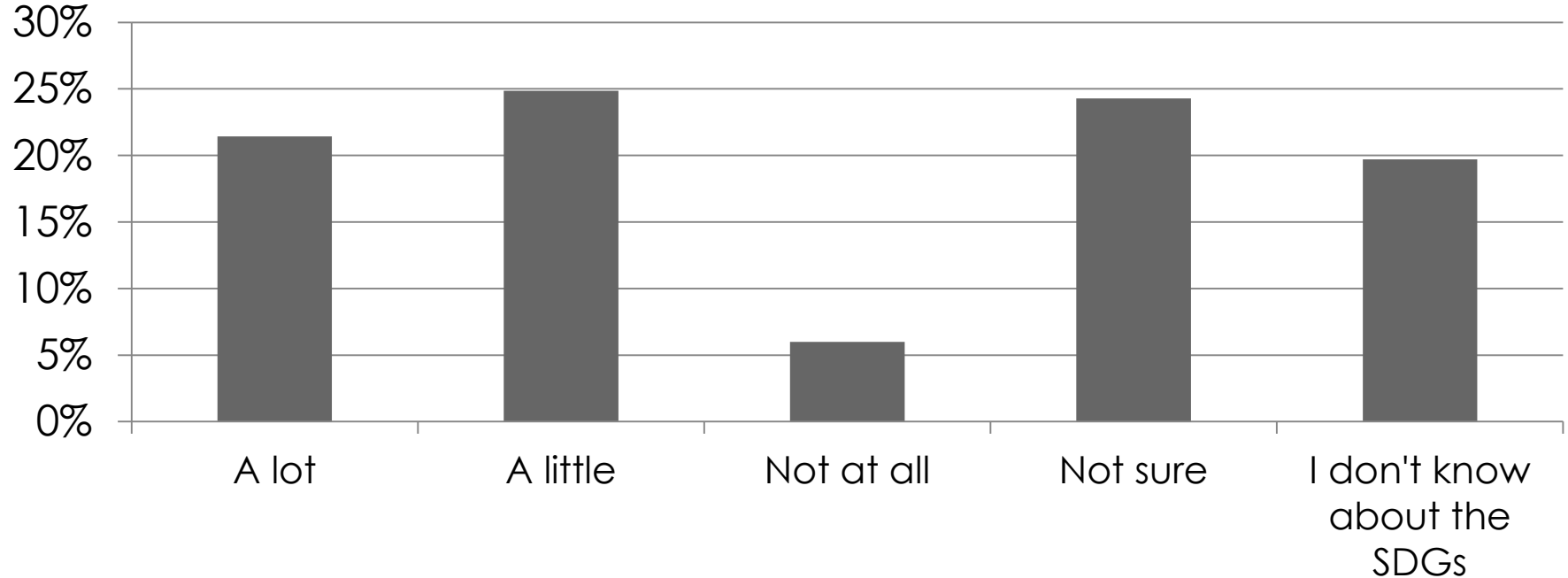
# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS





# ALIA Members

How do the SDGs relate to the forward thinking of your library and information service or organisation?





# Three conversation starters

1

## **Libraries help deliver the SDG targets**

Universal literacy is recognised in the vision for the UN 2030 Agenda

2

## **Libraries can help report against the SDGs**

Family literacy: 121,000 story times for 3.1 million participants every year

Digital inclusion: more than 13,000 public access PCs

3

## **Libraries can help engage the public**

11,000 physical locations and more than 4000 websites

Approximately 12.9 million library users



**ALIA Australian Government Professions Australia**  
**SDG briefing**  
ALIA House 23 March 2017





Australian libraries support at least 10 of the 17 goals  
Evidence gathering November 2017





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# Australian libraries support the SDGs report

January 2018





AUSTRALIAN  
COUNCIL  
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INTERNATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT



Global Compact  
Network Australia



United  
Nations  
Association  
of Australia

**Australian government academia and civil society**  
Melbourne 13 March 2018





## National Voluntary Review, UN High Level Political Forum New York 9-18 July 2018

“ ... the Australian Library and Information Association has **integrated the SDGs into its Constitution**. Its members have adopted the role of helping to communicate the 2030 Agenda to the general population, with an estimated 12.9 million users of the library system. Many of the libraries’ **activities engage the community directly** in aspects of the SDGs such as access to information, use of technology and support for literacy.”







**IFLA International Advocacy Programme global convening**  
New York 28-29 June 2018





# **ALIA Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Goals Summit**

Gold Coast Convention  
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# Australia's performance

## Australia falls further in rankings on progress towards UN Sustainable Development Goals

July 11, 2018 3:15pm AEST

Australia's exported greenhouse emissions are higher per person than Saudi Arabia's. AAP Image/Richard Warne/

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Australia is performing worse than most other advanced countries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), according to the [global SDG Index](#), which compares different nations' performance on the goals.

According to the SDG Index, released yesterday in New York, Australia is [ranked 37th in the world](#) – down from 26th last year, and behind most other wealthy countries including New Zealand, Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom.

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# Our purpose

Founded in 1896, the State Library of Queensland is the **leading reference and research library in Queensland**.

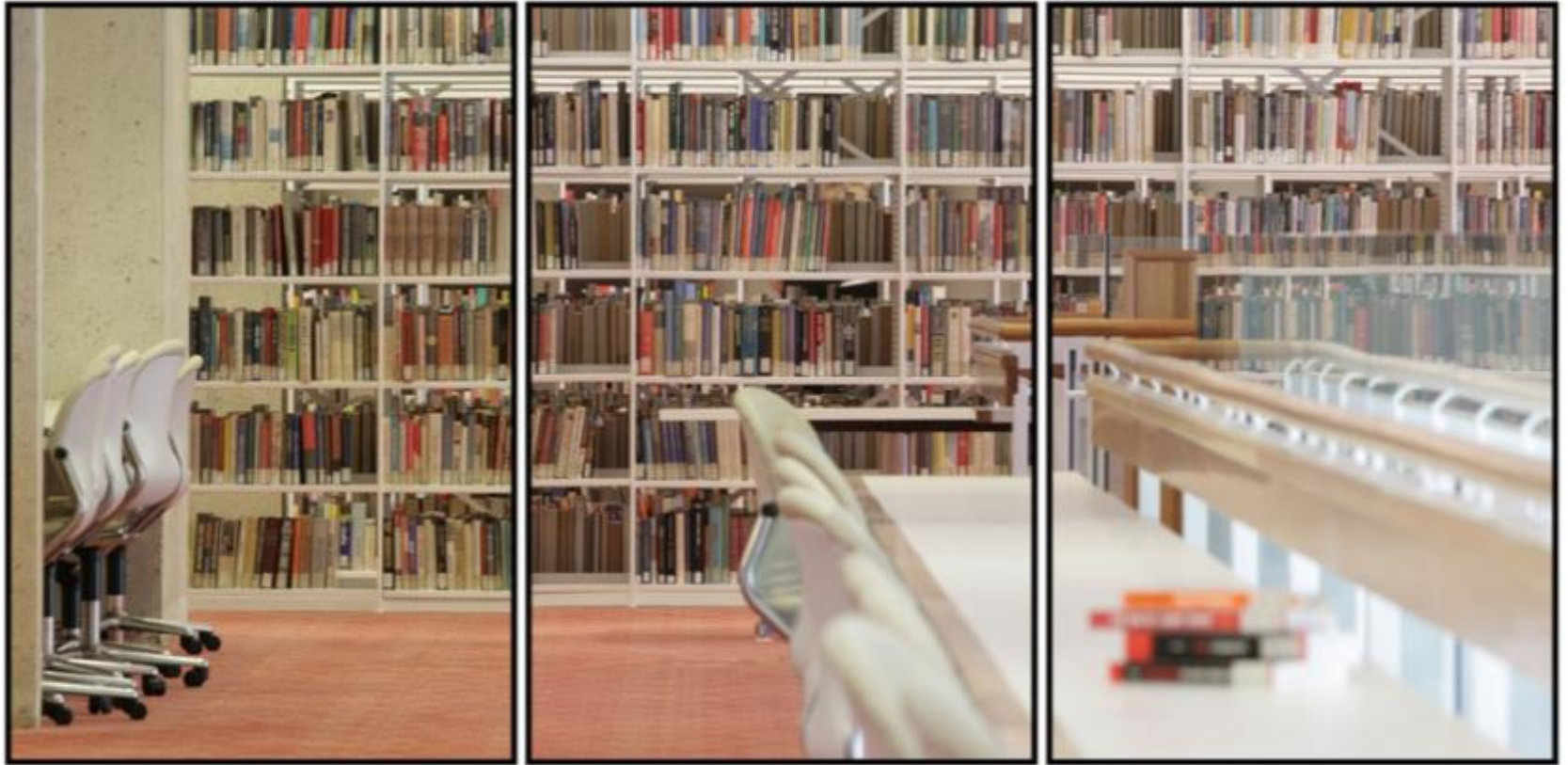
SLQ is responsible for **collecting and preserving** a comprehensive collection of **Queensland's cultural and documentary heritage**, providing **free access to information** for all Queenslanders and for the **advancement of public libraries** across the State.

The object of the *Libraries Act 1988* is “**to contribute to the cultural, social and intellectual development of all Queenslanders**”.



**We achieve our purpose by:** collecting and preserving a **trusted record** of Queensland





**We achieve our purpose by:** encouraging research to deepen the knowledge of Queensland past and present

**We achieve our purpose by:** interpreting Queensland stories through exhibitions, events, discussion and debate







**We achieve our purpose by:** developing an inclusive library service, addressing diverse needs, strengthening opportunities for the expression of ideas and fostering the appreciation of difference



**We achieve our purpose by:** providing **access to collections and services** in a range of formats and channels, so they are **available to all**, regardless of geographical location





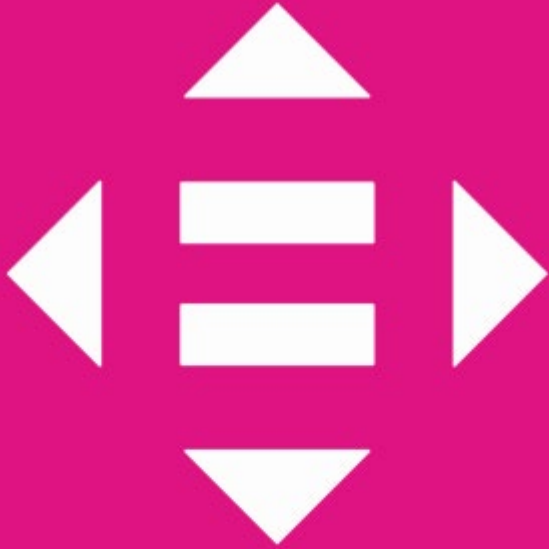
**We achieve our purpose by:** recognising the unique knowledge and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and **working with communities** to ensure their history and culture is preserved



**We achieve our purpose by: advocating** for public libraries and partnering with local government to provide Queenslanders with the opportunities to **participate fully in the economic, social, political and cultural dimensions of society**



# 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



By 2030,  
empower and  
promote the social,  
economic and  
political inclusion of  
all, irrespective of  
age, sex, disability,  
race, ethnicity, origin,  
religion or economic  
or other status



# PALM ISLAND & OUR PEOPLE

COMMEMORATING  
100 YEARS OF  
PALM ISLAND  
PAST, PRESENT  
AND FUTURE

22 SEPTEMBER 2018 - 22 APRIL 2019

The Manbarra and Bugigcolman Nations recognise the Traditional Owners of the land on which this exhibition sits. We pay respect to Elders both past and present for they hold the memories of tradition, culture and hopes of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders that were sent to Palm Island.

Bugigcolman Nation are made up of over 70 different language groups from Queensland and other states including the Northern Territory and South Australia. Today, many of the descendants send to Palm Island still live there.

This exhibition showcases Palm Island's history, highlighting significant moments in time, commemorating 100 years of occupation and importantly celebrating our community growing stronger together every day. This is their story.



Opening of *Palm Island and Our People* showcase in kuril dhagun  
Indigenous Knowledge Centre



Councillor Alf Lacey, Mayor of Palm Island at the opening of *Palm Island and Our People*







# 4 QUALITY EDUCATION



By 2030,  
ensure that all girls and  
boys have access to  
quality early childhood  
development, care  
and preprimary  
education so that they  
are ready for primary  
education



# What is First 5 Forever?



Funded by  
Queensland  
Government



Coordinated by  
State Library of  
Queensland



Delivered by local  
government through  
the network of 320+  
libraries



In partnership with  
900+ community  
groups and  
organisations



# What is First 5 Forever?

First 5 Forever was established in 2015 to give Queensland families with children up to five years of age free access to early literacy support.



# Early literacy in libraries, parks & pools



first5  
forever







# Little moments, big impact

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubx4IJoNVVI>



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS







Queensland  
Government

*all yours*