

QUEENSLAND LIBRARY FOUNDATION



Well it looks like even Ginger the cat worked from home. This image from our John Oxley Library collection (1961, [Acc D8-3-86](#)), shows Ginger 'typing' on a vintage portable underwood typewriter. Changing the ink ribbon was no doubt problematic for our feline friend!

These days thanks to modern technology, State Library of Queensland delivers the world to your fingertips. Our spaces may be temporarily closed, but our online services, resources and collections will continue to inspire you.

The [Queensland Library Foundation](#) also remains hard at work raising funds to safeguard Queensland heritage and culture.

If you would like to support the work of State Library, donations can be made [online](#), by calling the Foundation on 07 3840 7865 or [email](#) to arrange your contribution.

Thank you.

A message from our State Librarian



Firstly, and most importantly, I hope you and your loved ones are safe and well.

State Library has proudly served the people of Queensland for 124 years, and we have always demonstrated great resilience and teamwork during challenging times. Our response to this unprecedented global challenge will be no different.

We have enhanced our delivery of digital online collections and services to ensure continued access to trusted information for all Queenslanders.

State Library's [website](#) remains a transformational gateway to discovery and learning.

On our home page we share with you some remarkable digitised collections and resources to commemorate Anzac Day.

Other offerings include free access to educational courses, books, magazines, newspapers, documentaries and films; an [Ask Us](#) librarian service to assist you with personal research projects or family history queries; access to digitised John Oxley Library collections and treasures, and early literacy support for young families and children.

If you are not already a [member of State Library](#), please consider becoming one. Membership is free and access to resources is immediate.

Wishing you all the very best of health.

Vicki McDonald AM

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Anzac Day 2020: honour those who served



The last time Anzac Day services were not held was in 1919 due to the Spanish influenza pandemic. This year we have many ways you and your family can [commemorate online](#) and invoke the Anzac spirit.

You can listen to [voice activated stories](#) through Amazon Alexa or Google assistant and create your own poppy or bake recipes from the 1920s. Take a moment to explore the [Anzac Square and Memorial Galleries](#) curated by State Library.

More than 57,000 Queensland men and women served in World War I between 1914 and 1918. State Library houses many records and collections relating to the experience of Queenslanders during the Great War.

You may even find an ancestor listed in the nearly 30,000 Queensland [soldier portraits](#) on our One Search catalogue.

We may not be able to gather together, but we can still honour them.

Lest we forget.

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Reading adventures



If you know a child who loves reading, then tell them about our [Reading Adventure Club](#).

State Library has created this online club for children of all ages to help keep them engaged with reading, and each other, over the next 12 weeks. Joining the club is free and the benefits of reading are priceless.

Non-fiction or fiction, favourite characters, global adventures and unlikely friendships... staying at home doesn't mean you can't explore new worlds!

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There he glows: restoring Richard Daintree's photographs



This year, conservators at State Library are undertaking scientific surface analysis of [seven hand-coloured photographs](#) by [Richard Daintree](#).

This delicate task has been made possible thanks to donations received through the Queensland Library Foundation.

In the case of Daintree's painted photographs, studying the photographs under ultra-violet radiation can help to make visible any adhesives, resins and varnishes that may have been applied to the surface of the artwork over time. Understanding what's on the surface of these photographs will inform the next steps in restoration and the prevention of further deterioration.

Thank you to all our donors who generously supported this project. Your support is not only helping to save these treasures, but is providing our conservators with new

knowledge that can be applied to many other collections.

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Soaps, corsets, linen, beer: panic buying in Australia



The outbreak of the coronavirus represents a unique episode in Queensland history, and State Library is working with organisations and individuals across the state to capture for posterity its impact on the lives and livelihoods of everyday Queenslanders.

If you have material relating to COVID-19, please read [this blog](#) and consider donating it to our collection.

State Library collections show a pattern of history

repeating. Panic buying has occurred multiple times over the past century, but what we deem 'must-have essentials' has changed over time. Watch the [Nine News story](#) to learn more.

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Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their continuing connection to land and as custodians of stories for millennia. We are inspired by this tradition in our work to share and preserve Queensland's memory for future generations.

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