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### **Ash Barty's iconic Wimbledon outfit donated to State Library of Queensland**

One of Ash Barty's Wimbledon outfits is now on display at State Library of Queensland.

The world number 1 women's tennis champion wanted her historic outfit to be preserved and accessible for future generations.

Ash said: "This outfit is very special to me for a number of reasons. I am so proud to have won Wimbledon wearing an outfit inspired by my mentor Evonne, it really was a dream come true. I hope the display at State Library is something my home community and all of Queensland can enjoy."

The outfit was modelled on the one worn by fellow Australian and mentor Evonne Goolagong Cawley when she won the same grand slam event 50 years ago.

The Ipswich-born champion defeated Karolina Pliskova 6-3, 6-7, 6-3 at Wimbledon last month. It was the first time an Australian woman had won the title since 1980.

The skort, with its distinctive white scalloped hem, and autographed tank top is now on display in the Talbot Family Treasures Wall on level 4.

The Treasures Wall will also display a number of other eclectic items from State Library's collection including COVID-19 artisan masks and an illuminated silk address presented in 1888 to Lady Musgrave, wife of the then Queensland Governor, Sir Anthony Musgrave.

#### **Quotes from State Librarian and Chief Executive Officer Vicki McDonald AM:**

"We are proud to preserve and display one of Ash's historic Wimbledon outfits."

"It is part of a new Treasure's Wall display that showcases rare items from our collection."

"Ash's outfit is not the only piece of clothing to be preserved by State Library."

"Our eclectic clothing collection includes everything from volunteer uniforms from the 1982 Commonwealth Games to pink bikie prison uniforms. We even have a pair of Queen Victoria's stockings."

"There is something to surprise and intrigue everyone at State Library of Queensland."