

Donation outcome: Making sure no-one is left behind



State Library of Queensland's vision is to inspire possibilities through knowledge, stories and creativity.

We speak many donors who share our vision and are interested in the programs State Library provides for regional Queenslanders – programs such as *Tech Savvy Seniors* and *Deadly Digital Communities* which enable regional and remote communities to develop their digital literacy and use digital technologies to connect with people and access health, social and financial services.

This year, our work in that area caught the attention of Ashleigh Barty – currently world number 1 in women's tennis, National Indigenous Tennis Ambassador for Tennis Australia, and proud Springfield resident.

Over the next three years, Ash has pledged her support which will enable a computer to be placed in all 24 Indigenous Knowledge Centres throughout Queensland.

This gift means these communities, some of which are the most isolated in Australia, will have the opportunity to improve their digital skills and connect with the world. An outcome which resonates with Ash and the Barty family and their commitment to supporting Queensland's regional communities.

In November Ash was announced as Queensland's Young Australian of the Year. Upon accepting the Award on her behalf, her father Robert Barty said: 'I had to go to Cairns with her recently to help some young Indigenous kids get into sport, and she said to me up there when we jumped on the plane to come home, "Dad I could do this every day. Seeing the smiles on the faces of those kids, this is what really matters."'

Ash and the Barty family's support goes to the heart of State Library's goal that no-one is left behind, and we sincerely thank them for their foresight in making this gift a reality.

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