

## QUEENSLAND LIBRARY FOUNDATION



One thing is for certain, passion and commitment at State Library of Queensland is still going strong. Since March, there have been more than 740,000 views of our [website](#), we have welcomed more than 12,750 new [members](#) and our Librarians have assisted with approximately 2800 [Ask Us](#) queries. From online story-time sessions, how-to videos and introductions to collections and exhibition showcases, State Library staff are here to inspire and support our community.

The above image is from a State Library curated Flickr album entitled [Kisses, Hugs and Holding Hands](#) featuring some beautiful photographs from our collections.

Thank you to everyone who continues to enjoy, learn and create from what we provide.

With 30 June just weeks away, if you have the means, please consider supporting the Queensland Library Foundation. All donations \$2 or more are tax-deductible and every dollar goes towards our projects.

Donations can be made [online](#), by calling the Foundation on 07 3840 7865 or [email](#) to arrange your contribution.

Thank you.



### Message from the Governor of Queensland



Since it was founded in 1988, the Queensland Library Foundation has had the unwavering support of the residing Governor of Queensland as our Foundation Patron.

His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, and Mrs Kaye de Jersey, continue that tradition and are passionate advocates for State Library's work.

His Excellency has kindly provided these words in support of the Foundation and our wonderful donors.



### An update from our State Librarian



With restrictions easing, State Library has opened level one to 20 clients at a time, for 40 minute sessions and adhering to strict social distancing and sanitation.

This is enabling those without personal computers or connectivity to safely access State Library computers and check in with family or friends, manage personal business, research options for their current situation or undertake whatever their online needs may be.

As we continue on the road to recovery, we look forward to opening more spaces and welcoming more patrons back to State Library.

Normally at this time of year we would also be announcing the annual John Oxley Fellows and award recipients to a packed auditorium at the Queensland Memory Awards.

This year, the announcement will take place on our [website](#) on Tuesday 9 June at 12 noon. Please log on and watch the ceremony from where ever you may be.

We also recently announced the [2020 black&write! Fellows](#), to whom we introduce you to in this newsletter.

I am proud that, at a time when so many creative outlets have been cancelled, State Library continues to support the development of reading and writing.

Thank you, and wishing you all the very best.

**Vicki McDonald AM**

Click below to watch a special message from Vicki to our donors.



### 2020 Queensland Memory Awards: Tuesday 9 June 2020, 12 noon



In recognition of those who help us tell Queensland's stories inspired by State Library collections, celebrate with us as we announce the recipients of the 2020 Queensland Memory Awards.

Log on to the State Library [website](#) from 12 noon on Tuesday 9 June and watch the announcement.

Winners of eight categories, worth a collective \$60,000, will be announced.

These winners will have the opportunity to uncover Queensland's rich and diverse history utilising the resources of the John Oxley Library and State Library to enhance cultural understanding, explore music history and develop new processes to enable future research.

The Queensland Memory Awards are supported by the generosity of Dr Cathryn Mittelheuser AM, Dr Stanton Mellick OAM ED and Professor Jill Mellick, and through donations to the Queensland Library Foundation.

Image: 2019 Mittelheuser Scholar-in-Residence, Seth Ellis with Foundation Council Vice-President, Courtney Talbot.

### Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame



The [Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame](#) recognises the public contribution made by leaders of business to the reputation of Queensland and its economic and social development.

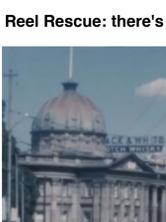
Our thanks to Ken MacDonald AM for sharing a blog about three outstanding Hall of Fame inductees that resonate with him.

Ken is Chair of the Hall of Fame [Governing Committee](#) and a recently appointed [Foundation Councillor](#). He joined the Committee in 2011 and became Chair in 2015, succeeding another Foundation supporter, John Allpass.

The Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame was co-founded in 2009 by QUT Business School, State Library of Queensland and the Queensland Library Foundation, and continues to thrive thanks to our [sponsors](#).



### Reel Rescue: there's no place like home



Donations to the Foundation's Reel Rescue film digitisation campaign have enabled State Library to give new life to some wonderful moving images captured by Queenslanders.

Donated films from the Podmore family of Esk, Phyllis Maitland and Merryl McKay take us back to the 1950s, 60s and 70s.

The Podmore's share with us [family moments](#) they enjoyed whilst holidaying on the Sunshine Coast in the late-50s.

Phyllis's [footage](#) shows Gold Coast beach scenes, meter maids and a show at the Water Ski Gardens in the 50s and 70s.

While, Merryl, who shot [her film](#) on a Bell & Howell 8mm movie camera, transports us to 1963 and the Centenary Pool Complex, Queensland Museum building, Customs House, the Story Bridge, Parliament House and the City Botanic Gardens.

Thank you to all our Reel Rescue donors who gift both funding and film. We will keep you updated as this collection continues to be digitised.

### Digitising newspapers: read all about it!



Through the generosity of a group of eight donors, \$117,000 has been raised to digitise microfilm holding The Catholic Advocate newspaper (1911-1938).

These newspapers are considered important as they were independently published during some of the state's most turbulent times, namely World War I and in the lead up to World War II.

By preserving the microfilm contents, the newspapers will now be available on [Trove](#), an online portal established by the National Library of Australia, providing worldwide access to this collection. School engagement notes will also be developed for secondary learning.

Our heartfelt thanks to the donors who enabled the completion of this project.

### 2020 black&write! Fellows announced



Reconciliation and diversity were the resonant themes in the children and early reader stories selected for State Library's 2020 [black&write! Fellowships](#).

Eunice Day from Queensland (pictured) and West Australian Carl Merrison were each awarded the \$10,000 fellowship to assist in the development of their manuscripts.

Hear more from Eunice in [this story](#) broadcast on WIN TV.

This year a record number of entries were received with the judging panel also highly commending Charles Passi (Qld), Edoardo Crismani (SA), Nicole Jones (Qld) and Darren Green (NSW) for their Fellowship submissions.

[black&write!](#) is a national project with a dual focus on Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander writing and editing. It is supported by the Australian Government, through the Australia Council for the Arts, publishing partner Hachette Australia, the Copyright Agency Cultural Fund and The Lionel & Yvonne Spencer Trust.

### 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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Header: Young women running over a sand dune on an unidentified beach, ca. 1935



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