



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*

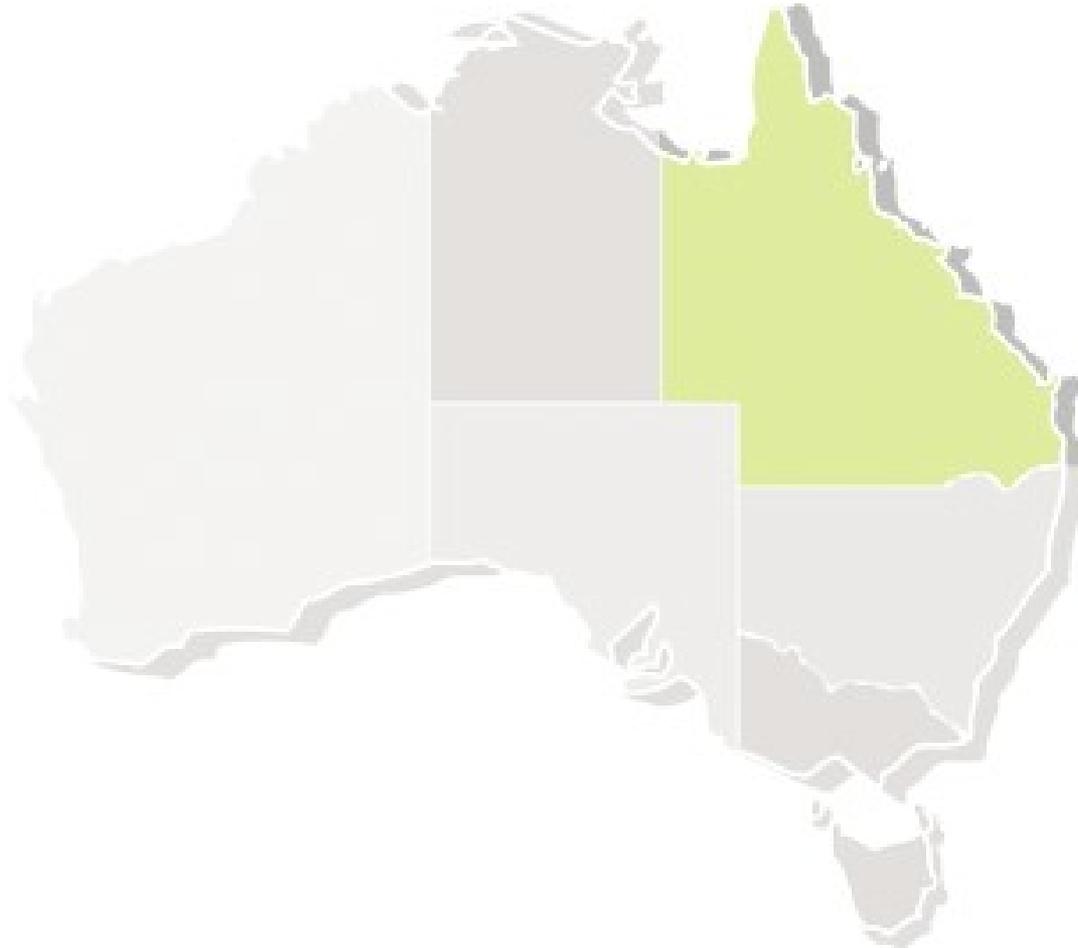


Poinciana Lounge, State Library of Queensland

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



Images courtesy of Tourism Queensland

Sustainable Development Goals advocacy in Australia



Australian Library and
Information Association





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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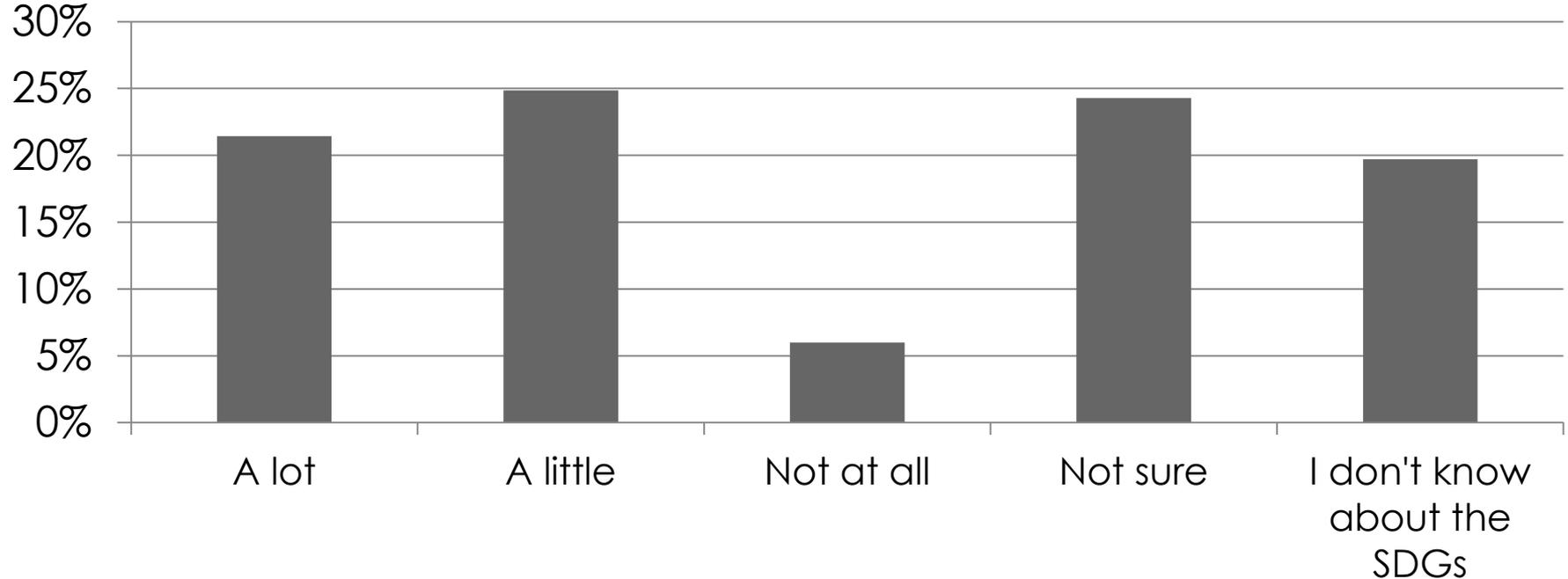
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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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





ALIA APLA NSLA
Australian libraries support the SDGs report
January 2018





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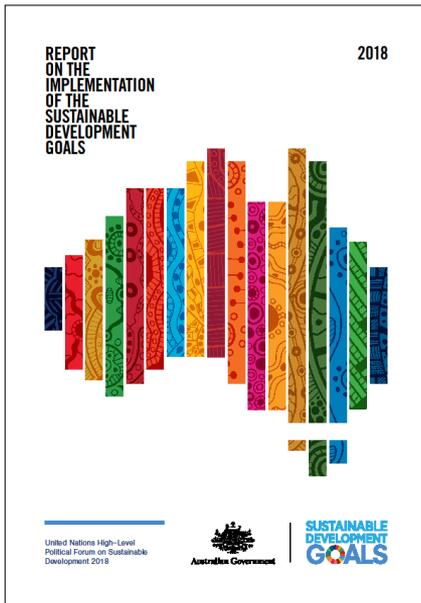
Global Compact
Network Australia



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

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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/Shutterstock/Warwright

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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.

735

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 vision:
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Our purpose

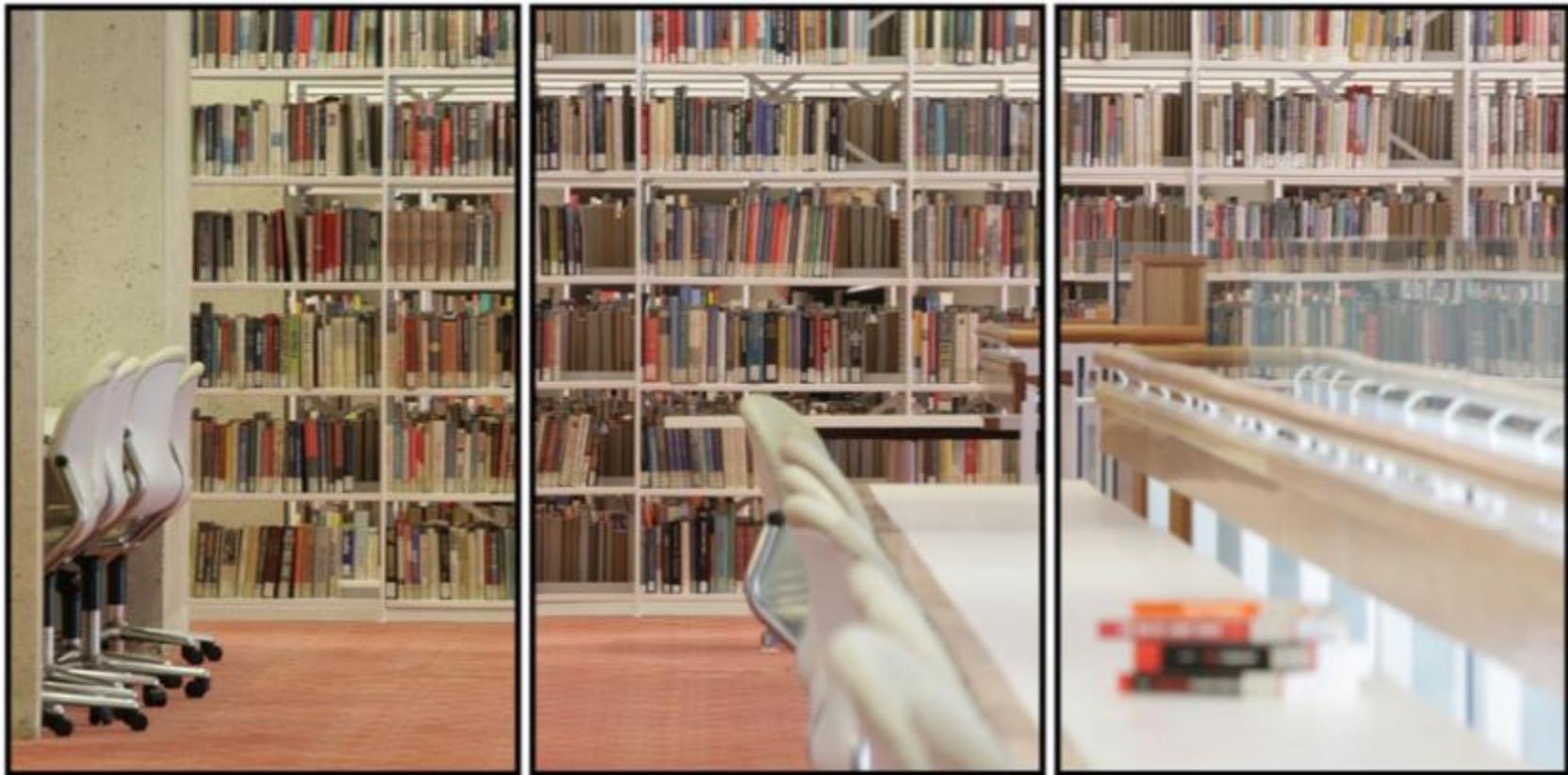
Founded in 1896, the State Library of Queensland is the **leading reference and research library in Queensland**.

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

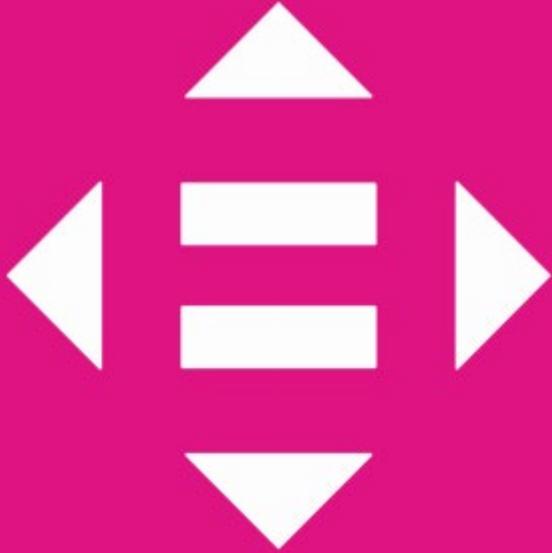


We achieve our purpose by: recognising the unique knowledge and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and **working with communities** to ensure their history and culture is preserved



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 Bwgcolman 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 an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders that were sent to Palm Island.

Bwgcolman Nation are made up of over 70 different language groups from Queensland and other states including Northern Territory and South Australia. Today, many of the descendants sent 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



first5 forever

What is First 5 Forever?



Funded by
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Coordinated by
State Library of
Queensland



Delivered by local
government through
the network of 320+
libraries

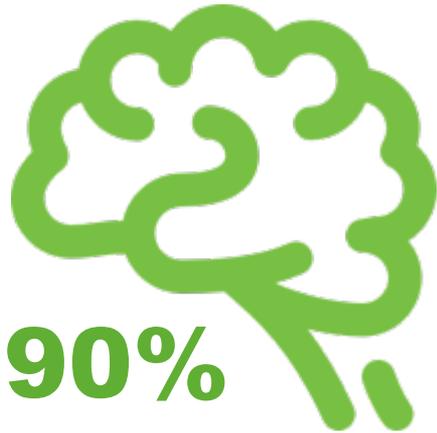


In partnership with
900+ community
groups and
organisations

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



first 5
forever





Little moments, big impact

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



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Queensland
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