

State Library of Queensland

Open Data Action Plan 2026-27

PURPOSE

State Library of Queensland champions open licensing, open access, open data and collections as data enabling the widest possible use and re-use of content through its *Digital Technology Strategy*.

This 2026-27 plan outlines activities to enable State Library to deliver on the strategy this year and foster a library culture that openly shares, enables co-creation and enhances innovative service improvement.

Action	Responsible	State Library Strategic Plan links
Strategic oversight: Review new Queensland Government open data publications against current practices and ensure compliance. Determine if a State Library open data strategy is required. <i>Open data, information sharing, access and use policy</i> (*effective December 2025-) - Practice Standard (*released for formal consultation with Agencies in July 2026) - Policy Commitment Statement (*for consideration by Cabinet after Practice Standard) *Status of documents as advised by Manager, Open Data Office on 23 July 2026 who noted intention to retire <i>Queensland Government Open Data Policy Statement</i> once all three are in place.	Metadata	Pursue resilient, sustainable and well-governed operations
Data release process: Release data files as per the release schedule (Appendix A)	Metadata Data owners	Promote free access to reliable and unbiased information
Data management and governance: Update identified out-of-date datasets (Appendix B)	Data owners	Promote free access to reliable and unbiased information
Open data documentation: Ensure all explanatory information documents are updated into the latest template with current State Library branding.	Data owners	Pursue resilient, sustainable and well-governed operations
Customer support & engagement: Scope new dataset ideas for release (Appendix C)	Data owners	Promote free access to reliable and unbiased information
Data literacy and skills: Increase staff knowledge and buy-in of the Open Data program through promotion of open data resources and training opportunities in internal staff communication.	Metadata SLT	Invest in workforce capability, leadership and professional practice to support innovation and stewardship

Appendix A: Data release schedule 2026-27 (additions to existing datasets)

Data owner**	Release	Dataset & URL
Compliance and Assurance	Quarterly	Contract disclosure* – Details of State Library contracts awarded over \$10,000
	Annual	Charter of Victims' Rights complaints* – Annual Charter of Victims' Rights complaints received by State Library
		Consultancies* – Details of consultancies employed by State Library
		Queensland Language Services* – Details of Language Services undertaken for Library Board of Queensland
		Gifts and Benefits Register* – Gifts and benefits >\$150 given and received by State Library and employees
Discovery	Monthly	Catalogue searches – Keywords searched in the library catalogue
		Unstacked logs - Catalogue usage – Data about catalogue items viewed in State Library's Unstacked interface
	Annual	Library membership – State Library membership details including suburb, country, and date
Finance and Operations	Annual	Overseas travel* – Details of overseas travel undertaken by State Library staff
Public Libraries	Annual	Public Library grants to local government (Queensland) – Grants distributed to local governments for public library services
		Queensland public libraries annual statistics – Statistics on public library services provided from each council and branch
		Queensland public libraries directory – Details for all public library branches in Queensland
Metadata	Annual	Collections in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language – Metadata for collection items in language
		Music Queensland – Significant digitised scores about Qld
		Music Queensland - World War 1 – Significant digitised scores about WW1
		Real estate maps – Original maps and plans created by real estate firms (1850s to mid-1900s)
		The Queenslander newspaper photographs 1914-1918 – Metadata for collection images in The Queenslander 1914-1918
		World War 1 soldier portraits – 30,000 Qld soldier portraits taken before embarkation to WW1
		Portraits of WW1 soldiers from the Australasian Traveller – World War 1 soldier portraits published in Australasian Traveller

* denotes statutory requirement to report this data

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Appendix B: Out-of-date datasets for action in 2026-27

Data owner**	Review	Dataset & URL
Metadata	Q2	Open Data Maturity Assessments – Program assessment using Open Data Institute tool
	Q2-3	Catalogue records, World War 1 – Metadata for a curated set of collection materials with significant WW1 content
	Q2-3	Digitised maps – Out of copyright maps
	Q3-4	Photographs 1914-1918 – Out of copyright photos from 1914-1918
	Q3-4	Picture Queensland – ~40,000 out of copyright digitised photos, excluding First Nations content

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Appendix C: New datasets to review for release in 2026-27

Data owner**	Review	Proposed dataset idea
Content Management	Q1-2	Colonial Secretary's Correspondence – Project outcomes to provide access to historical correspondence related to colonial settlement of Queensland.
Metadata	Q3-4	Digital collections – Curated datasets of digital items in the collection.
Queensland Memory	Q3-4	Queensland Memory Awards outcomes – Project outcomes from researchers working under fellowships, awards, and residencies.

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Approval

Approved by the State Librarian and CEO on 9 September 2026.