

STATE LIBRARY QUEENSLAND

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## **Justine Clarke and dirtgirl lead celebration at State Library**

State Library of Queensland will become a giant playground on Saturday 26 April.

*The Corner Big Day Out* is free for the whole family with activities and performances featuring Justine Clarke and dirtgirl.

The celebrations include the launch of a campaign to raise over \$1 million towards the transformation of The Corner, State Library's popular space for children and families.

Fundraising will support The Corner's move into a new architecturally designed space within State Library focused on encouraging parents and caregivers to talk, sing, read and play with their children.

The Corner's enhancement will make space for messy play and artmaking, a central plaza for group activities, nooks for exploring and tranquil zones.

The new facility will use the latest thinking on children's neurological development through the First 5 Forever program, which is delivered in partnership with local libraries across the state.

### **Who's coming to *The Corner Big Day Out*?**

- **Justine Clarke** – Australia's much-loved children's entertainer, singer, and TV host.
- **dirtgirl and scrapboy** – the eco-warriors and award-winning musicians will bring their love for nature, messages of sustainability and fun to the stage.
- **Common People Dance Project** – this fun, inclusive dance activation invites everyone to move and groove.

**Other activities include** book readings, steel drum workshops, paper making and mini curator workshops, digital art and craft workshops and white gloves tours led by State Library experts.

### **Quotes from Minister for Education and the Arts John-Paul Langbroek:**

"As a leading cultural institution, State Library of Queensland helps to educate and nurture children's development, and *The Corner Big Day Out* is a free family-friendly day centred on hands-on creativity and playful learning."

“The Crisafulli Government proudly supports State Library to provide essential learning opportunities for children, families and communities in every corner of the state.”

**Quotes from State Librarian and CEO Vicki McDonald AM:**

“Play is a serious business at State Library because we understand how important it is to a child’s social and neurological development.

“The Corner is one of the most popular spaces at State Library and is part of our enduring commitment to children and families across Queensland, welcoming over 80,000 participants last year.

“With the help of our generous donors we will build on The Corner’s reputation as a safe, creative hub for families, empowering parents to create enriching environments for brain development through play.”

*The Corner Big Day Out*

26 April 2025

Open 10 am–2 pm | Free entry

State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, South Bank

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